

BYC, 2005

**LAST YEAR'S BANQUET WAS HELD AT THE NAVY BASE.
IT HAS BEEN CELEBRATED THERE MORE THAN ANY ONE PLACE.**

**IT WAS ALSO AT THE BASE WAY BACK IN 1978.
THERE IS A REASON I HAVE DECIDED TO MENTION THIS DATE.**

**I WAS THERE THEN AND AS I NOW LOOK ACROSS THIS ROOM
I SEE NO ONE THAT I SAW THAT NIGHT AND I CAN ONLY ASSUME**

**THAT AS OLD MEMBERS DID MOVE ON, NEW MEMBER DID ARRIVE.
AND IT IS THAT WAY THAT THIS CLUB STAYS ALIVE.**

**IN 2005 JOE BLAIR WAS OUR COMMODORE & HE MIGHT SAY THE YEAR WENT FAST.
NOW HE STEPS INTO THE RANKS AS A COMMODORE OF THE PAST.**

**BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET HIM FADE FROM VIEW.
WE STILL GOT PLENTY OF JOBS LEFT FOR HIM TO DO.**

**ANN HENRY WAS THE SECRETARY AND KEPT TRACK OF WHAT WAS SAID.
WITH THE CLAIRITY OF HER NOTES THE CLUB IS THAT MUCH AHEAD.**

**BOB MCNEILL IS OUR TREASURER, A MAN THAT DOESN'T SAY MUCH.
BY KEEPING UP WITH THE CLUB'S FINANCES, HE STAYS IN TOUCH.**

**I SAW IN THE YEARBOOK WHAT WAS A VERY PERFECT SIGHT.
RITA MADE SURE ALL THE PICTURES OF THE BURGEES WERE EXACTLY RIGHT.**

**THE COMMODORE'S THROPHY WENT TO A MAN WHO MADE QUITE A SPLASH.
NOT BY FALLING IN, ALTHOUGH...AH JUST BY BEING ED KLASH.**

**THIS LAST YEAR ED WAS OUR VICE COMMODORE WHO WORKED OUT IN FRONT.
FOR NEW MEMBERS HE WAS ALWAYS ON THE HUNT.**

**AND OF COURSE HE INVOLVED THIS PROJECT WITH ALL OF US.
ANY HELP AND ANY NEW MEMBERS WE FOUND WAS A BIG PLUS.**

**IF YOU REMEMBER BACK IN 2004 ED WORKED IN THE REAR.
HOW HE WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ALL HE DID IS STILL UNCLEAR.**

**THE REAR COMMODORE WAS HAL PETERSON & THERE WERE JOBS TO DO.
FORTUNATELY, JAKE JACOBSON WAS PART OF HIS MAINTENANCE CREW.**

**JAKE'S A GREAT WELDER AND IN HIS WORK WE CAN TRUST.
THEY SAY IN CORPUS, THAT EVENTUALLY EVEN FIBERGLASS WILL RUST.**

**THE BARGE'S MATERIAL IS BASICALLY STEEL
AND JAKE'S REPAIR OF THE BARGE DECK WAS QUITE AN ORDEAL.**

**LIKE ALL PROJECTS DONE, HAL AND JAKE DIDN'T DO IT ALONE.
IN THE DECEMBER BOWSPRIT ALL OF THE NAMES WHO HELPED WERE SHOWN.**

**THE TERRY T. HARKRIDER AWARD WENT TO BOB MCNEILL.
THAT THE AWARD MATCHES THE MAN IS TOTALLY FOR REAL.**

**THE CRUISER OF THE YEAR'S BOAT DOESN'T SAIL WELL, I DARESAY.
IT IS ACTUALLY A POWER BOAT AND IT'S OWNER IS JIM ESPAY.**

**THE YOUNG YACHTS PERSON OF 2004 WAS OFCOURSE MICHELLE PILE.
SHE IS A SKILLED BOAT HANDLER THAT SHOWS LOTS OF STYLE.**

**LARRY SCARBOROUGH FIRST DID THE BOWSPRIT WITH FACTS ON EACH CRUISE.
MEANWHILE JERRY VAUGHN GOT OUT BY EMAIL ALL THE OTHER NEWS.**

**BRENDA STOCKTON LATER DID THE BOWSPRIT, MAINTAINING D.B.'S STYLE.
DURING THE YEAR, PHYLLIS, SYLVIA AND D.B. TOOK PICTURES ALL THE WHILE.**

