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COMMODORE'S WATCH

Greetings everyone!

Now we are hopefully heading into some nice sailing weather. As we get into the year the activities will be picking up. The racing will be starting and we have a few more cruises planned than normal. Stay tuned.

The cruise to the Yucatan was a great success. The club had 26 people on the cruise. When we docked in Progresso we were met by Bob Jack with a bus to take us to his home in Merida. Bob and K put on a wonderful brunch for us at their home. I met the commodore of the Yucatan Peninsula Yacht Club Carlos, and the incoming commodore Enrique and we exchanged burgess. The commodores invited our club to have a race to the Yucatan Peninsula Yacht Club. Any brave souls out there??? Thanks Judy for putting it all together. I hear rumors that another cruise is planned for next year.

Captain Ron, Jo and family put on a great Mardi Gras social. The club was decorated for the occasion and the food was fabulous.

The Crab N just finished their docks for us that Saturday and we had a few boats make use of the docks. The restaurant gave us their private dining area and we used it for a long time socializing.

Please note that the general membership meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2010. The time will be 6:00pm and there will be a dinner to follow. So mark your calendars. Please keep watching the [website calendar](#) for the latest and greatest.

Harry J. Armenia
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Membership News

BYC held its own during February. We had no additions or losses to membership. Remember the membership recruiting incentives are still in place. Recruit one new membership, receive a free dinner. Recruit three paid memberships you will receive \$80 worth of merchandise from Lands End. The member recruiting the most (minimum of 4) memberships for the year will win either a haul out by the Corpus Christi Marina, or a boat survey by Dick Frenzel or merchandise of equal value, winners choice.

The current leaders in the race, both tied with one membership apiece, are Jan and Bill Streep and Kerry and Kevin Kaldenbach. Come on members let's give them a run for their money!

Carnival Cruise to Mexico February 6 - 11

Thirteen couples cruised aboard the Carnival Ecstasy out of Galveston with stops in Progreso and Cozumel, February 6 - 11. At left, you see members wearing their club shirts in Progreso bound for the bus chartered by Bob and K Jack to take them inland to Merida and Casa Rima. Upon arrival, members were treated to a brunch of traditional Yucatan delicacies. Afterwards, burgees were exchanged with the Yucatan Peninsula Yacht Club and a tour of downtown Merida was given by Jorge, a personal local friend of Bob and K. Members included in the trip were Johnny and Cynthia Huddleston, Jo Ann and John Fowler, Jenny Jackson and Jake Jacobsen, Joe and Sharon Blair, Jim and Sylvia Whitworth, Chris and Cathy Colley, Harry Armenia and Linda Guiffre, Walt and Judy Crawford, Bruce and Tammy Swart, Russ and Mary Lee York, Ed and Susie Portis, Chip and Brenda Spence, and Bill and Pam Carrothers.



While aboard ship, members enjoyed fine food, drink, nightly entertainment and a Super Bowl party. After arriving in Cozumel some members shopped, others beach combed and drove dune buggies, while still others enjoyed zip line adventures or just a good day at the beach and several cold beers. Any way you would have it, the best part of the trip was the camaraderie in all adventures aboard or off the ship.

Mardi Gras – February 13



Above, Jo and Ron Hebert with Ron's sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Dennis Mayes.

Jo and Ron Hebert laid out great Cajun food and just wonderful Mardi Gras fun, 7:00 PM, Saturday, February 13. The menu for the night - Cajun Spice Chicken Wings, Boudan on French Baguettes with Spicy Cajun Dip with Vegetables, Seafood Etoufee with Dirty Rice, Cajun Corn Maque Choux, Seafood Gumbo, Cajun Shrimp Casserole, Mardi Gras Coleslaw and Canjun Crawfish Corn Bread, topped off with King Cake for dessert. The Hebert's spared no expense by putting on a spectacular spread which also included wonderful decorations, beads, masks and party favors. Even though there were a few RSVP disfunctions, the Hebert clan was able to feed the teaming hungry mass of 53 revelers. Please folks, don't forget to RSVP to future events.

Debbie and Bud O'Brien were presented their official club burgee and we welcomed the guests of Julie and Mark Lambert - Frank and Carol Garza, of E Dock and San Antonio, during the party. As an additional highlight, the Yucatan Peninsula Yacht Club burgee was presented to the club by Commodore Harry Armenia following his return from the Club's Carnival Cruise to Mexico.

Saturday, March 13th, 7:00PM will be the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. As with our other social events this will require and RSVP to the social@bayyachtclub.org. Don't miss out on the fun and be sure and RSVP.

