

BYC, 2004

**MAYBE, THIS IS THE YEAR THE COMMODORE IN PLAIN SIGHT
WILL HOLD UP ALL THE BURGEES EXACTLY RIGHT?**

**I GUESS THERE IS MORE THAN A 50/50 CHANCE OF GETTING IT WRONG.
WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ABOUT IT WOULD BE, SO LONG.**

**THE VICE COMMODORE WAS A MAN THAT IS NOT SO NEW.
HE HAS BEEN AROUND AWHILE, AND IN PLAIN VIEW.**

**MAKING THE MEMBERSHIP GROW WAS JOE BLAIR'S OVERALL PLAN.
WHEN THE DUES INCREASED THAT IDEA WENT TOWARDS THE TRASH CAN.**

**AND ALONG WITH IT ANOTHER IDEA HE WAS DEBATING.
IT WAS ABOUT THE NEW MOTTO HE WAS CREATING.**

**WELL, FINE. HE MADE A NEWER MOTTO AND GOT ANOTHER MEMBER,
AND HE FOUND SOME MORE COUPLES TO JOIN BY DECEMBER.**

**BUT FINDING NEW MEMBERS SHOULD BE EVERYONE'S DEAL.
WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER AND WE HAVE LOTS OF APPEAL.**

**WE NEED TO LOOK TO FRIENDS & BOAT OWNERS ON PIERS, LIKE D, C, B & A.
OF COURSE THE MEMBERS ON PIER B WILL BE LONGER TO STAY.**

**THE OLDER MEMBERS MIGHT SAY THE CLUB IS DIFFERENT NOW.
OF COURSE IT IS. BUT YOU MIGHT ASK HOW?**

**DIFFERENT PEOPLE PRODUCE A DIFFERENT SETTING,
AND TEN YEARS FROM NOW IT WILL BE DIFFERENT AGAIN, I'M BETING.**

**SOME MEMBERS WILL BE NEW, BUT SOME WILL BE THE SAME
WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE D.B. AROUND, A FAMILIAR NAME.**

**SOME MEMBERS WILL STAY AND SOME WILL GO
THEIR REASON FOR LEAVING, WELL, THEY WILL KNOW.**

**MEMBERS LEAVING, WELL, IT IS HARD TO STOP THAT
WE WILL JUST HAVE TO KEEP HAVING NEW MEMBERS TO TOP THAT.**

**JOE BLAIR IS ALSO OUR WEBMASTER.
I JUST BET HE COULD MAKE MY COMPUTER GO FASTER.**

**SPEAKING OF COMPUTERS, YOU CAN NOW GET YOUR BOWSPRIT ON LINE.
BUT SOME PEOPLE STILL DON'T READ IT AND THAT'S A BAD SIGN.**

**YOU CAN TELL THIS WHEN THEY ASK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'S IN IT.
WELL, SO MUCH FOR READING THE BOWSPRIT.**

**HARRY WELCH WAS OUR TREASURER, A MAN OF MANY TALENTS,
AND IT TOOK ALL OF THEM, JUST TO KEEP THE CLUB'S BOOKS IN BALANCE.**

**NAMNG THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT HARRY WOULD MAKE QUITE A LIST.
SO LET'S JUST SAY, HARRY WELCH, YOU'RE GOING TO BE MISSED.**

**FOR THE TREASURER'S POSITION THE CLUB NEEDED A VOLUNTEER.
AND BOB MCNEILL WAS THE GUY THAT THEY DID COMMANDEER.**

**DOTTIE WAS OUR SECRETARY, WITH ALL OF HER WRITING
SHE WILL TELL YOU HERSELF. THE JOB IS JUST TOO EXCITING.**

**ED KLASH WAS THE GUY MANING THE BILGE PUMP.
FROM ONE JOB TO ANOTHER HE DID JUMP.**

**AND BELIEVE ME, THERE WERE PLENTY OF JOBS TO DO.
WHEN THE STANCIONS WERE REPLACED, HE NEEDED A CREW.**

**AND JAY JACOBSEN WAS THE CREW HE GOT.
BETWEEN ED AND JAY, THEY GOT DONE A LOT.**

**I SAW ED WORKING WITH SYLVIA TRYING TO RAISE THE FLAGPOLE.
GETTING IT IN PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER WAS THEIR GOAL.**

