

BYC, 2006

ON JAN FIRST, EIGHT FORMER COMMODORES WERE A MUST
TO PUT TOGETHER THE ANNUAL COMMODORE'S BREAKFAST.

TWO WERE FROM THE EARLY 80'S AND ONE WAS THE 1978 COMMODORE.
THOSE WERE CHUCK KERNICK, CHARLENE FOREST AND CHARLIE ORR.

HAL PETERSON SUPERVISED, BETTER KNOWN AS OUR CHIEF EXTRAORDINAIRE.
HAL'S TALENTS IN THE KITCHEN ARE WAY BEYOND COMPARE.

OUR ANNUAL BANQUET WAS AGAIN HELD OUT AT THE NAVY BASE,
BUT IT WAS HELD AT A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PLACE.

ON A NAVY REGATTA I ONCE REMEMBERED EATING BREAKFAST IN THAT ROOM.
THAT IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO IS SOMETHING YOU CAN ASSUME.

AND COMMODORE JOE BLAIR WELCOMED US AND MADE SHORT TALKS.
HE PROBABLY FIGURED THE SHORTER THE SPEECH, THE SOONER HE WALKS.

THE 2005 AWARD FOR COOK OF THE YEAR WENT TO SUSIE KLASH.
WITH ED AS HER HUSBAND, HER SERVINGS USED TO DISAPPEAR IN A FLASH.

HOWEVER, ED IS NOW TRIMMING DOWN FROM A DIET PLAN.
HE WEIGHS MUCH LESS NOW THAN WHEN HE BEGAN.

BY USING VERY GOOD INSIGHT AND FOLLOWING THE PROPER GUIDELINE.
THE TERRY HARKRIDER AWARD WENT TO D.B. KLINE.

DESMOND WORKS IN THE BACKGROUND AND YOU HARDLY KNOW HE'S AROUND.
UNTIL A FLASH GOES OFF IN YOUR FACE AND YOU HEAR A CLICKING SOUND.

THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY WENT TO JERRY VAUGHN, A ONE OF A KIND.
HE HANDLES ALL THESE PROJECTS AT THE CLUB JUST TO UNWIND.

I MEAN, IF HE WASN'T DOING THAT, WHAT WOULD HE BE DOING?
OH, SAILING, READING, TAKING CARE OF PHYLLIS, MAYBE BARBECUEING.

OR MAYBE NOT. HE WAS ELECTED IN 2006 AS REAR COMMODORE
AW, HE PROBABLY PREFERS WORKING AT THE CLUB THAN BEING ASHORE.

THE CRUISERS OF THE YEAR WERE THE CHANEY'S, DEANNA AND NICK.
THEIR ATTEMPT TO MAKE MANY A CRUISE WAS HEROIC.

IN 2005 THEY WENT TO PORT ISABELL WITH NO PROBLEMS AT ALL.
ON THAT CRUISE, NOT EVERYONE COULD HAVE SAID THAT, IF YOU RECALL.

CO-WINNERS OF THE YOUNG YACHTSMAN WERE ALITA AUSTIN AND FELIX SAENZ.
THROUGH THEIR SAILING TALENTS THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT SHINES.

AND IN PASSING OR NOT PASSING, WE ALSO SALUTED JAKE.
FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION, WHICH WAS NOT A MISTAKE.

JAKE JACOBSON HELPED THE CLUB OUT IN MANY WAYS.
WHETHER IT WAS ON WEEKENDS OR WEEKDAYS.

**JAKE IS NOT JUST A WELDER. HE IS A WHOLE LOT MORE.
WHY, SOME DAY IN HIS FUTURE, HE MIGHT JUST GET TO BE COMMODORE.**

**AS JOE BLAIR'S YEAR OF COMMODORESHIP CAME TO AN END,
HE HANDED OVER THE REIGNS TO ED KLASH, HIS FRIEND.**

**YES, ED KLASH BECAME THE COMMODORE OF BYC FOR 2006.
A MAN OF HUMOR, HONESTY, AND SINCERITY, A PERFECT MIX.**

**NOW ED LIKES TO DRINK BEER BY THE SIP, WHICH MAKES IT LAST.
BY THE DROP WOULD BE TOO SLOW AND BY THE GLASS, WAY TOO FAST.**