First Education Seminar – Knot Tying and Grill Your Own – February 20



Neil Gallagher, Walt Crawford, Hatcher Chakley, Andy Horner, Bruce Swart, Mark Lambert, Jim Robertson and Rudy Mircovich, Jr. shown above. [Knot Tying](#)

Knot expert, experienced mountaineer and infamous sailor, Walt Crawford, demonstrated the importance and uses of many knots to a gathering of more than a dozen members, 5:00 PM, Saturday, February 20th. In the first educational seminar of the year and preceding, "Grill Yourself", Crawford taught the crowd how to tie the cleat hitch, bowline, round turn and two half hitches, and the carrick bend as well as many others while explaining the vices and virtues of each for specific nautical uses.

Afterwards, the knot tiers, were joined by many more members bringing "sides" as well as meat to "grill yourself" for the nights dinner. Mark Hiler shepherded the grill and attempted to assist the other grill experts in their fiery feast as all were fed to their hearts desire.



Doug Weakly, Jim Isbell and Johnny Huddleston man the grill above.

[Click here to get Tammy Swart's Recap](#)

Crab 'N Cruise – February 27 – 28 *(by Russ York)*

The day broke badly. Low scudding clouds shredded by a howling gale that whipped the sea into a confused caldron of frothing peaks. Determined crews made preparations to get underway despite the conditions. Mindful of the perils, but steeled in their resolve to reach their goal, the final lines were slipped. The voyage had begun...

Naaaah! None of that happened. It was a bluebird morning with a nice breeze out of the north as three intrepid boats from the BYC set out for the Crab 'N Restaurant near Rockport off the ICW; Ron and Jo Hebert aboard *La Vie Dansante*, Larry Frank and his guest and crew member William Walton on *Windswept*, and Doug Weakly and Amanda Horne aboard *Liquid Courage*. The sail was uneventful for all, motor sailing not required until after the turn at Port A. Doug did say he bumped once at the entrance of the canal leading to the restaurant off the ICW, but other than that, it sounds like everyone had a pleasant crossing on this the second cruise of BYC's 2010 cruising destinations.

Sixteen other BYC members joined the aforementioned sailors for libations and dinner at the Crab 'N: Commodore Harry Armenia, Rear Commodore Chip Spence and wife Brenda, BYC's resident bard Tom Arnold, Richard and Terry Butler, Kevin and Kerry Kaldenbach, Bud and Debbie O'Brien, Jake Jacobsen and Jenny Jackson-better known as J&J, Ed and Susie Portis, and Russ and Mary Lee York.

Festivities got underway about the beginning of the second Dog Watch, that's four bells for the naval types, 1800 hours for those familiar with 24 hr. timekeeping, and 6:00 PM for everyone else. Crab 'N had given us the back room to ourselves. Very nice of them, but it could be they remember us from years past and wanted to keep us away from the, shall we say, less "fun loving" patrons. Sure enough, crack out of the barrel, Mary Lee was showing pictures taken on the recent Carnival cruise that form the basis of a game called "Name that Cleavage." Ron Hebert was overheard to innocently declare after very closely scrutinizing said pictures, "I wouldn't recognize anyone else's except my wife's." Incredulous, general laughter ensued. ML now has pictures for a new game, "Name that Chest Hair." Chip and Brenda arrived somewhat late. According to Chip, winter Texans held them up coming up the island which so spoiled his mood that he took it out on a poor, unsuspecting female security maiden on the ferry. He jollied up pretty quickly after they got to the party however. Sea stories abounded, some of them believable. The food was excellent and the camaraderie even better. If you weren't there, you missed a good 'un.



William Walton, Larry Frank, Harry Armenia, Richard and Terry Butler aboard Windswept.

March 20 – 21 will be cruising to Flato Cut, weather permitting. Stay tuned to the [Cruising Page](#) of the website or the [Cruising 2010 Forum](#) page. Be sure and sign in to the website so you can contribute your thoughts, ideas, suggestions or questions.

Race Series 2010 – March 27



The BYC 2010 racing season will kick-off March 27 with the first of eight Saturday Series races. Following the successful format established last year, these races will feature pursuit starts and performance based handicap adjustments after each race. Races are scheduled for weekends when there is a dinner or some other evening festivity at the Club. All are non-spinnaker class competitions with starts at twelve o'clock noon. Races are scheduled to last about three hours, providing everyone sufficient time to refresh and cleanup before the evening event. The eight races will be scored as a series. A boat must compete in at least four races to qualify for inclusion in the series results and will be allowed to throw out the score from her worst race. [The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and dates for all races are on the BYC website.](#)

Saturday June 19, BYC is teaming with MORF for a joint day race in the Gulf, offshore Port Aransas. This is in conjunction with a weekend Club cruise to Port A. The Port Aransas Marina pavilion is reserved for a BYC/MORF party Saturday night. Race #5 of the Saturday Series will be point-to-point on Sunday June 20 from Port Aransas to the Corpus Christi Marina.

