

# The Bowsprit

Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas



**March 2023**

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## View from the Quarterdeck

*Phyllis Vaughn,  
Commodore 2023*

Hats off to our social chair Glenda Zelnik for an over the top Valentine's Day Social on February 11. Long stem roses, beautiful centerpieces, wine and great food provided an unbeatable combination.

Glenda's menu of Marry Me Chicken and other taste sensations including home-made cheese cake dessert were prize winners. Attendees were entranced by a special performance of songs from the Broadway play and movie Funny Girl by our own Judy Cross. It was a very memorable evening.

The following weekend, our Cruise Chair, Larry Frank, took us to Port A. Seven BYC sailboat crews braved the cold weather and strong east wind hard on the heels of a Friday norther. Saturday the wind was right on the nose. Every boat needed its iron jib to progress down the ship channel. Eventually all arrived at the Port A transient dock where there was a spontaneous breakout of happy hour despite the chill wind. Everyone eventually migrated to the warmth of Fins and enjoyed a dinner of fun and companionship.

Lori Stoner and her sister Deb closed out February by hosting a Polk Fest dinner on February 25 featuring traditional family recipes such as polish sausage, perogies, cabbage rolls and pineapple cherry dump cake. For sure, no one left hungry. Oh my!!

In March, I'm looking forward to the fish fry on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and a Saint Patrick's Day dinner on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. That's right, this dinner will be on Friday because on February 18-19 members will be cruising to an anchorage in the lee of Mustang Island. Stay tuned for more details from our Cruise Director Larry Frank.

By the end of this month, Bay Star will possibly be in an Aransas Pass shipyard for maintenance and new bottom paint. Expect an email from the Vice Commodore later this month calling for volunteers. We will need delivery crew aboard the boat, dockside line handlers to get her underway and several hand held VHF radios. We will also need vehicles and drivers to return the delivery crew to Corpus Christi.

With our club facility inaccessible because of the shipyard maintenance, we'll need to be creative in planning club events at alternate venues during April. Any and all suggestions are welcome.



## Vice Commodore

*Jim Robertson*

We are continuing to make preparations for haul-out of the Bay Star for hull work and other repairs at the end of March, funds permitting. In late February, the BYC Treasurer sent an email to all members requesting anonymous donations to bolster available haul out funds in the event repairs as yet unknown are discovered when Bay Star is hauled. If you have not pledged a donation, please reconsider. Email Walter Crawford direct to tell him your donation amount and then follow up by mailing a check to the BYC at the post office box number shown on page one of this newsletter.

On Tuesday February 28 I was advised by our custodial crew that the “freezer wasn’t working” and all contents had melted. The custodians cleaned up the mess. When I went to investigate on the 29<sup>th</sup> all systems were just fine. The freezer was doing what freezers are supposed to do. I did notice that the freezer door does not close by itself. Needs a little push to make a firm seal. What I suspect happened is that the freezer door was left ajar allowing the contents to melt. Memo to all freezer users: Please push the door closed.



## Vice Commodore

*Mary Kay Schultz*

Thank you to all that attended the new member mixer! Everyone had a great evening. I would like to host another member mixer on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

On February 16th, we held our first membership drive at Nueces Brewing. We had 15 members attend (yay!!) and we all played Bingo. Lori Stoner's sister, Deb, was the big winner of our group!! Our next membership drive will be at the Hooks stadium. I am aiming for Thursday, May 25th. It is really important for us to wear our BYC attire

at these events so as to attract attention to the group and encourage inquiries as to who we are and what our club is all about.

Our next Invite a Friend to Sail is scheduled for Sunday, April 30th at 9 a.m. Save the Date!!

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!! Happy March!!



Welcome aboard to **Carlos and Myra Haney**. They live in Corpus Christi and became members at the end of January, too late to be welcomed in the February Bowsprit. Carlos is a principal with the film production company Enlightened Images. Myra is a semi-retired court reporter.

