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The Bowsprit

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

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ... June 2008

Greetings everyone ...

The month of May saw BYC members enjoying two cruising weekends to the peaceful confines of Ingleside Cove and the Bahia Marina. Our Annual BYC Memorial Day Race became part of one of these events and was a pleasant departure for everyone. All of these activities were well attended by fun loving, party minded BYC members, and several friends from our local sailing community joined us. It was a grand month for social and sailing activities by any measure and the weather gods continued to smile on us.

June promises more sailing and social activity, however, it also ushers in the annual hurricane season for those of us living along the Gulf Coast of Texas. The past several years we have been blessed with little in the way of severe tropical storm activity. Historically speaking our most damaging local weather has occurred towards the latter part of the 6 month official hurricane season, which ends on November 30th. That said it is my firm belief that having carefully drawn-up hurricane preparedness plans that are ready for immediate implementation offers the best possibility for survival. When properly written these documents will provide additional time for dealing with home and family matters while leaving adequate time for properly securing your boat at it's mooring.

Peter Davidson and the Marina staff have drawn up a number of critically important hurricane related articles, including boat owner work sheets, which are available for downloading from the Marina website. This valuable information may be found at: www.corpuschristimarina.com. Check the right hand column under the heading of Hurricane Preparedness and be ready to be awed by the quality and number of articles and documents that are available to all boaters.

You will be pleased to learn that BYC is developing an updated and comprehensive plan to deal with our clubhouse and barge in the event a hurricane is forecast to make landfall in our area. The final draft of this document will be emailed to each BYC member and the City Marina staff.

On the lighter side ... Brenda Spence and Judy Crawford look forward to hearing from potential cooks to fill out their monthly dinner schedules. Why not contact them today and let them explain to you how this important club activity can be carried out with ease and great appreciation from all of us.

On the subject of sailing trips ... we are pleased to welcome back *Wave Dancer* and her crew to Corpus Christi. Surely they will have photos and stories to regale all of us for months. A Hearty Welcome Home, All!

Have you noticed the new paint job on the recently repaired deck yet? It has real eye appeal and soaks up far less of the sun's rays than the conventional black covering. Thanks go to Walt Crawford and all the members who successfully completed this important club project.

Next on their list is the completion of the new storm shutters. They are designed to protect our clubhouse in the event of severe weather and are an important part of our new BYC Hurricane Preparedness Plan.

Having numerous and varied activities to look forward to every month makes the time fly and our lives more exciting. Providing a helping hand to maintain our clubhouse has been added to the normal list of monthly sailing and social events this year as several of the members have expressed great enjoyment in providing permanency to our clubhouse as a member of one of the Rear Commodore's work crews. Perhaps joining one of our club's many Committees is just what other members have been yearning for, too?

Ed Bonner
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Look New Article!

BYC "SICK CALL" and "PORTS 'O CALL"

Welcome to the new BYC "SICK CALL" and "PORTS 'O CALL" section! Permission has been sanctioned by our Editor, Lisa and Commodore. I have offered to supply data as we know it and I will be depending on any information you can give me for the two categories. Here's how the two sections will work: 1. If you or someone you know in the BYC has a boat down for maintenance, repairs or experiencing any one of the multitudinous problems one can have on a boat, then please send me your information and we'll add it to the "SICK CALL" section. Once this information gets into print, we all should offer a helping hand to get that boat back on the water if possible. For example: The Vintage was down for some time due to a broken pump impeller, then the commode began backing up and it got really ugly down there and smelled like a gas chamber. THIS is the time I really could have used a good experienced sewer guy work his magic while I watched him do the work for me - no. Just kidding. 2. If you or someone you know in the BYC has a boat on the high seas, let's use the "PORTS 'O CALL" section. For example: The "PORTS 'O CALL" section could have been used during CABARET'S, SUSAN II and WAVE DANCER'S blue water adventure in paradise, and kept up with their ports of call, (as we sat in our homes burning our candles in the window with immense envy). So, let's all play our part to provide information for this cause. Please call me at 361-455-8059, or email me at Inspectorjohn44@yahoo.com for any and all information in this regard. Until then, hailing.