**THOSE ARE HIS GOOD POINTS, AS IF YOU COULDN'T TELL.
I SHOULDN'T SAY ANY MORE BECAUSE ED'S HEAD MIGHT SWELL.**

**VICE COMMODORES COME AND VICE COMMODORES GO.
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT ABOUT EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW.**

**I DON'T THINK I HAVE EVER SEEN A VICE COMMODORE WORK, LIKE JAKE.
NEW MEMBERSHIPS ARE SOMETHING YOU CAN'T FAKE.**

**BOB MCNEILL IS OUR TREASURER AND WE LISTEN WHEN HE SPEAKS.
OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HE HAS DEVELOPED BETTER TECHNIQUES.**

**SO, BY EITHER STANDING CLOSER TO HIM OR HIM SPEAKING PLAINER
WE UNDERSTAND HIM BETTER. BASICALLY, IT IS A NO BRAINER.**

**MELISSA BOWEN IS OUR SECRETARY, NEED I SAY MORE,
IF SHE WROTE IT DOWN, IT'S TRUTH TO THE CORE.**

**BRENDA STOCKTON IS THE BOWSPRIT EDITOR, A JOB SHE REALLY DOES GREAT.
WHEN SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO HER, TRY NOT TO BE LATE.**

**WHEN IT COMES TO COLORS, HERE IS WHAT I THINK.
WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT PURPLE IS BASICALLY A DARK SHADE OF PINK?**

**AND WHO WEARS IT, ARE THEY OF ROYAL BIRTH, OR INCREDIBLY SMART?
IT COULD BE BOTH OR MAYBE, JUST THE SECOND PART.**

**I GUESS IT IS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL TO DECIDE WHAT IS TRUE.
I JUST KNOW THAT MARTHA WEARS PURPLE AND I WEAR BLUE.**

**MOST OF THE TIME WHEN A JOB IS PASSED ON IT IS NOT MADE WORSE.
BUT WHEN JIM WHITWORTH BECAME CRUISE DIRECTOR HE ALSO GOT A CURSE.**

**THIS CURSE CAN AFFECT WIND SPEED, DIRECTION, & AIR TEMPERATURE, AT LEAST.
IT CAN TAKE A BEAUFULLY PLANNED CRUISE AND CHANGE IT INTO A BEAST.**

**AND WE HAD A FEW OF THESE, DON'T YOU KNOW.
BUT ON ALMOST EVERY CRUISE THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO DID GO.**

**WAS IT WINDY IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY? PROBABLY A BAD RUMOR.
WINDY IN MARCH? ENOUGH TO PUT YOU IN A BAD HUMOR.**

I ASK YOU. WAS IT WINDY IN THE MONTH OF APRIL OR MAY?
IN THE SPRING WE DON'T OFTEN GET BECALMED OUT ON OUR BAY.

ON THE CRUISE TO PORT ARANSAS IN JANUARY, IT WAS THOUGHT BY SOME
THAT TO SAIL THERE WAS JUST PLAIN DUMB.

BUT WHY DON'T WE EXAMINE ONE PARTICULAR CASE.
THAT THE COMMODORE TURNED BACK EARLY WAS A BIG DISGRACE.

ACTUALLY, SOME ONE ON BOARD GOT WET THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO STAY DRY.
IT WAS ALMOST ENOUGH TO MAKE SOMEONE WANT TO CRY.

IT WASN'T SUSIE THAT GOT WET. SO, IT WASN'T THAT BIG OF A LOSS.
YOU KNOW, I DOUBT IF ANYONE REALLY GOT CROSS.

THE COMMODORE DROVE OVER AND ARRIVED IN TIME FOR A SIP OF BEER,
WHICH IS NORMALLY ALL HE HAS, LIKE TONIGHT, HERE.

IN FEB. IT WAS COLD BUT THERE WAS A CRUISE PLANNED TO THE SPINNAKER HOLE.
NO ONE WENT, BUT REMEMBER, JIM WHITWORTH HAD BEEN TO THE SOUTH POLE.

