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The Bowsprit

Commodore, Ed Bonner + Vice Commodore, Larry Haas + Rear Commodore, Walter Crawford

Commodore's Comments ... August 2008

I hope everyone fared well during the hurricane weather that made landfall in the Brownsville area a couple of weeks ago. This "non-event," as some would later refer to the effects of Hurricane Dolly in our area, was just a bit more dramatic than most had anticipated. We may have dodged the "weather bullet" this time, but I hope that we all gained a new respect for what might occur as the hurricane season unfolds in the coastal bend. "Be Prepared" is still a good motto to remember when it comes to hurricanes.

The July 12th BYC Cruise to Bahia Marina for Bastille Day provided the members with fine entertainment, fireworks and a pleasant change of pace. This event may become a regular stop on the schedule next year.

July 26th saw a 9 boat turnout for the BYC Fun Regatta. The race weather was perfect as was the multi-leg race course. Bev Bonner and Doug Weakly handled the race duties and Jim Robertson came up with some interesting BYC racing caps for the winning crews. The evening dinner / party saw a colossal turnout at the club for the tantalizing Bahamian dinner provided by Lynn and Susan Walton & Bill and Pam Carrothers. We set a new BYC record for guest introductions and garnered two new BYC applications along the way.

The August 1st, **2008 BYC Navy Regatta Registration Party** was a huge success and we must thank Phyllis Vaughn and the merry band of BYC shipmates who offered their time rearranging the furniture and providing a vast array of tasty finger food for all who attended this annual event. "A Salute to our Heroes" was the theme for this special Navy Regatta weekend that offered two days of exciting racing and a Saturday night party at the Bay Club which featured excellent food, Larry Joe Taylor music and trophies that were 3 feet high. BYC's Hal Peterson and the crew of *Warrior* deserve a well done for taking home a 2nd Place in the 150 Class at the Saturday Navy Day Race and 1st Place in the Military Challenge Cup race on Sunday.

The upcoming August 16th joint BYC – PIYC Cruise to Island Moorings has everyone excited. Ron Hebert says that he has planned another fun weekend with our sailing friends across the bay.

August 30th will see lots of race and cruise action at the annual BYC Commodores Cup Regatta and Cruise to Bahia Marina. This event provides relaxed 150 Class fun racing and cruising and combines it with a fine post race poolside dinner party. This year Bev and I will see to it that your tummies are well filled with lots of good chow beginning after Jim Robertson hands out the race trophies. Events like this can truly spice up your life; so if you're not sailing over, please consider driving over and joining your BYC family at play.

New arrivals ... Have you noticed the new furniture that has suddenly found a home at BYC? There are 3 new picnic tables assembled by Jim Whitworth, Joe Blair and Jerry Vaughn. They were completed just in time for the Navy Registration Party and received many positive comments from members and guests alike.

If you just want to "chill out" then you're going to love the new Adirondack chairs that Mark and Brenda Hiler ordered for our newly refurbished deck. Additional financial donations are needed, but we are off to a fine start.

This just in ... The BYC Board has voted to drop all fees for using the BYC board boats. If you have ever wished to try your hand at sailing a Sunfish ... now is your time.

Chip and Brenda Spence have graciously agreed to provide CPR training for BYC members. They will be setting up a schedule in the near future. With all of the recent changes in this technique can you really afford to miss this wonderful opportunity?

The Board, also, approved an Honorary Membership for Tom and Pat Arnold. Pat is a founding member of BYC and Tom has, among other things, provided over a quarter of a century of "The Year at BYC" historical comments / poems at our Annual Installation Banquets. Congratulations and sincere best wishes to each of you.

Final thought to all of you ... *"Come join us when you can and experience the new BYC in action."*

Ed Bonner, Commodore, S/V Wings

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2008 BYC ELECTION NEWS

2008 BYC Nominating Committee Members

Ed Bonner, Carla Franks, Mary Herrington, Ed Klash, Phyllis Vaughn

The Nominating Committee's nominee's names along with names offered as "write-in" candidates will be listed in the 2008 September issue of the Bowsprit.

The elections will take place during the General Membership Meeting to be held October 11, 2008 at the BYC. Election notes: Only one vote per Active BYC membership may be cast for any candidate or on any issue. No "Write-In" votes are allowed. Nominations from the floor are allowed.

October 11, 2008 BYC Schedule of Events

There will be a BYC Executive Board Meeting at 4:30PM
The 2008 BYC General Membership Meeting will begin at 6:00pm
The 2008 BYC election of officers will be held during this meeting.
There will be a dinner following this activity at 7:00pm or later.

