



BOWSPRIT 2012

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Walter Crawford—Commodore

Commodore's Watch

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Commodore's Watch, Bowsprit, Nov 2012

Although the BYC Calendar was sparse this month, we still enjoyed some major events.

The Annual General Membership meeting was extremely well attended, our 2013 officers and directors were elected, and the Clubhouse relocation plan was unanimously approved. Although a few brave sailors made the cruise, the raft up and most of the cruise was scuttled due to high winds. The Halloween Party was another smashing success, with many really great costumes. The Harvest Moon Regatta fund raising effort was diminished due to the severe cold front, and high winds. However, the weather was conducive to a great race. Although La Vie Dansante didn't finish in the money, RIMA and Horny Toad both took first place in their respective divisions; Independence took fourth in their division, and, Horny Toad was fourth overall with nearly 200 finishing. Bay Yacht Club showed well both on the water, and at the pavilion. Lakewood Yacht Club was most thankful for the food/beverage stand. The poker group continues to thrive, and the Bunco group has started the fall season hoping to add another table of eager players.

Please join me in congratulating the following 2013 elected officers and directors:

Kevin Kaldenbach, Commodore; Chip Spence, Vice Commodore; Rear Commodore, Dean Domingue; Secretary, Joe Blair; Treasurer, Jo Ann Robertson; Directors: Rudy Mircovich, David Napier; and returning Directors: Andy Horner, Tom Arnold.

November will be another busy month at the Club, with dinners, the annual Turkey Day Regatta, a cruise, Bunco and Poker parties, and really – the Christmas Tree decorating party. Don't miss any of the fun.

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.

Cheers,

Walt

Commodore

S/V Endless Summer

Vice Commodore News



First let me thank you for your support as Bay Yacht Club's 2013 commodore. I look forward to working with Chip, Dean and the rest of the board of directors to make 2013 a fun year to be a member of BYC. I have been working on filling committee chair positions so if you would like to chair or just be on a committee please let me know.

In preparing for next year Kerry and I have decided to bring our sailboat back to Texas. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has not been cooperating in this effort. Between tropical storms Patty and then Sandy, I have been unable to go across the gulf opting instead to putter up the ditch while waiting for a weather window. The ditch will be a long haul but if I don't feel comfortable about the weather for an off shore passage I just might have to do it. How does that song go? I wanna go home oh how I wanna go home.

Kevin

Rear Commodore News

From the Rear Commodore:

Wow, did you know that the year is quickly coming to an end? This is the NOVEMBER issue of the Bowsprit. That means for 2012, we have had alot of great experiences to look back on, but we still have more good things to come before we say farewell to 2012.

Looking back, we have had a super year so far, from a membership perspective. We now have 85 memberships and several more potential members listed on the board. I still see some more opportunity for more members.

This will require all of us to be very verbal to potential new sailors and make all feel welcome and want to join the Yacht Club. We may one day find ourselves in the same situation as Aransas Pass Yacht Club with more members wanting to be part of our club than we can accommodate. So, continue to bring your friends and reach out to new boaters on your dock.. As we prepare to move to land , we will now have a more visible presence in the marina community. So get your friends involved now and beat the waiting list.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water.

Halloween Party!

The Halloween party was a howling success! We had a great party and creative costumes. The party started with a social featuring grilled bat wings, goopy ghoulish balls, oozing brie, caramel apples and pumpkin cheese balls followed by cake and ice cream for dessert and Cynthia's birthday! The costume parade and judging (Linda, Andy and Dean) was done at half time for those watching the game on the upper deck.

Grand prize winners were the wrestling team of K, Bob, Jenny and Jake! The other prize winners were a very pregnant nun and her priest, Julie and Mark Lambert (welcome home from the Great White North!) and Goddess and God Lori and John Stoner! Congratulations to all and a big thanks to our prize donors Seaworthy Marine (gift card), BYC (dinner) and Kerry's insurance company (pair of watches). Thanks to my co-chairs – Cynthia and Kerry and my sister Diane (visiting but roped into helping)!

Cathy

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of Events is posted
on the BYC
website.

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Cruising at BYC

We were able to get in an official cruise in October; however conditions were less than ideal. Because of forecasted high winds and small craft conditions that were expect for the afternoon of Saturday October 13 the majority of BYC cruisers elected to stay at the dock, their house or someplace else that did not involve sailing in the bay. I hear that there was a rather good spontaneous potluck at the club organized by Jenny and Cathy so all was not lost. Ruth Elizabeth along with WindSwept did make the trip and were rewarded with a most pleasant happy hour and sunset while rafted up in Flato Cut.

The sail across the bay was a spirited ride. Harry from Cabaret was crew for the day and he got to experience the bay on a rough day and never stopped smiling. We sailed a close reach across the bay and were able to crack off the wind for the last mile or so. With a double reefed main and 100% jib we were not overpowered. The highest wind gust the anemometer recorded was 25.5 knots however most of the time the wind was below 20. The trip over took about 3 hours and except for one rather ornery wave that made its way back to the cockpit via the top of the bimini it was a great ride. Ruth Elizabeth was about 3 hours behind Wind-Swept and reported similar conditions. The return on Sunday was non-eventful.

