

BYC, 2008

THE 2008 BYC INSTALLAION OF OFFICERS BANQUET WAS HELD AT THE NAVY BASE. HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, THIS IS THE PERFECT PLACE.

DR. ED BONNER WAS OUR NEW COMMODORE, DESTINED NOT TO LAST BUT AT THAT MOMENT WE COULD NOT SEE HOW THE DICE WERE CAST.

MUCH OF DR. ED'S BACKGROUND WAS IN SAILBOAT RACING. IF HE WASN'T OUT IN FRONT THEN HE WAS DOING THE CHASING.

ONE OF HIS PAST SAILBOATS WAS A CERTAIN CAL 35. HAL PETERSON RESTORED IT MAKING IT AGAIN FULLY ALIVE.

FOR ALL ITS OWNERS, WARRIOR SEEMED THE PERFECT NAME OF THE BOAT. DR. ED BONNER, ANDY FICKEN, AND HAL PETERSON JUST TO MAKE A NOTE.

DR. ED WAS VICE COMMODORE IN 1980, A FEW YEARS AGO. HIS PRIMARY PURPOSE THEN AND NOW WAS TO MAKE THIS CLUB GROW.

AND TO HELP HIM IN 2008, HE RELIED ON THE VICE COMMODORE, LARRY HASS. AND FOR NEW MEMBERS WE HAD A NET GAIN, NOT A LOSS.

BOB MCNEILL IS OUR TREASURER AND WE DEPEND ON HIM A LOT. HE IS VERY GOOD WITH NUMBERS, BUT THAT'S JUST ONE TALENT THAT HE'S GOT.

MELISSA BOWEN WAS OUR SECRETARY WITH PEN IN HAND. MAKING EVERYTHING SHE WROTE EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

THE CRUISER OF THE YEAR WAS A MAN WHO ENJOYS BEING THERE. HE IS NONE OTHER THAN THIS YEAR'S CRUISING DIRECTOR, RON HERBERT.

WHEN YOU STUDY THE SITUATION, IT REALLY WASN'T THAT HARD TO SEE JOHN FOWLER RECEIVE THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION & SERVICE AWARD.

THE TERRY HARKRIDER AWARD WENT TO RALPH BOWEN, NOT A TOTAL SURPRISE. RALPH IS ADMIRER IN JUST ABOUT EVERYONE'S EYES.

ABOUT THE COMMOROE'S THROPHY, IF YOU LOOKED AT THE GOINGS-ON YOU COULD SEE WHY THE WINNERS WERE PHYLLIS AND JERRY VAUGHN.

ANDREW KRAMMER RECEIVED THE YOUNG YACHTMAN'S TROPHY LAST YEAR FOR ALL HIS TIME, SAILING AND RACING IT BECAME PERFECTLY CLEAR.

ED KLASH WAS A PARTICIPATION WINNER IN THE SERIES CALLED TOP GUN. BUT AS FOR THE COMPETITION CHAMPION, IT WAS HAL PETERSON WHO WON.

WHEN YOU WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED, IT IS ALMOST ALL. ANOTHER WAY WE COULD DO IT WOULD BE TO HAVE A ROLL CALL.

THE FIRST CRUISE OF THE SEASON IS NORMALLY TO PORT A. THE WEATHER GODS DIDN'T SMILE ON RON, BUT THEY DIDN'T FROWN THAT DAY.

**HOWEVER, WE CAN LOOK ON THIS CRUISE AS RON'S FIRST TOUCHDOWN,
ESPECIALLY WHEN 10 YACHTS AND 50 BYC PIRATES CAPTURED THE TOWN.**

**I DON'T THINK THE PEOPLE OF THE PIYC KNOW HOW TO BE RUDE,
ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY SHAKE HANDS WITH THE "CRUISING DUDE."**