SO, HE AND THE BLAIRS SAILED THERE ON MONDAY. IT WAS STILL REALLY COLD.
I THINK WE CAN SAFELY CALL THESE SAILORS BOLD.

WHILE TESTING THE MOTOR ON HIS DINK,
IT WAS JIM WHITWORTH WHO WENT IN THE DRINK.

THEN, IT WAS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO GET WARM.
FORTUANTLY FOR JIM AND HIS MOTOR THERE CAME NO HARM.

JIM NOW KEEPS AN EXTRA SET OF CLOTHES ON BOARD.
IF YOU SAW WHAT HE WOUND UP WEARING YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN FLOORED.

HE HAD ON DIVING BOOTIES, A SUN SHIRT, AND A WETSUIT.
HE FINALLY GOT WARM AND WHILE HE DID IT, HE LOOKED SO CUTE.

THE WINDS ON THE CRAB INN CRUISE WERE SOMEWHAT LIGHT.
BLOWING RIGHT DOWN THE CHANNEL, BUT THAT WAS ALL-RIGHT.

EIGHT BOATS MADE IT MOTORING THOSE AGAINST-THE-WIND MILES,
BUT LATER AT THE CRAB INN, WHEN EATING DINNER, IT WAS ALL SMILES.

THERE WERE HAIL COLUMBIA, WINDSWEPT, BRIGADOON, AND HONKY VODOO.
ALSO LA VIE DANSANTE, KIVA, SASSY CAT, AND HOMEFREE TOO.

THE OAKY'S MADE AVAILABLE THEIR HOT TUB AND HOME AFTER THE DINNER,
MAKING THE CRAB INN CRUISE A TOTAL WINNER.

THE MARCH WINDS REGATTA WAS A DESTRUCTION DERBY ON THE BAY.
THERE WERE VERY FEW UNDAMAGED BOATS, I HEARD SOMEONE SAY.

THE TWO BOATS THAT FINISHED WERE THE TWO THAT HAD THE MOST SASS,
AND EACH ONE OF THEM WON FIRST WITHIN THEIR CLASS.

ONE WAS WINDSWEPT AND ONE WAS CALAMARI, BOTH THE BEST OF BYC.
THE STORIES FROM THE LOSERS WERE DEFINITELY NOT PAIN FREE.

**THE BYC CONDUCTED THE MOTHER OF ALL RACES IN MID MAY.
RACING WERE BRIGADOON II, SUSIE Q, TRANQUILITY, VALHALLA AND NOETA.**

**DURING THE RACE A CATALINA 27 STOPPED OFF AT JOE'S CRAB SHACK.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE DIETING SKIPPER MIGHT HAVE HAD A HUNGER ATTACK.**

**BRIGADOON II WON THE RACE AND SUSIE Q LOST IT, AGAIN.
SUSIE Q'S RACING RECORD IS STILL LOOKING FOR A WIN.**

**THERE WAS A CRUISE TO PORT A AND THEN, KEY ALLEGRO AT THE END OF MAY.
WHEN THIS CRUISE ACTUALLY OCCURRED WAS THE WEEKEND OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

**WHEN THE CRUISERS REACHED PORT ARANSAS, THE WEATHER TURNED BAD.
BY THIS TIME, ENOUGH OF THIS CRUISE WAS WHAT ALMOST ALL HAD.**

**IN ROCKPORT, THE WHITWORTHS & THE BLAIRS WERE THE ONLY ONES TO SHOW.
BY NOT SAILING OVER, THEY FOUND IT A LOT EASIER TO GO.**

**THE CRUISE TO ISLAND MOORINGS OCCURRED IN JUNE.
EVERYTHING TURNED OUT WELL THAT AFERNOON.**

**THE FACT THAT WAVE DANCER MADE IT IN, MEANT THE CHANNEL WAS OKAY.
THE CRUISERS ENJOYED THE SWIMMING POOL & AN OUTSIDE DINNER THAT DAY.**

**YOU MAY OF NOTICED SHARON BLAIR'S FOOT WAS BANDAGED MOST OF THE YEAR.
AS FAR AS SAILING ON THEIR OWN BOAT, THEY MOSTLY DID NOT APPEAR.**

