

BYC, 1995

**I JOINED THIS CLUB IN THE EARLY PART OF 1978.
SINCE THAT TIME I'VE SEEN A LOT TO APPRECIATE.**

**IT WAS THAT YEAR THAT CHARLIE ORR AS COMMODORE WAS ELECTED.
AS A LEADER, HIS TERM WAS SOMETHING TO BE RESPECTED.**

**IN 1980, ANDY FICKEN WAS ELECTED OFF THE FLOOR.
ONLY ONE OTHER TIME WAS THIS THE WAY WE ELECTED A COMMODORE.**

**IN 1982, WE ELECTED A COMMODORE BY THE NAME OF BILL MATTHEWS.
I LIKE BILL. STRIAIGHT FORWARD, HIGH IDEALS, AND ALWAYS PAID HIS DUES.**

**IN 1985, WE WANTED A NEW CLUBHOUSE, BUT AT THE SAME SITE.
ONE PERSON WHO VIGOROUSLY HELPED PUT IT TOGETHER WAS ROGER WRIGHT.**

**HE WAS ELECTED COMMODORE IN 1986 AND LED US INTO A NEW DAY.
EVEN THOUGH HE DID IT IN SOMEWHAT OF AN UNCONVENTIONAL WAY.**

**I LOOK AROUND AND DON'T SEE MANY FACES FROM THAT TIME THEN.
THERE HAS BEEN LOTS OF CHANGES FROM WAY BACK THEN.**

**I'VE SEEN COMMODORES COME AND COMMODORES GO,
AND EACH TIME I WONDERED HOW THE CLUB WAS GOING TO GROW.**

**WE HAD THE BANQUET AT THE NUECES CLUB, AGAIN.
IT WAS A GREAT PLACE FOR A NEW YEAR TO BEGIN,**

**OR FOR ONE TO END FOR THAT MATTER.
AND IT WAS CHICKEN OR FISH SERVED UPON YOUR PLATTER.**

**BUT BEGIN IT DID WITH COMMODORE CHARLIE ULRICH AND ALL OF US TOGETHER.
WE HEARD FROM JAMES SQUYRES ON HOW WE WORKED THIS CLUB TO WEATHER.**

**FOR MANY A YEAR THE WIND WAS BLOWING US ON A LEE SHORE.
BUT NOW THERE IS LESS WIND, NOT MORE.**

**WE TACKED AWAY FROM OUR ENORMOUS DEBTS.
WE GAMBLERD A LITTLE, BUT WON OUR BETS.**

**JAMES SQUYRES RETIRED FROM BEING COMMODORE WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE,
EAGER TO TURN OVER TO CHARLIE ULRICH THE COMMODORE SPACE.**

**JUST REMEMBER, ONCE A COMMODORE, PROBABLY AGAIN, NEVER.
BUT ONCE A PAST COMMODORE, IT IS ALWAYS AND FOREVER.**

**THE COURAGEOUS CRUISER AWARD WENT TO DIETER JURGENS ON HIS ISLAND PACKET.
WHEN THE GOING GET ROUGH, DIETER CAN CERTAINLY HACK IT.**

**THE YOUNG YACHTMAN AWARD WENT TO MARY & RAY HERRINGTON'S SON, SCOTT.
SAILING ABILITY IS WHAT THIS BOY HAS GOT.**

**THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY WENT TO NELA AND BOB.
FOR A WHILE, CRUISING ON THEIR YACHT, WAVE DANCER, WAS THEIR JOB.**

AND ANDY FICKEN WON THE TERRY HARKRIDER AWARD THIS TIME.
FOR MONTHS HE CLEANED UP THE CLUB AND NEVER GOT A DIME.

THIS IS ASSUMING IN THE REFRIGERATOR HE NEVER FOUND ONE.
HIS NET INCOME FOR THIS WORK WAS EXACTLY NONE.

THE CRUISER OF THE YEAR WAS A MAN WITH SAILING CLOUT.
JAMES SQUYERS KNOWS WHAT CRUISING IS ALL ABOUT.

AND AS IT OFTEN IS AND SOMETIMES GOES,
IT WAS PAM GOODE WHO TAUGHT HIM ALL HE KNOWS.

AND DEAN WHITSETT TOOK HIS JOB AS VICE COMMODORE VERY SERIOUS.
WITH ALL HE HAD TO DO HE MUST HAVE BEEN DELERIOUS.