Navy Regatta weekend is August 6 - 8. BYC will host registration on Friday. Events for racers and cruisers are planned Saturday and Sunday including the Regatta party at the Bay Club Saturday evening. NAS Corpus Christi is 100% behind this event. The pool and other traditional NAS amenities will be available. The BYC Commodore's Cup on August 28 and Turkey Day Regatta on November 13 round out our 2010 racing season.

Mary Herrington and Bruce Swart have volunteered to help with race committee duties this year and I thank them for that. We could use at least two more club members on the RC team. Each race requires a minimum of two people to sign in registrants, collect fees, and do the starts and finishes. If you think you would enjoy hanging out at the club for three or four hours on an occasional Saturday, waving flags, tooting horns, and chatting with tourists who stroll by to watch the race starts and finishes then this is a volunteer job tailor made for you. No experience required. On the job training provided absolutely free of charge. Call me!!

Jim Robertson -BYC Race Committee

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7	8	9	10 MORF Race, 5:30PM	11	12	13 St. Patrick's Day Celebration 7:00 PM RSVP
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins Board of Directors Meeting 12:00 Noon	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day MORF Race, 6:00 PM	18	19	20 Club Cruise to Flato Cut
21 Club Cruise to Flato Cut	22	23	24 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	25	26	27 BYC Joe's Crab Shack Series #1 Race RYC March Winds Regatta Club Dinner 7:00 PM RSVP
28	29	30	31 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	1 April Fool's Day	2	3

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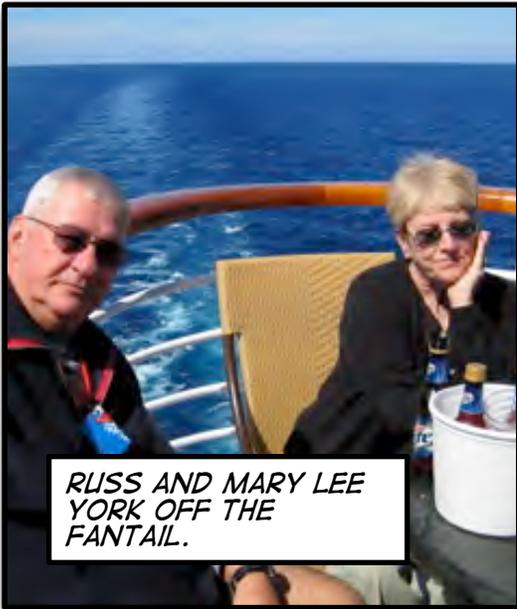
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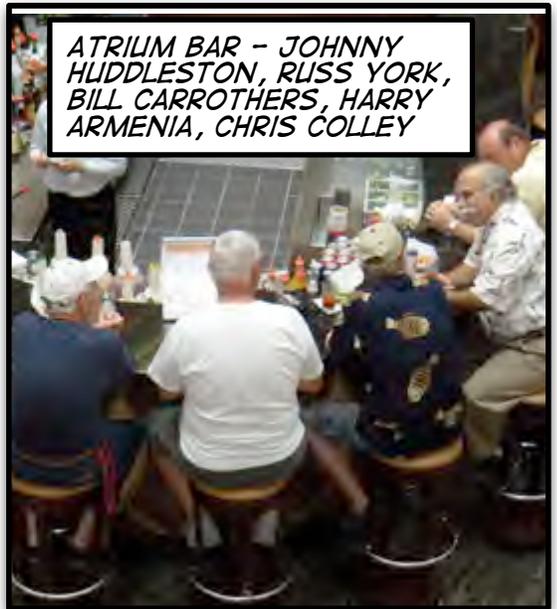
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Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras 2010 Menu

Appetizers: Cajun Spice Chicken Wings, Boudin ori French Baguettes and Spicy Cajun Dip with Vegetables
 Main Course: Seafood Etoufee with Dirty Rice
 Sides: Cajun Corn Maque Choux, Seafood Gumbo, Cajun Shrimp Casserole, Mardi Gras Coleslaw and Cajun Crawfish Corn Bread
 Dessert: King Cakes



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