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# The Bowsprit

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

## A few words from the Commodore



I don't remember ever being more proud to belong to any organization as I was and am to belong to BYC. I commend the officers and directors for their positive response to an idea for the Mardi Gras Party. I was amazed by the members and guests that had the good fortune to be able to attend the party; they helped to "dispose" of a fair amount of hand prepared "swamp kill", among other things. Ron & Jo Herbert spent most of Friday and all of Saturday hand cutting absolutely every thing that eventually went into people's mouths. (A lesson to all: Don't miss this event next year!) I won't dwell on the generosity of the attendees.

There are upcoming events of interest to one and all that we (the Club) want and need your help with. April 26<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>, Corpus Christi is hosting the "Texas International Boat show". The event will be held on and around the new docks on Peoples St. We have been offered a display booth to promote interest in our club, not only to the locals that will be attending the event, but also our "Winter Texans" and interested out of town guests. We all know what a jewel the Bay and our club are and this is a vehicle available to us to promote both. We have had some volunteer response from the "usual suspects" and a few more that heard the call at the party.... This is a call to all members to try to help. We need people to volunteer time to man/woman ticket booths Thurs-Sun. and our booth. The hours for the show are; Thurs April 26, 2007 11:00-6:00, Fri 11:00-7:00, Sat 10:00-10:00, and Sun 10:00-6:00. Obviously the most difficult times to fill are Thur/Fri days. If any of you are enjoying retirement/unemployment and can fit a few hours or more into this endeavor.... There will be some rewards!



The Valentines Party was a very successful social too. Brenda and Judy, with a little help from Chip and Walter, not only hand washed all the wine glasses, but made the clubhouse look like the showplace party venue it can be. I'm sure everyone lucky enough to be there had a wonderful time. Especially those few "stuck" to the floor until the early hours of Sunday morning. The taco salad prepared by Chip and Brenda Spence Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> set the pace for future Sat. and Sun. dinners.

**The end of February brought us a successful cruise to PIYC.** High winds Saturday morning reduced the number of boats going over, but the club was well represented by Windswept, LaVie Dansante, Susan II, Home Free II, Wave Dancer, Foxy, Honky Voodoo and many members who drove over. We look forward to planning a great meal and hospitality for them when they cruise and drive over in October.



PIYC Cruise Pictures

And this brings us to March. March Madness ignored.... Let's all try to enjoy all the coming events. Let's put our boats to use on the water. If you don't have a boat.... Invite yourself to go out with someone that has a boat... If you have a boat... please share the joy with everyone you can. Let us be seen out on the bay *Continued on page 2*

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One last thing, if you have an idea for an excuse for a party of have an idea for anything relating to, or of interest to, the club... please share it with me or any of the other officers and directors of our club. After all.... That is why we belong. We can't be everything to everyone.... But we can try. And please remember to sign up to volunteer for the Boat Show.

**From the Foredeck ...**

**March 2007**

Does everyone remember the laughter of people taking turns while trimming the club Christmas tree in December? How about the smile on the faces of Jim and Jo Ann Robertson or Gilbert and Ernest Franke when they received their first place trophies this past season? Did you notice the sly smile on the face of Treasurer Bob McNeill as he slowly watched Jake's pile of chips disappear at the poker table? Or how about the BYC auction and the record level of bidding that took place? The BYC fun activities list is endless and memorable as the recent Cruise parties to Port Aransas and PIYC attest.

BYC is richly endowed with members who freely give of their time and abilities to keep BYC moving ever forward. We are a family of varied personalities and skills. We enjoy sharing time together and taking part in the dozens of club activities that are available during the year. All of these programs are designed to be both entertaining and enjoyable for members of all ages. They are part of the rich tradition that is BYC.



