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The Bowsprit

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ... April 2008

Judging from the large event turnouts, nearly everyone seems to have enjoyed the many parties and sailing activities that BYC sponsored during the month of March. The usual March Winds blew into town on a near daily basis knocking over fences, tearing up a few sails and generally cleaned out dead palm fronds along Ocean Drive. Fortunately for all of us the BYC sailing event days saw wonderful sailing and party conditions. The St. Patrick's Day Regatta saw low key fun yacht racing competition and fine weather for the afternoon's event. The evening's trophy presentation saw Jim Robertson awarding several shiny silver trophies to happy BYC sailors. The decorations were well done and the Irish theme party set high marks for the number of members dressed up in stylish green attire. Phyllis Vaughn and Jenny Jacobsen's fine Irish meal was warmly received and the singing and merriment carried on well into the evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There is a rumor that the tasty "Irish Coffee" had something to do with that?

The BYC Crab N party packed the smallish dining room right to the last chair. The number of cruising boats was down a bit but the large numbers of drive-over members more than made up for it. Those attending this gala dinner party agreed that we should continue to keep this event on our annual cruising calendar.

The coming of warm April breezes and bright sunshine were just what Walt Crawford and Jake Jacobsen needed to begin the largest club repair project in recent years. With their guidance and the help of willing BYC volunteers we can be assured that a fine new deck roof will be the result. The work began on Sunday, April 6th with the removal of the deck railing and will be completed as quickly as time and weather allow. All BYC members wish to thank those who have elected to participate in this vital BYC project.

This date, April 6th 2008, also, marks the beginning of a new era at BYC. It marks the start of a new "can-do" attitude and portends a "new look," inside and out, for the BYC clubhouse of the future. Stay tuned!

April 12th will be a fun filled day for BYC members to enjoy. First up is our first BYC Top Gun Race of the year, which will be followed by a post-race downtown luncheon that is open to all. Race Registration is at 8:45am.

Having quality events to look forward to every month continues to make the time fly and our lives more complete. Noteworthy this year is the increasingly social nature of all club events, which continues to build whether they take place in the clubhouse, on the water or at a cruise destination. Caring people sharing their thoughts and energy with one another continues to strengthen our bonds to the BYC. It's BYC at its best!

April 19th is the date of the next BYC General Membership meeting. This meeting presents an opportunity for any member to bring important matters to the attention of the membership. It also allows us to take a close look at our annual club budget so that our plans for the year are in line with the clubs financial ability to pay for them. It should be noted that where voting is required, only one vote per membership is allowed and no proxies may be cast. If you yearn for a live update on what is going on at BYC, this is your opportunity.

Please do have a wonderful month on the water and at the clubhouse with your BYC family. To those of you whom we do not see as often ... why not set aside some time to visit with us at the end of B-Pier. You will be astonished at the level of shared fun and enthusiasm, and you can watch and comment on the construction work that is underway. Sidewalk superintendents are always welcome at BYC. God Bless.

Ed Bonner
Commodore
S/V "Wings"

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BYC PEOPLE AND EVENTS ... April 2008

1. Chip and Brenda Spence have a new sailboat to enjoy and it had its first outing with BYC Cruisers at last weeks Crab N cruise and party. The boat is a great looking Standard rig Catalina 36 Mk II and is named "Starfish." Chip and Brenda spent much of that Saturday afternoon happily conducting tours of the newest addition to the BYC fleet. Congratulations to the both of you on your gorgeous new boat.
2. A special thanks to Hal and Sharon Peterson for their assistance in getting my Capo 26 "Wings" back to her slip following her launching this past Friday morning. She now sports a new bottom job and a name change.
3. The Spence's wish to remind everyone that their fine sailing Pearson 303, *Chip N Dip* is up for sale.
4. Kudos to Jerry Vaughn and Jake Jacobsen for their emergency repair to our club holding tank fittings last Monday. A bit of "Southern Engineering" was involved and the project was deemed a success. Thank you both.
5. Those members who are taking photos at all of our events are urged to continue sharing them with Bowsprit Editor, Lisa Kelley and Historian, Bev Bonner. They wish to thank everyone for taking time to send what you have.
6. Mary Herrington introduced two new couples as guests and potential BYC members at the Crab N cruise party on March 29th. Thank you Mary. Well done!
7. Buccaneer Days Pro Rodeo Tickets may still be available through Walt Crawford.
8. The BYC Membership numbers for this month read: Active-60, Student-5, Cruising-8, Life-2 and Honorary-1. This brings our April 2008 total to 76 BYC memberships.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Note

Based on many requests the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting a Vessel Safety Examination on Pier B on **April 19**. The boat look-overs are free, and those passing will receive a C.G. sticker for their efforts. For folks with boats on other piers, examiners will walk to them if you choose not to move them. The exact time is not set, but if you are there at 10 a.m., they will be ready for you.

Our thanks to Bill Strawn, U.S.C.G.A., BYC member #1019A.

