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**LAST YEAR OUR BANQUET WAS HELD AT THE RESTAURANT OFF WATER STREET.
AND LET ME TELL YOU, IT SURE WAS A TREAT.**

**ESPECIALLY OUR ANNIVERSARY CAKE THAT MARKED THE CLUB'S 40TH YEAR.
ON THE PROPER SIGNAL COMMODORE LISA MADE IT APPEAR.**

**PAT ARNOLD SPOKE ABOUT THE CLUB IN ITS EARLY DAYS.
SHE MADE THE PAST COME ALIVE IN A SERIES OF REPLAYS.**

**IN APPRECIATION FOR LISA'S WORK SHE RECEIVED A NICE RACING TIME PIECE.
FROM NOW ON WE EXPECT HER RACING RECORD WILL BE ON THE INCREASE.**

**THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY WENT TO JO ANN ROBERTSON & PHYLLIS VAUGHN.
ALL THROUGH THE YEAR LISA HAD JO ANN AND PHYLLIS TO DEPEND ON.**

**THE NEIPERTS ABOARD THEIR REMBERANCE WERE THE CRUISERS OF THE YEAR.
FOR MAKING MORE CRUISES THAN ANY OTHER BOAT, LET'S GIVE THEM A CHEER.**

**CHRISTOPHER EVANS WON THE YOUNG YACHTMAN'S AWARD.
AND UNDERSTANDING WHY WASN'T TOO HARD.**

**IT WOULD BE EASIER HERE TO RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE WHO DID NOTHING.
BECAUSE IT IS NOTED THAT JUST ABOUT EVERYONE DID SOMETHING.**

**WALT CRAWFORD BECAME OUR COMMODORE, FOR MAYBE NOT THE FINAL TIME.
HE MIGHT SERVE AGAIN SOME OTHER YEAR AND THAT IS NOT A CRIME.**

**SOMEONE HANDED WALT A DRINK DURING HIS SPEECH.
AND WALT MADE SURE IT WAS ALWAYS WITHIN HIS REACH.**

**I AM THINKING THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO KILL ANY EXISTING PAIN.
AFTER ALL HE WENT UP TO THE PODIUM WITH A WALKER AND A CANE.**

**WALT TOLD US OF THE CLUB'S PLANS TO POSSIBLY GO ON LAND.
SEEING THE CLUBHOUSE ON THE LAWRENCE STREET T-HEAD WILL BE GRAND.**

**THE VICE COMMODORE WAS THAT VERY BUSY MAN, KEVIN KALDENBACH
HE IS THE PERSON THAT SEEMED TO WORK RIGHT AROUND THE CLOCK.**

**IF HE WASN'T WORKING ON THE CLUB, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN OUT SAILING
OTHER TIMES WITH THE BARGE HE HAD BEEN KNOW TO DIRECT THE BAILING.**

**HE WORKED LONG & HARD TO SECURE THAT OUR MOVE WENT WITHOUT A HITCH.
BUT OCASSIONALLY SOMETIMES THERE DID APPEAR A SMALL OR LARGE GLITCH.**

**HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET AROUND THEM ALL
AND SOON OUR CLUB WILL BE ON THE T-HEAD STANDING TALL.**

**CHIP SPENCE HAS BEEN REAR COMMODORE 2 TIMES AND HE'S GOT IT RIGHT
HE SPENDS A LOT OF TIME AT THE CLUB WHEN HE IS NOT OUT ON A FLIGHT.**

AND AS FOR THE CATALINA 36, FOR A WHILE IN THE SLIP IT DID JUST SIT.
IT WAS FOR SALE, BUT CHIP DECIDED TO SAIL IT INSTEAD OF SELLING IT.

BUT THEN AN OPPORTUNITY CAME UP TO BUY A CATALINA 40, YOU SEE.
THE PROBLEM WAS THEY WOULDN'T LET HIM PUT IT INTO HIS SLIP ON PIER B.

SO HE GAVE UP HIS SLIP AND THEN THE DEAL DIDN'T GO THROUGH.
SO HE WENT BACK TO SAILING STARFISH, I MEAN, WOULDN'T YOU?

SOMETIMES WHEN OUR COMMODORE SPEAKS HE CAN'T BE HEARD.
SO CAPTAIN RON STEPS IN AND HELPS WALT GET OUT THE WORD.

CAPTAIN RON IS SORT OF LIKE OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS.
WHEN THE ROOM IS TOO NOISY HE SOUNDS OUT THE ALARMS.

