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The Bowsprit

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A Few Words from the Commodore



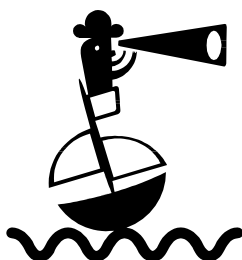
April is finally over (Praise the Gods!). There /was much to be thankful for in April. Probably the best thing that happened was the dinner provided most graciously by the Waltons after the General Membership Meeting. Those of you that were lucky enough to have been treated to the gastronomic delight of fresh “mud bugs,” know what trouble and expense they went to for that event. I couldn’t help but notice that those of you that had, until then, not been exposed to eating those creatures were a bit skeptical in the early stages of the dinner. It seemed that after a little instruction and practice, there was a feeding frenzy. The gauntlet has been thrown down for the challenge to “Cook of the Year”. If you have something to challenge with, bring it on. Just set a date with Jenny or Phyllis.

Speaking of the Meeting, I want to thank all that attended for not only being there, but for any suggestions/or criticisms you brought up. The club grows through the help and commitment of the membership.

Speaking of.... I want to thank all that endured the circus of the Boat Show. The serious lack of and miscommunication between the “organizers” and their staff, Teri Samo, and ultimately us as a group, made for difficulties for all of us who volunteered to help them out in an effort to help our city of choice and the Marina we “live” in. It truly was a 3 ring circus.... With no ringmaster, I’m really surprised that there is a hair on either Teri or Phyllis’s head. They were both ready to snatch every hair out by the roots dealing with what passed for management for this show. Despite how challenged the organization was, it seems to have been a positive thing for all, if not us particularly.

I think in the closing hours of the show, the organizers, the city, and the marina management came to realize the sacrifices that our club made to help them through this ordeal. I ask that you look past the frustrations and bask in the glory of knowing that you, the Bay Yacht Club, were the ONLY organization in the city to care enough to do anything to help try to make a success of this thing. Enough said about that...

May is full of the promise of fun. Just surviving board meetings, membership meetings, and the damn boat show gives us every right to exercise the privilege of party, sail, cruise. Let’s start May by coming to the club Sat. 5, May. Let’s end it with all with a record turn out for the Memorial Weekend Cruise. Get your boat ready and take people with you if you have room.



I hope to see all of you around the club and the bay. Thanks again for all your help with the club and the functions. Thank all of you for your concerns about “poor ole Jenny’s” broken leg. Every good thought helps.

Be careful out there and above all.... Have fun

Commodore Jake Jacobsen

S/V Honky Voodoo

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From the Foredeck ... May 2007

BYC is steadfastly dedicated to increasing its active member numbers. We are working on maintaining and nurturing the club's relationship with our existing members. The blossoming of several new club programs and activities is testament to the enthusiasm with which we are moving towards both of these goals.

In April, the Membership Committee approved nine new members and introduced five of them to the BYC Membership. New Members introduced included Gilbert & Yvonne Landin, Lisa Kelley, and Dwight & Wanice Brown. They bring three sailboats and sailing enthusiasm to our membership. Each indicated that they would begin to fly their new BYC burgee with pride on their boats. *"Welcome to all of you from your new friends at BYC."*

April Highlights: Several additional new members were approved, delightful meals were served by several of our new BYC members, a new Top Gun Saturday morning race series was added to our existing race schedule, and the Board Boat program was introduced. I even learned how to properly peel crawfish. (Thanks, Ron!) Another important bit of member news involved Jenny Jackson making an unexpected appearance at two of the April dinners. Jake, you were absolutely correct about her tenacity. Jenny, we all wish you continued progress in your recovery plans. You have been missed!

Our semi-annual membership meeting disclosed that our club is on a sound financial footing, and our membership numbers are increasing nicely. Our sailing programs are causing little strain on the purse strings while adding significant enjoyment for all of the members who take part in these exciting activities. It was further confirmed that our increased sailing oriented activities are directly responsible for adding new, and retaining existing, BYC members.

April 26-29 saw the Texas International Boat Show and the Buc Days activities hit town with a real bang. It was a grand success for the city due partly to the help of over 50 BYC members who lent a hand where needed during all four days of the TIBS event. The small BYC membership tent, with its twin burgees and grand BYC

Conversations. Several local area couples indicated that they were considering joining BYC. New members Ty and Randy Heintze stopped by to tell us that they are looking forward to being introduced to the membership in late May.

I believe a combination of our highly visible BYC banner flying proudly at our club tent, our BYC T-shirts and caps being worn by many of our busy club volunteers, and our sound work ethic, has left an overall positive impression on show visitors, city and show officials, and local business people, which will be remembered for years.

What is my personal take on all of this? "Never underestimate the goodwill generated by actively participating in a successful city backed event." The grand four day boat show / Buc Days extravaganza was enjoyed by some 50,000 estimated people, and dozens of enthusiastic BYC members were right in the middle of the action. Walter Crawford and his merry band of 30+ BYC members enjoyed the Buc Days Rodeo at the ABC Center, and Martha, Lisa and Teri piloted their buggies with great style while delivering ice and offering many of us rides between parking areas and our work stations. Jake was seen at every possible work station always lending support, witty humor and sage advice to the occasion. Every BYC volunteer gave their very best.

Final notes ...This hugely successful event has a 10-year contract with our city so we can all look forward to another fabulous week of unmatched entertainment and boating activities next year at this time. BYC has gained great experience from our first year's activities. Next year we will be even better prepared to make our presence felt.