**FLO HENRY WAS OUR 2004 COOK OF THE YEAR & LAST YEAR BECAME THE PLANNER.
OF THE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS MAKING SURE WE HAD THEM IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

**FLO WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A COOK FOR A DINNER TO PREPARE
I MEAN, IF WE SHOWED UP, PAID \$5.00, I THINK THAT IS ONLY FAIR.**

**I WAS ON THE L-HEAD AND FOUND A FRIEND TO UNDO THE LOCK.
THAT LEAD ON TO THE FLOATING PIER OF THE MORF DOCK.**

**I USED TO HAVE A SLIP THERE SOMETIME BEFORE 1989.
WHEN SUDDENLY I NOTICED A WHITE BOAT WITH A PURPLE DOCK LINE.**

**I THOUGHT, HOW CUTE! AND ISN'T THAT SWEET?
I WONDERED IF HE MIGHT HAVE A PURPLE JIB SHEET.**

**MAYBE, BUT PROBABLY JUST ON THE PORT SIDE.
I WONDER IF A PURPLE ANCHOR LINE HE TRIED.**

**OR A PURPLE OUTHAUL, BUT I DIDN'T REALLY SEE ANY OF THOSE.
I GUESS THAT THE PURPLE DOCK LINE WAS THE ONLY ONE HE CHOSE.**

**YES. THIS IS A MEMBER AND I DID SAY THAT THIS BOAT BELONGS TO A HE.
BUT I DID SEE THE OUTSIDE INFLUENCE OF A CERTAIN SHE.**

**THE PORT A CRUISE HAD GREAT TIMES, GREAT FOOD AND GREAT FRIENDS.
THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS AT NIGHT THEY HAD 50MPH WINDS.**

**THIS DID NOT EXACTLY PRODUCE SOME GREAT SLEEP.
YOU WOULD THINK THAT ROCKING WOULD BE BETTER THAN COUNTING SHEEP.**

**IN FEBRUARY WE CRUISED TO KEY ALLEGRO ON A DAY THAT STARTED OUT WET.
THE BREAKFAST THAT HARRY AND LYNDA PROVIDED WAS ONE WE WON'T FORGET.**

**THEY SAY THAT EVERYONE IS IRISH ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY
AND THE BASH THAT ELTON WEST THREW AT THE BYC WAS ANYTHING BUT BLASÉ.**

**WE HAD A CRUISE TO THE CRABB INN & FOR SOME A TOUR OF THE CANALS THERE.
THEY WERE GOING TO THE RESTRUANT, BUT THE QUESTION WAS IT WAS WHERE?**

**IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO FIND IT AND A GREAT MEAL WAS HAD BY ALL
AND THE OAKLEYS, THE NEXT DAY, FURNISHED A FANTASTIC BREAKFAST CALL.**

**THE BLUE ANGELS SHOW WAS UP IN THE AIR, THE COMMODORE TOLD ME.
OF COURSE IT WAS. I ASKED HIM WHERE ELSE WOULD IT BE?**

**BUT AS IT TURNED OUT THERE WAS A SECURITY PROBLEM OUT AT THE BASE.
THE PROBLEM WAS CONTROLLING AIR AND GROUND SPACE.**

**OR MAYBE, A CERTAIN SKIPPER WAS FLYING A PIRATE FLAG
AND THE BASE PEOPLE WEREN'T SURE IF THAT WAS THE TRUTH OR JUST A GAG.**

**AS FAR AS RACING GOES, THERE IS AT LEAST ONE PERSON TO THANK
AND THAT IS OUR NOTOROUS RACING CHAIRMAN, LARRY FRANK.**

**HE HAS LEARNED ABOUT RACING BY DOING AND WATCHING FROM THE SHORE
ALSO WHEN HE RACED TO THE BANK AND HE RACED TO THE GROCERY STORE.**

**I WISH TO THANK JAN DELASSEN AND HIS STUDENTS FROM DEL MAR
FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A NEW BYC WEB SITE TO BE SEEN NEAR AND FAR.**

**JAN SOLD HIS BOAT AND THEN MOVED TO ATLANTA.
GETTING HIM BACK HERE WILL TAKE SOMEONE LIKE SANTA.**

**I UNDERSTAND HE MOVED THERE TO BE NEAR HIS KIN FOLKS
BUT JUST ONE MORE TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ONE OF HIS JOKES.**

