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The Tide

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FROM THE COMMODORE...

“So, throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the wind in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” -Mark Twain

Wrapping up 2021 and Welcoming 2022

I hope that all members are having a wonderful holiday and are able to spend time with family and friends. For anyone still ashore this December - you were treated to a festively decorated clubhouse with 3 nautical themed trees, elegant garland, indoor and outdoor lights, glittering bulbs and accent candles for the last Ales and Tales before the holiday break. Members flocked to the Kap Dun room to catch the last few Friday evening sunsets and to chat with friends over winter plans.

On December 12th parents, grandparents and friends spent time at the clubhouse for the return of Christmas Brunch with Santa. Santa - minus his reindeer, arrived a little early to spend time with the great TAYC children and families. Over a brunch buffet by Chef Lisa, I truly enjoyed spending time with the young families of TAYC, as we spoke on numerous ways for families to enjoy our club. A huge thank you to members Lisa Callahan and Mike Crocker who served as craft elves, while Gov. Katrina Greer monitored Santa's wish list and photo sessions. Lots of laughter as the children painted holiday scenes or just got paint on their faces and in their hair!

Reflecting...

There were many opportunities to celebrate this past year. In 2021 we experienced the return of many traditional club activities: indoor dining, the Jr Sailing Program, Independence Day Picnic and Fireworks, Labor Day Pig Roast, OARS Banquet - and we were able to host the Shields Nationals. Despite the progress made in 2021, there were still pandemic health and safety limitations which kept some of our members away. As we welcome 2022, there remains the uncertainty on Covid variants, mask mandates, vaccines and social distancing - however club leadership is committed to “stay the course” and seek to build on activities and events. We hope to be able to entice more members to get back to the club house and get involved!

In 2021, TAYC said goodbye to Jr Sailing Director, Scott Leppert - who made the difficult decision to spend the 2022 summer traveling with his family. With his vacancy the program committee was tasked with a search and recruitment of new talent. Their search for an able candidate did not have to go too far as we welcome Rebecca Leffingwell, the 2022 Jr Sailing Program Director. (See Jr Sailing Program article for more details)

On the Board front...

“Guess Who!?” for those who read the December Tide to the final page you may notice Gov. Veronica Wainwright, member engagement chair this year, is asking for members to submit “oldies but goodie” photographs for the “Guess Who!?” monthly contest. Submit your photos to Katlin at katlinthetide@tayc.com for a chance to win a free beverage!

Gov. Will Wrightson – Sailing Programs, is already supporting the Jr Sailing Committee and new director on hiring and will be recruiting for leadership roles for both the OARS and FOS programs. Those interested in being involved, please reach out to Will at whwrightson@gmail.com.

Gov. Ken Davis – Race Management – is collaborating with Gov. Jeff Cox – Fleet Coordination – on recruitment of One Design fleets to increase participation of adult sailing regattas i.e., Spring Invitational and Oxford Regatta. Ken is also seeking a candidate with strong writing skills and US Sailing rules knowledge to work with him on race documents. Reach out to Ken at kdavis21654@gmail.com or Jeff at jcox@oceanmark.com if you

have a skill or talent to support race and fleet management!

A special thank you to all those members who were able to give to the annual Christmas Fund drive for staff. Your generosity and spirit are what makes this a very special club.

Where are members off to?

Many of our members are cruising in warmer locations. Spending time or heading for HH, Myrtle Beach, Sebastian, Sarasota, Vero Beach, Naples, Key West, Bahamas, and the BVI. Please share your photos this winter on all the fun places and people you see along your travels

Happy New Year!

-Commodore Karen M. Singleton

New Members



Frank and Frances Dingle

Proposer: Tom DeMarco

Seconder: Ken Kennerly

Membership News

Many have doubtless heard that last year (2021) was one of the best, if not the best, in recent memory as far as new members admitted to the club. This occurred despite fewer programs and events due to safety concerns related to the Covid virus. So, the question may be asked, “Why, in the face of all the challenges that Covid has presented, are people being attracted to TAYC?”

Clearly, there are many reasons. Covid has indirectly benefitted the Club in that it has caused many to reexamine their lives and their priorities. This has led to an influx of new people, old and young, to Talbot County as well as the realization of many weekend homeowners that they can work remotely. Also, the divisiveness in our country today has created a desire to seek common ground where our energies can be channeled in a positive way. We instinctively turn to sailing, boating, the water – all core to our Club’s purpose. Here we can teach, learn, volunteer, have fun, party and participate with the goal of furthering shared experiences. This is why our Club was formed and why it remains vibrant today.

