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A Few Words from the Commodore



Hello all. Seems as though we have survived another month of the dreaded season. So far the only high wind has come from the associated media frenzy surrounding the "Swine Flu" Tropical Storm. We were lucky that the first hurricane went to visit our friends to the south. Let's not get complacent about the storm season. Keep a weather eye and keep your preparedness high.

September has high promise for serious fun. A great way to start a month is with a 3-day holiday and "Labor Day" is just what we're talking about. Sat. the 1st. is a "Top Gun" race for those that want to sharpen their race start skills. I seem incapable of taking the race course with me which makes it hard to do more than a good start. There will be a dinner that evening and Jenny and I will be "cooking" it. I think everyone that shows up will enjoy it. There will be the usual TBA movie afterwards for the survivors. The dinners for the 7th & 14th will be Friday dinners, by definition. Saturday the 22nd will be the Commodore's Cup Regatta. This event is also a cruise/drive/dinner event. I am hoping there will be a good participation level in club boats racing. Those of you that have no interest in winning recognition with a trophy, please consider sailing over as a cruise destination. Don't hesitate to volunteer your services as crew or "portable ballast" on racers or cruisers. If there isn't room to stay on someone's boat, there have always been enough drive-overs to get people back to C.C. September refuses to go out quietly. The 29th (Sat.) there is the world famous BYC Auction. Those of you that came last year, besides leaving a record amount of \$ behind, were entertained by such sights as the Vice Commodore demonstrating the way that a safety harness and tether can save your life if you are unfortunate enough to be washed overboard.. Come to spend and if you have boating related objects that you wish to donate to the Auction.... Please bring them to the club a week or so before the auction.

I try not to jump too far ahead with Club events in this forum, but, there are some things of import coming in October that need to be mentioned and kept in everyone's mind. The important thing coming in October is on the 6th Padre Island Yacht Club is using us as a "Cruise Destination". That is also the weekend of the Corpus Christi Jazz Fest. A lot of us cruised/drove over to PIYC for a BYC "Cruise Destination". Their officers and members provided us with a wonderful dinner and a great party. Everybody there went very far out of their way to make us feel at home and provided aid to all of us that were in need of any help. We will be providing a dinner and party for their cruise/drive over members. We will be asking for members to bring a large dish for the dinner. We will put together a list of things we would like prepared and you can sign up as providers. We will also be doing a Sunday morning breakfast for those that cruised over and any BYC members wishing to come down and visit with our guests at breakfast.

The other thing of import for Oct. is the General Membership Meeting. This is an opportunity for everyone to put the officers and directors on the hot seat for crimes committed against the club. It also is your chance to vote your mind on several issues impacting the club and its members. This is the time you get to vote on the slate of candidates for leadership of the club for '08. Don't forget, if we don't come up with candidates meeting your expectations, you can nominate from the floor. Don't be shy and come prepared to complain or praise as you see fit.

There is one other thing changing in Sept. This has to do with our editor and she may feel it necessary to edit this in some way for entirely personal reasons. Seems that Ms. Stockton has been posed a question having to do with future domestic relationships. It seems that she has risen to the proposal by accepting in principle to enter into a legally binding contractual agreement with what appears to be "Soul Mate" material.

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Seems that this Labor Day Weekend will be the last we see of her smiling face for a while. She is relocating "Tranquility" to Waterford @ Kemah. She is intending to continue being the Editor even with all the associated giddiness. Our happiness for them overflows.

Jake Jacobsen
S/V Honky Voodoo

From the Foredeck ... September 2007

August was a month full of significant events at BYC. We dodged a titanic Tropical Storm and a Category 5 Hurricane, while we proudly welcomed two new couples to BYC membership. Bob and K Jack were welcomed to BYC membership with much revelry. They bring a Valiant 40 named "RIMA" to our growing list of fine BYC yachts. This couple has a wealth of blue water cruising and racing experience and is looking forward to sharing their stories with our BYC family.

Mark and Brenda Hiler were, also, welcomed and will be formally introduced as new BYC members, as soon as we can get both of them back to Corpus Christi from their latest cruise aboard their 35 foot O'Day named "O'DACIOUS." They may be new to sailing but you would never know it by the way they have enthusiastically approached their first year on the water. They tell me that they have cruised over 1000 miles during the past twelve months, and are more excited than ever to continue at that pace.

**Congratulations to our new BYC members.
"Welcome Aboard!"**



The BYC Navy Regatta Registration party was a huge success and the weekend weather was more than "entertaining" for all. For those racers who got caught in the post rain storm doldrums, "there is always next year."

The wonderful emails I am receiving tell of the fun and excitement that an increased number of our members have been enjoying at the club this year. In return, I wish to thank all of you who have been supporting our racing, cruising and social functions. And, to all of the members that we do not see often enough ... I promise that you will be rewarded in direct proportion to your efforts to participate in our growing list of enjoyable club activities.

"Come join us at the end of B-Pier."

