



# BOWSPRIT 2013

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Kevin Kaldenbach—Commodore

## Commodore's Watch

Happy New Years and thank you for allowing me to be Bay Yacht Clubs Commodore for 2013. It is going to take some work to follow Walter Crawford's example, but I am looking forward to the challenge. Let me take this opportunity to introduce you to some of this years committee chairs.

First let me thank Andy Horner, Michele King, Jackie Potts, Jenny Jackson, Jim Whitworth, Sylvia Whitworth and Jo Hebert for sticking around for another year on their respective committees.

I thought the Dinner Committee would be the hardest to find a chair for but not only did I get someone willing to do it, several people offered to help. With Susie Portis knowing her way around a kitchen like she does and David Drivers expertise at crunching numbers, convincing club members who are intimidated about cooking for large crowds should be a lot easier. Our dinners are vitally important to the club not only because they are revenue generators, our dinners are the biggest social outlet we have. Please don't delay in calling David or Susie to offer your support

In picking the chairs for the social committee I mixed one of our newest members who has a bubbly personality with one of our senior members who knows the workings of the club as good as anyone. Lori Stoner and Phyllis Vaughn have already come up with some fantastic ideas for 2013.

This year we are going to have two separate racing programs. Doug Weakly and Mark Lambert will co-chair keelboat racing and will work to make racing more attractive to the average boater. Gary Brown and Molly Richey are both into little boats and have agreed to co-chair the Sunfish program. We plan to do a lot of repairs to the Sunfish, have monthly races and get involved with the Texas Sunfish Circuit. We will elaborate more about the Sunfish in the coming weeks.

Ed Portis and Bill Wells have already planned some exciting cruises for 2013 including another week long cruise. Their first cruise is only a few weeks away, January 26th is the frostbite cruise to Port Aransas.

Kathy and Walt Ohler will be taking over the web page. They are new members who live in Lubbock but keep a boat on A-dock. Martha Messer has agreed to join the finance committee. Julie Lambert will be the clubs historian. Jerry Vaughn will be working on tweaking the Bylaws. Cathy and Chris Colley have a Cruise to Mexico and beyond already in the works, and Jennifer Holubec is going to be keeping the Facebook page going.

It looks like 2013 is already off to a running start so get aboard and lets have some fun.

Thanks,  
Kevin

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## Vice Commodore News

Happy New Year to all BYCers

This week starts a new chapter for BYC. As always, a change of command begets changes. We are very fortunate this year that as our leadership changes, we have the promise of a consistent pathway. A path that was forecast last year will come to fruition this year.

There are two major areas in which I will be concentrating: moving the club to terra firma and assisting Dean Domingue with recruiting. Rest assured, neither of these areas can be solo acts; both need the support and efforts of all members. Hopefully our barge committee will remain unchanged even though I have not polled individually. If others have expertise to offer, please let me know. Dean will need us all to assist in growing the roll of the club, join us.

There will be more to follow, so stay tuned.

Sea Ya on the water.

Chip



Christmas Party



Party after the end of the world!

## Poker/Bunco at BYC!

Have you noticed that despite the high cost of living, it still remains a popular option? However, Poker Night at the BYC will continue to be an inexpensive night of fun at the club, where for only \$5.00 you can buy \$1,000.00 in chips. At the end of the night the player with the most chips will win 50% of the buy-ins and second and third place will take home 30% and 20% of the buy-ins respectively. With the New Year's entry into the year 2013 we can celebrate the first year of Poker Night. However, a problem at the last game has necessitated bringing in a new rule. The rule is simple, no bullying. Bullying is where a player with a large amount of chips makes repeatedly excessively large bets early in the hand. This forces the other players to fold their hand without being able to see the flop. Basically it takes all of the fun out of the game and that is why the regular poker players decided to implement the No Bulling rule. Other than that the Year 2012 was a good year and hopefully the year 2013 will be even better. Hope to see you at the club.

Warm Regards,

Joe Blair

The 2013 Calendar  
of Events is posted  
on the BYC  
website.

[Check It Out!](#)

### Take Time to Service Your Boat's Winches

Looking for a productive winter maintenance project? Service your winches...

The winches aboard our sailboats are the great power machines that allow us to efficiently trim sails, raise halyards, tighten docking lines and much more. And like all mechanical devices, winches need to be given regular maintenance. We like to strip our winches at least once a year. That means disassembling them, cleaning them thoroughly and greasing them judiciously before reassembling them.



If you are not familiar with the inner workings of your winches, go to the manufacturer's website to download a schematic and any maintenance information that might be posted. On metal parts, you can use paint thinner or kerosene to remove old grease and dirt. Plastic parts need to be cleaned with warm soapy water. Often, the pawls and springs will be somewhat fouled with grease and dirt, so clean those carefully and replace any springs that are bent or damaged.

Before reassembling the winches, apply thin, highly refined winch grease—not thick axle grease—to the gears, roller bearings and all fasteners. Dedicated winch grease is available from most chandleries or from the winch manufacturer. Do not grease pawls and springs, since this will cause them to stick and fail, which can be both annoying and dangerous.

Electric winches should be cleaned in the same way. In addition, you need to clean and reseal all power cable attachments and make sure the switches are in good working condition. If you have old, compressed-air switches on the winches, consider replacing them with electric switches, which are less likely to misbehave or fail outright.

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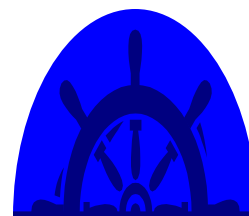
### The Sailor's Eggnog



1 generous shot of Sailor Jerry spiced rum

1 cup of your favorite eggnog

A splash of cream and a dash of cinnamon or nutmeg to top it off.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS!

January 9th  
Poker Night

January 12th  
Officer's Installation  
Banquet


Keep your eyes open  
for Members Blasts  
for other events!

# January 2013

30		<a href="#">31 Vice Com- modore's New Year Eve's Party</a>	01		<a href="#">02 MORF Race, 6:00 PM</a>	03		04		<a href="#">05 Last quarter</a>
06		07		<a href="#">08 Poker Night</a>	<a href="#">09 MORF Race, 6:00 PM</a>	10		<a href="#">11 New moon</a>		<a href="#">12 Officer's Installation Banquet</a>
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<a href="#">27 Full moon</a>	28		29		<a href="#">30 MORF Race, 6:00 PM</a>	31		1		2



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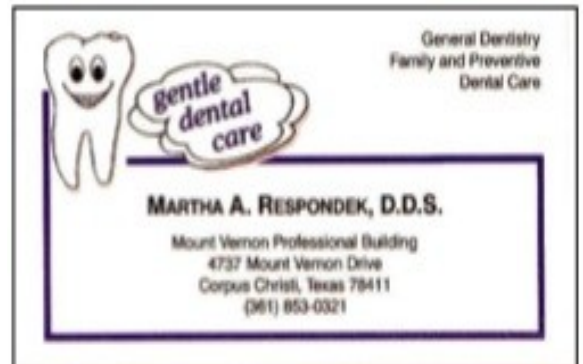
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