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**THE BANQUET JUST FEELS RIGHT WHEN IT IS HELD AT THE NAVY BASE.
THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SHOULD BE DONE IN A SPECIAL PLACE.**

**LIKE LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR, THE PIYC IS HERE, TOO.
AFTER THEIR PRESENTATIONS ARE OVER WITH, AT THEIR DANCE WE CAN RENDEZVOUS.**

**SEVERAL MEMBERS, LIKE JAKE AND WALT, CLEANED UP NICELY FOR OUR EVENT.
MOST PEOPLE AGREED, IT WAS MONEY WELL SPENT.**

**WE HONORED MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE AT THE BANQUET LAST YEAR.
IN MANY PLACES DID MOST OF THEM APPEAR.**

**JOE BLAIR PRESENTED THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY TO MELISSA BOWEN, AGAIN.
SHE RECEIVED IT ONCE BEFORE IN THE YEAR 2000, A MEMORABLE WIN.**

**ANDREW KRAMMER WON AGAIN THE YOUNG YACHTSMAN'S OF THE YEAR AWARD.
HE IS A FINE EXAMPLE FOR YOUNG AND OLD SAILORS, NO HOLDS BARRED.**

**THE TERRY HARKRIDER AWARD WENT TO THAT JACOBSON FELLOW, NAMED JAKE.
OBVIOUSLY AND CLEARLY, THIS WAS NOT A MISTAKE.**

**WE TRIED TO GIVE IT TO A GUY NAMED ROBERT, WHO LIVED AT THE SAME ADDRESS.
AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IT WAS DECIDED TO AVOID THE MESS.**

**THE CRUISING DUDE HAD TO DECIDE WHO THE CRUISER OF THE YEAR WAS TO BE.
IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN HARRY ARMENIA AND LINDA GUIFFRE.**

**THEIR 16 MONTH OUTTING WAS CRUISING THE GREAT LOOP.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH HARDER TO MAKE THE VOYAGE IN A SLOOP.**

**INSTEAD, THEIR TRIP WAS MADE IN A DEFEVER 40 CALLED CABARET.
JUST ASK THEM THIS, ARE THEY GOING AGAIN, AND SEE WHAT THEY WILL SAY?**

**JOHNNY AND CYNTHIA HUDDLESTON WERE THE 2008 CHAMPION COOKS.
IT'S A SPECIAL THING TO COOK A MEAL FOR THE RECORD BOOKS.**

**AND WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS TO THE CHAMPION COOKS OF PAST YEARS?
THEY WIND UP ORGANIZING WHO ARE THE NEXT COOKING VOLUNTEERS.**

**CAPT. HAL PETERSON'S EFFORTS MADE HIM THE 2008 CHAMPION OF THE FLEET.
NOW, OUT ON THE RACE COURSE, HE IS THE MAN MANY TRY TO BEAT.**

**WHEN D.B. KLINE JOINED THE BYC, HIS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WAS 244.
IN THE 70'S THRU THE 90'S HE RACED AND CRUISED & IN 1991 WAS COMMODORE.**

**THROUGH THE YEARS HE EDITED THE BOWSPRIT TO PROPERLY GET IT OUT.
THAT HIS PHOTOGRAPHY WAS FIRST RATE WAS NO DOUBT.**

**HE PROPERLY MADE THE ADJUSTMENT FROM FILM TO DIGITAL SHOTS.
AND FROM THE 70'S TO NOW, HE OWNED SEVERAL SAILING YACHTS.**

**IF THERE WAS AN EVENT GOING ON, YOU COULD COUNT ON HIM BEING THERE.
HE HELPED OTHERS WITH THE BOWSPRIT, TOOK PICTURES & ALWAYS STAYED AWARE.**

**NOW, D.B. AND LOIS KLINE HAVE HAD LIFE MEMBERSHIPS PRESENTED TO THEM.
COUPLES WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED LIKE THESE ARE A RARE ITEM.**

