

BOWSPRIT 2012

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Walter Crawford—Commodore

Commodore's Watch

The summer season is officially over, yet the members of the Bay Yacht Club will have a few more months of wonderful cruising, racing, sunfish, and/or simply sailing/motoring weather. As predicted, the group that bareboat chartered sailboats in the Greek Islands have returned with spectacular photos, and stories of a wonderful cruise and camaraderie.

The Commodore's Cup Race, and Commodore's dinner was well attended, and a good time was had by all participants. The last of the Summer Series Races was held in conjunction with the Commodore's Cup. Trophies, i.e. very nice embroidered towels for the Summer Series, as well as the Commodore's Cup were presented at the Commodore's Dinner. See the list of winners elsewhere in the Bowsprit.

The annual Auction didn't set a new record, but came in as an all-time second place for dollars raised. A special thanks to the local businesses and members that contributed items for the auction, as well as those that purchased "stuff". As you know, some of the "stuff" simply "keeps on giving", year after year, and this year was no exception. The list of business contributors will be published by email to all members. Please be sure to patronize these local businesses, and thank them for their support.

The Cruise to Red Fish Willies was well attended by 15 yachts, and a bunch of land yachts. The Beer and Brats Oktoberfest party was a smashing success, as always. And, the educational class on diesel engine maintenance, troubleshooting, and operations, was well attended by 17 members. Everyone learned new tricks, and hopefully, will reduce frustrations on the water when the old cast iron jib is needed. The poker group continues to thrive, and the Bunco group has started the fall season. If you are not participating in these groups, you are missing a great time.

Although the upstairs deck was fully repaired a number of years ago, it just didn't hold up. After numerous patches, and the belief of a sound roof until a more permanent repair can be made, the heavy rains last of the month proved that the deck still needs to be fully replaced, and soon! Please stand by for a major déjà vu deck work party, which will be scheduled soon.

I am happy to report that after many meetings with the City, your Officers have negotiated a very win/win lease/contract with the City for the Clubhouse relocation to the hard on Lawrence St. T-Head. It has taken more than a year to reach this major milestone, but it has been worth it.

The annual fall General Membership meeting will be held October 6, 5:30 PM. Please plan to be in attendance. The agenda will include the election of next year's Flag Officers and Board of Directors, presentation and approval of the Lease/Contract with the City, as well as approval for funding the relocation, and bylaws revisions presented for approval.

The next cruise will be to Flato Cut, on Oct 13. A huge raft up, weather permitting, is planned for the traditional happy hour. Be sure to be there, it should be awesome. The annual Halloween Party will be Oct 20. This too will be a "don't miss event" as adults will be kids. . . BYC will be represented by several yachts and many crew members in the annual Harvest Moon Regatta the last weekend of October. In addition, BYC will once again provide beer/burgers, etc., for all the hungry/thirsty sailors and family at the finish of the race in Port Aransas at the pavilion. Please plan to help on this major fundraising event for the Club.

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

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Vice Commodore News



Some of you might wonder what the heck is up with the deck. I mentioned a few weeks ago that we were going to fix the deck but all that is up there now are patches of white stuff. We have decided to send Jake Jacobson and Gary Potts to a class in November to learn how to apply the product we plan to seal the deck with. By doing this the manufacturer said they will warranty the work we do. We also have structural repairs to make first. We did pressure wash the deck and found several more cracks in the sealant so we coated all of the potential bad spots with that white stuff. Thank you Joe Blair, Ed Portis, Jake, and Chip for helping with the deck.

If you have not already received it, you should be getting a copy of the proposed lease contract for moving the clubhouse on to land at the marina. Please let Walter, Chip or myself know any concerns you might have. We have been negotiating with Peter and the city for several months and the contract has come a long way. So what kind of time line do we have? When we sign the contract and tell Peter to take it to City Council it will take 60 to 90 days to clear the council. After that its time to make our move and it needs to go fast for several reasons. First is to not interrupt the clubs routines but most of all we will at some point be compelled to start paying the new lease.

This move is an exciting one not only for the club but the marina as our clubhouse will be a hub that many exciting things will radiate from.

Kevin Kaldenbach

Vice Commodore

Bunco/Poker at BYC

We had 8 players for our September Bunco - some of the players were new to the game and came away as winners! We were short one player for two tables so Chip was a good sport and played Bunco instead of Poker - thanks Chip!!

The top winner was Teresa Gallager with 11 wins! Chip Spence won with the most Buncos (3), K Jack had the last Bunco! Other winners were Sylvia Whitworth, JoAnn Robertson, and Brenda Spence.

If you want to have some fun, come and join the Bunco Bunch in October! I will send a members blast to let everyone know a week or so before we play.