**AT THE LAST OF APRIL THE SEA SCOUTS REALLY SET THE PACE.
THEY WON FIRST POSITION IN THE CCYC PORT ARANSAS RACE.**

**BUT ABOUT THIS FACT IT WAS SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T KNOW.
SO FOR THE THROPHY PRESENTATION, THEY DIDN'T SHOW.**

**THERE WAS A MAYDAY REGATTA AND ACCORDING TO THE RACING NOTES
WARRIOR AND CALAMARI WERE THE FASTEST WIND DRIVEN BOATS.**

**HAL PETERSON CAME IN FIRST SAILING IN THE FAST CLASS.
AND FIRST IN THE HALF FAST GROUP WAS CALAMARI SAILED BY AUSTIN AND BASS.**

**I NOTICED POSITION FIVE IN THE HALF FAST GROUP WAS STARGAZER, CAPT. BLAIR.
HIS MOTTO FOR THE NEXT RACE WILL BE.....OTHER SAILORS BEWARE.**

**ON ALL THE THINGS HE DID WRONG HE IS GOING TO FIX
LET'S HOPE ON THAT NEXT RACE, HE WON'T COME IN AS NUMBER SIX.**

**ON THE CRUISE TO PORT MANSFIELD ON NOETA NOTHING WENT WRONG.
THE ENGINE ALWAYS RAN, NO BAD LUCK, EVERYTHING STAYED STRONG.**

**IT IS TOO BAD THAT NOT ALL THE CRUISERS COULD SAY THAT.
FOR LARRY SCARBOUROUGH, THAT CRUISE WAS LIKE GOING INTO COMBAT.**

**THE WHITWORTHS ON THEIR NEW BOAT, HAIL COLUMBIA, HAD A GREAT TRIP.
IT WAS THEIR FIRST REAL OUTTING ON IT RIGHT FROM THE SLIP.**

**BACK TO LARRY, YOU MIGHT SAY HE WOKE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BUNK.
FOR HIM MOST OF THIS CRUISE REALLY STUNK.**

HE FIRST LOST HIS STEERING AND THEN LATER WENT AGOUND.
HE NEEDED A TOW, BUT THERE WAS NO ONE IMMEDIATELY AROUND.

ONE TOW IN PORT ISABEL WANTED \$1500 TO DO THE HAUL.
I THINK LARRY TURNED IT DOWN BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WAS TOO SMALL.

HE FINALLY GOT TOWED BY A CREW BOAT OUT OF BAFFIN BAY.
HE GOT TAKEN TO PORT MANSFIELD WITHOUT MUCH DELAY.

WELL, MAYBE 12 KTS SEEMED LIKE A LITTLE FAST.
IF I HAD BEEN THERE, I WOULD HAVE MADE A FORECAST.

HE HAD A LITTLE DAMAGE TO HIS BOWSPRIT AND ANCHOR ROLLER.
FROM THIS CRUISE HE MIGHT CHANGE FROM A SAILOR TO A BOWLER.

BUT I DOUBT IT. ONCE HIS STEERING WAS FIXED, HE DID EMBARK.
ONLY TO FIND HIMSELF MOTORING THE INTRACOASTAL CANAL AFTER DARK.

AND HELPING, HE HAD A Q-BEAM THAT WORKED GREAT,
WHEN THE BATTERIES WENT DEAD, THE NON WORKING Q-BEAM SEALED HIS FATE.

DID HE GO AGROUND AGAIN? JUST TAKE A WILD GUESS.
IT WOULDN'T TAKE MUCH THINKING TO KNOW THE ANSWER WAS YES.

AND LARRY GOT OFF THE SAME WAY AS HE DID BEFORE.
THE CREW BOAT OUT OF BAFFIN BAY MADE THE SCORE.

IT SEEMED THAT ALL LARRY HAD TO DO WAS TO PAY FOR THEIR FUEL.
THE PAYMENTS MADE TO THEM WERE DUAL

FIRST HE PAID ONCE. THEN HE PAID TWICE.
ANYWAY, IT TURNED OUT TO BE SOMEWHAT OF A GOOD PRICE.

THE CHANEY'S WERE THE ONLY ONES TO GO TO PORT ISABEL.
ACCORDING TO THEM THEIR TRIP TURNED OUT SWELL.

THEY EVEN WENT OUT THE PORT MANSFIELD JETTIES WITH SUCCESS.
THERE WERE REPORTS OF SHALLOW WATER BUT, THEY WENT OUT NONETHELESS.