As I have repeatedly noted, sailors are among the most outgoing, helpful and socially oriented people on the planet. Since our beginnings, BYC has become well know for enjoying our sailing and social activities with equal passion and enthusiasm. It is these traits that have defined who we are for over 35 years. The way BYC members answered the call during the 2007 TIBS event has simply added to our legend.

Dr Ed Bonner

BYC Vice Commodore

Racer's Edge ... May 2007

Mark May 5th, 2007 on your racing calendars and get set to participate in the new BYC Top Gun racing series. These events promise to be fun, educational, and provide low key racing on selected Saturday mornings. Each Top Gun racing event will be followed by a noon luncheons at a local restaurant. There will be guest racing speakers at some of these events as they become available. All BYC members and all local sailors are welcome to join in the fun as racers, crew members or spectators. Those wishing to crew need only show up at the club at 8:30 AM on race morning, and we will see that you are assigned to a race boat. If you want to race, BYC has the event to suit the time, day, format, and racing class that best suits you. There are no forms to fill out for Registered BYC boat owners and no entry fees for anyone who wishes to participate. These Top Gun races should average about 2 hours or so, and then it's off to a luncheon party at the restaurant du jour. Race details will have been sent by the time you read this.

Note: Bev and I will act as the Race Committee for the entire 2007 BYC Top Gun race series.

As always, CC Bay maps will be available at the Skippers Meetings of all BYC events. In addition to the maps, I will have the day's race course sheets printed out with all important info noted on them for each of you.

Well, Warrior has a mast up and its spinnaker pole has been artfully placed on custom mast brackets designed and fabricated by Paul Earls. Need I mention that Hal and Sharon Peterson are anxious to take her out and see how she sails with her new bottom job and all of the renewed equipment. Joe Blair has a new bottom job and seems determined to show us a thing or two, he says. Larry Frank has his new bow fitting installed on Wind Swept and seems ready to rumble. Ed Klash has a glint in his eye and says Susie Q is ready as well. How about the rest of you?

Note: In response to several requests, I have the names and phone numbers of several competent divers that will see to your boat bottom cleaning and other underwater needs.

The biggest announcement this month is that BYC has received U.S. Sailing certification for our new Corpus Christi Bay PHRF member fleet. By being awarded this certified PHRF member fleet status, boats rated by CCB PHRF may begin to sail events in either the 150 Class or the All Sails class at regattas anywhere. Our entire BYC sailing program will be run using U.S. Sailing rules and guidelines and careful records of each boat's equipment and sailing performance will be kept. It has taken several months to complete all of the stringent requirements and carefully establish that all CCB PHRF handicap ratings fit within the U.S. Sailing guidelines. But that is all behind us now, and we can go about our racing knowing that our BYC racing programs conform to the highest U.S. Sailing PHRF standards and that the BYC boat handicap ratings are spot on for our average Corpus Christi Bay sailing conditions.

See you at the Starting line ...

Dr Ed Bonner

BYC Race Chairman

Cruising with the BYC

The destination for our Memorial Day Cruise has been changed from Port Mansfield to Key Allegro in Rock Port. The marina and restaurant at Key Allegro were much more receptive to hosting our cruise than El Jerfe Marina and restaurant in Port Mansfield. The large majority of BYCers, who responded to my Email, preferred Key Allegro. So we have reservations at the Paradise Key restaurant for Saturday May, 26th at 6:00 PM. Please sign up on the white board at the club or Email me if you plan to attend the meal so I can give the restaurant a closer count of how many people to plan for.

The club members who are planning to sail over, need to call John Nelson at 361-729-8264 to make slip reservations. Slip fees are \$1.25 per foot, no minimum fee, including electricity and water. Please make arrangements with John Nelson as soon as possible as he will need to shift other boats around so we can have the BYC boats close together in the marina.

To get there by boat, head north, east to New

Orleans as the tow operator captains like to say it, in the ICW. If your mast is less than the 48' clearance required to pass under the bridge from the Island to Port Aransas proceed in the ICW to Aransas Bay. Key Allegro is on the opposite side of Aransas Bay. However, if your mast is 48' or taller you must take the alternate ICW and go to Port Aransas and back to Aransas Bay to bypass the Aransas Pass bridge. If you need more information, please contact me or someone at the club.

To get there by car, head north across the Harbor Bridge on highway 181. At Gregory turn on BR 35 and head to Aransas Pass. Follow BR 35 to a "Y" in Rockport. BR 35 goes left and Broadway Street goes right. Broadway Street turns into Bay Shore Drive. Mazatlan Drive dead ends into Bay Shore Drive. Turn Right on Mazatlan Drive. Paradise Key is at the end of Mazatlan Drive. Again please contact me or someone at the club if you need more information.

Warm Regards,

Joe Blair



The Texas International Boat Show on the Lawrence Street T-Head

BYC Calendar of Events

May 2007

Saturday May 5 —Board Meeting 5:30 PM Followed by Dinner

Friday May 11 — Dinner

Saturday May 19 — BYC Memorial Day Race and Dinner

Friday May 25 — No Dinner

May 3—Water Shore Advisory Meeting—5:30 PM Boaters' Facility

May 5—Board Meeting 5:30 PM Followed by Dinner

May 11—Dinner

May 12—Bay Spin 2:00 PM

May 19—BYC Memorial Day Race and Dinner

May 26—Cruise to Key Allegro

May 27—Cruise to Key Allegro

May 28—Cruise to Key Allegro

June 2007

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

Friday June 8 —Dinner

Saturday June 16 — BYC Father's Day Race and Dinner

June 29 — No Dinner Saturday Cruise to Key Allegro

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