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The Bowsprit

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

Commodore's Comments ... September 2008

You can certainly tell when fall is about to arrive in the coastal bend. The students are repopulating the various classrooms at local schools and universities and the totally new Ice Rays franchise is hard at work spreading the good word about the upcoming hockey season. Articles and weather reports on the current tropical storm or hurricane situation everywhere abound and we are still successfully dodging the worst of what the season has to offer to date and we hope this trend will continue.

August was the busiest month to date on the 2008 BYC schedule of events what with our members being a big part of 3 cruises and 2 regattas. I hope that most of you took the opportunity to sail or drive over and participate in some of these well run fun sailing events and parties; they will be long remembered.

The BYC cruise to Island Moorings to join our PIYC neighbors across the bay, on August 16th, was another knockout event and we look forward to their joining us the first weekend in October at the BYC.

The Commodore's Cup race / cruise to Bahia Marina held over the Labor Day weekend saw wonderful weather and second helpings of Mac's BBQ for anyone who made a request. Thank you Bev, Phyllis and Mary for a job well done. And we must congratulate the racers who managed to successfully sail the proper course with only one getting temporarily lost. Perhaps the frosting on the cake, however, was the fact that much to everyones relief the predicted "mosquito hordes" never materialized.

I must apologize for missing this event as I was home in bed with a twisted wrist wrapped in iced down Ace bandages while sporting a black and blue gluteus maximus area to show for my Friday PM efforts to assist Ed Jr in moving wiring cables around in the house we are building together.

Looking ahead in September we find that we have a special opportunity to spend time catching up with old sailing friends and making new ones. It seems that the City of Corpus Christi is putting on their first ever Customer Appreciation Day party on the Lawrence Street T-Head. The scheduled date is September 13th beginning at 6:00PM. This is a golden opportunity for BYC members to get out in large numbers with name tags all polished up and wearing their BYC T-shirts with pride. Mingling with our marina friends right at our front door provides an unmatched opportunity to dazzle prospective new members with club information and enthusiasm for the new BYC lifestyle.

September 20th is a very special day at BYC and every member is invited to share in the festivities surrounding the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Martha Isbell. How marvelous it is to be able to congratulate and wish them all the happiness that they both deserve as they happily continue their travels through life together.

September 27th is the date set for our annual BYC Auction. This event pumps extra revenue into the club's treasury and provides an excellent opportunity to unload that pile of boat parts that you bought for a "bargain" price at last year's auction. So, start loading up anything from battens to batteries and paintings to peanut brittle and get set to join us for an evening of entertaining bargain hunting.

Of importance to all BYC members is the upcoming General Membership Meeting and Elections that are scheduled for October 11. This event provides politicking, surprises and apprehension for the many candidates who have agreed to run for various positions on the BYC Executive Board. We need to have everyone show up for this election to show the true will of the entire membership. So, please mark this date on your calendar and enjoy the fine meal and festivities following the announcement of the election results.

Let me leave you with a thought ... The ideals which many of us carry with us on our way through life are Truth, Goodness, and Caring. When it comes to electing someone to a leadership position, you might, also, consider that criterion to be of some value.

"Come visit when you can and share in the excitement with your BYC family"

Ed Bonner, BYC Commodore, S/V Wings

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Election of Officers for 2009

October 11 at 6:00pm

The Nominating Committee places in nomination the following names for the 2009 BYC Board of Directors who have all agreed to serve in the positions listed:

Commodore	Carla Frank
Vice Commodore	John Fowler
Rear Commodore	Harry Armenia
Secretary	Melissa Bowen
Treasurer	Bob McNeill
1 yr Director	Neil Gallagher
2 yr Director	Walt Crawford
2 yr Director	Jim Robertson

The following have been nominated by Jake Jacobsen:

Vice Commodore	Walt Crawford
Rear Commodore	John Fowler
2 yr Director	Chris Colley
2 yr Director	Harry Armenia

The following have been nominated by Chris Colley:

Commodore	Walt Crawford
Vice Commodore	Carla Frank
Rear Commodore	John Fowler
2 yr Director	Chris Colley

At the September board meeting, it was moved that all nominations for the 2009 board will be made from the floor. The motion passed. This action supersedes all above nominations and we will begin with an empty slate to be filled by nominations from the floor.