BUT I DON'T IMAGINE HE TALKS TO JO IN THAT SAME TONE OF VOICE.
I THINK FOR HIM THAT WOULD BE AN EXCELLANT CHOICE.

THIS YEAR WE SEEMED TO HAVE ACQUIRED A DINNER BELLE & HER NAME IS CHIP.
SO WHEN IT COMES TO EATING AT THE CLUB, LET ME GIVE YOU A TIP.

OUR DINNERS ARE GRAND AND OUR COOKS ARE GREAT.
THE PRICE IS RIGHT AND THE SERVICE IS FIRST RATE.

LET ME TELL YOU WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET LOBSTER AT THAT PRICE.
BUT HAVING A GREAT DINNER IS LIKE ROLLING A SEVEN ON THE DICE.

OUR FIRST DINNER WAS IN JANUARY AND WENT THE MEXICAN WAY.
CALDO, SANGRIA, AND TOSTADOS MADE IT MORE THAN OKAY.

THE BRYNE'S AND THE NEIPERT'S REALLY PUT ON A SPREAD,
AND THE TASTE OF THE WEDDING COOKIES PUT US WAY AHEAD.

OUR BYC POKER NIGHT WAS MET FIRST WITH SIX PEOPLE PLAYING CARDS.
IT WAS ALL FRIENDLY AND THERE WAS NO NEED FOR BODY GUARDS.

KEVIN IS A CONSTANT SHOWING UP AND SO IS JOE BLAIR.
AND AS FOR THE FIRST OVERALL WINNER, IT WAS JOE, FAIR AND SQUARE.

MEANWHILE WALT WENT TO LAS VEGAS FOR SOME BUSINESS LEARNINGS.
WHEN HE RETURNED HIS POKER ABILITY INCREASED AND ALSO HIS EARNINGS.

ON THE FROSTBITE CRUISE WE WENT OVER TO PORT A.
EVEN THOUGH THE FOG WAS VERYTHICK, HARRY'S CABERET FOUND IT OKAY.

ALL HARRY NEEDED TO DO WAS WALK OUT ON THE PIER.
HE PROBABLY COULD HAVE DONE IT EVEN AFTER HE HAD A BEER.

THIS TIME 19 BOATS MADE THIS TRIP AND THAT IS A PRETTY GOOD RATE,
HOWEVER, 25 BOATS MADE A CRUISE, WAY BACK IN 1978.

BUT OF COURSE THE CLUB WAS MUCH BIGGER THEN
AND IT IS OUR GOAL TO BE THAT WAY AGAIN.

I LISTENED TO HAL PETERSON AND ED PORTIS TALK ABOUT THIS CRUISE,
AND HEARD WHAT I DECIDED WAS TWO VERY DIFFERENT VIEWS.

**IT HAD TO DO WITH WHEN EACH ONE DECIDED TO SAIL BACK.
HAL, EARLY WITH NO WIND & ED LATER, WITH LOTS OF WIND TO KEEP ON TRACK.**

**IF YOU REMEMBER WALT INJURED HIS KNEE IN A SPORTING EVENT,
AND ALSO HIS HIP WITHOUT HIS CONSENT.**

**BECAUSE OF SYMPATHY PAINS JUDY HURT HER SHOULDER, TOO.
IT IS AMAZING WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LOVE IS TRUE.**

**YOU HAVE TO TAKE A DRINK IN THE MORNING TO CLAIM YOU DRANK ALL DAY.
AT LEAST THIS IS WHAT ONE OF OUR WELL KNOWN SAILORS HAS TO SAY.**

**AS TO WHO WOULD MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT, JUST THINK.
I CAN RECALL AT LEAST FOUR PEOPLE, QUICK AS A WINK.**

**IN FEBRUARY THE FOOD MADE YOU THINK YOU WERE IN THAT LOUISIANA STATE.
THE HUDDLESTON'S MADE THE GUMBO AND BREAD PUDDING FIRST RATE.**

**THAT BREAD PUDDING WITH ITS WHISKEY SAUCE WAS WONDERFULLY GOOD.
KAREN CICALA HELPED THEM MAKE EVERYTHING TASTE THE WAY IT SHOULD.**

**JO AND RON HEBERT WITH JOHN AND KAREN MOREAU COOKED FOR MARDI GRAS.
MORE GUMBO, DIRTY RICE, AND KING CAKE FOR THE BIG HURRAH.**

