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Greetings from the Commodore



Con Trios Yacht Club
Champagne Branch
June 14th, 2009

Hello to everyone,

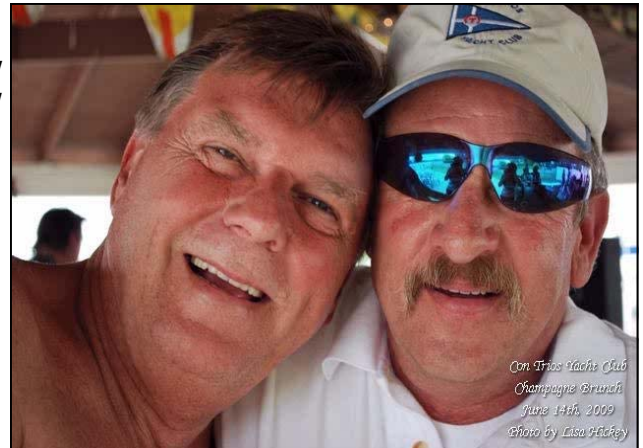
We're midway through our boating season and I hope this article finds everyone in good health. There is a lot to talk about and I would like to start with presenting our members the latest in river news, events and happenings. Our former First Lady Judy Meinershagen has retired as our newsletter editor. Judy, along with Dave Stolze of Stolze Printing, have provided us with a quality newsletter to which we are very grateful. During Judy's absence, your Board of Directors has been actively seeking a worthy editor to continue the tradition of the "Hailer." We know how much our membership enjoys this newsletter so a new editor was a high priority. Needless to say a wonderful candidate has come forward. Please welcome Angie Tredway as our new "Hailer" editor. She will be working closely with Judy during this transitional period. The newsletter presents a demanding challenge and I'm confident that Angie is up to the task. Welcome Aboard Angie!

This brings me to our Fleet Captain & First Mate Darryll and Maureen. What can I say. These two have 'raised the bar.' As off going Fleet Captain, just as those who preceded me, I attempted to bring something new and fresh to our social events and Darryll and

Maureen have continued that trend! Sequentially lets start with their introduction of what's known as the "Get Together." What an appropriate title. Darryll and Maureen saw a need for our members and friends to simply "Get Together" and enjoy fellowship, share stories and rub elbows of a cocktail. Rubbing elbows was exactly what takes place! Crowds gathered at both Big Muddy & Oasis as fellow boaters talked with anticipation and excitement of our boating season. Great idea!

This was followed by our traditional 'Ice Breaker' held at Pere Marquette Lodge. 'Night at the Oscars' was the theme and everyone was a star! Darryll and Maureen dressed to "Thrill" and ready to take on the year. Bill and Jean displayed the latest in CTYC apparel. Good food and music followed by the you know what, POOL PARTY! Out of Control! Another memorable event for all!

Back to our Fleet Captain and First Mate in a moment...



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Photo by Lisa Hickey

On May 2nd, our Past Commodore Gary Meinershagan along with our former First Lady blessed us with the "Past Commodores" party at the beautiful Duck Club Yacht Club. In case you didn't know, this was a scramble for Gary and Judy. Original plans were made at another venue that closed and at the last minute, Gary & Judy planned the party while in Florida. Talk about unnerving! The date was open at the Duck Club Yacht Club and with the help of our Past Commodore Sonny Robbins and DCYC Commodore and CTYC member Joan Shamel, the problem was solved! We thank you both!

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This event is very significant for 2 reasons. For one, it gives the Fleet Captain a break after his first big event, and secondly this event is a means by which all Past Commodores have an opportunity to express their gratitude to the membership by handling all of the responsibilities of the party. As usual Gary and the staff presented a beautiful menu with all the trimmings which Bill and Linda always provide. This along with music by Charlie Hilliard was a great combination. All of the Past Commodores worked tirelessly and we appreciate their efforts. Thank you!

Now...back to Darryll and Maureen and the "Champagne Brunch"...