Although these events have presented us with an opportunity to bring promising candidates into the Club, the crux of the matter is converting potential members into actual members. This role is filled by the existing membership. Be on the lookout for those you believe would make good members and then take the next step and sponsor a candidate. This is not an onerous commitment, it is an investment in the future of our club. Last year, we had several members who sponsored more than one candidate for membership. **Thanks** to all who sponsored candidates this past year. **Without willing sponsors, we won’t get new members.**

Please be aware that, although sailing season in Oxford may be taking a breather, the Membership Committee meets year-round. If you know of a candidate you would like to propose, please call or email Ray Munsch at 215-356-2481 or raymunsch@gmail.com.

Junior Sailing News

Junior Sailing is very excited to announce that Rebecca Leffingwell has accepted the position of Director for Summer 2022. Rebecca is a Talbot County native and has deep roots with TAYC's Junior Sailing Program. She was a student, sailing Optimists, Lasers and 420s, from 2003 to 2010. She returned as an instructor for the Introduction to Sailing Course in 2018 and 2019, and also acted as assistant Junior Sailing Director in 2019. Rebecca has worked extensively with kids having been a lifeguard, swim instructor and sailing instructor since high school. Rebecca graduated from Salisbury University in 2017 and has spent the last two years working at schools in Madrid, teaching English to Primary and Middle School students. As Director, Rebecca will focus on providing our younger sailors with strong fundamental skills.



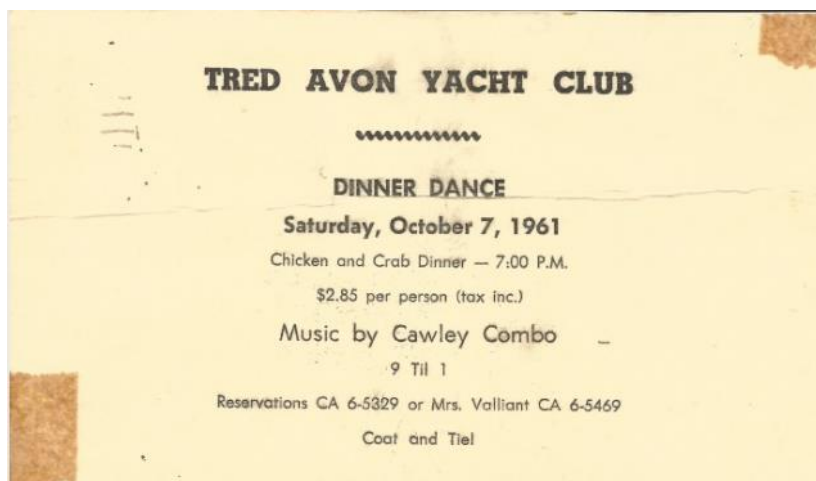
Scott Leppert, who served as director from 2019 to 2021 and guided the program through COVID, is taking some well-deserved time with his family this summer and has planned a cross-country road trip. We are very grateful to Scott for his leadership over the past three years and hope to see him if he drops by this summer!

Where are members off to?



Three TAYC Past Commodores,
P/C Pete Schneider, P/C Pete Bailey and
P/C Doug Firth, enjoying Pete Bailey's boat
September at Royal Palm Marina
in Englewood, Florida.

Blast from the Past



What inflation!? 

Happenings

Brunch with Santa brought 21 excited children and 29 parents and grandparents. Tom McCall took pictures while Santa listened to the children's Christmas wish lists. Thank you to Lisa Callahan for the painting crafts and to Mike Crocker for wrangling kids!



Merry Christmas

New Year's Day Brunch
January 1st, 2022
Bloody Marys and Mimosas: Start at 1130
Brunch: 1215
Reservations must be made by December 27th!
*Lisa and Careys Infamous Quiche Lorraine,
Scrambled Eggs, Homestyle Fried Potatoes,
Greensboro Scrapple,
Roasted Tenderloin with Cabernet Reduction Sauce,
New Orleans Style Shrimp and Grits,
Black Eyed Peas for Good Luck, Vegetable du Jour,
Festive Winter Salad, Fresh Fruit, Pastries,
Assorted Desserts, Fresh Brewed Coffee*
Adults (Age 12 and over): \$29
Children (age 6-11): \$15
Age 5 and under: Free

We would love to hear from you as we plan events for February and throughout the season!

Would you like Themed Dinners, Karaoke or Game Night?

Please shoot a text or email to:

973-476-5593 or

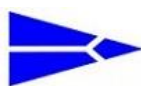
katrinahgreer@icloud.com

We are here thinking of ways to have fun and build community.

We value your opinion!!

- Katrina Greer, Social Chair

TIDE DEADLINE: The 15th for the following Month's Issue. Submit articles and photos to KatlinTheTide@tayc.com



Guess Who!?

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The first person to email me with the correct answer gets a free drink*!

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*Regular Liquor, Wine, Beer or Soda of your choice

Claimed!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>January 2022</i>						1 New Year's Day Brunch 1130 hrs 
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