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COMMODORE'S WATCH

Hi Everyone!

First off I want to thank everyone for attending our semi-annual General Membership meeting. We had a full house and a very fine meal afterwards. We accomplished a lot, a couple of bylaw changes, budget for the year, audit report and starting building our nominating committee (Jim Whitworth, Jenny Jackson, Cathy Colley). I want to thank them for serving. Also, I want to thank Jim Whitworth and his crew for doing our audit and report.

We now have a date and place for our Installation Banquet. It will be January 8, 2011 at the Holiday Inn at Emerald Beach. Down the street from the club. The room has a bay view.

On the back of the Boat US magazine they have a section called where the burgee flies. We sure had our burgee flying everywhere last week. We had a good showing for the CCYC race to Port A, a bunch of cruising boats went to Ingleside cove, and your commodore was flying the burgee at the Marina dock party. We do get around. Even at our dock party we had a few "crashers", Larry and Carla Frank, Bruce and Tammy Swart, Richard Butler. Thanks for stopping by from the race. We even have pictures so there is not denying!!

It looks like May is going to be a busy month. We will have our Mothers Day Social, Wounded Warriors cruise and a Memorial Day cruise to Mud Island and beyond for some.

Again I want to thank all of those people who are volunteering to cook on Saturdays; a job well done. Check with Tammy and her committee if you want to cook and they will hold your hand.

Thanks again for supporting your club.

Harry J. Armenia
Commodore
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Membership News

Joining the BYC ranks in April were Wayne Greer and Malcolm and Jeniffer Holubec. Greer, recruited by Jim Whitworth and Larry Frank, is in the process of selecting a 28' - 32' sailboat and he looks forward to crewing on other members boats. The Holubec's, recruited by Julie Lambert, are from Alice, Texas and own *On-On*, a Hunter 45 located on D Dock. Julie and Mark Lambert currently lead the membership drive competition with two new members.

With BYC's best wishes, we said goodbye to members Kathy and Pat David, Bob Davis and Sue Hastings, David and Christine Young, Ernie Gant and Lewis and Scottie Eisenberg in April.

Other membership interests for the month of April - Tom Arnold had an emergency appendectomy and Joe Blair had minor heart surgery to repair a heart arrhythmia. Both are doing fine as of this writing. Tammy Swart on *Elan* won third in the 150 Class and Lorie Messer on *Pazuzu* won third in All Sails Class in the CCYC Ladies Race Back from Port A, Sunday, April 25.



Malcolm and Jeniffer Holubec

“Spring Fling” Wine Tasting – April 10



Murry Rhodes

What a great time! No wonder the Romans loved their wine. Fifty-two members and guests enjoyed an evening of abundant, tasty hors d'ourves, flavorful wine and education. Murry Rhodes (pictured left), wine specialist of Specs Liquors led the crowd through the tasting of six different wines, three whites, three reds, from Italy, Chile, Washington State, California and Spain. The wines were: Don Raphael "Single Vineyard" Sauvignon Blanc, Chile, 2007; Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio, Italy, 2008; Washington Hills "Paradise Peak" Late Harvest Riesling, Washington State, 2008; Monte Campo Montepulciano D'Abruzzo, Italy, 2008; Dynamite Merlot, North Coast California, 2007; and Gamacha De Fuego, Spain, 2007.

Following the evening's event, Malcolm and Jeniffer Holubec, guests of Julie Lambert joined the club and Rear Commodore Chip Spence made an announcement of Wayne Greer's membership, recruited by Larry Frank and Jim Whitworth (see *Membership News*). Other guests for the evening included those of Bruce and Tammy Swart - Bruce's brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Laura McNamara and her parents Charles and Annette McMurrey and Bruce and

Tammy's daughters Melissa and Brittney Honeycutt. Chris Colley's Dad, Don, from Canada enjoyed the festivities as well as Linda Guiffre's mother Connie, Ron and Jo Hebert's neighbors from San Antonio, Carol and Hal Smith and Jay Sacco from Austin guest of Julie Lambert.

Race #2 - April 17

By Jim Robertson – Race Committee Chair

Participants in race #2 of the Club's Saturday Series played "Dances With Raindrops" for about half the race but by good fortune the rain on the bay was generally where the racers weren't. Winds were consistently out of the SSE; eight knots when the race started and building to 15 knots as the afternoon progressed.

For this race we were joined by two new entries; *Tom Kat* skippered by Tom Kane and *Agape* skippered by Greg Turman. There are now eleven competitors entered in the 2010 BYC Saturday Series.

Brigadoon took an early lead, to be passed by *Tom Kat* between marks 3 and 4 and by *Warrior* on the run from mark 4 to the finish. Final top three positions were *Tom Kat*, *Warrior* and *Brigadoon*. After two races, *Warrior* is in first place with 14 out of a possible 17 points, *Élan* is in second place with 11 points and *Red* in third with 9 points. Boats must compete in four of the eight races to qualify for inclusion in the series results.

