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The Bowsprit

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

Commodore's Quill



Can you imagine that it is the tenth month already? October looks like its going to be an exciting month for the upcoming events: The Friday night dinners, the cruise to the Kelly's, the Sunfish program, the semi-annual membership meeting, and ending the month with a Halloween costume party.

The Semi Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 21 at 6:00 pm. Votes on Executive Board nominees for 2007 and BYC bylaws amendment changes. Dinner follows the meeting.

I'd like to say a few words about membership: We have an active cruising/racing program and a wide range of social activities. Our clubhouse sits on a barge which offers a superb view, a dining room, and friendly members. You need not be a boat owner to join our club. Many of our members are interested in boating and water related activities, or they just enjoy an active social life. Many of our members invite their friends to our club affairs. Prospective members even cooked a Friday night dinner on the night they submitted their application. Now this was a first! I want to thank everyone for all their hard work, giving that vital first impression of the BYC to visitors and potential members.

September was a great month for sailing, cruises & racing. The cooler months are here again and its good weather to catch up the neglected maintenance on our boats. Washing down your boat to rid the salt water from your boat hardware is always good preventative maintenance, which I have always practice religiously. I overlooked one important item: I discovered corrosion around some of the lazy jack hardware that is secured by screws on the boom. I surmised that when the main sail was lowered down, secured and covered, that trapped salt water continued to drip on to the boom. This started a corrosive action between the dissimilar metals of the stainless steel and the aluminum. Indications like this also may be caused by electrolysis. Hose it off before covering!

A 2006 warm welcome to our new members:

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|  Steve & Ann Bolin |  Ed & Beverly Bonner |  Walter & Judy Crawford |
|  David & Christine Young |  Bill & Pam Carrothers |  Roger & Pauline Levesque |
|  John & Joanne Fowler |  James & Jo Ann Robertson |  Chip and Brenda Spence |
|  Megan Stockton |  Phil Deming | |

See you all onboard! Ed Klash



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A Few Words from the Vice Commodore

by Jake Jacobsen

Well here we are at October. We're half way through the hurricane season without much gulf activity. That's no reason to let the guard down. Keep your preparedness plans active and keep a "weather eye".

September was an active month for the club. We had a good turnout for the Labor Day cruise to Spinnaker Hole and Shamrock Cove. Many thanks to the Espey's for helping guide everyone into Spinnaker Hole. That bit of kindness made a lot of us much more comfortable going into narrow, shallow places that we weren't familiar with. The race to Ingleside was also well attended. The weather provided enough wind to keep us all moving without breaking anything and kept the mosquitoes away all night. Ed, Suzie, and crew, provided a wonderful meal. Bahia Marina is a very nice and friendly place. But most of you already knew that.

Probably the most important thing coming up in October is the General Membership Meeting. Put it on your calendar of "must do's". There will be a number of issues of import on the agenda that need attention, not the least of which is the elections. Speaking of elections, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people for expressing faith in my ability to serve as Commodore next year. When approached with the idea, I said that, as a non-local, it would be more challenging to accomplish a lot of the things that need attention on a daily basis in Corpus. They said I could do it and everyone would help. That is one of the things that Jenny and I have always liked about the club. There are a lot of members that give a lot of time and personal effort to keep the club going. I hope I can count on them and all of you to help do parts in the running of the club. If you have an interest in serving on a committee or two, don't hesitate to hold your hand up and say, "I'll help with that."

Enough of this. Come out and use the club and the bay. Play on the water and we'll see ya'll at the dinners and meetings.



Chow time for hungry sailors at Bahia Marina after a long day of racing.

Commodore's Cup Regatta

by Hal Peterson

The 2006 BYC Commodore's Cup Regatta was held the afternoon of Saturday, September 16. Eight boats belonging to members of the Bay Yacht Club participated in this prestigious event. These were *Hail Columbia*, *Honky Voodoo*, *Daytripper*, *Susie Q*, *Wind-swept*, *Thunder Chicken*, *Kiva*, and *Brigadoon*.

The race started in the Corpus Christi Marina and ended across the bay. The fleet of race boats was divided into two classes. The fin keel boats were put into Class A, while the full keel boats were put into Class B. **Dr. Ed Bonner**, skippered his boat *Thunder Chicken* to a victory in Class A, while *Brigadoon*, skippered by **Jim & JoAnn Robertson**, was second. In Class B, *Honkey Voodoo*, skippered by **Jake & Jenny Jacobson**, was victorious, while *Kiva*, skippered by **Jan & Terri Bus kop**, took second. Sailing conditions were windy, but there were no reports of damage.

The post-race party and trophy presentation was held in Bahia Marina. Our Commodore may have not done too well on the race course, but he did an outstanding job later with the party! I want to thank him and his wonderful family for providing us with a delicious meal. The pork chops were very tender and the side dishes were great! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank D.B. Kline and Jerry Vaughn for helping me with the race.

Our next race will be held on Saturday, November 18, and will be known as the Turkey Day Regatta. This regatta will be held in conjunction with MORF, and will be the only race of the year to which we invite non-BYC members to participate. Hopefully, they will see how much fun we are having and will join our club so that they can participate in our other races.

