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COMMODORE'S WATCH

We have begun another active year at the Bay Yacht Club. We have many things planned so keep an eye on the website calendar, <http://www.bayyachtclub.org/apps/calendar/>.

Our installation banquet was a great success, with over 60 people attending. Thank you, Walt and Judy (mainly Judy). Many awards were given out and congratulations to everyone who received an award. Outstanding job!

Our first dinner was also attended by more than 60 people. Another great turnout. Thank you, Tammy and dinner crew. We are trying something new this year for dinners and social functions. We are requesting RSVP's. This way, we will get a closer count on attendance so the cooks will know how much to prepare and not waste time or money. Please plan accordingly and even at the last minute, you may call the club the day of the function at 361-884-8310 or any member of the dinner or social committee.

Johnny did a great job with the Frostbite cruise. It definitely lived up to its name. We had 16 boats travel from Corpus Christi and one boat already there (who could that be??) I think we had around 55 people for dinner.

Keep watching www.bayyachtclub.org and e-mails.

Harry J. Armenia

Linda Guiffre

"CABARET"

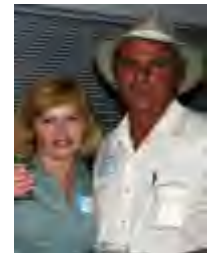
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Membership News

BYC welcomed one new membership to our ranks during January, Debra and Bud O'Brien, pictured right, from Beeville, Texas. They are new to our sailing area and would love to crew to gain local experience. They were recruited by Kerrie and Kevin Kaldenbach.



Scottie and Lewis Eisenberg moved from Corpus Christi to Florida this last month. Let's wish them fair winds and following seas in the future.

It is a "dead heat" in the recruiting race with Jan and Bill Streep, Kerrie and Kevin Kaldenbach both tied with one membership apiece. Don't forget, at the end of the year, the member with the most recruited memberships will win a haul out or a donated boat survey from Dick Frenzel of Dixieland Marine or another prize of equal value, winners choice.

2010 EDUCATION PROGRAM

by Lynn Walton, Education Chairperson

This year's four part education series will begin **Feb 20th, 5 PM** on the dinghy dock next to the club, as Jake Jacobson demonstrates ways to dock and depart from a dock in different wind and current conditions. For a preview, please view the US Sailing animations at <http://www.bayyachtclub.org/funny.htm> prior to Jake's live demonstrations using Honky Voodoo on the dinghy dock. Programs this year, to allow for easier access, are starting at 5PM on Saturday before the evening's meal happy hour at 6. This will be a dynamite program, don't miss it!

Remaining series will be in April/May - Celestial Navigation, Kevin Kaldenbach, Jr., July/Aug - Knot Tying, Walt Crawford and Sept/Oct - CPR and First Aid while on Board, Chip and Brenda Spence. Programs are subject to change due to the availability of speakers.

As an administrative note, Kevin Kaldenbach has been appointed by Commodore Harry Armenia, and he will take over my duties if/when Susan and I move to Alabama.

Bay Yacht Club

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Officer's Installation Banquet

You really can't believe how well sailors clean up and look when they have a fancy function. That was the case this past January 9th, for the 2010 Installation Banquet held at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. Sixty members found their way in from the cold to partake in a wonderful meal of beef, fish, salad, broccoli, pasta and potatoes followed by either a fruit or chocolate dessert.

After the meal, Tom Arnold gave his traditional, for the twentieth time in as many years, recap poem of the year. Be assured, he pulled no "punches" in his verse of events. Following Arnold's presentation, 2009 Commodore Walt Crawford presented a memorial plaque, to be hung in a place of recognition within the BYC Clubhouse, to Chris McNeill and Kathleen McNeill Murch recognizing their parent's contribution, Jo Ann and Bob McNeill for more than twenty years of service to the Bay Yacht Club. Commodore Crawford also gave Outstanding Service Awards to the Officers and Committee Chairpersons for the 2009 year as well as the Terry T. Harkrider Award to Jerry Vaughn and the Commodore's Trophy to Bill Carrothers. Harry Armenia, 2009 Vice Commodore presented the Young Yachtsman of the Year Award to Megan Gallagher, daughter of Neil and Teresa Gallagher. Later, Dinner Chairperson, Cynthia Huddleston presented Mary Lee and Russ York "Cook of the Year" Award. Cruising Director, Cruise "Dude" Ron Hebert gave the "Cruiser of the Year" Award to Cynthia and Johnny Huddleston.

Following the award presentations, Commodore Crawford gave the oath of office to Harry Armenia 2010 Commodore. Commodore Armenia in turn presented Commodore Crawford, a token of appreciation from the board and members, an antique brass weather barometer. Commodore Armenia then swore in the new board and with a rounding sound of applause told everyone to have a good time. The evening concluded with an invitation to dance with Padre Island Yacht Club members at their annual function in the next room.



