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Tom Arnold recites the 2010 poem

**AT THE LAST BANQUET WE COMPETED WITH THE BAND IN THE NEXT ROOM.
THAT THEY WERE HAVING A GOOD TIME IS SOMETHING WE COULD ASSUME.**

**OUR 2009 COMMODORE IS INDEED AN OLD SALT.
THIS OF COURSE IS NONE OTHER THAN HAVE A GOOD TIME WALT.**

**BOB AND JO ANN MCNEILL SERVED OUR CLUB FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS.
WE DEDICATED A PLAQUE TO THEM & NOW UPON ONE OF OUR WALLS IT APPEARS.**

**I READ WHERE HARRY'S DEFEVER TRAWLER IS HULL NUMBER THREE.
THERE WAS A SAILBOAT OF THAT HULL NUMBER THAT BELONGED TO ME.**

**BUT MY BOAT WAS A YAWL AND HARRY'S BOAT IS POWER.
THEREFORE, MY CONSUMPTION OF FUEL WAS A LOT LESS THAN HIS PER HOUR.**

**OR FOR ANY OTHER MEASUREMENT OF TIME, THAT IS.
SO NOW WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A ONE-QUESTION QUIZ.**

**WHICH BOAT WOULD YOU RATHER TAKE A 2000 MILE TRIP IN?
THE COMFORT LEVEL ON MY BOAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE THIN.**

**IN 2009 WE RESURRECTED THE MULLET AWARD, BUT SOON IT DIED.
IN 2010, THE MULLET SANK TO THE BOTTOM, A VICTIM OF JOHNNY'S RED TIDE.**

**WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO POINT OUT THE MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE?
INSTEAD, ENCOURAGE THEM IN THE ADVENTURES THAT THEY TAKE.**

**JERRY VAUGHN RECEIVED THE TERRY HARKRIDER AWARD.
AS A BACKGROUND WORKER, HE IS A DIE HARD.**

**SOMETIMES HE STANDS OUT FRONT BUT MOSTLY HE WORKS BEHIND THE SCENE.
WE WILL NEVER KNOW ALL HE DOES, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.**

**THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY WENT TO WILD BILL.
WILD BILL CARROTHERS, THE MAN THAT MADE OUR WEBSITE A THRILL.**

**IT MIGHT RIVAL WINDOWS SEVEN ON ITS ACTUAL SIZE.
LOG ON TO BAYYACHTCLUB.ORG AND SEE IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES.**

**MEGAN GALLAGHER WAS OUR YOUNG YACHTS PERSON OF THE YEAR.
WE GAVE THE DAUGHTER OF NEIL AND TERESA A TROPHY AND A BIG CHEER.**

**THE COOK OF THE YEAR AWARD IS BASED ON WHAT TASTES BEST ON YOUR FORK.
AND LAST YEAR'S WINNER WAS MARY LEE AND RUSS YORK.**

**THE CRUISER OF THE YEAR WENT TO CYNTHIA AND JOHN.
IN 2010, THE HUDDLESTON'S WERE OUR CRUISING ICON.**

**THE FROSTBITE CRUISE STARTED OUT WITH A TEMPERATURE OF 38.
IT WAS FIRST THOUGHT FOR A WARMING TREND, THE CRUISERS WOULD WAIT.**

**16 CRUISED TO PORT ARANSAS ON A COOL DAY, BUT WITH A SUN SHINING BRIGHT.
AND GUESS WHAT, JAKE SAID THE DAY TURNED OUT PRETTY MUCH ALL RIGHT.**

**AND THEN IN FEBRUARY THERE WERE THOSE LATE AFTERNOON DAYS,
WHEN HUNDREDS OF BLACKBIRDS LANDED ON MANY OF OUR BACKSTAYS.**

**WHEN FRIENDS GET TOGETHER IT ALMOST ALWAYS TURNS OUT SWELL,
ESPECIALLY WHEN THIRTEEN BYC COUPLES WENT TO PROGRESSO AND COZUMEL.**

**WITH THE YUCATAN PENINSULA YACHT CLUB THEY EXCHANGED BURGEES.
TRAVELING ON A CARNIVAL SHIP WAS VACATIONING THE LIFE OF EASE.**

**IT HAPPENED VERY QUICKLY BUT WE KNEW IT WAS SMART
WHEN CHRIS COLLEY HAD A FRONTAL LOBOTOMY DONE ON HIS HEART.**

**AND ME, WELL, I HAD ONE DONE ON MY RUPTURED APPENDIX.
FOR BOTH OF US I HOPE IT IS MORE THAN A QUICK FIX.**

**WE WENT TO THE CRAB-N, BUT AS FAR AS GOING, THERE WERE ONLY 24.
IT WAS VERY COMFORTABLE AND I WAS GLAD THERE WASN'T ANY MORE.**