HE HANDLED NEW MEMBERS, HIS YACHT THE BAY STAR, AND NANCY, TOO.
IT SOUNDED LIKE A VERY COMPLICATED JOB TO DO.

WHEN I WAS VICE COMMODORE, I ONLY HAD TO WORRY ABOUT ONE OF THOSE THREE.
MY JOB COMPARED TO DEAN'S JOB WAS EASY.

OUR SECRETARY TOOK NOTES WITHOUT SO MUCH OF ASMUDGE.
AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, HERE COMES THE JUDGE.

I THINK JUDGE BLACKMON HAD WAY TOO MUCH FUN,
TAKING THE MINUTES OF THE CLUB AND SAILING WITH SHIP ONE.

HAVING THE PROPER TREASURER, NOW THAT IS THE KEY.
AND OUR 1995 MONEY EXPERT WAS WILL LEE.

NOT WILLIE, BUT WILL LEE IS HOW YOU PRONOUNCE IT.
OTHERWISE HE COULD TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND DENOUNCE IT.

AS ALWAYS THE NUMBER OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB IS FOUR.
SAM ASSARIAN, JOHN CREEK, TERRI FICKEN, BOB NEVILL, AND NO MORE.

AND D.B. KLINE WAS AGAIN OUR BOWSPRIT EDITOR.
IF YOU WERE LATE WITH YOUR ARTICLES, HE BECAME YOUR PREDITOR.

SOMETIMES, I DREAM UP NAMES TO MATCH THE INITIALS, "D.B"
MAYBE FOR TONIGHT ONLY, DESMOND BARTHOLEOW SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

IT IS PROBABLY NOT THAT AND I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.
I JUST KNOW I'VE GOT MY INITIALS AND D.B. HAS HIS.

NOW YOU TALK ABOUT A JOB, THAT'S WHAT OUR ALMOST SOCIAL DIRECTOR HAD.
TRYING TO OUTGUESS WHAT PEOPLE LIKE ALMOST DROVE TERRI FICKEN MAD.

ONE THING YOU CAN BANK ON WHEN EVERYONE COMES HERE TO EAT,
YOU CAN HAVE SOMEWHAT OF A SUCESSFUL PARTY IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.

WHEN THEY TOLD JIM HUBBARD ABOUT THE BATHROOM FLOOR BEING ROTTEN,
I THINK IT WAS SOMETHING HE HOPED THEY HAD FORGOTTEN.

**BUT BEING THE REAR COMMODORE AND IN CHARGE OF DOCKS AND FACILITIES,
HE WOULD TACKLE THE JOB EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD TAX HIS ABILITIES.**

**IT WAS NOT A TASK HE WAS ABOUT TO SHIRK,
ALTHOUGH IT WOULD TURN INTO A DIRTY, SMELLY PIECE OF WORK.**

**AND AGAIN OR STILL, ROBERT BLACKMON HEADED UP THE SEA SCOUTS.
AS FOR HIS OWN SAILING ABILITY, THERE WERE NO DOUBTS.**

**AND HAL PETERSON LINED UP THE COOKS FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS,
MAKING SURE THAT ALL THE SELECTIONS WERE WINNERS.**

**IN JANUARY NINE BOATS CRUISED OVER TO INGLESIDE.
THAT THE WEATHER WAS GREAT CANNOT BE DENIED.**

**I TIED ALONG SIDE PAT KELLY'S PEARSON 30 YACHT.
THE PARTY ABOARD CHARLIE'S VALIANT 40 WAS EASY TO SPOT.**

**I TURNED DOWN A RIDE IN PAT KELLY'S DINGY BOAT.
MY CONCERN WAS WITH THE TWO OF IN IT, WOULD IT STILL FLOAT?**

**HE SAID HE HAD TO PICK UP A HEAVIER PERSON YET.
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS IT WAS PAT KELLY THAT GOT WET.**

**HE INDICATED THE WATER WAS DAMP AND DEFINITELY COLD.
IN THE WINTERTIME THIS WAS WHAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD.**

**IT IS ABSOLUTELY THE TRUTH AND NEVER A LIE,
IN THE FUTURE, LESS WEIGHT IN HIS DINGY HE WOULD TRY.**

**IN FEBRUARY THE CRUISERS SAILED OVER TO THAT PORT ARANSAS CITY.
BUT THE COMMODORE DIDN'T GO. WHAT A PITY!**

**IT SEEMED THAT MOVING INTO AN APARTMENT WAS TAKING ITS TOLL,
BUT AT LEAST THEY GOT A GREAT VIEW FROM MARINA DEL SOL.**

**ALSO IN FEBRUARY BEEF STROGONOFF WAS SERVED UP BY NANCY AND DEAN.
IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST DINNERS THAT I HAD EVER SEEN.**

