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Commodore's Comments ... February 2008

The month of January was filled with countless hours of Social Committee planning meetings and creating exciting race and cruise schedules. Thanks to all of you who put in so much effort during this period. Your hard work is evident in the quality of the results.

Our annual club calendar is bursting with new activities and opportunities for all enthusiastic BYC members to enjoy in 2008. This month's article will highlight several upcoming social and sailing activities in hopes of creating an understanding and appreciation of the dedication that all of our BYC Committee members have towards making our 2008 programs the finest in our area. To all of you 2008 Committee people go our sincerest thanks for stepping forward and caring to give your very best this year. For those members that are always willing to lend a hand at our events, we thank all of you as well.

BYC started-off the sailing season January 26th with the annual BYC Frost Bite Cruise to Port Aransas. The late January weather was sunny and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves all weekend. The party at Jays Seafood and Spaghetti Works was filled to overflowing with cruisers and members who drove over for the evening. Thank you, Ron Hebert, for your efforts in providing all of us with another truly memorable BYC cruising weekend.

February, has a number of events to keep everyone busy starting with the Mardi Gras dinner set for Saturday, Feb 2nd. Based upon the success of last years party, all of us can count on the Hebert's providing a great many tasty treats for our taste buds to savor.

Our annual St. Valentine's Day Social is scheduled for February 15th. A wine tasting party is planned for you and your sweetheart that you won't want to miss.

February 23rd brings yet another excellent cruise opportunity for BYC members, as we have been invited to return to PIYC and share an evening of good food and libations with our many friends at their charming clubhouse. I cannot imagine a finer way of spending a sailing oriented social weekend than the one that is planned with our gracious PIYC friends on the Island.

And the beat goes on ... These thoughtfully planned events are but a sample of those that will be taking place all year long at BYC. All of these events are designed for your enjoyment and to encourage your participation. Please come and share in the fun whenever you can. And, if you have an opportunity to bring a guest or three, please do so.

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BYC People and Events ... February 2008

The 2008 BYC installation of Officers banquet was well attended and it seemed like everyone had a grand time. Paul Earls delivered the opening prayer. He was followed by our Poetic Historian, Tom Arnold, and his always attention-grabbing annual commentary on BYC people and events.

All of the 2007 BYC Committee Chairpersons received "Certificates of Appreciation" for their outstanding efforts during the year.

The 2008 officers and directors received their specific yacht club flags, and the 2008 Committee Chairpersons were acknowledged.

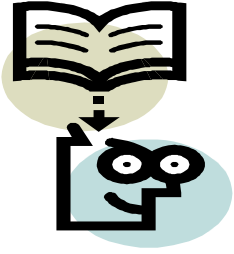
We thanked our NAS hosts for another fine meal and offered congratulations to all of the award winners and to those who attended this inspiring BYC evening.

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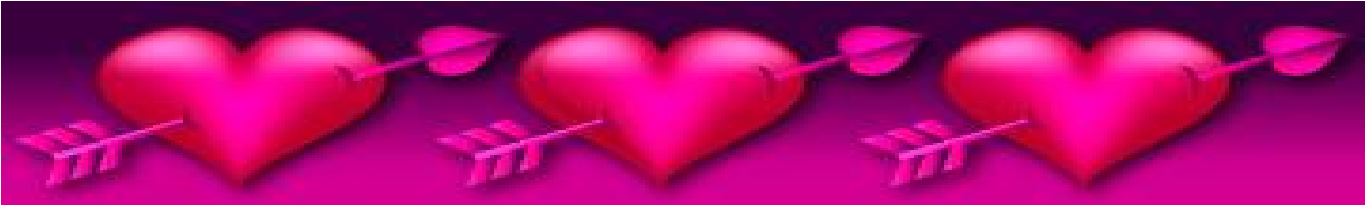
Ron Hebert received the "Cruiser of the Year" award.
The "Special Recognition & Special Service" award went to John Fowler.
The "Harkrider" award went to a totally surprised and very appreciative Ralph Bowen.
The "Young Yachtsman of the Year" trophy was won by Andrew Kramer, who has just applied for a BYC Junior Membership.
Jerry and Phyllis Vaughn won the "Commodore's" Trophy.
The BYC Racing awards for the "Top Gun" series were as follows:
The "Participation" award winners were Ed Klash (Susie Q) and Hal Peterson (Warrior).
The "Competition Champion" trophy went to Hal Peterson (Warrior).
The BYC Race Committee "Timing and Scoring" award winners were Bev Bonner and Mary Herrington.