The cruise for November will be to Ingleside Cove the week of November 17-18. I am considering making happy hour a beach party on the spoil island. Please let me know what you think of this idea. We can always have a host boat instead – of course a volunteer would help.

Larry Frank

Cruise Chairman

Poker/Bunco at BYC!

The Halloween Bunco group had a great time! We had a total of 8 players! One newbie to the group, Bonnie, who by the way was one of the big winners!!!

Other winners this month were Ann, Cathy, Cynthia, K, and Sylvia !! You are missing out on a lot of fun if you have not been involved with this Bunco Bunch!! We always have lots of snacks and drinks,so come on over to the club next month and join in on the fun!

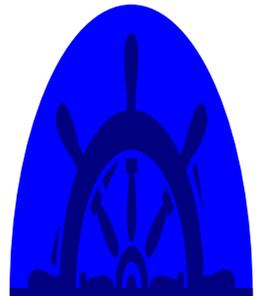
Hope to see you there!!

Cynthia Huddleston
Bunco Chairman

You say a mugger pulled a gun and sicked his pit bull dog on you at the same time. Well cheer up my fellow BYCer. You can have some fun at least twice a month. Come on down to the BYC on the second Tuesday of the month and on Bunco Night where you will get to know your fellow BYCers while competing for bragging rights. The new players who say I have never played this game before seem to end the night as winners. I will email reminders the day before we have a poker night. You will have some laughs guaranteed.

Warm Regards,

Joe Blair



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Friday Dinner Nov
2nd

OUPV Class Nov 9th
-11th

Turkey Day Regatta/
Chili Dinner Nov
10th

Poker Night Nov
14th

OUPV Class Nov
16th-18th

BYC Cruise Nov
17th/18th

Decorate BYC/
Potluck Dinner Nov
24th

Bunco Wednesday
Nov 28th

OUPV Class Nov
30th-Dec 2nd

Harbor Lights Soup
Special Dec 1st

BYC Captains' Classes



BYC hosts U.S. Coast Guard Approved Captains' Classes

The U.S. Coast Guard approved classes hosted at the Bay Yacht Club are expanding next month. Jim Cook, a BYC member of several years, has taught the "Operator of and Unspected Passenger Vessel" (a.k.a. OUPV or 6-Pack) class six times since last November. He has just received approval from the Coast Guard to teach two additional courses:

"100-ton Master's License Upgrade" and
"Assistance Towing Endorsement" course.

These classes provide an opportunity to bring more visitors into our club, provide positive public relations and an educational environment, and hopefully get more people interested in joining. Classes are being held upstairs as long as the class size is less than five students. In appreciation for use of the space, Jim is giving BYC a free student enrollment in each class which the club can sell as a fund raiser (\$750 value). Jim is also offering a 20% discount to all current BYC members. All new members (after Nov 1, 2011) are eligible for a \$200 discount on the OUPV captain's class (this matches BYC's \$200 joining fee), so new members can effectively join the club for free if they take the OUPV class within one year of joining.



The first OUPV class had three students, two of which are BYC members. The course covers five topics: Rules of the Road, General Navigation, Chart Plotting, General Deck Procedures, and Deck Safety. It is a 60-hour class, presented on three weekends. The Coast Guard accepts Capt. Cook's exams in lieu of their own, so there are no more exams to take after completing the class. These guys have put a lot of work into studying. After passing their exams, they will document their time on the water, get First Aid and CPR certified, take a physical and submit their applications to the Coast Guard.

The 100-Ton Master's Upgrade course covers marine legality, general deck and safety topics that pertain to larger inspected vessels. The "Assistance Towing Endorsement" course emphasizes the legal and safety aspects of towing a disabled vessel. It helps to protect your liability if the disabled vessel is damaged (for example, if a cleat pulls out of the deck due to the stresses on the line) and allows a captain to legally receive payment or "compensation" (i.e. gifts) for providing assistance towing. This endorsement can be added to either the OUPV license or the Master's license. The regular price for this four-hour class is \$150 (\$75 for students who have already taken a class with Jim).

Spread the word that BYC is taking a leading role in promoting education and safety for the boating community and the general public. If you know members of other yacht clubs, spread the word to them about the classes. The club can sell their free space to anyone. This is a fund raiser for the club and we have about four spaces from this year's classes that haven't been sold yet. Proceeds from the sale of these BYC spaces go straight to the BYC treasury.

Very Respectfully,
Capt. James Cook



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November 2012

28	29 Full moon	30	31 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	01	02 Friday Dinner	03
04	05	06	07 Last quarter MORF Race, 6:00 PM	08 Board Meeting	09	10 BYC Turkey Day Regatta and Chili Dinner
11	12 Veteran's Day (observed)	13 New moon Poker Night	14 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	15	16	17 BYC Cruise
18 BYC Cruise	19	20 First quarter	21 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	22	23	24 Decorate the Club and Potluck Dinner
25	26	27	28 Full moon Bunco Wednesday MORF Race, 6:00 PM	29	30	1 Harbor Lights Soup Social



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