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The Bowsprit

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A Few Words from the Commodore



Greetings All,

40 days and 40 nights: send a dove. July delivered us all a rather soggy time. It was nice that the Weather Gods let it stop raining at the times we all wanted to use our boats and the Bay for recreational purposes. July was busy for the club. The 4th went well, if not the fireworks. Phyllis cooked a great dinner; Carla Frank cooked very tasty pasta that set the stage for Jenny's birthday cake. Bastille Day at Ingleside was possibly the best-attended non-cruise event of the season to date. The club was well represented by member boats and member drive overs. We sailed over but sailed back and drove over for the party. Where were those damned mosquitoes everyone warned about? I believe everyone had a great time. Even Walter & Judy Crawford survived the trauma of steering failure. The Sunfishes spent a lot of time on the water. Quite a few members and guests took the opportunities to get checked out for using the boats and participated in the first Sunfish Regatta. Hail to the racers!

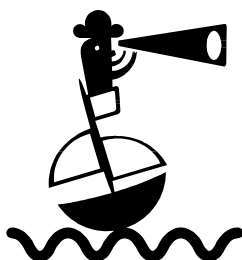
The weather pattern seemed to keep any seriously windy weather away. We have gotten through another month of the hurricane season without a scare. August is upon us, along with all that is in store in activities.

Please try to participate in as many of the activities surrounding the Navy Regatta as you can. Friday the 3rd is the registration party at the club. Please sign up or just bring finger food for the registrants. Saturday is the race over to the NAS. There is also a cruiser class available for those not wishing to race, but still want to sail over. Take as many Navy and club people as you can. The Saturday night dinner at the NAS Club is always fun and tasty. You can purchase tickets at the club during the registration party. Also available at the party will be tee shirts, hats, and who knows what for sale by the Navy. We are making an attempt to honor those that have, are, and will be making personal sacrifices to help protect us from terrorists.

Now about those dock lines... Inspect your dock lines for condition and proper positioning. Remember, it isn't **if** a hurricane comes. It's **when** a hurricane comes you will be very busy with home and family and your boat will be low on your list of things that you have to do. A little preplanning and preparation can go a long way toward saving your boat and that of your neighbors.

Last, but not least, there is that thing about the club. We are on the down side of this year already and it is the time to start looking toward

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2008. Some of the things that make the club a success and a fun place to play are, in no small part, due to the efforts of committee heads and staffers, the Board of Directors, and the officers. If you feel you have some time to offer to the club in some leadership or support position, please step forward and let us know what you have that you can put to use for the betterment of our club. I have found that during the last two years, everybody has gone way out of their way to be helpful, not only to me, but to all the other members.

Well, enough is enough, and it is time to remind everyone what we're really here for. Come out and play at the club and on the Bay. Enjoy all that the city we choose to live in has to offer.

Come out and play!

Commodore Jake Jacobsen
S/V Honky Voodoo

Cruising with the BYC

August 4&5th is the Navy Regatta weekend. It is always a good time and we get to meet our young men and women in the military. This year, there will be some Iraqi veterans celebrating with us. There will also be a ceremony to honor them at the Saturday night banquet. This year, the Navy cut the Navy Regatta out of its annual budget. However, the Corpus Christi Yacht Club is picking up the tab. CCYC did not have access to the Navy's records on how to organize the event so there have been some rough spots in the planning. Please plan to race, cruise, or drive to this traditional event. I believe 2007 will be the 45th consecutive year for the Regatta. We owe a big At-A-Boy to CCYC for picking up this dropped ball and running with it.

Warm Regards,
Joe Blair

BYC 35th
Anniversary
celebration
was held at
the Club on
June 2nd.
Happy Anni-
versary BYC!



From the Foredeck ... August 2007

One new couple became BYC members and two new boats were added to our growing fleet; that is the tally for July 2007. That brings our current total to 70 members and some 47 boats. Dave and Cynthia Krause are the new couple who have joined us, and they added a fine Beneteau 281 to our fleet. "Caffin Aroo II" is safely berthed on B Pier and is just chaffing at the mooring lines to get out sailing again. I went along with them for their first sail, and we started out in 10 kts of wind, which quickly became +21 kts. No matter. They both performed their jobs well and quickly learned the give and take required on the helm in heavy air. They should be proud of their first efforts. Son, Eric, 16 years, is a member of Ship One, and from all reports is doing very well under the tutelage of Jerry and Phyllis Vaughn.

Chip and Brenda Spence have a new addition to their family. This one is made out of fiberglass and it is berthed on B Pier. It is a Pearson 303, called "Chip N Dip." They are very excited to start cruising and may take in a race later in the year. Congratulations to the Spence family from BYC.

July 21st was a big day of sailing and just having a good time at BYC. The day began with a friendly "Top Gun" keel boat race and lunch at a local eatery. The afternoon was filled with fun and excitement for those participating in the Sunfish races. It appeared as though the spectators were having as much fun as the Sunfish sailors. Come dinner time, Joe and Sharon Blair and Master Chef, Hal Peterson, put on a hot dog extravaganza that delighted everyone.
2007 Navy Regatta ...