October Cruise

by Jim Whitworth

Our October cruise will be to Pat and Gwen Kelly's home on Padre Island. Those who have been there before are aware of the extraordinary hospitality that has always been extended by the Kellys. The cruise date is Saturday, October 14 and returning on Sunday, October 15. Land cruisers are always welcome and will find this one to be an easy drive. Don't forget swimsuits for swimming in the canal and for relaxing in the Kelly's hot tub.

Beer, wine and sodas will be furnished by the club and our hosts will have brisket as an entrée. All cruisers are to bring a covered dish of vegetables, salad or desert. Your RSVP is important so that our hosts will know how much brisket to prepare. Please email me or sign up on the board. Sailing instructions will be emailed the week of the cruise.

Labor Day Cruise A Big Success

by Jim Whitworth, Cruise Chairman

The weather cooperated beautifully for a three-day cruise to celebrate the Labor Day holiday. The official cruise started Saturday morning and went to Spinnaker Hole to spend the night. Several boats saw Jim and Martha Isbell's new boat *Isabella* on the way to its christening party at the club.

Arriving at Spinnaker Hole were *Brigadoon* (JoAnn and Jim Robertson), *Vintage* (JoAnn and John Fowler), *Honkey Voodoo* (Jake and Jenny Jacobson), and *Hail Columbia* (Jim and Sylvia Whitworth). A later than usual party was held on *Hail Columbia*, and after interesting conversation, the guests disbursed to their boats for dinner.

A secondary cruise started at Shamrock Cove, and several boats started there for various reasons. On Sunday morning the Spinnaker Hole group sailed to Shamrock Cove, making a record number of BYC boats at a cruise. At one time, there were 14 boats from BYC in Shamrock Cove, plus a few non-BYC boats anchored there. The club flotilla was a wonderful sight to behold!

Neil and Teresa Gallagher on *Cloud 9* and Brenda Stockton and her family and friends on *Tranquility* had to leave early, and missed the party hosted by Carla and Larry Frank on *Windswept*.

It was certainly a full house, but it was comfortable, and there was a cool breeze. Lots of delicious food was served below deck. Guests of the Franks included Harry Armenia and Linda Guiffre from *Cabaret*, Ron and Jo Herbert on *La Vie Dansante*, JoAnn and Jim Robertson on *Brigadoon*, JoAnn and John Fowler on *Vintage*, Steve and Ann Bolin on *SassyCat*, Jake and Jenny Jacobson on *Honkey Voodoo*, Larry Hass and Martha Respondek on *Day Tripper*, Commodore Ed Klash single-handed on *Suzie Q*, Jim and Mary Espey on *Killshot*, Jim and Sylvia Whitworth on *Hail Columbia*, and Ron and Dottie Chiles with their daughter Kim Chiles and a very well-behaved granddaughter, Maddie on *Home Free Too*.

Monday morning saw the fleet slowly leave the beautiful setting and head off for home. There was little wind heading for Corpus Christi, so there was a lot of use of the iron jib.

Jake Jacobson came to the aid of several people. First he gave a tow to the Espey's dinghy as several boaters took their dogs out for a doggie stop. Then he convinced Larry and Martha to spend the night on his wonderful boat instead of going back to their comfortable home. Back at the slip, he helped with the Whitworth's air conditioning waterflow problem. Jake is often the go-to guy when you need a hand. Thanks Jake for being such a good neighbor.

Sunfish Program

by Joe Blair, Committee Chairperson

The final touches to the Sunfish dock should be completed within the next two weeks. Parts are on order for the retrieval system. It sounds fancy; however, it is just a large roller. We plan to have a party where BYC members can be qualified to sail the small boats. We have several instructors lined up to qualify our members to use the small boats or give a full blown sailing class as needed. The following items are required in order for members to use the Sunfish:

1. Each member will be required to sign a hold-harmless waiver. The waiver will be filled in a log to be kept in the club house.
2. PFDs and appropriate shoes will be worn at all times while using the small water craft.
3. Each member will be required to demonstrate the ability to set up, sail, turn the boat over in the water and right it, and reboard the craft from the water. The qualifying instructor will sign a statement that the member has demonstrated the ability to handle a small water craft. The statement will be filed in a log to be kept in the club house.
4. Members are responsible for returning the boat and associated equipment to the proper storage rack. If the club has to retrieve a boat, the member will reimburse the club all associated costs, including repairs or replacement.
5. Members are responsible for repairing/or reimbursing the club for any damage incurred to the small water craft beyond normal wear and tear. A club member should report any damage to the boat when he/she returns the boat.
6. Small water craft use is restricted to the marina break water with bird island the boundary on the north end of the break water.
7. All first time small water craft reservations shall be made through the Sunfish committee chairman or a person designated by the chairman. Once qualified, club members can reserve a boat by signing up in the log kept in the club house. Use is on a first-come first-serve basis.
8. There are two fee classes: monthly and periodic:
 - a. The monthly fee is \$15.00 and allows unlimited use of the small water craft if available.
 - b. The periodic fee is \$10.00 per use.
9. Reservations will be either morning or afternoon. The morning reservation is from 6am to 12am. Afternoon reservations are from 12pm to 6pm.
10. After qualifying, reservations can be made by signing up on the signup sheet in the club house log.

