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## COMMODORE'S WATCH

A brand new year has begun for The Bay Yacht Club. I would like to welcome the new board members, Chris Colley, Vice Commodore, Russ York, Director 2010 – 2011 and Bill Carrothers, Director 2010 – 2011 to the board. I also want to thank the two outgoing Directors, Marry Herrington and Neil Gallagher, for their dedication and hard work.

A list of the new committee chairpersons will be coming out soon. You will notice we have several new people as committee chairpersons. Please volunteer or be willing to serve on any committee if called upon. If you cannot serve please lend your full support, remember, it takes all the members to make BYC a success.

Before the January 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting, the BYC calendar will be finalized for the year. Please mark your personal calendar for these near future events:

- The installation banquet will be next Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Naval Air Station CC, in the Officers Club. Contact Walt Crawford concerning reservations.
- The MORF Party will be held Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> for those attending.
- BYC's first Saturday Night Dinner will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM at the Club.
- Our first cruise of the year will be Saturday and Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to Port Aransas city marina. Check the website, [www.bayyachtclub.org](http://www.bayyachtclub.org) or contact Johnny Huddleston for details.

I hope everyone had a good time at the New Year's Eve Party! I want to thank all those who attended.

I want to thank all those who voted for me for your commodore for 2010. I look forward to having a successful year.

Harry J. Armenia  
Commodore  
"CABARET"  
40' Defever Passagemaker hull #3

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## Membership News

BYC welcomed three new active memberships, Bob Davis and Sue Hastings, Bob Francis, Celeste Gillies and Janet Pointer, one student membership, Kevin Dirksmeyer (not pictured) to our role during December and one provisional member Greg and Susan Istre's, January 1. This brings our Active Members to 67, Cruising Members to 4, Student Members to 4, Honorary to 2 and Lifetime Members to 3 for a total of 80 members. Bay Yacht Club also said goodbye to Jim Baker, Steve and Ann Bolin, Fernando and Mary Helen Cantu.



Bob Davis and Sue Hastings have sailed the Eastern Caribbean for three years aboard their 38' catamaran, *Texas Two Step*. They are currently "land lubbers" but want to continue the sailors life.



Bob Francis is proud to be a Corpus Christi sport fisherman aboard his boat *Belly Dancer* located on C dock, Corpus Christi.



Janet Pointer and Celeste Gillies are both Corpus Christi nurses and want to learn to sail and enjoy the community of the Bay Yacht Club.



Susan and Greg Istre are both experienced sailors on their 47' Macintosh *Solemate* located on D dock. They hail from Dallas but are looking forward to time on CC Bay.

### ***Recruit new members and earn incentives!***

Upon recruiting ONE new paid membership, the parties of the recruiting membership will receive a free dinner at BYC. Three paid memberships will entitle the parties of the recruiting membership to merchandise of their choice from Lands End. Value not to exceed \$80 total. At the conclusion of the calendar year, the member with the most paid memberships recruited (minimum of 4) will receive a haul out at the City of Corpus Christi Haul Out facility or other incentives of equal value (to be determined by the board). In the event of a tie, a name will be selected from a hat. Although an application has the requirement of TWO member sponsors, only one will be the recruiting member. The Rear Commodore must be notified by email of the fact the member has recruited a new member and the member has paid the full initiation fee and passed the 30 day provisional period. LOOK FOR STARS on the photo board in the club to see how we are doing!!

## Harbor Lights and Hot Soup

Congratulations to Bill and Jan Strep, proud owners of *Merlin*, winner of the Sailboat division (shown left), of the annual Harbor Lights Christmas Boat Parade, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Weather conditions made for perfect conditions for the annual Soup Dinner. At least thirty members enjoyed hot soups of bean, vegetable stews, chili, tortilla and other tasty assortments prior to and following the boat parade.



*Merlin*



Walt and Judy Crawford, Earnest and Gilbert Franke, Doris and Beth Franke, Chris Colley

## Commodore's Christmas Party

Over sixty members attended the annual Commodore's Christmas party, 6:30 PM, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at the BYC Clubhouse. Admission to the party was the annual and traditional toy for the "Toys for Tots" Christmas drive. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres were served followed by the annual gift exchange, providing the entertainment for the night. Each member brought a gift to be exchanged anonymously by drawn number. When a number was announced, the member holding the number could either choose an unopened gift or steal one previously opened. Nearly all the gifts were either stolen or hidden from view for most of the night. Finally, exhausted, fat, happy, full and filled with Christmas cheer members either found their way home or back to their boats for a cozy winter night.



Bruce Swart, Walt Crawford



Lynn Walton, Doug Weakly and Walt Crawford



Bill Streep

## Vice Commodore's News Eve Party



2009 Commodore Walt Crawford happily turns over the gavel to 2010 Commodore Harry Armenia



Linda Earls, Mary Herrington and Carl and Mary Jane McKay



Johnny and Cynthia Huddleston, Bill Streep

2010 was ushered in by over fifty members toasting hourly to the new year and to those members cruising abroad in different time zones, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 PM until the "wee hours" of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Members feasted on heavy Hors D'oeuvres, wine, champagne, beer and personal beverages as stories were told of the past year's events and desires revealed for new year's coming attractions. At midnight, Walter Crawford offered his final toast as the 2009 Commodore and welcomed Harry Armenia as the new 2010 Commodore as well as the other new officers and directors. Those left standing by 2:00 AM finally "gave up the ghost" and found their way back to their boats just in time to catch a quick nap before the Past Commodore's Breakfast.

## Past Commodore's Breakfast



Bright and early, at least for some, 8:30 AM, January 1<sup>st</sup>, thirteen past Commodores either attended or prepared a hearty breakfast for the prior night revelers. Coffee, eggs, bacon, pancakes, sausage and biscuits, as well as "Mimosas" help nurse back life to those needing assistance. Following the breakfast all joined in and dismantled the Club's Holiday face and stowed it back in boxes to wait for the 2010 season.

Past Commodores (back row) Walter Crawford '09, Hal Peterson '92, Larry Frank '03, Jim Whitworth '04, Jerry Vaughn '96, Jake Jacobsen '07, Andy Ficken '80, Craig Loomis '79. (front row) Joe Blair '05, '08, D.B. Kline '91, Charlene Forest '83 and Phylis Vaughn '98. (not pictured) Ed Bonner '08.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January	28	29	30 MORF Race, 5:30PM	31 New Year's Eve Vice Commodore's New Year Eve Party	1 New Year's Day Vice Commodore's New Year Eve Party UPDATED Past Commodores' Breakfast	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Officers' Installation Banquet
10 2010 Calendar Schedule Affair Board of Directors Meeting	11	12	13	14	15	16 Morf Annual Party
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr's Day	19	20	21	22	23 Club Dinner
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Cruise to Port A
31 Cruise to Port A		2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6

# PAST COMMODORE'S BREAKFAST

FIRST EVENT OF 2010



HAL PETERSON AND LARRY FRANK DISH OUT THE EGGS!



SLVIA WHITWORTH, JUDY CRAWFORD AND JOE BLAIR DISMANTLE THE 2009 TREE.



JERRY VAUHGN AND JAKE JACOBSEN WORK THE GOODS.



BRUCE AND TAMMY SWART AFTER A FINE BREAKFAST.



MELISSA BOWEN, LINDA EARLS, MARY JANE MCKAY AND A PETERSON GRANDDAUGHTER PACK THE DECORATIONS.