**AS FOR THE BUNCO NIGHTS, THE WOMEN ARE A NOISY BUT HAPPY GROUP.
EATING, DRINKING, AND THROWING THE DICE MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL TROUPE.**

**OBVIOUSLY, CYNTHIA HUDDLESTON IS A GREAT PLANNER AND PLAYER.
TO PROPERLY PLAY BUNCO, YOU NEED LUCK, SKILL & A LITTLE PRAYER.**

**OUR REAR COMMODORE HAS BEEN WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS LEFT & RIGHT.
AND ALL THOSE NEW MEMBERS ARE SUCH A WONDERFUL SIGHT.**

**AND ALTHOUGH WE LOST MANY THIS YEAR AND WE ALSO HAD A BIG GAIN.
THE CLUB IS GROWING AGAIN WHEN THE PAST MEMBERS REMAIN.**

**KEVIN HAD AN EDUCATION CLASS ON CHART READING AND ITS USES.
THE GPS AND COURSE PLOTTERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT ON CRUISES.**

**SOME OF US HAVE THESE NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENTS, BUT NOT ALL.
I RELY ON LINE OF SIGHT, LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, FLIP OF A COIN, OR A PHONE CALL.**

**ST. PADDY'S DAY DINNER FOUND US WATCHING AS JOHNNY HUDDLESTON COOKS.
LATER ON AL SONDERN GOT THINGS GOING BY PASSING OUT THE SONG BOOKS.**

**ANDY MADE THE BEER GREEN BY ADDING SOME KIND OF THINGAMABOB.
AS FAR AS SINGING DANNY BOY, ANDY NEEDS TO CONCENTRATE ON HIS DAY JOB.**

**WE HAD SOME PURSUIT RACES IN MAY THAT MADE OUR ADRENALINE FLOW FAST.
JUST BECAUSE THERE WERE LIGHT WINDS DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T GET PASSED.**

**THE MAXIMUM WIND WAS TEN KNOTS FROM THE NORTH AND THE EAST.
THERE WERE SOME UNUSUAL RACING TECHNIQUES DONE, TO SAY THE LEAST.**

**THRESHER & AGAPE WERE SO CLOSE THERE WERE SHROUD GRABBINGS GOING ON.
SOME PEOPLE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO HELP WIN A SAILING MARATHON.**

**THE MOTHER'S DAY DINNER WAS EATEN AT JOE'S CRAB SHACK.
EATING OUT WAS THE MEN'S ALTERNATE PLAN OF ATTACK.**

**WE HAD A CRUISE WEEK AND IT HAPPENED TOWARDS THE END OF MAY.
I DON'T THINK ANYONE SAILED ON ALL OF IT, BY THE WAY.**

**IT INVOLVED ROCKPORT, PORT O'CONNER, AND ARANSAS PASS.
ALSO INGLESIDE, THE SPINNAKER HOLE AND BACK IN WITH CLASS.**

**THERE WAS A LOT OF WIND IN THE MIDDLE OF IT MAKING JOHN STAY IN PORT.
HEY, MAN, IT IS ALL PART OF OUR SPRING SAILING SPORT.**

**TWO THINGS WE DISCOVERED ON THE MAY CRUISE ARE WORTH A NOTE.
THE SANCTUARY MARINA IS A GREAT PLACE TO MOOR A BOAT.**

**AND IN ARANSAS PASS REDFISH WILLIES IS A FANTASTIC PLACE TO GO AND EAT.
AND IN SEPTEMBER WE WENT BACK FOR A CRUISING MEET.**

**IN JUNE WE WENT TO PORT A, BUT WALT CRAWFORD ARRIVED LATE.
HE HAD RUN OUT OF FUEL AND HE COULD JUST GUESS HIS FATE**

**IF HE WOULD HAVE TRIED TO APPROACH PORT ARANSAS WITHOUT FUEL.
WELL, HE CAN BE STUBBORN, BUT NOT AS STUBBORN AS A MULE.**

**BETTER TO CALL FOR A TOW AND NOT END UP ON THE ROCKS
BETTER TO HAVE A SAFE LANDING TYING UP TO THE DOCKS.**

**THIS BEING JUNE IT WAS THOUGHT MORE WIND WOULD BLOW,
BUT THERE WAS A LACK OF IT WHEN HONKY VOODOO DECIDED TO GO.**

**AND THE CURRENT WAS AGAINST MANY HEADING FOR THE GULF.
THE WATER WAS ABOUT AS FAR AS YOU COULD GET FROM BEING ROUGH.**

**NO ETA HAD SAILED OVER ON FRIDAY, WHAT A UNIQUE IDEA.
ALMOST AS GOOD AS HAVING A GLASS OF SANGRIA.**

**OUR PURPOSE OF BEING THERE WAS A CRUISE AND A RACE.
RYC, CCYC, BYC, MORF ALL FILLED THAY PORT ARANSAS SPACE.**

**THEN CAME THE PROJECT OF REPAIRING THE CEILING IN THE WOMEN'S HEAD.
IT TOOK AWHILE BUT MORE THINGS WERE DONE TO IT THAN KEVIN HAD SAID.**

