

BOWSPRIT 2012

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Walter Crawford—Commodore

Commodore's Watch

I am deeply honored to have served all the members of the Bay Yacht Club for a second and unprecedented term. I trust all members have enjoyed the year to the same extent as me. Our membership has increased, our dues have remained constant, we will end the year with a cash surplus, monthly cruises were exceptional, races were exciting, we re-introduced Friday night dinners once a month, social events were well attended and each was a great time for all, Bunco and Poker nights were started, the sunfish are being utilized more, the educational programs have been well attended, and well presented, several members have completed the USCG Captain's Classes, the relocation project is still moving forward, although slower than we would like, the ladies' room was remodeled, the upstairs deck surface replaced, both beer kegerators are now on the main deck, and available 24/7 on the honor system, a new projector was installed for movies, a big screen audio/video entertainment center is planned for the first of the year, and a new popcorn popper will be available within a couple days.

December will be a busy month. The Christmas Boat Parade, and the BYC soup dinner party was a great success, with a fabulous turn out. The Commodore's Christmas Party including the gift exchange and the Toys-for-Tots drive is Saturday, Dec 8. The Vice Commodore's New Year's Eve Party will be Monday, Dec 31, followed by the traditional "Past Commodore's Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, Jan 1. The Installation of Officers Banquet is Saturday, Jan 12, '13

This will be my last "Commodore's Watch" as Kevin Kaldenbach will relieve me on January 1. Please join me in supporting and furthering the Club's success with a wonderful leadership team composed of Kevin, Chip Spence, Vice Commodore; Dean Domingue, Rear Commodore; Joe Blair, Secretary, Jo Ann Robertson, Treasurer; Directors: Rudy Mircovich, David Napier; and returning Directors: Andy Horner, Tom Arnold, and Past Commodore, Walter Crawford.

Thanks to everyone for making the Bay Yacht Club enjoyable, entertaining, and educational to all members. Please be sure to regularly check the calendar of events on the website, www.BayYachtClub.org. or <http://www.bayyachtclub.org/apps/calendar/> See you on the water, the piers, and at the Clubhouse. Thanks again for the special honor to serve as your Commodore.

Cheers,
Walt
Commodore
S/V Endless Summer

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Vice Commodore News



I would like to thank you for letting me be your Vice Commodore for the past two years. The support that I have received through out this time has been tremendous.

In these past two years we have welded on the barge, responded to the barge taking on water, fixed the sewer pump, built shelves in the store room, fixed the sewer pump yet a couple more times, fixed the air conditioner, remodeled the woman's rest room etc. Just about everyone has participated in these repairs and I thank you.

When it came to helping out with these projects support has been terrific. This being said there were two people who have made the past two years a lot easier. First and foremost is Joe Blair. Where sometimes people will say "how can I help you"do it their way, Joe has helped me try

things my way. We have gained a respect for each other that I am sure will last a long time. Next is Ed Portis. Ed always follows up "yes I can help you" With "but I don't know how much good I will be". Let me tell you, Ed is a hard worker and an extra set of hand is always welcome.

Now don't think I do not appreciate the rest you just because I did not mention your names here. There just is not enough paper, or in today's world hard drive, to mention everyone. The club could not have done everything that we have without you. Next year will be no different. We have budgeted money to make several repairs to the clubhouse and I am sure Chip will need your support.

Rear Commodore News

Change, that has been the mantra of 2012. I will limit my thoughts to the changes at BYC.

As we began the year, the BYC board of directors decided to get out of the box, that is the proverbial "do it this way because we have always done it this way" box. There are some traditions that are entrenched in sound reasoning and experience. There are others that beg for updating due to changes in technology, regulations and yes, the desires of the club members. As a social club, there is very few practices that cannot be changed.

BYC changes for 2012:

Removal of the 21 day probation period for membership. It still exists but we accept all applications on face value with payment and welcome all into the club.

Encouraged use of the club on non meeting days. This created poker nights ramrodded by Joe Blair and Bunco nights ramrodded by Cynthia Huddleston. These monthly events have been a huge success if the amount of laughter is used as the measuring stick.

Encouraged use of the "membersblast" for open communications among members. I think our reservation system for dinners has put us spot on for food quantities. Other communications are encouraged.

