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# The Bowsprit

Commodore, Jake Jacobson + Vice Commodore, Dr. Ed Bonner + Rear Commodore, Larry Haas

## A Few Words from the Commodore



Good bye March Madness, hello April.

All in all, March was a very fun, successful month at BYC. We had a good race, joined by a good turnout of club boats and large crews. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. The St. Patty's Day Party was a snake charmer's delight. The green was worn, the green beer was consumed, and the food disappeared.

I have every hope that as many of you that can get your boats away from the docks will take them to Crab Inn at City By the Sea for the March cruise. Those of you that won't/can't get there by boat, please drive over and have a great time. Jenny and I will not be able to join you.... I made a poor decision and took Jenny on her last skiing trip. Yep, the rumors are true: I broke her leg. Not a very pretty break as it turns out. She was operated on the 21st. and she may not be able to walk for 3-5 months the doctors say. We'll see. She is a lot tougher bird than she looks.

April has a lot going on. Besides Easter, we have the General Membership Meeting and Dinner on the 21st. Thurs.26th-Sat.29th., there is the Texas International Boat Show. As most of you know, we will have a booth to promote the Club and recruit for Ship One. We will still need people to "man" ticket booths and the club booth. .If you can give some time to the project for the later shifts any days, please let us know ASAP. The organizers need to know how many other volunteers they are going to need to find. But most importantly, let's all have fun and play at the club and on the water.



Commodore Jake Jacobsen

S/V Honky Voodoo

**Get well soon, Jenny!!!!**

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## From the Foredeck ... April 2007

Currently, we have four new member applications on the bulletin board and I have had interest from two others. Another couple, Gilbert and Yvonne Landin, have been elected to membership and will be introduced the first chance we get in April. Gilbert sailed with Chris and Cathy Colley in the St. Patrick's Day race. The new members are increasing in number and are bringing some fresh ideas, sailing skills, and recipes to stir around at our get-togethers.

Promise yourself that 2007 will find you making a greater effort to join us and meet with old friends and get to know the new members. Their views and experiences from other sailing areas are bringing a fresh breeze that is always welcome at BYC. Sharing new ideas and old traditions makes for a fun evening. Try it. I promise you will leave with a broad grin on your face.

Fred Soward is perhaps the most successful and experienced racing sailor in the Coastal Bend. I have known and raced with and against him for nearly 30 years. During a lunch last week the conversation turned to the idea of holding sailing seminars at BYC. He indicated his agreement to become part of such a program and I believe that we would be wise to take him up on it. I have contacted Quantum Sails Loft owner Farley Fontenot to consider putting on an evening and he is ready when we are. Programs hosted by these two giants in the sailing world would be a real feather in our cap and should fill the club with eager-to-learn boat owners. I know that other program ideas are just waiting to be voiced. Tell us of your ideas for a seminar and let's set up a seminar series to make all of this happen.

On the subject of developing a crew list for our various on the water activities: It seems that the membership is in agreement that a phone committee is needed to maintain contact with members who have expressed an interest in crewing aboard both cruising and racing boats this year. We need to continue to work on developing a reliable list of crew for our events as we all agree that their presence is directly related to the number of boat owners participating. Volunteers to setup and operate this program should contact any of the officers or committee people to share their thoughts. We need a special person to begin this undertaking right now. You know who you are. Just raise your hand and we will give you all of the support that you need. BYC is all about members joining together in a wide variety of sailing and social activities. Everyone benefits and the time spent will result in priceless

memories and a new dimension to the lives of everyone on board. By working together, our club is moving on a sound course for the future. As faithful BYC members, we should all take great pride in a job well done. Your genuine caring attitudes are becoming legend and have brought words of astonishment from recent new members and new applicants alike.

Having something to look forward to every month makes the time fly by, and our lives more exciting. The leadership BYC is demonstrating, does more than produce fine race results and tasty monthly menus. Our leadership has its goals set so that BYC marches forward with everyone's eyes looking in the same direction. This forward vision is what attracts new applicants and holds onto the gold, which are our existing members.

With the wisdom and high energy of its members, BYC is heading for a bright future here in south Texas. We are achieving our membership goals at a time when other sailing clubs are struggling. We offer more member participating activities that any other club in the Coastal Bend, yet we have not become complacent or satisfied with our success. The officers and committee members continue to be on the look out for new ideas to add to our growing list of club activities.

Please do have a wonderful month on the water, and at the clubhouse, with your BYC family. Set aside just a bit of your time this month to really do yourself a favor and mosey on down to the end of B-Pier with a big smile on your face.

Dr Ed Bonner  
BYC Vice Commodore



Another fun dinner at BYC

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## Racer's Edge ... April 2007

The March 17th, BYC Turkey Day Regatta and Dinner Party was a grand success by any measure. We had nine BYC boats out racing in perfect weather conditions, while five boats that regularly race were unable to do so as they were having various maintenance items attended to. We have added seven new couples and one single member since January first, and several of them were out racing their boats or crewing on other members' boats during this event. Everyone I spoke with continues to enjoy the new BYC 150 Class style racing. Even the special trophies were deemed a clever and pleasant departure from the usual fare, and another success story to share with everyone. This bodes well for the rest of the season.