2010 Commodore Harry Armenia gives the oath of office to Walt Crawford - Past Commodore, Jo Ann Robertson - Treasurer, Russ York - Director, Chip Spence - Rear Commodore, Chris Colley - Vice Commodore, Jim Robertson - Director, Bill Carrothers - Director. Jerry Vaughn - Secretary and Dick Frenzel - Director were not able to attend the event and are not pictured.

First Club Dinner of the Year an Outstanding Success

With only 37 RSVP, 2008 Cooks of the Year, Cynthia and Johnny Huddleston ended up feeding 62 members and guests for the first club dinner of 2010, Saturday, January 23rd. Good thing the Huddleston's had gained the experience in crowd feeding during 2008. Their meal consisted of 25 lbs. of pork loin, 4 large beer butt chickens, 20 lbs. of Cynthia's special potatoes, a large garden salad, whole wheat rolls and 2 large cherry crisp desserts. The Huddleston's would like to thank Terry Butler and Cathy Colley for help in serving the meal, Tammy Swart for collecting donations and Judy Crawford for help in cleaning up after the meal.

Remember shipmates, these meals are a voluntary effort to raise money for the club's general operating fund. For them to be truly successful and as a courtesy to the cooks, please RSVP your attendance. If you are not sure you may attend but at the last minute do so, please be willing to go to the back of the line and let those who have RSVP go first. The cooks will be serving accordingly as to their received number of confirmed meal requests. For future meals, send your RSVP to dinner@bayyachtclub.org.

Pictured right, from the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" to the Bay Yacht Club, Martha and Charlie Long exchange burgees with Rear Commodore Chip Spence and Commodore Harry Armenia. The Long's are just back from the tropics and have chosen to spend the winter in the Corpus Christi area instead of their native Massachusetts and were our guests for dinner.





Pictured left, is a replica model wooden sail boat Scottie and Lewis Eisenberg donated to the club and its members as a show of appreciation and gratitude for their time of membership. Scottie and Lewis have left our cruising grounds in a move to the "blue waters" of western Florida near Bradenton.



Pictured right, Jerry Vaughn accepts the Terry T. Harkrider award from Commodore Harry Armenia. The Harkrider is awarded to a member of BYC for outstanding service and contribution during multiple years of membership. This is the second time Jerry has won the award, first time being in 2000.

Frostbite Cruise to the Port A Marina *by Cruise Captain Coordinator Johnny Huddleston*

What great planning I did this year for the Frostbite Cruise. It may not have been frosting but when we woke Saturday morning Cynthia was up to take a look at our thermometer in the cockpit. YIKES 38 degrees. The depth sounder was showing 49 degrees. Yep, too cold for this South Texican. The sunshine did have a positive effect on the day. At this point it was too late for anyone to back out without criticism. The BYC captains and crew were aboard their boats ready to depart. *Concerto* pulled out of the slip just behind *Tally-Ho*. We passed Joe's Crab Shack at 1000. The wind was moderate from the NNW which gave us a nice sail angle to the Land Cut. All 16 boats recorded fast trips due to the 1 kt current behind us. *Seafight* was first in to Port A with *Concerto* close behind. Both boats tied up under direction from our Commodore Harry Armenia. Seems he had been appointed the "Go To person" for docking. *Merlin* served as the Host Boat as boats were arriving. With all boats tied and secured the group met at the pavilion for some BYOSS (bring your snacks to share). It was a bit chilly either in the sun or behind the wind break of the pavilion doors.

Fins was expecting us between 1700 - 1730 so we all headed over. We all began to arrive on time and the servers were on the ball taking drink orders. I was totally pleased with the service. Folks ordered individually and others did family style. One can be sure BYC folks do like to dine out. Cynthia and I both agreed the food was good especially for such a large group. Our group ordered a second order of grilled Mahi Mahi. Our Commodore celebrated another trip around the sun with a Birthday cake Linda brought. I was enjoying the dinner and cake too much to count the attendees.

After dinner the debate was on; where do we go now. Some headed to Shorty's while others headed back to the boats. Of course for those returning to the boats, The Party did not end. Judy Crawford was intent on watching the game. "GO J Hawkers". *Concerto* hosted captains and crew from *Seafight* and *Tally- Ho* with a cameo visit from Pam Carrothers.

