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The Bowsprit

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

Commodore's Quill



This year is about over and this is my last article as Commodore. 2006 was a good year and we will enter 2007 in good mechanical and fiscal shape with an addition of the Sunfish boats, barge and sailing program. I wish to thank the dedicated club officers, chairpersons, and members who contributed their hard work to make 2006 such a success. We have an excellent slate of incoming officers and chairpersons that will make 2007 a successful year.

Time sure does fly and this year's annual Harbor Lights Boat Parade is here again. If you recall, Jerry Vaughn's Bowsprit article about last year's boat parade noted that seven boats in the entire marina were lit for Christmas, and six were on B Pier.. All six were owned by BYC members. Those who have been around Corpus Christi for 20 to 30 years probably remember when the counts of decorated boats over the Christmas holidays were in the dozens. Corpus Christi and the marina had stories and pictures about Harbor Lights and the beautifully decorated boats published in both Southern Living and Texas Highways in the 70s or early 80s.

I ask that you participate in the December 2nd Harbor Lights Boat Parade this year and illuminate the waters together for this tradition. Our presentation adds needed spirit for this event and the families who make their way out for the Boat Parade.

NoETA hosted 15 soldiers from the state of Washington (BYC member, Carol Buford's old group) in the Harbor Lights boat parade last year. These soldiers were responsible for loading the big ships carrying equipment to Iraq. They did not receive any prizes, but I understand if they try it again this year, they will be in the winners' class.

Many thanks go out to Hal Peterson for organizing the Turkey Day Regatta. Congratulations to the BYC first place Class A winner, Gilbert Franke's *Grey Wolf* and second place Class A winner Neil Gallagher's *Cloud 9*. Congratulations to first place Class B winner Jim Robertson's *Brigadoon II* and second Class B winner Jake Jacobsen's *Honky Voodoo*.

Toys for Tots is a 59-year tradition of the U.S. Marine Corps not-for-profit public charity. In 2005, Toys for Tots delivered more than 18.5 million toys to over 7.4 million children. Unfortunately, with over 13 million children living in poverty, Toys for Tots needs your help more than ever to achieve our goal of delivering a toy to every child in need.

Please remember to donate toys for the Marine Toys for Tots this year. There were eight large bags (over one hundred gifts) and cash donations received from the BYC members last year for children in need. Please bring your donations before or during the week of BYC annual Christmas party, December 9th.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year Ed Klash



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Few Words from the Vice Commodore

by Jake Jacobsen

Here we are looking down the throat of Santa Claus. The turkey carcass and all the trimmings have been recycled and absorbed. We escaped another hurricane season and it is now time to put up decorations and start an endless string of parties, shopping, and eating.....and on and on. Speaking of decorations, there was a good crowd at the club to decorate for Christmas. I hope everyone comes to the Harbor Lights gathering and the Christmas party. Bring friends and a holiday attitude.

We are still looking for someone who would be interested in serving as cruise director for next season. Putting together club cruise events that are fun for the members as destination events, can be rewarding for all members and interested guests. We had good times on the cruises this past season and the weather cooperated for most of them. We are planning a more active race schedule next year, and I think an active cruise schedule would be fun too.

Don't forget that we are looking for more active members and people to help us use the bay for what it is best suited for; SAILING!

If all else fails, have fun!



Vice Commodore's Christmas Party

On December 9th, Jake and Jenny will host the annual Vice Commodore's Christmas Party starting around 7:00. Please invite guests and family members, if you wish. Each person should bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10-\$15 to participate in a gift exchange/game. Everyone will draw a number and either select a gift from under the tree or steal a gift from someone who has already opened a gift. The person whose gift was stolen may then steal someone else's gift or take a gift from under the tree. BYC rules are that a gift can only be stolen three times. Hope someone can keep track of this and serve as referee. Hors d'oeuvres, dessert and drinks (of course) will be served. See you there! Also, there will be a LARGE box for donated gifts (toys) for a deserving group yet to be determined. There will also be a place to donate non-perishable foods for another group as yet to be determined.



New members Chip and Brenda Spence accept their BYC burgee from Vice-Commodore Jake Jacobsen

Turkey Day Regatta

by Hal Peterson

The Bay Yacht Club's Turkey Day Regatta was held on Saturday, November 18. This was the only regatta of the year where we invited non-BYC boats to participate. Of a total of 12 boats participating in this upscale event, eight belonged to BYC members. The weather was beautiful and everyone seemed to enjoy being out on the water.