**DID JOE KICK SHARON OR DID SHARON KICK SOMETHING OR JUST JOE?
OR DID SOMETHING ELSE HAPPEN THAT WE DON'T KNOW.**

**JUST ACCEPT THE CONCLUSION THAT SHARON IS NOW OKAY.
AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR BOTH OF THEM TO SAIL AGAIN AND PLAY.**

**EVERY TWO YEARS A GROUP OF LOCAL SAILORS TEST THEIR SKILLS
IN THE VERA CRUZ RACE, MAYBE JUST FOR THE THRILLS.**

**OR MAYBE FOR SOMETHING ELSE THAT THIS RACE INVOLVES.
IT COULD BE FOR TESTING PEOPLES RESOLVES.**

**ONE GROUP TESTED WAS LARRY FRANKE AND THE CREW OF WINDSWEPT.
I THINK THEY SHOWED EVERYONE THEY WERE NOT INEPT.**

**AND JUST WHO MADE UP THAT DARING AND ADVENTUROUS CREW?
LARRY FRANKE, JERRY VAUGHN, JIM WHITWORTH, AND BILL ROGER, TOO.**

**WINDSWEPT WON THE NAVIGATOR'S AWARD IN THE DIVISION OF CLASS B.
I GUESS ALL THOSE TIMES OF FINDING OUR RED BEACON WAS THE KEY.**

**IT SEEMED THAT ON THIS RACE, FRANKE WAS A POPULAR NAME.
THAT PROBABLY WILL NOT EVER BE AGAIN THE SAME.**

**AND JUST IN CASE IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD,
ERNEST AND GILBERT FRANKE ON GREY WOLF CAME IN AN OVERALL THIRD.**

**A GROUP OF BYC-ERS WENT TO TURKEY TO CRUISE ON THE AEGEAN.
BUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WAS A LOT OF SIGTSEEING.**

**AS FAR AS GETTING THE CREW TO PUT UP THE MAIN SAIL
IT WAS SOMETHING THAT THE BYC-ERS DID FAIL.**

**A FEW JIBS WENT UP BUT THE CREW DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE BLOCK,
BUT THE CAPTAIN HANDLED THE BOAT EXPERTLY AT THE DOCK.**

**IN TURKEY, A MAN OFFERED 1000 CAMELS FOR SYLVIA, JIM'WHITWORTH'S WIFE.
JIM DIDN'T KNOW THE VALUE OF A CAMEL, BUT KNEW IT FOR SYLVIA'S LIFE.**

**SO, JIM WHITWORTH TOOK IT AS A COMPLIMENT AND SAID, NO THANK YOU.
BESIDES, WITH 1000 CAMELS, WHAT WOULD HE DO?**

**BY THE WHOLE INCIDENT, SYLVIA WAS SLIGHTLY AMUSED.
AND AS FOR THE OFFER, SHE KNEW WHY JIM HAD REFUSED.**

**IT DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH CAMELS, 1000 OR 1,000,000 OR OTHERWISE.
S YLVIA AND JIM BOTH KNEW WHAT WAS THE REAL PRIZE.**

**THEIR LIFE TOGETHER WAS EVERYTHING THEY HAD WANTED IT TO BE.
THEIR LIFE TOGETHER WAS PERFECT AS FAR AS THEY COULD SEE.**

**IN JUNE THE COLUMBIAN TALLSHIP GLORIA SAILED INTO OUR PORT.
AL SONDRÉN AND ED KLASH ON VAHALLA ACTED AS ONE ESCORT.**

**GLORIA IS 249 FEET LONG AND DRAWS SIXTEEN FOOT-FOUR.
SHE IS A TRAINING SHIP FOR THE NAVAL ACADEMY WITH SAIL AREA GALORE.**

**GLORIA'S 133-FOOT MAST CLEARED OUR HARBOR BRIDGE BY A MERE THREE FEET.
I'M SURE AN ACCURATE MEASUREMENT WAS MADE THAT WAS VERY COMPLETE.**

**IT REMINDED AL OF WHEN HE FIRST APPROACHED THE BRIDGE IN ARANSAS PASS.
HE DIDN'T KNOW TO HIS BOAT WHETHER THE BRIDGE WOULD BE AN IMPASS.**

