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# The Bowsprit

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

## Commodore's Quill



**The Bay Yacht Club** sponsored the registration party for the 43rd Annual Navy Regatta. The sailors and the military personnel had a choice of racing or cruising from the Corpus Christi Yacht Club to Naval Air Station and back. Thanks to all the members that worked hard to set up this years' occasion. Everyone enjoyed the variety and supply of food and beverages.

**The race** was open to Texas military and civilian sailors of all ages. Teams made up of members from across the state spent Saturday racing to the naval base, where they enjoyed entertainment (luau food & live music and dancers) and awards at the Officers club. Sunday morning was a pier side breakfast, and a military challenge race back to Corpus Christi Yacht Club. A party and awards presentation followed.

**The Nominating Committee** has come up with an excellent slate of officers for 2006. Under the direction of Chairman Joe Blair, the committee nominated Jake Jacobson for Commodore, Ed Bonner for Vice Commodore, Larry Haas for Rear Commodore, Melissa Bowen for Secretary; Bob McNeill has agreed to serve as Treasurer again. This will be the third consecutive term for Bob. Ralph Bowen and Hal Peterson have agreed to fill the vacancies on the executive board. Returning Directors are Mary Herrington and Linda Earls.

Mark your calendars for the cruise to Spinnaker Hole and Shamrock Cove over the Labor Day weekend September 2 thru 4, and the Commodore's Race to Bahia Marina September 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jack R. Blackmon  
February 5, 1918 — August 22, 2006  
Our heart felt sympathy goes out to Robert Blackmon and his family over the loss of his Father. He was the past Mayor of Corpus Christi from 1967 to 1971

### Slate of Officers for 2007:

The Nomination Committee is recommending the following slate of Club Officers for the October General Meeting election.

Commodore:	Jake Jacobsen
Vice Commodore	Ed Bonner
Rear Commodore	Larry Haas
Treasurer	Bob McNeill
Secretary	Melissa Bowen
Directors	Ralph Bowen
	Hal Peterson

See you all onboard. Ed Klash



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## A Few Words from the Vice Commodore

by Jake Jacobsen

As we approach the end of August and the coming of September, we are reminded that it is "storm season" and preparedness both at the marina and at home are very important. As I type this, what will probably become the first hurricane of the season is building out there and will decide where to spread its havoc. Let's all hope and pray that it goes elsewhere and does little damage where ever.

August club activities were well attended as was our visit to Padre Island Yacht Club for their re-dedication of their facility. Only Jasdip sailed over, but we were well represented by "drive overs". They have done a very nice addition to their club house and deck. They are proud of their club, as well they should be. We all had a good time sharing their hospitality.

September offers abundant sailing and partying opportunities. Labor Day weekend has a sail/anchor cruise to Spinnaker Hole and on to Shamrock Cove for those immune to heat. Jim Isbell is having a Christening party at the club Sat., Sept.2nd. He plans on sailing to the club in the early afternoon and having the ceremony at the club at 2:00, I believe. Everyone is encouraged to join in the celebration at the club or to sail out and escort them in. I'm sure that a good time will be had by all.

Back to the same old saw.... Be Prepared For Nasty Weather! Come out and play on the Bay and at the Club! Bring friends whenever possible!

Have a safe and fun Labor Day in whatever you plan to do. Have a great September.



Past Commodore Bill Mathews chats with BYC members while visiting the BYC.

## A warm welcome to our 2006 new members:

Steve & Ann Bolin  
Walt & Judy Crawford  
Bill & Pam Carrothers  
John & Joanne Fowler  
Dan & Beryl Judson

Dr Ed & Beverly Bonner  
David & Christine Young  
Roger & Pauline Levesque  
James & Jo Ann Robertson

## Commodore's Cup Regatta

by Hal Peterson

The 2006 BYC Commodore's Cup Regatta will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006. All members of the Bay Yacht Club and their guests are invited to participate. The race will be a pursuit-type race which will start from the MORF Wednesday night starting line off the Lawrence Street T-Head and end at the entrance to Bahia Marina. The first boat will start at 12 Noon and the race should take approximately 3 hours to complete. After the race, a party and trophy presentation will be held at Bahia Marina.