**BRENDA SPENSE WAS THE FIRST TO GET THE AWARD CALLED THE BROKEN TOILET SEAT.
THE LESSON WE LEARNED HERE WAS ONE ACCIDENT NOT TO REPEAT.**

**WHILE THE BOAT WAS MOVING, SHE PUT HER ARM THRU THE SPOKES OF THE WHEEL.
THE WHEEL TURNING AND BREAKING HER WRIST WAS QUITE AN ORDEAL.**

**BRENDA SAYS IF YOU ARE IN FRONT OF THE WHEEL, YOU NEED TO BE GOING IN REVERSE.
BECAUSE IF YOU ARE GOING FORWARD, IT WILL SEEM LIKE YOUR BOAT HAS A CURSE.**

**BRENDA HAS LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE WHEEL, WHAT TO DO AND NOT TO DO.
THAT SHE HAS BECOME A GOOD SKIPPER IS VERY TRUE.**

**WE RESURRECTED THE MULLET AWARD SO THAT ALL OF US MIGHT LEARN.
SOMEONE MAKES A MISTAKE, CORRECTS THE MISTAKE, & LEAVES THE MEMORY ASTERN.**

**JAKE SAILED ACROSS THE BAY WITH 30 FEET OF ANCHOR LINE OUT.
IN ALL PROBABILITY HE WAS NOT TROLLING FOR TROUT.**

**HE THOUGHT THE ENDEVOUR WAS ACTING A LITTLE STRANGE.
BACK AT THE DOCK, HE DISCOVERED THERE WERE THINGS HE HAD TO REARRANGE.**

**IT IS TRUE THAT HE MAY HAVE DEEPENED THE BAY A BIT.
FORTUNATELY, THE CORP OF ENGINEERS DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.**

**SO, JAKE IS A MULLET, I FELT IT COULD BE SO.
IF YOU ARE AN ACTIVE SAILOR, THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU ARE ON THE GO.**

**ONE SAILOR THAT HAS BEEN RACING A LOT IS OUR COMMODORE.
AND THE BOAT THAT HE HAS SOMETIMES BEEN SAILING IS A J-24.**

**THIS J-24 IS THE ONE THAT MAYVIC LUBY HAD.
SO, WE KNOW IT'S PROBABLY NOT THE BOAT THAT IS BAD.**

**IT'S PROBABLY THE CREW, YEAH THE CREW, OR MAYBE THOSE SAILS.
IT'S UP TO LARRY AND WALT TO DETERMINE WHAT WORKS AND WHAT FAILS.**

**IN 2008, THIS J-24 CONSISTANTLY CAME MOSTLY IN POSITION NUMBER 2.
SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY, WALT NEEDS TO IMPROVE THE RACING RECORD OF PAZUZU.**

**MAINTAINING THE CLUB AND BARGE IS A MONUMENTAL AFFAIR.
FORTUNATELY, IT IS A JOB WHERE MANY CAN SHARE.**

**REBUILDING THE BACK STAIRS WAS SUCH A DEAL.
FINISHING IT TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS AND MADE THE EFFORT REAL.**

**ONE WHO HELPED WAS ANDY HORNER, OUR RESIDENTAL CITY ENGINEER.
JAKE THOUGHT THIS KIND OF WORK COULD BUILD A NEW CAREER.**

**OTHERS WHO HELPED WERE LEWIS EISENBURG, WALT CRAWFORD, AND LARRY.
ADDING TO THAT WERE CHARLIE GIBBS, LYNN WALTON, RUSS, AND HARRY.**

**UP, UP, UP, TO THE TOP OF THE WALL.
DASH AWAY, DASH AWAY, DASH AWAY, ALL.**

**CONVERTING FROM A TILLER TO A WHEEL, THAT SEEMS FAIRLY EASY.
BUT GOING FROM A WHEEL TO A TILLER, MIGHT MAKE YOU QUESY.**

**YOU PUSH THE TILLER IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION YOU WANT TO GO.
ALONG WITH OTHER THINGS, NO WONDER LEARNING TO SAIL IS SOMETIMES SLOW.**