Myra attended the new member mixer and volunteered Carlos in absentia to assist on the Facilities Committee. Carlos later accepted and is on the team. Way to go Myra!!



## Cruises

*Larry Frank, 2023 Cruise Chair*

I hope you were able to join in the Frostbite cruise to Port Aransas February 18-19 as a good time was had by all. Sailing vessels with BYC crews included *Dream Keeper* (Seal), *Waypoint* (Gallagher), *Biggles* (Bell), *C Charmer* (Zelnik), *Restless* (Stoner), and *WindSwept* (Frank). *Bliss* with Chuck Pierce aboard sailed over Friday but returned to Corpus Christi Saturday as they had no heat onboard. *Ciao* with Daniel Willias joined in the festivities as a guest. Many vessels included additional BYC members as crew. Following a happy hour at the dock, we moved to Fin’s for a group dinner. There were 34 in attendance if my count is accurate.

The next cruise will be a little different. We will be anchoring out March 18-19 somewhere “Behind the Island”. Possible locations are Shamrock Cove, Flato Cut

or in the lee of Padre or Mustang island. I will select the exact location a few days in advance depending on the wind forecast. Watch member blasts for more details.

Photos from Fin's



## Charter Cruise

*Sylvia Whitworth, 2023*  
*Charter Cruise Chair*

Let's go sailing on a large sailboat in crystal blue waters!

We have tentatively scheduled this year's BYC Charter Cruise for the week beginning August 18, 2023, flying into Tortola, British Virgin Islands to pick up a boat.

We already have enough experienced sailors signed up so you don't need to know how to sail - you will learn during the week.

It will be fun - lazy breakfast on the boat, pull anchor (or drop mooring ball) and sail for a couple of hours to the next island, where we will swim, nap, read, snorkel, fish, eat lunch, or whatever. Dinner is usually on the island, probably an excellent seafood restaurant with your feet in the sand. Did I say island music and drinks with umbrellas?

Give me a call or e-mail if you are interested or have any questions. Sylvia Whitworth, 361-215-3820, jimcwhit@hotmail.com



## Commercial Cruise

*Lori Stoner, 2023*  
*Commercial Cruise*  
*Chair*

Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas  
July 2 through July 9, 2023  
Departing from Galveston  
Ports O' Call: Roatan, Honduras  
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Contact Royal Caribbean 866-562-7625  
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Vacations to Go 800-338-4962

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## BYC March Events

### Every Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Poker Night.

### Every Wednesday

- 5:30 p.m. Fantail Social. Watch MORF races from the Topside Lounge.

### Thursday March 2

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Meeting

### Friday, March 3

- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner: Annual fish fry by Peterson and Vaughn

### Saturday, March 11

- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

### Weekend March 18-19

- Cruise to anchorage "Behind the Island"

### Saturday March 25.

- 10:00 a.m. MORF Deniz Tor Regatta
- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

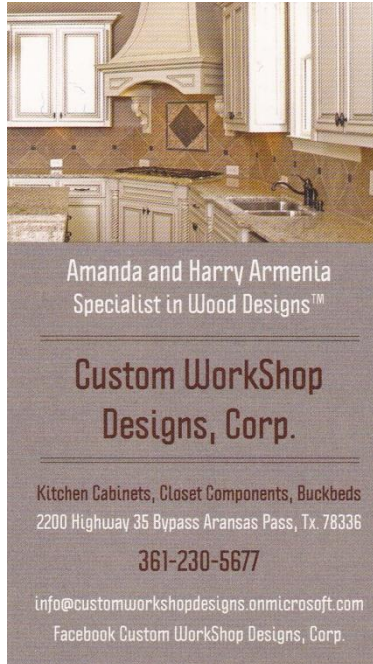
### Wednesday March 29

- 5:30 p.m. New Member Mixer

### Thursday March 30

- Bay Star tentative departure for shipyard. TBD.

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