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The Bowsprit

Commodore, Ed Klash + Vice Commodore, Jake Jacobson + Rear Commodore, Jerry Vaughn



Commodore's Quill



Everyone had a wonderful time at the Valentines Day dinner, put together by the Social Committee. A big round of applause goes out to Carla Frank, Larry Frank, and Hal and Sharon Peterson for their efforts in staging this event. The club tables were decorated with red tablecloths, candle light and wine glasses. The dinner was delicious. A big hand for our famous gourmet chef Hal Peterson, who cooked, carved and served the beef.

We all must try not to miss these Friday & Saturday night events. Bring along your friends for a delicious dinner meal prepared by volunteer BYC cooks. These events are an excellent way to show prospective members what we are about. The fellowship, social events, Friday night dinners, cruises and other programs that the club had to offer was the encouragement for Susie and me to become members.

You want to talk about auctioneers!!! If you wonder what ever became of your Friday night dinner, than it could have been auctioned off. Phyllis Vaughn auctioned off forgotten possessions, gadgets that were left behind here or there. I was

surprised that some of us still had a shirt on our backs. Anyone check the kitchen sink?

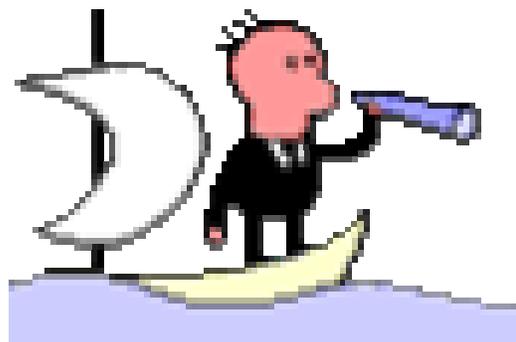
Who sponsored Joe BYC member again inclement weather



Btfsplk as a this year? The cruise to

Port Aransas forced us to turn about half way up the bay. Two of my guests started to turn green around the gills. My first mate, six year old Ed III, was upset as he wanted us to complete the trip to Port A by boat. We finished the cruise by automobile. The other two decided to stay behind, but vowed to do it again when the weather calms down. A Few other boats did make it with a struggle. The second cruise to Spinnaker Hole was called off and than re-scheduled two days later with a promise of better weather. Seasoned South Pole explorer Captains Jim and Sylvia Whitworth, accompanied by Captain Joe & Sharon Blair cruised to the Southern Spinnaker Hole anchorage. I wonder if there were any freezing complaints uttered. If my cold virus ridden body and blood circulation was a little better, I may have made that cruise.

See you all onboard. Ed Klash



A Few Words From the V.C.

by Jake Jacobsen

Once again, it seems like the “Weather Gods” and the Cruise Director are not on the best of terms. Had I been able to be in Corpus for the aborted Spinnaker Cove Cruise, I probably could have abused some friends by sailing/motoring over there. We had soooo much fun going to the party at P.A. by boat.....I’m sure Jan & Terry and Master Herbert, with whomever he could talk into vile weather sailing, would have been excited about the prospects of another winter sailing experience.

Speaking of sailing experiences, I’m told that as of 2/22/06, we are the proud owners of the Sunfish barge and the Sunfish project is alive and well. This can and should be a great opportunity for the club, the members, their families, and the potential membership generating possibilities a Sunfish sailing program can have for the club.

As the project progresses, we all need to think of friends, family, casual acquaintances, and co-workers that may be interested in learning small boat handling. There are a lot of people out there that have no idea that they really want to spend all of their free time and “extra” money ”messing about in boats”.

The days are getting longer. The weather is getting better (contrary to appearances). Let us all try to make this the year that we really enjoy USING our boats and sharing the sailing experience with everyone we can. The Bay is one of the jewels that make Corpus Christi such a wondrous place to live or visit. Let’s try to show it off to and share it with others. Just making a visible sailboat presence on the water for the people to see will generate interest. Interest in what is going on out on the water will help the club and the waterfront.

Club members have stepped up and contributed time, money, and effort for the club. It is approaching the time when we can ask” What can the club do for us?” The answer, or some of them; teach our children, nieces/nephews, grandchildren, etc . the joy of “messing about in boats”.

Any help, and or ideas, for increasing interest in our club is appreciated.



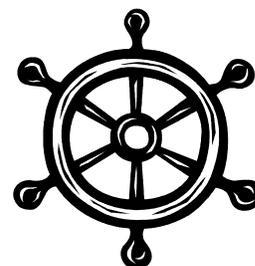
Social Event St. Patrick’s Day

by Carla Frank

The BYC will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on 3/17/06 at the Friday Night Dinner. Dinner will be at the normal time. Phyllis Vaughn will bring out the Irish in everyone with an authentic meal. Knowing Phyllis, I am sure there will be something, "Special" for dessert. Be sure to wear something green or you will be pinched. Hope to see you there.



Kudos to all of the volunteers who’ve worked so hard to make the BYC clubhouse a shining example of what a little teamwork, a lot of elbow grease, and a generous spirit can do.



BYC March Winds Regatta

by Hal Petersen

The 2006 BYC March Winds Regatta will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2006. All members of the Bay Yacht Club and their guests are invited to participate.

The race will start at 2:00 pm from the MORF Wednesday Night starting line off the Lawrence Street T-Head and should take approximately 2 – 3 hours to complete. After the race, a party and trophy presentation will be held in the BYC clubhouse.

The Skipper's meeting for the March Winds Regatta will be held at 1:00 pm in the BYC clubhouse. All skippers who wish to participate are required to attend this meeting and register for the race. Specific instructions will be provided at this meeting. The fee for participating will be \$20 per boat, which will cover the cost of the party and trophies. There will no additional charge for your crew members to attend the party.