**THE CRUISING DUDE WAS NOT ALONE, I BET.
ALWAYS WITH HIM IS MRS. CRUISING DUDE OR THE CRUISING DUDETTE.**

**HALF THE FLEET ANCHORED OUT IN THE SPINNAKER HOLE.
GREAT WEATHER, SO FOR THE CRUISING DUDE, SCORE ANOTHER GOAL.**

**ON SUNDAY MORNING, JOHN HUDDLESTON WENT IN FOR AN EARLY SWIM.
AT A WATER TEMPERATURE OF 65 DEGREES, I AM SURE IT SEEMED COOL TO HIM.**

**BOB FOREST OF PIYC ORIGINALLY DESIGNED THE BYC YACHT CLUB PLAQUE.
WHEN HURRICANE ALLEN DESTROYED IT, ANOTHER ONE GOT SENT BACK.**

**BOB ALSO SUBMITTED AN EARLY DESIGN FOR THE BYC BURGEE.
IT LOOKED LIKE TWO LETTERS TOGETHER, BOTH BEING THE LETTER C.**

**BILL HOLMES THOUGHT THAT IT LOOKED LIKE THE outhouse CRESCENT MOON.
OH, WELL BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND MAKE IT SOON.**

**WHO IS BILL HOLMES? A CHARTER MEMBER, OLDER MEMBERS KNOW THIS GUY.
HE OWNS GULF COAST MARINE, A MAJOR POWER BOAT SALES AND SUPPLY.**

**IN MARCH THERE WAS THE CRUISE TO THE CRAB-N AT CITY BY THE SEA.
THE WEATHER WAS A LITTLE COOL ALONG WITH BEING A LOT MISTY.**

**WE FILLED THEIR LITTLE DINING ROOM DOWN TO THE LAST CHAIR.
FIVE OR SIX BOATS & MANY DRIVE-OVER MEMBERS SHOWED UP THERE.**

**AT WHAT POINT DOES THE CRUISING DUDE END AND CAPT. RON BEGIN?
POSSIBLY IT HAPPENS WHEN THINGS GO WRONG & HIS PATIENCE WEARS THIN.**

**ON THE WAY OVER TO THE CRAB-N, CAPT RON HAD HIS FILTERS CLOG.
HECK OF A THING TO ENTER IN THE LOG.**

**FORTUNATELY BOB AND K JACK MADE A VALIANT RESCUE.
RIMA GAVE HIM A TOW AND MEANWHILE CAPT. RON KNEW WHAT TO DO.**

**ALL RESCUES ABOARD RIMA ARE VALIANT ONES,
IT'S BECAUSE SHE IS A VALIANT 40 & HER DISPLACEMENT IS OVER 11 TONS.**

**THE SPENCE ACCOUNT HAS RISEN FROM 30 TO 36.
WE'LL SEE JUST HOW LONG THAT NUMBER STICKS.**

**UNTIL RECENTLY, BRENDA THOUGHT DRAFT BASICALLY APPLIED TO BEER.
NOW SHE WATCHES THE DEPTHS WHEN IT'S HER TIME TO STEER.**

**OF COURSE IT IS BETTER TO CALL OUT THIS NUMBER IN FEET.
THAT'S SO, IF YOU GO AGROUND YOU'LL KNOW WHICH WAY TO RETREAT.**

MOSTLY BRENDA IS BEHIND THE WHEEL & CHIP RELAXES WITH A DRINK.

IT PROBABLY DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY, DON'T YOU THINK?

**SO, WHO IS THE MAIN CAPTAIN AND WHO IS THE MAIN MATE?
IT REVERSES ALL THE TIME, SOMETHING BRENDA CAN APPRECIATE.**

**WITH THE WIND AT THEIR BACKS, THE SAIL HOME WAS A DREAM
THE SPENCES ON THEIR NEW BOAT WERE BUILDING THEIR SELF ESTEEM.**

**JERRY VAUGHN & JAKE JACOBSON WERE GOING TO WORK ON THE HOLDING TANK.
DIRTY, SMELLY. THAT WAS JAKE BEFORE HE WENT IN AND INSIDE IT WAS RANK.**