I would like to offer my thanks to each of you who helped put on a first class racing weekend. We had superb performances from our Race Committee officials, cooks, skippers, award presenters, bell ringers, photographers, guest crew, and those who always seem to be there when you need someone to cheerfully lend a hand. Everyone's performance, both on and off of the race course, was nothing short of superb on this day. To all of you go our thanks for making this another memorable BYC sailing weekend.

Tying BYC racing events together with a BYC theme party turned out to be another big success. The clubhouse was filled to capacity. We introduced several new member applicants, had a fine Irish meal, and washed it all down with green beer and Irish coffee. The best Irish costume awards added to the fun of the event, and the happy voices and "Blarney filled" racing stories filled the clubhouse well into the evening.

Every racer I spoke with said that they really and truly enjoyed themselves and new the race course selection. When asked, every single skipper replied that they especially appreciated the "old style" extended 10 minute starting flag sequence. This added time was well used by everyone and the start went off without a hitch. Jerry Vaughn certainly enjoyed it as "No ETA" nailed the start absolutely perfectly.

Another point bears noting regarding this fun filled race weekend: Did everyone notice that we had over 15 BYC member volunteer to crew aboard all of the race boats? We did, and they all got a free meal and had a grand time for their efforts. Add that to the fact that my son Eddie skippered "Thunder Chicken" on several legs of the race and you will understand why I am still walking around with a grin on my face.

Until next month, let me leave you with a brief "thought for the day" on the subject of sailboat racing ... "Good judgment on the race course comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from having made bad choices during earlier racing events." Moral: There is no substitute for time spent out racing on the water.

See you at the Starting line ...

Dr Ed Bonner  
BYC Race Chairman



Thunder Chicken takes first place in the St. Patrick's Day Race.

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## Cruising with the BYC

There will not be a scheduled cruise in April because of the Texas International Boat Show. The next scheduled cruise will be in May.

Warm Regards,  
Joe Blair

## Fun in the Sun

Spring's sprung, fall has fell, summer's here, and it's hot as... Well it's hot enough to go sailing in a small sailboat. Several of our fellow BYCers have been devoting their spare time to getting our new Sunfish program up and running. We still have some repairs to complete, but need some funds to buy the needed running rigging. If we have 4 families who buy the unlimited use of the small water craft plan at \$125 per year, we will have enough money to complete the repairs. The other plan is \$10.00 per sail for half a day. Bob McNeill, our trusted treasurer, will bill you if you wish. If you want more details, please see Joe Blair or Larry Haas.

We plan to have a roll out May 5<sup>th</sup> starting around 3:00 PM. We will have small chase boats for the unfortunate sailors who need rescue. Once you have qualified, you can rent and sail the boats anywhere in the marina break water. So come and have some fun at the BYC on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Warm Regards,  
Joe Blair



NoETA races to the finish line.

## Results: BYC St. Patrick's Day Race

Race Information for the 2007 BYC St. Patrick's Day Race

Wind Conditions: 13-15 kts from the South East - Steady

Sky: Lightly Overcast / Dry

Air Temp: 79F

Starting Time: 1:40pm CDT

Boats Starting: 9

Boats Finishing: 8

Race Course Selected: Single Fleet Race Course (10 knots of wind speed and above )

T Head Start > Gap > 5s > 3s > 1s > 5p > Gap > T

Head Finish. Distance: 12.820nm

BYC Event Race Officers: Dr Ed Bonner, Hal Peterson, Quenten Cook and D.B. Kline.

Unique Racing trophies were awarded to the top 4 boats.

Race Results and all calculations posted on BYC Bulletin Board per U.S. Sailing Rules.

And the winners are...

1. Thunder Chicken - Dr Ed Bonner
2. Ragtime - Lewis Eisenberg
3. Honky Voodoo - Jake Jacobsen
4. No ETA - Jerry Vaughn
5. Still Dreaming - Walter Crawford
6. Hail Columbia - Jim Whitworth
7. Day Tripper - Larry Haas
8. Susie Q - Ed Klash
9. Gracie - Chris Colley DNF



Lewis and Scottie Eisenberg accept second place trophy, along with crew member Neil Gallagher.

# BYC Calendar of Events

## April 2007

**Saturday Apr 7 — Board Meeting  
5:30 PM / Dinner**

**Friday Apr 13 — Dinner**

**Saturday Apr 21— General Mem-  
bership Meeting / Dinner**

April 1—Cruise  
 April 5—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 PM Boaters Facility  
 April 6—Good Friday  
 April 7—Board Meeting 5:30 PM followed by Dinner  
 April 8—Easter  
 April 13—Dinner  
 April 21—General Membership Meeting Followed by Dinner  
 April 26-29—Texas Boat Show



## May 2007

**Saturday May 5 —  
Board Meeting 5:30  
Dinner**

**Friday May 11 —  
Dinner**

**Saturday May 19—BYC  
Memorial Day Race and  
Dinner**

**May 25—No Dinner**

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