**ED AND JERRY VAUGHN ALSO MADE REPAIRS TO THE BARGE
THEY REPLACED ALL THE ROLLERS, BY AND LARGE.**

**THE BOWSPRIT EDITOR WAS SOMEONE THAT HAS BEEN AROUND.
I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT HIS STOMACH, POUND PER POUND.**

**I AM TALKING ABOUT HIS REPUTATION AS A SAILOR AND A WRITER,
A COMPUTER KNOW-IT-ALL, A PHOTOGRAPHER, A LOVER, AND A FIGHTER.**

**WAIT A MINUTE. MAYBE I GOT THE WRONG GUY.
WE COULD ASK HIM TO SEE IF ANY OF IT HE WOULD DENY.**

**CHANGING THE CLUBS COMBINATION EVERY YEAR IS SOMETHING WE TRY.
AND LAST YEAR'S HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH A MEMBERS ABILITY TO FLY.**

**BUT THEN IN AUGUST IT WAS CHANGED ONCE MORE
AND REVEALING IT HERE, MIGHT CAUSE UPROAR.**

**SECURITY AT THE CLUB IS A MAJOR CONCERN
ACCORDING TO JERRY, IT IS SOMETHING WE ALL MUST LEARN.**

**PREVIOUSLY IT HAD TO DO WITH THE FACILITIES. THAT IS WHAT SOMEONE SAID.
WE HAD THE AIR CONDITIONER, BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE BED.**

**THE TERRY HARKRIDER AWARD WENT TO JOE BLAIR
JOE'S APPROACH IN DOING THINGS SHOWS HIS FLAIR.**

**MIKE LERMA WAS THE COOK OF THE YEAR IN 2003.
FIVE DOLLARS FOR ONE OF HIS MEALS SOUNDS GREAT TO ME.**

**THE SEA SCOUTS WORK TOGETHER AS A GROUP
YOU MIGHT SAY, SHIP ONE IS THE NAME OF THEIR TROOP.**

**LAST YEAR'S YOUNG YATCHMAN'S AWARD WENT TO KEITH BASS.
AS FAR AS A HELMSMAN GOES, HE IS DEFINITELY FIRST CLASS.**

**ANOTHER SEA SCOUT THAT SHOWS A LOT OF STYLE
IS THE BOSUM THIS LAST YEAR, MICHELLE PYLE.**

**ONE OTHER SCOUT THAN CAN EASILY EXCELL
IS THE BOSON MATE CALLED GRACE MELL.**

**THESE ARE THE LEADERS. LET'S LOOK AT THE FOLLOWERS AT A GLANCE.
ALITA, ADRIANA, OLIVIA, TYLER, AND CHANCE,**

**THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY WENT TO SOMEONE STANDING IN THE BACKGROUND.
DISCOVERING IT WAS JERRY VAUGHN PROVED THE IDEA WAS SOUND.**

**DETERMINING WHAT THE WEATHER WILL BE FOR A CRUISE IS A TOUGH CALL.
THE BEST WAY TO APPROACH THE PROBLEM IS TO CONSULT A CRYSTAL BALL.**

**I DON'T KNOW IF JAN WAS DOING THIS OR READING HIS OWN PALM.
IN THE SPRING, MOSTLY WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A CALM.**

**THE CRUISES THAT HE PLANNED LAST YEAR WERE NOT CONSIDERED AS PLAIN.
VERY SOON, HE HAD AQUIRRED THE NICKNAME AS OF THE GREAT DANE.**

**IF THERE EVER WAS A PERSON TO RESPOND TO THE CALL
IT WAS JAN. HE GAVE THE CRUISING DIRECTORSHIP HIS ALL.**

**IN JANUARY THE WINDS FOR THE PORT ARANSAS CRUISE WERE FROM THE SS EAST.
THIS WAS GREAT BECAUSE TACKING ACROSS THE BAY IN JAN. CAN BE A BEAST.**