**JAKE MIGHT HAVE NEEDED A DRINK TO SERVE AS A PERFUME.
I GUESS NOTHING WOULD HAVE REALLY WORKED IN THAT ROOM.**

**SOME SOUTHERN ENGINEERING TOOK PLACE THAT CAUSED A PROJECT SUCCESS.
IT WAS GOOD THING THIS AREA SHOWED A LOT OF PROGRESS.**

**YOU TALK ABOUT A PROJECT. HOW ABOUT THE SECOND FLOOR DECK?
IT IS TOO BAD WE COULDN'T SOLVE IT BY HAVING A BLANK CHECK.**

**WALT CRAWFORD WAS THE ELECTED REAR COMMODORE.
HIS JOB WAS TO SOLVE ALL MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS AND MORE.**

**WALT HAD TO ENLIST VOLUNTEERS TO GO THE EXTRA MILE.
THEY CAME OUT OF THE WOODWORK & APPROACHED IT WITH A SMILE.**

**HOW MANY WERE INVOLVED IN THE DECK PROJECT? TAKE A WILD GUESS.
FIVE? TEN? ABOUT 26 MEMBERS WERE PART OF THE WORKING PROCESS.**

**TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS. THINK OF THE WONDERFUL JOB THAT THEY DID.
WE CAN REFER TO THEM AGAIN, IF WE EVER NEED A PYRAMID.**

**IN 2008, JIM ROBERTSON RAN THE RACES FROM THE RACING CHAIR.
HE TRIED TO MAKE EVERY RACE FUN, CHALLENGING AND ALWAYS FAIR.**

**FOR THE ST PATRICK'S DAY RACE WE DID NOT HAVE THE TYPICAL MARCH WIND.
IF ONLY FOR THE RACING SEASON, THEY COULD KEEP UP THAT TREND.**

**IT WAS A TRIANGULAR COURSE WITH FIVE BOATS CROSSING THE LINE.
THE OLD WARRIOR, OR YOUNG WARRIOR, OR WHATEVER DID FINE.**

**SECOND PLACE WAS PAZUZU SKIPPED BY LARRY HASS AND CREW.
THIRD PLACE RAGTIME WITH SCOTTY AND LEWIS EISENBERG CAME DUE.**

**AFTER THE RACE CAME A PARTY THAT DEFINITELY WENT GREEN.
THERE WERE MANY THINGS THIS COLOR THAT COULD BE SEEN.**

**I REMEMBER A BYC PARTY WHERE THE MASHED POTATOES WERE THAT SHADE.
NO ONE WANTED TO EAT THEM NO MATTER HOW THEY WERE MADE.**

**THE APRIL TOP GUN RACE WAS A REAL BLOWOUT.
WHILE OUT THERE, LARRY FRANK FOUND WHAT RACING WAS ALL ABOUT.**

**HE MADE IT INTO THE BAY, BUT THAT IS ABOUT ALL.
THE NORTH WIND OUT THERE SEEMED LIKE A SQUALL.**

**IT WAS RUMORED THAT SEVEN BOATS WERE GOING TO START.
ALL SEVEN DIDN'T RACE WHICH I THINK WAS PRETTY SMART.**

**THE EVENT THAT WAS WELL ATTENDED BY MOST OF THE BUNCH
WAS THE POST RACE GET TOGETHER LUNCH.**

**WE AGAIN HAD VOLUNTEERS IN THE TEXAS INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW.
THE BYC RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PETER DAVIDSON WITH A BRAVO.**

**HERE'S THE REPORT YOU GET WHEN YOU CREATE THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCE.
JENNY JACKSON & JUDY CRAWFORD TOLD OF INCREASED MEMBER ATTENDENCE.**

**EVERY YEAR AT THE END OF APRIL THERE IS A RACE SPONSORED BY CCYC.
IT IS TO PORT ARANSAS AND THE NEXT DAY RETURN BACK TO CORPUS CHRISTI.**

**A LADY SKIPPERS THE BOAT ON THE RETURN TRIP BACK.
AND HAL PETERSON'S WARRIOR WAS ON THE RIGHT TRACK.**

**HE WON IN THE 150 CLASS & RETURNED WITH LISA KELLY AT THE HELM.
THEY WON AGAIN IN THE 150 CLASS, MANY BOATS THEY DID OVERWHELM.**

