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**FOR MANY YEARS OUR BANQUET HAS BEEN HELD AT THE NAVY BASE.
BUT IN 2011 IT WAS AT THE SHORELINE HOLIDAY INN PLACE.**

**AND CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF THOSE BANQUET WINDOWS FACE NE.
IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE THE SUNSET THERE TO SAY THE LEAST.**

**BUT THERE IS MORE TO A SUNSET THAN SEEING THE ACTUAL SUN.
IT IS SAFE TO SAY AT THIS BANQUET WE HAD A LOT OF FUN.**

**HARRY WAS OUR OUTGOING COMMODORE AND LOOKED VERY COOL.
WHY NOT? HIS SERVING ANOTHER TERM IS BASICALLY AGAINST HIS RULE.**

**IT IS REALLY NOT BUT I THINK HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT SO.
IF WE ELECTED HIM COMMODORE AGAIN ON THAT NEXT CRUISE HE'D GO.**

**WE HAVE ONE PAST COMMODORE WHO REALLY LIKED BEING ELECTED TWICE.
HAVING WALT CRAWFORD AS THE 2012 COMMODORE WILL BE NICE.**

**AT THE BANQUET OUR NEW COMMODORE WAS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH HER VOICE.
WHETHER LISA KELLEY SPOKE OR NOT IT WAS HER CHOICE.**

**BUT SPEAK SHE DID AND SHE ACTUALLY HAD ALL GOOD THINGS TO SAY.
SHE LOOKED FORWARD TO ABOUT BRINGING OUR CLUB INTO A NEW DAY.**

**OUR CRUISER OF THE YEAR WAS KEVIN KALDENBACH
KEVIN HAD TO DECIDE WHICH BOAT HE WANTED TO SEE TIED TO HIS DOCK.**

**OUR COOKS OF THE YEAR WERE THE PORTIS'S, SUSIE AND ED.
ED ADMITTED TO ME, INSTEAD OF A COOK, HE WOULD RATHER BE THE ONE FED.**

**OUR YOUNG YACHTSMAN OF THE YEAR WAS KEVIN DIRKSMEYER.
IF YOU ARE IN A RACE HE WOULD BE THE GUY TO ACQUIRE.**

**THE COMMODORE'S AWARD WENT TO LINDA GUIFFRE, SHE KNOWS HOW TO WORK.
HER FUND RAISING JOB IN PORT ARANSAS WAS ONE SHE DIDN'T SHIRK.**

**AND SHE ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO HELP SO SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE.
SHE HELPED THE CLUB SO MUCH HARRY THOUGHT SHE HAD A CLONE.**

**ANDY HORNER IS INCHARGE OF KEEPING UP WITH THE BEER AND THE WINE.
SINCE HE DRINKS NEITHER, THAT IS ALL VERY FINE.**

**ACTUALLY, I HAVE NOTICED HE HAS A FONDNESS FOR DRINKING H2O.
LUCKY FOR HIM THE SUGAR CONTENT ON THIS DRINK IS LOW.**

**HAL IS OUR CRUISING DIRECTOR AND HAD TO ARRANGE CRUISES IN ADVANCE.
NOT KNOWING WHAT WILL HAPPEN THAT DAY, HE HAS TO TAKE A CHANCE.**

**GUESSING THE WEATHER FOR A FUTURE CRUISE IS LIKE READING A CRYSTAL BALL.
YOU NEVER KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE GOOD WINDS OR NONE AT ALL.**

**BUT MOST LIKELY YOU WILL ENJOY YOURSELF OUT ON CORPUS CHRISTI BAY.
UNLESS THE WEATHER IS NASTY, IT WILL BE BETTER THAN WORKING ANY DAY.**

WE WENT TO PORT ARANSAS THIS YEAR IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, JUNE, AND MAY.
IT IS ONE HARBOR WHERE ALL OUR LARGE SAILBOATS CAN STAY.

THE TRIP IN JANUARY WAS PLEASANT GOING OVER, MAYBE WET COMING BACK.
BUT A GOOD TIME THERE WAS SOMETHING WE DIDN'T LACK.

