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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, and welcome to the 2007 version of Hurricane season. I know that nobody wants to hear or think about the endless possibilities, but now is the time to start. It is much better to make your plan and preparations early and have everything at least ready to implement. Make sure that dock lines are in good shape and secured in accordance with Marina policies. If you have any questions, there is info available at the Marina office and the staff is very helpful in providing help and suggestions. Early planning and preparation is key to survival. When a situation arises, you will be too busy with home and family matters to give adequate time and attention to your boat and the club.

Now, on to the more pleasant aspects of life in the club and on the bay. May provided us with a number of opportunities to have fun and join in on activities. Besides the dinners, we had the Memorial Day Race. That event and the following dinner were well attended. I, personally, had one of the best starts I can remember at a race. It was exciting to be at the line first. It was great to still be in the lead at the "cut." It was embarrassing to realize that I had left the starting line so well, but so unprepared for the race. Oh yes, I had a great crew of conscripted deck hands and galley wenches, just no real idea of what the actual course was. I tried to rely on my memory of the Capt's Meeting for course details. Short term memory is the first thing to go. Can't remember what is next. Anyway, we wandered around in the bay like a lost tribe in the desert. Consequently, wound up with a DNF. Gilbert had a situation much the same. He came to the line with the wrong course. C'est la vie. Congrats to Warrior for an outstanding re-entry into racing, and sailing generally. We have all agonized along with Hal and Sharon over the time they have spent with the complete renovation of their boat. A wonderful job. The May cruise also turned out to be a, somewhat successful non-event. The water gods didn't cooperate and the event, as intended, was cancelled. On the up side, a number of club boats braved the ugly weather and set sail/motored to Port A. for the "un-official" May Cruise. First to head out was Wave Dancer on Friday. Sat. morning Sassy Cat, La Vie Dansante, Ms Gracie, Susan II, Tranquility, Vintage, and Honky Voodoo went into what looked like a bit of a "weather window." It closed. But all survived. All in all, it was a big success for all.

One of the other things that seems to be interesting to some is the fact that we now, thanks to the Carrothers, have access to a projection system and have been having "Dinner and a movie" on/after party nights. As the library improves, so will the movies. Come to the dinners, stay for the movies.



Commodore Jake Jacobsen

S/V Honky Voodoo

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From the Foredeck ... June 2007

I have always thought of BYC as a group of extraordinary people that when motivated, embrace working and playing with equal gusto. The cruising, racing, our dinner parties, and our T.I.B.S. volunteer work this spring are classic examples of that strength of character at its best.

Two new BYC members were introduced at the May 19th Memorial Day Regatta party. Charles and Dotti Checklick have arrived from Arizona and have taken up residence in Corpus Christi. Their 32 foot Bayliner Ciera, Elsa, has a fresh bottom job and has found a new home on F pier in the newly opened People's Street marina addition. A warm BYC welcome to both of you."

Our May 5th, the Saturday morning BYC Top Gun race had to be cancelled due to high winds. However, the planned post-race lunch at La Bahia restaurant went off perfectly and was attended by over a dozen BYC members.

May 19th saw the BYC Memorial Day Regatta held in perfect weather and the post-race dinner and awards party were second to none in my memory. His event set new BYC standards for the number of trophies awarded, and Linda Earle's Dump Cake dessert had members going back for thirds.

The May 26th cruise to Key Allegro was called off on account of heavy rain storms predicted in the area over the entire weekend. That did not deter several BYC members who decided to drive to the marina and dine at the Paradise Key Bar & Grill, in spite of possible wet conditions.

Warrior is back racing again, and she is showing a form that harkens back to her glory days of the 80s. Hal and Sharon Peterson have done an outstanding job of restoring and updating their Cal 35 Mk2 sailboat. Paul and Chris Earls should also, be applauded for their outstanding efforts in redoing the rig and installing several unique pieces of their custom-made deck hardware. Well done, everyone!

The BYC Top Gun race series is undergoing a format change that will add year-end awards for Race participation and leadership in Race Results. The final details will be announced in July. For this particular BYC race series, Bev Bonner and friends will provide Race Committee duty at the Start-Finish line. I will be boat hopping as a crew member during the remaining races in this series

Duncan and Teri Samo appear ready to race and cruise after having a new bottom job completed on Back Order. They join Jan and Karl Stein and their

recently refit White Pepper in getting back into sailing here in Corpus Christi.

Perhaps a BYC All Sails Class fleet can finally be initiated. Add Thunder Chicken to the other 2 boats and you have the required 3 boats needed to have our own fleet to race in. My crew and I are ready to take on these two long-time racing competitors, in the All Sails Class, at the 4 remaining regattas listed on the 2007 BYC Racing Schedule. Are they up to the challenge? Stay tuned.