**IN MAY WE HAD ANOTHER RACE THAT ENDED UP NEAR INGLESIDE.
THAT THE BAHIA HEE HEE IS A PARTY NOT TO MISS CANNOT BE DENIED.**

**THE CRUISING DUDE AND HIS DUDETTE COULDN'T MAKE THIS CRUISE,
WE HAD TO DO IT WITHOUT THEM, LATER THEY GOT THE NEWS.**

**WE WENT BACK TO INGLESIDE ON THE WEEKEND OF MEMORIAL DAY.
IT WAS A LITTLE WINDY, BUT 16 YACHTS CRUISED THAT WAY.**

**AND JOINING OUR FLEET WAS MARK AND BRENDA HILLER'S NEW CRAFT.
NEW TO THEM, A CATALINA 40, WITH CLOSE TO A 5 1/2 FOOT DRAFT.**

**ON SUNDAY MORNING THE WATER SPORTS SHOULD NOT ALL BE IDENTIFIED.
AH, BUT THAT IS THE WAY IT GOES WHEN BOATING IN THE BAY NEAR INGLESIDE.**

**THE TRIP SAILING OVER TO INGLESIDE WAS ON A PORT TACK,
BUT IT WAS A STARBOARD ONE, WHICH FAVORED THE FLEET ON THE WAY BACK.**

**JIM ROBERTSON SAILED BRIGADOON HOME EXITING BY THE LA QUINTA PIER.
GOING OUT THIS WAY BY REYNOLDS USED TO BE A CLUB CRUISE ONCE A YEAR.**

**BUT AS THE BOAT DRAFTS GOT DEEPER WE QUIT GOING THAT WAY.
FINDING THE RIGHT WATER CAN BE DIFFICULT GOING INTO THE BAY.**

**LEAVING INGLESIDE, YOU CAN ALSO GO OUT THE SIDE DOOR.
BUT AGAIN DRAFT IS A FACTOR, WHERE IT IS BETTER TO HAVE LESS, NOT MORE.**

**NOPE, THE BEST WAY OUT IS THE SAME WAY AS THE BIG SHIPS GO,
OUT THROUGH THE "Y" WHERE THERE'S PLENTY OF DEPTH BELOW.**

**WHEN JUNE ARRIVES, SO DOES HURRICANE SEASON FOR THE TEXAS COAST.
WE ALWAYS HOPE A NORMAL SUMMER DAY IS WHAT WE HAVE THE MOST.**

ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, THE SUNFISH RACES WERE EASY TO MAKE.

WINNERS? KRISTEN ULLMAN, ANDREW KRANNER, AND THIRD, THE MIGHTY, JAKE.

**JAKE CAN BE CLASSIFIED BEST AS A MATURE SALT.
TIME AND MILEAGE ARE CATCHING UP TO HIM BUT THAT'S NOT HIS FAULT.**

**BESIDES, AREN'T YOU REALLY AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL?
I THINK WE CAN COUNT ON THAT AS OUR MAIN DEAL.**

**FOR THE NIGHT OF THAT JULY WE SERVED UP HOTDOGS ON THE GRILL
AND THE FIREWORKS ADDED ON ANOTHER NIGHTTIME THRILL.**

**THE VIEW WAS GREAT FROM OUR NEWLY REWORKED DECK.
THANKS AGAIN TO THE WORKING CREW OF THE WALT CRAWFORD EXEC.**

**IT'S BEEN STATED THAT THE CRUISERS SAIL FROM ONE PLUG TO ANOTHER.
IN SHAMROCK YOU CAN BE VISTED BY EVERY MOSQUITO AND HIS BROTHER.**

**SO ISLAND MOORINGS LOOKED BETTER EVERY TIME IT WAS SAID.
SO INSTEAD OF SHAMROCK, THAT IS WHERE OUR CRUISING FLEET FLED.**

