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The Bowsprit

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

Commodore's Quill



Judge Robert Blackmon, the Skipper of the Sea Scouts ship will retire at the end of this year. The Judge has maintained his Boy Scout registration for more than 50 years and with a life-long dedication working with the Scouts, now has decided it is about time for retirement. The Judge will still be available for scouting assistance and Sunfish sailing instructions.

At the semi-annual membership dinner the Judge gave us an insight of his experiences as a Sea Scout leader and the many Scouts that benefited by the Ship One Scouting program in their later years. Guest speaker, Mr. John Thurston, President of South Texas Council for the Boy Scouts of America, spoke to members about the aims and benefits of Sea Scouting. We are in need of a new skipper. Phyllis and Jerry Vaughn have graciously volunteered to take on the duties until we find this new skipper. If interested in becoming a leader or helping out, please contact Phyllis or Jerry. Sea Scouting is the confidence-building platform for learning about responsibility and teamwork, as well as mastering maritime skills.

The Sunfish sailing committee, at this point, has completed much of the Bay Yacht Club's ins and outs of this sailing program. I would like to recognize the hard work of many months of the Sunfish Committee: Joe Blair, Jerry Vaughn, Jake Jacobson, Judge Blackmon, Larry Haas, Bob McNeill, and members, Paul Earls, Dick Frenzel and Ron Heber for their help. The role of our Sailing Programs Committee is to provide instruction for improving sailing skills and knowledge. The program is focused on our membership and prospective members. Instructional offerings have open dates and enrollment. It is not open to the general public as of yet. Sailing these boats is educational, enjoyable, and a lot fun.

Our annual auction was a resounding success. This major fund raiser collected over \$1,900.00 in good old greenbacks. Big thanks to all our members who contributed a large number of marine items and our local marine suppliers for their contributions. West Marine contributed a Cobra GPS, Dewey's Supply donated a large container of Patchall epoxy, and Gunderland Marine contributed a Cape Cod Marine Barometer and Blue Water Ship Stores Weems & Path Time & Clock.

Please remember these marine suppliers when you need repairs or restocking your boat.



A 2006 warm welcome to our new members:

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|  Steve & Ann Bolin |  Ed & Beverly Bonner |  Walter & Judy Crawford |
|  David & Christine Young |  Bill & Pam Carrothers |  Roger & Pauline Levesque |
|  John & Joanne Fowler |  James & Jo Ann Robertson |  Chip and Brenda Spence |
|  Megan Stockton |  Phil Deming |  Dan & Elizabeth Judson |

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A Few Words from the Vice Commodore

by Jake Jacobsen

Welcome to the end of October and the beginning, we hope, of the end of hurricane season. As our neighbors to the south along the Baja and south are learning; there are some late season storms. Don't forget to check your lines and all.

Anyone that missed the cruise to the Kelleys' (drive over), missed a very good party thrown by the gracious hostess and host. The brave crew of *Kiva* were the only ones to brave the weather, but a good representation arrived by car.

The general membership meeting was not as well attended as we all had hoped it would have been, but we did have a quorum. As a result, the entire slate of candidates was duly elected. Nothing got too far out of hand and several issues were at least bashed around. There are things that we will all have to deal with in the coming year. I want to thank everyone that was part of my being elected as Commodore for next year and I will try my best to live up to the task and the expectations. I will probably need a LOT of HELP. I will be looking for people to fill a number of committee chair positions, so be warned.

Let's get all dressed up and make the Halloween party the fun success it always is. Let's keep the club active and let's all have fun. Use the club, use your boat, use someone else's boat, and take people sailing on the bay.

See ya at the party and Port Aransas



Commodore Ed takes one of the Club's newly acquired Sunfish out for a spin.

Oops! The good news is, he made it back to the dock without getting wet!



Turkey Day Regatta

by Hal Peterson

The 2006 BYC Turkey Day Regatta will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2006. All members of the Bay Yacht Club and their guests are invited to participate. For the first and only time this year, the BYC has also invited non-members to participate in one of our regattas.

The Turkey Day Regatta will be composed of a racing fleet and a cruising fleet. The racing fleet will be "all-sails" and participate in three short windward-leeward races while the cruising fleet will be "non-spinnaker" and have two medium-length triangular-shaped courses. Depending on the number of boats involved, there may be more than one class for each fleet. All of the races will start and end out in the bay.

The Skippers' meeting for the Turkey Day Regatta will be held at 8:30 AM in the BYC clubhouse. All skippers who wish to participate are required to attend this meeting and register for the race. Specific instructions for the race will be provided at this meeting.

The first flag for the start will be hoisted at 10:00 AM out in the bay at a location provided at the skippers' meeting. Harry Armenia will provide the use of his yacht *Cabaret* for the committee boat. Larry Frank will be chairman of the race committee and D.B. Kline will be there to take pictures for posterity. For those members who would like to crew on a BYC-owned boat, but don't already have a ride, please let me know. I will make sure you are not left on the dock!

The fee for participating skippers 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 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 4 PM. The meal will feature Hal's famous homemade chili with all of the "fixings", including freshly baked cornbread. Mary Herrington will even cook homemade apple pies for dessert! This may be your last opportunity to get a \$5 BYC meal!

The Turkey Day Regatta is the last race of the year in a series of five Bay Yacht Club races held in 2006. We are anxious to make the last race the best of the series. To do so, we need you to participate. This is the place to be on November 18! Don't miss out!!