Dr Ed Bonner
BYC Vice Commodore

Cruising with the BYC

The BYC had a few all weather sailors make the cruise to Port Aransas, which turned out to be the alternate destination for the Key Allegro cruise, which was the alternate destination for the Port Mansfield cruise. Sorry about the weather but, I thought it best to cancel our restaurant reservations and not be at the mercy of the weather. The cruise for the weekend of June 30th is to Shamrock Cove and that weekend is also a full moon. Shamrock Cove is a well protected anchorage and it should be very pleasant night on the water. Star Gazer will be the host boat from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. I will have my dink if anyone needs a lift to and from our boat. Please hail me on channel 16. Please sign up on the white board at the club or Email me at cctex2000@aol.com if you plan to make this cruise.

Wish I had better control of the weather,

Joe Blair



Al Sondren and DB Kline were there to catch a glimpse of the tall ship Gloria as she sailed into the harbor.

Racer's Edge ... June 2007

I would like to thank all of those members who emailed and spoke to me in person regarding the fun they had racing in our 2007 BYC Memorial Day Regatta, and about how much they enjoyed the post-race party. Thank you all.

Last weekend's new format of dual triangular race courses of varying lengths seemed to make for a fun day of sailing out on the Bay for most everyone. I say most everyone because there were a couple of skippers who lost their way; one due to losing the race course instructions overboard somewhere between the Gap and the first weather mark. I am chuckling to myself on this one because it has happened to me on several occasions right here on Corpus Christi Bay.

Once the new format was explained and actually sailed, everyone found that they had discovered a new way to enjoy the absolutely perfect sailing weather that made the day and the event so memorable. Perhaps, as the season unfolds, additional new race format ideas will be offered. If you have some new ideas, run them by some of us and let's see how they might be utilized. Already this week, I have received a note suggesting that BYC Racing should consider using a long distance race around the Bay as the format for the June 16th BYC Father's Day Regatta. I love change and variety, so please keep the ideas coming.

If the sailing was the cake, then the post race party and awards presentation was the frosting. This event featured lots of trophies. In fact, every racer who successfully completed the Memorial Day race course received a fine racing trophy. Even our Race Committee people were given awards for their efforts to make this event something very special.

And, speaking of events ... Come join us for the next BYC sailing event on our schedule, the June 2nd Top Gun Race.

Dr Ed Bonner
BYC Race Chairman



2007 BYC Memorial Day Regatta 5/19/07

"A" Fleet

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|----|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | Thunder Chicken | Dr Ed Bonner |
| 2. | Warrior | Hal Peterson |
| 3. | Wind Swept | Larry Franks |
| 4. | No ETA | Jerry Vaughn |

"B" Fleet

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|----|-----------|---------------|
| 1. | Brigadoon | Jim Robertson |
| 2. | Valhalla | Al Sondern |
| 3. | Susie Q | Ed Klash |

DNF (Did Not Find ... the proper race marks)

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| 1. | Honky Voodoo | Jake Jacobsen |
| 2. | Sagitta | Gilbert Landin |

BYC Race Committee Members:
Quenten Cook, Bev Bonner and Martha Respondek



Linda and Paul Earls served up a lasagna dinner after the race, and a line of hungry BYC members soon formed.



A Farewell to Two of Our BYC Sailing Legends

How do you say so long to two of our BYC Blue Water legends, especially when you know that they may not be returning anytime soon? For years, Quenten and Carla Cook have explored dozens of areas of the world, and we have followed their adventures with interest and admiration. Quenten's talk two weeks ago at the dinner meeting, simply raised the bar when it comes to detailing one's nautical adventures. Looking around the clubhouse during the presentation, you could note expressions of amazement, at the extent and variety of the nautical adventures undertaken by this couple.

Thank you, Quenten, for sharing those precious moments with all of us. God speed to you and Carla where ever your next voyage takes you.

Dr Ed Bonner



Ed Klash shows off his third place trophy



Jim and JoAnn Robertson, with crewman Carl Stein, captured a first place trophy



Hal and Sharon Peterson are back in the race! They accept their second place trophy along with crew members Lisa and Megan Kelly.



Jerry and Phyllis Vaughn finished with a fourth place trophy with T.J. Hammack crewing with them. Where's Phyllis?



Larry Franks, Larry Haas, Neil Gallagher, and Walt Crawford also brought home a third place trophy

BYC Calendar of Events



June 2007

Saturday June 2 —Board Meeting 5:30 PM Followed by Dinner

Friday June 8 — Dinner

Saturday June 16 — Father's Day Race and Dinner

Saturday June 30 — No Dinner—Cruise to Shamrock Cove

June 2—Board Meeting 5:30 PM Followed by Dinner
 June 7 —Water Shore Advisory Meeting—5:30 PM Boaters' Facility
 June 8—Dinner
 June 9—Bay Spin 2:00 PM
 June 16—Father's Day Race and Dinner
 June 17—Father's Day
 June 30—Cruise to Shamrock Cove



July 2007

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

Friday July 13 —Dinner

Friday July 20 — Dinner

Friday July 27 — Dinner

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



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