**TO CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF THE COMMODORE'S NEW VALIAT 40,
ON A SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY, HE DECIDED TO HOST A PARTY.**

**EVERYTHING WENT WELL UNTIL HE TRIED TO RETURN TO HIS SLIP.
A STRONG NORTH WIND HAMPERED THAT LITTLE TRIP.**

**HE TRIED TO BACK IT IN, BUT THE BOW KEPT COMING OFF THE WIND.
IF ONLY HE HAD INSTALLED A BOW THRUSTER ON THE FRONT END.**

**SO HE WENT IN FORWARD MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF HIS BONE CHILLED CREW.
AFTER FINISHING DOCKING, CHARLIE NOTICED THEY WERE TURNING BLUE.**

**NORMALLY ON THE FRONT END OF A TAYANA 37 THERE IS A BOWSPRIT.
BUT ON RAINBOW CHASER, JAMES SQUYRES TEMPORALY REMOVED IT.**

**HE SANDED IT AND GLUED IT AND WORKED ALL THE ROUGHNESS OUT.
MEANWHILE PAM WAS WONDERING IS THIS WHAT MAINTENTANCE IS ALL ABOUT?**

**BOB NEVILL AND QUENTON COOK SERVED UP A BISKET MEAL.
THE BEANS WERE TERRIFIC, WHEN YOU CONSIDER HOW THEY MIGHT MAKE YOU FEEL.**

**BOB PRODUCED A DESSERT THAT WAS REALLY VERY GOOD.
AND I WAS PROPERLY TRYING TO EAT IT, AS I SHOULD.**

**BUT IT WAS CRUMBLING RIGHT IN MY HAND,
AND I COULD SEE WHERE ALL THE PIECES SEEM TO LAND.**

**JUST THEN NANCY WHITSETT CAME BY AND OFFERED A HINT.
SHE PUSHED MY HAND TO MY MOUTH AND IN THE DESSERT WENT.**

**WE JOKED ABOUT IT AND LATER WHEN I GOT ANOTHER ONE,
I ASKED HER AGAIN TO SHOW ME HOW IT WAS DONE.**

**CAN YOU TIE THE PROPER KNOT AROUND A CLEAT?
WELL, YOU HAD TO DO THAT ONE FRIDAY IF YOU WANTED TO EAT.**

**I THOUGHT ANOTHER TIME WE COULD TRY AND TIE THE BOWLINE KNOT.
I PERSONALLY KNOW THAT WOULD PUT A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE SPOT.**

**WOULD IT TAKE TWELVE TRIES FOR ME TO TIE THE BOWLINE?
OR COULD I POSSIBLY DO IT WITHIN TEN?**

**JERRY SMITH CARRIED A DIAGRM WITH HIM THAT SHOWS HOW TO TIE IT.
SO HE MIGHT BE MORE WILLING THAN OTHERS TO TRY IT.**

**IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE THE FIREWORKS DURING BUC DAYS.
THAT IS IF THE CLOUDS ARE HIGH AND THERE IS NO HAZE.**

**NANCY AND DEAN MAKE A TERRIFIC PAIR.
WHEN YOU SEE ONE, THE OTHER IS USUALLY THERE.**

**IN APRIL WE CRUISED OVER TO GARY AND DORA SCHNEIDER'S PLACE.
ACCORDING TO DEAN WHITTSET WHO ARRIVED LAST, IT WASN'T A RACE.**

**THE NUMBER OF BOATS THAT SAILED OVER WAS EIGHT.
BUT ONLY TWO CAME BACK ON THAT SUNDAY DATE.**

**SO WHY AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER SIX THAT STAYED?
MOST OF THEM COMPLAINED ABOUT THE WINDS THE NORTHER HAD MADE.**