VICE COMMODORES' COMMENTS

On September 6th, I had the distinct honor of presenting burgees to three couples. John and Nancy Mangans are returning members. We are pleased at their return to our club! The new members, are Charles and Donna Gibbs and Rich and Barbara O'Brien. The O'Brien's have two children. Colin who is 13, and Molly who is 9.

There was quite a large gathering for dinner and many of the club members had a chance to meet and greet our new members. So, if you see some new faces in our midst, please say hello!

Larry Haas
Vice Commodore

WELCOME ABOARD!

BYC CRUISIN' NEWS

Trying to reason with the Hurricane season

*"Squalls out on the gulfstream, big storm coming soon.
I passed out in my hammock; God, I slept till way passed noon.
Stood up and tried to focus, I hoped I wouldn't have to look far.
Knew I could use a Bloody Mary, so I stumbled next door to the bar."*

Well as indicated in last months article, August turned out to be a very busy month for cruising. What a showing of force from the mighty BYC. Starting off the month was the annual Navy Regatta and as always the BYC put on a fine reception for the registration party. This combined with an excellent showing in the number of BYC vessels that made the sail over to NAS and members that drove over, proves that the BYC is a fine organization that supports our men and women in the service of our country. Though there weren't enough Military personnel to crew on all of the boats, the fleet had a wonderful trip just the same. Upon arrival at NAS many of us opted for rafting up which always makes for a good party. Music, swimming from and to boats, and sharing a good time with new friends and old; the best part of cruising, is making new memories. A fine dinner and excellent entertainment provided by Larry Joe Taylor to finish off the days events then back to the boats for the evening. I was fortunate enough to be rafted up with Kevin Smith of *Malabar* who happens to have Comedian, Ron White on his I-pod. Let me tell you that when you squirt wine through your nose it hurts. Speaking of Hurricanes; "Remember, it's not THAT the wind is blowing, it's WHAT the wind is blowing.

A personal note: In case some of you were not aware. Kevin "*Tater Salad*" Smith of *Malabar* is also known as Major Kevin Smith, U.S. Army. A member of the Air Calvary. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our friend (until we meet again). Kevin is being reassigned to Houston in mid October in preparation for deployment overseas, (Iraq, Afghanistan? Destination will be determined by whoever is in need of a good ass kicking at the time).

So I offer a heart felt BYC Salute and our thanks for your service to Maj. Kevin Smith. We'll see you soon.

The next event of the month was the Rendezvous with our *Brethren of the Coast* (the joint cruise with PIYC) to Island Moorings at Port Aransas. This was a HUGE turn out of like minded people. This was so big that we're going to need a bigger BBQ pit next time. Swimming, food, drinks, and good company made for a most enjoyable evening. (That is, from what I remember. I think I was suffering from a bout with Corona Influenza.) The thunderstorms came in after midnight causing quite a ruckus, especially when the marina lost power in the early morning. How many of you got pushed out of bed to go and reset the breaker? To beat the closing of the channel and to dodge more storms we decided to get while the getting was good. Look at the bright side; you didn't have to wash the boat down.

We ended up the month with the Commodores Cup / Memorial Day Cruise to Ingleside. The race results (please read Jim's article)...Thank you Jim, these race results were sponsored by (Please read the last page with advertisers.) We had a good turn out, the BBQ was excellent and the mosquitoes went somewhere else. As for the cruise...Come on guys, would it have killed you to let me know in advance that Larry Joe Taylor was playing in Port A.? Oh well, there is always next year.

Next up on the calendar, we will be entertaining our friends from PIYC on October 4th. So remember to sign up to bring a dish. Then we will be ending up the official BYC Cruise schedule on the weekend of October 25th & 26th right where it all began in Port A. with dinner at Jay's. Wow what a year this has been, and my how time flies when you're having Rum.

Drink up me Hearties Yo Ho.

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

Ron Hebert
/V *LA Vie Dansante*
BYC Cruise Dude





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Sailing with Captain Al Soldern came with a unveiling surprise. Al does not at times, use a GPS, nor a depth finder. At Ingleside Al picked up his personal seasoned navigator named Gertrude. Gertrude has a keen knowledge of the Gulf of Mexico and local waters. Gertrude guided us through the deep waters of the ships channel and shallow narrow channel waters to Island Moorings. Upon arrival into the Marina Gertrude's job was finished. She was granted permission by Al to leave ship. *Hasta la vista*.

