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# The Bowsprit

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

## A Few Words from the Commodore



Greetings all,

As June comes to a soggy end, July has promise of excitement for all. The country gains another year and the hurricane season is still here. I hate to nag about this, but... Make sure your boat, and/or your neighbor's boat, is PROPERLY fastened to the dock. Remember, if things get ugly, you will have a lot on your plate. You will miss your boat if you didn't prepare in time.

Enough of that! June had its moments. The month started out with a bit of the old West, i.e., Bison Burgers provided by Walt and Judy (in Spanish, pronounced Hootie) Crawford. Something about gauntlets made Hal and Sharon bring out the Country Ribs for the dinner of the 8th. Jenny was just ambulatory enough to not only race her boat but also slave over a hot whatever and serve Miss Piggy on the 16<sup>th</sup>. All of this led up to the, much anticipated, cruise to Shamrock Cove. There were many that had hopes of the adventure. But as the weather wasn't what some wanted, only a few had that adventure. As it turned out, the weather in the cove was very nice after we arrived on Saturday. The sun came out, the wind kept the mosquitoes at bay, and the Blairs threw a great gathering on the S/V Star Gazer. While I'm on that soapbox, I want to thank the Whitworths for getting out of bed and lending me a battery to start the Honky Voodoo on Sunday morning. The gathering in the cove included S/Vs Star Gazer, Windswept, Hail Columbia, Honky Voodoo, and a special visit from Fernando Cantu on Foxey with his grandson.

July! We're looking forward to a hurricane free July. But just because we're looking forward to it, don't count on it. What we can count on is fun in the marina, at the club, and on the Bay. The first thing that we should remember to do is.....COME TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY EXTRAVAGANZA. There will be food and fun at the club during the day and the city is going to provide a wonderful fireworks display (weather permitting). Come out and participate in all the activities in July. If the weather is nice, and you don't have a boat, ask someone to take you along (there's always room on the Honky Voodoo.) If you have a boat and want to experience someone else's.... ask. I think that we are a rather friendly, outgoing bunch. We all have attitudes to share and ways of doing things. Share your thoughts.

I can't remember if I've brought this up (short term memory is the first thing to go.... Can't remember what's next) Welcome to our new members and our new applicants. I know that we will enjoy everything that you bring to the club and I have every hope that we, as a Club and as individuals, can help you enjoy Corpus Christi and the Bay that brings us all together.

Come out and play!



Commodore Jake Jacobsen

S/V Honky Voodoo

P.S. Let no racer be left behind!

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## From the Foredeck ... July 2007

BYC is continuing to gain new members this summer. Much of this is due to the many activities that the club offers. Good food and conversation, pleasure sailing on the bay with friends, active cruising and racing programs, Ship One, and special party nights all add to the excitement of becoming a BYC member. Most of you are aware that BYC offers far more member participation activities than any other local sailing club. However, I believe what really sets us apart is our caring and can-do attitudes that are largely noticed and appreciated by existing members and local bayfront sailors, alike.

### June highlights

Two new members were introduced this month. Ty and Randy Heintze finally managed to take time out from their busy schedule to be welcomed by the BYC membership. They are very active school teachers that are sure to have a positive impact on our membership. Welcome aboard!

Another new couple has applied to BYC for membership, and they, too, promise to play important roles in our future. David and Cynthia Krause have chosen BYC to begin their sailing activities here in South Texas, and their son, Eric, has signed up with our Ship One sailing crew. They own a Beneteau 281 sailboat, which they plan to use to learn about sailing on Corpus Christi Bay. BYC welcomes the Krause family!

In addition to the above, I have sent out several new applicant packets this month in answer to requests for membership information on BYC.

### BYC 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, BYC celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This is a milestone that sees us continuing to grow and prosper while staying true to our sailing roots. Congratulations to all of the members past and current, who have nurtured BYC and will see her well into the future.

The day began with a successful Top Gun Race and lunch, and continued into the evening with a dinner party. Walter and Judy Crawford provided the Bison Burgers and a wonderful background explanation on these amazing animals. Bev Bonner designed the decoration on the Anniversary cake and it was presented to the membership with much applause.

I thought that this was the end of the celebrations, but our Commodore, Walter, Judy, Cathy and Bev had other ideas. It began when the Commodore indicated that a birthday announcement needed to be made and proceeded to let everyone know that I was celebrating my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday that day. This secret had made it though the entire day up until that moment (I thought). Some candles were added to the cake and Bev helped me blow them out. After the singing, I

offered with these words: "There are good ships and wood ships and they all sail the sea. But, the best ships are the friendships that we share at BYC." Thanks to each of you who made that evening so very special for BYC and me.

### Upcoming activities

Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, BYC will offer several activities, culminating in the huge marina based fireworks show put on by the City at 9:00 pm. This should be a fun day, so come join us and make a few memories.

The Annual Navy Regatta is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>. Why not plan on cruising or racing or crewing on this always exciting sailing weekend. More info will follow later this month.

### Thought for the day

"And the sea will grant each man new hope ... his sleep brings dreams of home. *Quote attributed to Christopher Columbus and quoted at the end of the movie ... The Hunt for Red October.*

Dr Ed Bonner  
BYC Vice Commodore

## Cruising with the BYC

The Shamrock Cove cruise was a close call. The Club had four boats that made the cruise. Our fearless Commodore was going cruising, that weekend, come rain or shine. The direct course to Shamrock Cove had the wind on the nose. So we chose to motor over. Star Gazer ran into one heavy squall. However, the weather cleared and we had a wonderful afternoon and a delightfully cool night at anchor. There is a beach on Padre Island and every one dinked over to explore it and do some shelling after happy hour.

