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The Bowsprit

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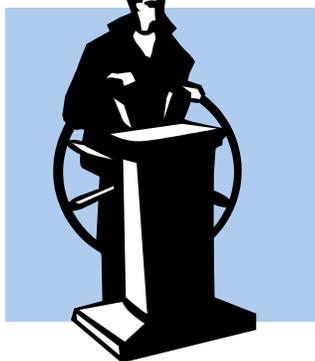
Commodore's Corner — January 2009

The best of the New Year to you and your family. 2008 was a wonderful year for the BYC. We enjoyed the camaraderie of dinners, social events, cruises, races, dock parties, impromptu parties upstairs and on the new deck, late night sails to no where and back, and Sat/Sun breakfasts. Many close friendships have begun and/or tightened over the year. The Commodore's Christmas Party was a smashing success, as was the gift exchange. The lighted boat parade was larger this year, and BYC certainly had the most lighted boats at the various docks. The Vice Commodore's New Year's Eve Party was also a great time for all, including dancing upstairs under the "glitter light ball" and the dropping of the "Ball" in N.Y. on TV. Toasts to our offshore sailing friends in other time zones occurred at 9, 10, 11 PM with the finale at midnight for toasts to each other.

As always, we have lost some members over the past year; but we have gained significantly more than we lost. D.B. and Lois Kline were awarded Life Membership; they are now part of the BYC family forever. We have a new deck, deck chairs, picnic tables, and new social area upstairs including a high-definition wide-screen TV. Our participation in Club races continues to increase, as well as participation in MORF and CCYC races, even the Harvest Moon offshore race. Participation in Club cruises has increased as well with some 20+ masts and powerboat bridges noted at Bahia this year. Our dinners and socials have challenged the concept of eating in phases as our same-time seating capacity for most events was exceeded. We had multiple candidates for each Officer and Board of Directors positions. With only a couple exceptions, the Committee Chairpersons for the upcoming year were filled by members stepping forward and saying "Pick ME!, Pick ME!". Nearly every weekend had something on the calendar for our members and friends to enjoy.

With all that said, I am deeply honored to be your Commodore for the year 2009. We have a wonderful slate of Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons, all dedicated to making 2009 the best year ever. Many of our Committees began activities during Oct/Nov/Dec to get a head start accomplishing great things this year. Our calendar is already full of events catering to the varied demands of a thriving Bay Yacht Club. Like all social clubs, this is a dynamic Club with a great legacy. Healthy change only comes from good ideas originating from long-time members and new members alike. I welcome all ideas, opinions, thoughts, suggestions, and criticism focused on improving our Club for all members, long-time and new alike – please be heard. I am dedicated to the next year being another memorable and most enjoyable year for all the BYC members, family, and friends.

BYC Commodore





CRUISIN' NOTES

*"Enduring echoes call out from his past. Time ain't for savin', no, time's not for that.
Chasin' false echoes like a lost legionnaire. He waltzes on memories while he fades like a flare."*

Happy New Years to all ships at sea, and to all ports of call.

With the 2008 cruising season (and what a year it was) in our wake, welcome to 2009, and it's time to get this new cruising year underway. Actually we've already had a good jump start to the new season with the *Voyage of Recovery* over the holiday weekend. On Friday the 3rd many of the BYC fleet set out on a beautiful sail to Port Aransas. Making the trip was: *Honky Voodoo*, *La Vie Dansante*, *Ragtime*, *Sassy Cat*, *Vintage*, and *Wave Dancer*. With *Cabaret*, and *Free Bird* in residence and *Sea Flight* making the trip on Saturday afternoon the BYC was well represented. Most all were able to pile up on the # 3 dock with all colors flying. There was merriment and boat wassailing followed by dinner in town; and a good time was had by all. However, along about 04:00 on Saturday morning things really got rowdy. While I didn't think to turn on my instruments until things were calming down, reports from Bob & K's condo on the beach said that the wind gusts were in the high 50 kt. range. By morning things had calmed down and the sun was shining, but the joyful voices on NOAA Weather Radio said that it was not going to last. Knowing when to run for home is a demonstration of good seamanship. But before we departed, we were paid a visit by the Honorable, Phil Hardburger (Mayor of San Antonio) of *M/V Aimless*. He had seen the fleet in port and was curious about Jake's Republic of Texas and Republic of Texas Navy flags. See, this is why I'm always calling for everyone to fly all colors. That's right, it draws attention to ourselves. Once out of office in 2010, Phil and his wife Linda will be returning to the cruising lifestyle, and I think they would make a good addition to the BYC (go get'em John).