VICE COMMODORE'S QUIPS

The July 4th at the Bay Yacht Club was a lot of fun. The weather cleared and the sunfish races were held in the early afternoon. 1st place - Kristen Ullman, 2nd - Andrew Kramer, 3rd - Jake Jacobsen. There was a large turn out for the Hot Dogs with all the trimmings. The dinner was graciously provided by the Vaughn's. We had a large group of guests in attendance. After dinner I made a burgee presentation to our newest members Bill and Jan Streep. They live in San Antonio and have a 47 foot McIntosh, at the local marina. If you have not met them, introduce yourselves and say hello. Also I want to welcome back, former members, John and Nancy Mangan. They re-applied for membership and it was happily granted. Don and Trish Lynx of Harlingen were at the club earlier in the day and didn't stay for dinner. They are new members but have not received their burgee,

Larry Haas, Vice - Commodore





BYC CRUISIN' NEWS

"Welcome to the revolution he said. With a pirates' persona; he snatched the gridiron Madonna, and the big move was called for his head."

I think my hair was on fire. With eighteen knots of wind, sunshine, and the gunnels dipping into the water; it was a ripping & roaring sail across the beautiful Corpus Christi Bay for the BYC Bastille Day Cruise to Bahia Marina at Ingleside. There we joined forces with other scallywags to celebrate a revolution. Fourteen mighty vessels of the BYC fleet made the voyage to this rendezvous; and they were: ***Brigadoon II, Cabaret, Concerto, Eau de Vie, Hail Columbia, Honky Voodoo, La Vie Dansante, Merlin, Rima, Star Gazer, Starfish, Still Dreaming, Susan II, and Wind Swept.*** Add to that, all of our *Brethren of the Coast* (PIYC) that showed up and 2 more boats of potential BYC members *KeKeLe* (Raymond & Cindy) and *Free Bird* (Ken & Carrie) it was (according to locals) the largest turn out in memory.

I'm having a thought here; so hear me out. The afore mentioned "Potential Members" have been on the fence for a couple of months now. I say we use the time honored, tried and true methods of the sailing Ship Captains of old when someone was reluctant to join their crew. That's right; let's get them really drunk then we'll Shang high them and by the time they sober up it'll be too late.

Thanks to Bill and Jan of *Merlin* who were brave enough to be the host boat on Saturday afternoon for snacks and drinks. With that large of a crowd we needed a big boat. Bill had the genset running to operate the A/C and it was nice and cool down below for touring the new boat of the fleet. A lesson was learned however, when it was noted that Jake & Jenny's dingy was tied up right inline with the exhaust water from the genset and it was filling up fast. Man the pumps! Do you have any more wine? Woman and children first! Throw Chris overboard! Save the bottle of Rum!

A BYC salute and thanks to Keith & Carol Regnier, proprietors of Bahia Marina for throwing another fantastic party. In case you didn't know, the Bastille Day celebration is just a cover story. Keith's birthday is actually the day before Bastille Day. Happy Birthday Keith! Once ashore the pot-luck dinner covered 2 tables and proved to be more than enough for the hungry peasants. There was live music, but best of all was the camaraderie and merriment. After sunset the Bastille was lit up (twice) and finally burned to the water while an excellent saxophonist played *La Marseillaise.* *Viva La Revolution! Viva La BYC!*

On Sunday morning Bob & K Jack of *Rima* hosted everyone for Breakfast Tacos and Mimosas after which it was time to drag up the ol' anchor and head for home. It was once I was back at the dock that I started hearing reports over the VHF Radio that Walter Crawford had had some type of mishap. I didn't get all of the details so I'll share with you what I have been told (and make up lies about the rest). It appears that Walt tried to kick some piece of boat hardware loose with his bare foot; causing his little toe to turn 90 deg. from the rest of his foot. All of this just so he could get Brenda Spence to play "This little piggy" with his toes. (Now I've never tried to hide the fact that I'm a strange duck; but come on Walt.) That's when all the commotion began, and by the time it was all over Walt was on the deck with Chip sitting on top of him to hold him down while Brenda pulled his toe back into some semblance of normalcy and Jake was holding Walt's tongue with a pair of rusty pliers to take his mind off the pain. A tube of super glue and some duct tape and Walt was like a new man. That's my version of the story, and I'm sticking to it.

August will be a busy month for cruising with the Navy Regatta on the 2nd & 3rd. On the 16th & 17th A joint cruise with our *Brethren of the Coast* (PIYC) to Island Moorings. And we'll finish out the month with our Labor Day Cruise / Commodore's Cup to Bahia Marina at Ingleside "*That one particular harbor*". So far we have dodged the Hurricane Bullet, so let's keep cruising with all our colors flying. Drink up me hearties; Yo-Ho.

"That's why we wander and follow La Vie Dansante."

Ron Hebert
S / V *La Vie Dansante*
BYC Cruise Dude



BYC JULY PHOTO ALBUM





Nine BYC boats turned out July 26 for the Family Fun Regatta and by all indications this event was a resounding success. The race was 11 nautical miles in length with emphasis on reaches and downwind courses, all of which were suitable for the prevailing 12 to 15 knot southeast breeze. Each boat received a 5% increase in her PHRF handicap for every family member or friend on board as crew. The incentive succeed. There were 55 participants and 71% of them were not BYC members. Hal Peterson had the greatest density of crew per foot of boat length, followed by Jerry and Phyllis Vaughn, Richard and Terry Butler, and Ed Klash.

