

# The Bowsprit

Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas



**May 2023**

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## View from the Quarterdeck

*Phyllis Vaughn,  
Commodore 2023*

Thanks to all who attended the semi-annual Membership Meeting. When I sent out the plea for numbers you really came through. We had about 40 in attendance, which included Past Commodore Dean Whitsett and his wife Nancy. During the meeting you voted to increase the suggested dinner donations to \$15, approved the 2023 budget and selected three volunteers for the nominating committee. The volunteers were Rick Bell, Larry Frank and Rudy Mircovich.

This month's plans are a little up in the air. Saturday, May 6 is the Blue Angels air show. We are going to have a pier party to watch them. We have several BYC boats on "C" pier so you can do some boat hopping. The Air Show starts at 11:55 a.m. The Blue Angels fly between 2:20 and 3:30 p.m. Parking will be at a premium so it is suggested you get there as early as possible. This will be BYOB and you might consider a snack to share. Check in with the Robertsons on Brigadoon (first boat on your right as you enter the pier) and they will point out the other BYC boats. MOST IMPORTANTLY wear a BYC shirt. There will be lots of other

boaters on the pier which makes this a great recruiting opportunity. Let's show them how much fun we are.

The second weekend of May is Mothers' Day weekend so we will not have any activities. I hope all of our women have a great time, hopefully spent with family.

Bay Star will not return from the yard by the third weekend. I will see what I can do about finding a place for all of us to get together for dinner. Stay tuned.

Memorial Day weekend our Cruise Chair Larry Frank has a great event planned. I hope all of you with boats will make an effort to attend. See his article in this newsletter.

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



## Vice Commodore

*Jim Robertson*

*Bay Star* went to Aransas Marine Ways shipyard on March 30. I appreciate and extend a hearty “Thanks” to the volunteers who participated as line handlers, radiotelephone talkers, messengers and other crew for the transit.

The boat arrived about noon-thirty and by mid afternoon was hauled and blocked with yard workers scraping off the accumulated aquatic growth from the underwater hull.

The yard cleaned and sandblasted the hull from above the waterline to the chines and all over the bottom. After the blasting was finished, painters applied a coat of primer to the clean steel. This enabled a thorough examination of the hull condition. The results were not favorable.

Unknown to anyone, electrolysis has corroded the hull around the waterline and one place on the bottom near the sea chest. In some places, the hull steel is dangerously thin! Shipyard welders have cut sheet steel to size, painted it and are welding it to reinforce the affected areas. This of course has driven up the cost of the yard work, hence my recent request for donations from BYC members.

We have expended nearly all of our available and pledged funds. Yesterday I directed the yard to suspend work. They are to provide pricing on a list of tasks that we all agree must be completed before *Bay Star* can be safely launched. Treasurer Walter Crawford and I are strategizing another fund raiser while the shipyard is pricing the task list.

I am pleased to report that yesterday technicians from Evins Glass removed the plywood window covering that has graced *Bay Star's* starboard side since last fall and installed a new window.

Not only is May 6 and 7 a Buc Days / Blue Angels Weekend, Saturday is the 149<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby. Rumor has it that Mint Juleps might be available onboard our *Brigadoon II* during Saturday's “C” pier party.



## Rear Commodore

*Mary Kay Schultz*

Happy May BYC members!!

As we anxiously await the return of the *Bay Star*, let's get together Friday, May 26th to watch the Hooks whoop up on Midland!! We can meet at Brewster Street prior to the game for Happy Hour and then walk on over or drive over to Whataburger Field. I will contact the Hooks for a link where everyone can get online and pay for their tickets individually, but we can sit together. Wear your BYC shirts and bring a prospective member. I will send out an eblast in the next few days with more information.

Once I have a date for the return of the *Bay Star* we will schedule another member mixer and Invite a Friend to Sail event. See you all on May 6 for the Blue Angels airshow!!



Welcome aboard to **Keith and Carole Muhlestein**. They became members at the very end of March, too late to be welcomed in the April Bowsprit. Keith is a scientist / engineer at

TAMU-CC and Carole is employed as a Special Ed teacher at San Antonio ISD.