JOE AND SHARON BLAIR WENT AGROUND AVOIDING A TUG IN A STORM.
IT WAS JUST A WONDER THAT TO THEIR BOAT AND THEMSELVES CAME NO HARM.

BY INVITATION, THEY SPENT THE NIGHT AT A NEAR BY FISHING SHACK.
THAT THE TOWBOAT ARRIVED, WHILE THEY WERE THERE WAS A SET BACK.

IN THE MORNING, IT HAD TO BE CALLED AGAIN AND TWO CHARGES WERE PAID.
ALL, IN ALL, IT WAS QUITE AN EXPENSIVE TRIP THAT WAS MADE.

SOMETIMES, WE TEND TO FORGET THE GOOD TIMES & REMEMBER ONLY THE BAD.
IT MIGHT MAKE US MORE DETERMINED, BUT IT ALSO COULD MAKE US SAD.

LATER, ON NOETA, THE VAUGHNS WERE GETTING READY FOR A RACE,
IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT JERRY WENT FLYING THROUGH SPACE.

IT SEEMED THERE WAS A JIBE WHEN JERRY WAS JUST ENJOYING THE SKY.
THE NEXT THING HE KNOWS HE'S IN THE WATER AND WONDERING WHY.

HE HAD SEVERAL BRUISES AND THEN HE NOTICED THAT HE WAS ALL WET.
EXPERIENCING SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS HARD TO FORGET.

MAYBE IT WAS DUE TO CARELESSNESS, OR BAD LUCK, OR TOO MUCH BEER.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH BETTER IF IT HAD HAPPENED AT THE PIER.

PREPARING FOR THE PIYC CRUISE, THE COMMODORE WENT IN THE DRINK.
HE REACHED FOR SOMETHING ON BOARD THAT WAS LOOSE, I THINK.

HE WENT IN WITH A CAMERA, A CELL PHONE, AND HIS GLASSES, TOO.
HE RECOVERED ALL THREE, BUT THE CAMERA AND PHONE TOOK REVIEW.

I HEARD HE SOAKED THE CAMERA AND PHONE IN WATER WITHOUT SALT.
HE WAS TRYING TO BRING THE DAMAGE TO A HALT.

I NEVER INQUIRED THE OUTCOME OF THE ENTENDED DUNK.
I HOPE HE WOUND UP WITH SOMETHING OTHER THAN JUNK.

I REMEMBER FAILING OVERBOARD ONCE WHILE I WAS OUT ON THE BAY
I WAS THE ONLY ONE ON BOARD, WHAT CAN I SAY?

GOT LUCKY AND WAS ABLE TO BOARD MY SAILING BOAT.
IF I HADN'T, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ALL SHE WROTE.

ON THE INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA, JUST IN CASE YOU HADN'T HEARD,
IN THE HALF FAST FLEET, IT WAS COMMODORE BLAIR THAT CAME IN THIRD.

I DON'T KNOW IF THIRD WAS THE EQUIVALENT TO SIXTH PLACE OR NOT.
MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN BLAIR HAS WORK TO DO ON HIS TECHNIQUE AND HIS YACHT.

IF ANYTHING, THERE WAS A LACK OF WIND FOR THE NAVY REGATTA EVENT.
THAT IT GOT HOT THAT DAY WAS VERY EVIDENT.

THE REPORT I GOT FROM THE COMMODORE WAS WONDERFULLY OKAY
HE TOLD ME ENOUGH WIND CAME UP AT NIGHT TO KEEP THE MOSQUITOES AWAY.

THE COMMODORE MOTORED BACK FROM THE BASE WITH EASE.
THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS HE THOUGHT THERE WASN'T ANY BREEZE.

THERE WASN'T A QUESTION OF WHERE HE WAS GOING
BUT WHEN HE HEADED UP THE MARINA, HE DISCOVERED SOME WIND BLOWING.

SO, WHERE WAS IT WHEN HE WAS OUT ON THE BAY?
IT WAS SNEAKING ALONG WITH HIM, BLOWING THE SAME WAY.

BUT WHEN HE MOTORED INTO IT, HE DISCOVERED IT WAS THERE.
HIS OWN SPEED PLUS NEW DIRECTION MADE IT ALL SEEM FAIR.

THERE ARE SOME OUTTINGS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO SCRUB,
BUT I DON'T THINK ONE OF THEM IS THE ADVENTURE OF TWO MEN IN A TUB.