**IT SEEMED THAT GOING OVER IN HIS SE WINDS, THEY HAD TO TACK
AND THEY DIDN'T WANT TO DO THAT ON THEIR TRIP BACK.**

**MEANWHILE, VICKI REDFIELD MOVED INTO HER NEW TWO STORY DWELLING.
AS TO WHY SHE DID THIS, THAT WOULD BE TELLING.**

**PAM GOODE TOLD SHERRY ULRICH & ME AN INTERESTING STORY ABOUT A BUCKET.
AND SOME OF THE NIFTY PLACES THAT YOU COULD TUCK IT.**

**BUT I DON'T SEE THE POINT OF GOING INTO DETAILS NOW
JUST ASK PAM ABOUT THE WHEN, THE WHERE, AND THE HOW.**

**AH, THOSE SPRING WINDS THAT SOMETIMES BLOW INTO THE SUMMER.
IF YOU HAVE A LIGHT WINDED BOAT, SAILING BECOMES A BUMMER.**

**SOME BELIEVE THE HARDER THE WIND BLOWS THE FASTER THE BOAT WILL SAIL.
BUT THE HARDER THE WIND BLOWS THE MORE LIKELY SOMETHING WILL FAIL.**

**THE SHIP ONE'S BLUE CREW CONSISTS OF MANY FACES.
AND ON THE PORT ARANSAS RACE, THEY WON TWO SECOND PLACES.**

**JAMES BUNTROCK & SCOTT HERRINGTON WON SECOND IN THE PACK
LAURA HEIL, LIZBET DAVIS, & ELIZABETH BUNTROCK WON SECOND COMING BACK.**

**FOR MY OTHER BOAT I HAD THIS IDEA FOR CURTAINS I THOUGHT WAS CUTE.
AFTER TALKING TO PHYLLIS VAUGHN, I THINK I SHOULD HAVE REMAINED MUTE.**

**SHE SAID IT WAS MORE COMPLICATED THAN I THOUGHT AND I WAS JUST A MAN,
THAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS EVEN THOUGH I HAD A PLAN.**

**SO, I WALKED AWAY WITH MY SELF ESTEEM A HURTING.
I THINK MY IDEA AND HER IDEA WERE NOT THE SAME FOR A CURTAIN.**

**SO, I TACKLED THIS PROJECT WITHOUT ANYONE'S AID.
THE CURTAINS I USED WERE THE ONE'S I MADE.**

**IF PHYLLIS SAW THEM NOW, SHE MIGHT SAY, "HOW CRUDE!"
I WOULD THEN POINT OUT TO PARTIALLY HOLD THEM TOGETHER THEY WERE GLUED.**

**ON THE INGLESIDE CRUISE IT WAS D.B. THAT WENT AGROUND.
IN THE REYNOLD'S EXIT, SOME SHALLOW WATER HE FOUND.**

**GOING THROUGH THE BACK WAY IS USUALLY A SCENIC RIDE.
BUT HE GOT TOO CLOSE GOING OUT ON THE PORT SIDE.**

**DEAN, NANCY, AND RENEE ALL APPROACHED THE DINNER WITH A SMILE.
THEY SERVED UP CHICKEN, COOKED KING RANCH STYLE.**

**THEN JOHN CREEK FINISHED UP WITH HIS DISHWASHING TALENTS.
IT WAS THE PERFECT CREW WITH THE PERFECT BALANCE.**

**IN JULY VICKI REDFIELD BOUGHT A NEW RED CONVERTIBLE MIATA.
IT WAS TOO BAD SHE COULDN'T RACE IT IN THE NAVY REGATTA.**

**WE AGAIN DAY CRUISED TO THE INGLESIDE SURROUNDINGS.
I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT ANY UNINTENTIAL GROUNDINGS.**

**IT WAS A DAY CRUISE BECAUSE OF WINDS THAT TURNED INTO AN OVERNIGHT.
AND ALTHOUGH IT WAS DONNEL POINT THAT WAS THE SELECTED SIGHT.**

**NO ONE BOAT ACTUALLY STAYED OVERNIGHT THERE.
FOR A BUNCH A REASONS THEY ANCHORED ELSEWHERE.**

**LATER WHEN LANTATA WAS BOUNCING OFF THE BOTTOM IN INGLESIDE BAY,
HE SAILED HER ON THE LYDIA ANN FOR A MORE PLEASANT OVERNIGHT STAY.**

**AT THE END OF JULY WE WERE WAITING FOR A TROPICAL STORM NAMED DEAN.
LIKE OUR OWN DEAN, THE STORM WAS NOT DANGEROUS OR MEAN.**

**ON A FRIDAY IN AUGUST, CHARLIE AND SHERRY SERVED US SALADS GALORE.
JERRY WENT THROUGHT THE LINE ONCE, BUT CAME BACK FOR MORE.**

WE HAD SOME DIFFERENT KIND OF WEATHER FOR THE NAVY REGATTA THIS TIME.
AND THERE WAS A REASON FOR IT AND ALSO A RHYME.