**HE CONSULTED THE BRIDGE'S CLEARANCE & FIGURED THE HEIGHT OF HIS MAST.
AND HE DID ALLTHIS INFORMATION GATHERING RATHER FAST.**

**I'M SURE HE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION OR WE WOULD HAVE HEARD OTHERWISE.
IF HE HADN'T, HE WOULD HAVE MADE ONE HECK OF A COMPROMISE.**

**I REMEMBER A BOAT SAIING UNDER THAT BRIDGE ON A HARD HEEL,
AND THEN LEVELED UP TO FIND THEIR MAST HITNG HARD STEEL.**

**THEY DIDN'T DISMAST BUT IT DIDN'T DO THEIR MAST ANY GOOD.
THAT SORT OF THING WAS SOMETHING THEY SHOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD.**

**JIM AMD MARTHA ISBELL WENT TO FLORIDA TO BUY A GULFSTAR.
THE TRIP BACK BY WATER SEEMED FIVE TIMES AS FAR.**

**JIM WAS MOSTLY AT THE HELM AND MARTHA WAS HIS LOOKOUT.
LEARNING A LOT ABOUT THE BOAT WAS WHAT THIS TRIP WAS ABOUT.**

**AND ABOUT EACH OTHER AND ALSO THE INTRACOASTAL CANAL.
WHAT REALLY STAYED MOSTLY GOOD WAS THEIR MORALE.**

AND NOW THEY ARE BACK ALL IN ONE PIECE.
AND THEIR TIME ON THE LOCAL WATERS IS GOING TO INCREASE.

WE WENT TO BAHIA MARINA TO CELEBRATE KEITH'S BIRTHDAY AND BASTILLE DAY.
THE ISBELL'S WERE THERE WITH THEIR GULFSTAR ON DISPLAY.

ALSO, LA VIE DANSANTE, HORIZON DREAMS, AND HAIL COLUMBIA, TOO.
AND WINDSWEPT, JASDIP, KIVA, SASSY CAT, AND ON VAHALLA, GUESS WHO?

WITH AL SONDRON WAS ED KLASH, FLYING THE COMMODORE'S BURGEE.
ON EVERYONE HAVING A GREAT TIME WAS WHAT MOST FOLKS DID AGREE.

JERRY VAUGHN JUST COULDN'T KEEP HIS HANDS OFF THE SUNFISH DOCK.
DUE TO THE WAY IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT IT CERTAINLY DID ROCK.

BUT IT HAD A LOT OF OTHER PROBLEMS THAT TOOK MANY PEOPLE TO FIX.
IT SEEMED LIKE THIS PROJECT LASTED THOUGH MOST OF 2006.

I THINK IT'S DONE NOW AND WE ARE READY TO SAIL.
JUST QUALIFY YOURSELF AND IT'S BOATING ON A SMALL SCALE.

YOU COULD RENT A SUNFISH AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN.
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE EASILY DONE.

IN AUGUST THERE WAS THE NAVY REGATTA, BEING NUMBER 44.
IN THE MORNING, THE WINDS WERE LIGHT, BUT JERRY DIDN'T BREAK OUT AN OAR.

THE VAUGHNS SAILED OUT WITH SEEMLY HALF THE BASE ON BOARD.
OVERALL, THEY CRUISED OVER WITH QUITE A HORDE.

ED KLASH WAS DISAPPOINTED WHEN HE WASN'T ASKED TO DO THE HULA DANCE.
BUT HE FIGURED THAT NEXT YEAR HE WILL GET ANOTHER CHANCE.

IT WAS HOT AND THE VAUGHNS DECIDED NOT TO SLEEP ON NOETA.
MEANWHILE, THE COMMODORE DID SPEND THE NIGHT AND HAD THIS TO CONVEY,

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE NO MOSQUITES AND THAT IT WAS COOL SNOZING.
MAYBE, THAT WAS DUE TO ALL HIS ONE SIP BEER BOOZING.

IN AUGUST, PAT AND I HAD THE OPPURTUNITY TO SAIL ON SAN FRANCISO BAY.
IT WAS IN A 65-FOOT CATAMARAN AND IT WAS ANYTHING BUT BLAISE.