We will not have a cruise in July as the Navy Regatta is August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. You should make plans to attend this event. It is fun and you get to meet our brightest and best military men and women, and sometimes, their families. You will be getting more information at the club and via email on this event.

The club is having the Sunfish sailboat roll out for our club members at 3:00pm on July 21<sup>st</sup> with hot-dogs and hamburgers. Please plan to attend. The small water craft are fun to sail and maybe we can schedule some sunfish races if we have enough interest in the small boats. May the heavy currents you encounter always be fair.

Warm Regards,

Joe Blair

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# Racing with the BYC...

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## Racers Edge ... July 2007

June, 2007 was a busy month for those BYC boat owners and crews who enjoy a bit of friendly yacht racing. The weather cooperated with lots of sunshine and the winds blew steady from the SE + S at 15 – 20 kts for the June 2nd BYC Top Gun Race and the June 16<sup>th</sup> BYC Father's Day Regatta (Round the Bay Race ). Hal Peterson took top honors in his first Top Gun Race aboard his newly restored Warrior. The post-race luncheon was held at the U&I Restaurant. .

As promised last month, year-end awards will be part of the Saturday morning Top Gun Race and lunch series. Awards for Participation and the Most Points Scored during the entire series will be made at the BYC Annual Year End Installation Dinner. Points will be awarded using 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 for first through 8<sup>th</sup> place finishes at each event.

The June 16<sup>th</sup> BYC Father's Day Regatta (Round the Bay Race ) saw the 18.512nm course completed in little more than 3 hours by Lynn Walton aboard Susan II. It looks like next year we will need to use the 24 mile course to fill in the rest of the afternoon. This race featured A and B Classes in the 150 Class Fleet. Each Class sailed the same race course. Of interest is the fact that the first four boats finished within a corrected time frame of 2 minutes or less. That is astoundingly close racing over such a long course. Sou

Walter Crawford, with his 9 year old grandson Braxton crewing and his daughter Shelly, who did most of the steering during the race, finished First in Class A aboard Still Dreamin. This was Walters's first win, ever, and the first time his two crew members had ever sailed. Our hats off to the three of you from BYC.

There is another hero that deserves mention during this race: our Commodore Jake Jacobsen. He and his stealthy crew aboard Honky Voodoo used some clever tactics, in their Class B boat, to collect best corrected time honors over the entire fleet. His margin of victory? 3 Seconds.

### Race Committee note:

I would like to personally thank the race committee volunteers who ran these recent BYC racing events. These people stepped forward and volunteered to do whatever was necessary to put on our racing events in June. The June Top Gun event saw Bev Bonner, Mary Herrington and Martha Respondek step up and handle all of the Start – Finish line work and collect all data necessary to compute the race results. The Father's Day Regatta saw Jim Robertson step forward and handle not only the Race Committee duty; he handed out the trophies as well. My thanks and those of all of the BYC racers go out to all of you.

### Upcoming racing activities:

The next BYC racing event is the July 14<sup>th</sup> Top Gun Race. Come join the fun as a skipper or crew and work up a big appetite for the post-race luncheon to be held in downtown Corpus Christi. The 2007 Navy Regatta is scheduled for August 4th. Start getting your crews together. You do not want to miss attending the biggest regatta /cruise of the year. Details to follow.

See you at the Starting Line

Dr Ed Bonner  
BYC Race Chairman

### BYC Father's Day Regatta—Results

A Fleet		
1st Place	Susan II	Lynn Walton
2nd Place	Still Dreamin	Walt Crawford
3rd Place	No ETA	Jerry Vaughn
B Fleet		
1st Place	Honky Voodoo	Jake Jacobsen
2nd Place	Susie Q	Ed Klash

### BYC June Top Gun Race—Results

1st Place	Warrior	Hal Peterson
2nd Place	Still Dreamin	Walt Crawford
3rd Place	La Vie Dansante	Ron Hebert
4th Place	Susie Q	Ed Klash

**Next Top Gun Race scheduled for July 14.  
Come join us!**

# Photos from June...

Larry and Carla Frank visited BYC cruisers Linda and Harry Armenia (and of course, Chelsea) in June while the cruising couple spent some time on Cabaret on Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River

Harry, Linda, Carla and Chelsea enjoy a balmy day on the Potomac River. Don't those people of up there know it's summer?



Linda and Harry are doing the Great Circle Loop, which, according to Larry Frank, is a cruise around the eastern half of the US, via the Gulf and Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway; the St. Lawrence Seaway; Great Lakes; Chicago, Mississippi, Tennessee Rivers; and finally the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Now, that's more like it! Cabaret and crew in Washington, D.C. Note the Washington Monument in the



## 2007 BYC Father's Day Regatta



And they're off! Let the games begin...



Did someone drop something?

# BYC Calendar of Events



## July 2007

Saturday July 7 — Race,  
Board Meeting 5:30 PM  
Followed by Dinner

Friday July 13 — Dinner

Friday July 20 — Father's  
Day Race and Dinner

Friday July 27 — No Din-  
ner—Cruise to Shamrock  
Cove

July 1—Cruise to Shamrock Cove  
July 4—4th of July Fireworks and Social  
July 5—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 pm Boaters Facilities  
July 7—Race, Board Meeting, Dinner  
July 13—Dinner  
July 20—Dinner  
July 27—Dinner



## August 2007

Friday August 3 — No  
Dinner—Navy Regatta  
Registration

Saturday August 11 —  
Board Meeting 5:30 pm  
followed by

Friday August 17 —  
Dinner

Friday August 24 —  
Dinner

August 2—Water Shore Advisory  
August 3—Navy Regatta Registration  
August 4&5—Navy Regatta  
August 11—Board Meeting and Dinner  
August 13—Nominating Committee  
August 17—Dinner  
August 24—Dinner  
August 25—Bay Spin 2:00 pm



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