TEN BOATS CAME AND NO ONE WENT AGROUND. BREAK OUT THE CONFETTI
ABOUT FORTY-TWO PEOPLE ARRIVED AND ATE SEAFOOD OR SPAGHETTI.

IN 1991 I BOUGHT A 28-FOOT SAILBOAT FROM A MAN CALLED COLLEY,
BUT HE WAS NO RELATION TO CHRIS, BY GOLLY.

AND HERE IS THE REASON AND HERE IS THE WHY,
BECAUSE COLLOY WAS THE FIRST NAME OF THIS GUY.

IN FEBRUARY HAL FORGOT FOR THE MOST PART OUR TIDE IS THEN LOW.
MUCH OF OUR BAY'S WATER GOES SOUTH FROM A NORTHERLY BLOW.

HE MOVED OUR CRUISE FROM ISLAND MOORINGS TO THAT PORT ARANSAS TOWN.
GOING TO PORT ARANSAS AGAIN? NO NEED TO FROWN.

PORT ARANSAS IS JUST THE DESTINATION. IT'S THE GOING THAT'S MAKES THE TRIP.
IT'S THE CAPTAIN, IT'S THE CREW, IT'S THE WEATHER, AND IT'S THE SHIP.

IT'S ALL THE OTHER BOATS AND THEIR CREW THAT MAKE UP OUR FLEET.
IT'S WHAT WE DO THERE AND WHERE WE ALL GATHER TO EAT.

THIS TIME IT WAS AT THE PAVILION AND WE HAD A SHRIMP FRY.
EIGHT BOATS SHOWED UP TO GIVE IT A TRY.

THERE WAS STILL DREAMING, STARFISH, REMEMBRANCE, AND HONKY VODOO.
ALSO, KERRY ANN, WARRIOR, CABERET, AND GOTLAND II.

BILL STREEP WAS FIRST THIS YEAR TO BE OUR AUCTIONEER.
WE NOT ONLY TOOK IN MONEY BUT BILL WAS OUR COMEDIAN VOLUNTEER.

IN LATE FEBRUARY THE YORKS COOKED UP A PIG.
AND THE METHOD FOR COOKING IT WAS QUITE A RIG.

LET ME REMIND YOU, THAT WAS A TASTY MEAL ENJOYED BY ALL.
RUSS AND MARY LEE'S SELECTION WAS THE PERFECT CALL.

IN MARCH WE SAILED OVER TO INGLESIDE ON THE BAY.
AND WE HAD DINGHY RACES THERE, WHAT CAN I SAY?

ON THIS MARCH CRUISE THE WINDS WERE BLOWING QUITE BRISK.
AND DECORATING THE DINGHIES MIGHT HAVE PROVED TO BE A RISK.

MARK HILER'S DINGHY, FITTED WITH RETRO ROCKETS, WAS A REAL BLAST.
MEANWHILE, LARRY FRANK'S DINGHY WAS CLASSIFIED AS HALF-FAST.

WHEN WALT CRAWFORD ARRIVED HE HEADED TO SOMEWHAT OF A STOP.
BECAUSE ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T KNOW IT, HE THREW A BLADE OFF HIS PROP.

IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW, THIS MAKES THE PROP A LITTLE OUT OF BALANCE.
WALT THOUGHT HE HIT SOMETHING AS HE MADE HIS ADVANCE.

**THERE WAS A BUNCH OF VIBRATIONS AND NOISE SO HE SLOWED DOWN HIS RPM.
EVERYTHING GOT QUIET AND NORMAL ACCORDING TO HIM.**

**AS HE STARTED UP AGAIN, VIBRATIONS PULLED THE STRUT BOLTS LOOSE.
WATER STARTED COMING IN ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER ABUSE.**

**WHILE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT ABOUT THE WATER, WALT WENT AGROUND.
IT WAS A SOLUTION TO THE SINKING BUT ONE NOT TOO SOUND.**

**JOHNNY HUDDLESTON SUGGESTED TO WALT TO CALL HIS INSURANCE GROUP.
WALT TOLD THEM HE WAS AGROUND AND TAKING ON WATER ABOARD HIS SLOOP.**