The skippers' meeting for the Commodore's Cup Regatta will be held at 11 AM in the BYC clubhouse. All skippers who wish to participate are required to attend this meeting and register for the race. Specific instructions concerning the course and departure times will be provided at this meeting. The fee for participating will be \$10 per boat, which will cover the cost of the trophies. This fee does not include the cost of the meal that will be served at Bahia Marina. An additional fee of \$5 will be charged each person to partake of the fine meal that will be personally prepared by our outstanding Commodore and his lovely bride. Those members and their guests who are not participating in the race are also invited to attend the post-race party and trophy presentation. The meal will be served at approximately 5 PM.

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](mailto: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 Commodore's Cup Regatta is the fourth 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!

## Nuttin' to do in Corpus Christi

by Judge Robert Blackmon

School started mid-August. Gadzooks! Some love school, others, not so much. I liked school. Best scholastic year for me was junior year; most fun, senior. College loomed.

College: two crew just packed off to universities: TT and UT. Another, back to prep school. We have four seniors left, who will be doing less at the waterfront - only so much S1 can provide. So, we've taken a new tack, combining Ops with CCYC's Ship Three. Idea is we provide the basics and scout craft; and S3 provides racing on their recently rehab'd J 24, Misdemeanor, under the tutelage of long time racer Allen Borden. Should work out, with our crews and CCYC's people and kid resources, plus those of MORF. BYC could help - anyone want to teach basic sailing, attend to repairs of our small boats, teach navigation, safety, the like? Adult leadership is needed. Ship One's adult committee has no members from the BYC. Yes, it takes time, but should be worth the effort.

Meantime, the crew has assisted the new Corpus Christi Sail Away, Spohn Hospital's program for disabled sailors. A couple of ours are qualifying as boat captains, and several regularly provide a hand launching and recovering boats, plus manning the rescue boats. Our good turn, so to speak. The Adaptives schedule their sails on Tuesday evenings, and two Saturdays of the month.

In spite of the heat, the crew has sailed a bunch this summer: MORF's, Friday evening sunfishing (one new crewman even bought a sunfish, just this past week, and sails it quite handily), and late afternoon lollygaggin' on Calamari, Scout, or my old red lugger. And, what about those who worked for the new sailing school? Job well done, Keith, Felix, Michelle, Alita and Sef.

Nuttin' to do on the bay? Now, I ask you....



Navy personnel sign up for the Navy Regatta while the BYC folks treat them to food, drink, and a whole lotta fun!

Editor's Note: MS Publisher does not allow strike-through text, so the items in this article that should read as strikethroughs are highlighted in purple and have a double-underline..

### Proposed Bylaw Revisions

The following revisions to the Club Bylaws were proposed to the Board at the August meeting. All were accepted and will be presented to the membership at the Semi-Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 21.

#### **Article III – Membership**

The Club shall have the following classes of members: Active, Cruising (grandfathered only), Student, and Honorary and Life.

**Life member and his spouse - the use of Club facilities, attendance at Club functions, rental of Club facilities, voting on Club affairs and business (one vote per family).**

**Student and Honorary members - the use of Club facilities and attendance at Club functions. Such memberships are individual, and do not include families. **Student members may vote at the Club's Semi-Annual meetings but may not hold Executive Board Office.****

**Honorary members, their spouses and families – The use of Club facilities and attendance at Club functions.**

#### **INITIATION FEES, DUES and ASSESSMENTS:**

**Dues: Payable in advance, in addition to applicable taxes:**

Active : ~~\$27.00~~ 30.00 monthly;

Keep in mind that if you don't attend the General Meeting, you won't have a say in any of these proposed revisions or in the election of next year's officers. For the full wording of the Bylaws, refer to your 2006 roster. The Bylaws and House Rules are printed in the rear of the roster every year.



Kudos to all the BYC members who help make our events fun and TASTY!

## Friday Night Dinners

by Sharon Blair

We want to give a big thanks to those who cooked in August!

August. 11 Hal & Sharon Peterson had a great BBQ chicken dinner.

August. 18 Anita Garrett-Roe with the help of Flo Frank had an flavorful dish of meatballs with Thai peanut butter sauce. It was very good!

August. 26 Ed & Bev Bonner and Martha Respondek & Larry Haas served a wonderful brisket.