**CHIP HAD ENGINE COOLING PROBLEMS, BUT THAT IS A PART OF BOATING.
THE MAIN THING IS THAT YOU AND YOUR BOAT KEEP ON FLOATING.**

**HE ACCEPTED A TOW IN AND EFFECTED THE PROPER REPAIR.
SO FINALLY AND OFFICIALLY HE DID ARRIVE THERE.**

**IT IS WHERE THE ATMOSPHERE IS GREAT &THE AIRCONDITIONERS RUN FINE.
WHERE IN THE EVENING WITH FRIENDS, YOU CAN ENJOY A GLASS OF WINE.**

**THINGS THERE WEREN'T THE WAY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN, BUT SO WHAT.
THE POOL WAS OPEN WHILE THE RESTAURANT WAS SHUT.**

**THAT WAS A SETBACK THAT TURNED OUT OKAY.
AT THE POOL YOU COULD CREATE YOUR OWN CAFÉ.**

**BASTILLE DAY & KEITH'S BIRTHDAY COINCIDE ON THE SAME WEEKEND.
BOTH BEING FRENCH, IT IS THE PERFECT BLEND.**

**IT SEEMS THAT BAHIA IS A PLACE WE SAIL TO MORE TIMES THAN NOT.
PERFECT ANCHORAGE, GREAT FRIENDS AND PARTIES THAT ARE HOT.**

**WE USED TO FIRE WITH ROMAN CANDLES TO SET OFF THE BASTILLE
BUT THAT FINALLY TURNED OUT TO BE AN ORDEAL.**

**SOME COMPLAINTS WERE MADE AND NOW IT IS SET OFF BY KEITH.
THINK OF ALL THE FIREWORKS THAT ARE ON TOP AND BENEATH.**

**THE HOST BOAT ON SATUDAY WAS MERLIN, OWNERS BILL AND JAN
WE NEEDED A LARGE BOAT FOR THE CROWD AND THIS WAS A GOOD PLAN.**

**HOWEVER, THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH MERLIN'S WATER EXHAUST LINE.
IT WENT INTO JAKE AND JENNY'S DINGY, GLAD IT WASN'T MINE.**

**SO MAN THE PUMPS IF THAT IS THE DRILL.
GET THAT WATER OUT AND LIGHT UP THE GRILL.**

IF WALT RACED STILL DREAMING, HE WOULD BE STILL DREAMING, TOO.
SO LATELY HE AND LARRY HASS HAVE BEEN RACING PAZUZU.

SOMETIMES THEY COME IN SECOND. SOMETIMES IT IS THIRD.
IT SEEMS THEY'RE BUILDING A HISTORY, THAT'S THE WORD.

IT ALSO SEEMS HAL HAS A BAD HABIT OF COMING IN FIRST.
WHILE A BOAT, LIKE ED KLASH'S SUSIE Q, REMAINS CURSED.

MAYBE IT'S THE SKIPPER, OR THE WEATHER, OR MAYBE HIS SKILL.
TO ED, MOST OF THE TIME IT ALL SEEMS LIKE HE'S SAILING UP HILL.

AH, THE NAVY REGATTA, NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A RACE.
AT THE AIR FIELD, A LOT OF EVENTS HAPPENED IN A LARGE SPACE.

THE BASE'S SECURITY IS GETTING TIGHTER, YOU CAN EXPECT THAT.
THEY WANTED TO KNOW WHO YOU WERE AND WHERE YOU PUT YOUR HAT.

HAL PETERSON PLACED SECOND GOING OUT IN THE 150 CLASS.
THERE WAS A LOT MORE COMPETITION OUT THERE IN THAT MASS.

BUT HAL CAME IN FIRST ON SUNDAY'S MILITARY CHALLENGE CUP.
I GUESS THE PROPER MILITARY CREW FINALLY DID SHOW UP.

I SAW JAKE JACOBSON ON THE PIER DRINKING WHAT LOOKED LIKE LEMONADE.
HEY, IT COULD HAPPEN, DEPENDING ON HOW IT WAS MADE.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ARE PRIME MONTHS FOR HURRICANES.
YOU MUST PREPARE FOR THOSE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE ANY BRAINS.