**SAILING OVER WERE KIVA, GOLDEN HIND, KILL SHOT, GREY WOLF, & CABARET.
IT RAINED SOME IN CORPUS, BUT NOT OUT ON THE BAY.**

**JIM ISBELL ALSO CAME BY BOAT, THE PORT ARANSAS FERRY.
IT WAS BIGGER THAN THE BOAT OF THE BUSKOP'S, JAN AND TERRI.**

**DINING AT THE ISLAND CAFÉ WAS JUST PLAIN FUN
AND AFTEWARDS AN INVITATION FROM THE BUSKOP'S WAS DONE.**

**THERE SEEMED TO BE A LOT OF ROOM ABOUT THEIR IRWIN 52.
BEING ABOARD IT MAKES MY BOAT SEEM LIKE A CANOE.**

**IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT HARRY ARMENIA WILL WORK FOR CHAMPAGNE
NOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT GOAL TO OBTAIN.**

**I JUST GET DIZZY THINKING ABOUT THE BYC BAY SPIN.
BUT THE SITUATION FOR EVERYONE IS A WIN-WIN**

**IN FEBRUARY, WE CRUISED OUT TO THE PIYC
IF DRIVING, TURN RIGHT ON WHITECAP AFTER GOING OUT FAR ON SPID.**

**IF YOU SAILED OUT, THE DIRECTIONS WERE A DIFFERENT GAME.
SAILING UP SPID MIGHT MAKE SOMEONE CALL YOU A WEIRD NAME.**

**AND THEY WOULD BE CORRECT IN THEIR THINKING.
THEY WOULD PROBABLY BELIEVE YOU HAD BEEN DRINKING.**

**FOR BREAKFAST AT THE PADRE ISLAND YACHT CLUB, CHAMPAGNE WAS SERVED.
IF HARRY ARMENIA KNEW THAT, HE WOULD HAVE HAD A SPOT RESERVED.**

**IN MARCH, YOU COULD HAVE SAILED TO KEY ALLEGRO ON THE LONG LOOP.
FERNANDO CANTU DID IT ON FOXEY, HIS 36 FOOT SLOOP.**

**HOWEVER, HE DID GO AGROUND IN MATAGORDA BAY.
HE SENT THE ANCHOR OUT WITH A MAN IN HIS KAYAK & GOT OFF THAT WAY**

**ON THE KEY ALLEGRO CRUISE, LOTS OF PEOPLE SAILED; OTHERS JUST DROVE.
AS FAR AS FACILITIES GO, THIS PLACE IS OPPOSITE OF SHAMROCK COVE.**

**THE BAY CROSSING WAS A LITTLE WINDY GOING OVER AND COMING BACK
JAN TORE HIS MAIN AND JIB TRYING TO KEEP ON TRACK.**

**THE GOLDEN HIND MADE THE BAY CROSSING IN LESS THAN TWO DAYS.
ACTUALLY LESS THAN TWO HOURS, WHICH IS LESS IN MOST WAYS.**

**DINNER WAS AT THE EL DORADO AND THE CALYPSO MUSIC WAS GRAND
AND THIS IS THE CRUISE THAT OUR CRUISING DIRECTOR PLANNED.**

**IN APRIL IT WAS WINDY. WHAT A SURPRISE!
IF YOU WERE BECALMED IN APRIL, YOU WOULD PROBABLY BE TELLING LIES.**

**ON THE CRAB INN CRUISE THREE BOATS ARRIVED THERE INTACT.
THE CREWS WERE IN GOOD SHAPE AND NOT EVEN ONE BOAT WAS CRACKED.**

**LARRY FRANK WENT THRU PORT ARANSAS BUT STARTED FROM INGLESIDE.
THAT EVERYONE HAD A WINDY TRIP CAN NOT BE DENIED.**

**AFTER DINNER STEVE AND MARYLN OAKELY INVITED US OVER TO THEIR PLACE.
SO THAN ANYONE WHO WANTED TO COULD SPICE THEIR MAIN BRACE.**

**ON A FRIDAY DINNER IN MAY, JIM WHIIWORTH BROKE THE DINNER BELL.
WHEN IT HIT THE FLOOR, THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT YOU COULD EASILY TELL.**