**THAT LITTLE FACT CAUSED HIS TOWING BILL TO BE INCREDIBLY HIGH.
HIS NORMAL TOW BECAME A SALVAGE TOW AND THAT WAS WHY.**

**FORTUANETLY WALT DIDN'T GET STUCK PAYING FOR THAT DEAL.
HAVING A \$6000.00 QUARTER MILE TOW JUST SEEMED TO BE TOTALLY UNREAL.**

**SHAMROCK ISLAND WAS CALLING, BUT NOT LOUD ENOUGH.
IT WAS FINALLY DECIDED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE ROUGH.**

**HURRICANE ALLEN IN 1980 MADE SHAMROCK COVE SOMEWHAT UNPROTECTED.
AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT MOST SAILORS GOING THERE HAVE DETECTED.**

**BESIDES IN APRIL WE HAD PLENTY OF OTHER THINGS TO DO.
OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WAS DUE.**

**KEVIN KALDENBACH SHOWED US THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL.
THAT OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE BARGE ARE HARDLY SMALL.**

**AFTER THE MEETING THE HUDDLESTONS TREATED US TO RIBS FIT FOR A KING.
IT WAS THE PERFECT DINNER TO HAVE IN THE SPRING.**

**DUE TO OUR CLUB'S SIZE WE CAN ALWAYS USE VOLUNTEERS,
TO DO THE DINNERS, TO HELP WITH EVENTS, MAYBE, DOWN A FEW BEERS.**

**OF COURSE IF YOU KNOW JAKE, THEN LEMON-AIDE PLUS IS HIS CHOSEN DRINK.
ANYTHING ELSE MIGHT PUT JAKE OUT OF SYNC.**

**EVERY SPRING WE THINK THE WINDS BLOW WORSE THAN THE YEAR BEFORE.
IN REALITY, I DON'T THINK THEY BLOW ANY MORE.**

**I DON'T THINK THE WINDS BLOW ANY LESS, EITHER.
AND MAYBE, BETWEEN THE TWO VIEW POINTS, IT IS NEITHER.**

**AS FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE, WE WISH TO THANK CHARLES BUTT A LOT
ALSO THE VAUGHN'S, PETERSON'S, AND THE MCKAY'S BOAT MADE IT THE SPOT.**

**I THINK JAKE WENT AGROUND IN PORT A NEAR THE SLIP HE DID PICK,
BUT I ALSO THINK HE MANAGED TO GET OFF REAL QUICK.**

**WHEN YOU GO AGROUND IN THE MARINA OF THAT PORT ARANSAS TOWN.
YOU WILL FIND THE HOSPITALITY OF OTHER BOATERS VERY RENOUN.**

**JAKE GOT HELP FROM A PASSING BY BOAT AND IT HAPPENED REAL SOON.
AFTER GETTING OFF, HE ADJOURNED TO HIS LEMON-AIDE PLUS SALOON.**

**BLESSED BE THE MCKAYS, BOTH CARL AND MARY JANE.
USING THEIR BOAT AS A FERRY, I NEVER HEARD THEM COMPLAIN.**

**MARY JANE SAID IT WAS NICE TO GET THE BOAT OUT AND PUT WATER ASTERN
HOWEVER ON HER LEGS SHE DID GET A NASTY SUNBURN.**

**EATING A BURGER AND SITTING IN THE SHADE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE'S PORCH.
YOU COULD HOW SEE ANYONE OUT IN THE SUN COULD GET A SCORCH.**

**I CLIMBED ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP OF THE TOWER WITH MY BAD KNEE.
I KNEW THE VIEW WOULD BE WORTH IT WITH WHAT I COULD SEE.**

**LOOKING FROM THE TOP, I SAW JIM ROBERSON'S BOAT ANCHORED OUT.
LYDIA ANN CHANNEL CAN BE A CHALLENGE FOR YACHTS, NO DOUBT.**

**YOU CAN HAVE WIND AND CURRENT FROM OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS.
OFTEN THIS CAUSES ON SITE ANCHORING CORRECTIONS.**

**OR YOU CAN GET YOUR ANCHOR LINE WRAPPED AROUND YOUR KEEL.
YES, ANCHORING THERE WITHOUT TAKING PRECAUTIONS CAN BE AN ORDEAL.**