**OUR KICKOFF PARTY FOR THE NAVY REGATTA WAS A ROARING SUCCESS.
AND WALT, IN FRONT OF THE CROWD, MADE AN IMPORTANT ADDRESS.**

**HE THANKED CCYC FOR ITS EFFORT IN MAKING THE NAVY REGATTA OCCUR
AND TO CCYC'S COMMODORE THE REST OF THE SPEAKING HE DID DEFER.**

**COMMODORE JOHN BELL SPOKE ABOUT THE RACE IN THE UPCOMING YEAR
HE TOLD THE CROWD OF PEOPLE JUST WHAT THEY WANTED TO HEAR.**

**THAT THE NAVY REGATTAS WOULD CONTINUE ON AND ON.
TO ALL OF US THAT IS WHAT HE MADE KNOWN.**

IT IS THE BASE COMMANDER WHO WILL DECIDE IF THE RACE SURVIVES.
LET US HOPE THAT WHEN AUGUST GETS HERE WITH IT THE REGATTA ARRIVES.

I SAILED OUT TO THIS NAVY REGATTA, BUT FROM INGLESIDE.
IT WAS UPWIND AND WHEN THE WIND PICKED UP, IT WAS QUITE A RIDE.

JUST AS I GOT THERE I BROKE A PINTLE, IT WAS THE LOWER ONE.
LOST MY STEERING, & BROUGHT ABOARD THE RUDDER, ENDING THE RUN

I USED THE OUTBOARD FOR STEERING AND GETTING MY ANCHOR IN PLACE
BUT THERE I WAS, FINALLY, AT THE NAVY BASE.

AFTER WORKING ON IT, I ROWED OVER TO ENDLESS SUMMER TO TALK TO WALT.
HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A PINTLE WAS, SO MUCH FOR BEING AN OLD SALT.

HE ASKED ME IF I HAD INSURANCE SO THAT I COULD GET A TOW.
I LOOKED AT HIS HUNTER 430 YACHT AND MY 18 FOOTER AND JUST SAID, NO.

AT THIS TIME LARRY HASS TRIED TO RAFT ALONG SIDE ENDLESS SUMMER.
LARRY DIDN'T HAVE A PINTLE EITHER. WHAT A BUMMER!

I AM NOT SURE IF HE HAD GIVEN ME ONE I COULD HAVE PUT IT ON.
LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS, I TALKED TO SEVERAL PEOPLE ON THE PHONE.

I JAMMED A SCREW DRIVER IN BETWEEN THE PINTLE AND THE GUDGEON HOLE.
AND THAT LITTLE MANUEVER SATISFIED MY GOAL.

MEANWHILE, OUT IN GREECE JIM WHITWORTH WAS HAVING WAY TOO MUCH FUN.
BY THE LOOKS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THERE, HE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE.

WE LOST BOB BARROWS EARLY IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER,
AS HE HELPED MOST OF US, HE WAS A GOOD MAN TO REMEMBER.

ON THE SEPT. CRUISE JAKE & JENNY HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE MOTOR & THE SAIL.
COMING INTO CONN BROWN HARBOR THE MOTOR BEGAN TO FAIL.

AND THE SAIL WAS JAMMED AND REFUSED TO PROPERLY FURL.
WHEN THINGS HAPPEN, THEY HAPPEN IN A WHIRL.

BUT JAKE AND JENNY DID MANAGE TO GET DOCKED OKAY.
IT WAS JUST ANOTHER TYPICAL, ORDINARY HONKY VOODOO DAY.

WHILE ON THE PIER I SAW THE SPENCE'S ARRIVE WITH BRENDA AT THE WHEEL.
AND WITH CHIP HANDLING LINES, THE ARRANGEMENT IS PERFECTLY IDEAL.

SO WHO IS THE CAPTAIN AND WHO IS THE CREW?
IT'S WHOEVER WORKS THE JOB TO HELP EACH GET THROUGH.