This race had a pursuit start. The boat with the largest handicap started first followed at intervals by the remaining boats whose starting times were based on the course length and PHRF handicap compared to the first boat.

Race results:

Boat	Skipper	PHRF (After FFR Adjustment)	Type	Start Time	Finish
Warrior	Hal Peterson	190	Cal 35-II	14:12:56	1
Brigadoon II	Jim Robertson	216	Tartan 34C	14:08:07	2
Still Dreamin'	Walt Crawford	191	Cherubini 37	14:12:51	3
Starfish	Chip Spence	162	Catalina 36	14:18:19	4
Honky Voodoo	Jake Jacobsen	217	Endeavor 40	14:07:50	5
Susan II	Lynn Walton	165	Catalina 400	14:17:42	6
No ETA	Jerry Vaughn	174	Hunter 40	14:15:59	7
Eau De Vie	Richard Butler	195	Oceanus 331	14:12:04	8
Susi Q	Ed Klash	259	Catalina 27	14:00:00	9

Trophies in the form of ball caps with the BYC emblem and logo "BYC Racing" were awarded to *Warrior*, *Brigadoon* and *Still Dreamin'* at the Club dinner after the race. In addition to the "Who Finished Fastest" awards, the following honorable mentions:

To *Eau De Vie*, the "Best Dressed Crew" award. Everyone onboard sported T-shirts hand painted by Terry Butler with boat name and logo. Wow, did they look sharp!

To *Starfish*, the "All We Needed Was a Longer Race" award. She started last and steadily progressed through the fleet for a 4th place finish.

To *Brigadoon*, the "Confused Navigator" award. Her skipper (that would be me) sailed close-hauled for too long and tacked four times unnecessarily to get to a wellhead he thought was Mark 4, but wasn't.

Thanks so much to the Waltons and Carrothers for suggesting this Family Fun Regatta as a way to set the stage for the fabulous Bahamian dinner they served at the Club on Saturday evening. Thanks also to Bev Bonner for RC duties flawlessly conducted at the race start and finish.

Our next race is the Commodore's Cup in conjunction with the Club cruise to Ingleside Bay on Aug 30, Labor Day Weekend. This race will have a pursuit start at the T-Head with a finish between channel markers 43/44 near Ingleside. Trophy presentation after supper at the Bahia Marina. Notice of Race will be published by mid-August.

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Jim Robertson

MORE RACING NEWS!

NAVY DAY REGATTA AND NAVY CHALLENGE CUP



WARRIOR CREW 2ND PLACE 150 CLASS A



WARRIOR "FAMILY" 1ST PLACE 150 CLASS A

Congratulations to *Warrior*. *Warrior* placed **2nd** in the 150 Class A Fleet on the Saturday race to the NAS. Sunday, *Warrior* took **1st** Place in the Military Challenge Cup race! Congratulations to Hal and Sharon and crewmembers Lisa Kelley, Rudy Mirkovitch, Ronnie Minton, and CDR Mark Maglin.

Other racers had fun, but didn't take home a trophy:

Merlin, Bill & Jan Streep
StarFlight, Mark & Brenda Hiler
Pazuzu, Larry Haas & Martha Respondek
Still Dreamin, Walt & Judy Crawford

There were also a number of Cruisers and attendees and everyone had a great time. Cruisers were:

Hebert, Jacobsen, Walton, Spence, Whitworth, Blair, Huddleston, Smith, Armenia, Butler, Colley, Fowler, Bonner, and Klash.

Walter Crawford, Rear Commodore

BYC Calendar of Events

AUGUST

8/1/08 Navy Day Party 8/2/08 Navy Day Regatta 8/3/08 Navy Challenge Cup	8/9/08 BYC Dinner	08/16/08 BYC/PIYC Cruise to Island Moorings	08/30/08 Commodore's Cup Race /Cruise to Bahia Marina
<p>1st-BYC Navy Regatta Registration/Party at BYC 2nd- Navy Day Race/ BYC Cruise to NAS 3rd- Navy Challenge Race/Cruise to BYC 4TH—Marina Advisory Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm LS Boaters Facility 9th- BYC Board Meeting 5:30; Dinner 14th—Ship One Meeting 7:00 pm 15th- BYC Dinner 16th—Joint BYC/PIYC Cruise to Island Moorings 23rd- BYC Dinner 30th- Commodore's Cup Race and Cruise to Bahia 1st- Cruise home</p>			

SEPTEMBER

6th—BYC Board Meeting/ Dinner	13th—BYC Cruise????	20th Dingy Derby	27th—BYC Auction and Dinner
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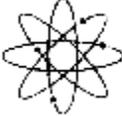

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