Opened the beer and wine to all during the week. It is still locked up but all members should know how to access their favorite beverage. This has been positively received based on the reports from our treasurer. Bring a friend or two to the club and have a beverage at a very reasonable cost. Have we put a dent in Water Street or Landry's income?

Updated the ladies' restroom, albeit due to a roof leak, but the men weren't so lucky. Maybe next year for the men. No complaints from the ladies, so it must have been okay.

A new drain and covering on the rooftop deck. Drain complete, deck in progress. We hope this will take care or the roof for numerous years and provide for many enjoyable evenings. The upstairs room should be available for use as soon as the deck project is complete.

And last but certainly not least, significant steps have been taken to move the club to a shored based facility. This is a 2013 Project.

I truly appreciate the input by all members for not only their ideas but their sweat equity in improving ALL processes at BYC.

See ya in 2013.



The 2012 Calendar
of Events is posted
on the BYC
website.

[Check It Out!](#)

Cruising at BYC



BYC closed out our cruising season in November with an overnight cruise to Flato Cut. Originally scheduled for Ingleside Cove, the cruise location was changed to Flato because of the uncertainty of the dredging operations in the La Quinta Channel. Saturday dawned with light air and developed into a near perfect day. The sky was clear, air dry and temperature cool



with a fresh breeze from the NE at about 15 knots. In another change from the original plan, Bill and Aurora Wells invited everyone to join them on Shirley for the traditional host boat happy hour. Thanks to Bill and Aurora as I didn't hear any complaints about forgoing the beach party as it was just a tad bit chilly.....refreshingly chilly for me. The weather Sunday was similar to Saturday except that the wind was light forcing most cruisers to combine sailing and motoring on the return trip.

Participating boats in addition to Shirley included Second Star, Live Free, Blue Pelican, Tempest, Warrior, Waypoint and WindSwept

Since there is not a December cruise to announce, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our cruising program and to share a few statistics. For the year we had 9 cruises with 2 canceled due to inclement weather. The maximum numbers of boats participating in a cruise was 18 in January at Port Aransas. We had a total of 5 cruises with 10 or more boats and the average number of boats was 10.9. All told 30 members participated in the cruising program in 2012. These are great sales points for anyone interested in joining BYC. No other boating organization in the Coastal Bend can hold a candle to this level of participation.

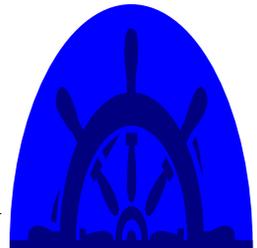
Larry Frank
Cruise Chairman



Poker/Bunco at BYC!

On the first Poker Night of November, Jim Whitworth, Andy Horner, and Joe Blair captured first, second, and third place respectively. So if you have wanted to come on down to the Club on Poker Night, now is the time to try your luck. Poker Night is on the second Tuesday of the month and the same night as the BYC's Ladies Bunco game. I will send an email reminder before each game so watch your email and plan accordingly. For only \$5.00 you can have a night of fun and get to know your fellow BYCers. The player who has the most chips at the end of the night will collect 50% of the buy-in, second and third place will collect 30% and 20%. The people who say, "I have never played this game before," are the usual winners. Who knows, you may be making that statement the first time you play and become one of the night's winners.

Warm Regards,
Joe Blair



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Harbor Lights Soup Special Dec 1st

Barry Brown Frostbite Regatta CCYC Dec 8th

BYC Christmas Party Dec 8th

Poker Night Dec 11th

Master's Upgrade Class Dec 14-16

BYC Dinner Dec 15th

Vice Commodore's New Years Eve Party Dec 31st

December 2012

25	26	27	28 Full moon Bunco Wednesday MORF Race 6:00 PM	29	30	01 Harbor Lights Soup Social
02	03	04	05 MORF Race 6:00 PM	06 Last quarter Board Meeting	07	08 Barry Brown Frostbite Regatta CCYC Christmas Party
09	10	11 Poker Night	12 MORF Race 6:00 PM	13 New moon	14	15 Dinner
16	17	18	19 MORF Race 6:00 PM	20 First quarter	21	22
23	24	25	26 MORF Race 6:00 PM	27	28 Full moon	29
30	31 Vice Commodore's New Year Eve's Party	1	2 MORF Race 6:00 PM	3	4	5 Last quarter



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