OFTEN THE BIGGEST TRIPS ON A BOAT ARE WHEN YOU BUY OR SELL IT.
GETTING IT FROM OR TAKING IT TO A PLACE CAN INCREASE YOUR SAILING SPIRIT.

**ONE THING YOU CAN ALWAYS SAY WOULD BE, "I REMEMBER THAT TRIP."
WHAT A CRUISE! WHAT AN ADVENTURE! WHAT SEAMANSHIP!**

**THE CRUISE TO ISLAND MOORINGS WAS BASICALLY THE SAME.
THE WATER DEPTH GOING IN THERE IS RARELY WHAT THEY CLAIM.**

**THE WAITRESS THAT WORKED AT THE BAR WAS CERTAINLY WELL ENDOWED.
EVERY TIME SHE JUMPED THE BAR, IT DREW A CROWD.**

**LARRY FRANK GOT A SLIP THERE FOR THE LENGTH OF HURRICANE SEASON.
THAT IN ITS SELF EXPLAINS THE REASON.**

**YOU WOULD THINK WITH A SLIP, LARRY FRANK COULD STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
BUT NO. HIS PROBLEMS ON THE CRUISE WERE DOUBLE.**

**HE TRIED TO HELP A DOG OUT OF THE WATER AND GOT BIT ON THE NECK.
HE ALSO HAD PROBLEMS IN THE RESTURANT WHEN HE TRIED TO PAY HIS CHECK.**

**LARRY WAS STANDING IN A HEAVY TRAFFIC AREA WAITING TO PAY.
WHILE THE RESTURANT PEOPLE JUST WANTED HIM TO GET OUT OF THE WAY.**

**THE RUMOR WAS HE GOT THROWN OUT OF THE RESTURANT AND BAR.
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THE WHOLE EVENT SEEMED SO BIZARRE.**

**IT WAS LATER STRAIGHTENED OUT BY EVERYONE INVOLVED.
AND THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WERE FINALLY RESOLVED.**

**ANOTHER RUMOR WAS THE DOG THAT BIT HIM ALMOST DIED.
THAT DOG CERTAINLY LEARNED A LESSON FROM THE BITING THAT HE TRIED.**

**IN AUGUST, WE HAD A SATURDAY DINNER BY LONG JOHN SILVER AND CREW.
SEA SCOUTS PRODUCED KING RANCH CHICKEN & DESSERTS, MORE THAN A FEW.**

**I THINK I EVEN SAW CUP CAKES, KEY LIME PIE AND A TYPE OF FUDGE,
AND LONG JOHN SILVER..... WAS OF COURSE, THE JUDGE.**

**THE FIRST HURRICANE WENT WAY TO THE SOUTH.
IT WAS RIGHT AROUND THE EDGE OF THE RIO GRANDE'S MOUTH.**

**THEN THERE WAS KATRINA, THAT WENT IN NORTH OF NEW ORLEANS
BUT OF THAT CITY, I SAW THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE SCENES.**

**THE LAST TIME I WAS THERE IN NEW ORLEANS, IT WAS 1985.
BUT IF I REMEMBER THAT CITY CORRECTLY, I THINK IT WILL SURVIVE.**

**THEN CAME RITA AND THE WATER ROSE A LITTLE BIT
BUT THE PERSON WHO WANTED TO EVACUATE CORPUS WAS A TWIT.**

**AND DALE NELSON THOUGHT, BEING IN NEW ORLEANS WAS GOING TO BE BETTER.
BUT WHAT HAPPENED THERE, WAS IT GOT A WHOLE BUNCH WETTER.**

**THE SEPTEMBER CRUISE WAS TO INGLESIDE AT BAHIA
THAT IT WAS A RACE PLAN THAT GOT US THERE WAS LARRY FRANK'S IDEA.**

**IT'S TOO BAD THE COMMODORE DID NOT WIN THE COMMODORE'S CUP.
OR MAYBE, LARRY FRANK MADE A GOOF-UP.**

IN THE BLUE FLEET, AT THE FINISH LINE, THREE YACHTS OVERLAPPED.
OF COURSE THERE WILL BE ONE WINNER, THE OTHERS WILL HAVE TO ADAPT.

STARGAZER WASN'T IN THE BLUE FLEET, JOE WAS RACING IN THE RED.
OH, WELL, ANOTHER RACE, ANOTHER TIME, ENOUGH SAID.

