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### Letter from Commodore

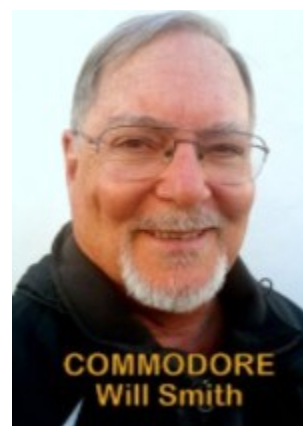
Oh what a year it's been so far.

Early last year we learned that we would be losing our clubhouse with no promise of any new location. Both our Treasurer and Office Manager (or Office Management Team) gave us advance notice that they would be resigning, and TI Redevelopment promised to nearly close the island for several years. Things looked bleak.

As it turned out, both the Treasurer and the Office Management Team have continued to provide support above and beyond all expectations. The transition has come a long way, but still has a long way to go before it's effortless...and effortless may not be possible. In the long run, the former team will be able to step back, but we're still using their wisdom and experience, and will for months to come. The new team has made great progress with much more in store.

We now have a new clubhouse! If you've seen it already, or if you see it in the future, you'll be most impressed. In the blink of an eye, the construction committee turned a grimy, bleak corner of an old airplane hangar into an enviable new home that's fully twice the size of our old clubhouse. The difference shows. Events feel less crowded, the bar serves more drinks, and we serve more dinners than before.

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### Letter from Vice Commodore

2016 has been a year full of fun times (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, crab feed, chili cook-off, pig roast and many other celebrations), as well as one of our biggest challenges – which was the move. Thanks to all the many members who volunteered time, energy and resources, lead by Malcolm Johnston – we now have a new home, with actual working appliances and double the space to grow into. We are grateful to TIDA (Treasure Island Development Association) for generously providing us the new space to call home.

Also, as Membership Chair, I am proud that we have grown the membership from 44 to over 100. At the heart of our club are our members. As we look forward to a fun and exciting 2017!

[Please join us to learn the ABC's of Boating, with instructor Rich Holdn and members from the US Power Squad. Two days: October 22 & 29.](#)

### Letter from Rear Commodore

I would like to announce a new program to get members (without boats) out on the water with other members (with boats), it's called the TIYC Member Sail which will be held once a month from April thru October sailing season. Sail dates below:

October 23; meet at the new TIYC at 1200 hrs (rsvp by Oct. 16th via [jon.mohn@gmail.com](mailto:jon.mohn@gmail.com))

November 5th if weather permits (rsvp by Oct. 29th via [jon.mohn@gmail.com](mailto:jon.mohn@gmail.com))

2017 Member Sail dates to be announced by March 2017 or sooner.



### Letter from Fleet Captain

Jon Mohn, our Rear Commodore, continues to have sail outs each month and had good participation from various members. Last month was a sunset sail, and this month (September 25<sup>th</sup>) will be a lunch cruise out to the Corinthian



Yacht Club. Let us know if you have any thoughts or ideas for cruise outs!

The Westpoint Regatta was held back in July, and TIYC along with Sequoia YC were the main sponsors of this growing and popular regatta. TIYC partnered with Epic Steak to hold the opening reception on Friday night, where skippers had their first look at start times and divisions. They also received their "goodie" bags for participating. Saturday morning had strong winds at the start line which TIYC oversaw, with Russ Breed acting as PRO for the regatta. Fifty four boats started and all enjoyed the sail down to Redwood City where Sequoia YC hosted the "Island Time" after party. Sailing participation has been growing, in recent years, for the regatta as TIYC members have increased their presence in the organization of the regatta. Save the date for next year's regatta; Saturday July 15!

#### Our new Clubhouse

The move to the New Clubhouse was very successful thanks to help from many members and several helpers. In particular Jim Aberer, Don Mibach, Mary and Don Alden, Mary and Rich Holden, Alice and Atta Pilram, Will and Cynthia Smith, Jon Mohn, Russ Breed, Parke Ulrich, MeeSun Boice, Sharron Bonney Fred W Gibson, Reg Smith, Neil Nevesny, Steve Lane (movable cabinet), Bill & Lynn Ries, Three guys from Treasure 8 (Sorry I didn't get their names) who did great work.