**OUR FIRST ANNUAL POINTLESS REGATTA WAS A ROARING/BLOWING SUCCESS.
WITH GALE FORCE WINDS THE WINNER WAS HARD TO GUESS.**

**NO ONE LEFT THE SLIP AND DETERMINING THAT WINNER WAS REALLY SMART.
IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN OUR RACING EXPERT, BRUCE SWART.**

**IT SEEMED LIKE PORK WAS THE FAVORITE FOOD COOKED THIS YEAR.
AFTER THE YORKS, CAME THE COLLEY'S. FINALLY JAKE & JENNY'S DID APPEAR.**

**THEY COOKED PORK CHOPS AND FOR DESSERT STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE.
IT TURNED OUT TO BE A GREAT DINNER FOR FIFTY TO MAKE.**

**ON MAY 21, WE HAD A CRUISE OVER TO THE DOCK KNOWN AS E.
THIRTEEN BOATS MADE THE TRIP IN ORDER FOR THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO BE.**

**DOUG WEAKLY SAID WE GOT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM THAT EVENT.
WITH A VALIANT 40, DAVID AND ANN DRIVER SIGNED UP THEIR INTENT.**

**IN JUNE LISA AND I EACH SAILED A SUNFISH WITHOUT MUCH OF A MISHAP.
NO DOCK RAMMING, NO GETTING WET & NO GOING OUT THE GAP.**

**THIS OCCURRED ON NEIL GALLAGHER'S SUNFISH FUN DAY.
THANKS NEIL FOR THIS OPPURTUNITY TO GO OUT AND PLAY.**

**ON JUNE 4TH THE COMMODORE, VICE AND REAR COMMODORE WERE GONE.
FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS, I THOUGHT WE MIGHT HEAR FROM JERRY VAUGHN.**

**BUT OUR TALENTED TREASURER STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE.
JO ANNE ROBERTSON IS ONE OF MANY WOMEN IN THE CLUB WE CAN APPRECIATE.**

**MAYBE, ONE DAY IN OUR FUTURE SHE MIGHT EVEN BECOME OUR COMMODORE.
WE WILL JUST TO WAIT AND SEE IF THAT IS WHAT IS IN STORE.**

ANOTHER TIME WE SAW HER DANCING ON A TABLE TOP, IMAGINE THAT THAT WAS SO THE MONEY FROM A DINNER WENT BACK INTO THE CLUB'S HAT.

JAKE AND JIM ROBERTSON WENT TO PROGRESSO TO MEET UP WITH BOB JACK. LATER CHIP CAME & THE OBJECT WAS TO BRING BOB'S VALIANT 40, RIMA, BACK

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SAILING TRIP BUT SOON THE WINDS BECAME VERY LIGHT. AFTER THE FIRST DAY, THEY MOTORED, BUT THAT WAS ALL RIGHT.

SOMEONE SPILLED IN THE CABIN A WHOLE POT OF COFFEE. IT WAS THE START OF ALL THE THINGS SPILLED THEY WERE GOING TO SEE.

THEN CAME LATER THE BREAKING OF A BOTTLE OF BOOZE. HECK OF A THING TO ENDURE ON A CRUISE.

LICKING THE RUM OFF THE FLOOR WOULD NOT HAVE SHOWED MUCH CLASS. BESIDES, THE CREW WOULD HAVE TO CONTEND WITH ALL THAT BROKEN GLASS.

SOMEONE PUT A CAN OF WHIPPED CREAM IN THE FRIDGE WITHOUT ITS TOP. SOMETHING ELSE WAS ADDED & THE WHIPPED CREAM STARTED & WOULDN'T STOP.

YOU TALK ABOUT A MESS. WELL, I'M SURE THAT IS WHAT THEY HAD. AND ONCE IT WAS CLEANED UP, I'M SURE THEY WERE GLAD.

ABOUT 60 MILES OFFSHORE THEY ENCOUNTERED A WIND MUCH, MUCH STRONGER. TO MAKE PORT ARANSAS ENTRY BY DAY, IT TOOK A LITTLE LONGER.

ON MOST RACES LISA KELLEY AND ANDY HORNER RACE WITH HAL. LISA ADDS HER KNOWLEDGE AND BOOSTS MORALE.

