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# The Bowsprit

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

## Commodore's Quill



The Sunfish barge will see some action as soon as the boats are in place. A lot of work has been completed so far to ready the coming Sunfish programs for BYC members & guests. A Sunfish program is well on its way to becoming a reality for the club. A special meeting was held the 22nd of this month to format the Sunfish program, with nine club members working on the rules for sailing the boats. The barge is moored at the west end of our barge and a lot of engineering and work have been completed so far. A lot of credit goes out to members for their good ideas and help for mooring the barge. More work is required and the young Rear Commodore and old man of the sea need all the hands they can muster up to complete the Sunfish racks. The Sunfish boats require some repair. A couple of hours of work here and there is all we are asking anyone to donate. Can you help?

Marilyn Oakley was voted in at the semi-annual membership meeting as our new Master of Arms.

The Mother of All Races was a lot of fun and unfortunately, again I was disqualified for the second time because of irrational wind behavior created by Joes Crab Shack. Congratulations to the winners!

Lou Sondern was the guest speaker for the May 22, Friday Night dinner. She gave a short bio of her life and spoke about her newly published book "The Moon Child's Promise". Lou signed copies of her book for members & guests. She is proud of the fact that she has finally gotten her book published. She had published newspaper articles, short stories, poems and essays in addition to having three plays done as staged readings.

Look for the new article that will be written for the Bowsprit by Al Sondern, "The Voyager".

June 2nd, 2006 is the start of this historic Veracruz Regatta. This will mark the 20th running of this regatta, and

will be the 40th anniversary of the first running of the regatta. The Regatta de Amigos is the longest running and most well established offshore race in the Gulf of Mexico. This will be an unbelievable anniversary race with many new and exciting additions by our hosts in Veracruz. Good luck to all our BYC captains and crews that are participating in this years Veracruz race.

## A warm welcome to new and prospective members:

-  Steve & Ann Bolin
-  Roger & Pauline Levesque
-  James M (Jim) & Jo Ann Robertson
-  David & Christine Young
-  Walter & Judy Crawford
-  Bill & Pam Carrothers



**See you all onboard. Ed Klash**

## A Few Words From the Vice Commodore By Jake Jacobsen

Not to harp on old and tired subjects.... but, get ready for the "ugly" season. If you were to wander over and visit with Benita, you could pick up a copy of the marina directives on how to properly secure your vessel to "their" docks. There is a cornucopia of other helpful info in the handout as well. When it comes to being ready for anything, "Enough is nice, more is better, and too much is.... good practice." Master Frenzel, for those of us that heard it, went into some detail of the potential fun of dealing with the insuring gods after the fact. Review your insurance policy and check your dock lines.

Blah, blah, blah.... Now for fun. The May race had some firsts for this racing year at BYC. One of the firsts: every-  
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## A Few Words From the Vice Commodore

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one, more or less finished. No boats suffered damage, other than to pride. Most importantly, Capt. Brenda Stockton, and her able crew, for the first time in Cap'n Stockton's life, actually PASSED another sailboat (or 2) UNDER SAIL! For no other reason than that, she deserved a trophy.

On to the fun June has to offer. Let's have a great turnout in Port A & Key Allegro, both by sail and the ever popular drive in. I/we hope to see as many of ya'll as possible in one or both locations. Have a fun and safe Memorial Day and use it for practice for a great summer. Wear sunscreen.



Valhalla (left) and Tranquility duke it out for second place

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## June Cruise to Island Moorings

by Jim Whitworth, Cruise Chairman

Put June 17 on your calendar to participate in a fun cruise to Island Moorings. We have been assured that the entrance has been dredged to 9 feet, so we should have no trouble getting into the marina. Go early and enjoy the swimming pool. Dinner will be in the restaurant at 7 p.m. Call the marina at 361-729-8264 to make reservations for a slip that Saturday night. Also please sign up on the board at the club if you are going by boat or car.



Jim Robertson accepts his first place trophy from Hal Petersen, with Commodore Ed Who-Put-That-Wall-There? Klash looking on

## Mother of All Races

by Hal Petersen

The Bay Yacht Club held the Mother of All Races on Saturday, May 13, 2006. A total of five boats participated. There were Brigadoon II, No ETA, Susie Q, Tranquility and Valhalla.

During the race, the winds piped-up, which led to some interesting situations that provided entertainment for the race committee. One boat even made an unscheduled stop at Joe's Crab Shack. I thought perhaps the skipper was hungry and decided to get take-out. However, it appears that he just got too close to the wall and forgot to tack! All's well that ends well. All of the boats finally made it safely back to their slips and the skippers and crews came to the clubhouse for the after-race party and trophy presentation.

Speaking of trophies, Brigadoon II was awarded the first place trophy, followed by Tranquility in second and Valhalla in third.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Neil Gallagher and D.B. Kline, who were the members of the race committee and Steve & Marilyn Oakley, who did the cooking for the party. The next race will be held Saturday, July 29, 2006. Make sure you make plans to attend this prestigious event!

## Rear Commodore's Notes

by Jerry Vaughn

May saw the delivery of the 16 foot by 32 foot barge we bought from the City for the enormous sum of \$50. This barge is supported by 15 large floats that would probably cost in the neighborhood of \$300 to \$500 each, if we had to buy them now. We are also now the proud owners of 4 Sunfish sailboats that were given to the BYC by a donor that insists on remaining anonymous.