LARRY HASS AND MARTHA RESPONDIK WERE THE WINNERS OF THAT RED FLEET.
THE IDEA THAT PURPLE COMES FROM RED MAKES THIS SITUATION COMPLETE.

AT THE HALLOWEEN PARTY I SAW NO ONE DRESSED AS CATS
MARTHA R. PORTRAYED A MYSTERIOUS LADY OF THE SOCIETY OF RED HATS.

THE COMMODORE WAS OUR AUCTIONEER, NOT THE INFAMOUS ROY PELL,
BUT IS THERE ANYTHING THAT JOE CAN'T SELL?

WATCHING HIM WORK, YOU CAN SEE WHAT EVERYONE KNOWS,
THAT JOE BLAIR COULD SELL REFRIGERATORS TO ESKIMOES.

IN NOVEMBER HAL COOKED UP ON THE PIT BARBEQUED PORK
WOW! IT SURE TASTED GREAT UPON MY FORK.

WE USED TO CRUISE TO THE REDFIELDS, BUT THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
THEN WE WENT TO THE LANGBERGS AND BELIEVE ME, THAT WAS A SHOW.

THEN WE CRUISED TO THE MAUPINS, STILL WAY BACK IN THE PAST
NOW THE CRUISE TO THE KELLYS LOOKS LIKE TO BE THE LAST.

THINGS CHANGE. AT LEAST YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT.
OUR NEXT CRUISE TO PADRE ISLES..... WHERE IS IT GOING TO BE AT?

THERE IS NOW THE PADRE ISLAND YACHT CLUB...GREAT PLACE TO BE.
WE HAVE MADE GREAT FRIENDS THERE. ON THAT YOU CAN AGREE.

THERE IS ANOTHER PLACE OUT IN PADRE ISLES THAT IS SOMEWHAT HOT
AND THAT IS THE SPINAKEHOLE SPOT.

ABOUT THE LAST CRUISE TO THE KELLYS....A GRAND TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.
ONLY FOUR BOATS ARRIVED THERE LAST FALL.

BUT MANY MORE DROVE OVER TO SHARE IN THIS LONG TIME FRIENDSHIP.
DURING THE PARTY, THE KELLYS ANNOUNCED IT WOULD BE OUR LAST TRIP.

THEY ARE MOVING OFF THE ISLAND, EVEN SELLING THEIR BOAT.
IF YOU WANT IT ALL, THEY WILL HAPPILY GIVE YOU A QUOTE.

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY BIG SAILING ADVENTURE LAST YEAR.
I LAUNCHED AT THE JFK BRIDGE AND ENDURED TO PERSERVERE.

AFTER LAUNCHING I NOTICED A LEAK COMING IN AT A MODERATE RATE.
AFTER LOOKING AT THE RISING WATER, I THOUGHT, "OH, GREAT."

I COULDN'T FIND THE ELECTRIC BILGE PUMP, SO I GRABBED A PAIL.
AND OF COURSE THE ACTIVITY I INVOLVED MYSELF IN WAS TO BAIL.

**MY ELECTRIC BILGE PUMP HAD NEVER BEEN INSTALLED.
IT HAD BEEN THAT WAY SINCE MY BOAT HAD BEEN HAULED.**

**I LATER FOUND IT AND TOUCHED THE TWO WIRES TO THE PROPER POLES.
DO THIS WITH DRY HANDS TO MAINTAIN THE PROPER CONTROLS.**

**AFTER THAT, I GOT MY SAILS UP AND SAILED TO SNOOPY'S PLACE.
BETWEEN TIME AND RISING WATER IT WAS A RACE.**

**UPON ARRIVING, I BAILED AND WENT ASHORE AND GOT SOMETHING TO EAT.
AND MADE AN ARRANGEMENT FOR PAT OUT THERE FOR ME TO MEET.**

**AFTER LUNCH AGAIN I WENT ABOARD AND BAILED.
AND FOR A SHORT TIME NEAR THE BRIDGE I SAILED.**

**THEN BACK TO THE RAMP TO HAUL BACK OUT.
ON THAT SCORE I KNEW THERE WAS NO DOUBT.**

**AND THAT ENDED MY BIG SAILING ADVENTURE FOR 2005
THAT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I TOOK MY SAILBOAT OUT ON A TEST-DRIVE.**