HURRICANE DOLLY, FORTUNATELY, FOR US WENT WAY SOUTH
WENT IN VERY CLOSE TO THE RIO GRANDE'S MOUTH.

THERE WAS A RULE ABOUT HURRICANES THAT SOMEONE TOLD ME.
NO MAJOR STORMS WOULD HIT THE TEXAS COAST AFTER THE LETTER "D."

WE NEED TO REWRITE THAT RULE AND CHANGE IT TO THE LETTER "I."
AND I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW THE REASON WHY.

IKE, YIKE! NOW THAT WAS A STORM TO REALLY FEAR.
ALL I CAN SAY IS THANK GOODNESS IT DIDN'T COME HERE.

IF YOU LOOK AT GALVESTON, HOUSTON AND CLEAR LAKE,
THEY WENT THRU A HURRICANE, BUT IT ALSO LOOKED LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE.

IN INDIANA, A WOMAN'S BASEMENT WAS FLOODED BY RAINS FROM IKE.
I DON'T THINK IT WAS SOMETHING THAT SHE DID REMOTELY LIKE.

A WOMAN IN MASSACHUSETTS SAID IKE CAME THOUGH LIKE A THUNDER STORM.
TWO HOURS LATER IT PASSED NOT DOING MUCH HARM.

SO WHEN THEY LEAVE THIS AREA, I GUESS THAT'S NOT THE END OF THEM.
THEY GO OTHER PLACES AND CREATE A LOT OF MAYHEM.

THE COMMODORE'S CUP REGATTA ENDED AT THAT INGLESIDE PLACE.

EACH BOAT'S HANDICAP WAS APPLIED AT THE START OF THE RACE.

BUT WALT'S BOAT WAS HANDICAPPED MORE THAN THE REST.
HE COULDN'T EVEN GET HIS ENGINE STARTED, AT BEST.

ENDURE TO PERSERVERE. THAT IS CHIP SPENECE'S MOTTO, AS I SPEAK.
NOT ABOUT BRENDA, BUT MORE LIKELY ABOUT HIS RACING TECHNIQUE.

IF THIS RACE WOULD HAVE BEEN LONGER, CHIP MIGHT HAVE COME OUT ON TOP.
SO I SAY TO YOU, CHIP SPENCE, DON'T EVER STOP.

DON'T STOP FOR A DRINK, A NAP, OR SOMETHING TO EAT.
FOR IF YOU DO, MOST LIKELY, YOU WILL GET BEAT.

CHIP, WHEN ON A DOWN WIND RUN, USE THE WHISKER POLE IF YOU CAN.
TAKE DOWN THE BIMINI. MAKE THE OWNER OF STARFISH BE A RACING MAN.

STREAMLINE THE BOAT'S TOPSIDE WITH YOUR BEST SCUTINY.
AND IF NEEDED, TALK TO THE CREW TO AVOID A MUNTINY.

AND ABOVE ALL, DO NOT EVER YELL AT THE CREW.
THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER IT, ESPECIALLY WHEN PAYBACK IS DUE.

AND ANOTHER THING, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE RACE, BEFORE YOU DEPART,
WATCH YOUR TIME AND FLAGS, SO THAT YOU GET A GREAT START.

WHEN IT COMES TO BEING PREPARED, IT IS NEVER TOO SOON
AND AT THE COMPETITION, IT IS BEST IF YOU NEVER LAUNCH A WATER BALLOON.

ONE GOOD TRICK ON BOARD THAT ALWAYS SEEMS TO WORK OUT WELL
IS TO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN DISTRACTING OTHER RACERS FOR A SPELL.

I GUESS YOU GOT THAT ONE COVERED, OR UNCOVERED, OR WHATEVER.
THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN ALWAYS DO AND OTHERS NEVER.

