

BOWSPRIT 2012

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Walter Crawford—Commodore

Commodore's Watch

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Commodore's Watch, Bowsprit, July 2012

The Bay Yacht Club continues to provide a wealth of entertainment for its members and July will be no different. Last month, we enjoyed Bunco and Poker and those that are playing are having a fantastic time, and some are even taking home a little reward. After the Father's Day race, the ladies, not to be outdone by the men for Mother's Day, treated the fathers to Happy Hour Hors d'Oeuvres at Landry's followed by desert at the Clubhouse. The Sunfish day of racing and instruction on utilizing the Club's sunfish was another success story with many participants. The Summer Sailstice & Cruise to Port A yielded a nearly full visitors dock at the Port A marina and BYC hosting the MORF Offshore Regatta dinner Saturday night.

I am happy to announce the Nomination Committee members: Sharon Blair, Larry Haas, Jerry Vaughn, Neil Gallagher, and Kevin Herbein. The Nomination Committee is possibly the most important committee we have as they will provide the slate of Officers and Board of Directors to be nominated for 2013. Please contact one or more of these committee members and let your candidate selection thoughts be known for next year — they'll be making their selections by August 30th.

The relocation of the Clubhouse seems to be somewhat stagnant, but we expect to receive the first draft of the contract any day now.

Don't miss any of the activities for July, starting with the 4th of July social, free hot dogs, and a great view of the fireworks. Several boats will anchor and/or float around closer to the USS Lexington for a great view. The cruise to Ingleside for Bastille Day on the 14th has always been a great trip. If you haven't made it before, this is one not to miss. The BYC Series Race #4 will be on the 21st.

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.

See you on the water, the piers, and at the Clubhouse.

Cheers,
Walt
Commodore
S/V Endless Summer

Rear Commodore/Membership News

I know, I know. You guys are tired of hearing about the tool exchange program for the club. To this date, I have had only ONE response. So not to beat a dead horse, I will not write about it this month.

There is something afoot in the Austin and surrounding area. I have received no fewer than 6 calls from sailors and wanna be sailors in the Austin area this month.

I will attribute this phone traffic to several things: first a wonderful web site. Tom, this has generated much interest, thank you. Secondly, an active BYC group in the area talking up the club and just falling short of closing the deal, and third, just plain old fashion being available when sailors come a callin'. Not having much water in the lake may have something to do with the calls. I expect to see many of these folks very soon at the club. As you always do, please make them feel welcome.

As you know, some folks are going to be bitten by the sailing bug just as Brenda and I have been so afflicted. We walked into the club knowing NOTHING about sailing or purchasing a boat.

Five years later, we still don't know a lot, but we learned what we know from the EXPERIENCED sailors in the club. We accomplished this by having invitations to sail on OPB (other people's boats).

Please keep this in mind as we get new folks in the club without boats. You may find your newest best friend.

Father's Day Dinner ** June 16th

Father's Day at Landry's was attended fairly well, we had around 25-30 meet at the outside deck for appetizers and drinks. Those of you that did not make it missed a good time - Cathy, we missed you being there! We even had David Driver's two daughters help their dad celebrate!! After we finished happy hour, we gathered at BYC for Brownie ice cream sundae's with whipped cream and nuts - Yum Yum!!

Social committee

BYC Bunco/Poker Night ** June 12th

After the US offered a bounty of up to \$7 Million for al-Shabab Commanders, an Islamist militant group, al-Shabab made a tounge-in-cheek counter offer for the capture of Barack Obama and the old woman Hillary Clinton. The reward was the inspiration for the following.

Michelle Obama can get 10 camels for Barack; Bill Clinton can get 10 chickens and 10 roosters for Hillery. Now how much fun can you have for 10 camels or even 10 chickens and roosters? However, \$5.00 will buy you \$1,000.00 in chips for Poker Night at the BYC. At the last game, Andy Horner and Kevin Kaldenbach were catching winning hands and pulling most of the poker pots to their end of the table. Kevin and Andy could do no wrong. Things were looking grim for Jim Whitworth, Sharon Blair, and Joe Blair. As the night wore on, the high tide of chips at the Kaldenbach-Horner end of the table began to ebb and flow towards Jim Whitworth's and Sharon Blair's end of the table. At the end of the game, Sharon Blair was the chip leader with Jim Whitworth a strong second place. Joe Blair placed third beating Andy Horner by 300 dollars.

