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The Bowsprit

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

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ... MAY 2008

April was a "BUSY" month for BYC members. Many are looking forward to taking well earned rests and enjoying less frantic meeting, social, volunteering and sailing schedules during the month of May.

The April 19, 2008 BYC General Membership Meeting (GMM) offered the usual repartee', mayhem, and laughs, while providing a generous amount of information from several of the officers and committee chairpersons. Of particular interest was a report by Rear Commodore, Walt Crawford, regarding the excellent progress that is being made in repairing our clubhouse deck. Jake Jacobsen reported that the job will be completed in another week or so and shared supervisory credit with John Stokes and Chris Colley. A big BYC thank you to all those members that have willingly tackled this vital repair project and have signed up for the ones scheduled for later in the year.

Race Chairman, Jim Robertson, and "Cruise Dude," Ron Hebert, both had lots of news regarding exciting upcoming BYC sailing events, and Jenny Jackson and Judy Crawford provided glowing reports of increased membership attendance and support for their Social and Dinner programs. The membership was reminded that occasional calendar updates, for all of our club programs, are part of life at BYC.

Membership Chairman, Larry Haas, reported that a number of new membership applications are coming in at this time and welcomed aboard new BYC members, George and Sharon Kerr.

Treasurer, Bob McNeill, assured all of us that the club treasury is not on "life support," rather it is in sound condition. He indicated that this year's proposed BYC Annual Budget is clearly capable of covering anticipated costs involved in the clubhouse related building projects as well as our normal outlays through the end of the year. The Proposed 2008 BYC Annual Budget was approved, as were the October 2007 BYC GMM minutes. "Through the travail of GMM's, we gain direction and wisdom for the future..."

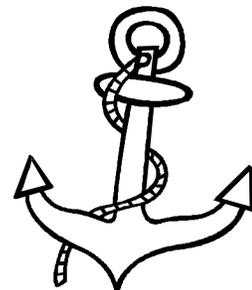
John and Cynthia Huddleston graciously provided a delicious "Pulled Pork" dinner following the meeting. My taste buds are still excited about that fantastic "Cherry Crisp" desert. Thank you both.

The Texas International Boat Show began April 24th and ran through April 27th. As greeters and ticket takers, Bev and I enjoyed meeting various government and American Bank officials, while renewing old ties with several previous BYC members and MORF racers. I believe that most of the BYC volunteers had similar positive experiences and look forward, as we do, to being part of next year's boat show. Of special note, the BYC received a Letter of Commendation from Marina Superintendent, Peter Davidson, for our fine efforts. It is a welcome addition to the proud BYC tradition of lending our support to city and marina programs of the quality of the Texas International Boat Show.

May is often referred to as the "Month of Promise." With decreasing winds and longer sunny days ahead, our Memorial Day Regatta (May 17th) and the Memorial Weekend Cruise to Ingleside Cove (May 24-26) are certain to be enthusiastically attended by eager BYC sailors. Lest we forget, one of the grandest "perks" of being a BYC member is the chance to slip into your old deck shoes and spend some meaningful time out on the Bay with your BYC friends. Wouldn't the month of May be a fine time to schedule your next sailing adventure?

Have a fine month ... See you out on the water!

Ed Bonner
Commodore
S/V Wings



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Thank You

A **big** thank you to all the boat owners who acted as hosts at the Spring Pier Party. We all appreciated the wonderful food and hospitality. The hosts were the Petersons, Franks, Colleys, Krauses, Crawfords, Spences, Blackett and Lantos, Jacks, and Butlers. Thanks again for cleaning up and showing off your wonderful boats. Jenny Jacobson



CHIP SPENCE WAS A SUPER HOST



JUDY AND WALTER GREETING GUESTS

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**Congratulations, Mr. Colley!
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your neck? Something about
the ladies room?
HMMMMM?**

BYC CRUISIN' NEWS

*“We sailed from the port of indecision; young and wild with oh so much to learn.
Days turn into years; as we try to fool our fears.
But to the port of indecision I returned.”*

All together now. Oooh. Aaah. You want how much for it?! That's just crazy!
Did you find your new boat at the Texas International Boat Show? Whether you did or not; let's get ready for some cruising fun in the sun during May. The weather has mostly cooperated with our cruising schedule this year, so hoist your colors mates and prepare to set sail (or engines).

Recently I have been asked why we didn't have a cruise in April. That's because there weren't enough weekends (so many events; so little time). However, to make up for that, we have an extra cruise opportunity in May that did not make the cruising calendar.

On May 17th there will be the annual Memorial Day Regatta; but did you know that is also the date of the *Bahia Hee-Hee*. I have spoken to Jim Robertson; and he tells me that the Regatta should be wrapped up by early afternoon. So after the race events are over why not make the slog to Ingleside for this annual event. Bring your dancing flip-flops because Larry Joe Taylor will be playing his Coastal and Western music for you to “Bust a Move” to. Not to mention that a certain member of the BYC who will remain nameless (LARRY FRANK) will be celebrating his birthday there (I think this is # 49.?). Being that by then we would have gone 6 weeks without a cruise; this would be a good tune up cruise to prepare for the following weekend which is.... **The BYC Memorial Day Cruise.**

(My, how time flies when you're having Rum.)

