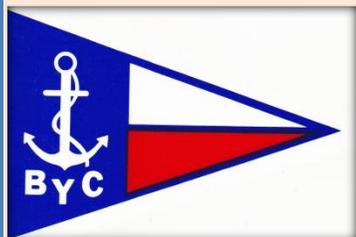


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Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas



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View From The Quarterdeck

I have signed the first set of paperwork needed to move our club into the future. Tammy & I are prepared to start work on removing the destroyed items. Future is looking great!

We enjoyed visiting Bahia Marina for the cruise. Too bad the weather had everyone sail home a day early. We drove over for the BBQ brisket Saturday that Jim Burgin, a live aboard at Bahia, cooked. Great BBQ!

In having a discussion with a member, he pointed out how this boat has brought members from the background to the

foreground, bringing people to a common goal. We also discussed how much talent we have in Bay Yacht Club, so congratulate your fellow members, and let's get this done!

Don't forget to vote for your favorite boat name.

Chris Edwards,
Commodore 2017

May Cruise to Ingleside Cove / Bahia Marina

Larry and Ben
Cruise Coordinators

I will start and finish this month's cruising article by posing the question: "What do Chris Ruckman and Gerald Tunches have in common?" No fair jumping to the end for the answer!

Moving on ... the cruise for May was to Ingleside Cove and Bahia Marina over Memorial Day weekend. What was planned as a two day cruise was cut short by a forecast of heavy weather Sunday night which came true. Carla and I spent Sunday night onboard in the Corpus Christi marina and were treated to a non-stop lightning, rain and wind storm that lasted from about 1 AM until sunrise. It was a great time to locate fresh water leaks onboard. Not so much for sleeping.

Saturday it was a sporty reach to close reach across the bay with apparent winds in the low to mid 20s. But no tacking for WindSwept. Six BYC boats made the trip including Suppose, Independence, Margaritaville, Caribbean Soul, Sanctuary and WindSwept. We were joined by two boats from PIYC including Jim Tipton on Sea Casa. Jim is the PIYC Cruise Director and was kind enough to offer tours of his 52' motor yacht. Sorry I didn't get the other PIYC boat's name. All enjoyed a happy hour (or two or three) at Bahia Saturday afternoon and evening. I believe all BYC boats weighed anchor and returned to Corpus Christi Sunday to beat the weather. Most had left when WindSwept departed at 2PM. On Sunday the wind was strong again, but well aft of the beam making for an easy trip.

The next cruise will be on July 1st. The destination will be Corpus Christi Marina! Imagine that. No excuses about how far away the destination is or how rough the water is will be accepted.

Shuttle service from shore will be provided for members that cannot attend in a larger boat. The idea is to get as many BYC boats anchored in close proximity (maybe rafted?) with all our flags flying to attract attention from non-BYC members who are in the marina that day. If they see us having fun maybe they become interested in joining. I suspect a few of us may decide to spend the night anchored out. I have already cleared this idea with the Marina Superintendent and will be reminding the marina staff of our plans a few days in advance. Hope to see you there.

Ok, one more thing. Chris and Gerald seem to both have a propensity to grill fajitas. Yes Chris grilled at Bahia and Gerald at Flato in April. Which of you is taking care of July 1st?



BYC's Independence Day festivities and social will be on Sunday July 2. The Social Gals pledge a party like its 1776. Details forthcoming.



In Memoriam – Charlie Long

Club member Charlie Long passed away unexpectedly at his home in Methuen, MA on Sunday May 7. Charlie was born February 2, 1935 on Lawrence, MA, graduated from high school in 1953 and served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. A journeyman electrician, he retired from the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority as supervisor of several large transit projects.

Charlie loved sports, especially basketball, baseball and racquetball. After racquetball, he took up sailing.

After his retirement from the MBTA, he and Martha traveled extensively throughout the USA in a large motorhome. On one trip several years ago to their habitual Arizona wintering grounds, they decided to turn left at Dallas, found themselves in Corpus Christi and thereafter made “here” their winter destination because of the sailing opportunities and their eventual membership in the Bay Yacht Club.

Charlie would always be one of the first to step forward for club projects. He was a regular wintertime crew on the Wednesday night MORF races aboard *Milky Way*.



When presented an opportunity to participate in a regatta or a casual sail all he needed to know was what time so show up. His sailing bag was always by the door.

Last June (2016), Charlie, Martha and his cousin delivered their recently purchased Catalina 32 from Bridgeport, Connecticut to the boat’s new home at the Portsmouth (Maine) Naval Shipyard marina.

In addition to Martha, Charlie is survived by two daughters, four brothers and seven grand and great-grandchildren.

The Bowsprit staff and BYC membership extend condolences and wishes for Fair Winds and Following Seas to our departed shipmate and his family.

BCY Sunfish Board Boats for Sale

Two Sunfish board boats owned by BYC are dry-stored on “A” pier in the City Marina and available for use by members who have successfully passed a Sailfish familiarization checkout.



Five additional Sunfish owned by the club are stored off-site, have no trailers, and are not easily accessible. The Board of Directors recently voted to sell or otherwise dispose of these five boats, with first dibs given to BYC members who may wish to purchase a Sunfish for family or personal use. If interested, please contact Larry Haas and arrange a time to meet with him and inspect the boats to pick the one you want. No reasonable offer will be refused.

BYC June Events

Thursday June 1

- 7:00 – 9:45 p.m. Game Night

Saturday June 3,

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Tuesday, June 6

- 6:30 P.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday June 8

- 7:00 – 9:45 p.m. Game Night

Saturday, June 10

- 6:00 p.m. - Dinner

Thursday, June 15

- 7:00 – 9:45 p.m. Game Night

Saturday June 17

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Ladies cook)

Thursday, June 22

- 7:00 – 9:45 p.m. Game Night

Friday, June 23

- Dinner – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday July 1

- Corpus Christi Marina Cruise

Sunday July 2

- Independence Day Social

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