



BOWSPRIT 2013

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Commodore's Watch

Some thoughts on why we are valuable to the city.

When people think of Corpus Christi they think of its bay and waterfront. The marina has a major role in this attraction in part because privately owned boats at the marina enhance the beauty of the waterfront. Sailing clubs such as ours are relatively common at municipal marinas. Why would municipalities allow valuable waterfront real-estate to be used this way? The answer is because the clubs success is passed on to the marina through slip rentals, a better educated boating public, etc. The club is also the social coordinator for the marina sponsoring activities such as races, cruises, education and socials.

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Consider that approximately 20% of our club members are from out of town. Some of these members make weekly pilgrimages to Corpus Christi in order to be a part of our club. For many it starts at a local restaurant on Friday night where both out of town and local club members meet. On Saturday the club may be sponsoring a weekend cruise, education class or race. If the club is not on a cruise there is most likely going to be a dinner put on by a member or catered by a local restaurant. Then there is Sunday morning breakfast at a local restaurant. Potlucks, game or movie nights keep people coming back to the marina throughout the week.

This is what Bay Yacht Club does for the marina and city today, but some may ask what we will do for the city tomorrow if we move the clubhouse on to land. The answer is more of the same, a lot more. By moving to land we remove a financial burden which is our barge expense. Without this expense perhaps then we could purchase a few keel boats to attract people to the sailing lifestyle. In time these people would most likely buy their own boats thus renting more slips from the marina.

Bay Yacht Club is facing a dilemma. Our barge needs extensive repair that could deplete all of our savings. The clubhouse does not have causality insurance on it because no one will insure it as long as it sits on the barge. Therefore our barge repair fund serves as an unofficial emergency repair fund for the clubhouse. Once we spend all of our money on repairing the barge we will be left with nothing in the event of a disaster such as a fire or hurricane.

For the past two years we have been researching the best way for the club to resolve this problem. Do we deplete the bank account to fix the barge, try to relocate to land at the marina or will we have to pick up roots and move to a more suitable location. We feel without a doubt that keeping the 15,000 dollars in slip fees club members pay the city marina each month with the city is in the best interest for all.

News from the Vice Commodore



As the rendering above indicates, this is the project that has occupied a great deal of our time lately. The move committee is trying to put all of the numbers together so that the membership will have the proper data with which to make a decision about our move. We have met with an engineer for preliminary drawings, coordinated soil sampling and seen final drawings on the table. The committee has met with the Marina Advisory board, the Parks Dept, and now with a contractor. Follow on meetings have developed a presentation which was shown at General Membership meeting. This is a work in progress and we will keep you apprised as things more forward

This two year project has progressed from impossible to improbable and now very close to doable. There are a few more pieces of the puzzle that need a little molding, but I have confidence in the outcome.

Our move committee includes Kevin, Walter, Steve Indralunas, Frank Byrne, David Neipert, Joe Blair and me.

BYC Dinners and Social Events!

We ate well in April. We had three dinners. While all were yummy they were very different. First the Lamberts and Frys wished our Caribbean travels "bon voyage" with jerk chicken, Latin American sides and pound cake with pineapple rum sauce. Then there was one last hearty meat and potatoes meal before summer's heat sets in with spice cake and "red hots" applesauce. Lastly, we had traditional Texas barbeque courtesy of Bill Miller's BarB Q plus peach cobbler, ice cream, and meringue cookies.

FREAK FRIDAYS IN MAY AND JUNE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS CHANGE IN FRIDAY DINNERS. THERE ARE 5 FRIDAYS IN MAY WHICH MAKES THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE KIND OF LATE INTO THE MONTH. SO THERE WILL BE 2 FRIDAY DINNERS IN MAY: MAY 3RD AND MAY 31ST. BUT NO FRIDAY DINNER IN JUNE WITH OUR FIRST DINNER BEING SAT. JUNE 8TH.

Also in May we have a Mothers' Day dinner on Sat. May 11th. Mark Lambert is in charge but he needs help from his friends.

