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The Bowsprit

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

Commodore's Quill



BYC had a good turnout for the 4th of July weekend annual fireworks events, including the poker run and dinghy races organized by Larry Frank. Thanks to the fine efforts of Carla Frank, Phyllis Vaughn and the patriotic decorations that were displayed in the club house area. We enjoyed ample food and beverages with leftovers available throughout the weekend.

Most appropriate is our remembrance of the Declaration of Independence which has since become our nation's most cherished symbol of liberty and for America's service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the freedoms we enjoy today.

Nine boats cruised to Bahia Marina Bastille Day's weekend festivities. This event is well worth attending for fun and relaxation. The friendly atmosphere, food, beverages and the music entertainment was fantastic. The Texas Ingleside cruising mosquitoes enjoyed a meal on us as well.

Bay Yacht Club members have typically been very hands-on and willing to roll-up their sleeves to help out, particularly those members who were around during our lean years when the membership was so small that absenteeism did not go unnoticed. This spirit of cooperation is an important part of the Bay Yacht Club for maintaining of the barge and club house and new projects, such as the sunfish program. I want to thank the committee people that pitched in and made significant contributions to our club. Other yacht clubs often require you to contribute time to offset the increases in membership dues; we have not implemented this requirement. We, however, are in great need of your time, energy, and talents as we have several projects, social events and ongoing club maintenance. In order to keep our organization alive and growing, we need your assistance to offset the dues increase. Volunteer by contacting Jerry Vaughn or any of the club officers and chairmen. The Bay Yacht Club is one of the best bargains in Corpus Christi.

A 2006 warm welcome to our new members.

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|  Steve & Ann Bolin |  Dr Ed & Beverly Bonner |  Walter & Judy Crawford |
|  David & Christine Young |  Bill & Pam Carrothers |  Roger & Pauline Levesque |
|  John & Joanne Fowler |  James & Jo Ann Robertson | |

See you all onboard. Ed Klash

Don't forget the Navy Regatta August 5 & 6!!!!!!!



A Few Words from the Vice Commodore

by Jake Jacobsen

Good-by July and hello August. July was pretty good to everyone. The club events were successful, the projects are proceeding well, and we welcome some new members and member applicants.

Jim Isbell is/was planning on everyone joining in on a christening party for his new pride and joy, i.e.....a new boat. The plan is/was to have the party at the club on 2nd of Sept. It seems that the Sept. cruise is scheduled for the same day. We will see what we can arrange and try to inform everyone of the schedule. A boat party is always a good thing.

Let's all come out and support the club races and the Navy Regatta. The Navy Regatta is always a good party. There are festivities before the event at BYC (Registration), the Luau at the NAS (after the race to NAS), and the after party at CCYC (after the race back). Hope to see as many of ya'll as possible at one or more of the events.

Speaking of events: We hope hurricane season will be a non-event..... but..... LET'S MAKE THOSE PREPERATIONS! There are leaflets with suggestions for practically every aspect of the preparations that are recommended available at the Marina offices. It is easier to do most of it in advance, because if it becomes a needed exercise, you won't have the time.

Let's all play on the water.



Vice Commodore Jake greets new BYC members Pam and Bill Carothers .



Commodore Ed Klash & Vice Commodore Jake Jacobson with new members Walt and Judy Crawford

Bastille Day At Bahia Marina

By Jim Whitworth, Cruise Chairman

As was promised, everyone who went to Bahia Marina for BYC's July cruise had a fun time. BYC was well represented by La Vie Dansante (Ron Hebert), Isabella (Jim and Martha Isbell, who didn't sail over, but had their wonderful newly acquired Gulfstar on display), Horizon Dreams (Duke and Carrie Earwood), Hail Columbia (Jim and Sylvia Whitworth), Windswept (Larry and Carla Frank), JASDIP (Kim and John Gibson), SassyCat (Ann and Steve Bolin), Kiva (Terri and Jan Buskop), and Valhalla (Al Sondern, who took our Commodore Ed Klash, so he could fly the Commodore's Burgee).

Some who drove over included Joe and Sharon Blair (who can't sail because of her broken foot), and John and Joanne Fowler, whose boat wasn't quite ready to take out. New old member Teri Samo was there on a friend's boat, Delfin.

Ron Hebert invited the BYC boaters to his boat for a pre-party of "Pain Killers". Then everyone took their pot-luck dishes to the tables set up for the buffet. A wide variety of food was served, and each dish was excellent. After dinner, the Marsielle was sung in French, of course since it is the French national anthem. Fireworks spewed from a replica of the Bastille, which had been anchored out in the marina. At the end, the prison burned down, appropriately.