New BYC Members



BYC wishes to welcome to full Active membership George and Sharon Kerr of San Antonio, TX. They are the proud owners of *Freebird*, a Cape Dory 28, berthed in the marina at B-31. They look forward to meeting many of the members at the time of their official Introduction at an upcoming club function. Welcome Aboard!

Spring Pier Party

The Spring Pier Party will be held Saturday, April 12 beginning at 6:00 on B Dock. Margaritas and beer will be served on the pier next to the club. Come and sample the host boats. A \$3.00 contribution is requested. There is no dinner planned at this event.



Jenny Jacobson

BYC Volunteers are needed once again!

BYC has a long history of supporting programs that have to do with marina activities and bayfront cleanup campaigns. We have an enviable record of willingness to assist when we are called that is second to none. April 2008, two requests went out and it is hoped that many of our members will answer the call. Below are listed the two opportunities for your examination.

1. BYC Volunteers are invited to assist City Marina personnel and volunteers from many local service organizations for the purpose of sprucing up the downtown area in preparation for the upcoming Texas International Boat Show to be held in Corpus Christi during the week of April 24 – 27th. Volunteer workers are asked to meet at Artesian Park located at the corner of Twigg and Mesquite Streets (next to the Caller-Times Bldg) at 7:30am on **April 12th** to collect their assignment and necessary cleaning tools and supplies. Work a couple of hours or as long as you wish on this one day.



2. The Texas International Boat Show organizer has asked for local volunteers to handle a number of tasks during the 4 day boat show to be held in Corpus Christi during the week of **April 24 – 27th**. Duties such as delivering ice to various exhibitors, tearing up tickets near the ticket booth areas, and transporting dignitaries and exhibitors around the show area are among the list of items to perform.

This year all ticket sales and monies are being handled by personnel paid by the event organizer. No volunteers are involved. 2 person volunteer teams and 2 hour shifts have been discussed. Work only the hours and days that you wish. Wearing a BYC T-shirt is encouraged for all BYC member volunteers. Lets show the world who we are!



Sign up sheets for both of these important events will be posted on the main BYC bulletin board.

Come join in the fun and carry on the proud service tradition of BYC!

Ed Bonner
Commodore
S/V Wings

Cruisin' and Snoozin' News

“Give me oysters and beer; for dinner every day of the year, and I’ll be fine.”

The March BYC cruise to the Crab N Restaurant was once again, another great showing of BYC members and guest. With almost 40 people in attendance and six vessels rafted up at the dock our presence could not be missed. A fine culinary experience was had by all, and the gathering of many friends is always good for the soul (not to mention adult beverages).

A big BYC “Bravo, Bon Travou” is in order for Kim and Sheryl for the outstanding service that they provided for such a large and raucous group. Thanks to Terry and Randy for accommodating us. Due to the late arrival of some of the vessels (including yours truly) after dinner an impromptu dock part was convened so that the fellowship and merriment of mariners could continue.

“Drink up me hardies. Yo Ho.”

The following morning, the start of another fine day was toasted with Mimosas; but alas, the inevitable voyage to return to our home port had to begin. Sunday turned out to be a fantastic day for the return to Corpus Christi, with a good wind at our back and the tide running in our favor the journey home was one for the memory book.

The sailing vessels of the mighty BYC fleet making the long voyage included:

Honk Voodoo, La Vie Dansante, Rima, Starfish, (Chip & Brenda’s new Catalina 36 MKII; welcome to the fleet.) Still Dreamin and Wind Swept.

Personal thanks from Mr. & Mrs. Cruse Dude to Bob & K Jack of *Rima* for being the “life saver of the day”. On Saturday, about half way down the Ship Channel our fuel filter decided that it had filtered all of the dredge from the bottom of the tank that it was going to. With the wind on our nose, a counter current (for the direction we wanted to go), and the engine dead; we were adrift on the “Tanker Freeway” when the Jack’s were kind enough to take us in tow while I went below to rectify the situation. Just to keep our skill level up let’s try that again. This time I will disassemble the fuel injectors for cleaning.

Mark your calendars for the BYC Fun Race and Dock Party on April 12th. This promises to be a day full of fun. Our next cruise on the calendar is Memorial Day weekend at the end of May. One problem that I have run into for that weekend is that none of the restaurants want to commit for a large group (Duh). In light of that, a Past Commodore gave me a good suggestion; instead of fighting the crowds at Port Aransas, why not just stay at Ingleside both nights. Bahia Marina has a store, swimming pool, and shaded meeting area at the dock. Furthermore, we can have a “throw back shell beach party” on the sand island in the cove. We could ferry land cruisers by dink and have a great time. What say you?

“That’s why we wander and follow La Vie Dansante.”

Ron Hebert
S / V La Vie Dansante
BYC Cruise Dude



BYC Racing News and Events

We had a great turnout for the **Saint Patrick's Day Race** on March 15. What a way to kick off the club's 2008 racing season. The wind came up on queue as *Pazuzu*, *Ragtime*, *Warrior*, *Windswept* and *Valhalla* jockeyed for line position at the start and then sailed a triangular course from the Gap to the day marker on the south end of Alta Vista Reef, then to a wellhead north of the west separator platform, around the bridge outbound high range marker and home. The weather was Chamber of Commerce splendiferous and a great time enjoyed by all. Trophies were presented at the St. Patrick's Day dinner that evening to:

First Place - *Warrior*, Hal Peterson and crew,
Second Place - *Pazuzu*, Larry Haas and crew, and
Third Place - *Ragtime*, Scotty and Lewis Eisenberg.

