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The Bowsprit

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



A Few Words from the Commodore

Well, October is just about gone as is the dreaded hurricane season. It is still a great idea to make sure your boat and all is properly secured in the event of adverse conditions.

Speaking of October... We had a lot of activity at the club in October. I want to thank everyone that helped make the PIYC Cruise to our club such a success. Everyone I have heard from regarding the party just raved about our party and breakfast for them. The General membership meeting, on the other hand, was rather thin on members. There were a few out of town on family/work missions, a few that were entertaining guests and or relatives, and the lucky few that had the pleasure of enjoying the fruits of Dieter Jurgens. The man can cook! He showed up early in the morning Sat. with 2 wagons full of goodies and spent all day cooking and prepping. It was obvious that untold hours had already been spent in food preparation prior to coming to the club. The sights and smells around the club had everyone drooling all day. It was a wonderful dinner and we can't thank him and his "helpers"(Hal & Sharon) enough.

This week there are at least 3 club boats and quite a few members participating in the Harvest Moon Regatta. Grey Wolf, Wave Dancer, and Susan II. I will be with Bill Carrothers on Wave Dancer so I don't know if I will be back in time for the Halloween Party. Speaking of....This has always been one of the great parties of the year and I hope as many of you as possible come to play.

November has its high points too. Phyllis Vaughn has been working like a mad woman all year to secure a date that the Butts' would extend an invitation to our club to cruise to and tout the lighthouse and the facilities there. This is big fun. We will be picnicking on the grounds. This is a sail over because there are no roads to the facility. Those of you that wish to can either go with a boat going from the club or drive to Port A. and we will have boats to shuttle/dingy everyone to the lighthouse. I'm sure Ed Bonner will let all know the details of the Turkey Day Regatta. All I'm going to say is that we all want this event to be a big success. There is a lot riding on it for next year.

November ends with an opportunity for everyone to gather to help decorate the club for the Holidays, i.e. Christmas and New Years.

I want to thank all those that helped make a quorum so we could actually have an election. I hope that everyone will be as helpful to the new Officers and Directors next year as everyone has been to me for the last few years. I also want to remind everyone that there are some great parties coming up, and none should be missed if at all possible.

Have fun and use/enjoy the Club and the Bay.

Jake Jacobsen Lam Duck Commodore

P.S. For those of you that missed the event; for 2008 the club will be represented and managed by Ed Bonner as Commodore, Larry Haas as Vice Commodore, Walt Crawford as Rear Commodore (hardest job other than dinners), Melissa Bowen as Secretary, Bob Mc Neill as Treasurer, and Directors Mary Herrington, Hal Peterson, Chris Colley (completing Ralph Bowen's term) and John Fowler..... And the Club moves toward another year.



Photo by D.B. Kline

HEB Lighthouse Cruise

This is a "must go to" cruise.

Mark your calendars to reserve Saturday, November 10.

Phyllis Vaughn, in communication with Charlie Butts, has obtained authorization for the BYC to cruise to and tour the facilities of the HEB Lighthouse located on the Lydia Ann Channel, north of Port Aransas.

The shoreline and the channel into the HEB dock is extremely shallow and visitors must be ferried in from their boats to the Lighthouse dock by dingy.

Arrangements will be made to take everyone in the Club who doesn't have a boat and wants to go.

More information will be disseminated by email to members as arrangements are firmed up.

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From the Foredeck

With Vice Commodore, Ed Bonner

Our October 20th General Membership meeting saw several reports made to the Members that were in attendance. None was more important than the sharing of the following information:

As of October 20, 2007, the Bay Yacht Club is made up of 75 BYC Memberships, which are divided as follows: 60 Active 8 Cruising 4 Student 2 Life and 1 Honorary Our Membership level is the same as it was on December 31st, 2006. This means we have already reached the 2006 Membership levels with 10 weeks to go until the end of 2007. That is fine progress by any measure. These 75 memberships are primarily held by couples. What is the actual breakdown of the 75 memberships in terms of people? This question has been addressed to me a number of times this year. So, here is my updated answer to the membership:

118 people as couples or 59 couples
17 people are singles
135 total people that make up the 75 BYC memberships

These numbers do not include children living at home.

