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The Bowsprit

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A Few Words from the Commodore

November is leaving us with full stomachs and shivering bones. The month presented us with some wonderful food provided by Steve and Ann Bolin and Bob and "K" Jack. Those of you that missed either of those dinners truly missed a delight.

November also provided another cruise opportunity. We were rewarded with an invitation to visit Chas. Butt's lighthouse. This fun event became available thanks to the efforts of one Phyllis Vaughn. We were able to provide transport from the Port A. Marina to the lighthouse and back through the generosity of Carl and Mary Jane McKay. They brought their boat up from Ingleside to ferry those members without boats available to anchor out in the channel for the day.

The racing schedule also provided a multi-club event in the form of our traditional Turkey Day Regatta. Boats from our own club, CCYC, Rockport Y.C., MORF, and, I believe, PIYC, made it to the starting line and all boats finished their races. I'm sure that Race Committee Ed will share his perspective of the event with you, all so I won't waste the space. As always, one of the best aspects of the race was the gathering of all the racers, watchers and guests to enjoy Hal's world class chili.

The last club event of November was the decorating of the club for the Christmas season and the party. A nice crowd of volunteers braved nasty weather and checked/repared the lights for the outside of the club and put them up in adverse conditions. Another group that braved the weather to take an opportunity to exercise off a few calories handled the task of assembling the tree and putting the lights and decorations on it.

Bring on December and another bunch of fun activities. Saturday the 1st brings the Harbor Lights lighted boat parade. Our club in the past has provided the bulk of lighted boats in the marina and the bulk of the sailboats involved in the parade. As of today, 11/25, I believe there are only 2 boats on "B" dock sporting lights. I have every hope that there will be a few more by next weekend. I haven't spoken with the marina staff as to how many boats are currently registered. There is always room for more. There is always a good turn out of the locals to watch the parade, and they always scream and cheer as we go by. Those of you new to this event should know that we invite members of the Armed Forces to come to the club and to join us on the parade. This gives us a chance to show our appreciation for their efforts on our behalf. The people of Corpus Christi have always been very supportive of our troops and have gone out of their way to vocally show their appreciation too.

December 8th provides what I think is one of the most fun parties the club has during the year. The Commodore's Christmas Party provides almost unlimited entertainment. For our new members, I'll give a brief idea of the goings on at the party. It is a finger food event with a gift exchange of sorts. It most resembles a game. The rules are rather simple: you bring a wrapped gift, in a value, of say, under \$15, with nobody in mind as the end recipient. Each member bringing a gift for the game gets to choose a gift, open it, show it and sit down. The next member has the option to choose a gift from the pile or "steal" a gift from another member. A gift can only be stolen twice.

The other December activity the club participates in is the Marine's Toys for Tots program. If you would like to

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From the Foredeck ... December 2007

November, 2007, saw BYC add three new active members that promise to add to our very impressive total for the year. They have varied backgrounds, but a common love of boating and boating people. Kevin Smith, Jan Sturgis and Richard and Terry Butler were introduced to the membership amidst flashing cameras and much applause. We hope all of you will come to enjoy your time with all of us. Welcome aboard.

This is the time of year that the incoming commodore is beginning his search for committee chairpersons to make up his team for the coming year. That process just got easier when I interviewed new member Jan Sturgis this week. My offer for her to become the new BYC Educational Committee Chairperson was due to her extraordinary literary ability and educational background in writing nautical articles for national magazines and editing articles as well. She looks forward to her new position with a quiet confidence.

On the boating front, Jake and Jennie have been hard at work trimming Honky Voodoo for the upcoming Harbor Lights competition and Larry and his band of happy decorators have made the clubhouse a real treat for all of us to enjoy during the Christmas season. Thank you all.

It has been a grand year for BYC and our members. Lots of sailing and socializing went on and will continue next year. Our new members are enjoying their participation in our many programs and the club's membership numbers continue pointing in a positive direction.

There is so much that we should all be thankful for in our lives, and being a part of the BYC family must surely be near the top

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help this worthy cause, you should bring an unwrapped toy to the club and put it in the box labeled for that charity.

Probably the most important event actually isn't until Jan 12, 2008. Save that date and plan to dress up and come to the Officers' Club at the Naval Air Station for the Installation Banquet. You will be receiving the invitations in the mail sometime soon. Please plan on attending this banquet.

Jake Jacobsen

S/V Honky Voodoo



of that list.

God bless all of you this Christmas Season and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Ed and Bev Bonner and family



Racing with the BYC...

Racers Edge ... October 2007

An enormous amount of BYC racing activity took place in 2007. More races were held than in any year in our history. By year's end, we had held 10 racing events and hosted the NAS Regatta Registration Party. Sound foundations were laid for future generations of BYC racers, and this will lead to increased participation in the coming years.

