

THE BOWSPRIT

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COMMODORE'S WATCH

I want to thank everyone for turning out for all the club functions. That is what makes people want to stay and join, is seeing an active club. I also want to thank all the cooks who have and any future cooks for their efforts on Saturday. It means a lot for the club.

Last month we had our annual fish fry for Lent and our St. Patrick's Day social, great turn out. Our cruise this month to Flato cut did not turn out as planned. Linda (Mrs Commodore) and her mother were here and like all of us we cruised the dock. The weather did not turn out but that is boating. Maybe Johnny will reschedule?

Jim had our first race of the year so our racing schedule is kicking in and Jim had a great turn out also.

I also noticed on our website that we have a Facebook account. Bill just keeps on surprising us!! Keep on looking at the site because that is where all the most up to day information will be.

The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 6:00pm. Please be on time because I am going to start the meeting on time so we can finish by 7:00. We have a couple of items on the agenda (will send a complete one out before hand) as per the by-laws the general membership must elect 3 members of the nominating committee in the April meeting.

1. Nominations will be taken from the floor.
2. Memberships may vote for three different nominees, one vote per nominee per membership.
3. The three Nominees receiving the highest vote totals will be selected.

Please be thinking of your nominees so this will not take up to much time.

We have two proposed by-laws changes. They will be sent to the membership the week of the meeting by a memberblast so that the membership can read them before the meeting.

During our dinner portion of the meeting Lisa has scheduled Richard Durham to talk about the tall ships that are coming to Corpus Christi. This is the time that he has available.

Thank you all.

Harry J. Armenia
Commodore

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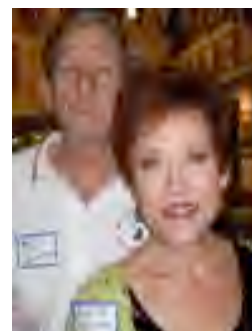
Membership News

During the month of March, BYC gained one new member, recruited by Julie and Mark Lambert. They are Dean and Aleta Dominique. Their boat is *Adagio*, a 1981 46' CC Irwin Ketch located on the end of D Dock. Dean and Aleta graciously volunteered their boat as the "host boat" for this month's ill fated Flato Cut Cruise. How about April's 24 - 25 cruise to Port A?

Also in March - Lynn and Susan Walton move to Foley, Alabama while David and Cynthia Krause left our ranks to enjoy other horizons. BYC wishes them all, the best of luck. Vice Commodore, Chris Colley had successful heart by-pass surgery and thankfully, is back to his old self tending to his club duties.

There is a three way tie for the new membership recruiting contest with one new member apiece by Julie and Mark Lambert, Jan and Bill Streep and Kerry and Kevin Kaldenbach.

April 17th, Saturday, 6:00 PM will be the semi-annual Spring General Membership meeting held at the BYC clubhouse. Just of few of the items on the agenda will be the presentation of the 2009 operating numbers and certification by the 2010 Audit Committee, presentation and vote on the proposed 2010 Operating Budget, election of three Active members from the general membership to serve on the 2010 Nominating Committee and proposed revisions to the current Bylaws. Be sure and attend and make your voice heard with your vote.



Dean and Aleta
Dominique

Annual Fish Fry – March 6



Nellie and Gene Grunder

Fantastic! Sixty six served - Sixty three RSVP. Good time had by all. Fried food extravaganza, fish, hush puppies and potatoes. Cole slaw and brownies cake, too!

This event started eight years ago, originally on Friday, as a celebration of Lent. Lisa Kelley was added this year to take charge of desserts.

Attending as guests of Jim and Martha Isbell were former members Nellie and Gene Grunder. Also, attending as guests were Chief Steve from the Yachting Center of Corpus Christi and Monte Reitz, fellow sailing mate of Doug Weakly.



Hal Peterson, Jerry Vaughn and Jim Baldwin

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner – March 13



Just too beautiful of a spring break weekend for everybody to turn out for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner! Thirty seven of the thirty nine RSVP showed up, as well as six guests, to enjoy the corned beef and cabbage, green beer, Irish coffee and creme de mint ice cream.

Rear Commodore Chip Spence introduced two perspective members, Dean and Aleta Dominique, (see Membership News), owners of *Adagio* on D dock to the group. Also, attending as guests were Jeniffer and Malcolf Holubec and Mike and Marilyn Myers.

Left, Harry Armenia accepts the Fairhope (Alabama) Yacht Club Burgee from Pam Carrothers. This burgee was a friend of a friends and given in the hope in would expand Fairhope's horizons.