Dr. Ed Bonner, BYC Vice Commodore



Weather picture taken by
Gilbert Franke from the BYC
Pier on 3 September

The Corpus Christi Marina Weather Station is back on line

By Jerry Vaughn

The Web site at <http://lighthouse.tamucc.edu/overview/135> will give you current temperature, wind speed, wind gusts, wind direction and barometric pressure at the Lawrence Street T-Head.

If you scroll down the page, you'll see two maps. One is of the local area and the other is of the entire Texas coast. If you hover your mouse pointer over a blue triangle, you'll get some or all of the above information for other points on the coast, such as Ingleside, Port Aransas, Bird Island Basin, and offshore weather buoys. On my computer any way, getting the mouse pointer exactly over one of the stations can be touchy but it can be done.

BYC Webmaster Joe Blair reports there is also a link from the BYC web site. Click links, select Government, and then City Marina. You will then be on the

Dateline

B Pier

By Jonathon Sea Gull

Aug. 17 – It seems that a tenant, who shall remain unnamed, managed to put all of his chain anchor rode on the marina bottom today. The only thing that saved the day is that he had the anchor itself on the pier. It made quite a muddy mess retrieving it.

As if this wasn't enough, another couple, also tenants on the pier, tried to pull out of their slip with the electrical extension cord still attached. A marina worker was seen repairing the damage to the electrical box.

Racers Edge ... September 2007

August was a quiet month for BYC racing, however, the Annual Navy Day Regatta weekend certainly made up for it. The weekend began Friday evening, August 3rd with the BYC hosting the annual Navy Regatta Registration party. It was a grand affair with over 100 Navy personnel and local racers in attendance. The BYC member-cooks met the challenge of feeding our guests by providing everyone with a wide variety of tasty treats, and in sufficient amounts. These special members deserve a well earned BYC thank you from all of us.

By all accounts the varied backgrounds of the local yacht racers and our Navy guests made for a great many entertaining conversations. The Navy war veterans offered interesting insights into the Navy's role in the 21st century, which served to reinforce our already heart-felt admiration for their service to our country. Suffice it to say that the BYC was honored and thrilled to have all of the local racers and the Navy men and women join us for this very special evening.

Saturday, the Navy Day race weather was less than optimal and the racers had to contend with periods of high winds, heavy rain, and dead calm as a brief cold front moved over the race course. For many experienced racers, and their Navy crews, it was a case of one moment you were in front, and the next you watched as those boats behind slowly came up and passed you. Suffice it to say, a tricky weather system was afoot on the Bay that day.



BYC Racing

Saturday, September 1st was the date of our latest BYC Top Gun Series race. The race results and annual standings will be emailed to each of you. I hope that you were able to participate in this fine event and then join us for the always entertaining post-race luncheon.

The BYC Commodore's Cup race and cruise to Bahia Marina is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd. This will be a Pursuit Race and is among our most popular sailing events at BYC. The race course will be easy to sail and the afternoon party and trophy presentation will be outstanding. I will email a Notice of Race (NOR) and a Registration document, for this event, shortly.

"See you at the Starting Line,"

Dr Ed Bonner
BYC Race Chairman

September Top Gun Race Results

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Warrior | Hal Peterson |
| 2. NO ETA | Jerry Vasughn |
| 3. Honky VooDoo | Jake Jacobsen |
| 4. Susie Q | Ed Klash |



Warrior



NO ETA



Honky VooDoo



Top Gun Skippers and crews enjoying a sumptuous lunch at the Chaparral Street Grill after the Regatta

2007 BYC Cruise Update

BYC Cruise Chairman: Joe Blair

September 22, 23 - Bahia Marina Cruise R / C

October 6/7 - PIYC Cruise to BYC

R / C - BYC Combined Race / Cruise Event

Photos from August



BYC Hosted a Bay Cruise for approximately 30 Foreign Exchange Students on 8 August



Foreign Exchange Students Aboard Hal Peterson's Warrior



Race Committee Registration Table In the Wally Hainline Lounge



Annual Navy Registration Party viewed from the Wally Hainline Lounge



BYC Member Duncan Samo conversing with PIYC Member and former BYC Commodore Charlene Forest



It was very difficult to get to the Beer Keg

BYC Calendar of Events

September 2007

9/1
BYC Dinner

9/7
BYC Dinner

9/14
BYC Dinner

9/29
BYC Dinner & Auction

Sept 1 -- Top Gun Race. Board Meeting.
 Sept 3 -- Labor Day.
 Sept 22—Commodore's Cup Race to Bahia Marina.
 Sept 23—BYC Cruise home from Bahia marina.
 Sept 23 —Autumn Begins.
 Sept 29—BYC Auction.



October 2007

10/6
PIYC/BYC Dinner Party

10/13
BYC Dinner

10/20
BYC Dinner

10/27
BYC Dinner

Oct 4 —Water Shore advisory meeting, 5:30 PM (Boaters Facility)
 Oct 6 —PIYC Cruise to BYC.
 Oct 7 —BYC Breakfast for PIYC's Cruise Home.
 Oct 13—Board Meeting 5:30 PM.
 Oct 20—Top Gun Race.
 Oct 20—General Membership Meeting.
 Oct 27—Halloween Party/BYC Dinner
 Oct 31—Halloween



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