One of the things people like about me; is that I never complain. But I don't mind telling you that trying to set this one up has been a Bug-a-boo. “It's too far”. “It's too small”. “It's too crowded”. “Jake keeps looking at me”. “Are we there yet?” “I have to go to the bathroom.” “I'm Hungry.”

Remember that this is my first run at being the Cruise Dude, and in case you haven't noticed; indecision may or may not be my problem.

For the BYC Memorial Day cruise we will once again return to that “One particular harbor” at Ingleside on Saturday. Does anyone want to volunteer to be a host boat? Remember that being a host boat at anchor is different from when you are at a dock. When that many people get on board at one time you may have to close some sea-cocks to keep from sinking.

Next; I know that the calendar says on Sunday Port Aransas with dinner at Jay's Seafood and Spaghetti Works. **That was wishful thinking.** With it being the big holiday weekend, no restaurant is willing to reserve tables for a large crowd. I've been told “It wouldn't be fair to the other guests”, and I can see their point. It's sad enough that those poor “other guests” have chosen to go through life not knowing what it's like to be a member of The BYC.

The nice thing to remember about Bahia Marina at Ingleside is that they have a pool, a store, and shaded gathering area at the dock. AND NO CROWDS or at least the crowds are boaters (Enlightened people like ourselves.) and I can live with that. I have received many favorable responses to the suggestion of staying the second night at Ingleside and having a “Throw back shell beach party” in the form of a pot-luck on the little sand spit by the channel. We would be able to ferry land cruisers by dink and have a gathering that could be quite memorable and / or embarrassing.

In fact, if we do this right, future generations will sit upon the ground gathered around camp fires, regaling the story of the infamous BYC gathering on that tiny little island.

Little Johnny ask: “Where they able to escape from that tiny island?”

The Old Salt responds: “Aye mate. Sea turtles.”

Reminder; if you made reservations at Port A. You'll want to cancel ASAP if you are going to stay at Ingleside.

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



Ron Hebert
S / V La Vie Dansante
BYC Cruise Dude

TOP GUN

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Our April "Top Gun" race was a real blow-out.

Captains and crew from seven BYC boats were on hand at the clubhouse Saturday, April 12 for the inaugural 2008 "Top Gun" race. From the relative comfort of the dock, the weather seemed tolerable. On the water however, the strong north wind and confines of the starting area proved to be more than most of fleet could handle. Six boats decided to call it quits and head for the barn within 20 minutes or so of the start. During this time, *Susi Q* gave an excellent demonstration of her righting moment, *Ragtime* had a close encounter with the breakwater, and everyone had an exhilarating drill on right-of-way fundamentals in close quarters. Walt Crawford observed our start from the vantage of the clubhouse roof and commented that we were "Quite a sight." Congratulations to *WindSwept* for being the only boat to get out of the Gap! Larry Frank said the sail in the bay wasn't too bad, "As long as you could hang on with three hands!"

The post-race luncheon was well attended and much calmer.

Racers were *Warrior* (Peterson), *WindSwept* (Frank), *Valhalla* (Sondern), *Susi Q* (Klash), *Rima* (Jack), *Ragtime* (Eisenberg), and *Brigadoon II* (Robertson). All are in a seven way tie with 29.9 points each. The Top Gun 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 entered the race. Series winners will be boats with the highest number of points after three races. If your boat missed the first race, that is no reason to sit out the other competitions in June and October. These Saturday events 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. Guest racing speakers at lunch may be included as they become available.

Our next competition event is the Memorial Day Regatta, open not only to BYC members but also racers and cruisers from CCYC, MORF, PIYC and RYC. The Regatta is scheduled for May 17. Look for details in the Notice of Race which will be distributed to all hands in early May.

See you on the water.

Jim Robertson
Race Chairman

PORT 'A' RACE AND LADY'S RACE

The Port "A" Race and Lady's Race were held last weekend, April 36 and 27th. The annual event was hosted by the CCYC. BYC participants this year were Hal Peterson on *Warrior*, with crew members Lisa Kelley, Rudy Mirkovitch, and Ronnie Minton. Hal placed first in the 150 class. The next day, with Lisa Kelley at the helm for the Lady's Race, *Warrior* placed first in the 150 class. Boy, do they have stories to tell.....



Hal Peterson and the *Warrior* Crew



Lisa at the helm

BYC Calendar of Events

May 2008

May 9—BYC Mother's Day Dinner

May 17—BYC Memorial Day Regatta

May 24—BYC Cruise To Ingleside Cove

1st — Water Shore Advisory Board
 3rd —BYC Board Meeting and Dinner
9th— BYC Mother's Day Dinner
11th—MOTHER' DAY
 16th— BYC Dinner
 17th— BYC Memorial Day Regatta
 24th— BYC Cruise to Ingleside Cove
 26th — Memorial Day Holiday



Guys!

DO NOT FORGET MOTHER'S DAY !

June 2008

June 7th—BYC Board Meeting/Dinner

June 14th—Top Gun Race

June 21st—BYC Cruise Shamrock Cove

June 27th—BYC Dinner

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

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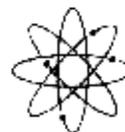
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