THE DRIVER'S ARRIVED AND HANDLED THEIR VALIANT 40 RATHER WELL.
AS TO WHO HAS BEEN SAILING A LOT, YOU CAN CERTAINLY TELL.

THE WEATHER WAS GOOD AND THE TRIP HOME FOR ME WAS DOWNWIND.
EVEN IF YOU WENT THRU PORT A, IT WAS A PERFECT WAY TO FINISH THE WEEKEND.

I HAD AN OLD SUNFISH SAIL FLYING WHEN THE WHITWORTH'S PASSED ME BY.
WHEN YOU ARE MOTORING IN CALM WATER, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU FLY.

**WE HAD OUR AUCTION IN SEPTEMBER AND GUESS WHO WAS OUR AUCTIONEER?
WELL, IT WASN'T CHRIS COLLEY. THEY DRAFTED SOME OTHER VOLUNTEER.**

**WALT STEPPED FORWARD, CAREFULLY, AND SOLD OFF THE ITEMS WE BROUGHT.
IF YOU WERE THERE YOU SAW WHAT WAS AGAIN BOUGHT.**

**JAKE GOT A SMALL SHOP VAC THAT SUCKS AND BLOWS.
GOOD COMBINATION AS EVERYONE KNOWS.**

**MARTHA RESPONDEK BOUGHT A LIFE RING CLOCK.
IT WASN'T PURPLE AND IT WASN'T FOR THE DOCK.**

**AT THE AUCTION WE SAW THE DINGHY'S THAT WERE ONCE LARRY FRANK'S.
ONE SOLD FOR \$100 AND THE OTHER \$50.00. SO TO LARRY WE SAY, THANKS.**

**WE HAD ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER AND WE ELECTED THE WHOLE SLATE.
ABOUT ALTERING THE BY LAWS, WELL, THERE WAS SOME DEBATE.**

**FOR OUR OFFICIAL OCTOBER CRUISE MOST THOUGHT HIGH WINDS WERE NEAR
THEY THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE WORSE THAN GOING TO FLATO LAST YEAR.**

**KEVIN HERBEIN AND LARRY FRANK WENT OVER IN A MODERATELY BLOWING WIND.
AND IN FLATO CUT THEIR BOATS WERE THE ONLY ONES THAT DID ATTEND.**

**AND YOU KNOW WHAT, A THUNDERSTORM STUCK WITH ALMOST 70 KNOTS.
THAT IS NOT A MODERATE WIND, THAT VELOCITY IS LOTS.**

**WHEN YOU TAKE THE TIME TO GET THE RIGHT WEATHER FACTS ABOUT A CRUISE
YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DECISION AND HOPEFULLY YOUR BIMINI YOU WON'T LOSE.**

**LARRY SAID HIS WAS 17 YEARS OLD AND THE HIGH WINDS MADE IT RETIRE.
AND AS YOU KNOW IT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU DEFINITELY REQUIRE.**

**THAT SUN OUT THERE CAN BE REALLY BOTH HOT AND BRIGHT
AND IF IT IS RAINING YOU COULD NEED A BIMINI AT NIGHT.**

**FOR THOSE THAT DIDN'T GO WE HAD A GREAT POT LUCK DINNER
AND THE COOKING OF ALL THE SPAGHETTI WAS INDEED A WINNER.**

**THE HALLOWEEN PARTY WAS A HOWLING SUCCESS.
THERE WAS BOB, K, JAKE, AND JENNY ALL IN WRESTLING DRESS.**

**HECK, WE HAD ENOUGH WRESTLERS FOR A TAG TEAM MATCH
THEY WERE THE COSTUME WINNERS OF THE WHOLE BATCH.**

**WE WELCOMED JULIE AND MARK LAMBERT BACK FROM WAY UP NORTH
THEY ARE RETURNING TO BE LOCAL MEMBERS, HENCE FORTH.**

**IN OCTOBER THE HARVEST MOON RACE IS A LARGE EVENT.
THIS YEAR NEAR 200 ENTRIES ON THIS RACE WENT.**

**THE START HAD LIGHT WINDS, BUT AFTER THE NORTHER, MAN, DID IT BLOW!
THE SHORE BECAME A WINDWARD ONE, BUT THE WATER WAS WARM THOUGH.**

SAILORS ON THE BOATS WERE BETTER OFF THAN THE BYC COOKS ON THE SHORE.
THEY WERE ACTUALLY WARMER, AS IF ANYONE WAS KEEPING SCORE.