**THE WEATHER WAS GOOD, BUT THE CRUISERS HAD BEEN LEAD ASTRAY
THERE WERE RUMORS ON LITTLE DOCKAGE BEING AVAILABLE THAT DAY.**

**DOUG WEAKLY SAILED OVER ON LIQUID COURAGE, BUT BUMPED ON A LEDGE.
OR MAYBE, HIS BOAT, HAVING A DEEPER DRAFT, JUST FOUND THE EDGE.**

**LARRY FRANK WENT, AS WELL AS CAPT. RON AND JO HERBERT.
THE PLEASANT CROSSING WAS SOMETHING THEY ALL DID SHARE.**

**OUR MARDI GRAS PARTY WAS FAR FROM BEING MEDIOCRE.
AND HELPING IT ALONG WAS OUR RESIDENT JOKER.**

CAPTAIN RON IS A GREAT GUY AND ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP OUT,

AND ISN'T THAT WHAT BEING IN THIS CLUB IS ALL ABOUT?

**TO START THE RACES WE HAVE MARY HERRINGTON, OFFICIAL TIME KEEPER
AT THE PROPER MOMENT SHE IS ALSO CONTROLLING THE STARTING BEEPER.**

**THE RACES IN APRIL HAD EASY WINDS WITH A LITTLE RAIN.
IT SEEMS BRUCE WAS TRYING TO REVIVE HIS CAMPAIGN.**

**IN JUNE, WE HAD A PARTY THAT WAS ON THE PIER.
SEVERAL PIERS ACTUALLY & CHRIS COLLEY WAS IN CHARGE OF MOVING THE BEER.**

**IT WAS IN AN ICED DOWN CART AND ALWAYS IN THE RIGHT PLACE.
WALT CRAWFORD WAS TRYING ALL THE TIME TO HAVE WITH IT INTERFACE.**

**MAYBE, THAT SHOULD BE IN HIS FACE, ESPECIALLY HIS MOUTH.
HE STARTED ON THE NORTH MOST PIER AND HEADED SOUTH.**

**ON D PIER I SAW BILL STREEP STANDING ON MERLIN'S DECK.
SO I DECIDED TO HAVE A LITTLE JOKE ON BILL, OH, WHAT THE HECK!**

**SO, I YELLED OUT TO HIM, AVAST YE SLOBS
HE LOOKED AT ME AND THEN I SAID, AVAST YE SWABS.**

**HIS FACE WENT FROM A FROWN TO MAYBE A SMILE.
I KNEW MY ATTEMPT AT HUMOR HAD MISSED BY A MILE.**

**THE SHRIMP I HAD ON BOARD MERLIN WAS NO MISS INDEED.
BILL AND JAN KNEW WHAT TO THEIR GUESTS TO FEED.**

**I WENT ABOARD ON-ON AND SAW MALCOLM HAD A LARGE CONDO ON THE BAY.
IT WAS VERY COMFORTABLE IN JUST ABOUT EVERY WAY.**

**HE HAD A LARGE SWIMMING POOL THAT WAS ON THE OUTSIDE.
WATERFRONT PROPERTY INDEED, WITH ALL THE AMMENTITIES INSIDE.**

**I WENT ABOARD WAVE DANCER AND TALKED TO ITS OWNER, WILD BILL.
HE GAVE ME A SPECIAL PRICE THAT SEEMED VERY FAIR AND REAL.**

**I LOOKED IN MY WALLET, BUT CAME UP A LITTLE SHORT.
OKAY, NOT ENOUGH MONEY, MAYBE, TOO MUCH DRAFT, A PLAN I HAD TO ABORT.**

**ON PIER B, I WENT ABOARD THE YACHT THAT BELONGS TO JAKE
AND ASKED HIM ABOUT THE NAME HONKY VODOO AND IT'S TAKE.**

**IT CAME FROM WHITE MAGIC, BUT GETTING IT OFFICIALLY NAMED WAS A TRICK.
MOST GOVERNMENT PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS RACIAL, SO HAVE ANOTHER PICK.**

**BUT IT WAS CHALLENGED IN THEIR OFFICES & PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY.
SO THE DOCUMENTATION WENT THRU WITH THE STANDARD AMOUNT OF MONEY.**