Special thanks to Bev Bonner and Mary Herrington for race committee duty.

Our next racing event is Saturday, April 12. This is the first of three "**Top Gun**" races scheduled for Saturday mornings on April 12, June 14 and October 18. This race series is hosted by BYC and open to competitors from CCYC, MORF, PIYC and RPYC. Cruising (150) class and All-Sails class entries are welcome. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. in the BYC clubhouse with a skipper's meeting at 9:00. Races start about 9:50 a.m. and last approximately 2 hours. After each race, competitors and guests will meet at a downtown restaurant for a no-host luncheon, sea stories and camaraderie. There are no entry fees, no trophies, and no protests. These Saturday events are about fun racing followed by a friendly post-race luncheon.

As always, folks who want to crew may show up for the skipper's meeting and we'll find you a boat to sail on. This is a great way for people with little racing experience to become familiar with this wonderful sport.

I hope to see everyone there!

Jim Robertson
BYC Race Committee



WARRIOR 1st Place!!!!!!



Pazuzu 2nd Place!!!!!!



Ragtime 3rd Place !!!!!!



From the BYC Education Committee

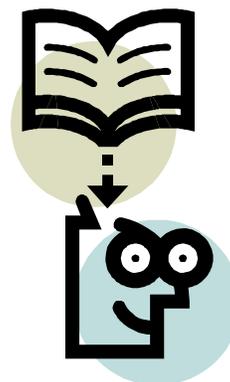
Dear BYCers,

Your BYC Education Folk want to bring you educational events that are fun, interesting and useful, that will enhance your enjoyment of your boating life. You can point us in the right directions.

Some of the ideas below will be good short programs at dinners, others will need daylight, more time, and/or outside expertise. Not all will be “big deals,” but some could be. Hopefully any of them would add value. Please put your responses in the Education Committee slot at the club. If you are a duo, send us **two** responses... everyone counts.

First, help us know where you are:

- I'm an old salt but could always use a review.
- I'm always wanting to learn more, not a beginner but not an expert either.
- Even basic topics are helpful. I want to know more.
- I would be willing to share my experiences and stories.
- I would help teach or lead an event. My name:
- (What topic (s) ? _____) My name:
- I often attend dinners
- I attend dinners when something of interest is going on
- Weekends are best for me.
- I could do something on a weeknight if necessary. My name:
- (Which nights are best? _____)



Areas in planning stages:	Gungho	So So	No Way
Man Overboard demo (by Coasties?) that we can view from the docks			
Man Overboard practice: Teams on several boats rescue cushions, fenders, hats, crew for laughs and prizes... Needs warm water and settled weather.			
First Aid afloat given by expert: Skills and supplies needed for various kinds of boating			
CPR instruction and certification			
Do-it-yourself weather forecasting when experts aren't available.			
Piloting when the GPS dies (basic or refresher)			
Nautical lingo games			
Crew Know-How			
Knots demos, practice, lore			
Anchor follies...telling our stories			
How to read the wind with all kinds of aids...nose, ears, compass, telltails, wind systems. Both racing and cruising will benefit...			
Trim better, sail faster. The finer points of sail trim and handling.			
Telling our cruising stories			
Telling our racing stories...			

Thanks for your input!
Jan Sturgis, BYC Education Committee



"WE WON"

Paul Earls, Sylvia Whitworth, Sharon Peterson, Jenny Jackson



*Cynthia, David Krause
"Dynamic Duet"*



BRENDA & CHIP
Starfish

YA KNOW "EVERY CAPN HAS AN ADMIRAL"



Forms, Forms, Forms.



"Pazuzu" is Lookin' Good!



Commodore Ed



Jim Robertson "Is it the blue one, or the white?"

BYC Calendar of Events



April 2008

5 April — BYC Dinner.

12 April — BYC Pier Party

19 April — BYC Dinner

25 April — BYC Dinner

3 April — Water Shore Advisory Meeting, 5:30 PM @ Boaters Facility
 5 April — BYC Board Meeting, 5:30 PM.
 12 April — BYC Top Gun Race
 19 April — **General Membership Meeting 6:00 PM (Followed by Dinner)**
 24-27 April — Texas International Boat Show



May 2008

3 May — BYC Mexican Dinner

9 May — BYC Mothers Day Dinner

16 May — BYC Dinner

1 May — Water Shore Advisory Meeting, 5:30 PM Boaters Facility
 3 May — BYC Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
 11 May — **Mothers Day**
 17 May — BYC Memorial Day Regatta (Open to all)
 17 May — **Armed Services Day**
 24 May — BYC Cruise — Key Allegro
 25 May — BYC Cruise — Key Allegro to Port A
 26 May — **Memorial Day (Observed)**
 26 May — BYC Cruise — Port A to BYC



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