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The



Bowsprit

Commodore, Ed Klash + **Vice Commodore, Jake Jacobson** + **Rear Commodore, Jerry Vaughn**

Commodore's Quill



This year is off to a good start. The club house and barge is looking better. The financial picture is good. We have four new members. The Friday night dinners are outstanding and the Valentine's Day and the St Patrick's Day socials were sensational. Renovation projects began with the replacement of the Sunfish dock engineered by our Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore. A lot of time and effort went into this project. The sides of the barge received a new coat of paint. New store room shelves were installed and inside house-keeping and other projects were completed by the Rear commodore and volunteers. The Cruises to Port Aransas & Spinnaker Hole were off to a stormy start. The cruise chairman decided to make peace with the weather God. The weather was excellent for cruising to the famous Crab Inn and the food was great. BYC members that stayed over night on their boat enjoyed a breakfast hosted by Steve and Marilyn Oakley at their residence. The weather for Off the Hook cruise and dinner was good. Sorry I missed out on this one. The BYC race event hosted by our race chairman was very well organized with the exception of the onslaught of very high winds which pointed out faulty sails and gear of our boats. I hope that our next race, peace has been offered to the weather Gods. Ship one offered Sunfish classes to BYC club members. My granddaughter and I took the lessons and found it was a lot of fun and good exercise to sail these small boats. We welcomed new members into the club. As the year continues with events and projects we welcome club members to share their talents. It may be to help

on maintenance projects, Friday night dinner social, cruising or racing events. Bring your guests to the socials and dinners. You can also log on to our website for more information about the club activities, <http://www.bayyachtclub.org/>.

The rest of the year looks very promising and I want to thank everyone for his or her participation.

A warm welcome to new members:

-  Steve & Ann Bolin
-  Roger & Pauline Levesque
-  James M (Jim) & Jo Ann Robertson
-  David & Christine Young

See you all onboard. Ed Klash

A Few Words From the Vice Commodore:

By Jake Jacobsen

April has come and gone by now and hopefully the only trauma in everyone's life was a manageable incursion to the check book from our "friends" at the IRS. Did you notice, "the IRS" spells "theirs"? Anyway, out with the bad and in with the good.

Hopefully May will bring more spring flowers, more great spring sailing weather, good food and company at the dinners, and another great club cruise to Port A/ Key Allegro at the end of the month. We had a good turn out in Rockport for the "Off the Hook" drive over. Al Sondren and the Oakley's were the only ones feeling like a water adventure.

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I guess May is a good time to start reminding everyone of the other joys of the season. End of May.... beginning of hurricane season and all the implications that i.e. prep for ugly. It is time to inspect dock lines and cleats and all, review emergency preparedness preparations and compliance with the way the marina expects you to be secured to the docks. Now 'tis the time to begin all this fun.... better a bit premature than to not have time while you're trying to save hearth and home , not to mention precious posteriors. Damn.... I hate to bring up things like that in such a great time of year.... just has to be done though. If you have an urge to "shoot the messenger", please use a water gun with cold water.

Hope to see ya'll at all the functions. Come out and play on the water.

BYC Cruise to On The Hook

By Jerry Vaughn

The cruise for the month was held April 22 and 23 and was not very well attended. Only 2 boats showed up Sum Yacht with Steve and Marilyn Oakley along with daughter and friend and Valhalla with skipper Al Sondern and crew Hal Peterson. When all of the drive-overs were added in, we had a very convivial group of about 20 who sat down about 6 and didn't leave the restaurant till about 8. The service was good, the food was very good and various spirits flowed. There was a lot of conversation about a variety of topics and, almost certainly, some tall stories told. The few of us who made it enjoyed ourselves with the possible exception of Hal. He couldn't wait to leave so he could watch the heavyweight fight that began at 9 pm. He and Al were not spending the night on the boat but at home. Poor Sharon had to drive them back to the boat on Sunday morning.

The Voyager

By Al Sondern

As Jim and Sylvia headed to the airport he asked me to be Cruise Director - then off to Paris, Turkey etc. Being a "sort-of" Winter Texan I don't get to do these duties very often but I received a call from the Big Boss, Commodore Klash and another gentle reminder from our communicator, Jerry reminding me that one of my duties was to write this little piece I was not sure what the

duties were but was surprised to see only four names on the whiteboard indicating they were going to "Off the Hook". As it turned out only one ship left from the Club in Corpus and that was mine with the able crew of Hal Peterson. The only other ship was SUM YOT with Marilyn and Steve Oakley, their daughter from East Texas and her friend. They, of course, just sailed "around the corner" from their place at City by the Sea.