**I KIDDED DEAN ON ADAGIO ABOUT IN HIS AFT CABIN HAVING A POOL TABLE.
ONE PERSON HEARD ME AND ASKED WHERE, AS IF SUCH A THING WERE ABLE.**

**WE ONCE HAD A COMMODORE BY THE NAMED OF WALT
WHO CLAIMED HIS SAILING MISTAKES WEREN'T ENTIRELY HIS FAULT.
HE WOULD GLADLY EXPALIN TO ALL OF YOU**

**ABOUT HIS SAILING OF STILL DREAMING AND PAZUZU
NOW AS A PAST COMMODORE, CERTAIN PRESSURES SHOULD COME TO A HALT.**

**ON MAY 22, WE CELEBRATED RALPH BOWEN'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.
FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WITH CAKE, AND ICE CREAM GAVE RALPH A BIG HOORAY.**

**GOING TO MUD ISLAND IN THE SUMMER, WELL THAT CAN GET HOT.
GOING LATER MIGHT BE COOLER, BUT A SE WIND THERE, MAYBE NOT.**

**SO, THIS YEAR WE WENT THERE ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
AND IT WAS CAPT. JOHNNY WHO HAD THE CHAMPION PLUMBER'S FRIEND.**

**NOW OLDER PEOPLE HAVE NO PROBLEM IDENTIFYING THIS DEVICE.
YOUNGER PEOPLE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE NAME OF THIS MERCHANDISE.**

**HURRICANE ALEX CAME TO THE GULF COAST IN LATE JUNE,
PROVING THAT THE RHYME WAS WRONG ABOUT IT BEING TOO SOON.**

**IN EARLY JUNE I ASKED LARRY FRANK, WHY WASN'T HE IN ISLAND MOORINGS, YET?
HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW. HE WON'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN, I BET.**

**AND WE CAN'T FORGET VICE COMMODORE CHRIS COLLEY AND HIS CREW.
WHEN ALEX APPROACHED, TO THE CLUBHOUSE THEY KNEW WHAT TO DO.**

**THEY COVERED THE WINDOWS & BROUGHT IN STUFF THAT MIGHT BLOW AROUND.
THEIR OBJECTIVE WAS TO MAKE THE CLUBHOUSE SAFE AND SOUND.**

**DURING ALEX GEORGE KERR WAS HAVING HIS BACKSTAY REPLACED.
DURING THIS TIME HIS MAST WAS PROPERLY TIED OFF AND BRACED.**

**IN MID JUNE WE LOST A LONG TIME MEMBER, D. B. KLINE.
I SHALL MISS HIM A LOT, AS HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE.**

**HAL PETERSON & JERRY VAUGHN SAILED WITH HIM MANY PAST YEARS.
FOR A WHILE, THEY ALL OWNED CAL 25'S, LIKE THREE MUSKETEERS.**

**THEY ALL EVEN SAILED TOGETHER ON ONE BOAT TO VERA CRUZ.
WHEN FRIENDS JOIN YOU ON AN ADVENTURE, YOU CAN'T LOSE.**

**LATER ON I WAS REMOVING EMAILS AND I SAW MANY FROM D.B.
IT WAS AS IF HE HAD JUST THEN WRITTEN ALL OF THEM TO ME.**

**BEFORE I COULD THINK ABOUT THAT, RALPH BOWEN PASSED AWAY.
ONLY ABOUT 13 DAYS AFTER D, B.'S FUNERAL, I DARESAY.**

**TWO GREAT PEOPLE, EACH WITH THEIR OWN TALENTS.
THE CLUB CONTINUES, SLIGHTLY OUT OF BALANCE.**

**YES, WE WILL HAVE TO GO ON WITHOUT THEM, BUT WE WILL REMEMBER.
D.B. KLINE AND RALPH BOWEN, EACH ONE A SPECIAL MEMBER.**

**IN EARLY AUGUST THE NAVY REGATTA HAPPENS AND IS PUT ON BY CCYC.
IT IS A GREAT SAILING EVENT AND HARDLY COULD BE CALLED LOW-KEY.**

THE BYC WAS THE PLACE FOR THE KICK-OFF PARTY FOR THIS EVENT.

IF YOU WERE GOING TO THE BASE, YOU HAD TO REGISTER YOUR INTENT.