Come join us for the Navy Day Regatta Registration party at BYC on, Friday, August 3rd. If you plan on racing, cruising, or driving over to the NAS on this weekend, be sure that you and your boat and crew are properly registered. Electronic registration may be accomplished using the web address found on the BYC website. If you wish a bit more excitement in your life, why not visit the club and join in the fun of the BYC Registration party. While there you will have the opportunity to rub shoulders with dozens of Navy personnel and local racing sailors that will be competing during the two day race weekend. Snacks and drinks will be provided for everyone.

The enthusiasm that friendly sailing competition has brought to the club has created an atmosphere that bodes well for our future. Increasing the number of quality club activities provides added opportunities for all members to participate, and that leads to pride and stronger bonds of our members to the club. It, also, creates interest among those people that are considering joining a local yacht club. It all works together.

Dr Ed Bonner
BYC Vice Commodore

Racing with the BYC...

Racers Edge ... August 2007

The BYC July "Top Gun" Race was held on Saturday morning, July 21st. All the boats had lots of good crew on board and the sailing conditions were excellent. The first boat across the finish line was Warrior, which finished in just over two hours. I sailed with Ed Klash for this event, and we were joined by two members of my "Thunder Chicken" crew, Don Dunlap and Dr Eddie Bonner. All in all, it was a great experience for all of us, and Captain Ed did a fine job on the helm of "Susie Q." Special thanks go out to the team of Bev Bonner and Mary Herrington who handled the timing and scoring for the event. The post-race lunch was held at the new Chaparral Street Grill. The food was excellent as were the conversations and the tall stories about how each skipper handled the sudden southerly wind-shift that occurred mid-way up the weather leg and returned during the last 20 minutes of the race.

Saturday afternoon, BYC members were treated to exciting Sunfish competition, courtesy of Joe Blair and Larry Haas. It appears that the Boardboat program is gathering support from an increasing number of members, thanks to their enthusiastic efforts. Speaking of enthusiasm, I would like to mention a recent new member who has really taken to keelboat competition and is enjoying sailing our club Sunfish, as well. Her name is Lisa Kelley, and she had a busy Saturday on the water. It began when she joined Hal Peterson and his crew aboard Warrior for the morning "Top Gun" race. She then spent the afternoon showing off her skills in the Sunfish competition. She was still going strong at the dinner and awards presentations, and later, left the Club with a broad smile on her face, while clinging to an armful of damp clothes she had spent much of the afternoon competing in.

Joe and Sharon Blair provided the Saturday evening meal. They were ably assisted by Hal Peterson who broiled the hot dogs while the Blair's served baked beans, chips, potato salad, and a scrumptious ice cream & cookie dessert. After the meal, we all celebrated the success of the afternoon's Boardboat competition as Larry Haas handed out the trophies.

Following the Boardboat presentations, the "Top Gun" race skippers each received special BYC Race Award Certificates for their efforts in the morning's keel boat event. The evening was topped off with the presentation of the engraved trophies for the recent BYC Father's Day Regatta.

The next "Top Gun" race is scheduled for September 1st and we are hoping for a large turnout of skippers, crew and passengers. Even if you are not able to sail in this event, you are welcome to join us for an always entertaining post-race luncheon get-together at a downtown restaurant. Why not mark your calendar and come join us in September. I promise that you will make a number of special BYC memories while enhancing your sailing skills. See you at the Starting Line

Dr Ed Bonner
BYC Race Chairman

News Flash: Military Sweep of the BYC

1ST Annual Sunfish Regatta

More than a dozen BYC sailors participated in the Sunfish roll-out party. Another dozen or so were there as onlookers to cheer their favorite racers and enjoy the gourmet dinner provided by Hal and Sharon Peterson. Eight sailors competed in the intense, small boat races. The boats were small but it took a large amount of skill to navigate the course.

The Results:

- 1st Place Heiner Gautschi Swiss Airforce
- 2nd Place Jake Jacobsen Texas Navy
- 3rd Place Bill Carrothers Texas Buccaneer
- 4th Place Mariusz Mularczyk Polish Navy

By Larry Haas
BYC Rear Commodore



Photos from July...

Fun with the Sunfish and partying with the BYC at the Ingleside Bastille Day celebration



BYC Calendar of Events



August 2007

Friday Aug 3—Navy Regatta Registration

Saturday Aug 11—Board Meeting / Dinner

Friday Aug 17 — Dinner

Friday Aug 24 — Dinner

Aug 2—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 pm Boaters Facility

Aug 3—Navy Regatta Registration

Aug 4-5—Navy Regatta

Aug 11—Board Meeting 5:30 pm Followed by Dinner

Aug 17—Dinner

Aug 24—Dinner

Aug 25—Bay Spin 2:00 pm

September 2007

Saturday Sept —Board Meeting 5:30 pm Followed by Dinner

Friday Sept 7— Dinner

Friday Sept 14 — Dinner

Friday Sept 21 — No Dinner— Commodore's Cup Race/Cruise on Sat.

Sept 1—Top Gun Race 9:00am—Board Meeting 5:30 pm Followed by Dinner

Sept 3—Labor Day

Sept 6— Water Shore Advisory

Sept 7—Dinner

Sept 14—Dinner

Sept 22—Commodore's Cup Race/Cruise to Bahia Marina

Sept 29—Dinner/Auction



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