Next races are May 8 and May 22. Sign-up and skippers meeting at 1030 hrs with the first boat starting at noon. These races feature pursuit starts wherein the boat with the greatest time on distance handicap starts first, followed by the boat with the next highest handicap, and so on. Time differentials between the start time of the first boat and all pursuing boats are based on each boat's handicap and the length of the course. For the next race, we adjust each boat's handicap based on her finish time relative to the third place finisher. Insofar as practicable, this handicap adjustment incrementally factors out the performance differences of our diverse fleet of boats and provides each competitor an opportunity to win the series. Participation is an excellent way to grow your sailing experience while having fun. What could be better? See you on the water.

“Sharing the Water Ways” - April 17

"Even if you're right, you still lose" was John A. Rooney's theme for his presentation of "sharing the waterways" to a crowd of over twenty BYC members, Saturday, 5:00 PM, April 17 at the BYC clubhouse. Rooney of [Brown Water Marine Service](#), a provider of tugboat services, emphasized that a vessel may have the right of way when it comes to a barge but because of limited maneuverability the barge will have the final say as to the outcome of the encounter. Rooney emphasized communication, on VHF channel 13, good visibility, stay out of the barge's blind spot, and good lighting at night, were the best methods in dealing with tugboat and barge traffic.

Rooney concluded the meeting with "Overnight Rooms For Sale Plus Sally" for the rules of the "road" - meaning the order of "right of way". Overtaking - Not in Command - Restricted - Fishing - Power - Sailboats - Seaplanes have the right away in a question of meeting. Rooney is also a member of the [American Waterways Operators Association](#).



John Rooney of Brown Water Marine

Spring General Membership Meeting – April 17

A quorum was certainly present this past Saturday, April 17 at the BYC clubhouse for the Spring General Membership Meeting with over forty-five memberships present. Commodore Harry Armenia led the crowd through the club's business that included the 2009 Audit report by Mark Hiler, a presentation of the the 2010 Operating Budget and current financial numbers by Treasurer Jo Ann Robertson, the Vice Commodore's Report by Chris Colley and the Membership Report by Rear Commodore Chip Spence. Under new business, Chairman of the Bylaw Committee, Larry Frank presented proposed revisions concerning membership classes and the Board's authority for membership drives while Commodore Armenia concluded the meeting by conducting Nominating Committee elections.



Chip Spence, Chris Colley, Jo Ann Robertson, Harry Armenia, Jerry Vaughn

Treasurer, Jo Ann Robertson, reported the club was doing fine financially and was within the current 2010 Budget numbers. She explained this 2010's budget was the start of a learning process due to the recent change to accrual accounting and the new system of committee budgeting. After her report, the 2010 Operating Budget was approved without dissent by the membership.

In Chris Colley's, Vice Commodore Report, he told of the current condition of the barge and clubhouse. He explained two new air conditioners have been installed, resulting in utility expense savings, as well as a new ice machine for club use. He also emphasized voluntary club participation to complete the needed and budgeted work for the club's facilities. He concluded his report by saying the barge fund must be used in order to maintain the ongoing needed maintenance of the facilities.

In the Rear Commodore Report, Chip Spence presented the membership with a draft BYC promotional flyer to be displayed in the marina office to attract potential members. He also explained a new ongoing working relationship with Corpus Christi Yachting Center and BYC whereas both parties promote each other's services to novice sailors. In conclusion, Spence emphasized the need for new members and the cooperation of all in promotion of the club.

Larry Frank, Chairman of the Bylaw Committee, presented, at the boards request, two proposed revisions to the October 2009 Bylaws. The first revision created a new class of membership for out of state applicants interested in club membership. This membership class would be for a maximum of six months at the current initiation fee and for one half of the membership fee billed monthly. An amendment was proposed and defeated as to the length and cost of this type of membership while the original revision motion passed with four dissenting votes. The second proposed revision gave the Board the authority to determine the timely parameters of membership drives without first seeking general membership approval. This motion passed without objection and little discussion.



Larry Frank

The final act of the Spring General Meeting, led by Commodore Harry Armenia was the election of three Active members from the General Membership to the Nominating Committee as required by the October 2009 Revised Bylaws. Nominees included Cathy Colley, Lisa Kelley, Jenny Jackson, Jim Whitworth and Larry Frank. Frank declined the nomination and asked to be excused from the process. Colley, Jackson and Whitworth were elected with the most votes and will join two Board appointees, not yet made, in the process of selecting the 2011 candidates for officers and two directors. These candidates will be presented for election during the Fall General Meeting held 4:00 PM, October 2, 2010.