I FIGURE THAT ANDY IS NOT JUST INCHARGE OF THE BEER. BOTH LISA AND ANDY MAKE TRIMMING THE JIB THEIR CAREER.

THANK YOU STEVE STEAKLY FOR TRYING TO MAKE THE MEMBERS SMARTER. HOPEFULLY, THOSE WHO TOOK PART MOVED BEYOND THE POSITION OF STARTER.

WHEN I WORKED ON THE ELECTRICAL END OF MY BOAT AND GOT IT RE-WIRED. I THINK IT MUST HAVE BEEN MICKEY MOUSE INSPIRED.

THINGS MOSTLY WORK GOOD, BUT THERE IS A SLIGHT HITCH. THE STARBOARD RUNNING LIGHT HAD TO HAVE ITS OWN SWITCH.

AND FINALLY I HAD TO PUT TWO BILGE PUMPS IN. JUST IN CASE THE WATER INSIDE GOT MORE THAN THIN.

AH, TROPICAL STORM DAN, WHERE DID IT GO? I THINK WHERE EVER IT WAS, IT WAS WAY BELOW.

NORMALLY IF YOU ARE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF A STORM YOU'RE GOING TO GET WET. AS FAR AS RAIN COMING FROM DAN, WELL, NOT MUCH YET.

AFTER JULY 4TH, OUR NEXT BIG EVENT IS BASTILLE DAY AT BAHIA, HAVING A GREAT SAIL OVER THERE WAS THE GENERAL IDEA.

**BUT DREDGING WAS GOING ON AND PIPES BLOCKED THE WAY.
FINALLY, SEVERAL BOATS WERE ABLE TO ANCHOR OUT IN INGLESIDE BAY.**

**THERE WAS GREAT FOOD WITH A CROWD OF PEOPLE ON HAND
AND LARRY JOE TAYLOR PLAYED FANTASTIC ALONG WITH HIS BAND.**

**AGAIN, THE BASTILLE WAS STORMED AND FIREWORKS WENT OFF IN THE NIGHT.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KEITH. YOUR PARTY WAS SUCH A DELIGHT.**

**ON THE NAVY REGATTA KICK-OFF PARTY WE HAD PLENTY ENOUGH TO EAT.
BUT NOT A WHOLE BUNCH WAS EATEN, MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE HEAT.**

**ANDY HORNER SEEMED TO NOTICE THERE WASN'T A PROBLEM WITH THE BEER.
HE VERIFIED THAT IT ALL SEEMED TO PROPERLY DISAPPEAR.**

**THE NAVY BASE PEOPLE WANTED TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHERE YOU WERE.
IF YOU WERE THERE & YOU DIDN'T TELL THEM WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD OCCUR?**

**YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN KEEL-HAULLED OR AT LEAST ESCORTED OFF THE BASE.
SO, IT IS BEST TO FOLLOW THEIR RULES, JUST IN CASE.**

**AND AS FOR THE NEWS, MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD,
ADMIRAL SIZEMORE SAID A FIFTIETH REGATTA WOULD BE THE WORD.**

**WALT CRAWFORD HAD AN ACCIDENT AND WE ARE GLAD HE IS ALIVE.
THE MISTAKE HE MADE WAS THINKING HE WAS STILL TWENTY-FIVE.**

**A LOT OF US ARE STILL DOING THE SAME THINGS WE DID IN THE PAST.
HERE IS A NEWS FLASH: OUR YOUTH IS FADING FAST.**

**BUT WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO ENJOY OURSELVES WITHOUT BEING LAZY.
WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T DOING ANYTHING REALLY CRAZY.**

**WE FINALLY WENT BACK TO ISLAND MOORINGS WHEN THE TIDE WAS HIGHER.
WITH OUR LACK OF RAIN THINGS COULDN'T GET MUCH DRIER.**

**BUT DRIER CONDITONS USUALLY MEANS NO BUGS BOTHERING US.
AND WHEN YOU ARE IN THE POOL, THAT IS AN ADDED PLUS.**

**AND SPEAKING OF THAT, WALT CRAWFORD SETUP HIS HEADQUARTERS THERE.
HE SEEMS TO BE ISSUING DRINK ORDERS WITH THE PROPER AIRE.**