Flato Cut Cruise – March 20 -21

by Cruise Captain Coordinator Johnny Huddleston

The 2010 Cruising season has turned out to be not so hospitable. Our scheduled BYC Cruise to Flato Cut was postponed due to weather. I watched the weather forecast during the week on several sites looking for signs of a moderate forecast. Cynthia, our granddaughters and I anchored out at Flato the previous weekend and conditions, a bit chilly. As Thursday approached, I determined it would be a "nogo" for *Concerto*. I had several emails from folks that had determined it not the weekend for them either. The forecast was for windy conditions 25/30 with Sunday morning temps in the hi 30s low 40s, windy conditions from the NNW and some rain. The forecast turned out to be accurate. *Adagio* volunteered to be the host boat if the cruise went on as planned. In fact, Dean Dominique/*Adagio* said later he was hopeful that the cruise was cancelled. I did not officially cancel the cruise since I am of the opinion each Captain and their Admiral's determine a cancellation.

Since a Cruise was planned, I put out a BYC membersblast to notify those interested that we could have a potluck dinner at the club. After several memberblasts from me the plan was in order. Twenty four members showed up for a pot luck. Cynthia and I made a batch of Gumbo with several additional great dishes from other members. As usual BYCers had a good feed. All voiced their approval of the postponement of the Cruise.

This is an early notice for the April 24 upcoming Cruise. It may be in combination with a MORF event. I am working on the details for dinner. Since this could be combined with MORF things are a bit more complex.

Just a notice to get things in order. Spring is hopefully just around the corner. I am working on getting another Flato Cut rescheduled, by "Popular Demand". Let's make this another "Fun" cruising year.



Terry Butler, Johnny Huddleston, Lisa Kelley and Sharon Peterson attend the Flato Cut Cruise Potluck.

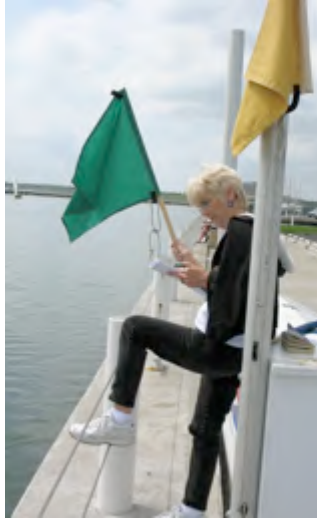


Saturday Series Race #1 Sponsored by Joe's Crab Shack – March 27

by Jim Robertson Race Director



Warrior pulls away from Adagio.



Mary Herrington starting race official.



Kerry Ann finds her way to the finish ahead of Adagio.

Nine boats participated in the Club's first Saturday Series Race of 2010 on March 27st. Winds were fluky and very light from the west at noon when *Kerry Ann*, skippered by Kevin Kaldenbach, started followed by the other boats in a "pursuit start" succession according to handicap. Mary Herrington conducted the start sequence and recorded finish times of each competitor.

As boats rounded the first mark, what little wind there was decreased and began to back from west to east-north-east, trapping early starting boats in a wind hole that later starters then sailed into. This clustered the fleet and eliminated any benefit boats might have potentially realized with the pursuit start. When the wind eventually determined which direction to blow from, it gave everyone a good beat to the second mark followed by a wing-on-wing run to the Gap and finish.

First, second and third place honors went to Phil Davis and the crew of *Red*, David Taylor and crew of *Irie* and Hal Peterson and crew of *Warrior*. Other participating boats were: *Elan* - Bruce Swart, Captain; *Pazuzu* – Larry Haas, Captain; *Wind Swept* – Larry Frank, Captain; *Kerry Ann* - Kevin Kaldenbach, Captain; *Adagio* – Dean Dominique; Captain and *Brigadoon II* – Jim Robertson, Captain.

All in all, it was a delightful spring day to be on the water. Next race is scheduled for April 17.

Race Dinner – March 27

by Russell York

As a fitting end to a hard day of racing in the first of this year's Joe's Crab Shack regatta series, some 60+ members and guests retired to the clubhouse for a toothsome Santa Maria barbeque. Although the rolling hills around Santa Maria, CA were missing as well as the whispering red oaks, the tri-tip was well seared, the grits cheesy and creamy and the banana-cherry pie with real whipped cream delicious. The cooks send a special thanks to the members for their attendance and timely response to the invitation. It's always a challenge, but also a pleasure to cook for this crowd.

The club is always happy to entertain guests of our members, and we hope to see some if not all as new members in the future. Guests in attendance were: Katy Long and Michael Amolsch guests of Mary Lee and Russ York; Nick Childs guest of Aleta and Dean Dominique; Carl and Marisa Travis guests of Kerry and Kevin Kaldenbach; Charlie and Martha Long guests of Jo Ann and Jim Robertson; Tom Respondek guest and cousin of Martha Respondek; Leslie Peart, a past member of 1976 vintage and the club's first historian and poet is pictured right, center, with Martha Respondek and Tom Arnold our current poet laureate.



Remember, support your club. Come to dinner! Don't forget the next Social Dinner will be Saturday, April 10th for the "[Spring Fling](#)" Wine Tasting, sponsored by Specs Liquor, 7:00PM at the BYC clubhouse. Be sure and RSVP social@bayyachtclub.