**BUT I'M SURE IN THIS ROOM WE ARE ALL WELL SEASONED AND PROPERLY TESTED.
FOR US, THERE WILL BE NO SITUATION IN WHICH WE WILL BE BESTED.**

**WELL, IN THE PAST HE RAMMED OUR CLUB AND IN 2009 HE HIT THE T-HEAD.
WITH HIM BEING AT THE HELM, HIS REPUTATION IS BOUND TO SPREAD.**

**MAYBE, WE SHOULD WARN THE PEOPLE ON THE LEXINGTON AND ITS CREW.
THE THING IS, HERE AND NOW, I AM WARNING YOU.**

**IF YOU ARE OUT SAILING AND IT IS A PEACEFUL DAY,
AND IF CHIP SPENSE IS OUT THERE ALSO, THEN JUST STAY OUT OF HIS WAY.**

**EVER NOTICE WHEN WELL PLANNED EVENTS SEEM TO GO WRONG,
THEN THERE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS HELPFUL MEMBERS WHO COME ALONG.**

**JO ANN ROBERTSON IS ONE SUCH PERSON TO ARRIVE.
WITHOUT HER, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE COULD SURVIVE.**

**LONG BEFORE SHE TOOK ON THE TREASURE'S JOB, SHE KNEW WHAT TO DO.
SHE WAS LAST YEAR'S FIRST COOK, WITH CARLA FRANK AND CATHY COLLEY, HER CREW.**

**THE PORT ARANSAS FROSTBITE CRUISE WEATHER WAS PERFECT FOR A POWERBOAT.
MEANWHILE IN PORT ARANSAS ALL CABARET HAD TO DO WAS SIT THERE AND FLOAT.**

**THE FRANKE'S ON GREY WOLF HAD NOT LATELY CLEANED THEIR PROP.
THEIR LATE ARRIVAL AT 2 KNOTS MADE IT NO PROBLEM FOR THEM TO STOP.**

**SOUNDS LIKE A MULLET, BUT THE VAUGHNS TOOK THE AWARD,
AND UNDERSTANDING WHY WASN'T TOO HARD.**

**WITH THEIR FUEL FILTERS CLOGGED AND THEIR ENGINE OVERHEATING,
THEY RETURNED TO CORPUS CHRISTI, A KIND OF RETREATING.**

**AND JIM ROBERTSON III HANDLED RACING AGAIN, A JOB I COULDN'T HAVE DONE.
IN THE RACES WITH THOSE RATINGS, IT TAKES A LOT TO FIGURE OUT WHO WON.**

**THEY SAY THAT SAILBOAT RACING IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE A CONTACT SPORT.
GETTING RIGHT OF WAY IS BY YELLING STARBOARD, NOT YELLING PORT.**

**BUT THERE ARE SOME SAILORS WHO CALL FOR PORT, SCOTCH, BOURBON, OR BEER.
WHILE RACING, WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU WILL SEE OR HEAR?**

**BUT TO YELL STARBOARD, YOU NEED TO BE ON A STARBOARD TACK.
SOMETIMES ON THE RACE COURSE, IT IS HARD TO KEEP TRACK.**

**ALSO RACING IN CLOSE QUARTERS IT IS VERY HARD TO AVOID A HIT,
AND ON THE VALENTINE'S DAY RACE WE SAW SOME OF IT.**

**THERE WERE NORTH WINDS AT THE GAP AND A COLLISION WAS RATED AS A THREE STAR.
SOME DAMAGE WAS DONE TO BOTH BOATS, BUT NO ONE LOST A SPAR.**

**WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT EVERYONE INVOLVED STILL REMAINS FRIENDS,
AND THE GOOD TIMES OF RACING NEVER ENDS.**

**WE LOST JAMES ROBERTSON II, A SPECIAL CRUISING MEMBER.
HE WAS A MAN THAT I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER.**