CHIP, IF YOU DO ALL THIS, I CAN NOT PROMISE YOU WILL WIN A FIRST,
BUT I WILL SAY, ABOUT RACING, YOU WILL BE BETTER VERSED.

WE HAD ELECTIONS AND ELECTIONS AND ELECTIONS SOME MORE.
WE HAD WATCHERS WATCHING WATCHERS, WATCHING VOTERS GALORE,

WE VOTED AND VOTED AND VOTED AGAIN.
AND FINALLY WALT CRAWFORD PULLED OFF A WIN.

I CAN SAFELY SAY THIS AND I WILL EVEN USE SOME TACT.
THE BEST MAN WON THE COMMODORE'S POSITION AND THAT'S A FACT.

FOR A TEMPORARY COMMODORE TIL YEAR'S END, WE ELECTED JOE BLAIR.
AS FOR EXPERIENCE, HE HAS ONCE BEEN THERE.

HE THOUGHT AT THAT TIME THAT ONCE WAS ENOUGH.
I GUESS HE WAS WRONG, BUT I DEFINITELY THINK HE HAD THE RIGHT STUFF.

THE HARVEST MOON REGATTA WAS GREAT EXCEPT FOR THE PORT A. TIDE.
MANY BOATS HAVE RUN ON THE ROCKS UNDER ESTIMATING ITS RIDE.

**BOTH IN GALVESTON AND IN PORT A THE TIDE WAS AN OUTGOING ONE.
GOOD FOR GALVESTON, BUT AT PORT ARANSAS, NOT MUCH FUN.**

**YACHTS FROM BYC PLACED WELL IN THE DIVISIONS OF THIS RACE.
IT WAS HARD TO PICK OUT OUR BEST SAILING ACE.**

**MARK HILLER ON SEAFLIGHT PULLED A THIRD IN CRUISING CLASS G.
LYNN WALTON ON SUSAN II WON A SECOND IN CRUISING CLASS E.**

**AND LARRY FRANK WON A SECOND IN CRUISING CLASS A.
MEANWHILE ON RIMA CAPTAIN BOB JACK HAD THIS TO SAY.**

**HE COULD HAVE BLAMED THE WHOLE MESS ON CHIP SPENCE,
BUT OF COURSE THAT WOULD NOT HAVE MADE ANY SENSE.**

**BOB SAID HIS CREW WAS GREAT, THE WEATHER GOOD, BUT HIS TIMING WAS BAD.
SAILING IN THE RACE AND NOT FINISHING MADE HIM A LITTLE SAD.**

**BUT THERE WILL BE OTHER RACES, WITH MAYBE STRONGER WINDS.
INBETWEEN TIME, HE'LL BE HAVING FUN WITH HIS BYC FRIENDS.**

**THE ISBELLS CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT BYC
IF YOU MISSED IT, JIM HAS INVTD YOU BACK TO THE 100TH ONE, THE PLACE TO BE.**

**WHEN YOU GO TO SHAMROCK IS., YOU PRAY FOR A FAIR AMOUNT OF WIND.
A CALM THERE IS THE MOSQUITOE'S FRIEND.**

**THE MOSQUITOES ARE THERE WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER, OR FALL.
YOU CAN ONLY HOPE THEY DON'T PAY YOU A CALL.**

**AND ON THE NOVEMBER SHAMROCK CRUISE THEY DIDN'T MAKE A SHOWING.
JUST AS THEY DIDN'T EARLEIR IN INGLESIDE WITH A WIND BLOWING.**

**AND I THINK I KNOW WHY. JAKE JACOBSON FRIGHTENED THEM AWAY.
WITH A BOAT NAMED HONKY VOODOO, WHAT CAN I SAY?**

**WHO KNOWS WHAT CONCOCTIONS JAKE MIXES UP IN HIS SINKS?
THOSE ARE ACTUALLY THE ONES HE PROBABLY DRINKS.**

**AND AFTER A FEW OF THEM, HE GOES INTO A TRANCE.
AFTER THAT ANY MOSQUITOES HE BREATHEES ON, DON'T STAND A CHANCE.**

**JOE AND SHARON BLAIR'S BYC CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS REALLY GREAT.
THE FOOD, THE GUESTS, THE TREE, THE PRESENTS WERE ALL FIRST RATE.**