Don't Forget - General Membership Meeting April 17th , 6:00 PM

Annual Fish Fry

D.B. AND LOIS KLINE



MARCH 6 - ANNUAL PETERSON-VALIGHN -KELLEY FISH FRY. SIXTY THREE MEMBERS ATTENDED. THIS EVENT STARTED EIGHT YEARS AGO, ORIGINALLY ON A FRIDAY,



THE REAL COOKS - PHYLLIS VAUGHN, SHARON PETERSON AND LISA KELLEY.



CHEF STEVE FROM THE YACHT CENTER OF CORPUS CHRISTI



MONTE REITZ, RACE SAILING BUDDY OF DOUG WEAKLY



MARY JANE MCKAY AND BETH FRANKE

Come Celebrate St. Patrick's Day



**MARCH 13, 37
ATTENDEES,
SIX GUESTS.
COOKS BILL
CARROTHERS
AND CATHY
COLLEY.**

*Saturday March 13th BYC Clubhouse
Happy Hour: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM*

Corn Beef and Cabbage, Pumpernickle Bread and Butter, Cake and Irish Coffee

RSVP: Social@bayyachtclub.org. Required for attend

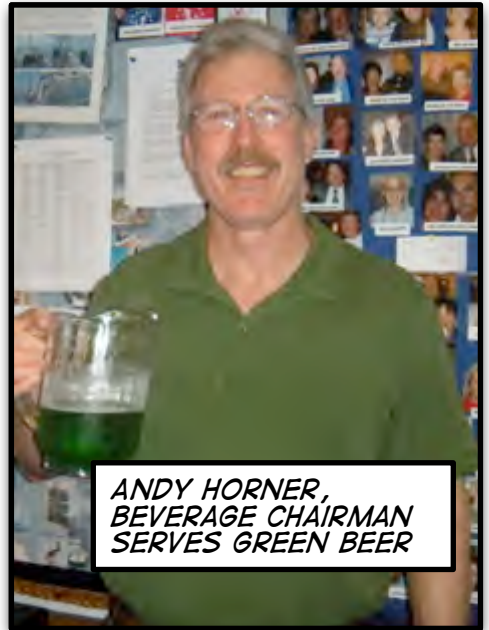


**LINDA EARLS,
SHARON
PETERSON AND
MARTHA ISBELL**

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



TOM AND TONI KANE



**ANDY HORNER,
BEVERAGE CHAIRMAN
SERVES GREEN BEER**



**GUESTS MARILYN AND
MIKE MYERS**



**PERSPECTIVE NEW
MEMBERS - DEAN
AND ALETA**



**GUESTS - MOLCOLF
AND JENIFFER
HOLLIBEC**



**NINE BOATS
COMPETED MARCH 27
- WINNER = RED, PHIL
DAVIS**



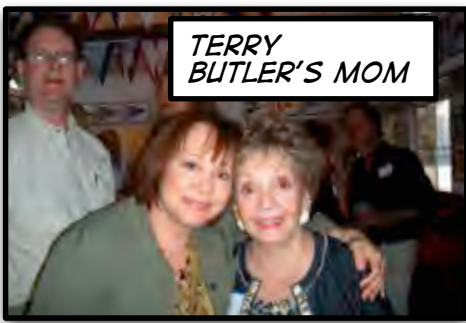
**CREW OF PAZUZU AND
THAT OF WINDSWEPT
DRIFT IN A BATTLE TO
THE FINISH LINE.**

Sunday Series Race #1



**JACQUE HAMILTON
ASSISTS BRUCE
SWART ABOARD ELAN.**





TERRY BUTLER'S MOM



MARTHA & JIM ISBELL



MICHAEL AMOLSCH, YORK'S GRANDSON



MARISSA, TRAVIS AND CARL -KALDENBACH'S KERRY ANN'S CREW



CHARLIE AND MARTHA LONG ROBERTSON'S



LARRY HAAS, TOM RESPONDEK, MARTHA'S BROTHER



JIM ROBERTSON ANNOUNCES THE RACE WINNERS

Race #1 Dinner



KATIE LONG, RUSS AND MARY LEE YORK'S DAUGHTER, HELPED WITH THE MEAL.



MARY LEE AND RUSS YORK - COOKS FOR THE EVENING. SIXTY PLUS MEMBERS AND GUEST ATTENDED.

You're invited to dinner at The Bay Yacht Club on Saturday, March 27

Cocktails are at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m.

York's are cooking, the menu is as follows

Hors D'Oeuvres
 Mexican Spinach Dip
 Grilled BBQ Venison Sausage Bites
 Spicy Pretzels

Dinner
 Santa Maria BBQ
 Cheesy Jalapeno Grits
 Romaine w/Blue Cheese

Dessert
 Cherry Banana Pie

Please email your RSVP to dinner@bayyachtclub.org