MAYBE LINDA & HARRY WERE KEEPING SCORE ON THE THINGS THEY HAD DONE.
TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING PROPERLY THEY HAD TO BE ON THE RUN.

BOB JACK TOLD ME HIS BOAT HAD A 90 DEGREE TURN AT PORT A'S MARKER 6.
THEY ALMOST ROUNDED UP BUT TWO PROBLEMS THEY HAD THAT TURN DID FIX.

IT CLEANED THE DECKS OF CIGAR ASHES AND SOME UNAUTHORIZED CHUMING,
AND ANNOUNCED TO THE OTHER BOATS THAT RIMA WAS INDEED COMING.

THE BEST BYC BOAT WAS GREG TURMAN ON HORN TOAD FIRST IN DIVISION B
2ND BEST BYC BOAT WAS BOB JACK'S RIMA FIRST IN DIVISION J, HARDLY LOW KEY.

BOB JACK HAD A WIDE VARIETY OF SAILORS THAT MADE UP HIS MOTLEY CREW.
WHEN I IDENTIFY THEM, I AM SURE YOU WILL RECOGNIZE A FEW.

MICKEY MOUSE, DONALD DUCK, PLUTO, HUEY, DUEY & LUEY, ALL AFLOAT
YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WAS SOME OTHER CREW ON SOME OTHER BOAT.

THERE WAS BOB JACK, WALT CRAWFORD, JIM ROBERTSON AND HIS SON JAMES,
JAKE JACOBSON & BOB JACK'S SON PAUL. HOW ABOUT THAT LIST OF NAMES?

OTHER RACING BYC SKIPPERS AND CREW MEMBERS WERE THERE.
THEY WERE STEVE INDRELUNAS, JOHN STONER, KEVIN HERBEIN & RON HERBERT

THE SAT. NIGHT DINNERS ARE GREAT, BUT THE FRIDAY ONES ARE FINE, TOO.
AND ON NOVEMBER 2, PAT BALWDIN AND PHYLLIS VAUGHN SERVED UP A STEW.

THE STEW WAS GREAT, BUT MAYBE NEEDED A LITTLE SALT.
IT IS EASY TO ADD IT, BUT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN TO HALT.

WE HAD A DESSERT AND JERRY TRIED TO EAT JUST ONE PIECE.
AFTER THE ONE, I PERSONALLY KNOW IT WAS HARD TO JUST CEASE.

ON THE TURKEY DAY REGATTA THE WINDS THAT WERE BLOWING WERE BRISK.
AND ANYONE OUT THERE SAILING IN THEM WAS PUTTING THEMSELVES AT RISK.

JIM ROBERTSON WAS SAILING WITH A REEFED MAIN AND A JIB AT NINETY PERCENT.
BEING THE ONLY ONE IN HIS CLASS HE WAS GOING TO WIN IT HELL BENT.

AND JUST IN CASE THE NEWS YOU HAVEN'T HEARD.
IT WAS GREG TURMAN ON HORN TOAD THAT IN ALL SAILS CAME IN THIRD.

AND ALSO GREG TURMAN IS NOW THE NEW COMMODORE OF CCYC.
GREG WENT THRU THE STANDARD LINE OF POSITIONS TO GET THERE TO BE.

WE WENT BACK TO FLATO CUT IN THE MID PART OF NOVEMBER.
FOR THOSE WHO SAILED OVER IT WAS A CRUISE TO REMEMBER.

THE WEATHER WAS GOOD AND THE WINDS WERE SOMEWHAT LIGHT.
AND AT ANCHOR HAL PETERSON'S STEADYING SAIL WORKED OUT ALL RIGHT.

WE WENT ABOARD BILL AND AURORA WELL'S YACHT FOR THE PARTY
THEIR YACHT WAS ALMOST AS HIGH AS IT WAS LONG, A CARVER 40.

LAST TIME WE HAD A LOT OF MEMBERS TO FIX THE UPSTAIRS DECK
BUT THE REPAIRS DIDN'T HOLD, WHEN KEVIN TOOK A CHECK.

SO JAKE AND GARY POTTS TOOK A CLASS TO LEARN HOW TO FIX IT RIGHT.
NOW THAT IT IS FINISHED IT IS A COMFORTABLE DELIGHT.

AND BY THE WAY WE NEEDED ANOTHER ARMY TO COMPLETE IT ALL,
WHEN WE GOT THE MATERIALS AND JAKE WAS READY FOR THE CALL.