Hal and I headed out about 10:00am at about the same time as some 15 or so boats left from the Marina on the annual "Powder-puff" race to Port A - the race requires that the distaff side of the crew drive the boat home. The wind was a nice 15 to 20 but did pickup as the day went on, and it did go on. The wind was right on our nose and since we don't point too well we pretty much covered most of the Bay. As we got to the turn-off to Rockport we passed The Judge on Calamari making shorter and shorter tacks as they headed into the narrower part of the channel to Port A as he was in the race with his Scout Troop and did not go with us to "Off the Hook".

On arriving we had some help from Steve and tied up alongside the restaurant. No problem tying up as there were only the two of us. As I said earlier, not having anyone sign up. We had no idea of how many were coming and were afraid we might be filling up one table for the entire group. It had taken us some 6 hours to get there so we were early enough to enjoy some snacks on Sum Yot with the Oakley's and their daughter and her friend. Hal and I than went back to my boat and had a nice nap until Sharon along with the Vaughan's hollered down to us.

As it turns out we had a sizable crowd of about 25 or more at one long table and then had to add another table before it was over. The dinner was fine and I believe everyone had a great time - I know I did - as usual.

The return trip was very comfortable for the most part with a good stiff breeze that got up into 30's or so, but being behind or on a reach a pretty comfortable ride. This time we were home in 4 hours. Again as we approached the turn into the ship channel we saw in the distance

the fleet from the Powder-puff race with their spinnakers flying heading towards us from Port A. A beautiful sight, the kind of sight that makes all the tough parts of sailing very worthwhile.

As we rounded the turn through the Gap we prepared to haul in our sails and Hal was the "work horse" who had the crew's job of cranking in my sails. Well, even with our going into the wind shadow of the Crab Inn he almost wore himself out cranking in my main which is a furling sail into the mast - but not working properly and very difficult to get in particularly in windy conditions. Hal is one of several people who have said outright or hinted that they would never sail with me again unless I got something done with that sail.

Well Hal was glad to hear I had the riggers - our own Paul Earls - out there today getting it fixed. So please former crew members come back and give me another try.

As it turns out being the substitute Cruise Director wasn't that big a job after all. I just have to realize I'm retired and everything will work out even if no one signs up "they will come".



Jo-Anne McNeill

Many thanks to the Petersons & Vaughn's, Anita and Ron Garrett-Roe, Jenny and Jake Jacobsen and the McNeill's for providing us with some excellent meals.

Special thanks to the Petersons & Vaughn's & the Garrett-Roes for pitching in at the last minute. You were lifesavers!

We are in need of cooks for May 5, 12, & 19. We are also in need of cooks for June. I don't know the exact dates right now, so stay tuned for more information! If no one signs up to cook, we will start having pot luck.

We will keep you informed.

BYC Mother of All Races

By Hal Peterson

The 2006 BYC Mother of All Races will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006. All members of the Bay Yacht Club and their guests are invited to participate.

The race will start at 1:00 PM from the MORF Wednesday Night starting line off the Lawrence Street T-Head and take approximately 2 – 3 hours to complete. After the race a party and trophy presentation will be held in the BYC clubhouse.

The Skipper's meeting for the Mother of All Races will be held at 12 noon in the BYC clubhouse. All skippers who wish to participate are required to attend this meeting and register for the race. Specific instructions will be provided at this meeting. The fee for participating will be \$20 per boat, which will cover the cost of the party and trophies. There will be no additional charge for crew members to attend the party. BYC Club members who are not participating in the race are also invited to attend the post-race party and trophy presentation. The cost to non-participants for the meal will be \$5, which will be served at approximately 5 PM.

Each skipper must have a Bay Yacht Club rating application on file for his or her boat. Rating applications, which were filed last year, may be used. Skippers who do not already have an application on file should call Hal Peterson at 992-4412 or e-mail him at hrp99@juno.com. Even if you do not plan on racing this particular event but may race in the future, you should make arrangements to have an application on file. Based on the information provided on the application, each boat participating in the BYC racing program will be given a performance handicap.