The folks at NOAA had it right, and the trip home was a blustery one. You know how there is always that thing that you'll get to later on a boat. Trust me; standing on a pitching deck out in the bay, hanging on to the boom while re-installing your reefing lines can be a real workout. Always remember: "Attitude is the difference between an Ordeal and an Adventure." With that said I will declare the trip an adventure.

You remember that I said above that *Sea Flight* made the trip to Port A on Saturday afternoon. It just so happened that Mrs. Cruise Dude and I drove back to Port A for dinner that evening. We took the ferry and were the first to be loaded on. Once underway, I was talking on the phone when I looked up, and who should be happening to be crossing our bow at close range....What I wouldn't have given to be in the wheel house at that moment.

With 2009 BYC cruising season underway, our next adventure will be January 31st / February 1st for the annual Frost Bite Cruise to Port Aransas (this year due to the timing we will also consider it the Groundhog Day Cruise). I will be getting back to you with the dinner details as soon as I can convince a restaurant that they don't need any other customers that night. You may recall that last year this was quite a wing-ding with over 60 BYC members descending on Jay's Restaurant.

If last year was any indication, with record turn outs at over a dozen cruises; I'm looking forward to the 2009 BYC Cruising Season to be another year of camaraderie and adventures. 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





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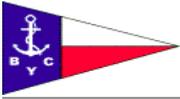
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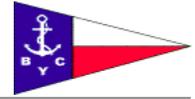
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BYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Dec 31 New Years Eve Vice Com- modore's Party	1 New Years Day Past Commo- dore's Break- fast	2 BYC Cruise to Port A	3 BYC Cruise Home
4 BYC Board Meeting 4:00 PM	5	6	7 MORF Race 5:30 PM	8 Water Shore Advisory Meet- ing 5:30PM	9	10 BYC Installa- tion Party at NAS 6:00pm
11	12	13	14 MORF Race 5:30 PM	15	16	17 MORF Annual Party Joe's Crab
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21 MORF Race 5:30 PM	22	23	24 BYC Dinner
25	26	27	28 MORF Race 5:30 PM	29	30	31 BYC Frost Bite Cruise to Port A

FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Frost Bite Cruise home	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 MORF Race 5:30 PM	5 Water Shore Advisory Meet- ing 5:30PM Boaters' Facility	6	7 BYC Pot Luck Dinner MORF Spring Series #1
8 BYC Board Mtg 4:00 PM	9	10	11 MORF Race 5:30 PM	12	13	14 Valentine Day BYC Valentines Day Social
15	16 Presidents' Day	17	18 MORF Race 5:30 PM	19	20	21 Mardi Gras Party MORF Spring Series #2
22	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday MORF Race 5:30 PM	26	27	28 BYC Cruise to PIYC

Memos

To all:

The annual MORF (Midget Ocean Racing Fleet) End of Year Party is scheduled for Sat, Jan 17 at Joe's Crab Shack in the Marina, 7 PM. (It was originally scheduled the same night as our Banquet, but they changed it to support BYC) Joe's offer a couple special meals at a subsidized price, and a cash bar.

If you would like to visit and socialize with the Corpus Christi Bay racing crews and boat owners, please plan to attend. They will be presenting awards, a slide show of the year's races, and generally having a great time.

This party is their "membership new/renewal night" as well. So if you are interested in joining, and/or renewing membership in MORF, this is the night to do so. Several MORF members are considering joining the BYC as well.

Cheers,
Walt
BYC Commodore
S/V Still Dreamin
S/V Pazuzu

Quotation Corner

They say the sea is cold, but the sea contains the hottest blood of all, and the wildest, the most urgent...~D.H. Lawrence

"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor."

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Why do we love the sea? It is because it has some power to make us think things we like to think."

~ Robert Henri

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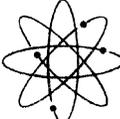
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