**OUT AT THE NAVY HARBOR MANY BYC BOATS ANCHORED IN ONE PLACE.
THEY HAD A GOOD VIEW FOR THAT CRAZY TITANIC RACE.**

**BILL STREEP WAS FLYING A U.S. FLAG THAT RIVALED THE SIZE OF HIS MAIN.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN ABOUT THE BIGGEST FLAG HE COULD OBTAIN.**

**CHRIS COLLEY ARRIVED LATER AND ANCHORED WITHIN OUR FLEET.
SEEING HIM THERE ON HIS NEWLY ACQUIRED BOAT WAS REALLY NEAT.**

**AT THE BASE PARTY THE BAND WAS SO LOUD, I COULD BARELY TALK TO ANDY.
BUT DOWN THE STREET AWAY FROM THE BUILDING THEY SOUNDED DANDY.**

**ON AUGUST 21, SUSIE PORTIS PROVIDED US WITH A SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER.
MEANWHILE, HER HUSBAND, ED, ACTED AS HER DISHWASHER AND BACK-UPPER.**

**SHE SERVED US TWO SALADS AND BOEUF BOURGUIGNON OVER RICE.
FOR DESSERT, THE SELECTION OF COOKIES AND ICE CREAM WAS REALLY NICE.**

**THE WINDS FOR THE COMMODORE'S CUP RACES WERE DEFINITELY LIGHT,
BUT FOR HAL PETERSON THEY TURNED OUT PRETTY MUCH ALL RIGHT.**

**THE FIRST RACE CAN BE BEST DESCRIBED AS A DRIFT.
THERE WASN'T MUCH WIND TO GIVE ANYONE A LIFT.**

**LATER, HAL TOLD ME HE DIDN'T WANT TO APPEAR TO HAVE TOO MUCH FUN.
JUST IN CASE HE DIDN'T PULL OFF A ONE.**

**BUT HE DID DO ONES, AS BRUCE DID TWOS AND LARRY ON PAZUZU DID THREES.
AND THE DINNER AND DESSERT BY HARRY AND LINDA REALLY DID PLEASE.**

**COMMODORE HARRY DID HIS MAGIC WITH MEAT ON THE GRILL,
AND LINDA WITH HER SECRET DESSERT ALSO SHOWED SKILL.**

**ON THE LABOR DAY CRUISE, IT WOULD HAVE BETTER ON SUNDAY TO COME BACK.
SUNDAY NIGHT'S AND MONDAY'S WIND AND RAIN PRODUCED A FRONTAL ATTACK.**

**LEAVING LATE MONDAY, THE HILERS HAD TO MOTOR DUE TO HAVING NO AIR.
WITH WHAT HAD HAPPENED EARLIER, MARK AND BRENDA DIDN'T CARE.**

**IT WAS THE EFFECTS OF HERMINE, A TROPICAL STORM DOWN IN THE VALLEY.
IT ACTUALLY CAME UP THROUGH BRUSH COUNTRY ALLEY.**

**FOR HERMINE, JIM WHITWORTH IN PROTECTING HIS DINGY, DECIDED TO SINK IT.
PULL THE PLUG, LET IN THE WATER, NO REASON TO RETHINK IT.**

**AFTER THE STORM, I CAME ALONG AND DECIDED TO BAIL THE WATER OUT.
USING A BUCKET, I DID SO, AND DID SO, AND DID SO, BUT HAD SOME DOUBT.**

**LATER, JIM TOLD ME THAT WALT CRAWFORD HAD SEEN ME BAILING.
AND AS FOR THE WATER STAYING OUT, I WAS FAILING.**

**FOR WHEN I CAME BACK LATER IT WAS SUNK AGAIN JUST AS BEFORE.
ALL THE WATER HAD COME BACK IN, HECK, MAYBE EVEN MORE.**

**FIGURING THE PLUG WAS OUT, I FINALLY GOT WISE.
AT LEAST IN THE BAILING, I GOT A LITTLE EXERCISE.**

**THERE WAS ONCE A COMMODORE BY THE NAME OF HARRY,
WHO'S TALENTS ON THE GRILL WEREN'T ORDINARY.
WHEN HE WENT FROM A CAPTAIN TO BEING A COOK,
IT IS SOMETHING NONE OF US CAN OVERLOOK
AS A COOK, HE WAS APPROACHING THE STATUS OF LEGENDARY.**

**THERE WAS A VICE COMMODORE BY THE NAME OF CHRIS
WHOSE HOUSE AND OTHER BOAT HE DID NOT MISS.
THIS WAS ALL DUE TO AN OUT ISLAND 41.
WITH IT HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO HAVE FUN,
AND IT MIGHT EVEN APPROACH TO THE STATUS OF BEING BLISS.**