Cynthia Huddleston
Bunco Chairman

Have you and your foam mattress lost your short term memory? If so, come on down and join the BYC Poker Night crowd. You will fit right in, we can not remember anything either. It is on the second Tuesday, from 7:00 to 10:00PM, and last Wednesday, from 6:30 to 9:30PM of the month. At the end of the night the player with the most chips wins 50% of the buy-ins, 2nd and 3rd place wins 30% and 20% respectively. Get to know your fellow BYCers and have some fun too.

Warm Regards,

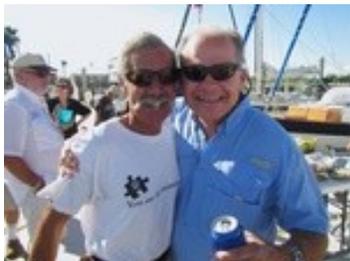
Joe Blair



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Cruising at BYC



For the second straight month BYC had 15 vessels at our monthly cruise which was held at Redfish Willies in Aransas Pass September 22-23. Unfortunately I was out celebrating another wedding anniversary (oops, that didn't come out right!) so WindSwept did not make it this month. I am told several members came by land yacht. A headcount at dinner revealed 48 members and guests present. Evidently service at both the Marina and Restaurant was excellent and they were very accommodating.

A special thank you goes out to Phyllis and Jerry on NoETA for being the host boat and coordinating this cruise in my absence.

On the way to Redfish Willies Warrior discovered a newly formed spoil area just to the south of the weather station that must be a result of dredging operations in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel.



They ran hard aground and it took TowBoatUS to get them underway again. If you have not heard about this yet I encourage you to check the Memberblasts that followed the cruise.

Besides Warrior and NoETA, Blue Pelican, Caberet, Concerto, Dos Libras, Hail Columbia, Honky Voodoo, Ms Gracie, Rima, Ruth Elizabeth, Sanctuary, Shirley, Starfish and Tempest participated.

In October we will cruise to Flato Cut on October 13-14.

This will obviously be an anchor out. There are good beaches for those needing to walk their four legged friends. Weather participating and for those who wish to participate I am planning on having a group raft up and the raft up will be the location for happy hour. If you do not wish to raft up bring your dinghy or we will come and get you. If you are coming to happy hour bring some hors d'oeuvres to share. Whether or we break the raft after happy hour will be decided by those participating.



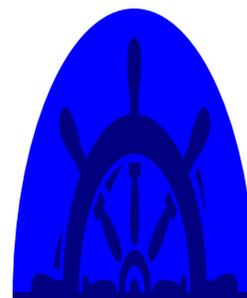
Larry Frank

Cruise Chairman

Tea Tree Oil (aka Melaleuca Alternifolia Oil)

1. Shower and tub cleaner
2. Can be used as an antiseptic
3. Small amount added to laundry can remove musty odors
4. Mold and Mildew control add 2 teaspoons of tea tree oil to 2 cups of water in a spray bottle. Shake well to blend. Spray your shower walls without rinsing. It usually takes a few days until the smell goes away but it isn't unpleasant. Its anti-fungal properties help to control mold and mildew. If you spray the grout, the must and mold will be killed but the discoloration remains. It is the opposite of bleach in the sense that bleach removes the black mold color but it does not kill the mold, which comes back. The tea tree oil kills the mold.
5. As a general purpose cleaner fill a 12 ounce spray bottle with warm distilled water. Add 1 teaspoon of tea tree oil, 2 tablespoons of distilled white vinegar and 1 teaspoon of Borax (I found it in the laundry aisle named 20 Mule Team). Mix or shake it up until the Borax is fully dissolved. It also wipes out odor causing bacteria.

Tammy Swart



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Friday Dinner Oct 5th

Masters Upgrade Class Oct 5th-7th

Annual Membership Meeting Oct 6th

Poker Night Oct 9th

BYC Cruise Oct 13/14

OUPV Class Oct 12th-14th, 19th-21st, 26th-28th

Bunco Wednesday Oct 17th

Texas Jazz Festival Oct 19th-23rd

Halloween Party Social Oct 20th

Harvest Moon Regatta Oct 25-27th

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 25-hour class runs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to about 5:00 p.m. The very first class is scheduled for the weekend of Oct 5-7 (we'll be done by 5:00 on Saturday, Oct 6 so we don't interfere with the General Membership meeting). This is a \$375 value.

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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October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Full moon	01	02	03 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	04 Board Meeting	05 Friday Dinner	06 Annual Membership Meeting
07	08 Last quarter	09 Poker Night	10 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	11	12 OUPV Class	13 OUPV Class BYC Cruise
14 BYC Cruise OUPV Class	15 New moon	16	17 Bunco Wednesday MORF Race, 6:00 PM	18	19 Texas Jazz Festival	20 Texas Jazz Festival Halloween Party Social
21 Texas Jazz Festival	22 First quarter Texas Jazz Festival	23 Texas Jazz Festival	24 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	25 Harvest Moon Regatta	26 Harvest Moon Regatta	27 Harvest Moon Regatta
28	29 Full moon	30	31 MORF Race, 6:00 PM	1	2 Friday Dinner	3



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