AND TO MAKE SURE IT WAS PROPERLY FIXED, WE HAD THE COMPANY REP ON HAND.
CHRIS COLLEY LATER HEARD IT WAS MORE WORK THAN HE COULD STAND.

BUT THE DECK WASN'T QUITE READY FOR THE HARBOR LIGHTS SHOW.
WHICH WAS REALLY OKAY BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT WHERE THE PARADE DID GO.

WE CAN GO UP THERE TO WATCH FIREWORKS OR IN GOOD WEATHER JUST RELAX
IT WILL BE WHERE ANDY CAN HAVE A DIET COKE AND EAT SOME SNACKS.

WALT WENT TO THE HOSPITAL TO HAVE A FRONTAL LOBOTOMY ON HIS KNEE.
SO FOR A LITTLE TIME, AGAIN, HE WAS AN ABSENTEE.

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR? HAS THIS HAPPENED BEFORE?
WITH ALL HIS TIME AWAY, MAYBE HE NEEDS ANOTHER YEAR AS A COMMODORE.

MAYBE HE SHOULD TAKE UP A LESS DANGEROUS HOBBY, LIKE RACE CAR DRIVING.
OR MAYBE HE COULD GO UP IN A PLANE AND TAKE UP SKY DIVING.

OR STICK WITH SAILING. AT LEAST HE HAS A NICE YACHT.
BUT HE NEEDS TO PUT BARE FOOT WATER SKIING ON HIS LIST TO BOYCOT.

FOR HARBOR LIGHTS THE WEATHER WAS SOMEWHAT WARM
THE NEIPERT'S BOAT IN THE PARADE WAS DECKED OUT IN DECORATIVE CHARM.

WALT'S BOAT JUST STAYED IN THE SLIP WITH NOT EVEN THE RUNNING LIGHTS ON.
AND HAL PETERSON'S WARRIOR WAS AN EXACT UNLIT CLONE.

IN DECEMBER MORF HAD A RACE & JIM ROBERTSON CAME IN SECOND PLACE.
HORNY TOAD WAS SKIPPED BY DOUG WEAKLY & DEFINITELY LED THE CHASE.

FOR XMAS WALT GOT CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT DRESS HE WAS GOING TO WEAR.
OR WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES WERE EXPECTED AT THE BYC PARTY THERE.

WALT FINALLY GOT THE DRESS CODE ALL-STRAIGHT.
THE NEWS CAME DOWN QUICKLY. WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT.

WITH MARK LAMBERT DOING THE GRILL AND OTHER CERTIFIED COOKS COOKING
THE FOOD WAS ALL LAID OUT WITH EVERYONE THERE LOOKING.

AFTER DINNER WAS SERVED, WALT MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.
AND THEN IT WAS TIME TO OPEN ALL THE PRESENTS.

ABOUT TEN GIFTS WERE OPENED UP BEFORE ONE WAS STOLEN BY ANDY.
IT WASN'T IN LIQUID FORM AND THE TOOLS HE TOOK WERE OH SO HANDY.

IT IS ALL TOO BAD HE COULD NOT HOLD ON TO THEM FOR THEY GOT GONE
SO HE TOOK SOME MORE FROM JOHNNY HUDDLESTON. ALAS POOR JOHN.

BUT AT THIS PARTY ANDY HAD TOTALLY TOO MUCH TO DRINK.
HE HAD THREE DIET COKES PLUS THE SMELL OF ALCOHOL, I THINK.

ALL IN ALL IT WAS A GREAT PARTY PRESENTED BY WALT AND JUDY.
WALT REPRESENTED THE GENTLEMAN SAILOR & HIS WIFE, THE BEAUTY.

KEVIN AND KERRY CELEBRATED WITH US, THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.
I THOUGHT SOME OF THE H'ORDERVES WERE HEALTHY AND HEARTY.

BUT THE DESSERTS I TRIED ENDED THAT WAY OF THINKING;
AS WELL AS ALL THOSE SODAS THAT I HAD BEEN DRINKING.

AS I WAS WATCHING KEVIN I NOTICED SOMETHING I ACTUALLY HAD SEEN BEFORE.
IT IS THE SAME WITH WHAT PRESIDENT OBAMA AND GEORGE BUSH BORE.

THAT'S RIGHT. LEFT HANDED, THE GUY THAT'S RIGHT IN HIS BRAIN;
THE MAN WHO IS VERY CORRECT AT HOME IN HIS OWN DOMAIN.