**THERE WAS A REAR COMMODORE BY THE NAME OF CHIP.
WHO WAS GONE MANY TIMES ON A TRIP.
WHEN HE WAS HERE, HE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS IN
AND HE DID THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO SAIL HIS OWN SHIP.**

**OUR TREASURER IS NOT A SUPERMAN AND I THINK YOU KNOW WHY.
SHE'S A SUPERWOMAN AND YOU MIGHT THINK SHE COULD FLY.**

**WE ARE VERY GOOD ABOUT GIVING HER OUR BYC DUES.
AS TO HER EFFICIENCY, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SHE KNOWS HER P'S AND Q'S.**

**HER NAME IS JO ANN ROBERTSON, JUST IN CASE YOU COULDN'T GUESS.
WITH HER AS OUR TREASURER, WE HAVE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS.**

**I THINK ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER WAS SECRETLY WRITTEN BY JERRY VAUGHN.
AS FAR AS ANY POINT OF ORDER, HE IS THE KING AND WE ARE THE PAWN.**

**HE WAS OUR SECRETARY AND KEPT US ALL-STRAIGHT.
FOR JERRY, IT SEEMS TO ME, THAT IS A NATURAL TRAIT.**

**JERRY HAS HELD MORE POSITIONS IN THE CLUB THAN ANYONE.
SOME OF THEM WERE WORK AND SOME OF THEM WERE FUN.**

**IN EARLY SEPTEMBER THE HILERS AND SWARTS COOKED UP A SHRIMP BOIL.
FORTUANTELY THE SHRIMP WERE COOKED IN WATER, NOT OIL.**

**IT WAS DONE OUTSIDE AND NEIL GALLAGER WAS THERE TO TAKE A TASTE TEST.
IT WAS THE SECOND ANNUAL BOIL, BUT NOT THE SECOND BEST.**

**BRUCE & MARK WERE OUTSIDE AND TAMMY & BRENDA WORKED IN THE CLUB.
BESIDES THE SHRIMP, ONIONS, POTATOES, SAUSAGE, & CORN WERE ALSO THE GRUB.**

**LET ME TELL YOU THAT DINNER SURE WAS GOOD.
IT OUGHT TO EARN THE HILERS AND THE SWARTS A KNIGHTHOOD.**

**THERE WAS ANOTHER HONKY VOODOO UP ON THE DRINKING WATER LAKE.
AND GUESS WHAT? THIS ONE WAS ALSO OWNED BY JAKE.**

BUT JAKE SOLD IT TO MIKE DEAVERS, WHO BROUGHT IT DOWN HERE FROM THERE.

THE CATALINA 30, AFTER THE NAME IS REMOVED, IS GOING ON PIER A, SOMEWHERE.

IN MID SEPTEMBER, SPAGETTI WAS COOKED UP BY THE STREEPS AND THE SPENSES.
IT WAS FANTASTIC AND ALERTED MANY OF OUR SENSES.

BILL LOOKED VERY GOOD WHILE WEARING AN APRON AND FRYING CHICKEN.
MEANWHILE JAN WAS HOPING THE SPAGETTI SAUSE WOULD PROPERLY THICKEN.

WHILE DINNER WAS GOING ON, WE HEARD A WOMAN TELL A STORY.
IT INVOLVED A YACHT AND A CRUISE THAT WAS SOMEWHAT CIRCULATORY.

IT WAS GOING AROUND THE WORLD AND MOSTLY HEADING WEST.
KAREN AND DAVE RAGLE WERE DOING WHAT THEY LIKED BEST.

THEIR BOAT WAS LIKE THE ROBERTSONS, EXCEPT IT WAS 37 FEET.
VERY LITTLE OF THEIR TRIP WAS HARD, MOST OF IT WAS SWEET.

ONE THING I LEARNED WAS TO LEAVE PLACES AT THE PROPER TIME.
OR ELSE YOUR TRIP MIGHT BE QUITE ROUGH OR AN UPHILL CLIMB.

CAPTAIN RON HAS HAD SO MANY PROJECTS TO DO.
HE JUST THOUGHT HE WAS NEVER GOING TO GET THROUGH.
THE MORE HE LOOKED, HE THOUGHT THERE WERE ONES HE MISSED
SO, HE JUST KEPT ADDING TO-DO THINGS TO HIS LONG LIST.
FINALLY, HE SOLD HIS OLD BOAT AND GOT ANOTHER ONE SOMEWHAT NEW.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO WORK ON BOATS AND THOSE WHO SAIL THEM.
IT SEEMS WE HAVE MORE WORKERS TRYING TO KEEP THEIR BOATS IN TRIM.