Each skipper must have a Bay Yacht Club rating application on file for his or her boat. Rating applications, which were filed last year, may be used. Skippers who do not already have an application on file should call Hal Peterson at 992-4412 or e-mail him at hrp99@juno.com. Even if you do not plan on racing this particular event but may race in the future, you should make arrangements to have an application on file. Based on the information provided on the application, each boat participating in the BYC racing program will be given a performance handicap.

The March Winds Regatta is the first in a series of five Bay Yacht Club races to be held in 2006. The only purpose of these races is to provide fun for members of the Bay Yacht Club. The races will be kept as simple and straight forward as possible. Even if you have never raced your boat before, you should have a good time! Don't miss out!



Cruise Scheduled

by Jim Whitworth – Cruise Chairman

This month we will go to the Crab Inn on March 25 and return on March 26. We have dinner reservations at the Crab Inn at 6:00 pm. Our reserved dining room will open at 5:30 pm for cocktails. As in the past, we hope to have a large group of land cruisers join us for dinner. Please sign up on the board in the clubhouse or call or email me so I can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

Remember, we do not have shore power at the Crab Inn.

Last month's cruise never materialized, due to the inclement weather. Star Gazer and Hail Columbia sailed to Spinnaker Hole on Monday after the weather broke. Those who were not able to be there missed the entertainment, which consisted of seeing me treated to a cold bath when I capsized my dinghy. Don't ask.

Hope to see lots of boats on the water March 25.

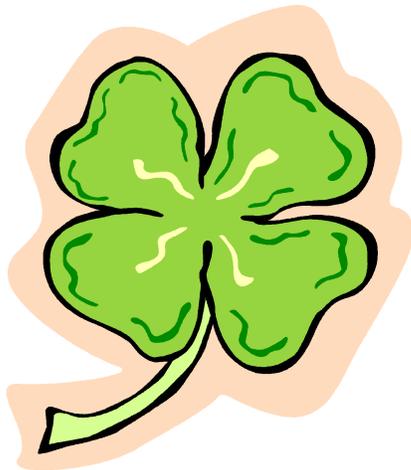


Nautical Terms*



Fernando's Great Adventure

BYC member Fernando Cantu is preparing to move his boat, Foxey, to the Kemah area as the first leg of his upcoming cruise. He has plans to spend several months cruising the Caribbean solo.



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!!!!

Have you ever wondered where some of our nautical terms came from? Here are few that are in common use today, along with their origins.

Over the Barrel -

The most common method of punishment aboard ship was flogging. The unfortunate sailor was tied to a grating, a mast or **over the barrel** of a deck cannon.

First Rate -

Implies excellence. From the 16th century on until steam powered ships took over, British naval ships were rated as to the number of heavy cannon they carried. A ship of 100 or more guns was a **First Rate** line-of-battle ship. Second rates carried 90 to 98 guns; Third Rates, 64 to 89 guns; Fourth Rates, 50 to 60 guns. Frigates carrying 48 to 20 guns were fifth and sixth rated.

Pipe Down -

Means stop talking and be quiet. The **Pipe Down** was the last signal from the Bosun's pipe each day which meant "lights out" and "silence".

Windfall -

A sudden unexpected rush of wind from a mountainous shore which allowed a ship more leeway.

Groggy -

In 1740, British Admiral Vernon (whose nickname was "Old Grogam" for the cloak of grogram which he wore) ordered that the sailors' daily ration of rum be diluted with water. The men called the mixture "grog". A sailor who drank too much grog was "**groggy**".

Three Sheets to the Wind -

A sheet is a rope line which controls the tension on the downwind side of a square sail. If, on a three masted fully rigged ship, the sheets of the three lower course sails are loose, the sails will flap and flutter and are said to be "in the wind". A ship in this condition would stagger and wander aimlessly downwind.

As the Crow Flies -

When lost or unsure of their position in coastal waters, ships would release a caged crow. The crow would fly straight towards the nearest land thus giving the vessel some sort of a navigational fix. The tallest lookout platform on a ship came to be known as the **crow's nest**.

*From FortOgden.com

BYC Calendar of Events

March 2006

Mar 3—Dinner

Mar 10—Dinner

Mar 17—St. Patrick's Day Social

Mar 24—No Dinner—Saturday cruise

Mar 31—Dinner

March 2—Water Shore Advisory Meeting—5:30 pm Boaters' Facility
 March 5—Bay Spin 3:00 pm
 March 13—Board Meeting 6:00 pm
 March 14—Ship One Meeting 5:30 pm—7:00 pm
 March 25—Cruise to Crab Inn



April 2006

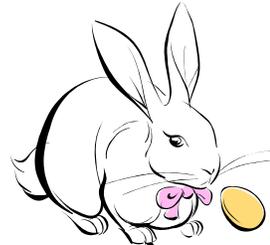
April 7—Dinner

April 14—Dinner

April 21—No Dinner—Saturday cruise

April 28—No Dinner—Saturday event

April 2—Bay Spin 3:00 pm
 April 6—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 pm Boaters' Facility
 April 10—Board Meeting 6:00 pm
 April 11—Ship One Meeting 5:30 pm—7:00 pm
 April 14—Good Friday
 April 16—Easter
 April 22—Cruise Off the Hook
 April 29—Dinner and General Membership Meeting



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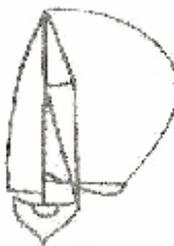
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