**AND WITHOUT ANY SPECATULAR PARLOR TRICKS,
IT WAS SOMETHING THAT HE DID EASILY FIX.**

**I HEARD A RUMOR, BUT COMMODORE JIM SAID IT WASN'T TRUE,
ESPECIALLY IF IT WAS ABOUT HIM. I THINK THAT WAS A CLUE.**

**THE COMMODORE'S YATCH HAS A FLOTATION DEVICE THAT WON'T QUIT.
HERE IT IS. SYLVIA TAKES A BREATH AND HOLDS IT.**

**WHY RACE TO VERA CRUZ? LAST YEAR'S RACE WAS QUITE A TRICK
EVEN ON THIS RACE, JERRY VAUGHN FINALLY ADMITTED HE GOT SEASICK.**

**YOU MIGHT THINK THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE TIME TO GO ON A DIET.
IT WAS ALSO NOTED THIS WAS ONE OF THE TIMES THAT JERRY GOT QUIET.**

**IF SEASICKNESS OCCURS, YOU WONDER WHY DON'T YOU JUST DIE.
TO GET OVER IT, THERE IS NOTHING YOU WON'T TRY.**

**ON THE RETURN TRIP, SOMETHING WORSE IS WHEN YOU FEEL A TWINGE
AND YOU KNOW WHAT IS COMING IS MONTEZUMA'S REVENGE.**

**JUST WHAT YOU NEEDED, ONE PROBLEM MORE.
AND THIS ONE DOESN'T GO AWAY WHEN YOU STEP ON THE SHORE.**

**BUT YOU HAVE GOT TO GET THERE AND BACK FROM HERE
AND NO BOATS IN 2004 FROM THE BYC IN VERA CRUZ DID APPEAR.**

**FOUR SAILBOATS TOOK PART IN THE LYDIA ANN LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE.
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHARLES BUTT FOR THE FACILITIES WE DID USE.**

**JIM EPSEY HELPED TRANSPORT PEOPLE TO THE LIGHTHOUSE, USING KILL SHOT.
AND LATER, THE DINNER AT THE CANCUN RESTRUANT HIT THE SPOT.**

**ON A WORK PARTY NEW ZINCS WERE INSTALLED ON THE BARGE
THEY WERE USED AS SACRAFICIAL METAL FOR THE ELECTRICAL CHARGE.**

**AND THE AMOUNT OF CABBAGE HEADS IN THE WATER WAS GREAT
THE CABBAGE HEAD IS A MARINE LIFE YOU LOVE TO HATE.**

**NOW YOU CAN PICK UP A CABBAGE HEAD AND GIVE IT A TOSS,
BUT IF YOU DON'T WASH YOUR HANDS AFTERWARDS, IT COULD BE YOUR LOSS.**

**NOW THERE ARE SOME SUBJECTS THAT ARE WORTH SKIPPING
ONE OF THESE MIGHT BE THAT COMMANDER RALPH BOWEN IS INTO WHIPPING.**

**ACTUALLY, WHIPPING THE END OF LINES TO KEEP THE END SECURE.
AND THE WAY RALPH DOES IT, EACH TIME HE SIGNS HIS SIGNATURE.**

**THE ENTRANCE TO ISLAND MOORINGS WASN'T DEEP ENOUGH FOR US
SO ABOUT GOING THERE, THERE WASN'T MUCH TO DISCUSS.**

**WHAT ABOUT HURRICANES? WE HAD PLENTY OF THEM LAST YEAR.
FORTUANETELY FOR US, NONE OF THEM CAME HERE**

**ABOUT OUR FRIENDS IN FLORIDA, THAT WAS NOT THE CASE.
IVAN, FRANCIS, JEANNE, AND CHARLIE WENT JUST ABOUT EVERY PLACE.**

**IVAN ESPECIALLY. THAT STORM EVEN PAID A VISIT TO US.
BEING JUST A MILD RAIN WHEN IT ARRIVED WAS A PLUS.**

**COMMANDER RALPH BOWEN DEFINED WHAT IS A BOAT AND WHAT IS NOT.
YOUR LACK OF KNOWLEGDE HERE MIGHT PUT YOU ON THE SPOT.**

**BUT WHETHER RALPH CAN OR CAN NOT FLOAT
I THINK WE CAN SAFELY SAY THAT HE IS DEFINITELY NOT A BOAT.**

**FOUR COUPLES WENT TO ST. VINCENT AND CHARTERED A 51 FOOT BENETEAU.
THE PERSON THAT REALLY LIKED IT WAS FERNANDO CANTU.**