WE SAILED OUT PAST ALCATRAZ AND UNDER THE GOLDEN GATE.
THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT AND THE SAILING WAS GREAT.

WE LOST ROBERT SCHULTZE THIS YEAR AND THINGS WON'T BE THE SAME.
WHEN LOOKING AT CLUB'S PLAQUES, MANY TIMES YOU WILL SEE HIS NAME.

HE SERVED BYC AS IT'S TREASURER FOR MANY A YEAR
I AM A LITTLE SAD THAT HE AND HIS WIFE BARBARA WILL NO LONGER BE HERE.

IF YOU MISSED THE AUCTION, YOU MISSED QUITE A THRILL,
AND THAT SATURDAY NIGHT'S DINNER WAS SPECIFIALY, ROAD KILL.

**MAYBE THAT WAS BEAVER, OR MAYBE SOME UNLUCKY KING RANCH COW.
IF YOU ASKED ME IF IT COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER, I'D SAY, I DON'T SEE HOW.**

**JAKE AUCTIONED OFF BOAT HARDWARE FROM ONE BOAT TO ANOTHER.
AND I THINK A CERTAIN CATALINA 27 WAS MAINLY THE OTHER.**

**THAT CATALINA OWNER SAID HIS BOAT WAS FOR SALE, A TOTAL LIE.
MAYBE HE MEANT FOR SAIL-ING, WHICH IS SOMETHING HE'S BEEN KNOWN TO TRY.**

**JAKE WAS OUR AUCTIONEER, A MAN OF GREAT HUMOR.
MEANWHILE, OUR COMMODORE ACTED OUT THE PART OF THE COMSUMER.**

**BOB BLACKMON STEPPED IN AND HELPED IT ALONG SO IT COULD END.
HE IS DEFINITELY A MAN ON WHOM WE CAN ALL DEPEND.**

**THE WEATHER COOPERATED FOR A WONDERFUL THREE DAY LABOR DAY CRUISE.
GOING TO THE SPINNAKER HOLE AND SHAMROCK COVE PROVIDED NO BLUES.**

**FIVE BOATS MET UP AT THE SPINNAKER HOLE AND ENJOYED THEMSELVES THERE.
ON SUNDAY FOURTEEN BYC BOATS ANCHORED IN SHAMROCK & THAT'S RARE.**

**ON MONDAY THE WINDS WERE LIGHT AND THE TRIP HOME WAS SLOW,
THE COMMODORE HAD SINGLEHANDED SO HE WELCOMED A LIGHT BLOW.**

**SEVERAL PEOPLE NEEDED HELP AND JAKE CAME TO THEIR AID.
AS A GO-TO-GUY WHEN YOU NEED A HAND, HE IS CUSTOM MADE.**

**I'VE BEEN GOING TO SHAMROCK COVE SINCE 1969.
I KNOW THAT PLACE REAL WELL AS PART OF OUR COASTLINE.**

**IN SEPT. THE COMMODORE'S CUP REGATTA ENDED WITH A PARTY IN INGLESIDE.
THE COMMODORE DIDN'T WIN, BUT THAT HE GAVE A GREAT PARTY CAN'T BE DENIED.**

**THE PORK CHOPS WERE TENDER AND THE SIDE DISHES WERE GREAT.
I'M SURE ED BONNER'S CLOSE RACE AGAINST ED KLASH WAS FIRST RATE.**

**JAKE JACOBSON WON IN CLASS B AND ED BONNER WON IN CLASS A.
AND ED KLASH AND HIS FAMILY WON AS COOKS OF THE DAY.**

**AT THE END OF 2006, FROM THE SEA SCOUTS, JUDGE BLACKMON RETIRED.
HE WAS GLAD THAT THE SEA SCOUT ADVENTURE WAS SOMETHING HE TRIED.**

**DON'T WORRY. THE JUDGE IS NOT GOING TO DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW.
IF YOU LOOK AROUND HE'LL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE AS CAPTAIN OR CREW.**

