

# THE BOWSPRIT

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## Commodore's Watch

Welcome back the Bowsprit after a brief absence while editor Jason Labbe adjusted publishing software and reformatted the newsletter. My appreciation to Jason for his perseverance and success.

I was glad to see many of you at the Larry Joe Taylor concert at Bahia Marina on May 24. The Memorial Day weekend was scheduled as a club cruise to Ingleside but the weather was unpredictable ... wind, more wind, rain, more rain, etc. Doug Weakly and crew of *Stupid Monkey* sailed to Bahia Marina for a touch and go on Saturday but otherwise the Ingleside anchorage was devoid of boats. Those of us who made the cruise by land yacht enjoyed a fantastic evening and a typical outstanding Larry Joe Taylor concert courtesy of Bahia Marina.

Other happenings in May? Our Social Committee Tammy Edwards and Tamala Alejandro hosted a spring social on May 9 and the crew of "Giffin and Company" served dinner on the May 16. Thanks to both. The club hosted two racing events in May. For the Denis Tor Regatta on 2 May, which was also the second race in the 2015 BYC/MORF White Hat Rum series, Larry Haas and crew of *Pazuzu* finished first followed by *Windswept* and *Brigadoon* in second and third place respectively. The third race of this series was on May 30. Congratulations to *Waypoint* for a first place finish followed by *Windswept* and *Suppose* in second and third place.

So what's on tap for the second half of June? Next weekend, the club event will be on Friday June 19. The meal is Ladies Choice. Bring the item of your choice to cook on the grill. Sides will be provided. Note the day change to Friday. On the weekend of June 27-28, our cruise is to Ingleside Cove. Rained



Jim Robertson - Commodore

## Commodore's Watch ...continued

...and winded out last month, we'll try again in June. Bring your floaties and enjoy the group swim Saturday afternoon. More on this later from the cruise dude.

Did you know that the club is a cooperating group member of the Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatU.S.)? Every member of the BYC is entitled to a 50% discount on annual BoatU.S. membership dues. For only \$15 per year, BYC members may join BoatU.S. and thereby have access to over 26 BoatU.S. membership benefits and services including on water and on road towing, marine insurance, discounts at West Marine and discounts on fuel, repairs and transient slips at participating marinas. To get the discount on BoatU.S. membership dues, use the BYC group code GA80489Y when you join or renew your BoatU.S. membership.

We'll see ya' on the water.

Jim Robertson  
Commodore

## Guest Writer's Corner

With the coming of the spring sailing season, we at the Bay Yacht Club are looking forward to increasing our club's membership. Membership growth is essential for a healthy and vibrant club. Bay Yacht Club has much to offer to its members and has much to gain from its membership. Increasing membership is a key program for the 2015 year.

A membership increase is important for several reasons. The new members bring with them fresh enthusiasm for the club. Some new members will bring to the club a wealth of knowledge gained from years of boating, perhaps in many locations. Other new members may come to the Bay Yacht Club seeking guidance from more experienced boaters to help them gain skills. In any case, the new members will find many racers, cruisers, and power boaters willing to share their knowledge of cruising grounds, anchorages, communication, navigation, offshore sailing, etc. New members will bring to Bay Yacht Club ideas for improvement. Some may have been

members of other clubs and they can share ideas for enhancing our club. New members will also mean more revenue for

the club. Through a process of scrutinizing the operating budget, the officers and directors of the club have

found a way to avoid a dues increase for the year. New members will help us continue to keep dues at

present levels and yet expand the club offerings.

The Bay Yacht club has much to offer. We have an excellent facility in a good location. We provide a

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..excellent facility in a good location. We provide a variety of training programs for boaters. We have an active HAM Radio group. We have a sunfish fleet. We have monthly cruise-outs. We have an active racing program. Best of all, we offer the camaraderie that one finds among boaters. I can recall when Kathy and I first arrived in the area from San Francisco. We attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the club. The welcome we received was incredible and in such contrast to the reception we experienced when we moved to the West Coast. The Bay Yacht Club's greatest strength is its members, each and every one. It is my hope that this year's recruiting efforts can find more outstanding folks to be part of the Bay Yacht Club.


I am seeking volunteers for the Membership Committee. As part of our drive to increase membership, the committee will

continue to reach out to boaters in the marina and to the racing fleet. We will reach out to the public at large to attract first time boaters or those who have drifted away from boating. We will also make strides to recruit younger boaters who may just be starting out. I welcome any suggestions and input on ways to meet our membership goals. If anyone is interested in serving on the Membership Committee, please contact me.

Steve Indrelunas.

Rear Commodore

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# Calendar

## June 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Full Moon	3	4	5	6 CCYC One Design "Surfin Safari" Regatta Dinner
7 CCYC One Design "Surfin Safari" Regatta	8	9 Last quarter	10	11 Game Night	12	13 Education Dinner
14	15	16 New Moon	17	18	19 Father's Day Dinner	20 Morf/Byc Rum Race Series #4 Summer Solstice event (Mustang)
21	22	23	24	25 Game Night	26 HYC Leukemia Cup	27 HYC Leukemia Cup CCYC/ BYC Cruise to Ingleside Summer Solstice MORF Offshore Regatta
28	29	30				