Here is the answer to another frequently asked question as to how many boats do the BYC members own?

48 Sailboats (not counting board boats)
4 Motor yachts (not counting dinghies and fishing-type)
52 Total boats.

What of the 15 new BYC members, so far, for 2007? 11 own sailboats, and 2 own motor yachts. These are significant gains for the BYC during 2007. Importantly, these members are attending our functions and are swiftly becoming an active part of our club's culture. I am pleased to report that thanks to zeal of the people that have joined BYC over the past several years, the Member Participation levels are on the rise in our club sailing programs, dinners and special events.

A significant point... All members of the BYC have regular opportunities to act as goodwill ambassadors for our club. Our genuine enthusiasm, for BYC, continues to catch the eyes of an increasing number of our bay front visitors this year, and our membership levels have risen because of it. Let's keep up this good work and continue to find ways to communicate our BYC excitement to all people on the Bay front. Our current efforts are making a positive difference. Imagine what might be achieved if more of us got involved in promoting BYC.

Bottom Line: The Bay Yacht Club is growing in a steady and healthy manner. This year we are continuing to increase our membership levels by adding new members, and equally important, by our retaining our existing club members. There is every reason to believe that this positive trend will con-



Vice Commodore Ed Bonner introducing
New BYC members Mark & Brenda Hiler



New Bowsprit Editor

By D.B. Kline, Assistant Editor

Thanks to Brenda Stockton for past service as the Bowsprit Editor. She has moved from Austin to Houston and has resigned as editor for personal reasons.

Ms. Lisa Kelley has volunteered to take over the editing job. The club has purchased Publisher software for her to edit the newsletter.

I shall continue to serve as the assistant editor to Lisa in the event of her absence.

Everyone please assist Lisa with possible ideas/articles/pictures for the newsletter (**Remember the newsletter has only four pages for text and we sometimes have very verbose articles from our officers**).



Lisa Kelley

Racers Edge

By Race Chairman Ed Bonner,

October 20th, 2007, dawned bright and clear. There was a forecast of increasing winds, but at my house in Portland, there was hardly a leaf moving in the trees. Undaunted, I purchased a B.O.B. from the local Portland, Texas Whataburger and headed down to the BYC to prepare for the Skipper's Meeting. As I drove down the causeway, I was delighted to see that the breeze had completely covered the bay and seemed to be building early in the day for a change. My spirits soared at the thought of having a perfect sailing day to celebrate our last Top Gun race and luncheon of 2007.

The Skipper's meeting saw 6 eager skippers signing up to race, and after the usual paperwork and course selection discussions ended, and the new flag sequence was demonstrated, the crews headed for their boats eager to hoist sail and begin the competition.

On this day, I was invited to sail with Larry Frank. I joined fellow BYC crew members D.B. Kline and Gilbert Landin who were, both, excited about the gorgeous sailing weather. This crew is a fun group to be with on a boat or ashore, and we worked well together throughout the race.

I am proud to say that our BYC racers have made great progress in handling the Starting routines this year. On this day, all of the boats hit the Startline within a few boat lengths of one another, as Bev Bonner lowered the Starting flag and Mary Herrington let loose with a horn blast from her silver Dodge Dualie.

The rising breeze made for a rapid departure from the Start-Finish line as we carefully trimmed the sails for maximum speed. Warrior and Brigadoon II managed to move into a small lead as the fleet approached the Gap. Warrior was first out onto the bay and continued to throw off "bad air" to some of the trailing boats. No problem, I thought, this was a 7 leg race so we all had plenty of time to get back any lost ground on Warrior, or so we hoped. It was not to be, as Hal Peterson and crew sailed off over the horizon, ever so slowly stretching out their lead, followed closely by a determined Jim Robertson on Brigadoon II.

If I may say so, this was probably the finest and most enjoyable sailing weather of the entire year. Jake claims that it was his close connection with a particular wind god that led to the perfect weather. Whoever was responsible, all of the crews were pleased to be out racing on such a gorgeous day.