Ed Klash, Ron Hebert, Larry Haas and I spent most of a Saturday tearing off some of the deck boards to determine how the barge was constructed and to find out how to strengthen the center joint. A special thanks to Larry who came up with the idea of how to easily level the barge. Whoever built the barge did a sloppy job at the center while the rest of it was very well done using top notch materials. By the end of the day, we had the center reinforced and the barge was floating level.

I also need to thank Ralph Bowen for splicing the barge mooring lines and Jake Jacobsen for doing the welding.

Commodore Ed and I have started on the stairs that will allow easy access to the barge deck and on the new racks that are being built to hold a total of 6 Sunfish. The old racks were demolished and put in the trash since they had rotted and rusted so badly at the base. We haven't even considered the design for the ramp that we have to build at one end of the barge. If we're lucky and get enough help, we should have things ready to go by the end of June.

## Social Event

by Carla Frank

Put the BYC on your calendar for the 4th of July. We will have the annual dingy races at 4:00. Larry Frank will organize the event, which will include prizes. At 7:00, dinner will be provided at no charge. Be sure to stay for the fireworks. What a beautiful spot to celebrate our great country with family and friends.



Yum! Is that Hal's famous bar-b-que?



NoEta with a mainsail!

## Veracruz or Bust!

by Larry Frank

The bi-annual Veracruz Regatta begins June 2. Most of the participants sail from Galveston to Veracruz, MX; a distance of 610 miles. This year, at least five local boats are planning to leave from Port Aransas sailing directly to Veracruz, a slightly shorter distance of 520 miles. The course from Port Aransas is more to weather, so it does not necessarily translate into an earlier finish time. Two BYC boats are participating, Grey Wolf with Ernest and Gilbert Franke and WindSwept with Larry Frank, Jim Whitworth and Jerry Vaughn. This year all boats are required to carry a transponder and progress of all participants will be available at [www.iboattrack.com/racetracking.html](http://www.iboattrack.com/racetracking.html). Follow the link to the Regatta de Amigos. Cheer us on!



Speaking of races... Susie Q races across the start line

### Nuttin' to do in Corpus Christi

by Judge Robert Blackmon

It is over, for the summer, at least. School, that is. May is finals, finals, finals, with little time for sailing or other messing around that sailors become accustomed to doing.

Four of the crew are finishing nicely, and will be seniors, yes, seniors, in the fall. These have sailed with Ship One three years plus some. All four will have jobs teaching sailing this summer with the newly organized CCSAIL school, using optis, two highlanders, and a zodiac as a chaser. It should be a real challenge. So, please congratulate Keith Bass, Felix Saenz, Alita Austin and Michelle Pyle. They will be sailing, a bunch. The new school has in mind an 8 hour day, plus Saturdays. These are the youngsters several BYC members donated money for last August to pay for the US Sailing Association instructor course. They will certainly get in their time on the water.

That Alita is a special case. She is leaving for the tour d' France, and other ports of call at the end of May, then will do her time at the John Knox Presbyterian Summer Camp, then will teach sailing at the new marina sail school. What a summer!

Chance Justice and Emily Bray are graduating seniors. Chance will be in and out of the city this summer. He helps his church build houses in Mexico during school breaks, and then he's off to Texas Tech in the fall to become a chemical engineer. Emily will do her time at John Knox' Presbyterian camp as a counselor, then to UT to begin studies. Her major is still a question.

Another one of our incoming seniors is leaving, forever, to Florida. Adriana Rodriquez's family is moving mid-summer. And, senior Olivia Dowling will do college preps this summer, plus a camp or two. Sef Hafez will continue with his sailing and college preparatory, and he's a sophomore. Early start. Does not waste time.

The long awaited Sunfish dock and boats have arrived at the BYC, thanks to the hard work of the Board and several volunteers. Should be a good program, if used by the members. So, sign up for classes.

And, while we're at it: interested in helping with the Scouts? Or, know a kid, 14 to 20, with spare time this summer? Contact the judge. Number's in the BYC book.

See you on the water.

**Editor's Note:**

*I would like to thank D.B. Kline for taking over the Bowsprit for me for the month of May. As always, DB, you did a great job! Also, I would like to thank all of you for your kind thoughts and prayers for my family.*



From top to bottom: Brigadoon II, Tranquility, and Valhalla finished first, second, and third, respectively, in the Mother of All Races



# BYC Calendar of Events

## June 2006

**June 2**—Dinner

**June 9**—Dinner

**June 16**—No Dinner  
Saturday cruise to  
Island Moorings

**June 23**—No Dinner  
Dinner on Sat., June  
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**June 30**—Dinner

June 1—Watershore Advisory 5:30 pm at Boater's Facility  
 June 2—Dinner  
 June 4—Bay Spin 3:00 pm  
 June 5—Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
 June 9—Dinner  
 June 13—Ship One Meeting 5:30—7:00 pm  
 June 17—Cruise to Island Moorings  
 June 18—Fathers' Day  
 June 24—Dinner  
 June 30—Dinner



## July 2006

**July 7**—Dinner

**July 14**—No Dinner—  
Saturday cruise

**July 21**—Dinner

**July 28**—No Dinner—  
Saturday dinner

**July 4th—Special holiday social**  
 Dinghy races begin at 4:00 pm  
 Dinner at 7:00—follow by fireworks from the deck



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