IE: I suspect at times while not breaking any racing rules, Al utilizes the extra wind power supplied by Gertrude, to boost the speed of his boat while competing in the BYC races..... Gertrude is not for Hire!

Ed Klash



Gertrude comes aboard at Ingleside



Navigational instructions for Al



A little extra wind speed



Hasta La Vista Mate's



Commodore's Cup Regatta

Seven BYC boats braved the heat and initially questionable winds for the 2008 Commodore's Cup Regatta race across the bay on Saturday August 30. The race was 9.5 nautical miles in length from the breakwater to course marker "6" and finishing between markers "43 and "44" near Ingleside. Bev Bonner and Mary Herrington conducted the starting sequence, timing, and flags. For this point-to-point race we featured a pursuit start wherein the boat with the largest handicap started first followed at intervals by all remaining boats whose starting times were based on the course length and PHRF handicap compared to the first boat. Each boat's handicap is applied at the start of the race. Whoever finishes first is the winner.

The north wind was barely blowing during the pre-race meeting but clocked east shortly before the start. As the race progressed it increased in speed 10 to 12 knots with an occasional gust to 15. This new wind provided a beat all the way across the bay, around the turning mark and to the finish. Given the east wind and flood tide from the ship channel, every boat needed several tacks to get from the vicinity of the Ingleside high range marker to the finish line.

Prizes were awarded to *Warrior*, *Pazazu* and *Susan II* at Bahia Marina on Saturday evening before the Club dinner.

Condolences to our Rear Commodore who signed up with every intention of participating but was kept from the starting line by a cranky engine, or more precisely, one that wouldn't. Our next event is the final Top Gun race on October 4 (rescheduled from October 18.) After this Labor Day weekend, a clear, cool, dry fall day for the last Top Gun race of the year would be a real treat!!

Jim Robertson
Race Committee Chair

RACE RESULTS

Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Type	Start	Finish
Warrior	Hal Peterson	141	Cal 35-II	11:11:47	1
Pazazu	Larry Haas	168	J-24	11:07:33	2
Susan II	Lynn Walton	132	Catalina 400	11:13:12	3
Sea Flight	Mark Hiler	132	Catalina 400	11:13:12	4
Brigadoon II	Jim Robertson	180	Tartan 34C	11:05:39	5
Susi Q	Ed Klash	216	Catalina 27	11:00:00	6
Still Dreamin'	Walt Crawford	159	Cherubini 37	DNS	



WARRIOR CREW 1ST PLACE



PAZZUZU CREW 2ND PLACE

*Please join us as we celebrate
50 years of marriage for
Jim and Martha Isbell.
Saturday, September 20, 2008
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Bay Yacht Club.*



WEEKEND AT ISLAND MOORINGS



JERRY VAUGHN



RON AND JO HEBERT



JENNY JACOBSON



"K" JACK



BOB JACK



HAL AND SHARON PETERSON

BYC Calendar of Events



September 2008

6 Sept—BYC Dinner

20 Sept—Jim and Martha Isbell Anniversary Party

27 Sept- BYC Dinner/ Auction

- 1 Sept—Marine Advisory Meeting 5:30 PM L-Head Boater Facility
- 1 Sept—Labor Day
- 6 Sept —BYC Board Meeting 6:30 PM.
- 11 Sept—Ship One Meeting 7:00—8:00 PM.
- 13 Sept --Marina Tenant Party 6:00 pm
- 20 Sept- Jim and Martha Isbell 50th Anniversary
- 22 Sept—Autumn Begins
- 27 Sept—BYC Dinner followed by Auction.



October 2008

4 Oct— Top Gun Race
PIYC Cruise to BYC
Dinner

11 Oct— BYC Dinner
7:00PM Gen. Meeting
Elections

18 Oct—BYC Dinner
(Beer & Brats)

25 Oct — BYC Port “A”
Cruise

- 4 Oct—PIYC Cruise to BYC
- 4 Oct —Top Gun Race
- 6 Oct —Marine Advisory Meeting 5:30 PM L-Head Boater Facility.
- 9 Oct —Ship One Meeting 7:00—8:00 PM.
- 11 Oct—Board Meeting 4:30 PM , followed by General Membership Meeting, Followed by BYC Dinner at 7:00 PM.**
- 16, 17 & 18 Oct—Harvest Moon Regatta. (LYC)
- 25 Oct—BYC Port “A” Race



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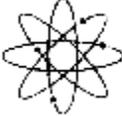

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