

Fellow Transpacific Yacht Club member,

I am seeking your help in upholding the 72-year tradition of the Transpacific Yacht Club for our Vice Commodore to become the Commodore. Tom Garrett has earned this privilege by gaining vital experience during his four-year tenure as both Rear and Vice Commodore. He has demonstrated consistent and strong leadership during this challenging time. I have attached a summary of his many contributions to TPYC for your review.

Unfortunately, our Nominating Committee's official slate of flag officers was rejected at a recent "special" board meeting called by a few disgruntled members who were not appointed to the next Board of Directors. These members had a "personal" falling out with Tom, and used the Transpac Board as a battleground for their personal vendetta against him. Their actions prevented Tom's name from being on the current ballot.

I now ask TPYC members to take matters into their own hands and approve the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee. The Committee included Commodore Dale Nordin, Staff Commodores James Eddy and Brad Avery, and Board members Bill Lee and Stan Honey. The Nomination Committee ballot names Tom Garrett as Commodore, Bill Lee as Vice Commodore and Leslie DeMeuse Disney as Rear Commodore. Please join me in supporting the Nomination Committee's candidates from the floor at the Biennial meeting as per the bylaws, Article 2 Section 6, to be your new board slate and flag officers for 2009-2011.

The Biennial Meeting will be held at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If you cannot attend the meeting, it would be an honor and a privilege to accept your voting proxy for the enclosed ballot and cast it on your behalf. Since we only meet once every two years, this is our best chance to deal with these matters.

Let's right the ship, bail it out, and continue on a steady course, rather than letting 5 or 6 vocal members of the Board take 550 members of TPYC into uncharted waters. Please feel free to contact me for more details. Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Smooth Sailing,

*Tom Pollack*

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**Transpacific Yacht Club**  
**Vice Commodore**

**TOM GARRETT**

**Selected Transpac Accomplishments 2006 – 2009**

- Obtained recommitment of Casio and OCEANUS Watches as Silver Level '09 sponsor and acted as TPYC sponsor liaison
- Procured TranSystems as Bronze level '09 sponsor
- Oversaw development and launch of new Transpac Race website
- Associated TPYC with Compete-At for online race registration
- Increased awareness of TPYC's tax exempt status and increased member contributions by over 100%.
- Associated with Aquarium of the Pacific for location of skipper's meeting
- Arranged for in kind donations and assembly of crew/voyage bags for all competitors
- 2007 Mainland Chair-oversaw Rainbow Harbor and send-off festivities
- Coordinated Transpac historical monuments in Rainbow Harbor
- Provided and skippered '07 press boat
- Prepared Board members Conflict of Interest Statements
- Instituted accounting programs from Quicken to Quick Books
- Instituted formal budget process
- Preparation of deed of gift for new Merlin Perpetual Trophy
- Coordinated with Newport Harbor Nautical Museum for joint *Morning Light* fundraiser in Newport Beach raising over \$50,000
- Coordinated with Racing for Kids Foundation and arranged '09 visit by the *Morning Light* team to brighten the day of young patients at Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach.
- Developed '09 outdoors awards ceremony at the historic Waikiki Shell
- Staged the way for what hopes to be a tall ship festival and a tall ship fleet to participate in the 2011 Transpac

**Selected Affiliations**

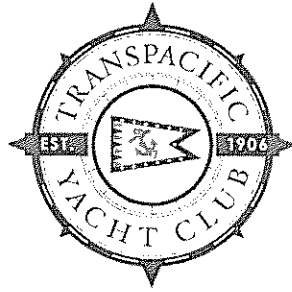
Newport Harbor Yacht Club; Commodore 1999

**Transpac Races Sailed**

2001 - *Chance* (Reichel Pugh 75); 8:5:08:24, 3<sup>rd</sup> to finish, 3<sup>rd</sup> class, 4<sup>th</sup> overall

1999 - *Front Runner* (Andrews 70 Turbo); 7:19:51:45 4<sup>th</sup> to finish; 4<sup>th</sup> class; 8<sup>th</sup> overall

1977 - *Outward Bound* (Carter 39) 12:14:08:09



Transpacific Yacht Club  
2009 Biennial Meeting Voting Proxy  
November 6<sup>th</sup> 2009

Being a regular member of Transpacific Yacht Club in good standing with my 2009 club dues paid, I authorize:

\_\_\_\_\_ to attend and vote for me and on my behalf at the 2009 Transpacific Yacht Club Biennial Meeting at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club to be held at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 and at any adjournment thereof or any resolution or motion which is proposed thereat.

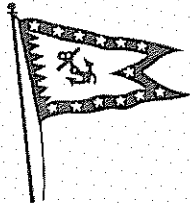
As witness my hand,

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

You may fill out the Voting Proxy and give to another person who will attend the meeting on your behalf; or FAX it to Tom Pollack at 949 661-2071

Article VIII Section 5 of the current TPYC Bylaws gives Club members the right to vote by proxy at all membership meetings.



## TRANSPACIFIC YACHT CLUB

Nomination Committee Recommended  
2009 - 2011 BALLOT

### TPYC NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Commodore Dale Nordin  
Vice Commodore Tom Garrett  
S/C James Eddy  
S/C Brad Avery  
Bill Lee  
Stan Honey  
Leslie DeMeuse Disney

### APPROVE SLATE

- 1) Tom Garrett
- 2) Bill Lee
- 3) Leslie DeMeuse-Disney
- 4) Dale Nordin
- 5) Alan Andrews
- 6) Roby Bessent
- 7) Cliff Cisco
- 8) Dave Cort
- 9) Roy Disney
- 10) John Fuller
- 11) Stan Honey
- 12) Dave Lee
- 13) Mike Nash
- 14) Dan Nowlan
- 15) Drew Satariano
- 16) Jon Andron
- 17) James Eddy III
- 18) Chuck Hawley
- 19) John Jourdane
- 20) Betty Sue Sherman
- 21) Peter Tong

### APPROVE FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore - Tom Garrett  
Vice Commodore - Bill Lee  
Rear Commodore - Leslie DeMeuse-Disney

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_