**WHEN THE PICTURES CAME BACK, YOU COULD SEE IT ON FERNANDO'S FACE.
HE WAS RIGHT AT HOME IN THAT WORLD OF SPACE.**

**NOW, IF HE COULD ONLY STRETCH FOXY INTO FIFTY-ONE FEET.
I HAVE TO ADMIT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD BE PRETTY NEAT.**

**SUPPOSE HE COULD. THEN JUST CONSIDER THE COST OF HIS NEW SLIP.
I THINK THAT PART OF IT HE MIGHT WANT TO SKIP.**

**I FIRST GOT A SLIP IN THE MARINA IN 1968.
IT COSTS ELEVEN DOLLARS A MONTH AND THAT WAS GREAT.**

**BUT THE GUY NEXT TO ME SAID I MISSED THEM WHEN THEY WERE TEN.
I DON'T IMAGINE WE WILL EVER SEE THOSE PRICES AGAIN.**

**WHAT WE DO SEE ARE PRICES THAT A FAIRLY HIGH.
IF YOU HAVE A BOAT AND IT'S IN A SLIP, THEN THE LIMIT'S THE SKY.**

**AT THE OFF THE HOOK RESTURANT WE WERE TIED TO THE PIER.
THE FOOD WAS PRETTY GOOD THERE I HEAR.**

**BERT HENRY ENTERTAINED US WITH HIS SINGING AND HIS GUITAR.
LATER RITA'S TALENTS AT THE MICROPHONE SHOWED SHE WAS A STAR.**

**GO TO PORT MANDSFILED IN OCTOBER? OH, COME ON. WHY NOT
THE BOATS THAT MADE IT WERE WINDSWEPT, CABARET, AND KILLSHOT.**

**WINDSWEPT HAD AN INTERESTING TIME IN THE GULF.
AND YES, THE FRANKS MIGHT HAVE SAID IT WAS A LITTLE ROUGH.**

**GOLDEN HIND, JOLE BLON AND FOXEY HAD BREAKFAST IN PORT A.
AFTER A NIGHT IN THE GULF MADE THEM TURN AWAY.**

**THE CRUISING DIRECTOR HAD INVITED ME TO SAIL WITH HIM,
BUT I FOUND OUT LATER THE CHANGES OF GOING WERE SLIM.**

**JAN WAS MORE THAN A LITTLE DOWNHEARTED.
HE NEVER LEFT THE SLIP; AS HE COULDN'T GET HIS ENGINE STARTED.**

**BUT HE FINALLY DECIDED THAT HE WOULD GO BY CAR
HE KNEW HE COULD FIND PORT MANSFIELD THAT WAY WITHOUT RADAR.**

**I MADE A CERTAIN INQUIRY ABOUT THE FLAG POLE,
AND GOT AN INTERESTING UNSOLICITED RESPONSE FROM A CERTAIN SOUL.**

**IT KIND OF BROUGHT MY QUESTIONS TO A HALT.
THE ADVICE I RECEIVED WAS TO GO POUND SOME SALT.**

**INTERESTING RESPONSE FROM SOMEONE OF THAT AGE.
I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT SAID AT THIS PERSON'S LIFE'S STAGE.**

**FORTUNATELY, FOR ME, I HAD THE SALT TO POUND.
I THINK ON THIS SUBJECT, NO DOUBT, I AM LOOSING GROUND.**

**NO COMMENT OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE COLOR PURPLE OR ITS SHADES.
BECAUSE MARTHA'S MEMORY OF THOSE STATEMENTS NEVER FADES.**

**JOE BLAIR HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH HIS YACHT CALLED FOLLY.
THE PROP WAS SPINNING FREELY ON THE SHAFT, BY GOLLY.**