We developed our own Corpus Christi Bay PHRF yacht rating system this spring, and it was certified by U.S. Sailing. This was a big first for our club, and one of the most important moves in the history of BYC racing. Of importance here is that our CCB PHRF Committee is a completely separate committee from the BYC Race Committee. This is the way MORF and every yacht club-based PHRF fleet is operated, thus minimizing rating conflicts almost completely. This committee will expand to 3 or 4 members before the first 2008 racing event.

2007 saw two racing series being developed for BYC members to choose from: standard weekend regattas with trophies and dinners, and the Top Gun Saturday morning fun races with downtown post-race luncheons.

As you can see, the BYC has had a busy year with its racing program. More importantly, it has laid the ground work for successful 150 Cruising class events well into the future. We hope you enjoyed participating in some of these events and that you will plan to join us more often in 2008.

Sincerely,

Ed Bonner
BYC Race Chairman

2007 BYC Turkey Day Regatta

November 17th, 2007
Race Results

150 Cruising Class

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Agape | Greg Turman |
| 2. Brigadoon II | Jim Robertson |
| 3. Windswept | Larry Frank |
| 4. Ragtime | Lewis Eisenberg |
| 5. O'Daycious | Mark Hiler |
| 6. Honky VooDoo | Jake Jacobsen |
| 7. Still Dreamin | Walter Crawford |

Course Length: 11.682nm

All Sails Class

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Thunder Chicken | Fred Soward |
| 2. Blue Max | Barry Brown |
| 3. Creola | David Wilson |
| 4. Wasabi | Richard McIntyre |
| 5. What If | Steve Lewis |
| 6. Whistle | Rick Carr |
| 7. Passion | Steve Hastings |

Course Length: 19.075nm

Race Conditions: 12 -17 kt SE winds
Overcast with occasional misty rain showers. Heavier intermittent rain was reported.

Chef for the Regatta: Hal Peterson
and his many fine helpers.

Timing / Scoring: Bev Bonner
and Mary Herrington

Ed Bonner
BYC Race Chairman

From the Editor....

Regrettably, this is my final issue of the Bow-sprit as the editor. During the past two and a half years that I have been doing this, I have had the great pleasure of working with, and getting to know, some really wonderful people. I will miss this interaction very much.

As most of you know, I am currently engaged to a wonderful man, John Gross, who lives in Houston. After our wedding, in St. Thomas on March 8, I will be living in Houston permanently. I have already moved my boat to Waterford Harbor near Kemah, and am enjoying spending time on the waters of Galveston Bay. However, I miss all of my BYC friends very much, and I miss the much clearer water and more reliable winds of Corpus Christi Bay.

I want to express to all of you how much your friendship and camaraderie have meant to me over the past few years. I have learned a lot from many of you, shared some laughs (and maybe a drink or ten), and I will always treasure these memories and friendships. John is a member of the Houston Yacht Club, which has a reciprocal arrangement with the BYC, so if any of you find yourselves in the Houston/Galveston area, please let me know and I can either meet you at the HYC or make arrangements for you to use the facilities. I would love to see you there!

There are many of you whom I would like to personally thank for your help, your words of encouragement, and your friendship. Jerry, you were there for me more times than I can count to offer help, and of course, a wise crack or two. I will miss your stories and your wit. Ed Klash, you are an inspiration to everyone. You are never daunted by having to single-hand a race, or help someone else out. There are too many of you to thank each of you personally, but please know that all of your kindnesses and love will be remembered.

I would like to offer a special thank you to

Jake and Jenny. You have been so gracious and generous to Megan and me, and I want you both to know how much we appreciate you and how much fun we have had with you. Jake, you've been a wonderful and fun commodore; and Jenny, your warmth and your class have set the bar very high for everyone else. We love you both very much and look forward to being able to maintain this friendship for many years to come.

Also, I want to say a special thank you to D.B. Kline, who has so graciously filled in for me as editor when ever I needed it. As always, you do a fabulous job.

I want to offer my congratulations to Ed Bonner on his election as next year's commodore. Good luck with all that you do.

So, as I said, there will always be a place in my heart for each of you, and I will be seeing you again soon. I am hoping to take Jake and Jenny up on their offer of accommodations on Honkey Voodoo as soon as I can get a free weekend.

I wish you all calm seas and fair winds.

Brenda Stockton

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Please stay in touch!



BYC Calendar of Events



October 2007

12/01—Board Meeting
5:30, Followed by Har-
bor Lights Parade

12/06—Water Shore
Advisory Meeting 5:30
at Boaters' Facility

12/08—Commodore's
Christmas Party

12/31—Vice Commo-
dore's New Year's Eve
Party

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and a Happy New Year!!!**



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