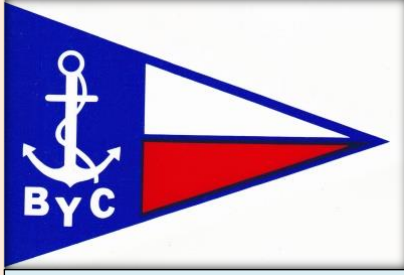


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Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas



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View from the Quarterdeck

*Phyllis Vaughn,
Commodore 2023*

It has finally happened! Bay Star has gone to Aransas Marine Ways Shipyard in Aransas Pass for the long anticipated HAUL OUT. She returned from her last shipyard trip in April 2019.

Congratulations to our Vice Commodore, Jim Robertson, who recruited the crew and organized the whole process. He told me he planned to get Bay Star under way on March 30 by 8:00 a.m. She was going through the Gap at 8:07. We will receive a status report at our semi-annual Membership meeting on April 22nd.

No activities are planned for the first two weeks in April. On the 15th we have an opportunity to come together for fun and dinner in Port A. It is in conjunction with the Port A Race and Cruise. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations are required. See Larry Frank's article on the cruise for more information.

On April 22 the Semi-Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the party room of La Playa By The Bay 227 N Water Street. The business meeting will begin at 5:30

p.m. Following the meeting we will be able to order off the menu. At the meeting we will be electing three members of the Nominating Committee. It is this committee's job to vet members of the Board Of Directors for 2024.

If we have at least 30 people we will avoid a \$350 fee for use of the room, so it is very important that YOU be there. Please put this on your calendar and RSVP when asked to do so.



Vice Commodore
Jim Robertson

On Thursday March 30 *Bay Star* proceeded under her own power from the Lawrence Street "T" Head to Aransas Marine Ways Shipyard in Aransas Pass. An early morning departure allowed the boat to cross Corpus Christi Bay and cruise down the Intracoastal Waterway to the shipyard while the wind velocity was relatively low.

The crew showed up at 7:00 a.m. and began preps for getting under way. The last mooring line was cast off at 7:50. Captain Pete Meyer took *Bay Star* on a victory lap inside the breakwater to test steering and propulsion systems and then proceeded out the Gap and across the bay. The boat arrived at Aransas Marine Ways about 12:30 and by 2:00 p.m. the shipyard crew had her hauled, blocked up and were chipping away at the marine growth on her bottom.



I appreciate the time and work performed by a number of BYC members who assisted to prep the boat and systems for an underway period, the first in four years.

Among other things, the shipyard scope of work includes cleaning, sandblasting and inspecting the bottom; replacing suspect portions of the bottom if any are found; painting the bottom with anti-fouling paint; priming and painting numerous areas of running rust on the topsides; replacing dripless packing glands on both propeller shafts (they are nearing life expectancy); inspecting propellers for damage; inspecting and repairing as necessary a questionable section of sea water piping in the engine room; welding to repair several badly rusted places on the port side exterior

stairway and repair of the black water tank pump out piping. We've also asked the yard to put on their thinking caps and devise a more user friendly grate or grille for the sea chest. The existing grate is not functional. We need a grate that divers can remove in order to clean the sea chest of growth. That's where the air conditioner cooling water comes from!

We have asked the yard to strive for an early May completion date so we may return the boat to the CC Marina before the Blue Angels Wings Over South Texas May 6/7. As Bowsprit readers will appreciate, that target date is weather and workload dependent.



Rear Commodore
Mary Kay Schultz

Thank you to all that attended the member mixer on March 29th. Everyone had a great evening and ate well. We had several prospective members join us for the Wednesday night races and they enjoyed getting to know all of you. Larry Frank and Jim Robertson signed up a new member during the event! Welcome Keith and Carroll (sp)!!

Although the *Bay Star* is not docked in the Marina for the time being, it doesn't mean the fun has ended. We will have a member happy hour on the dock during the month of April. Stay tuned for date and details.

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.

Invite a Friend to Sail is on hold for the time being. We will resume this event upon the return of the *Bay Star*.

Happy April!!



Cruises

Larry Frank, 2023 Cruise Chair

BYC Cruisers (and Racers too) are invited to participate in the 2023 CCYC Port Aransas Regatta and Ladies' Day Race. This is a two day event on the weekend of April 15/16. As the name implies the destination is the Port Aransas Marina. Information on this event has already been distributed via a Member's Blast and is available on the event website at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26078>.

This is also the link for racers to use for registration. For the racing fleet, Day 1 event is the race from the Corpus Christi Marina to Port Aransas. This is a Competition Cup and MORF cup event. Day 2 is the Ladies race return to the Corpus Christi marina.

There is no charge for Cruisers. The event includes a social and dinner hosted by CCYC after the race on Saturday at the Port Aransas Pavilion and a social Sunday at CCYC. Wrist bands will be available for Saturday dinner at \$10 each.

Whether cruising or racing, you must register using the Regatta Network link provided above. You must also make slip reservations in Port Aransas. The marina phone number is (361) 749-5429. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Port Aransas Regatta event sponsored by the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. If you drive over, I will need to know with certainty how many will be in your party so that CCYC can provide the correct amount of food. I will send out a Member's Blast the week before the event requesting a firm dinner count and announcing plans for Happy Hour. Whether Racing or Cruising this has always been a fun event.

Education "Intro to Racing"

Professor Rick Bell, 2023 Education Chair

On Saturday Morning April 8th there will be a class of "Intro to Racing in Corpus Christi Bay". This course is sponsored by Bay Yacht Club and is designed for boat owners who would like to participate in local Regattas/Wednesday Night Racing and are unsure of the various rules, policies and marks. This will prepare you for the upcoming Port Aransas Regatta and Cruise!!

Please contact me at richardebell@hotmail.com if interested. Exact time and location TBD.



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.

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

Costa Maya, Mexico

Cozumel, Mexico

Contact Royal Caribbean 866-562-7625

or

Vacations to Go 800-338-4962

Tell operator you're with the Bay Yacht Club.

BYC April Events

Every Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Poker Night. Location TBD

Saturday April 8

- Intro to Racing in Corpus Christi Bay. TBD.

Weekend April 15-16

- Port Aransas Race and Cruise.
- Ladies Race on Sunday


Tuesday April 18

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Meeting (Location TBD)

Saturday April 22

- 5:30 p.m. Spring General Membership Meeting, La Playa By The Bay, 227 N. Water Street.
- After meeting concludes, order off the menu for beverages and dinner.

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