**IN EARLY DECEMBER THERE WAS A HURRICANE IN MID ATLANTIC.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T GET SCARED. DO NOT PANIC.**

**IT WAS INTERESTING THAT IT WAS THERE, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS HEADING EAST.
ANY HURRICANE, ANYWHERE, CAN BE A TOTAL BEAST.**

**ON HIS CAL 35 I HEARD HAL PETERSON IS RIPPING OUT THE INSIDE,
AND MAYBE, AS WHAT GOES BACK IN WILL BE UP TO SHARON TO DECIDE.**

**PUT IN A HOT TUB, KING SIZE BED, AND MAYBE A LAZY BOY CHAIR.
AFTER ALL, SINCE SHE IS THE ONE WHO IS WAITING, THAT SEEMS FAIR.**

**IT WOULD BE THE CLASSIEST CAL 35 YOU WOULD HAVE EVER SEEN,
AND WHY NOT. ALL THIS WOULD BE DESERVING FOR THE VIKING QUEEN.**

**OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS DONE BY ED" SANTA CLAUSE" KLASH.
SORRY IF YOU MISSED IT. IT WAS QUITE A BASH.**

**THERE WAS ED, A MAN ALWAYS OF GOOD CHEER.
I EVEN SAW HIM EVERY NOW AND THEN TAKE A SIP OF BEER.**

**ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR GIFTS WAS CHOCOLATE LIQUIORS
WITH ENOUGH OF THEM THERE, MAYBE ONE OF THEM IS NOW YOURS.**

**THERE IS ALWAYS ONE PERSON WHO SEEMS TO BE IN THE KNOW.
HER ABILITY TO PICK PERFECT GIFTS WAS A TRAIT OF ANITA GARRET-ROE.**

**MAYBE IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE COWBOY BOOTS.
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE HER THE PROPER SALUTES.**

**SHE OPENED MANY PRESENTS THAT OTHER PEOPLE TOOK AWAY.
IT WAS CHRISTMAS, BUT IT JUST WASN'T HER DAY.**

**ONE THING THAT WAS MOVING AROUND WAS A BOTTLE OF RUM
JON HAD IT. LOST IT, BUT THROUGH HIS WIFE, TERRI, BACK IT DID COME.**

THERE WAS A BEAR PLAYING A VIOLIN THAT WAS VERY CUTE,
AND MARYLN WOUND UP WITH IT WITH NO DISPUTE.

THERE WAS MUCH LAUGHTER GOING ON WITH BYC'S NIGHTLIFE
AT ITS END I ANNOUNCED THAT SOON I WAS GOING TO HAVE A WIFE.

ON DEC. 19TH, PAT BARRIER AND I WERE GOING TO TIE THE KNOT.
SO THAT'S MY LIFE AND ITS UPSHOT.

THE BLAIR'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY COULD HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS PLAIN.
AND AS THE NIGHT WORE ON, THE NEW YEAR WAS TOASTED WITH CHAMPAGNE.

SUSIE KLASH AND JIM WHITWORTH DEFINITELY CAME OUT ON TOP.
AS FAR AS WINNING AT TEXAS HOLD'EM, THEY COULDN'T STOP.

NEIL GALLAGHER'S NEPHEW PUT ON A GREAT MAGIC SHOW.
THOSE OBJECTS HE MADE DISAPPEAR, WHERE DID THEY GO?

CARLA FRANK, LINDA GUIFFRIE, AND SYLVIA WHITWORTH LOOKED GREAT.
THEIR SPARKLY BRIGHT RED PARTY TOPS HATS WERE FIRST RATE.

2006 CAME IN ON TIME AS THE STRIKE OF MIDNIGHT DID FALL,
AND FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED IT, A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM THE SAND IN THE HOURGLASS PASSES THROUGH
AND FOR THE MOST PART, ED'S REIGN AS COMMODORE IS BRAND NEW.

ED HAS A LIST, A LIST, OF WHAT HE THINKS HE MIGHT NEED.
AND HELP IS AT THE TOP. YES, HELP INDEED.

THOSE WHO WORKED WITH JOE WILL NOW HOPEFULLY WORK WITH ED.
AND WHEN THIS ALL HAPPENS WE WILL HAVE BLUE SKIES AHEAD.

2006, IT IS REALLY HARD TO BELIEVE ITS REALLY HERE
I WOULD LIKE TO SAY HORRAY FOR THE BYC IN THIS BRAND NEW YEAR.

TOM ARNOLD, 2005