John Fowler, SV Vintage



BYC CRUISIN' NEWS

*"But there's this one particular harbor; so far, but yet so near.
Where I see the days as they fade away, and finally disappear."*

Another May has come and gone, but it turned out to be one heck of a cruising month. First was the "not on the cruise schedule" Bahia Hee-Hee. Wow what a party! Of course, being that I was unable to make it that weekend I can only entertain you with what I've been told about it. Let's see....Lots of boats. Good turn out. Great band. Love was in the air; or was that "Love Bugs"? Bob & K Jack of *Rima* fed the masses on Sunday morning with their "Oh so delicioso" breakfast tacos. But I think the most important thing was; lots of boats. As it was reported to me by a reliable source (that's to say, I don't ever think that I've ever seen him drunk); there were about 25 boats there and 14 were from the BYC. That's more than 50%. Of course no one provided me with the boat names to be recognized here, but you know who you are. Way to go cruisers! By the way, did anyone do anything stupid and introduced themselves using my name?

The BYC Memorial Day Cruise was a huge success. The weather was in our favor and there was no shortage of wind. The turn out of BYC member and old friends was incredible for this gathering of maritime minded people. Let me start by recognizing the mighty vessels of the BYC fleet that made the blustery voyage to Ingleside, and they are: *Brigadoon, Cabaret, Concerto, Eau de Vie, Hail Columbia, La Vie Dansante, Ms. Gracie, No ETA, Sassy Cat, Sea Breeze, Starfish, Still Dreamin, Susan II, Wind Swept, Warrior, and Valhalla.* (*Sea Breeze* is Mark & Brenda Hiler's new (to them) Catalina 40'. Welcome to the fleet.) That's 16 boats (go ahead; count them). That is the best turn out we've had this year. The most I counted in the cove was 19 boats at any given time; and when you stop to consider that John and Nancy of *Turning Point* (which was there) are past members and are most probably going to re-join the BYC, this was a showing of formidable force.

Do you recall earlier this year in my articles, I was expressing my Pirate notions of raiding and plundering a small port in order to gain more public recognition of the BYC? This is the kind of turn out we needed.

The pot-luck dinner on Saturday night was a smorgasbord to behold. Drinks all around and then to top it off we had musical entertainment provided by John and Ken. Sunday morning was greeted with a pot-luck brunch and morning beverages of the adult type. As Mrs. Cruise Dude paraphrased singer Sheryl Crow "*I like a good Mimosa buzz early in the morning.*"

The afternoon refreshments "High Tea" was hosted by Harry and Linda aboard *Cabaret* which then gave way to another wonderful evening "on the hook".

It may just be my imagination, but was there something in the water? Outboards on dinghies were dropping like flies. Then *No ETA* had engine overheating problems and had to call "Cajun Towboat U.S." I know a lot of people were swimming in the cove; what were you doing to the water? One thing that was very apparent this weekend was what I consider the biggest advantage of being a member of such a fine organization; the camaraderie and willingness to help one another. Mariners have always been willing (or required by "The Code") to help one another when in need, but it's always easier to accept that help from a friend.

Our next scheduled cruise will be June 21st & 22nd which is the Summer Solstice. We are slated to go to Shamrock Cove to anchor out. Any host boat volunteers? Next year we'll need to make the June cruise part of the National Summer Sailstice program.

On a personal note before the "Coconut Telegraph" starts to hum, the rumors are true.

The mighty *S / V La Vie Dansante* is officially up for sale. The time has come for Jo & me to arrange a few of our other ducks before we can start shopping for our next boat (One which we will christen with an easier name to pronounce). Want to buy a boat?