**LARRY HASS OPENED A PRESENT THAT CONTAINED TWO DRINKING GLASSES
THEY WERE EMPTY, BUT THAT CONDITION SURELY PASSES.**

**CAPT. RON'S SNIFFER WORKED IN OVERTIME IT DID SEEM.
MORE THAN ONCE I THINK HE SNIFFED OUT IRISH CREAM.**

**HOWEVER, HE DID NOT KEEP, DID NOT DRINK, OR DID NOT TASTE ANY.
HE PROBABLY THOUGHT ABOUT HAVING A GLASSFUL OR MAYBE MANY.**

THE SEXY BITCH WAS FIRST THOUGHT TO BE MARTHA ISBELL,

BUT SYLVIA WHITWORTH CROWNED HERSELF AS THE REAL BOMBSHELL.

**IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT BOTH OF THEIR HUSBANDS ARE NAMED JIM.
WELL, I SAY MORE POWER TO THE FOUR OF THEM.**

**I AM NOT SURE WHERE LARRY FRANK IS GOING TO FLY THAT BLACK RAG,
BUT THAT LAST PRESENT THAT HE OPENED WAS A LARGE PIRATE FLAG.**

**THE CLUB IS DIFFERENT NOW. WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE?
GET A GROUP OF NEW MEMBERS IN AND WHO KNOWS WHAT'S IN STORE?**

**IN 2009 AT BYC THERE COULD BE CHANGES COMING OR MAYBE NOT.
CHANGE MEANS SOMETHING DIFFERENT, A LITTLE OR A LOT.**

**SOME PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THINGS THE WAY THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN.
NO CHANCE OF THAT, FROM EVEN WAY BACK WHEN.**

**AS FAR AS CHANGE GOES SOME KNOW THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF IT
THEY WOULD THEN REALIZE THAT THE NEW MEMBERS ARE AT THE HEART OF IT.**

**IF THE REAL CHANGE IS THAT MORE & DIFFERENT PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED.
AND IF THAT IS THE CASE, I WOULD JUST SAY, PROBLEM SOLVED.**

**WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR TRADITIONS AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF THOSE.
HAVE SOME FUN AND HOPEFULLY, NOT STEP ON TOO MANY TOES.**

**WE NEVER HAD A COMMODORE RESIGN IN MID YEAR BEFORE.
OH, WE HAD SOME WHO WANTED TO WALK OUT THE DOOR.**

**TWO RESIGNED DIRECTLY AFTER THEIR BANQUET ENDED.
AND THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT WAS JUST SPLENDID.**

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW THE REAL REASON WHY DR. BONNER QUIT AT MID YEAR?
HE THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE POEM HE HAD TO FEAR.**

**NOT SO ED. NOT SO. I WISH I WERE LOOKING AT YOU RIGHT NOW.
AND JERRY WOULD BE CORRECTING YOUR PROCEDURES...TELLING YOU THE HOW.**

**REMEMBER THE 26 PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE DECK UPSTAIRS?
WELL, PROBABLY EACH ONE OF THEM IS A PERSON WHO CARES.**

**WANT TO SEE THEIR NAMES AGAIN ON ANOTHER LIST?
CONSULT WALT' CRAWFORD'S ADMINISTRATION, HARDLY A NAME MISSED.**

**DOES WALT NEED ANY MORE VOLUNTEERS? YES, YOU BET.
HE NEEDS ALL THE PEOPLE HE CAN GET.**

**VOLUNTEER ONCE, TWICE, AS MANY TIMES AS YOU CAN.
WALT IS OUR FEARLESS LEADER, BUT HE IS JUST ONE MAN.**

**IF HE DOES HIS PART AND WE HELP HIM WITH OURS, THINGS WILL WORK OUT FINE
AND WE CAN LOOK FORWARD, LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR IN 2009.**

TOMMY ARNOLD, 2008