**NOW HAL HAD TO DO SOME NEGOTIATING TO USE THE AVAILABLE GRILL.
THE LADY WHO HAD FIRST CLAIMS ON IT CERTAIN HAD A STRONG WILL.**

**LUCKILY THE ISLAND MOORINGS STAFF CAME UP WITH ANOTHER ONE FOR HAL.
SO THE SMELL OF TEXAS SHAPED RICK PERRY BURGERS FILLED THE LOCALE.**

**A WHILE BACK KEVIN AND JAKE REPLACED MY AXLE ON MY BOAT TRAILER.
BUT KEVIN THOUGHT HE WOULD NEVER SEE THE BOAT ON IT AS A SAILER.**

**BOY WAS HE SURPRISED WHEN I SAILED IN FRONT OF HIS ANCHORED YACHT.
MY TRIP TO MUD ISLAND WAS OVER AS A SAILER AND BACK MOSTLY AS A STINKPOT.**

**ED PORTIS SINGLEHANDED FROM CORPUS, WHILE I DID THE SAME FROM INGLESIDE.
HAL PETERSON'S ELECTRIC MOTOR ON HIS DINGHY PRODUCED A QUITE RIDE.**

HE TAXIED SEVERAL PEOPLE OVER TO KEVIN'S TRAWLER, THE HOST BOAT.
OUR WONDERFUL DINNER ABOARD BOW OUT ENDED ON A FAVORABLE NOTE.

THERE WAS A LITTLE DRIZZLE IN THE EARLY PART OF THE NIGHT.
BUT WHEN I STARTED OUT IN THE MORNING IT CAME DOWN IN A FRIGHT.

THE OLD SAYING ABOUT RAIN BEFORE WIND DOES ACTUALLY FIT.
THAT ANYONE SAILING OUT IN IT, BETTER KEEP HIS WIT.

THE HARVEST MOON RACE STARED WITH A BRISK DOWN WIND RUN.
THE WINDS LIGHTENED LONG BEFORE RACE WAS DONE.

THE BYC BOATS HAD A FAVORABLE ARANSAS PASS INWARD TIDAL FLOW.
AS FAS AS ENDING THE RACE, THIS IS THE MORE FAVORABLE WAY TO GO.

THERE WERE 185 BOATS REGISTERED AND SEVERAL DIVISIONS TO SAIL IN.
BOB JACK GOT 3RD IN HIS, MARK HILER 4TH IN HIS, & HAL WAS 1ST IN HIS TO WIN.

MARK HILER IS INTERESTED IN LOCATING A CERTAIN BAR OF SOAP.
AS FOR FINDING LIFEBOUY IN THE UNITED STATES, THERE IS STILL HOPE.

AND MAYBE, MARK, IT MIGHT BE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.
IT COULD APPEAR AS QUICK AS A WINK.

AT THE END OF OCTOBER INSTEAD OF A CRUISE WE HAD A POT-LUCK DINNER.
WITH ALL OF THE ASSORTED ITEMS THERE, IT WAS DEFINETELY A WINNER.

MEANWHILE, THREE BOATS SAILED OUT TO THE SPINNAKER HOLE.
NO RED TIDE AND I THINK THAT WAS THEIR BASIC GOAL.

THERE WAS WINDSWEPT, WAY POINT, AND CABARET.
IT TURNED INTO A PERFECT OCTOBER OVERNIGHT STAY.

IN OCTOBER OF 1995 WE ANCHORED IN THE SPINNAKER HOLE OVER 50 BOATS.
HOW IS THIS FOR SOME HISTORICAL FOOTNOTES?

ONE OF THE LAST BOATS IN WAS A 40 FOOTER TOWING ONE THAT WAS A 26.
HE GOT IN OKAY AND ANCHORED WITHOUT GETTING INTO A FIX.

AS FOR THE SATURDAY RACES, WE HEARD WHO THE WINNERS WERE OVERALL.
THIS IS OUR SERIES RACE AND THIS WAS THE CALL.

LARRY FRANK WON FIRST ON WINDSWEPT, A BOAT APTLY NAMED FOR OUR WIND.
JIM ROBERTSON WON SECOND ON BRIGADOON, IMPROVING HIS RACING TREND.