**JERRY AND PHYLLIS VAUGHN WILL TAKE OVER THE JUDGE'S DUTIES AND WHY?
IT WAS THE THING TO DO & BESIDES JERRY HAD RUN OUT OF THINGS TO TRY.**

**WE MADE IT THOUGH OCTOBER AND WHAT DO YOU KNOW? NO HURRICANE.
A LOT NICER THAN THE EARLIER PREDICTION OF GLOOM AND DOOM WITH RAIN.**

**IN OCTOBER, WE CRUISED TO THE HOUSE OF THE KELLY'S, PAT AND GWEN.
ACTUALLY, THE BUSKOP'S ON KIVA WAS THE ONLY CRUISER TO SAIL IN.**

**THE WEATHER WASN'T SO GOOD, BUT THE DRIVE OVER WAS NICE.
AND FORTY-FOUR PEOPLE SHOWED UP THERE AND THAT WAS SUFFICE.**

**PAT WAS MORE THAN THE PERFECT HOST.
AND GWEN, AS HOSTESS, WAS THE BEST ON THE COAST.**

**AND THEN AT THE END OF OCTOBER CAME HALLOWEEN
AND WAS THERE ANYONE AT THE CLUB THAT YOU HAD EVER SEEN?**

**JAKE CAME RIDING IN ON AN OSTRICH THAT HAD A HORN,
MAYBE, THE OSTRICH WAS ALSO IN DISGUISE AS A TWO-LEGGED UNICORN.**

**THERE WERE SEVERAL PIRATES AND SOMEBODY'S MUMMY, NOT MINE.
JIM ISBELL, THE CRUISER, LOOKED LIKE HE HAD SAILED PAST THE DEADLINE.**

**THERE WAS A GEISHA GRL & A CONVICT THAT I WOULDN'T WANT TO EVER MEET.
PAM CARROTHERS CAME AS A HAG AND THERE WAS A GREAT DINNER TO EAT.**

**IN NOVEMEBER THE CRUISE TO PORT A BOASTED PERFECT WEATHER AND 11 BOATS.
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOVEMBER, THERE WEREN'T MANY WEARING OVERCOATS.**

**DINNER WAS AT FIN'S GRILL & ICEHOUSE WHICH 47 PEOPLE MADE.
CABARET WAS THE HOST BOAT & SERVED BREAKFAST FOR THOSE WHO STAYED.**

**THE TURKEY REGATTA WAS A VERY WELL ATTENDED EVENT
I'M SURE THAT GREY WOLF AND BRIGADOON II WERE GLAD THEY WENT.**

**BOTH OF THESE BOATS FINISHED FIRST WITHIN EACH OF THEIR DIVISION.
ED BONNER'S CREW WAS ALL ABOUT PERCISION.**

**BUT HIS BOAT WAS HANDICAPPED AND CONSEQUENTLY HE FINISHED FIFTH.
HE HAD A GOOD RACE BECAUSE OF THE FRIENDS HE WAS SAILNG WITH.**

**AND JUST IN CASE IF YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE WORD,
IT WAS CAPTAIN ED KLASH IN THE 150-B CLASS WHO CAME IN THIRD.**

**ANOTHER WORD I THINK OF WHEN THINKING ABOUT ED KLASH IS..... RELAXATION.
FOR JERRY VAUGHN, IT IS A DIFFERENT WORD....PERSPIRATION.**

**ACTUALLY, I HAVE SEEN ED WORKING AT THE CLUB ALONG SIDE JERRY.
I THINK HE WAS HOLDING A DRINK, PROBABLY SOMETHING NON-DAIRY.**

**YOU KNOW, BEER COULD BE DESCRIBED AS BASICALLY THAT.
AND BY THE WAY, ED, WHENEVER WORKING IN THE SUN, WEAR A HAT.**

**WHEN HAVING BEER, ED IS VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THE NUMBER OF HIS SIPS.
HE KEEPS TRACK OF ALL THEM THAT GOES THROUGH HIS LIPS.**

**ALSO ED, IF BEER IS AVAILABLE, YOU CAN HAVE MY SHARE.
YOU CAN SIP IT, COOK WITH IT, OR EVEN WITH IT, WASH YOUR HAIR.**

**IF YOU MISSED THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, TOO BAD FOR YOU.
BECAUSE MIXED IN WITH ALL THE PRESENTS WERE DIFFERENT KINDS OF BREW.**