As always please consider cooking.

the Dinner Belles

Cruising with BYC



As far as sailing was concerned, April's cruise to Flato Cut was sort of a Jekyll and Hyde affair. The Hyde part was getting to Flato against a head wind that reportedly climbed to 26kts. The sail was rough, wet and long, adequately summarized by new member Simon Wheaton, who single-handed his ketch, as simply "atrocious."

Nonetheless, thirteen BYC boats eventually made it to Flato (although a few had arrived earlier), joined by seven boats from the Padre Island Yacht Club. The BYC boats were: Brigadoon, Cabaret, Hail Columbia, La Vie Dansante, LeriLynn, Rima, Ruth Elizabeth, Sea Dragon, Sea Yawl Later, Shirley, Solaris, Tempest, Windswept. Two additional boats began the trip but decided to turn back.

On arrival boats were contacted by Co-Cruise Guy Bill Wells and invited to join what forever will be known as The Great Flato Cut Raft-Up of 2013. Altogether there were thirteen boats composing the raft. Several boats chose to anchor because they had dogs on board, and one (Tempest) unknowingly had the VHF volume too low to hear Bill's welcome and instructions. Cabaret, located in the middle of the raft, flanked by LeriLynn and Hail Columbia, was perfectly situated to serve as the host boat for the late afternoon party. Unfortunately the last boat to arrive, Ruth Elizabeth, did so shortly after the party wound down.



The winds died and it was a calm night at the anchorage. The first boat to depart in the morning, Cabaret, ran aground near the mouth of the channel. The shoal now conveniently marked by Cabaret, a number of boats safely exited the anchorage. Ruth Elizabeth unsuccessfully attempted to help, but the rest of us just waved. Shortly after Cabaret escaped its post with the help of Boat US, Brigadoon occupied the same spot. One of the PIYC boats also reportedly went aground. It was a good day for Boat US.

Then began the Dr. Jekyll sail across the bay. If you will recall, Dr. Jekyll was not a dashing, entertaining sort of guy, but rather a staid, pleasant gentleman. So, too, were the initially moderate to light winds, not far aft of beam, a pleasant contrast with the day before.

The Memorial day cruise to Mud Island is slated for May 25-27, and those opting to complete the extended cruise to Palacios will return to Corpus on June 1. More information to follow.

Ed Portis, Co-Cruise Guy

Poker/Game Night at BYC!

The March 30 potluck dinner was a small group due to Easter the next day, but when I (Andy) found several poker players and their friends enjoying drinks while sitting around the poker table, I could not resist suggesting a game. Seven of us anted up, and the game was on. Walt, Kevin K, the Lamberts, new players The Gallagers, and me formed a group of seven. Theresa professed a lack of knowledge until she won the first hand with a full house, then we knew better. It was a dismal showing on my part because I lost to Julie when her full house of 2's over Jacks beat my 2's over sevens and later lost all my chips. The only one to go home broke. :(After the last card was dealt and the last beer spillt (thanks to Mark), first and second place had exactly the same chip count. We sent the Lamberts home with 80% of the cash and let them decide how to split it. Walt took home third place and he dearly loves this game of Texas Holdem.

We also invoked the poker knowledge of Joe and Sharon Blair in abstentia by declaring two misdeals after the second card was overturned on the deal. Too much beer? And later awarded Theresa the odd \$5 chip after a split pot because she was closest to the dealer's left. Thanks Joe and Sharon for teaching us the rules!

Thanks, Andy Horner

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May 2013 Events

[Go to Club Calendar on the Website](#)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 28 | 29 | 30 Game Night | 01 MOR F Race 6:00 PM | 02 Last quarter | 03 Dinner | 04 Rockport Nautical Flee |
| 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 MOR F Race 6:00 PM | 09 Board Meeting | 10 New moon | 11 CCYC 420 Regatta Ed |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Game Night | 15 MOR F Race 6:00 PM | 16 | 17 | 18 First quarter Beach to |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 MOR F Race 6:00 PM | 23 | 24 | 25 Full moon Mud Island |
| 26 Mud Island Cruise | 27 Cruiser Week | 28 Cruiser Week Game Night | 29 Cruiser Week MOR F | 30 Cruiser Week | 31 Last quarter Cruiser | 1 Cruiser Week South of the |



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