HAL PETERSON ON WARRIOR CAME IN THIRD SHOWING HE COULD BEAT BRUCE.
BRUCE CAME IN FIFTH. I KNOW WHAT WAS HIS EXCUSE.

WHEN YOU ORGANIZE A RACE, IT IS HARD TO BE AN ENTRY IN ONE.
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT YOU HAVE BEEN OVERRUN.

AND THE FOURTH POSITION WAS GREG TURMAN ON AGAPE, A SABRE 34.
GREG IS ALSO A MEMBER OF CCYC AND WILL BECOME THEIR 2013 COMMODORE.

**AT OUR NOVEMBER AUCTION, I SAW AN ANCHOR THAT WAS THE DANFORTH TYPE.
AND THE TIME FOR SOMEONE OWNING IT AGAIN WAS INDEED RIPE.**

**I DIDN'T SEE IT AT CHRISTMAS, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
LARRY HASS BOUGHT ONE, MAYBE AS A HURRICANE ANCHOR FOR HIS RHODES 19.**

**YOU'VE HEARD OF THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING? THIS ONE JUST WON'T DIE.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU OWN IT, IT COMES BACK FOR ONE MORE TRY.**

**CHRIS COLLEY WAS OUR TALENTED AUCTIONEER MAN.
YOU COULD HEAR IT IN HIS VOICE WHEN HE BEGAN**

**SO IF YOU SCRATCHED YOUR NOSE, AS FOR A BID, YOU PROBABLY MADE ONE.
MAYBE IF YOU WERE LUCKY YOU COULD GET IT UNDONE.**

**THERE WERE PILLOWS AND GLASSES AND SOME FOUL WEATHER GEAR.
CATHY COLLEY WOUND UP OWNING A RED SOUTHWESTER HAT THIS YEAR.**

**BEFORE THE AUCTION WE HAD A BRISKET DINNER WITH GRAVY AND POTATOES.
AND A FULL BLOWN SALAD WITH MANY THINGS IN IT, INCLUDING TOMATOES.**

**THE COOKS WERE SYLVIA AND JIM WHITWORTH AND SHARON AND JOE BLAIR.
THE MEAL THEY COOKED WAS A GREAT ONE AND NOT TOO HARD TO PREPARE.**

**ALL YEAR LONG TERESA GALLAGHER WAS OUR COOK PLANNER.
SHE ALWAYS NOTIFIED US WHO, WHAT AND WHEN IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

**WE HAD TURKEY DAY RACES AND THE WEATHER WAS GREAT.
THE WIND STARTED MODERATE AND STABLIZED AT A WORKABLE RATE.**

**HAL TOLD ME IN THE 150 CLASS HE WAS RACING WITH A JIB SMALLER THAN THAT.
PROBABLY MOST OF OTHER BOATS IN HIS CLASS WERE BEING A COPYCAT.**

**JOHN BELL, THE CCYC COMMODORE, WON SECOND IN THE ALL SAILS.
HAL PETERSON WON FIRST IN HIS CLASS BY PAYING ATTENTION TO DETAILS.**

**LARRY FRANK WAS A CLOSE SECOND AND JIM ROBERTSON CAME IN THIRD.
JIM COULD HAVE COME IN LAST, BUT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ABSURD.**

**IN MID NOVEMBER THIRTEEN BOATS WENT ON THE FLATO CUT CRUISE.
THE FACT THAT WE GOT THERE WITH A LOT OF WIND WAS NOT NEWS.**

**ON THE VHF I HEARD NEIL TALKING TO JOHNNY ABOUT TESTING HIS PLOTTER.
IT WOULD BE THE FIRST REAL APPICATION SINCE HE GOT HER.**

**I APPROACHED THE OPENING WITH NO CHART PLOTTER AND NO GPS.
I THOUGHT GETTING IN MIGHT JUST BE A GUESS.**

**BUT ON THE PHONE HAL PETERSON TOLD ME TO SIGHT IN ON A LARGE BUSH
AND MOST LIKELY I WOULDN'T HAVE TO GET OUT AND PUSH.**

**THERE IS NOTHING LIKE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE TO HELP YOU GET ALONG.
WITHOUT IT SOME THINGS COULD GO WRONG.**

**WE COULD ASK BRENDA HILER TO EXPLAIN HER BRIEF GROUNDING.
SHE WAS FOLLOWING THE BOAT AHEAD OF HER AND NOT TAKING A SOUNDING.**

DURING THE DINGHY DRIFT SHARON PETERSON GOT A LITTLE WET,
BUT THE PARTY ABOARD WALT AND JUDY'S BOAT WAS ONE OF THE BEST YET.