**HIS FIRST BOAT WAS A KIT BOAT, A KITTIWAKE 23.
LATER ON HE DISCOVERED THAT THE TARTAN YACHTS WERE THE KEY.**

**THE TARTANS HE OWNED HAD CENTERBOARDS WITHIN THE KEEL.
HE THOUGHT THAT A VARIABLE DRAFT BOAT IN THIS AREA WAS IDEAL.**

**HIS SON NOW SAILS BRIGADOON, HIS LAST TARTAN YACHT.
THE LEGACY CONTINUES WITH NOTHING FORGOT.**

**ALSO BOB MCNEILL, OUR TREASURER, TOOK HIS FINAL CRUISE AWAY FROM US.
AS A FORMER SUPER TANKER CAPTAIN, I AM SURE IT WAS A PLUS.**

**BOB WAS REALLY QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHED SEAFARING MAN,
AND NOW HE HAS GONE TO JOIN HIS BELOVED JOANNE.**

**WITH JO ANN ROBERTSON TAKING OVER, THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS MOUNTING.
SHE EVEN TOOK TIME TO UPDATE BOB'S SYSTEM TO A MODERN DAY ACCOUNTING.**

**THERE WAS A POSITION CHANGE WITHIN THE CLUB, THAT YOU MIGHT OF TAKEN NOTE.
BUT THIS ONE DID NOT REQUIRE A SPECIAL VOTE.**

**THIS MAN WENT FROM SPEAKING FROM A CORNER TO GOING ON COMMADORE'S WATCH.
IN THIS CONVERSION, WALT WAS NOT REQUIRED TO STOP DRINKING HIS SCOTCH.**

**THE CRAB N CRUISE WAS ACCOMPLISHED MOSTLY BY CAR.
DRIVING IN 30 TO 50 KNOT WINDS MADE IT NOT SEEM SO FAR.**

**THE CRUISE TO THE PIYC WAS A GREAT SAIL OVER AND A FAST SAIL BACK.
THERE WAS HARDLY ANYTHING THAT THIS CRUISE DID LACK.**

**INCLUDING THE MARCH MULLET, WHO BASICALLY RAN AGOUND ON PADRE ISLAND.
BY OVERSHOOTING THE ICW, THE WHITWORTHS ON HAIL COLUMBIA MADE A STAND.**

**THEY EVEN HAD A GUIDE ABOARD, A TRULY EXPERIENCED AND TESTED OLD SALT.
YEAH, THIS WAS NONE OTHER THAN OUR COMMODORE, WALT.**

**THE REGATTA DEL SOL IS FROM ST. PETERBURG, FL. TO ISLA MUJERAS, MEXICO.
RICK HARRISON ON KEEL N TIME & LYNN WALTON ON SUSAN II DECIDED TO GO.**

**RICK HAD HIS SON AND HIS SON'S FRIEND TO BE HIS CREW.
LYNN WALTON HAD WALT CRAWFORD, CHIP, & CHARLIE BOTTOMS TO SAIL THROUGH.**

**LYNN FINISHED 2ND IN HIS DIVISION, 5TH IN THE CRUISING CLASS, 7TH OVERALL.
YOU CAN BET LYNN AND HIS CREW ARE STANDING TALL.**

**BRENDA CAME DOWN TO MEXICO FOR A WEEK OF SAILING WITH LYNN AND CHIP.
ANDY HORNER AND LARRY FRANK HELPED LYNN MAKE THE RETURN TRIP.**

**RICK HAD TO END HIS RACE EARLY TO GET SOME OF HIS CREW HOME.
HE ALSO HAD TO RETURN TO KEY WEST, BEFORE WITH VICKI THEY COULD ROAM.**

**THEIR PLANS INCLUDED THE CRUISING TO THE CHESAPEAKE ON THE E. COAST.
CONCENTRATING ON THAT CRUISE WAS IN HIS MIND THE MOST.**

**THE BAHIA HEHE WAS NAMED AFTER THE BAJA HAHA.
THEN, ONE MIGHT SAY ABOUT IT, AH HA.**

**THE BAHIA HEHE CRUISE CERTAINLY HAS A GOOD NAME.
MANY THINGS HAPPENED WITH IT WHEN IN THE AFTERNOON A COLD FRONT CAME.**