I FRIST THOUGHT WERE WE GOING TO HAVE BLISTERING HEAT.
ALL THE SAILORS WOULD COME IN FROM THE RACE RED AS A BEET.

BUT WHEN I SAILED OVER I GOT A DIFFERENT KIND OF WEATHER PAIN.
I GOT HIT BY THE REMNANTS OF GABRIEL'S SOUTH WINDS AND DRIVING RAIN.

AFTER A WHILE THE RACE WAS CALLED TO A HALT.
THEY RAN OUT OF TIME AND WIND. IT WAS NOBODY'S FAULT.

LATER, THE BASE COMMANDER GAVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO SHAKE THEIR FISTS.
TERRI FICKEN SHOKE HERS, BUT IT WAS SOMETHING I MISSED.

AT SUNDAY BRUNCH, I SAW DEAN, NANCY, AND THE SCHNEIDER'S THERE.
DEAN ATE SO MUCH, WHEN LEAVING, REQUESTED A WHEEL CHAIR.

YOU COULD SAY, QUERENCIA DRAGGED ANCHOR FOR MANY A MILE.
CARL PARTIALLY RAISED IT FOR CLEANING AND FORGOT ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE.

IT WAS LATER DISCOVERED AFTER GOING HALF WAY ACROSS THE BAY.
THAT IT WAS STILL DRAGGING BELOW THE SURFACE, SLOWING THE BOAT'S WAY.

WHEN LEAVING THE BASE I HEARD A POWERBOAT COMING UP ON MY STERN.
IT WAS THE TRAWLER RAINBOW CHASER I WAS TO LEARN.

JAMES'S TAYANA 37 WAS REALLY THROWING OUT A BIG WAKE.
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM TO SLOW DOWN FOR MY SAKE.

NEXT FRIDAY, I HEARD ABOUT THE NAVY REGATTA RESULTS AS I WAS ABOUT TO DINE.
THAT SCOTT HERRINGTON & BOB TYBONE WON TWO FIRST PLACES WITH D.B. KLINE.

CHARLIE CATLIN, VICKI, AND PHYLLIS SERVED UP SMOKED SALMON FISH.
WITH GREEN BEANS, A SALAD AND A DESSERT, IT WAS QUITE A DISH.

HANS TERRHORST SAID HE WOULD RATHER HAVE SALMON THAN A PIECE OF CAKE.
IF I HAD TO MAKE THAT CHOICE, I'D KNOW WHICH ONE I'D TAKE.

AT THE AUCTION, JAMES SQUYRES PLACE MANY A BID.
SPENDING CLOSE TO \$80.00 WAS WHAT HE DID.

ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND MANY SAILORS CONVERGED ON THE CRAB-N.
SOME OF THEM WERE NANCY & DEAN, PAM & WILL, AND CAROL & KEN.

ALSO OTHERS WERE THERE ON THAT DELIGHTFUL DAY.
THERE WERE ROGER & NANCY, MYSELF, AND DICK & KAY.

FOR A LONG TIME ON HIS NEW BOAT BOB NELVILL HAD TO WAIT.
BUT ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND, HE WENT AND GOT HIS CABO RICO 38.

THE ROBERTSON'S PREPARED BEEF WITH BURGANDY OR BURGANDY WITH BEEF.
EITHER WAY, IT WAS A GREAT MEAL, AND THAT'S NOT ONLY MY BELIEF.

AND JERRY SMITH WAS THERE BEYOND THE POINT OF A SCREAM.
IT SEEMED I ACCIDENTLY GOT ONE OF MY FINGERS IN HIS ICE CREAM.

VICKI REDFIELD GAVE A SEND OFF PARTY AT HER HOUSE FOR PAT AND QWEN.
THEY WILL SOON BE BACK FOR A VISIT AND I KNOW WHEN.

IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE FOURTH TIME, WE SAILED TO INGLESIDE COVE.
BECAUSE CHARLIE AND SHERRY COOKED FOR US, THEY DROVE.