NOW THERE IS A LARGE YACHT WITH NOT TOO MUCH DRAFT. WHAT A DEAL!
HOLDS LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE COCKPIT, PROVIDED YOU REMOVE THE WHEEL.

VERY NICE FOR THE LAST OFFICIAL CRUISE OF THIS SEASON.
AS FOR GOING ON THESE CRUISES, HAVING A GOOD TIMES IS A VERY GOOD REASON.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS JUST THE RIGHT SIZE,
FINDING OUT OUR COMMODORE WAS A GOOD COOK, WAS ALSO A SURPRISE.

JERRY VAUGHN WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO GO TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE.
HIS GIFT WAS A THERMOMETER, WHICH HE WAS ABLE TO KEEP WITH GLEE.

JIM ROBERSON COULDN'T HOLD ON TO A BOTTLE, BUT DID HOLD ON TO A CLOCK.
BUT WILL IT LOOK GOOD ON THE BULKHEAD OF THE FIRST BOAT ON THE DOCK?

I THOUGHT JAKE MIGHT HAVE OPENED A BOX FULL OF DECAFINATED TEA,
BUT IT WAS TWO NIGHT LIGHTS SO IN THE DARK HE COULD SEE.

THE GIFT CAPT. RON OPENED CONTAINED A COCONUT CANDLE TO BE SEEN.
BEING THE GENEROUS GUY HE IS, HE GAVE IT TO THE MARINE.

AT THE END OF THE NIGHT WE GAVE WALT CRAWFORD A HANDS ON PRAYER.
JUST TO LET HIM KNOW WE HOPE HE GETS BETTER AND BECAUSE WE CARE.

LISA KELLEY'S NEW DAYS ARE DEFINITELY WHAT WE HAVE HAD.
MOST OF THE EVENTS WERE GOOD, BUT SOME NEWS HAS BEEN BAD.

KEVIN, THE REAR COMMODORE, HAS EXAMINED THE BARGE AND IT'S STEEL.
SOME DECISIONS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL.

WE HAD A LEAK IN THE BARGE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR.
AND HOW MANY MORE LEAKS ARE GOING TO APPEAR?

ONE OPTION IS TO HAVE A NEW CLUB HOUSE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SHORE
AFTERWARDS WHAT WE COULD HAVE IS LESS AND MORE.

MORE MEMBERS, LESS STEEL; MORE FUN, LESS WORK. ONCE IT IS BUILT.
AND IF YOU DON'T HELP IN SOME WAY IT WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR GUILT.

WALT IS GOING TO KEEP A LIST, SO YOU BETTER HELP OUT WHEN YOU CAN.
NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHAT SHOULD BE OUR PLAN.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THERE ARE BIG CHANGES ABOUT TO BE MADE.
WE ARE WORKING ON SOLUTIONS AND HOW IT IS ALL GOING TO BE PAID.

WE GOT THE DINNERS AND THEY PULL US TOGETHER ALL IN ONE SPOT,
WE GOT RACES, CRUISES, PARTIES, AND WALT CRAWFORD'S NEW YACHT.

BUT THE CLUB CAN'T OPERATE VERY WELL WITHOUT HELP FROM YOU.
JUST LIKE A SHIP ON THE WATER, WE NEED A CREW.

**SO, THERE YOU HAVE IT. 2011 GONE INTO OUR HISTORY BOOK.
AND FOR 2012 WE HAVE A GRAND OUTLOOK.**

**THIS IS THE FORTY YEAR MARK, SO STICK AROUND AND SEE,
A BIGGER AND BETTER YACHT CLUB, THE BYC.**

TOM ARNOLD, FOR 2011