Sunday morning came early. A cold day with no sun in the mid 40s. Winds had shifted to NNE and we would be bucking an outgoing tide of almost half a kt on our return trip to CC. Before departure, the BYC bunch enjoyed Bloody Marys and or Mimosas aboard *Seafight*. Another great Bloody Mary from Brenda Hiler. *Concerto* missed her departure time of 1000. We were underway by 1130. The broad reach home was nice until the wind dropped enough to encourage most to motorsail in.

Sixteen boats making the trip were: *La Vie Dansante*, *Concerto*, *Merlin*, *Eau De Vie*, *Ms. Gracie*, *Elan*, *Seafight*, *Gray Wolf*, *Starfish*, *Hail Columbia*, *Tally-Ho*, *Honky Voodoo*, *Wave Dancer*, *Kerry Ann*, *Windswept*, and *Kokopell*. *Cabaret* was already in port. Thanks for the great showing.

As Cruise Captain Coordinator I have chosen to discontinue the "Mullet Award".



Jake Jacobsen at the wheel of Honky Voodoo.



La Vie Dansante on her way home.



Walt Crawford, Johnny Huddleston, Beth and Gilbert Franke, Bill Strep at Finn's.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 Cruise to Port A	1	2 Groundhog Day	3 MORF Race, 5:30PM	4	5	6 Group Carnival Cruise to Mexico MORF Frostbite #2 Club Dinner POTLUCK 7:00 PM RSVP
7 Group Carnival Cruise to Mexico	8	9	10 MORF Race, 5:30PM	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Mardi Gras 7:00 PM RSVP
14 Valentine's Day Board of Directors Meeting 4:00 PM	15 President's Day	16	17 MORF Race, 5:30PM	18	19	20 MORF Frostbite #3 Boat Handling Demo Education 5:00 PM Club Dinner 7:00 PM RSVP
21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 MORF Race, 5:30PM	25	26	27 Club Cruise Crab Inn
28 Club Cruise Crab Inn	1	2	3 MORF Race, 5:30PM	4	5	6 Annual Fish Fry 7:00 PM RSVP MORF Deniz Tor Regatta

February 2010

Installation Banquet

Corpus Christi
Naval Air Station
Bay Club

January 9, 2010



Walt Crawford, Russ York, Jo Ann Robertson, Chip Spence,
Chris Colley, Jim Robertson, Bill Carrothers

2010 Officers

**Commodore - Harry
Armenia**

**Vice Commodore - Chris
Colley**

**Rear Commodore - Chip
Spence**

**Secretary - Jerry
Vaughn**

**Treasurer - Jo Ann
Robertson**

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**Director - Jim
Robertson**

Director - Russ York

**Director - Bill
Carrothers**

**Past Commodore - Walt
Crawford**



Commodore 2010
Harry Armenia



Young Yachtman of the
Year - Megan Gallagher



Cooks of the Year - Mary Lee and
Russell York - Cynthia
Huddleston Dinner Chairman



Ron Hebert presents Cruisers of the
Year - Johnny and Cynthia
Huddleston



Tom Arnold recites the traditional poem



Walter Crawford presents the Commodore's Trophy to Bill Carrothers



Bob and Joanne McNeill Memorial Plaque

At left, Kathleen Murch McNeill and Chris McNeill receive the plaque from Commodore Walt Crawford in recognition for the outstanding service their parents gave during their membership to the Bay Yacht Club. The plaque will hang in a place of honor in the club.

2010 Committee Chairs

**Docks, Facilities - Chris Colley
Membership, Merchandise - Chip Spence
Finance - Jim Whitworth
Race - Jim Robertson
Cruising - Johnny Huddleston
Social - Co-Chairs - Cathy Colley, Judy Crawford**

**Dinner - Tammy Swart
Bowsprit, Webmaster, Historian - Bill Carrothers
Beverage - Andy Horner
Bylaw - Larry Frank
Education, PHRF - Lynn Walton
Sunfish - Neil Gallagher
Photographer - Jenny Jaackson**



Jim Robertson, Chip Spence, Tammy Swart, Bill Carrothers, Andy Horner, Chris Colley, Lynn Walton, Cathy Colley, Neil Gallagher, Judy Crawford, Jenny Jackson, Johnny Huddleston and Jim Whitworth



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TERRY BUTLER



JANUARY 30 -31

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT WAS A FROSTBITE.

SIXTEEN BOATS MADE THE TRIP, LA VIE DANSANTE, CONCERTO, MERLIN, EAU DE VIE, MS. GRACIE, ELAN, SEAFLIGHT, GREY WOLF, STARFISH, HAIL COLUMBIA, TALLY-HO, HONKY VOODOO, WAVE DANCER, KERRY ANN, WINDSWEEP, AND KOKOPELI. CABARET WAS ALREADY IN ITS HOME PORT TO MAKE SEVENTEEN.