DID YOU KNOW?



You can download and print the Port A jetty tidal charts from the BYC web site. At the BYC web site home page click on "EVENTS," select "Calendar" button, click on the month of interest button. Scroll down to the bottom of the month. Click on the "TIDAL CALENDAR" button. An AMOS tidal chart for the entire month will come up. Click the printer icon and it will print out on your printer. If you have any questions on how to read the tidal chart please ask someone at the club.

Happy Sailing,
Joe Blair



Our Valentines Day Social will be held on Saturday, February 16. It will be a combined art auction and wine tasting along with hors d'oeuvres and CHOCOLATE. If you have a piece of art you would like to donate, nautical or otherwise, please bring it to the club. More details will follow, but we wanted you to have time to think about your art collection. Maybe you'll want to get out your paintbrushes.



"Cruisin on a Sunday afternoon."

While the weather gods weren't exactly smiling upon us, at least they weren't trying to beat us up this year. But it was nothing that a watch cap and some help from the cast-iron genny couldn't cure. Besides, we were sailing to the Islands. Sounds warm to me. (Did anyone else notice that sunshine, south winds and warmer temperatures were always in the forecast for tomorrow?)

Weather aside, it was a fun filled weekend with much camaraderie and displays of boatmanship skills. There was an excellent turn out for our first cruise of the year by both land and sea. We should all be proud of the way we took over the dock at the Port Aransas Marina with all flags flying. Aarrgh, next time it will be the whole marina, followed by the whole town. *Pirates of the BYC*. (Sounds like a movie in the making; I hope we're not too late.)

The armada consisted of 10 mighty sailing vessels of the BYC that made the voyage to Port Aransas; it included: *Gray Wolf, O' Daycious, Wind Swept, No ETA, Ms. Gracie, La Vie Dansante, Eau De Vie, Honky Voodoo, Chip N Dip, and Ragtime*. I should also count *Wave Dancer* for checking in on us via a phone call from Bill and Pam Carrothers who are currently sailing in the Bahamas. (Hi Oatty.)

Special thanks to Terry and Richard Butler of *Eau De Vie* (welcome to the fleet) which was the host boat for Hors d'oeuvre and beverages. Drink up me hartties; Yo Ho!

Next, about 50 members and guest descended upon Jay's Seafood and Spaghetti Works for a most wonderful culinary experience along with more of the fellowship of mariners. We almost took that place over as well. After dinner some of the ladies were able to do some browsing at the boutique for some fancy collars for their dogs (the 4 legged ones) and try on some glittery eye shadow. As Paris Hilton would say "That's Hot." I don't know about the rest of you; but I'm looking forward to our next trip to Port A.

Speaking of which; David at the Port A Marina suggested that we make our reservations for the Memorial Day weekend ASAP, as they will be booked up soon. The current itinerary is Key Allegro on Saturday and Port A on Sunday. Historical weather for that weekend has lead me to book both nights. If you cancel 24 hours in advance there's no harm, no foul.

On Saturday at Key Allegro you have the option to Anchor out in Little Harbor or go to the marina dock. I have spoken to John at Key Allegro to let him know that we're coming. If you want to reserve a dock you will need to secure it with a credit card. You will be able to cancel with 48 hour notice.

In February we will set sail for another island where we will meet up with our Brethren of the Coast where we will be the dinner guests at the PIYC. This will be the weekend of the 23rd and is always a fun trip and I hope to see you there.

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

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



BYC Calendar of Events

February 2008

Feb 2 Mardi Gras
Dinner

Feb 8 Dinner

Feb 16 Valentine
Day Social

Feb 23/24 BYC Cruise to
PIYC



Feb 14 -
Valentine's Day!

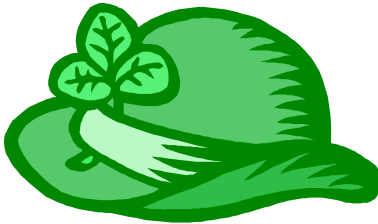
March 2008

March 1 BYC Dinner

March 7 BYC Fish Fry

March 15 St Patrick's Day
Regatta /BYC Irish Dinner

March 29/30
Crab "N" Cruise



March 17-
St Patrick's Day!

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