We visited with friends from BYC, CCYC, PIYC, RYC, and boaters from other marinas. The pool was a great place to cool off. The entertaining band of Larry Joe Taylor played for dancing, and for those who just wanted to listen.

Sunday morning, the boats got a slow start heading for home. There was no wind, or very light winds later in the afternoon. Everyone arrived home safely, ready for next month's cruise, which will be the Navy Regatta on August 5-6.

Nuttin' to do in Corpus Christi

by Judge Robert Blackmon

Was that our Jim Robertson writing the Editor of the Caller (7/24/06) scathing the city fathers on their Columbus boats back peddling, continued pandering to the Ferris wheel interests, and waffling on the beach closure question? I don't know about pigs flying, but the writer is right on point.

Brings to mind Colonel Effingham's Raid, which I have reported to you previously, so please forgive this revisit. However boring, it seems timely, and after all, vigilance is ...always?

The setting was in the 20s or so, in the Colonel's southern home town, to which he had recently retired. Wanting to contribute and keep busy, he volunteered a weekly editorial to the local newspaper, side tracking a city father's effort to rename the "Our Confederate Dead" memorial after a local politico, and thus inspired, took on the proponents of a new court house. Thus his "raid" into local politics.

City insiders insisted the old courthouse was, well, old and out of date. The colonel believed the old one was usable, and the cost for a new one was out of proportion to the cost of renovation of the old. He even brought in the engineer of the then recently completed and most remarkable Panama Canal to attest to the structural integrity of the old building. Those in the know maintained, notwithstanding, the new edifice meant development, progress and all sorts of prosperity. At least for the developers and politicians.

Issue was joined: the Citizenry vs Developers and Politicians. Familiar ring?

The Colonel argued that even in a representative form of government, the citizens' wishes are paramount - that the right to redress grievances should be exercised frequently so that the Citizens do not forget THEY have the right to complain. The best way to do that is to put the matter to a vote.

"Where is the proof of necessity of building a new court house, anyway," asked the Colonel? The answer: "Trust us, we are your representatives, and since you citizens won't attend to details of governing, we'll do it for you." The Colonel thought the politicians acted "more like trustees until such time as the citizens come of age and begin governing themselves."

The Colonel's prizewinning question: "Who let the courthouse get in such bad shape, anyway? A: The leaders. Q: Why did the leaders let this happen? A: The citizens let the leaders let the courthouse get in such bad shape." Gad-zooks!

Now, representative government is premised on



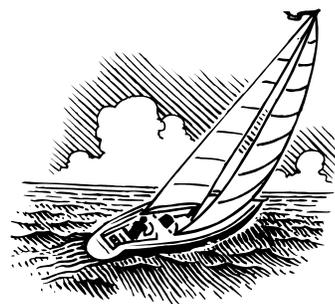
Vice Commodore Jake Jacobson welcomes new members Ed and Be Bonner—and their granddaughter

informed citizens selecting a few from their midst to make decisions that affect all. If the citizens do not like what their reps do, there is always the next election. I think this idea is lost on our politicians, and our voters, as well. We don't elect kings or dictators, and for the most part, our elected reps are not much smarter than we, the voters, are. Rather, we elect servants, who are supposed to do our collective will, which is why elections, periodic redress of grievances, really, are so important.

If you really think there is Nuttin' to do in CC, you have a lot on your plate this fall: Study the issues, talk to your representatives, the candidates, your friends who know; even if they don't, get their thoughts. Then act, else, someone downtown will do it for you, gladly.

Now, from the waterfront: The ad on TV reminds us, "It is time to take care of your back to school needs." School? IT IS MIDSUMMER! And, what a summer! - Costa Rica, China, Thailand, Washington (One of our crew met Omar Sharif at a dinner.), England, France and camp on the Blanco River, SAIL CC (more sailing for five of our crew than the law allows), Adaptive Sailing, prepping for Texas Tech, Texas, UNT, Pirates of the Caribbean (as in Johnnie Depp - the movie of the summer), permanent move to Florida, and sailing the Scout daily for one old sailor type. What a summer. Hot, humid, breezy to calm, and there's a month to go.

Nuttin' to do?



Friday Night Dinners

by Sharon Blair

Thank you cooks!

Barbara Schultz for the wonderful beef stroganoff dinner. It was a real hit.

Phyllis Vaughn for making salad night a delight. Everyone loved it.

Mary Harrington for Lasagna and brownie cake and Jo-Anne McNeill for the salad and bread. Delicious!

