



# BOWSPRIT 2013

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Kevin Kaldenbach—Commodore

## Commodore's Watch

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Our March Madness recruiting drive went well. Even with 30 MPH winds we still had seven boats and a total of 60 people make the trip to G&H docks for our dock party. We also got several e-mail addresses of people who came to check us out. In total we had five new memberships for the month of March and a few others who say they will join. Great job everyone. For the new members, welcome aboard one of the most active sailing clubs in Texas.

On another yet related note I understand that a former member was perturbed that I removed him from the members blast e-mail as I did with all non members. These people were put on a non members e-mail list and will be getting selective e-mails instead of the everyday workings of the club. This was done in hopes that they would better appreciate the club and realize someday that they would like to belong.

BYC is a group of people working together to make all of our experiences on the water and at the marina more enjoyable. No one is paid. The webmasters, cooks, people fixing the sunfish, race and cruise coordinators, social chairs etc. are all volunteers putting their love into our club to make it a better place.

I would like to ask those former members who want to be kept in the loop of the day to day happenings of the club to consider re-joining. I understand that your boats may no longer be at the marina but it is obvious that you like all of the wonderful things this club has to offer and quite frankly we could use your financial support. The number of full memberships is around 65 and I would like to see it at 100. Imagine all that we could do as a club with a larger membership. How about a few keel boats for the membership to use and perhaps the clubhouse sitting on land overlooking the bay. This is a tough proposition with 60 members but easy to do with 100. So if you are not a member but like the idea of a club with more to offer please consider joining our wonderful club.

Thanks  
Kevin

## News from the Vice Commodore

As much of this week's discussion surrounds our new wifi, I offer information on a product that several club members including myself have been using for several years. Bitstorm manufactures a straight forward device that bring the signal deep not the bowels of your boat.

Practical Sailor gives it a thumbs up. This is not the only system around, just the one that I have personal experience with. It's ease of installation and superb support make it worth considering.



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### Why Can't I Get A Reliable Connection?

Wi-Fi is a two way system. Each end must both send and receive the signal equally. Think of it as two people, a substantial distance apart, throwing a ball to each other. Person A has to be strong enough to throw the ball to person B. Person B also has to be strong enough to throw the ball back to person A. If either Person A or B cannot throw the ball that distance, they will not have much of a throwing game.

Access points have an advantage over laptops because they have higher output power and their antennas are usually up high. They therefore have the ability to send a signal further than most laptops can. With the addition of a high gain antenna and Wi-Fi device, a laptop's range will be dramatically increased, thus matching that of the access point and leveling the playing field.

The location of the antenna is important too. Wood, water and metal all interfere with Wi-Fi by absorbing, refracting and reflecting it. Being in a steel boat down below near the waterline tied to a wood dock will likely not get a connection. Having the antenna up higher will.

## Cruising with BYC

Captains of seventeen BYC boats had declared their intent to cruise to Spinnaker Hole on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. They were to be joined by two boats from the Padre Island Yacht Club and perhaps a couple more from the Rockport YC. The host boats were committed for entertaining Saturday afternoon, and plans were afoot for transporting by dingy all interested parties to the German Bakery for breakfast on Sunday. Alas! It was not to be. As the weather outlook for Sunday became increasingly dire, an increasing number of captains decided that beating into a strong wind on the way back might prove to be unpleasant, and in some cases might result in mutiny. Finally, as NOAA forecast 25-30kts, with gusts over 40, even the most intrepid gave it up and not a single boat made the trip. In an act of defiant bravado Bob, with Jake as Crew, took Rima to Port A on Saturday in order to challenge Sunday's winds to a beam reach.

Meanwhile Neal Gallagher, unwilling to cede a complete victory to the wind demons, suggested a Plan B. From mid-afternoon until dusk five boats and a sunfish anchored off of McGee Beach in light wind. Joined by several members ferried by dingy to the host boat, Bow Out, they had a party. The other four boats were Concerto, Hail Columbia, Ruth Elizabeth, and Sea Yawl. The sunfish had no name but was captained by Mark Lambert. A good time was reportedly had by all.

Sunday, a small group drove to the German Bakery for breakfast. The company and the breakfast were both excellent. Not the extraordinary event envisioned, but nonetheless a very pleasant affair.

The cruise in April will be to Flato Cut, another anchorage, leaving on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned.

Ed Portis, Co-Cruise Guy

## BYC Racing

March's race was cancelled due to high winds and heavy seas. We're here to have fun, not break things. Although, Greg Truman's Horny Toad was seen speeding around the marina. We have rescheduled the race for Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 (12:30 skippers meeting). We didn't want to interfere with everyone's enjoyment of the Rockport flea market on Saturday.

Race 2 is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. 11:00 skippers meeting, 12:00 start. It would be great to have a large fleet for these races. If you are interested in crewing or need crew contact us at [racing@bayyachtclub.org](mailto:racing@bayyachtclub.org) and we will do our best to get people in touch.

We have a full schedule of races as always, so there will be plenty of chances to come out and play.

See ya at the starting line.

## BYC Dinners

We only had one dinner in March but it was a good one! Jerry and Phyllis Vaughn and Hal and Sharon Peterson treated us to an old fashioned fishfry complete with fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, and lemon cake. Great comfort food!

In April we can look forward to dinner from the Julie and Mark Lambert on the 5th.

As always we need cooks!



I would like to thank all my friends at Bay Yacht club for a wonderful surprise 50th birthday party. I know everyone gave Kevin alot of help. He could not have done it without you. I really appreciate all you do. Thanks again everyone.

-Kerry Kaldenbach

## Poker/Bunco at BYC!

Changes are in the air at the BYC. We now have seven pretty Sunfish all in a row on the aft floating dock, a bar with two internal kegerators, and BYC Game Night on the second and last Tuesday of each month, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. You can play Texas Hold 'em, Mexican Train, Bunco, sailing/swimming on a small board boat, or enjoy a cool drink with a fellow BYC'er. Better still, bring a friend and show them what the Club has to offer. We need new members.

Warm Regards,

Joe Blair

# April 2013 Events

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>03</u>		<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>
31	01	02	Last quarter <a href="#">MORF Race</a> 6:00 PM	04	<a href="#">Dinner</a>	<a href="#">Princess Cruise</a>
			<u>10</u>		<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	New moon <a href="#">Princess Cruise</a> <a href="#">MORF Race</a> 6:00 PM	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<a href="#">Princess Cruise</a>	<a href="#">Princess Cruise</a>	<a href="#">Princess Cruise</a> <a href="#">Game Night</a>		<a href="#">Princess Cruise</a>	<a href="#">Princess Cruise</a>	<a href="#">Princess Cruise</a> <a href="#">Flato Cut Cruise</a>
			<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>20</u>
<u>14</u>	15	16	<a href="#">MORF Race</a> 6:00 PM	First quarter <a href="#">Board Meeting</a>	19	<a href="#">CCYC Port A</a> <a href="#">Race-Dinner</a>
			<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>		<u>27</u>
<u>21</u>	22	23	<a href="#">MORF Race</a> 6:00 PM	Full moon	26	<a href="#">BYC Race 2</a> <a href="#">General Membership</a> <a href="#">Meeting Dinner</a>
<a href="#">Port A Ladies</a> <a href="#">Race</a>						
		<u>30</u>	1	2	3	4
28	29	<a href="#">Game Night</a>	<a href="#">MORF Race</a> 6:00 PM	Last quarter	<a href="#">Dinner</a>	<a href="#">Rockport Nauti-</a> <a href="#">cal Flea Market</a>

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