THERE IS AN OLD ADAGE THAT MAKES THINGS VERY CLEAR.
THE LARGER THE BOAT THE MORE OFTEN YOU SEE IT TIED TO THE PIER.

THE NIGHT OF THE AUCTION THE PIZZIA ARRIVED A LITTLE LATE.
BUT IT WASN'T MUCH TIME THAT WE HAD TO WAIT.

CHRIS COLLEY WAS THE ACTING COMMODORE BECAUSE HARRY WAS SICK.
HE WAS ALSO THE ACTING AUCTIONEER, A TOTALLY GOOD PICK.

ONE WRONG MOVE AND YOU MIGHT WIND UP OWNING WHO KNOWS WHAT.
CHRIS WAS LOOKING FOR ANY WAY TO SELL EVERYTHING BY A SHORT CUT.

JAKE TOLD ME HE BID AGAINST HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS DISTRACTED BY JENNY.
MAYBE HE BOUGHT NOT JUST ONE THING, BUT MANY.

CATHERINE RHYNE BOUGHT THE DINGY THAT SOMETIMES NEEDS AIR.
AS TO THE EXACT POSITION OF THE SLOW LEAK, NO ONE KNOWS WHERE.

YOU WOULD THINK WITH A LITTLE SOAPY WATER YOU COULD DISCOVER THAT.
SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIX IT AND KEEP IT FROM GOING FLAT.

GEORGE KERR HAD MARU HAULED TO CHANGE THE HULL FROM RED TO TAN.
OCTOBER PROVIDES GOOD PAINTING WEATHER. SO THIS WAS A GOOD PLAN.

THERE IS AN OLD RULE WHICH WE OFTEN SPEAK.

THE PAINT NEED FOR TODAY'S JOB MUST BE ORDERED NO LATER THAN NEXT WEEK.

**IN LATE SEPTEMBER WHILE FISHING IN NUECES BAY, I HOOKED A SKIPJACK.
IT JUMPS LIKE A TARPON AND YOU MUST NEVER LET YOUR LINE GO SLACK.**

**AFTER I GOT IT INTO THE BOAT, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
MY BEAUTIFUL SKIPJACK WAS A MERE TWO INCHES LONG.**

**AS I LOOKED AT IT I WONDERED WHAT WAS GOING TO BE ITS FATE.
I DECIDED TO THROW IT BACK INSTEAD OF USING IT FOR BAIT.**

**AS FAR AS THAT DAY'S CATCH, I WASN'T SURE IF IT COULD BE COUNTED.
LATER PAT BALDWIN ASKED ME IF THAT SKIPJACK SHOULD HAVE BEEN MOUNTED.**

**AT THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS, WE FOUND NEW OFFICERS TO COMMANDEER.
LISA KELLEY WILL BE OUR NEW COMMODORE, VERY SOON TO APPEAR.**

**THIS IS NOT THE SAME LISA KELLEY WHO DRIVES TRUCKS ALONG A TRICKY ROUTE.
BOTH OF THEM BEING ONE IN THE SAME PERSON WOULD NOT COMPUTE.**

**LISA KELLEY WAS OUR BOWSPRIT EDITOR & HAS RACED MANY TIMES WITH HAL.
SHE'S BEEN A MANAGER, VOLUNTEER, AND SOMEONE WHO BOOSTS MORALE.**

**LISA HAS MANY PLANS TO HELP OUR CLUB AND MAKE IT EXPAND.
FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, WE ALL NEED TO GIVE HER A HAND.**

**OUR NEW VICE COMMODORE IS KEVIN KALDENBACH, MISTER CAPE DORY.
A CAPE DORY TYPHOON AND A CAPE DORY 31 MAKES UP HIS INVENTORY.**

**EVENTUALLY, HE IS EXPECTED TO GO ON AN EXTENDED CRUSIE.
BUT AS TO WHEN THAT WILL ALL HAPPEN, THERE IS NO NEWS.**

**RECENTLY, KEVIN BOUGHT A TRAWLER, BUT IT IS NOT A CAPE DORY.
IT'S A DEFEVER, SO MAYBE SOON WE WILL HEAR A CRUISING STORY.**

**MEANWHILE, THERE MIGHT BE SOME JOBS AROUND THE CLUB FOR HIM TO DO.
I BET IF WE THINK A MINUTE, WE CAN COME UP WITH A FEW.**

**THE PREPARATION OF OUR FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS ARE VOLUNTARY.
ON ELECTION NIGHT, IT WAS COOKED BY HAL, SHARON, PHYLLIS AND JERRY.**