LATER, IT TURNED OUT TO BE A VERY, VERY GOOD SIGN,
WHEN THE COMMODORE'S CUP WAS WON BY D.B. KLINE.

I ALSO HEARD THAT IN THIS RACE JERRY SMITH'S BOAT CAME IN LAST.
MAYBE HIS YACHT, THE FANCY FREE, IS JUST HALF FAST.

ROGERS HALL SERVED GUMBO AND BREAD PUDDING WITH BRANDY SAUSE.
IF YOU MISSED IT, WELL, IT WAS YOUR LOSS.

THE ROCKPORT PEOPLE CAME OVER TO RACE BACK TO SEAFARE.
BUT NOT TOO MANY BYC BOATS SAILED OVER THERE.

I CRUISED TO SHAMROCK AND JAMES SAILED TOWARDS LYDIA ANN.
QUENTEN WORKED ON HIS TEAK AND THE DAWSON'S HAD A GOLFING PLAN.

EARLY IN THE YEAR CHARLIE ULRICH GAVE HIS WINDLESS QUITE A TEST.
HE ANCHORED IN LYDIA ANN CHANNEL IN AN AREA HE THOUGHT BEST.

HE SNAGGED AN ANCHOR FROM SOME OLD FORGOTTEN WRECK.
HE QUICKLY KNEW THAT IT WASN'T GOING TO FIT ON HIS DECK.

AFTER TWO HOURS OF PULLING, HE GOT HIS OWN ANCHOR FREE.
THERE ARE ALWAYS LESSONS TO LEARN FROM THE SEA.

HERE IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED ON THE NIGHT OF THE ELECTIONS.
JAMES SQUYRES WENT THRU THE TRASH MAKING A CAREFUL SELECTION.

HE PICKED OUT PIECES OF MEAT AMONG THE GARBAGE FOR PAM'S DOG, ROSS,
BUT AS IT TURNED OUT, THE DOG WAS GOING TO TAKE A LOSS.

LOOKING FOR MORE MEAT, HE PUT THE PLATE ON THE FRIDGE, RIGHT ON TOP.
HE THOUGHT THAT UP THERE IT WOULD BE HARD TO SPOT.

BUT TWO KEY CLUB MEMBERS SAW IT AND ATE HALF OF IT RIGHT OFF THE PLATE.
JAMES REALIZED THAT TO SAY ANYTHING, WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE.

BECAUSE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS TOOK PLACE,
I DECIDED NOT TO EMBARRASS THEM IN THIS CASE.

BUT I KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND SO DOES JAMES.
I SEE THEM NOW BUT IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO MENTION THEIR NAMES.

ABOUT THE FAMILY CRUISE, WE SHOULD HAVE CHECKED AN ALMANAC.
I HAD A BEAM WIND GOING OVER ON FRIDAY & A BROAD REACH COMING BACK.

THE OVERALL WEATHER FOR THIS CRUISE TURNED OUT TO BE GRAND.
THERE WAS A TREASURE HUNT ASHORE, BUT NO MAGICIAN ON HAND.

I AM NOT SURE WHAT WAS THE FAR REACHING GOAL,
BUT ON THAT SATURDAY, OVER 50 BOATS ANCHORED IN THE SPINNAKER HOLE.

IT WAS VERY FORTUANATE THAT NIGHT THE WIND DIDN'T SHIFT VERY MUCH.
FOR IF IT HAD, THERE WOULD BEEN MANY SWINGING COLLISIONS AS SUCH.

JAMES SQUYRES PRESENTED THE TROPHY TO CARPE DIEM'S SKIPPER, LEE GUINN
FOR OUTSTANDING MANUEVERING AT THE SPINNAKER HOLE WHEN COMING IN.

LEE 'S BOAT IS OVER 40 FEET AND HE TOWED IN A COLUMBIA 26
BEING ONE OF THE LAST TO ARRIVE, HE HAD TO USE ALL HIS TRICKS.

WHEN RETURNING, THE WIND WAS BLOWING HARD THAT SUNDAY.
WE DIDN'T KNOW IT, BUT THERE WOULD BE LESS WIND ON MONDAY.

I ANCHORED IN THE SPINNAKER HOLE IN THE FAR, FAR BACK END.
GETTING OUT EARLY ON SUNDAY MORNING, WASN'T EASY, MY FRIEND.

OUT ON THE BAY, NANCY WHITSETT ON BAY STAR PASSED MANY A CRAFT.
BECAUSE DEAN HAD ORDERED FULL SAIL, MOST PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS DAFT.