“Hombres” Dinner – April 17



Richard Durham

Arriba! Arriba! What a great Mexican dinner prepared by Walt and Judy Crawford, Julie Lambert and new members Malcolm and Jeniffer Holubec. Nearly sixty members and guests enjoyed fajita tacos, rice, beans and all the sides following the Spring General Membership meeting this past Saturday, April 17th, 7:00 PM.

After the meal Richard Durham, instigator and promoter of the July 1 - 5, [Sail South Texas 2010 Festival of Sailing, History and Independence](#), explained to the crowd the participates and plans for the upcoming event to be held at the old Naval base in Ingleside. Durham said three international tall ships, *Esmeralda* of Chile, the *Cuahtemoc* of Mexico and the *Capitan Miranda* of Uruguay as well as the USCG *Eagle* will participate in this first time multiple "sail in" event.

Rear Commodore, Chip Spence, Captain Cruise Coordinator, Johnny Huddleston and Lisa Kelley are all working together to "dove tail" BYC participation into the event. Stay tuned.

“Cheeseburger in Paradise”, Cruise to Ingleside – April 24 - 25

By Johnny Huddleston – Cruise Captain Coordinator

The planned destination to Port A was changed since there was a scheduling conflict with a CCYC Race event. I changed the destination to Ingleside since a place to gather for a cookout was available at the Bahia Marina Store area.

The weather forecast was not favorable at the beginning of the week but I never believe a forecast more than three days out that is suspect this time of year. The sail over was a mixture of light to moderate winds. One could easily say variable in direction as well. *Hail Columbia* was the first to arrive and elected to tie up along side the Bahia store. *Concerto* arrived first in the anchorage. It did not take long for eight more BYC boats to anchor with *Vahalla* securing a slip in the marina. Other boats to make the cruise: *Kerry Ann*, *Tally-Ho*, *NoETA*, *Adagio*, *SeaFlight*, *Starfish*, *Tempest* and *Honky Voodoo*.



Cynthia and I brought Angus burgers for thirty six so we were well covered as Jake Jacobsen counted twenty eight folks for dinner. Jim and Sylvia Whitworth brought the “fixins”. Brenda Hiler brought some “way too good deviled eggs”. The Yorks brought some tasty cupcakes and the Spence's brought great potato salad that was “mighty good”. A good thing Chris and Cathy Colley drove over since we had forgotten plates so a quick

call solved that dilemma. The plan was to offer “fixins” for a “Cheeseburger in Paradise” so I had to bring Heinze 57. Several questioned the use of the sauce. The recipe for the cheeseburger is in the Buffet song. Thought everyone knew the words. We did forget the Kosher dill pickles aboard *Concerto*. I must say I have never cooked thirty six burgers on a grill. As usual it must have gone well since little food was left. Maybe it is due to the hearty appetites of the BYC bunch. Most folks began to depart for their boats before sunset.

Great evening with a “waxing gibbous moon” overnight. The anchorage was cool with the breeze freshening around 0200. All boats left early to avoid the closing of the Gap at the CC marina for the power boat races. Mostly a motor sail back with light, fluky winds. By the time *Concerto* reached the Gap the wind had died.

Get ready for two cruises next month. The first, “Wounded Warrior Day Sail” Saturday May 15, where BYC member boats will take recent recovering war veterans on a sail around the CC bay. Following the sail, participants will meet in the BYC club for a meal together to show our appreciation for the veterans service. The second cruise is our regular monthly scheduled cruise, May 29 – 30. It will be a return to Mud Island for Memorial Day weekend. Please stay tuned to the [BYC Website 2010 Cruising Forum](#) for updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CC Marina Boat Show Cruise to Ingleside Bay & Marina CCYC Port A Regatta	May		2 MORF Race, 6:00 PM			1 RYC Nautical Flea Market Club Dinner 7:00 PM RSVP
2 RYC Nautical Flea Market	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo MORF Race, 6:00 PM	6	7 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 PM	8 RYC Two-Handed Tour of the Bay BYC Joe's Crab Shack Series #3 Race Mother's Day Social 7:00 PM RSVP
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12 CCYC Melges 24 Regatta MORF Race, 6:00 PM	13 CCYC Melges 24 Regatta	14 CCYC Melges 24 Regatta	15 CCYC Melges 24 Regatta BYC Wounded Warrior Day Sail Club Dinner for the Warriors 7:00 PM RSVP
16	17	18	19 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	20	21	22 BYC Joe's Crab Shack Series #4 Race Club Dinner 7:00 PM RSVP
23 MORF Crew Regatta Race	24	25	26 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	27	28	29 John F. Kennedy's Birthday Club 3 Day Cruise Mud Island - Rock Port Marina
30 Club 3 Day Cruise Mud Island - Rock Port Marina	31 Memorial Day Club 3 Day Cruise Mud Island - Rock Port Marina Club Cruise Extended to South Padre Island		MORF Race, 6:00 PM			CCYC TSA Youth Regatta Sunfish Training & Checkout Sail BYC Pier Party