September schedule:

Sept. 1 Cruise

Sept. 8 No cook

Sept. 15 Cruise

Sept. 22 Chip & Brenda Spence and Hal & Sharon Peterson have not decided what delicious meal they are serving.

Sept. 30 (Sat.) BYC Auction - No cook

## Bringin' Up the Rear

By Jerry Vaughn

Your chief janitor and maintenance hand didn't get much done in August. It was entirely too hot for an old man to be doing much work outside and the budget won't allow any inside upgrades. Many thanks to Larry Haas and Judge Blackmon for all the work that they've done on the Sunfish sailboats. I did manage to do a little, very little, on the Sunfish barge. Since I have to stick fairly close to the house to aid and assist Phyllis, Joe Blair has graciously taken over the direction of further work on the barge.

For those of you who don't know, Phyllis underwent emergency retina repair in mid month. She can't lift anything heavier than her purse (the doctor obviously didn't know what she carries in it), can't bend over, can't drive, must stay horizontal for at least 30 minutes out of every hour. So far, I seem to be doing a fair job of nursing, at least she hasn't threatened bodily harm yet. Hopefully early next month some of these restrictions will be lifted.

## Labor Day Cruise

by Jim Whitworth

The Labor Day cruise will be September 2, 3 and 4. We will sail first to Spinnaker Hole on the 2nd and to Shamrock Cove on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Volunteers to serve as host boat at either location, please contact Jim Whitworth.

## Summer Sizzler Regatta

by Hal Peterson

The 2006 BYC Summer Sizzler Regatta was held the afternoon of Saturday, July 29. Seven boats belonging to members of the Bay Yacht Club participated in this prestigious event. These were Hail Columbia, Honky Voodoo, Daytripper, Susie Q, Vintage, Thunderchicken and Brigadoon II.

The race was a three-hour event, which took place in Corpus Christi Bay. Two of our newest members, **Dr. Ed & Bev Bonner**, skippered their boat "Thunderchicken" to a spectacular victory. Brigadoon II, skippered by **Jim & JoAnn Robertson** was second and Hail Columbia, skippered by **Jim & Sylvia Whitworth** was third. The sailing conditions were excellent and I did not receive any reports of damage to any of the boats. The only problem reported was that our Commodore (otherwise known as the "Old Man of the Sea") was distracted by dolphins, which contributed to his seventh place finish.

I was very pleased with the participation at the post-race trophy presentation and dinner. We had over fifty people in attendance!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank D.B. Kline and Joe Blair for helping me with the race and Ron Chiles for cooking the hamburgers. Several other members also helped in the kitchen. Without good help it would be impossible to put on a good event! Our next race will be held on Saturday, September 16. It will be known as the **Commodore's Cup Regatta** and will be held in conjunction with the cruise to Bahia Marina.

I would like to close by pointing out that the BYC "fun race" program is designed to provide a good time for BYC members and to aid in recruiting new members to the club. Therefore, it is important for us to support this program by participating in these events, whenever possible. It is my hope that we can have at least ten boats on the line in each of the races.



Thunderchicken charges across the finish

# BYC Calendar of Events

## September 2006

Sept 1—Dinner	Sept 8—Dinner	Sept 15—No Dinner	Sept 22—Dinner	Sept 29—No Dinner— Saturday Dinner and Auction
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Sept 1—Dinner  
 Sept 2-4 —Cruise to Spinnaker Hole and Shamrock Cove  
 Sept 7—Watershore Advisory Meeting 5:30 PM Boaters' Facility  
 Sept 8—Dinner  
 Sept 11—Board Meeting 6:00 PM  
 Sept 12—Ship One Meeting 5:30-7:00 PM  
 Sept 15—USPS Classes at Boaters' Facility  
 Sept 16—Fun Race with Dinner Following  
 Sept 22—Dinner  
 Sept 30—Dinner and Auction



## October 2006

Oct 6—Dinner	Oct 13—Dinner	Oct 20—No Dinner	Oct 27—Dinner
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Oct 1—Bay Spin  
 Oct 6—Dinner  
 Oct 13—Dinner  
 Oct 14—Cruise  
 Oct 21—Dinner and General Membership Meeting  
 Oct 27—Dinner  
 Oct 28—Halloween Party



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