We have enjoyed working with many of you during this past 6 months of building and moving the club. Thank you, Mal and Jan

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## 2017 Officer Nominees

### BRIDGE:

Commodore – MeeSun Boice

Vice Commodore – Nik (Mauricio) Sernande

Rear Commodore – Marco Buhlman

Junior Staff Commodore – Will Smith

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 6 members

Parke Ulrich (continuing second year of his 2-year term)

Mary Holden (continuing second year of her 2-year term)  
 Lynne Gvozdenovic (Starting her first year of a 2-year term.)  
 Jon Mohn (Starting his first year of a 2-year term)  
 Kenneth Coker (Starting his first year of a 2-year term)  
 William Ries (Starting his first year of a 2-year term)

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### THE MOVE

The move is done!  
 See pictures below.



### VOTE

Please join us  
 November 12th  
 at the All Member  
 Meeting. Ballots  
 will be mailed.



### CALENDAR

Look what's coming  
 up at TIYC

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#### ...CONTINUED LETTER FROM COMMODORE

Changes continue. As I write this, the construction committee continues its vision by harvesting goodies from the Casa dela Vista. A Grand Bar is in our future, along with the possibility of chandeliers, track lighting, mirrors, and new carpeting.

Comcast finally installed our services, so cable, internet, and telephone services are up and running. Future expansion may include more TV screens, even video conferencing if we can control the acoustics in the room.

The thing I'm most excited about is the growth of the club. I don't have statistics, but we hear that other clubs are shrinking while ours is growing. The new facility brings new opportunities; we can serve more members, so we get more members. It reminds me of the line from a baseball movie: "If you build it, they will come."

This brings me to an old subject: service to our community. Most of our new members are from Treasure Island or San Francisco...two very expensive places to live. Most are also quite a bit younger and less established than our core members from a few years ago. Most don't own boats, but have a love for boats and boating that is equal to ours. In late October, Power Squadron will hold its first class at our new facility. New and old members alike should take advantage of this great course. Let this be an opportunity to pair owners with crew and continue the learning experience far beyond a two week class.

Few remember that our club originated with a fleet of boats in a rental program within the Navy, yet we no longer have a rental fleet, even for our own members. Again, many of our members do not own boats and thus have no access to boats unless an owner offers a ride. Thus, we do not serve our own community of members as well as we should. We can do better.

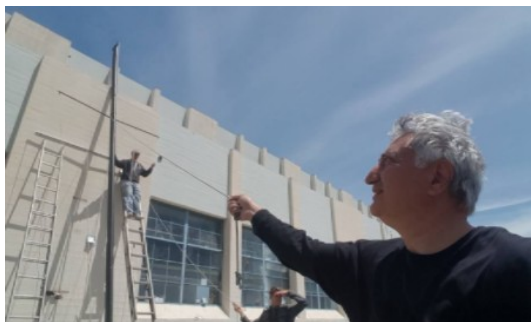
At the October Board Meeting, I will bring to a vote my proposal for a fleet of club owned boats for use by members who choose to subscribe to an added-cost program to support the cost of the fleet in exchange for pre-paid use of one boat. If this program succeeds, then more boats can be added. Alternatively, a single boat can easily be sold.

We also share the island with a world-class organization for primary sail training, yet we don't currently have a strategic relationship that allows our members access to their training programs nor their members access to the comfort of our club.

At the October Board Meeting, I will propose a new class of membership to be voted upon at our Annual Meeting. This one-time Introductory Membership will be offered to adult students of the Treasure Island Sailing Center. It will be valid for six-months for \$60, and will include limited privileges. As part of this program, we will open the club on Thursday and Friday early evenings for after sailing get togethers. With these expanded hours, our members may be likely to engage in a little bit of summer evening racing as well...especially if we have a fleet of small boats to race in.

Our club has come a long way since the Navy left the Island. It's clear that we still have a long way to go. When we look at other clubs around the Bay, we can easily see that our location is extraordinary. We should challenge ourselves to imagine our club as a mainstay of sailing in San Francisco Bay with an organization to match our extraordinary location. This will require extraordinary vision and extraordinary execution. Thankfully, we have extraordinary members, and we get more every month.

When redevelopment begins early next year, we will face new challenges as geotechnical work upsets the ease of access to our club. We need to be prepared to redirect our focus to on-the-water activities. If you're a boat owner, or a member who wants to own a boat, or a member who wants to share use of a boat, let's make the next five years our emergence as the extraordinary club we've always wanted to be. Imagine greatness,  
William Smith, Commodore, Treasure Island Yacht Club



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