**AT ANOTHER TIME WE HAD BEER AND BRATS AND BEER AND POTATOES AND BEER.
CHRIS AND CATHY PUT ON THIS PARTY SO WE WOULD ALL BE OF GOOD CHEER.**

**JIM ISBELL SAID DAD'S ROOT BEER WAS SWEETER THAN MY A&W BRAND
AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED BOTH OF THEM TASTE GRAND.**

**TWO DAYS LATER I STOPPED BY THE CLUB AND SAW NO BEER.
IT SEEMED THE MEMBERSHIP HAD TRIED VERY HARD TO MAKE IT ALL DISAPPEAR.**

**SINCE CHIP HADN'T BEEN SAILING MUCH, HE DECIDE TO MAKE IT UP IN THE FALL.
THE HARVEST MOON REGATTA WAS COMING UP AND HE HAD HEARD THE CALL.**

SO, HE PUT TOGETHER AN EXPERIENCED, BUT MOTELY TYPE OF CREW.

WITH WALT, JAKE, JIM ROBERTSON & JIM'S SON, & BOB JACK, TOO.

**THEIR START WAS GOOD, BUT THEIR STEERING WENT BAD.
THEY PUT IN AT FREEPORT FOR PARTS TO FIX SOME RUSTY DODAD.**

**UP UNTIL THEY HAD PROBLEMS THEY HAD PASSED LARRY FRANK.
BUT AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, LARRY'S END POSITION DID OUTRANK.**

**KEVIN KALDENBAUCH & CREW PUT IN AT PORT OCONNER FROM THE GULF.
I THINK THEY FOUND THE WATER OUT THERE A LITTLE BIT ROUGH.**

**CARL ALBERG DESIGNED THE KEEL OF THE CAPE DORY YACHT.
THOSE BOATS SAIL WELL, BUT ON A POINTING SITUATION YOU CAN GET WET A LOT.**

**TEN TO TWELVE FOOT SEAS MAKE RACING INTERESTING, BUT NOT FUN.
BUT TO THOSE THAT FINISHED, LIKE THE FRANKS & HILERS, I SAY WELL DONE.**

**LARRY FRANK WON FIRST IN DIVISION Q & MARK HILER THIRD IN DIVISION C.
SO, THOSE RESULTS ARE DEFINITELY COOL TO THEM AND ME.**

**THE FRANKS HAD A PROBLEM WITH ONE OF THEIR LOWERS.
BETTER TO FINISH CAREFULLY, THAN TO BREAK OUT THE ROWERS.**

**NOW THE FRANKS AND THE HILERS HAVE SAILED THIS RACE BEFORE.
AND IN THE FUTURE WILL PROBABLY SAIL IT SOME MORE.**

**THERE IS A NAME FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE PAIN INFLICTED IN MANY PLACES.
IT'S "SAILORS" & SOMETIMES THERE CAN BE ADVERSE WEATHER IN RACES.**

**HALLOWEEN CAME WITH K AND BOB JACK ON HAND TO PARTY WITH US.
THEIR COSTUMES AS JACK IN THE BOXES PROVED OUT TO BE AN ADDED PLUS.**

**THEY WON 1ST PLACE AS A COUPLE AND LINDA EARLS 1ST PLACE AS A GOOD WITCH.
JOE BLAIR'S COSTUME OF PAPA SMURF SHOWED A PROPER 1ST PLACE MALE NICHE.**

**CHRIS COLLEY WAS IN THE MEDITERRANIAN, MOST SPECIFICALLY MONACO.
HE VISITED THEIR YACHT CLUB BUT FOR A BURGEE THEY JUST SAID NO.**

**ONLY THEIR PRINCE DID THAT AND HE WAS NOT CURRENTLY THERE.
I GUESS WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THAT ONLY SEEMS FAIR.**

**BUT FOR EVERYTHING ELSE, CHRIS AND CATHY WERE A WELCOMED GUEST.
OUR CLUB HAS A LITTLE BIT TO GO TO REACH THE STYLE OF MONACO'S BEST.**

**IN THE TURKEY REGATTA, BRUCE AND HAL WERE AT IT AGAIN.
IT THE SAME OLD CONTEST TO SEE WHO WILL WIN,**

**NOT ONLY BY THE RATINGS, BUT TO SEE WHICH BOAT IS REALLY FASTER.
THIS TIME BRUCE AND CREW PROVED THAT THEY WERE THE MASTER.**

**NEXT TIME? WELL, WE WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.
IT COULD BE BRUCE OR HAL OR SOME OTHER WANNA-BE.**

**THE FLATO CUT CRUISE OCCURRED IN NOVEMBER BUT ENDED WITH 30 KT WINDS.
SATURDAY WAS PLEASANT WITH MANY BOATS CRUISING OVER WITH FRIENDS.**

GETTING INTO THE FLATO CUT CAN BE A REAL TRICK.
AS TERRY BUTLER CAN TELL YOU WHEN HE WENT AGROUND THERE REAL QUICK.