A full set of rules will be in the log for reference. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Blair, Ed Klash, Larry Haas, or Judge Blackmon

Happy Halloween!

Friday Night Dinners

by Sharon Blair

We would like to give a big thanks to those who cooked for us in September.

Sept. 8 - Pot luck Thanks to all those who came and brought food. It was good food and fun.

Sept. 16 - Ed and Susie Klash put on a big spread for the Commodore's Cruise! They had pork chops, hamburgers, salads and desserts. Everyone enjoyed the race, food and friendship.

Sept. 22 - First time cooks Chip and Brenda Spence (with the helping hand of Hal Peterson) made a delicious dinner of lasagna, salad, hot bread and brownies with ice cream. We sure hope you will volunteer again some time!

Future meals

Sept.30 - Pam and Bill Carrothers, Martha Respondek and Larry Haas will delight us with something wonderful. The meal will begin at 6:30. The auction will follow. Please come, contribute, and buy, buy, buy!

Oct. 6 - No cook yet.

Oct. 13 - Kelly Cruise

Oct. 21 - No cook yet. It will be the General Membership Meeting

Oct. 28 - Saturday Halloween party. No Friday Night Dinner

Halloween Party

by Carla Frank, Social Chairperson

Halloween is right around the corner. It's time for all you ghosts, goblins, witches and pirates to dust off those costumes. BYC will celebrate Halloween on Saturday, 10/28/06. Dinner will be at 7:00 for the usual \$5.00 charge per person. There will be prizes for best costumes and a few surprises. Hope to see you all there.



Night falls on BYC members in Shamrock Cove

To the BYC membership ... an old BYC racer's view

by Dr. Ed Bonner

A hearty "Well done," to everyone who is helping to make the monthly BYC racing events a resounding success! All of the participating BYC racing crews are having a grand time and greatly appreciate all of the hard work put in by the enthusiastic BYC volunteer members. Race Chairman Hal Peterson has a knack for laying out clever race courses that challenge racers of all experience levels. The post race parties offer laughter, enthusiasm, good food, and numerous wild crew stories about the happenings on board the various boats during the day's racing. All of this good-natured post-race activity brings back memories of what BYC was like when I first joined so many years ago, and the clubhouse was half the size of the current one.

It truly is good to be back at BYC, now that people like Hal, Jerry, D.B., our recent officers, committee people, and the general membership, have gotten the BYC helm clearly aimed in the direction of adding friendly racing competition to the monthly schedule of activities. No spinnakers, fun race courses and no protests, etc., will make for skippers and crews staying friends long after the racing is over for the day. I believe that, over time, this kind of camaraderie will draw more sailors to BYC.

Now and then, offering our local newspaper an insightful story regarding our new BYC racing activities might just pique the interest of others who appreciate this new kind of friendly competition. Why not consider offering Corpus Christi, and fellow sailors, a glimpse of the boating excitement that is going on down here at the end of B-Pier by sharing the fun?

"If you build it, they will come..." The Field-of-Dreams mentality works and often works well. It's what several of us old timers have clearly understood through our years at BYC. Distilled down, it goes like this: Sometimes you have to forget what common sense says and just do what your heart believes is right. Having something to look forward to every month makes the time fly by and our lives more exciting. The leadership, which BYC is demonstrating, does more than produce race results; it is designed to produce a special type of boating fervor in people's minds. Hopefully, it will turn out to be just the kind of excitement that, over time, other boaters will want to be associated with as new BYC members.

We older sailors have a lot to offer in a great many boating related areas. Most of us just need an attractive reason to set our creative juices flowing again. Becoming associated with the new BYC racing program may be just what you have been waiting for. Come join us at the starting line!

BYC Calendar of Events

October 2006

Oct 6—Dinner

Oct 13—Dinner

Oct 20—No Dinner
Saturday Dinner and Meeting

Oct 27—No Dinner
Saturday Halloween Party

Oct 1—Bay Spin 3:00 pm
 Oct 2—Board Meeting 6:00 pm
 Oct 5—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 Boaters' Facility
 Oct 6—Dinner
 Oct 9—Columbus Day
 Oct 10—Ship One Meeting
 Oct 13—Dinner
 Oct 14—Cruise
 Oct 20—No Dinner
 Oct 21—General Membership Meeting and Dinner
 Oct 27—No Dinner
 Oct 28—Halloween Party
 Oct 31—Halloween



November 2006

Nov 3—Dinner

Nov 10—Dinner

Nov 17—No Dinner

Nov 24—No Dinner
Thanksgiving

Nov 2—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 pm Boaters' Facility
 Nov 4—BYC Maintenance Party
 Nov 5—Bay Spin 3:00 pm
 Nov 6—Board Meeting 6:00 pm
 Nov 14—Ship One Meeting
 Nov 18—Turkey Day Regatta
 Nov 25—Decorate Club 10:00 am

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