The race ended much the way that it started with Warrior winning by a corrected time of only 30 seconds Jim Robertson on Brigadoon II. That was very close racing over the 9.1nm race course, and confirms, again, that our Corpus Christi Bay PHRF ratings are working just fine when you compare two well sailed boats that picked the correct side of the course to the weather mark.

The post race beer and burger lunch, held at the Executive Surf Club, was really entertaining with over 25 club members and guests wasting no time engaging each other with their rapier wit. Several versions of how the unexpected mid course wind direction change favored Warrior and Brigadoon II were heard in great detail. And, there were other stories of why the genoas on several of the boats weren't always set quite right, which was purported to explain their boat's lack of speed at times. As you might imagine, the stories grew wilder and louder as the second round of "suds" was delivered to the thirsty racers.

We had an important first on this day as new BYC member, Mark Hiler, sailing in his first yacht race ever, skippered "O'Daycious" to 4th place, with the able assistance of several fun loving BYC shipmates. Mark says that he thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will be back to try it again.

In closing, Bev and I would like to offer congratulations to each of the skippers and crews who took part in this first year of BYC Top Gun racing. The format seems to appeal to everyone and that just might be reason enough to place some of these events on the BYC racing schedule for 2008.



Skippers Meeting
20 October 2007



O'Daycious & Windswept
fighting for 3rd place

2007 BYC October Top Gun Race

Race Results

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Warrior | Hal Peterson |
| 2. Brigadoon II | Jim Robertson |
| 3. Windswept | Larry Frank |
| 4. O'Daycious | Mark Hiler |
| 5. Honky Voodoo | Jake Jacobsen |

BYC's IRON Chef's

Hal & Sharon Peterson teamed up with Past Member Dieter Juergens (Both past BYC Chefs of the year) to cook the after Election Meeting dinner which consisted of Munich Style Roast Pork, Potatoes & Gravy, a choice of Braised Sauerkraut or Red Cabbage and French Baguettes. Desert was Apple Strudel w/Whipped Cream..

If you were not there you really missed out.!



Thanks to Bob Blackit & Rita Lontos for the delicious Friday Evening Dinner on 13 Oct. The Green Bean Casserole was especially tasty.



Chow Hounds



Happy 38th Birthday to Mary Herrington and Jerry Vaughn



Merry Christmas

Photo by Tom Arnold

This photo is of the BYC lit up for Christmas 1999 Harbor Lights Boat Parade this year is on 1 December. Lets light up the boats all the way out to the street.



Lemon Jell-O Cake

By Mary Herrington

I made this cake a couple of weeks ago and several members asked for the recipe.

Make a yellow or a lemon cake as directed on box. Using a 9 x 13 pan.

While cake is baking.

Mix 6 oz lemon Jell-O with 2 cups boiling water.

When Jell-O is cooled mix with 1 Cup Seven-up.

Cool cake for 10 minutes. Punch holes in cake with a fork. Pour Jell-O & 7-up mixture over cake.

Frosting:

Mix 1 1/2 c milk with 3 oz. lemon instant pudding. Stir until thick. Fold in one small carton cool-ship. Frost cake and store in refrigerator for 6 hours before serving or over night.



BYC Calendar of Events



November 2007

11/3 Dinner following BYC Board Meeting

11/9 Dinner

11/17 Dinner Party

Nov 1— Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 pm Boaters Facility
 Nov 3—BYC Board Meeting 5:30pm.
 Nov 4— Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov 11— Veterans Day.
 Nov 13— Ship One Meeting.
 Nov 17— Turkey Day Regatta.
 Nov 22— Thanksgiving Day.
 Nov 24— Decorate the BYC/Christmas Tree/Club



December 2007

12/8 Commodore's Christmas Party

12/31 Vice Commodore's New Years Eve Party

1/1/2008 Past Commodore's New Years Day Breakfast

Dec 1— Board Meeting @ 5:30pm.
 Dec 1— Harbor Lights Boat Parade.
 Dec 6— Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 pm Boaters Facility.
 Dec 7— Pearl Harbor Day
 Dec 8— Commodores Christmas Party.
 Dec 22— Winter Begins
 Dec 25— Christmas Day.
 Dec 31— Vice Commodores New Years Eve Party.
 Jan 1— Past Commodore's New Years Day Breakfast.



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