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

[Check It Out!](#)

Cruising at BYC

Fair Winds and Following Seas would not be the byline for the June cruise to Port Aransas the weekend of June 22-23. Something more like Little to No Wind and Seas and Current on the Bow would be more appropriate. On Saturday the forecast was for light winds however most cruisers were rewarded with a nice upwind sail across the bay only to become frustrated for about eight miles in the ship channel with the wind AND current both aligned perfectly on the bow. No ETA, Tempest and Hail Columbia fared better than most by departing for Port A Friday or very early Saturday morning. By Sunday the winds dropped to almost nothing and while a few dedicated crews did manage to sail to Corpus once they reached the bay, the rest opted to motor all the way. None the less it was a great weekend on the water and a huge improvement over the high winds we experienced this spring.



On Saturday seven boats participated in the BYC/MORF offshore regatta held in conjunction with this event and I understand the offshore racing was near perfect. I am sure results will be reported elsewhere so I won't duplicate that effort except to say the race added to the weekend's events in a positive way.

I do need to extend a large thank you to the Swarts, Colleys and MORF for making all the arrangements for the food, drinks and venue and doing my job in the process.

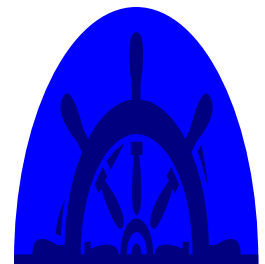


BYC boats participating and not already mentioned include Honky Voodoo, La Vie Dansante, Endless Summer, Still Dreaming, Windswept, Dos Libras, Cabaret, Merlin and Thresher. There was a good turnout from the land cruisers and boats from MORF, CCYC and RYC too.

The July cruise will be to Ingleside Cove and Bahia Marina coinciding with Bahia's Bastille Day party July 14-15. My favorite,

Larry Joe Taylor, will be playing on the evening of the 14th at the "Concrete Slab Theater". Other events that weekend typically include the "Electric Boat Race" and a great Pot Luck Dinner. This event is a must for all cruisers. I understand there is some type of race planned by MORF for the trip over so it will just be another weekend chock full of boating fun and activities!

As a sidenote, our esteemed Commodore, Walt Crawford, was apparently quite late in arriving at Port A, so one of our members called him. It seems that Walt was anchored about 2 miles short of the Port A marina because he'd RUN OUT OF DIESEL FUEL and was waiting for TowBoat US to bring him some. Dinner had been served at the small pavilion at the Port A Marina park and the trophy presentations were finished when Endless Summer was spotted coming up the channel. BYC members were present at the channel edge to applaud as Crawford motored by. Walt's excuse was that his fuel gauge was faulty and he hadn't known about it—a likely story!



Upcoming Events!

Marina activities,
Independence Day
Social
July 4th

Friday Dinner
July 6th

Poker Night
July 10th

Bastille Day cruise
July 14th/15th

Club Social Dinner
July 21st

Bunco/Poker
July 25th

Dancing Under the
Stars Social
July 28th

Wed Nights MORF
Races



July 2012

01	02	03 Full moon	04 Independence Day Social MORF Race, 6:00 PM	05 Board Meeting	06 Friday Dinner	07
08	09	10 Poker Night	11 Last quarter MORF Race, 6:00 PM	12	13	14 Bastille Day Cruise
15 Bastille Day Cruise	16	17	18 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	19 New moon	20	21 BYC Series Race 4 Dinner
22	23	24	25 Bunco and Poker MORF Race, 6:00 PM	26 First quarter	27	28 Dancing Under the Stars Social
29	30	31	1 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	2 Full moon Board Meeting	3 Navy Regatta Kick-off Social	4 Navy Regatta Military Cup Challenge

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