Let me first start with a brief history going back just one year ago. A Fleet Captain and First Mate have complete control of all event preparations with the exception of two very important factors ~ Old Man River & The Weather! These two natural events are beyond control and present significant issues. Last year, if you remember, Old Man River flooded the area yet returned to its banks to

provide a window of opportunity for last year's Champagne Brunch. This year, it was the weather! (or so we thought).

The time was 6:45 a.m. the morning of the "Champagne Brunch" heavy rain threatened the area. Heavy storms were just west of us in Columbia and headed our way. It was overcast and cool. Directors gathered at the Yacht Club of St. Louis to make ready for the days events. Tents were tied down in anticipation of expected winds. The silent auction tables were placed inside due to expected rain. OH MY GOD, where do we put the band?! All of that electrical equipment? Gary said outside, we can always move it if we have to, Darryll reminded us of the forecast of rain headed our way and might be here by noon, yet trusted the wisdom of a Past Commodore. Maureen said, "I have a good feeling about today's weather." This could be a problem. What to do? An executive decision was made.

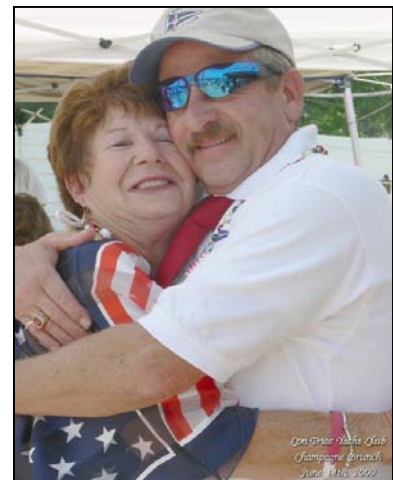
"Outside with the band," said Darryll, "we're moving on." Just then, at that precise moment in time, a glimmer of sunlight! It was an omen of things to come! Perhaps good luck! Again, as it was a year ago, another "window of opportunity." WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!!! The weather was great as well as the event! WOW!!!!

I know our Fleet Captain enjoyed the event, I could tell by his "American Idol" performance with the band and on occasional dip in the pool (the Crown Royal may have played a significant role). Everyone was having fun as indicated by laughter and dancing after a good meal and cocktails. I enjoyed the festivities as well. I recall just sitting down and watching (I do this at times) all of our members having fun. (I gotta tell ya, there's something rewarding about knowing YOU are having a good time at an event!) I remember looking for my date, Past Commodore Rich Shamel (HOLD ON, our wives were out of town in Germany!). He was out and about talking with old friends and making new ones. Paying no attention to me. He's a great guy but a lousy date. Well, that's okay. That's what it is all about with Con Trios you know, sharing experiences, laughter and a cocktail!!!! We're a SOCIAL CLUB!!!

As I looked up the sun was shining once again on Con Trios and it's members. Boats up and down the river. Blue sky, friends and a cocktail...it doesn't get any better than this!!! THANK YOU LORD for my wonderful Con Trios family!!!

It's time to go now.
'Til next time...Good Health and Safe Boating,

Denny Galkowski
CTYC Commodore



Con Trios Yacht Club
Champagne Brunch
July 11, 2012

News from the Fleet Captain

Darryll Weil

January 2009

Being a little panic stricken having to follow all of the previous Fleet Captains, I thought having a simple "Get Together" as our first event would make things a little easier.

Didn't matter, I was still worried, hoped we would get at least a few people...maybe 50 or so? Well, about 2:30 on Saturday my First Mate Maureen, who was handling registrations along with Barb, flagged me down and said, "You can relax and have a drink we are at 51 now!" Made it, over 50 people came. Eventually we would up with over a hundred counting the ones that came in after the raffle and food were done.