The Mother of All Races is the second in a series of five Bay Yacht Club races to be held in 2006. The only purpose of these races is to provide fun for Members of the Bay Yacht Club. The races will be kept as simple and straight forward as possible. Even if you have never raced your boat before, you should have a good time! Don't miss out!

n maintenance projects, Friday night dinner

Nuttin to do in Corpus Christi?

By Robert Blackmon

Two days after the Port A Regatta, I am (still) whacked. Headwinds in the 20s the first day, incoming tide from Ingleside to PA, 7 hours on the water; second day, same stuff, but a beam wind: really tries ones endurance. Do this again? I don't know - maybe it's time to come off the water.



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Then, you think about Jim and Martha Isbell, setting out from St. Petersburg in their new 36 footer - "an adventure", says himself; and Al Sondern, sailing with Hal Peterson in the same winds as the PAR, on Valhalla, to Rockport.

And, those skippers sailing in the last BYC club race - 2 out of 10 boats starting, finished; five with badly damaged sails. None left the water. "Headwinds, pshaw!", they say. "There lay the boat...there blew the wind...I had no choice but to go". Icons, all. Impressive.

Not withstanding, both regatta days were pleasant, warm with some sun. True, Saturday was a weather leg grinder - usual fare for the PAR. But, the Spaghetti Warehouse had great grub; the Captain's Quarters was comfortable - I don't recall any of my crews in the past 15 years going to bed at 9:30pm. Winds Sunday were squirrely, wind on the beam down the channel, a challenge for foredeck men Keith Bass

and Felix Saenz; gusting, again, a handful for Alita Austin and Emily Bray, sharing helm duties down the channel and across the bay; and a real test for the sheet handlers Chance Justice and Sef Hafez. I was along for the ride: so, why am I still whacked?

Not yet an icon. I am not racing again... until next time.

Nuttin' to do in CC?

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

MAY 27, 28 & 29

By Jim Whitworth

A longer cruise is planned for the Memorial Day Holiday. On Saturday, May 27, everyone sails to Port Aransas, where Jim and Sylvia Whitworth will prepare dinner at 6 p.m. at the small pavilion next to the marina. The usual \$5 per person charge will apply. Please call Kurt at 361-749-5429 to reserve your slip. Be sure to tell him that you are with BYC, as he is saving some slips for us. Also, if you are driving over, sign up on the board at the club or call or e-mail Jim Whitworth at (361) 853-9990 or jimcwhit@hotmail.com.

The following day, Sunday, May 28, we will take the fleet up the ICW to Key Allegro. Call (361) 729-8264 to reserve a slip at the marina. That night we will eat dinner at Big John's Palapa (the restaurant at the marina) at 6 p.m. There is a swimming pool there, so take your suit and towel. Land yachts are welcome to come to Rockport also, but again, please let Jim know how many mouths to feed. Everyone is encouraged to take a folding chair, so we can all sit out on the dock after dinner for conversation. Everyone will sail home on Monday, May 29.

Editors Note: *This would be a good time to fly "Old Glory" from the Leech of your mainsail or even from up on the back stay.*

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BYC Calendar of Events



May 2006

May 5—Dinner **Need a volunteer cook for this date. Call Joanne McNeill at 991-3815**

May 12—Dinner **Need a volunteer cook for this date. Call Joanne McNeill at 991-3815**

May 19 – Dinner **Need a volunteer cook for this date. Call Joanne McNeill at 991-3815**

- May 1 Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- May 4 Water Shore Advisory 5:30 pm Boaters' Facility
- May 7 Bay Spin 3:00 pm
- May 9 Ship One 5:30—7:00 pm
- May 13 BYC Race
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 21 USPS Classes—Boaters' Facility
- May 26 Cruise to Port O'Connor
- May 29 Memorial Day

Mother's Day

June 2006

2 June - Dinner. **Need a volunteer cook for this date**

9 June –Dinner. **Need a volunteer cook for this date**

23 June - Dinner. **Need a volunteer cook for this date**

30 June - Dinner. **Need a volunteer cook for this date**

- 5 June Board meeting 6:00 pm
- 13 June Ship one Meeting 5:30– 7:00 pm
- 17 June Cruise to Island Moorings
- 18 June Father's Day



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