Their application expressed interests in day sailing, racing, cruising and fishing. Previously associated with the Astoria Oregon Yacht Club.

A big BYC **Welcome Aboard** to our newest members.



## Cruises

*Larry Frank, 2023 Cruise Chair*

The cruise for April was a bit of a bust so it is time to move on to the May cruise. The schedule shows a three-day cruise to Mud Island over the Memorial Day weekend (May 27-29). The Mud Island anchorage is in the southeastern corner of Aransas Bay on the western shore of the island and this time of year the anchorage is behind the island and in the lee of typical SE prevailing winds. From Port Aransas the approach is from the Lydia Ann Channel / Alternate Route of the Intercoastal Waterway. Another route is to follow the normal ICW through the Aransas Pass area to Rockport and then sail east across Aransas Bay. From the Corpus Christi Marina it typically takes about six hours to get to Mud Island which is why I am planning a three-day cruise. If you think you might participate please send me an email at [larryfrank@stx.rr.com](mailto:larryfrank@stx.rr.com) now so that I can make appropriate detailed plans. A graphic of the anchorage area is below.



## Racing

*Jim Zelnik  
2023 Principal Race Officer*

The Notice of Race for this year's BYC Pursuit Series has been distributed. Six races are scheduled; one Saturday per month beginning May 20, and culminating October 21. Registration is open to all boats that hold a South Texas PHRF rating or apply for a provisional rating from the principal race officer.

This is a great opportunity for those who may not own a sailboat but would enjoy getting out on the water! Skippers always need crew for one reason or another. These races are low key but very competitive. Pursuit races are unique because each boat starts the race at a time determined by their time-on-distance handicap and the distance of the race course. The slowest boat (highest handicap) starts first with the faster boats (lower handicaps) "in pursuit." The winner of each race is the boat that crosses the finish line first. Therefore, throughout the race, the objective is to catch and pass the boat ahead while keeping in front of those behind.

If you would like to participate as crew on a boat, please contact me, and I'll contact skippers who may have a spot(s) open. Additionally, if there is interest, we may include a non-rated cruising class for those boats that want to sail the course and compete amongst themselves.

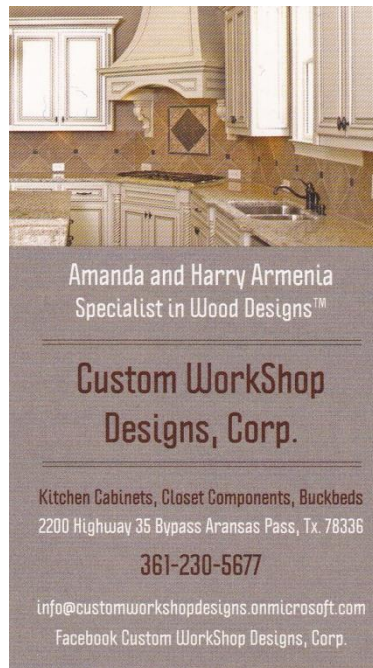
See you on the water!

**For the land cruisers,** Judy Crawford announced a trip to Pioneer RV River Resort in Bandera the first weekend in June. The resort is near downtown. Lots of restaurants and shops nearby. Bandera Market Days will be Saturday, June 3 from 9-4.

The RV park has a pool. For those who don't have an RV but would like to join us for a fun weekend the park has rentals; a travel trailer and a caboose that each sleep two and tiny homes that sleep 4.

Arrive Friday and plan to stay until Tuesday or Wednesday if you can. Call 1-866-371-3751 for reservations. Check out the RV Park and local restaurants and activities at <https://pioneerriverresort.com/prr/>

This promises to be fun time in the Cowboy Capital of the World.



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## BYC May Events

**Every Monday**

- 7:00 p.m. Poker Night.

**Saturday May 6**

- 12:00 to 3:30 wings over South Texas  
Air show.
- Pier party on "C" pier.

**Sunday May 14**

- Mother's Day

**Saturday May 20**

- BYC Pursuit Series #1

**Tuesday May 23**

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Meeting

**Weekend May 27 - 29**

- Cruise to Mud Island anchorage

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