February 2009

February Get Together was a blast! After being totally shocked at the terrific turn out in January, I could not believe the crowd was even larger and came earlier. Big Muddy had added staff for the day to accommodate us and did a great job at taking care of the over 140 people. The 50/50 raffle may have set some sort of record! Thanks to Ruthie's sales skills we gave away a grand prize of \$500 along with several other prizes donated by our 2009 donors that Maureen has contacted.



April 2009

Sun, warm weather and the boating season underway helped turn the April Get Together at Oasis Bar & Grill at North Shore Marina another fun event!

Ice Breaker 2009

Con Trios participated in the 30th Annual Creve Coeur Classic Drag Boat Races at Creve Coeur Lake. Besides an exciting weekend of racing for the over 100 people from CTYC, we shared our tent with Autism Speaks (the primary charity of the event) where they had games and such for the kids. Thanks to the St. Louis Drag Boat Association for putting us front and center on the water, the banner and VIP Tent and the VIP tickets for the weekend for our members. We all enjoyed cheering on our Past Commodore John Bicknese's boat "Kwitchabitchin" and his driver, 18 year old Ashly Ruf, daughter of Con Trios members Keith and Terrie Ruf.



Be sure to check out the website for all of the pictures, from this event and from past events! A calendar of upcoming events and other useful information can also be found!

www.contriosyachtclub.org

Words of Safety from the Vice Commodore

Have a marine radio on your boat. Learn how to use it properly.
Listen to it while boating. Help others if you can.

Scott Hickey

Information from the Fleet Surgeon

Affects of alcohol on the average boater: Your body metabolizes 1 alcoholic drink per hour. Alcohol is absorbed directly into your blood stream. Things like sun, wind, engine vibration, ambient air temperature, and fatigue all make the affects of drinking alcohol intensify while boating. There are several myths about how to get sober up fast after drinking. Some include drinking black coffee, getting lots of fresh air or drinking lots of water. THESE ARE ALL FALSE...the only way to sober up is time.

Drinking alcohol causes slower reaction times, tunnel vision and in some cases it reduces night vision making it harder to tell between the red and green running lights. Penalties of BWI (Boating While Intoxicated) per the State Water Patrol are as follows: First offense = Class B Misdemeanor, you are required to pass an approved safe boating course. Second Offense = Class A Misdemeanor. Third Offense = is a Class D Felony. A Person found guilty of causing an accident while operating a boat under the influence of alcohol that results in death or serious injury is a felony in the State of Missouri.

In closing, designate a sober Captain or wait until your boating day is over to start your drinking.

Mike Baisch

Con Trios Yacht Club Properties

Ahoy Con Trios Friends,

My name is Bill Tullock. My wife Jean and I sell the Con Trios properties at the events. We have had a great time buying and selling the merchandise but have had even more fun meeting all the club members! What fun it is to be at an event and have all the members come by to buy a hat or shirt or just to look at the new merchandise and talk about boating or about how much fun it is to attend Con Trios events. We have such a great group and I would not trade the experience Jean and I have had this year for anything. Buying and wearing the Con Trios logo is a great way to show your support for the club and it is a lot of fun, too! If you have not stopped by the properties table lately, next time you see us at an event, please stop by and say 'hi!' You might even find something you like. Jean and I look forward to meeting all of the members and seeing all of our old friends again at the next event. We wish everyone a safe boating season.

Bill & Jean Tullock

Welcome Aboard!

To all of the new and prospective CTYC Members in 2009!
Names will be listed in an upcoming issue.

Silent Auction Benefits the Boating Community

Due to the success of the Champagne Brunch Silent Auction, the Board of Directors voted in July to support local boating related groups. Contributions of \$500 each were approved for the Blessing of the Fleet, Inc. and the Wings of Angels (formerly Twin Rivers Volunteer Search and Rescue). An Additional \$500 was earmarked for use in developing an Alton Pool Hazard Map. This effort is being led by Vice Commodore Scott Hickey. The balance of \$2,365.00 revenue will be used to support Con Trios sponsored events.

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absolutely nothing--
half so much worth
doing as simply messing about
in boats.
- Kenneth Grahame**

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