TERRY WEBB, THE CLUB'S FOUNDER, SPOKE TO US IN AN INTERVIEW.
KEVIN CONDUCTED IT AND AS FAR AS FACTS GO, WE LEARNED MORE THAN A FEW.

IT WAS GOOD, VERY GOOD, TO LISTEN TO THE MAN WHO STARTED IT ALL.
AS FAR AS KEVIN ARRANGING THE INTERVIEW, IT WAS A GREAT CALL.

AS WE LISTENED TO THE SONGS OF YESTERDAY I HEARD A FAMILIAR VERSE.
BUT I COULDN'T TELL IF ANDY'S VOICE WAS GETTING BETTER OR WORSE.

AT THE PARTY WALT HAD DANCED WITH A FEW WOMEN & KISSED MORE THAN ONE.
SO FOR THIS LAST EVENT, WALT'S TIME AS COMMODORE, HE WAS HAVING FUN.

AND WE WISH TO THANK SYLVIA WHITWORTH FOR GETTING OUR NEWS OUT.
THAT IT APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER AND TELLTALES WAS NO DOUBT.

I EVEN SAW ONE TIME A BYC ARTICLE ON THE INTERNET.
SYLVIA'S GOAL OF MAKING OUR CLUB KNOWN IN MANY PLACES WAS MET.

AH, THE BOARD, WHERE THINGS HAPPEN PRETTY SLOW,
BUT THEY DO HAPPEN AND THAT IS HOW WE MAKE THE CLUB GO.

IT WAS FIRST PROPOSED THAT WE MOVE OR BUILD THE CLUB ASHORE.
THIS IS A CHANGE WE WOULD FEEL ALL THE WAY TO THE CORE.

IT WAS FINALLY DECIDED TO MOVE IT, LIFT IT RIGHT OFF THE BARGE.
AND AS YOU MIGHT GUESS THIS PROJECT WOULD BE EXTREMELY LARGE.

TO GET THIS DONE THERE WAS STEP ONE, STEP TWO, STEP THREE
ALL THE WAY TO STEP TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND MORE IF IT IS TO BE.

AS OF NOW WE ARE STILL TAKING STEPS, MORE TO COME
AND EVEN WALT AND KEVIN DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL BE THE TOTAL SUM.

AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE CHIP IS GOING BE THIS YEAR'S VICE COMMODORE.
IT TOOK HIM THREE YEARS TO GET HERE, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN MORE.

**EARLY ON I THINK THAT BRENDA ONLY WANTED CHIP TO BE SERVING FOOD.
I THINK IT IS SAFE TO SAY THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN HER MOOD.**

**MAYBE IT IS THAT CATALINA 40 THEY LOOKED AT, BUT PROBABLY NOT.
BECAUSE WHEN YOU GET TO 40 FEET, THAT IS NOT A REASON TO STOP.**

**AND OUR NEW COMMODORE IS KEVIN KALDENBACK, A MAN WE ALL KNOW.
A CRUISER, A HARD WORKER, A CARPENTER, A DIPLOMAT, A MAN ON THE GO.**

**HE JUST HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE GETTING HIS SAILBOAT BACK HERE.
THE FACT THE WEATHER WAS NOT COOPERATING WAS VERY CLEAR.**

**BASICALLY, HE WAS DOING IT SOLO. THAT IS, ON BOARD, NO KERRY.
AND HANDLING A 30-FOOT BOAT IN ADVERSE CONDITONS CAN GET HAIRY.**

**BESIDES, KEVIN HAD PLENTY TO DO RIGHT HERE IN THIS TOWN.
NO USE IN GETTING ALL STRESSED OUT AND HAVING A BREAKDOWN.**

**I JUST BET KEVIN HAS AN OPEN POSITION SOMEWHERE IN HIS STAFF FOR 2013.
I DOUBT IF HE HAS FILLED THEM ALL, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.**

**IF YOU WANTED TO VOLUNTEER I'M SURE KEVIN WOULD SAY YES.
JUST SOME MORE HELP TO KNOCK OFF A LITTLE STRESS.**

**I GUESS YOU KNOW WE ARE IN 2013, ANOTHER YEAR UPON US.
WE GOT BIG PLANS AND ALL YOU MEMBERS OUT THERE ARE AN ADDED PLUS.**

**I PROPOSE A TOAST TO SUCCESS IN THIS NEW YEAR WE ARE IN.
AND WHEN WE ARE UP ON THE T-HEAD, WE WILL HAVE OUR BIGGEST WIN.**

TOM ARNOLD FOR 2012