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!!!!



In spite of bad weather, a good crowd gathered for the "cruise" to the Kellys' house.

November Cruise

by Jim Whitworth, Cruise Chairman

The cruise to the home of Pat and Gwen Kelly was a huge success, with forty-four attending. This was in spite of weather that prevented all but the intrepid captain and crew of *Kiva* from going by sea.

Get ready to cruise to Port Aransas on November 4 for the last cruise of the year. We will all gather for dinner at Fin's Grill and Ice House. The chef will serve a family style seafood dinner. The price including tax, tip, and nonalcoholic beverage will be \$13.50 per person. Linda and Harry Armenia have graciously volunteered to provide *Cabaret* as the host boat for this cruise.

The new restaurant, at 420 W. Cotter is easy walking distance from the marina. Dinner will be at 6pm. Please RSVP to Jim Whitworth at jim-cwhit@hotmail.com or 361-853-9990 so we can give the chef a count.

Call Port Aransas Marina at 361-749-5429 to reserve a slip.



Yummmmmm, chow time!

Some Pretty Scary Folks Showed Up at the BYC for the Annual Halloween Costume Party—Recognize Anyone????



Friday Night Dinners

by Sharon Blair

We would like to give a big thanks to the people who have cooked lately.

Sept. 30 - Bill and Pam Carrothers for their succulent roast beef dinner. It was wonderful!

Oct. 6 - Bob and Jo-Anne McNeill for their mouth-watering roisterer chicken dinner. What a treat.

Oct. 13 - Thanks to everyone who attended the Kelly Cruise and brought something delicious to eat. The food was fantastic.

Oct. 21 - Mary Herrington and Jo-Anne McNeill for the tasty cabbage rolls and cucumber salad.

Dinners to look forward to:

Oct. 28 - This is our Saturday Halloween Party! Be sure to come in a costume if you like. There will be a prize given for the best costume. A pork chop dinner with all the fixin's will be provided. Don't miss this one!!!

Nov. 3 - Cruise to Port Aransas where we will eat family style at the Fins Restaurant. The chef has a good menu planned. Stay tuned for more details.

Nov. 10 - Joe and Sharon Blair will cook brisket, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, salad, and dessert. This is the last regular Friday Night Dinner.

Nov. 18 - Turkey Day Regatta - Hal Peterson will serve chili at 4 p.m. for anyone not racing who wants to come. It will cost \$5.00 per person if you do not race. Racers will eat free.



Arrrrrrrr!



Nuttin' to do in Corpus Christi

By R. M. Blackmon

Members of the BYC

Having served as Skipper of Sea Scout Ship One for 16 years, it is time for me to stand down, and let someone else introduce teens to wind, wave and water. I have discussed this with Ed Klash several times this year, and tendered my formal resignation from Ship One 26 September. I will stay on until December 31, or when another Skipper takes over, which ever occurs first.

Ship One has two boats in the water, the *Calamari* and *Scout*. Both require attention, as do all boats, and in particular, payment of slip rentals. These boats, as does all the Ship's equipment and gear, belong to the South Texas Council.

The Ship also has three dinghies and a dock box full of small boat stuff on the dry storage rack on the head of A pier. These can easily be assigned to another Scout unit, or transferred to the Scout Camp. I hope every effort will be made to maintain these boats in their current good condition.

The BYC Board needs to decide whether it wishes to continue sponsoring a Sea Scout unit. If yes, the new Skipper is the first priority. Scout Executive John Thurston outlined last evening at the October meeting of the membership just how the search should be done.

While it may take awhile to find a Skipper, decisions need to be made by the 1st of December regarding the boats. I will be traveling beginning mid December and cannot attend to the equipment after that. Those slip rentals are not inexpensive.

I have given this a lot of thought since December of last year, and will miss sailing the bay with kids three or so times a week, "in all weathers taking the rough with the smooth".

RMB

BYC Calendar of Events

November 2006

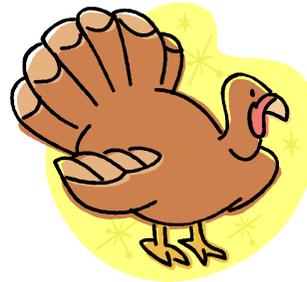
Nov 3—Dinner

Nov 10—Dinner

Nov 17— No Dinner

Nov 24— No Dinner

Nov 2—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 PM at Boaters' Facility
 Nov 3—Dinner
 Nov 4—BYC Maintenance Party
 Nov 5—Bay Spin 3:00 PM
 Nov 6—Board Meeting 6:00 PM
 Nov 10—Dinner
 Nov 14— Ship One Meeting
 Nov 17—No Dinner
 Nov 18—Turkey Day Regatta
 Nov 23—Thanksgiving
 Nov 24—No Dinner
 Nov 25—Decorate Club 10:00 AM



December 2006

Dec 1—No Dinner

Dec 8—No Dinner

Dec 15—No Dinner

Dec 22—No Dinner

Dec 2—Harbor Lights
 Dec 3—Bay Spin 3:00 PM
 Dec 4—Board Meeting 6:00 PM
 Dec 7—Water Shore Advisory Meeting 5:30 Boaters' Facility

Dec 9—VC's Christmas Party
 Dec 12—Ship One Meeting 5:30 PM
 Dec 31—Commodore's New Year's Eve Party

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