**TO THE SOUTH SHORE BOAT WORKS IT NEEDED TO BE SAILED,
BECAUSE THE WORKMANSHIP ON IT HAD FAILED.**

**RALPH BOWEN EASILY DID IT WITH OUT A PAUSE.
AFTER HE HAD MADE HIS LANDING IT WAS MET WITH APPLAUSE.**

**WHEN YOU HAVE A MOTOR YOU TEND TO USE IT.
AND THE TALENT FOR LANDING UNDER SAIL, YOU CAN LOOSE IT.**

**BUT THERE IS ALSO A TALENT FOR LANDING UNDER POWER.
ACTUALLY, MAKING A LANDING UNDER ALL CONDITIONS AT ANY HOUR.**

**I USED TO SAIL WITHOUT A MOTOR AND HAD A DOWNWIND SLIP.
AND WHEN I RETURNED FROM OUT SAILING ON MY TRIP**

**I HAD TO GET BACK IN WITHOUT SINKING THE BOAT NEXT TO ME.
A LITTLE EXPERIENCE AND A LITTLE KNOW HOW WAS THE KEY.**

**IT IS SAID IF YOU STOP LEARNING, YOU STOP GROWING.
SO KEEP AN OAR ON BOARD IF YOU NEED TO GET IN BY ROWING**

**IN NOVEMBER, THERE WERE ELEVEN BOATS AT THE KELLY HOUSE.
PAT WAS THE HOST, AND ALONG WITH HIM, GWEN, THE PERFECT SPOUSE.**

**THE WIND GOING OVER PICKED UP OUT OF THE SOUTH-SOUTHEAST.
MOST OF THE CRUISERS MOTORED THE INTRACOASTAL, AT LEAST.**

**HAL PETERSON, IN THE CANAL, WENT AGROUND ON THE LEEWARD SIDE.
RAY HERRINGTON, HIS CREW, NEVER CLAIMED HE WAS ACTING AS GUIDE.**

**FORTUANTELY, LARRY FRANK WAS THERE TO TOW HAL OFF THE SAND BAR.
SO, IF HE DIDN'T GET IT, WE SHOULD GIVE HIM A CIGAR.**

**HE PROBABLY GOT THE EQUIVALENT IN A WARM THANKS.
THAT IS THE WAY IT IS, ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP, THE FRANKS.**

**WHEN HAL STARTS CRUISING WARRIOR, 10 FT LONGER AND 1½ FT DEEPER,
GOING AGOUND WITH THAT MIGHT BE MORE OFTEN & MORE OF A KEEPER.**

**AFTER DINNER JAN ON GALATEA DECIDED TO CRUISE BACK AT NIGHT.
CRUISING ON THE INTRACOASTAL AFTER DARK IS SOMETIMES A FRIGHT.**

**NOT FOR THE CRUISING DIRECTOR, BUT MAYBE FOR FISHERMEN AND THEIR LINES.
FIVE LINES BEING BROKEN AT THE JFK BRIDGE IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE SIGNS**

**THAT NIGHT CRUISING IS AN ADVENTURE BUT ALWAYS KEEP POSTED A LOOKOUT.
MAYBE WHAT JAN NEED ALONG WITH HIM WAS A SCOUT.**

**WHAT WAS REPORTED WAS A WHITE BOAT WITH A WIDE BLUE STRIPE.
WHO DOES THAT SOUND LIKE? YIPE!!!**

**I HEARD ED KLASH WENT OUT SAILING, BUT HAD TO BE TOWED IN.
HIS ENGINE QUIT AND WATER OUT THERE GOT A LITTLE THIN.**

**THE OLD SAYING IS THAT YOUR OWN BOAT IS THE LAST THING YOU WORK ON.
BUT I SAY, THANK GOODNESS FOR THE CELL PHONE.**

**ED CALLED FOR HELP, NOT TO THE MARINA, BUT TO HAL.
HAL CALLED JERRY AND JERRY WENT OUT THERE, IMPROVING ED'S MORALE.**

**SO JERRY GOT A LINE TO ED'S BOAT AND GAVE HIM A THRILL.
WHAT COMES NEXT ALONG WITH THE RIDE IS MAYBE A SALVAGE BILL.**

**THE CLUB'S MAJOR SOCIAL EVENTS HAS BECOME THE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS.
THIS MAKES ALL THE COOKS AND ELAINE ROBERTS CULINARY WINNERS.**

**THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A REAL TREAT.
AND AS FAR AS PARTIES GO, IT WAS VERY COMPLETE.**

**I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE NAME SHARON SEEMED NICE TO ME,
BUT THE SHARONS IN THE CLUB MADE MANY TRIPS TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE.**

**SOME PEOPLE, LIKE SHARON BLAIR, SEEMED TO KNOW WHERE LIQUIOR FLOWS
MAYBE IT WAS JUST THE SHAPE OF THE BOX OR MAYBE THE SNIFF OF THE NOSE.**

**BUT LIKE OTHERS SHE COULDN'T SEEM TO HOLD IT.
IT DIDN'T TAKE A FORTUNE COOKIE TO HAVE FORETOLD IT,**

**I REALLY THOUGHT THAT JAN SHOULD HAVE GOT THAT INFLATABLE WIFE.
BUT WITH HIS SPOUSE AROUND, HE MIGHT HAVE WORRIED ABOUT HIS LIFE.**

**HE COULD HAVE USED IT AS A FLOTATION DEVICE IN THE SUMMER SEASON.
IT MIGHT BE COAST GUARD APPROVED, BUT NOT FOR THAT REASON.**

**SO I'M SORRY IF YOU WEREN'T THERE
TO ATTEND THE GREAT CHRISTMAS PARTY OF SHARON AND JOE BLAIR.**

**IN DECEMBER WE HAD A CHRISTMAS THAT TURNED OUT WHITE.
NOT WET SNOW, BUT DRY SNOW AND IT WAS PERFECTLY RIGHT**

**AT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, 2005 CAME IN WHEN IT SUPPOSED TO,
I THINK THAT COMMODORE JIM WAS REALLY GLAD IT WAS TRUE.**

**NOW, IF YOU THOUGHT JOE BLAIR WAS AROUND A LOT BEFORE,
WELL NOW IN 2005 HE IS OUR NEWLY ELECTED COMMODORE.**

**AND WITH HIM ED CRASH, AH ED CASH, I MEAN ED KLASH.
IT IS A NAME I CAN REMEMBER QUICK AS A FLASH.**

**ED IS THE VICE COMMODORE AND GUESS WHO IS BRINGING UP THE REAR?
HAL PETERSON AS REAR COMMODORE. LET'S GIVE HIM A CHEER.**

**A BOAT NAMED WARRIOR SHOULD BE OWNED BY A VIKING,
AND WITH THE VIKING QUEEN BY HAL'S SIDE, HE'S NOW GOT EVERYTHING.**

**WHEN ASKED TO DO THE BOWSPRIT, WHAT DID LARRY SCARBOROUGH SAY?
JOE EXPECTED A "NO," BUT WHAT HE HEARD WAS AN UNCERTAIN "OKAY."**

**OKAY IS FINE. LARRY, THE JOB IS YOURS,
AND MAYBE ALONG WITH IT SEVERAL FUTURE YEARLY TOURS.**

**HEY, IN THE SHOES OF A LEGEND IS WHERE YOU WILL BE STANDING,
AND THE JOB CAN SOMETIMES BE SOMEWHAT DEMANDING**

**ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE OF YOUR WRITERS FAILS TO MAKE A DEADLINE.
LET'S JUST SAY, I'M GLAD YOU GOT THE JOB AND ITS NOT MINE.**

**NOW, JOE CAN ALWAYS USE OTHER PEOPLE TO HELP HIM OUT.
WE KNOW HOW HE CAME IN, SO WE CAN EASILY BRING THAT ABOUT.**

**JOE, THAT'S A JOKE, BUT HELPING IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.
IT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN NEVER BE OVERRATED.**

**AS ANOTHER YEAR STARTS, I FEEL A TOAST IS IN ORDER FROM ME.
SO HERE'S TO 2005 AND HERE'S TO THE BYC.**

TOM ARNOLD, 2004