**THE PARTY OUTSIDE HAD TO BE MOVED INSIDE.
MEANWHILE OUT IN THE COVE, MARK AND BRENDA'S BOAT BEGAN TO SLIDE.**

**SEA FLIGHT DRAGGED HER ANCHOR RIGHT THROUGH THE FLEET.
IT NOT HITTING ANY BOAT OR SNAGGING ANY ANCHOR MADE THE STORY COMPLETE.**

**IT WAS THE STRANGEST THING ANYONE HAD EVER SEEN.
FOR THIS, IT WAS THOUGHT THE HILLERS SHOULD GET THE AWARD OF DRAG QUEEN.**

**THE HILLERS MIGHT RELEASE A BOOK, DRAGGING DONE WITH GRACE AND STYLE.
OR, HOW TO MEET ANY BOATING SITUATION WITH A SMILE.**

**JOINING THE NAVY LEAGUE ENABLES YOU TO ANCHOR OUT AT THE NAVY BASE.
JUST NOTIFY THE BASE SECURITY BEFORE ANCHORING IN THEIR WATER SPACE.**

**IN JUNE, FIVE BOATS WENT AND INFORMED SECURITY IN THAT ESTABLISHED WAY.
HOWEVER, TO OTHERS THE SECURITY OFFICER FORGOT THAT TO SAY.**

**THE BASE COMMANDER THOUGHT AN INVASION WAS GOING ON.
CHIP QUICKLY INFORMED HIM WHAT THE SECURITY OFFICER HAD KNOWN.**

**IT IS FORTUNATE, REAL FORTUNATE, THAT NO SHOTS WERE FIRED.
CHIP, AS A LIASON OFFICER, YOU ARE PERMNAENTLY HIRED.**

**THIS YEAR JAKE AND I WORKED ON A PROJECT THAT SEEMED TO GROW,
IN THE SUMMER HEAT, THE WORKING ON IT DID SLOW.**

**PARTS HAD TO BE FOUND, AND HIS TRUCK WENT ON THE BLINK.
THERE WASN'T ANY RUSH TO FINISH THINGS, I THINK.**

**BUT NOW THE PROJECT IS CLOSER TO BEING COMPLETE.
WHAT JAKE WANTS AT THE END IS SOME DEWER'S AS A REWARD, AS A TREAT.**

**IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS A RESONABLE REQUEST.
NOTHING IS TOO GOOD FOR JAKE WHEN HE DOES HIS BEST.**

**SO WHY NOT, AFTER WE GET MY NEW AXLE ON MY BOAT TRAILER.
MAYBE THEN, I CAN AGAIN BECOME A SAILOR.**

**BASILLE DAY AND KEITH'S BIRTHDAY IN INGLESIDE ARE A BIG AFFAIR.
BUT JOHN AND CYNTHIA HUDDLESTON ON CONCERTO HAD TROUBLE GETTING THERE.**

**THEY ATTEMPTED THIS CRUISE THREE SEPARATE TIMES THAT DAY.
THEY THOUGHT THAT ON PIER C IN CORPUS WAS WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO STAY.**

**BUT AS THE PHRASE GOES, THE THIRD TIME WAS THE CHARM.
FINALLY, THEY ARRIVED IN INGLESIDE WITH NO MECHANICAL BOAT HARM.**

**WERE THEY MULLETS? YOU MIGHT AT FIRST THINK SO,
BUT DUE TO THEIR PERSISTANCE AND KNOW HOW THEY FINAALY GOT TO GO.**

**THE NAVY REGATTA WAS IN AUGUST, THE FIRST WEEKEND.
THE WEATHER MADE IT A PERFECT EVENT TO ATTEND.**

**THERE IS A LOT OF RACING COMPETITION OUT THERE IN IT.
THERE ARE MANY SAILORS YOU NEED TO OUT DO AND OUT WIT.**

**LARRY FRANK WON TWO SECOND PLACES IN THE WORKING SAIL FLEET OF CLASS B.
VERY GOOD SKIPPER AND CREW, I THINK YOU WILL AGREE.**

**ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND WE CRUISED TO MUD ISLAND WITH NORTH WINDS.
IT WAS THERE WE RENDEZVOUSED WITH OUR ROCKPORT FRIENDS.**

**LATER IN SEPTEMBER WE CRUISED TO ISLAND MOORINGS WITH NOT MUCH WIND.
IT SEEMED LIKE A PERFECT PLACE FOR MOSQUITOES TO ATTEND.**

**CAPTAIN RON HAD HIS NEW BOAT OPEN ON DISPLAY.
ON THAT YACHT IT LOOKS LIKE THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM TO PLAY.**

**ALSO THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF THINGS TO WORK ON,
AND SOME OF THEM WILL REQUIRE HIM TO NOT DO IT ALONE.**

**MEANWHILE ON HONKY VODOO, THINGS WERE FAR FROM THE SAME.
MANY CAME OVER TO WATCH THE TEXAS VS TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL GAME.**

**THE HARVEST MOON REGATTA HAD MANY BYC MEMBERS RACING.
THERE WERE LOTS OF BOATS THAT THEY WERE CHASING.**

**DOUG WEAKLY AND LARRY FRANK TOOK A SECOND IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FLEETS.
EARNEST AND GIL FRANKE AND LYNN WALTON TOOK 4TH AND 6TH IN THEIR MEETS.**

**OTHER BYC SKPPERS HAD PROBLEMS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER.
IF IT WASN'T WITH SAILS OR THE WEATHER IT WAS WITH SOMETHING OTHER.**

**OVER THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS EARNED AT OUR AUCTION.
TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED, IT WAS A JOB WELL DONE.**

**AND SOME, LIKE JUDY CRAWFORD, FAIRED OUT VERY WELL.
HER PURCHASE OF NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS TURNED OUT SWELL.**

**THEY SAY THAT THE WEATHERMAN, DALE NELSON, IS ALWAYS RIGHT.
HE PREDICTED THAT PARTICULAR FALL DAY THAT WE WOULD HAVE SUNLIGHT.**

**THE PREDICTED SUN FOR THE FLATO CUT CRUISE REVEALED ITSELF AT SUNSET.
FINDING A SAFE ANCHORAGE THERE IN THAT BASIN IS A SURE BET.**

**THIRTEEN YACHTS MADE THIS CRUISE AND THIS IS A QUOTE.
AT 1600, THE CRUISING DUDE OPENED HIS YACHT AS THE HOST BOAT.**

**AT ONE TIME, THERE WERE 24 PEOPLE ON BOARD, I GUESS.
WHEN THE RUM RAN OUT, THERE WERE LESS.**

**JIM ISBELL HAD MAJOR PROBLEMS JUST TWO MILES OUT FROM HIS SLIP.
I THINK THIS WAS WHEN HE RETURNED FROM THE FLATO CRUISE TRIP.**

**TWO AFT MOTOR MOUNTS GAVE WAY AND DROPPED THE ENGINE TO THE FLOOR.
WITH THE SNAPPING OF THE PROP SHAFT AT THE COUPLING, COULD THERE BE MORE?**

**BARELY MAKING STEERAGE, HE CALLED A FRIEND TO GIVE HIM A TOW.
I AM SURE WITH A BOAT HIS SIZE, HE WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED TO ROW.**

**BACK AT THE DOCK, JIM COULD CLEARLY SEE WHAT THE SOLUTIONS WERE.
AND IT WASN'T TOO LONG BEFORE HE MADE THEM OCCUR.**

**SO ON DECEMBER FIFTH, THE HARBOR LIGHTS WERE INDEED LIT.
AND OUR CLUB AND TREE DECORATING PARTY WAS BEFORE IT.**

**WALT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS SMALLER THAT THE YEAR BEFORE,
BUT AS FAR AS FUN, I THINK WE HAD MORE.**