WHILE SOME OF US WERE ON THE FAMILY CRUISE, FIDDLING AROUND.
HAL PETERSON, BOB NELVILL, AND D.B. KLINE WERE PORT LAVACA BOUND.

FOR BOB, LINDA, AND RICHARD, IT WAS QUITE AN ADVENTURE THEY HAD.
I HOPE BOB DIDN'T CONSIDER ALL OF IT TO BE BAD.

HIS ENGINE WOULD START AND BOTH OF HIS JIBS WERE FOULED,
AND HE WAS CLOSER TO THE BEACH THAN HE THOUGHT IT WAS ALLOWED.

BUT HE GOT OUT OF THE GULF AND IT ON WITH THE SHOW.
ONLY TO GO AGROUND ON THE INSIDE AND CALL FOR A U.S. BOAT TOW.

AH, THE CRUISING LIFE CAN REALLY BE A LOT OF FUN.
IT CAN ALSO BE A LEARNING EXPIERIENCE ON THE RUN.

AND JERRY SMITH FINALLY.....FINALLY PAINTED HIS MAST.
WITH ALL THE EFFORT IT TOOK, I HOPE IT LAST.

THE COMMODORE SAID WE WERE GOING TO HAVE THE PIER PARTY, WEATHER OR NOT.
THE NORTH WIND OUTSIDE WAS COLD, BUT THE CHILI & GUMBO INSIDE WERE HOT.

ANDY FICKEN WASN'T SURE IF THE TEMPERATURE OUT ON THE PIER
WAS EQUAL TO OR COLDER THAT THE TEMPERATURE OF THE BEER.

HERE IS JUDGE BLACKMON, THE NAME WHO GOES THE EXTRA YARD.
IN 1995, HE WON THE CECIL BERNEY HUMANITARIAN AWARD.

IMAGINE A HURRICANE SEASON THAT THE STORMS WENT TO THE LETTER "T".
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT THAT IS TOO MANY FOR ME.

AT THE CLUB ON THE FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, I SAW WILL AND PAM LEE.
THIS WAS THE DINNER THAT ANDY AND TERI SERVED UP CHILI.

ALSO ON THIS HOLIDAY, BOB, YVETTE, QUENTON AND CARLA SAILED TO SOUTH PADRE.
DOWN AND BACK IN THE GULF AND FORGET ABOUT THE LAGUNA MADRE.

WAS THERE AN ADVENTURE? IS THERE A TELLING OF A SAILOR'S TALE?
WELL, AT LEAST BOB NELVILL'S BOAT HASN'T BEEN PUT UP FOR SALE.

ON DECEMBER 2, WE ALL CAME DOWN TO SEE THE SIGHTS.
THE CITY PICKED A GREAT TIME FOR THE EVENT OF HARBOR LIGHTS.

AS FOR RICHARD AND LINDA'S LIGHTS, THEIR DOLPHINS ADDED CLASS,
BY THE WAY, DID ANYONE WHO WAS OUTSIDE SMELL ANY GAS?

THE LIGHTS ON THE POLES WERE THROWING THE BREAKERS ON B PIER.
AND DID YOU THINK THAT GAS SMELL WAS ANYTHING TO FEAR?

THE MARINA OFFICIALS CAME DOWN AND SHUT OUR PARTY DOWN.
THEY SAID WE NEEDED TO GET OFF THE PIER AND GO INTO TOWN.

HAL PETERSON'S MEATBALLS WERE CAUSING THE DEPARTURE TO GO SLOW.
LATER THE MARINA PEOPLE CAME BACK AND SAID WE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO.

SO THE DINNER FOR MANY BECAME THE DINNER FOR FEW.
I PERSONALLY FELT THERE WAS MORE FOR ME AND LESS FOR YOU.

IF YOU SMOKE IN THE CLUB HOUSE, IT COULD BE YOUR END.
YOU HAD BETTER GO OUTSIDE TO A PLACE CALLED PHYLLIS'S SIN BEND.

THE VICE COMMODORE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS AN EVENT WE WON'T FORGET.
ROGERS HALL'S PRESENT WAS A SAILING FIRST AID KIT.

