

# The Bowsprit

Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas



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## View from the Quarterdeck

*Phyllis Vaughn,  
Commodore 2023*

July is going to be a busy month. It kicks off with a cruise to the breakwater where we will play and show off our Burgees. Hopefully other marina boaters will see how much fun we are having and want to be a part of BYC.

A huge THANK YOU to the Clarks for hosting us at their house for a pool party on the 4<sup>th</sup>. It's free as always and for the whole family. They will have large ice chests to accommodate your BYOBs. Hope to see a large crowd. Don't forget the sun screen.

It looks like Bay Star will be coming home sometime around the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be on the lookout for a members blast asking for volunteers to help with the process. It takes a lot of people both on the boat and on land to get her settled in her new home on E dock. Then we can get back into full swing with functions on the boat.

Once Bay Star is back in the marina, we will start up our Saturday night dinners. Please be prepared to volunteer to cook. I need someone to step up to help with the Dinner

Belle duties. It's really not that hard and I will help.

Looking forward to August, we will be hosting the Navy Regatta Registration Party on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be getting a list out the middle of this month on what foods we need. This is an all hands on deck event. There will be lots of active duty military on board (with hollow legs) as well as all the sailors and their crews.

It's so exciting to get our club back. Make sure you let Jim Robertson and Walter Crawford know how much we appreciate all the blood, sweat and tears that have gone into this overhaul project. They really went over and above this time and I will be eternally grateful.





## Vice Commodore

*Jim Robertson*

Based on our visit to the shipyard Wednesday June 28, Walter and I are reasonably confident we'll get the *Bay Star* back sometime during the week of July 10.

All welding has been completed. The hull is solid. Tasks remaining are: sandblasting and priming all the raw steel, taping protective plastic sheet over the windows to prevent paint overspray, painting the bottom anti-fouling and topsides white paint, installing the prop shafts (with new cutlass bearings and dripless packing glands) and propellers. After all the bottom painting is done, new and larger sacrificial zinc anodes will be installed, many more than were on the hull before this haul-out.

Painting is of course wind and humidity dependent. Too much of each is a bad thing. Under perfect conditions, the yard manager says all this should take no more than four or five days. But in July wind and humidity in this neck of the woods are never perfect.



## Rear Commodore

*Mary Kay Schultz*

BYC Members!! I am so excited that the *Bay Star* will be returning in July and we can all get together more regularly. We will continue to off-site membership mixers to encourage people outside the BYC to inquire about the club, sailing and membership. On-site and new member mixers will resume, too. Our first event will be an open house on the *Bay Star* for all members, prospective members and marina residents and boat owners. Once I know the date of return I will create some flyers to post around the marina. I could use some help with passing out flyers once we have a hard date.

Invite a Friend to Sail will resume and a date will be determined shortly.

We had some good off-site mixers playing Bingo at Nueces Brewing and attending the Hooks game after happy hour at Brewster Street Icehouse. More fun is in store for the summer!

Looking forward to the happy hour (5-ish to 7:30) this Friday, June 30 at the Seaman's Center, 1501 N Mesquite St. Bring a snack to share as they do not serve food. This will be followed by the Cruise to the Breakwater organized by Larry Frank and then Fourth of July Celebration organized by the Social Committee (Thank you Glenda Zelnik) and hosted by Kathy and Dave Clark.

Thank you to Phyllis Vaughn for organizing dinners during the *Bay Star's* absence! All of these outings help keep membership thriving!

Happy July!!



## Cruises

*Larry Frank, 2023 Cruise Chair*

**July 1 Cruise to the Breakwater:** on Saturday July 1 we will cruise to the Corpus Christi Marina breakwater and anchor in the protected lee of the rocks. The plan is to get as many BYC boats as possible flying the BYC Burgee and attracting attention to generate potential new members who observe us. We will party, swim, have the music cranked up and generally have a good time. The festivities will begin around 1:00 PM and continue as long as we want them too. Carla and I will take as many BYC members who do not have a boat as we can carry on *WindSwept*. The boat has a large cockpit Bimini so there will be some shade. We will depart from and return to our slip in the Marina. I plan on taking my inflatable dinghy for transportation between host boats or to the boat ramp dock as needed. I have a couple of other host boats lined up and hope to add to the armada as the week goes on. Please email me at [larryfrank@stx.rr.com](mailto:larryfrank@stx.rr.com) if you want to be a host boat or need to be matched up with a host boat for the afternoon. Feel free to invite potential members. Its BYOB.

**June Cruise Scorched:** In my 25 years as a member of BYC I have seen cruises affected by cold, rain, too much wind and tropical storms but never by the kind of heat and humidity that has plagued us for the entire month of June. As a result, we did not have anyone sail over to Ingleside Cove for the June 24-25 cruise. We did however have a few members gather for a BBQ dinner and live music at the Sunset Hideaway located at Bahia Marina.

**Navy Regatta for Cruisers:** I have bad news regarding the August cruise which was to coincide with the Navy Regatta August 5-6 at NAS Corpus Christi. All races will start and finish at or near the city marina. Party and awards ceremonies will be at CCYC. There will be no anchoring overnight at the NAS. According to the soon-to-be-published Notice of Race, the cruising option is to register as non-spinnaker "B" fleet. This provides an opportunity for owners of yachts that are more cruise friendly than race friendly to host active duty military on your boat for the Saturday race and Sunday military challenge.

The next club cruise is scheduled for Labor Day weekend as a two-day event in Little Bay near Rockport.



**Racing**  
*Jim Zelnik*  
2023 *Principal Race Officer*

**Congratulations to BYC member Cory Harding for**



finishing first place in the J-24 Surfin' Safari held June 24 and 25. His crew aboard "Happy Dance" resoundingly beat 12 other J-24s over this two-day event. Well done!!

The second of six races for the 2023 BYC Pursuit Series was held Saturday, June 17. Wind and weather both cooperated. *Thresher* (Doug Weakly) finished first in the All-Sails fleet. *Windswept* (Larry Frank) took the honors in the non-spin "A" fleet as did *Brigadoon* (Jim Robertson) in the all-sails "B" fleet.

The next race in the Series will be held Saturday, July 22.

See you on the water!



# BYC July Events

## Every Monday

- 7 p.m. Poker Night Peoples Street Boater's Facility

## Saturday July 1

- 1:00 p.m. to ??? Cruise to the Breakwater.

## Tuesday July 4


- 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. Independence Day party at Kathy and David Clark's home. 344 Bay Shore Drive.

## Tuesday July 18

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Meeting.

## Saturday July 22

- BYC Pursuit Series Race #3



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