**NOW, WE HAD TO DO THIS PARTY WITHOUT JAKE AND JENNY
AND AS FAR AS PRESENTS WENT, WE DIDN'T SAVE THEM ANY.**

**I DON'T THINK WALT EVER FOUND HIS MISSING PIECE OF HARDWARE.
LET'S HOPE THAT SOME PLACE HE CAN FIND A SPARE.**

**CAPT. RON HAD A BACKUP PLAN IN CASE HE DIDN'T GET ANY IRISH CRÈME.
I THINK HIS WISH FOR IT, LIKE LAST YEAR, WAS JUST A DREAM.**

**THERE WERE PLENY OF ALCOHOL RELATED GIFTS TO BE OPENED.
BUT KEEPING THEM ON HAND WAS NOT THE GENERAL TREND.**

**JUDY CRAWFORD OPENED DRINKING GLASSES, BUT LOST THEM.
LATER, GETTING THEM BACK PROVED NO PROBLEM.**

**CAPT. RON'S FINAL OPENED PRESENT WAS A GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM WEST MARINE.
GREAT!!! SPENDING MONEY ON HIS NEW BOAT IS BECOMING ROUTINE.**

**AFTER THE PARTY WAS OVER CAPT. RON HAD TO RELY ON PLAN B.
WHAT WAS BACK ON BOARD THE BOAT WAS THE KEY.**

**THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WENT OFF AS PLANNED.
THE FACT THAT WE TOASTED ALL OUR CRUISERS WAS GRAND.**

**AND I COULD REMEMBER ANOTHER TOAST THAT WAS MADE.
THAT WE ALL HAVE GOOD FORTUNE IN THE UP AND COMING DECADE.**

**USED TO BE, D.B. KLINE HANDLED GETTING OUT THE BOWSPRIT.
BRENDA STOCKTON & LISA KELLY HAVE RETIRED AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF DOING IT.**

**I GUESS ITS BILL CARROTHERS TURN TO DO THE DEED.
GETTING THE BOWSPRIT OUT ON TIME IS A SOMEWHAT REQUIRED NEED.**

**BUT THE EDITOR HAS TO PUT UP WITH PEOPLE SUBMITTING ARTICLES LATE.
MAYBE, BEFORE THIS YEAR STARTS, BILL WILL GET THAT ALL STRAIGHT.**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO OUR WEBSITE, YOU NEED TO GO.
BAYYACHTCLUB.ORG HAS A LOT TO SHOW.**

**JOINING THE CLUB GETS YOU IN WITH PRIVILEGES ANEW.
BUT BEING AN ELECTED OFFICER MIGHT GIVE YOU A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW.**

**YOU CAN SEE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE THIS CLUB RUN ON AN EVEN KEEL.
THAT IT TAKES SEVERAL MEMBERS TO EVEN GET OUT A MEAL.**

**GRADUALLY, ALL THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB GET MORE INSIGHT.
THAT IT TAKES A LOT OF HARD WORK TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.**

**WHILE THE REST OF US, SOME VOLUNTEERS, SOME NOT,
APPRECIATE THOSE WHO SERVE AND ALL WHAT'S HAPPENING A LOT.**

**SOME PEOPLE THINK THIS CLUB RUNS ON AUTOMATIC.
IF WE LET IT DO SO, IT WOULD RUN VERY ERATIC.**

**SO.....HERE WE ARE, GONE ALL THE WAY AROUND.
WE GOT A NEW COMMODORE TO HELP US WHERE WE ARE BOUND.**

**HE IS A CRUISING MAN, WHO IS ALSO A MAN OF ACTION.
JUST WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HARRY GETS TRACTION.**

**HARRY HAS ALREADY STARTED HIS JOB, BUT HE COULD USE SOME HELP FROM US.
AT LEAST WHEN WE GET TOGETHER, IT IS SOMETHING TO DISCUSS.**

**WE ARE ALL READY; WE GOT 2010, A BRAND NEW YEAR.
IT IS A NEW DECADE, WITH A NEW COMMODORE AND HE'S RIGHT HERE.**

**I KNOW I CAN SAY JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME.
WE ARE ALL PROUD TO BE PART OF THE BYC.**

CHEERS!!!

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