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

Ron Hebert
S / V La Vie Dansante
BYC Cruise Dude



TOP GUN

BAY YACHT CLUB

Memorial Day Race and Bahia Hee Hee

Eight boats from two clubs turned out on Saturday, May 17 for our Memorial Day Race and Bahia Hee-Hee Rendezvous. As usual, Bev Bonner and Mary Herrington did a great job as starting line timekeepers, horn honkers and flag wavers. The wind, on the back side of a late cold front, was questionable before the start but strengthened and settled out to provide a comfortable port tack reach all the way across the bay to the finish line near Ingleside. Many of the racers then proceeded to an anchorage in Ingleside Cove. The first three boats to cross the finish line were:

- 1st Place - Liquid Courage, Doug Weakly, MORF**
- 2nd Place - Pazuzu, Larry Haas, BYC**
- 3rd Place - Brigadoon II, Jo Ann Robertson, BYC.**

Other participants, all from BYC, were: *Susi Q*, Ed Klash; *Valhalla*, Al Sondren; *Still Dreaming*, Walt Crawford; *Susan II*, Lynn Walton; and *Sea Flight*, Mark Hyler.

The Bahia Hee Hee was great fun. I counted about 35 boats anchored in Ingleside Cove and at least 14 of them belonged to BYC members. Many other club members came to the party by land yacht. After the pot-luck dinner, we were feted with a Larry Joe Taylor concert and dancing on the marina's Old Concrete Slab Theater. Grateful appreciation to Keith & Carol Regnier, owners of the Bahia Marina, for this annual block party. Sunday morning, K and Bob Jack hosted breakfast aboard *Rima* for all the BYC boaters. Thanks guys!!

After breakfast Sunday, the Butler's in *Eau de Vie*, Knolle's in *Milky Way* (CCYC friends of mine), and Robertson's in *Brigadoon*, returned to Corpus via a navigable channel that exits the north end of La Quinta turning basin, near the bauxite pier. Directions on how to transit this alternate exit from Ingleside Cove will be posted on the club bulletin board. Once in the bay, we enjoyed a pleasant reach home against a brisk west wind. This is the only time I can remember when it was possible to cross the bay to Ingleside on one port tack and return to Corpus Christi on one starboard tack during the same weekend. And by the way, did I mention the weather was stupendous?

Our next race event is on Saturday June 14 and will be the second "Top Gun" race. This three-race series uses a high point scoring system that awards points based on a boat's corrected time finish relative to the number of boats in its class that enter the race. Series winners will be boats with the highest number of accumulated points. After Race 1, which no boats finished because of high winds, seven boats are in a tie for first place with 29.9 points each. Even if you missed (or were smart enough not to enter) Race 1, there is no reason to sit out the June race. These Saturday events, which are open to boats from all area yacht clubs and MORF, provide the opportunity for a brief morning race followed by a no host luncheon at a downtown watering hole. There are no entry fees, no trophies, no protests and no crew limit rules for cruising class boats. So come out and play!

See you on the water.

Jim Robertson
Race Committee Chair



BYC Calendar of Events

June 2008

14th — Top Gun Race/
Photo Shoot/Happy

21st— BYC Cruise to
Shamrock Cove

27th— BYC Dinner

5th — Water Shore Advisory Board
7th — BYC Board Meeting and Dinner
14th — Top Gun Race/Photo Shoot/Happy Hour
21st— BYC Cruise to Shamrock Cove
27th— BYC Dinner

July 2008

4th— 4th of July Party
and Marina Fireworks

12th—BYC Cruise to Mahia
Marina Bastille Day

19th—BYC Board
Meeting and Dinner

26th—Board Boats
and Hot Dogs

3rd— Water Shore Advisory Board
4th— 4th of July Party and Marina Fireworks
12th—BYC Cruise to Mahia Marina Bastille Day
19th—BYC Board Meeting and Dinner
26th—Board Boats and Hot Dogs



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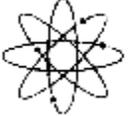

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