CARLA COOK OPENED MANY GIFTS BUT WOUND UP WITH A BELL.
ROGER WRIGHT WAS SATISFIED WITH HIS BOOKS, I COULD TELL,

HAVING TAKEN THEM FROM THEIR SECOND OWNER, NANCY WRIGHT, HIS OWN WIFE.
AND IT WAS D. B. THAT RECEIVED A WONDERFUL RIGGING KNIFE.

IT SEEMED LIKE SMALL FLASHLIGHTS WERE THE GIFTS THAT HIT THE MARK.
I GUESS SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT OTHER PEOPLE WERE TOO LONG IN THE DARK.

SCOTT HERRINGTON TOOK THE MERMAID BUMPER AWAY FROM ANDY FICKEN
AND I GOT SOME SHORTS THAT MADE MY HEART RATE QUICKEN.

THE CALDO WAS GREAT AND THE DESSERT WAS FAR FROM BEING ROUTINE,
AND THIS PARTY WAS BROUGHT TO US BY NANCY AND DEAN.

IF YOU WANT TO THINK ABOUT A WONDERFUL MEAL TO REMEMBER,
THEN THINK ABOUT THE HERRINGTON'S AND NIL'S LASAGNA DINNER IN DECEMBER.

AT THE COMMODORE'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, I SAW GEORGIA AND CHUCK PIERCE,
THE ATTACK ON CHARLIE AND SHERRY'S MINESTONE WAS FIERCE.

LATER WHEN IT CAME TO MAKING SNACKS, CHARLIE KEPT HIS COOL.
HE BROUGHT OUT POP CORN AND BECAME A POPPING FOOL.

JAMES INVITED US TO WRITE A LETTER TO PARADISE-STUCK FRED.
HIS BOAT WAS HIT BY A FEIGHTER, AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT HE SAID.

AT 11:00PM CHARLIE OPENED CHAMPAGNE FOR A PROPER TOAST.
WE DRANK TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE PEOPLE ON THE EAST COAST.

AFTER MIDNIGHT, I WENT OUTSIDE AND FIRED OFF SIX OUTDATED FLARES,
BUT ONLY ONE WORKED WELL, IF ANYONE CARES.

I HAVE A MUCH LARGER FLARE GUN THAT WORKS REALLY GREAT,
BUT THE FLARES I HAVE FOR IT EXPIRED IN 1958.

SO, AS YOU MIGHT GUESS, THOSE FLARES NEVER GET FEWER.
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY ALSO NEVER GET ANY NEWER.

WHEN IT COMES TO HUGS, I WOULD RATHER GET ONE FROM A GAL,
BUT AT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, I RECEIVED ONE FROM HAL.

IT WAS A HUG THAT I DO NOT THINK I WILL EVER FORGET.
IN THE FUTURE, I THINK I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER IT.

THE MORNING AFTER, THE PAST COMMODORE'S BREAKFAST, THEY DID FIX.
BUT THIS EVENT FULLY OCCURRED IN THE YEAR OF 1996.

NOW WHO DID YOU SAY WAS THE 1995 COMMODORE OF BYC?
IT WAS A PERSON WE ALL KNOW, INCLUDING ME.

HE WANTED TO DO THINGS RIGHT AND HE'S DONE JUST THAT.
AS A COMMODORE CHARLIE ULRICH HIT A HOME RUN WHEN AT BAT.

HE NEEDED A LOT OF HELP TO RUN THIS CLUB IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER.
AND IF YOU LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR OF 1995, IT WAS A BANNER.

WE GOT A NEW COMMODORE NOW. WELL, MAYBE NOT SO NEW.
HE'S NEW TO THE POSITION, THAT MUCH IS TRUE.

HE HAS HELD MANY POSITIONS, OUR NEW COMMODORE JERRY VAUGHN.
WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE HIS LEADERSHIP INTO A NEW DAWN.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP IN THE CLUB, JERRY IS RIGHT HERE.
HE IS WELL INTO PLANNING THE EVENTS OF THE NEW YEAR.

AS YOU MIGHT GUESS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS TO DO.
AND JERRY STILL HAS A FEW OPENINGS IN HIS NEW CREW.

AS I SPEAK, I COULD SAY THAT IT'S HISTORY IN THE MAKING.
AS THE BYC BEGINS ITS 24TH YEAR, IT'S GOOD TIMES FOR THE TAKING.

1996, IT IS A YEAR THAT HAS ALREADY BEGUN.
LET'S TOAST NOW TO THE BYC, THE YACHT CLUB THAT HAS THE MOST FUN.

TOM ARNOLD, 1995