Don't forget the Navy Regatta Registration on August 4. We need lots of finger foods for our military men.

At the present time there are no cooks for July 29, August 11, 18, and 26.



Bringin' Up the Rear

By Jerry Vaughn

The Rear Commodore and his lady took off for a week to visit kinfolk on the east coast of Florida so he didn't do a lot for the month. You might ask me about our visit to the Hunter factory in Alachua, Florida on the way. We got our own private tour of the place and it was quite impressive.

With the help of the Commodore, the condensate drip from the upstairs air conditioner was fixed and the fan relay in the smaller downstairs air conditioner was replaced. As of the middle of the month, all of the air conditioners were operating properly.

A little work and a lot of talking were done on and about the new Sunfish barge. The main work on the barge itself is just about complete. The major problem left is how to design and build the launching ramp on the north end of the barge. This is not going to be an easy job. The ramp will be quite heavy, particularly when a couple of boats and 3 or 4 people are standing on it. How do we support it and how do we keep it from sinking are questions that need to be answered. Judge Blackmon and Larry Haas have been working on repairing the four Sunfish boats. All of them needed cosmetic repairs and a couple of them needed major work. A big thank you for your help.

Voyager

by Al Sondren

Voyaging was exactly what Lou and I wound up doing in our attempt to return to Kansas for the summer. After car trouble in Fort Worth, I had to come back for my little "toy car," so I timed it with the cruise to Bahia.

I got down here and tried getting a crew. Just as I had given up on finding someone, that guy up there stepped in. I was messing around on the boat when Commodore Ed showed up. I, of course, smartly saluted as good lowly Seaman are required to do, and after getting the "at ease" from him, we chatted and he said he might be able to and would call later in the day.

And so it turned out that the Commodore and the Lowly Seaman were to head out, somewhat later than the rest. I mentioned that I was not sure if my batteries were going to work, as I leave the boat alone so much, so Ed said, "No problem. I'll just throw my handy-dandy hot shot starter on board." The Commodore, as all good Commodores are want to do, inspected the boat and as we did not know at this late date if we were going to get a berth or be on the hook, the checking of the anchor was important. As it turned out I have only used my anchor once in the 12 years I've had the boat, and sure enough, the chain part of the anchor was rusted together in places. So Ed fixed that by throwing on a spare anchor he had. Are you getting the idea as to why it's often hard for me to get crew? We had one other thing to do before we could leave the dock, and that was to transfer the Commodore's flag from his boat to my boat. This, of course, required a ceremony as we lowered his and raised mine. I believe I felt a little shutter go through the Valhalla as she had never been a "FLAG SHIP" before.

The party at Bahia was great and there were lots of people from numerous yacht clubs. Those that came from BYC were Hail Columbia, Windswept, Kiva, JAS-DIP, LaVieDansante, Isabella (She was in her home port and we got a tour - real nice boat), SassyCat, and Horizon Dreams. The food was terrific.

We went home with Susie, who was good enough to bring us back on Sunday. However, as there is no wind in the morning, we went back at 2 pm. When we got there we found that sure enough, the batteries were dead. But not to worry, the Commodore had his HOT SHOT to fix that. Low and behold the HOT SHOT had not been charged up and there was no electricity to that slip. So, again, we called on that Guardian Angel for help and sure enough, the owners of the marina (What wonderful people!) said, "No problem. Here is a battery. We know you'll bring it back." I wanted to leave my credit card or something, but he wouldn't have it "I know you'll bring it back". Great! I did of course.

I hope I didn't bore you all but as a Voyager all I can talk about are my Voyages and this was a great one.

BYC Calendar of Events

August 2006

Aug 4—No Dinner—
Navy Regatta Registration

Aug 11—Dinner

Aug 18— Dinner

Aug 25— No dinner—
Saturday dinner on 26th

Aug 1—Board Meeting 6:00 pm
 Aug 3—Watershore Advaiory Meeting 5:30 pm at Boaters' Facility
 Aug 4—Navy Regatta Registration— BYC
 Aug 5—Navy Regatta
 Aug 6—Navy Regatta
 Aug 11— Dinner
 Aug 15— Ship One 5:30 pm—7:00 pm
 Aug 18— Dinner
 Aug 25— No Dinner
 Aug 26— Dinner

September 2006

Sept 1—Dinner

Sept 8—Dinner

Sept 15—No Dinner

Sept 22—Dinner

Sept 29—Dinner

Sept 2 & 3—Cruise
 Sept 4—Labor Day
 Sept 15—USPS Classes begin at Boaters' Facility
 Sept 16—Fun Race
 Sept 30—Dinner Auction

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