**I THINK I SAW WHISKEY, AND RUM AND MANY KINDS OF WINE.
AT LEAST TEN SEPARATE BOTTLES, WELL, MAYBE ONLY NINE.**

**I THINK MARTHA WOUND UP WITH AMARETTO AND WAS GLAD.
OTHER PEOPLE COULDN'T HOLD ON TO THEIR LIQUOR, BUT NEVER GOT MAD.**

**BOB MCNEILL'S PRESENT WAS A BLOWUP WIFE, NOT A BAD GIFT, I GUESS.
BOB DOESN'T SAY MUCH, BUT HIS INFLATIBLE WIFE, SAYS EVEN LESS.**

**ANYWAY, HE CAN ALWAYS USE IT AS A FLOATATION DEVICE.
IT MAY NOT BE COAST GUARD APPROVED, BUT HE GOT IT AT A GOOD PRICE.**

**AND SPEAKING OF GETTING IT, MOST OF US GUESSED WHERE IT CAME FROM.
IT WAS PROBABLY THE GIFT, KNOWN AS MIKE LERMA'S CHRISTMAS BOMB.**

**PAUL EARLS WAS THE THIRD OWNER OF AN ORGANIZER, A GIFT HE MIGHT NEED.
FROM NOW ON, ANY PROJECT HE WILL TACKLE, HE WILL SUCCEED.**

**ANN BOLIN OF SASSY CAT OPENED UP A BEAUTIFUL SAILBOAT MADE OF GLASS.
WHO EVER ORIGINALLY BROUGHT IT SHOWED A LOT OF CLASS.**

**BUT ANN LOST IT WHEN SOMEONE ELSE TOOK IT FROM HER.
LATER ON SHE HAD THE CHANCE TO RECOVER IT, INSTEAD OF HAVING LIQUOR**

**JAKE AND JENNY PUT ON A DINNER THAT WAS REALLY GREAT
AND THE PECAN PRALINES WERE ONES I DID APPRECIATE.**

**WITH CHRISTMAS OUT OF THE WAY, WE CAN MOVE ON TO NEW YEAR'S
BREAK OUT THE CHAMPANGE OR IF YOU'RE ED, JUST SIP YOUR BEERS.**

**AT ED & SUSIE'S PARTY, THERE WAS ONE POKER PLAYER THAT WAS REALLY HOT.
BOB MCNEILL, THE EX SUPER TANKER CAPTAIN, WALKED AWAY WITH ALL THE POT.**

**A YOUNG FELLOW SHOWED UP WITH THE GARRISONS THAT DID MAGIC TRICKS.
IT WAS AN UNEXPECTED WAY TO END UP THE YEAR OF 2006.**

**AFTER MIDNIGHT THE PERFECT FOOD WAS SERVED UP TO THE GROUP.
IT WAS FOR LUCK AND WAS KNOWN AS BLACKEYED PEA SOUP.**

**AND NOW, WE HAVE 2007 WITH JAKE JACOBSON, OUR NEW COMMODORE.
ALTHOUGH JAKE IS A ONE-MAN ARMY, HIS JOB IS QUITE A CHORE.**

**IF YOU CAN HELP OR VOLUNTEER YOUR TALENTS, DO SO BEFORE HE ASKS.
BY YOU HELPING, IT MAKES EASIER ALL HIS TASKS.**

**FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN COMMODORES, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN,
FROM THE START TO THE FINISH, ITS BETTER TO RECEIVE HELP IN BETWEEN.**

**JAKE HAS AN ADDED BONUS TO HELP HIM. HER NAME IS JENNY.
ALTHOUGH SHE APPEARS TO BE JUST ONE WOMAN, JAKE SEES HER AS MANY.**

**SO, FOR THIS NEW YEAR, I CAN ONLY WISH US GOOD TIMES WITH GREAT SAILS
LOTS OF SOCIAL GATHERINGS, WITH TASTY FOODS AND NO SURPRISE WINDY GALES.**

TOM ARNOLD, 2006