**New Members Lewis & Scottie Eisenberg holding up their BYC Burgee**



**New Members Lynn & Susan Walton III with their BYC Burgee**

**Welcome 4**

**new members ...**

On February 10<sup>th</sup> BYC welcomed Lynn and Susan Walton and Lewis and Scottie Eisenberg as new members. They received their respective Burgees, and the two couples spent the evening regaling all of us with stories of their boating activities and their extensive time spent in Hawaii. The Eisenberg's have named their newly

purchased Cal 31, "Rag Time." It is moored on B-pier. The Walton's Catalina 402 is named "Susan II." It is moored on C-pier. Both couples have had "Blue Water" racing and cruising experience and are planning more in the months ahead.

Bill and Pam Carrothers ( *Wave Dancer* ) have a slick new dinghy and motor ready to increase their mobility while at an anchorage. Have you two named your new vessel, yet?

In case you hadn't noticed, there are several BYC skippers and crews that have actually begun to brag about their racing abilities ... can you imagine that? It's only February and already the crews are starting to play mind games with each other. Sounds good to me!

I see that Joe Blair ( *Star Gazer* ) is getting serious about improving his boat speed around the race course. He has installed a new spinnaker pole system to add some wing and wing downwind performance. He says he, also, has a trick up his sleeve for increasing his speed on a reach. It looks like a new "hot shot" is going to join the fun racing fleet this season.

*Warrior* is nearing completion of her refit, and we are all looking forward to seeing Hal and Sharon out giving some of the racers a few lessons. How long has it been since that boat had a mast on it, Hal?

Speaking of new additions ... Now is the time to program your GPS units with the Lat. / Long. numbers of each permanent C.C. Bay race marker that will be used in our BYC racing activities this year. This information may be found on our 11" x 17" C.C. Bay map. In addition, our map has all To and From headings between every marker along with the distance noted in nautical miles. I have a fresh supply of the CC Bay maps sitting on the counter at the club. You might consider laminating a copy to keep aboard your boat.

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**Be aware! T.I.B.S. is coming ...**

The Texas International Boat Show will hit town this April with a 4 day whirlwind of activity and a town full of visitors. The dates are April 26 through 29<sup>th</sup>. BYC will have a booth that will showcase our club and some of us will be manning it along with various ticket booths at the event. The sign up board is at the club and it is filling up nicely. If you would like to be a part of history, here is your chance.

**In closing ...**

Promise yourself that 2007 will find you making a greater effort to join us more often and become a part of our sailing and social programs here at BYC. You will be richly rewarded for your efforts ... and so will BYC.

Dr Ed Bonner  
BYC Vice Commodore

P.S. Remember the words of the wise old bay front mariner, "Captain" Bill R. Moore, who once said ... *"You're never too old to make new sailing memories."* At the time of his making that statement we were caught in a 65 knot cyclone in the middle of Galveston Bay and had our handkerchiefs tied over our faces to protect our lungs from the swirling red dirt that had visibility down to 30 feet in front of our racing boat. But that's another story.

## Racer's Edge ... March 2007

by Dr. Ed Bonner


Hi, Everyone

The racing season is fast approaching and with it brings a new schedule of traditional daytime BYC fun racing. The new schedule is designed to provide BYC style sailboat racing events that will see the post race trophy presentation party combined with one of our regular weekend BYC dinners. This is what you tell us you wish to try this year, and all involved are doing our best to make it happen. This year's post-race dinner parties will allow more time to spend exchanging race stories, with our fellow club members, while enjoying the comfort of our own clubhouse, a familiar destination restaurant or a friendly anchorage.

This new racing schedule features Saturday-only daytime events, and begins on March 17<sup>th</sup> with our 2007 BYC St. Patrick's Day Race. By hosting our own races our Race Committee people will be able to make decisions about which race course best suits our boats and the race-day weather. BYC will have complete control over our racing courses, and starting times, and we can postpone an event and have a make-up race as the situation warrants. All of this means more BYC style racing fun on our terms.

So don't delay, start making some calls to BYC members, neighbors, relatives and people that you work with. Ask them to join your crew for the next event. Sharing the adventure and excitement is a big part of what BYC 150 Class fun racing is all about. Come join us this year. You will be pleased that you did.

See you on the Starting Line.