JOHNNY HUDDLESTON HELPED HIM GET OFF, BUT NOT WITH CONCERTO.
NO POINT IN THE NUMBER OF BOATS AGROUND THERE STARTING TO GROW.

DURING THE DINGHY DRIFT, IT WAS TIME TO POUR THE WINE.
AND THE KEITH'S POWER BOAT PROVIDED A POSSIBLE SAFETY LINE.

STEVE AND JEANNIE KEITH WERE REALLY NOT PREPARED TO SPEND THE NIGHT,
BUT THE NEXT DAY THEIR BOAT WAS RAFTED NEXT TO LIVE FREE IN PLAIN SIGHT.

ON SUNDAY, HAL LEFT LATE AND HAD BREEZY CONDITIONS ON THE RETURN TRIP.
EVEN ON A REACH LIKE THIS, WITH HIGH WINDS YOUR JIB MIGHT RIP.

HARRY AND LINDA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS REALLY GRAND.
THE TAMALES THAT WERE PROVIDED WERE IN HIGH DEMAND.

ED PORTIS STARTED OUR GIFT OPENING WITH CAPT. MORGAN UNDER THE TREE.
CHIP SPENSE TOOK IT, BUT HOLDING ON TO IT WAS NOT SO EASY.

BAILEY'S WERE TRADED BACK AND FORTH AS WELL AS ONE CROWN ROYAL.
FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS BUT WITH DRINKS AROUND IT WAS HARD TO REMAIN LOYAL.

SHARON BLAIR KEPT GOING BACK TO THE TREE, I THINK
IT WAS HARD TO KEEP ANYTHING THAT YOU COULD DRINK.

BUT THERE WERE OTHER GIFTS, LIKE TOOLS OR DRINKING GLASSES.
THERE WERE ENOUGH GIFTS THERE TO EXCITE OUR MASSES.

THANK GOODNESS FOR 3RD OWNERS OR WE WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE AWHILE.
I THINK FOR THE MOST PART, PEOPLE ENDED UP WITH A SMILE.

ONE THING I MISSED AND I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS A DREAM.
I DIDN'T SEE CAPT. RON AROUND LOOKING FOR BAILEY'S IRISH CRÈME.

EARLY ON AT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY THERE WAS QUITE A CROWD,
BUT AT MIDNIGHT, IT WAS NOT SO LARGE, BUT STILL LOUD.

WE TOASTED COUNTRIES AND ATE THEIR FOODS AND WE DID IT WITH EASE.
BUT AT 12:00, WE TOASTED OURSELVES AND ATE SHRIMP AND BLACK-EYED PEAS.

RIGHT AT MIDNIGHT I JUST BET CATHY WAS KISSING CHRIS.
AND JAKE KISSING JENNY AND WALT KISSING JUDY, ALL OF WHICH I DID MISS.

COMMODORE HARRY INVITED US TO THE BANQUET TO WATCH THE SUN GO DOWN.
AS SOON AS I HEARD THAT, I STARTED TO SHAKE MY HEAD AND FROWN.

I KNEW FROM THAT ROOM IT WAS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO WATCH A SUNSET.
MAYBE HARRY'S STATEMENT ABOUT THAT IS SOMETHING HE'D LIKE TO FORGET.

IN THE COMMODORE'S POSITION MOST PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO STAY.
AT THE END OF THE YEAR THEY ARE BASICALLY CONTENT TO WALK AWAY.

I TALKED TO ONE PAST COMMODORE WHO WANTED TO MAKE IT A CAREER.

HE SAID HE HAD MORE FUN BEING COMMODORE THAN HE DID ANY OTHER YEAR.

**AND THERE WE HAVE IT ANOTHER YEAR GONE ALL THE WAY AROUND.
OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS LAST YEAR HAVE TRULY ABOUND.**

**WE HAVE MET THE GOALS OF WHAT A YACHT CLUB SHOULD BE.
LET'S DO IT AGAIN IN THE YEAR 2011. IT IS UP TO YOU AND ME.**

TOM ARNOLD, 2010