The results of the regatta are as follows:

All Sails: 1. *Passion*, 2. *Blue Max*, 3. *What If*, 4. *Misdemeanor*, 5. *Thunder Chicken*

Non – Spinnaker (Class A): 1. *Gray Wolf*, 2. *Cloud 9*, 3. *NoETA*

Non – Spinnaker (Class B): 1. *Brigadoon II*, 2. *Honky Voodoo*, 3. *Susie Q*, 4. *Valhalla*

Over 60 people attended the trophy presentation and post-race party. The crowd devoured copious quantities of homemade chili, cornbread and apple pie.

I would like to thank Harry Armenia and Linda Guiffre for providing the committee boat, Bill & Sarah Moore for providing the sightseeing boat, Larry Frank for supervising the races, D.B. Kline for taking the "official" photographs, Sharon Peterson for baking the cornbread and Mary Herrington for baking the apple pies. As you can see it takes several hardworking people to put on a successful event!

The Turkey Day regatta was the last in a series of five races sponsored by the BYC in 2006. Next year, Dr. Ed Bonner will be race chairman. I am sure that under his guidance the BYC racing program will be even better.

Cruise Report

by Jim Whitworth, Cruise Chairman

It was a fun year for BYC cruisers. During the eleven months of cruising, there were a total of 26 boats that went on at least one cruise, and twelve boats made at least three of the eleven cruises. Because of unreasonable weather, October only had one boat, and February and April only had two boats. Six boats was the average. The clear winner was September, with 14 boats. We lost several boats to moving out of town or going long-distance cruising, but several more boats joined the club this year and are becoming active monthly cruisers.

The November cruise to Port Aransas was a great success. There were eleven boats from the club: *Kiva*, *Honkey Voodoo*, *Hail Columbia*, *Star Gazer*, *Wind-swept*, *Suzie Q*, *Cabaret*, *Wave Dancer*, *Jasdip*, *Vintage* and *Miss Gracy*.

Harry Armenia and Linda Guiffre on *Cabaret* were hosts of a most welcoming kind, with cocktails before the dinner at Fin's. The restaurant was filled with 47 BYC sailors eating family style. They even complimented the chef who came out for a bow.

Sunday morning Harry and Linda again hosted those who slept in Port A with a delicious hot breakfast on the pier.

The moon was full, the weather was fabulous, and everyone had a wonderful weekend.

There will not be a cruise in December, but everyone is encouraged to get out on the boats just for fun. Keep your eyes open for information on next year's cruises starting in January 2007



Cabaret was the place for food, drinks, and a lot of fun for those participating in the November cruise to Port A.



Cruising doesn't end when the boats are docked.

A warm welcome to our new members of 2006



Steve & Ann Bolin



David & Christine Young



John & Joanne Fowler



Megan Stockton



Chris & Cathy Colley



Ed & Beverly Bonner



Bill & Pam Carrothers



James & Jo Ann Robertson



Phil Deming



Roger & Pauline Lévesque



Walter & Judy Crawford



Dan & Elizabeth Judson



Chip and Brenda Spence



Karl & Jan Stein



Carl & Mary Jane McKay

Friday Night Dinners

by Sharon Blair

We would like to give a great big thanks to those of you who cooked in November.

November 10 – Joe and Sharon Blair made brisket, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, rolls, and a salad. Rita Kingma brought a homemade chocolate cheesecake. It was a delicious full meal deal.

November 18 – Hal cooked chili and Mary made her apple pie for the Turkey Day Regatta. It was tasty and the event was well attended with about 60 people enjoying the meal.

December 9 – Christmas Party – Don't forget that we will vote for Cook of the Year during the festivities. Jo Anne will have a list of everyone who cooked during the year.



Setting the buoys and attending the skippers' meeting—there is much to be done even before the race begins.



Cruising and racing, BYC members did it all in November



BYC Calendar of Events

December 2006

Dec 1—No Dinner

Dec 8—No Dinner

Dec 15—No Dinner

Dec 22—No Dinner

Dec 2—Harbor Light
 Dec 3—Bay Spin 3:00 pm
 Dec 4—Board Meeting 6:00 pm
 Dec 7—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 pm Boaters' Facility
 Dec 9—VC's Christmas Party 7:00 pm
 Dec 12—Ship One Meeting 5:30-7:00 pm
 Dec 31—Commodore's New Year's Eve Party

*Have a safe and merry
 Christmas season*



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