 <u>2007 BYC "Fun Race" Schedule</u> 	
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Race
May 19	Memorial Day Race
June 16	Father's Day Race
August 3-5	Navy Regatta Weekend
September 22	Commodore's Cup Race
November 17	Turkey Day Regatta

R / C – BYC Combined Race / Cruise Event



## Cruising with the BYC



The March cruise will be on March 31- April 1, to Crab-“N.” Crab-“N” is a restaurant in City by the Sea. The food is good and the restaurant has a free dock for the Cruisers to moor to. However, Electricity is not available. We have reservations, at the restaurant, for Saturday, March 31 at 6:00PM. Please sign up on the white board at the Club or Email me at [cctex2000@aol.com](mailto:cctex2000@aol.com). Going by car, head over the Harbor Bridge and take Texas 35 to Aransas Pass. Take 35Br north out of Aransas Pass. City by the Sea is just North of Aransas Pass. Once you are in City by the Sea, the Crab-“N” restaurant will be on the East side of the Highway.

Going by boat, head out over Corpus Christi Bay to Ingleside. Head North up the ICW. At Marker 72 turn West into the channel and bear left then right. The Crab-“N” dock is all the way at the end of the channel. Caution, if your mast height is greater than 48’, you will not be able to get under the Aransas Pass Bridge over the ICW. You will have to take the alternate ICW route by going to Port Aransas and back to ICW on the other side of the bridge. Hope we have some good winds on this Cruise.

Warm Regards,  
Joe Blair

	<b><u>2007 BYC "Cruise" Schedule</u></b>	
<b><u>Date</u></b>		<b><u>Event</u></b>
January 27, 28		Port – A Cruise
February 24, 25		Cruise to PIYC
March 31, April 1		Cruise to Crab Inn
May 25 - 29		Cruise to Port Mansfield
June 23, 24		Cruise to Key Allegro
August 4, 5	R / C	N.A.S. C.C. Cruise
September 22, 23	R / C	Cruise to Bahia Marina
October 20		PIYC cruise to BYC
R / C – BYC Combined Race / Cruise Event		

### PIYC - "Boat Safe" Course - March 31, 2007

The Coastal Bend Sail and Power Squadron will conduct a Safe Boating course at the Padre Island Yacht Club on March 31, 2007. The course runs 6 to 8 hours depending on class size and participation. Upon satisfactory completion those in attendance will receive certification that they have completed the course

The course focuses on:

- Know Your Boat
- Before Your Get Underway
- Operating Your Boat Safely
- The Legal Requirements of Boating
- Boating Emergencies
- Enjoying Water Sports

*Lunch provided: Pizza and soft drinks.*

Place: Padre Island Yacht Club,  
13402 Whitecap Boulevard  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418

Date: March 31, 2007

Time: 09:00 - 16:30 HR

Contact: Steve Moore 361-949-8585

Cost: \$20.00

Course materials will be provided.

Gaylor Heemink  
Commodore, PIYC



# BYC Calendar of Events

**DST  
Begins  
11 March**



## March 2007

**Saturday 3 March—  
Dinner**

**Friday 9 March —Dinner**

**Saturday 17 March— St.  
Patrick's Day Social**

**Friday 23 March —Dinner**

3 March — Deniz Tor Memorial Regatta (MORF)  
3 March — BYC Board Meeting @ 1730  
11 March — Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward).  
17 March — St. Patrick's Day Regatta (BYC)  
31 March — Cruise—Crab Inn



**St. Patrick's  
Day  
17 March 2007**

## April 2007

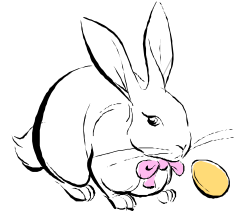
**7 April—Dinner**

**13 April—Dinner**

To be announced

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1 April — Return Cruise from Crab Inn.  
6 April — Good Friday..  
7 April — BYC Board Meeting @ 1730.  
21 April — General Membership Meeting .  
22 April — Earth Day.  
26/27/28/29 April—Texas Boat Show.  
28 April — Coastal Cup Race to Port "A" (CCYC)  
29 April — Powder Puff Race, (Port "A" to CC)



**Easter.  
12 April**

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