

The Bowsprit

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View from the Quarterdeck

*Phyllis Vaughn,
Commodore 2023*

Welcome home *Bay Star*!! Now we can get back to having fun.

Whenever you see Walt Crawford or Jim Robertson make sure you give them a big thank you for all the blood, sweat and tears they put into the boat overhaul.

I'd also like to thank Mary Kay Schulz for organizing the Open House on Fri, the 28th. It was a huge success. We had many visitors from the marina resulting in two new members and several who showed interest. Great job Mary Kay.

The next event on board is Friday, Aug. 4th. The Navy Regatta Registration Party will begin at 6:00. If you have signed up to bring food, please have it on board as close to 5:00 as possible. Remember quantity is important. The Navy has really been encouraging active duty people to sign up. I would not be surprised to see a hundred people come through.

On Saturday the 12th our Social Chair, Glenda Zelnik is planning a big celebration for *Bay Star*'s homecoming. See the article on page 3.

The final two Saturdays in August will be our normal dinners. Remember, you voted at the April General Membership to increase the suggested donation to \$15 a plate. I am in need of cooks for both days. Please contact me if you would be willing to cook. With our membership numbers down there aren't as many people in the pool of cooks. If you don't call me you can count on me calling you.

Please do not forget that our nominating committee is actively looking for people to fill Board positions for the 2024 club year. I encourage you to review the article on page 3 and consider volunteering if there is a slot you believe you could fill.

Looking forward to seeing everybody on E Dock



Vice Commodore

Jim Robertson

The *Bay Star* is BACK. She was returned to People's Street T Head Tuesday, July 25. A series of delays at the shipyard caused a very late departure. She didn't arrive at her berth on E pier until about 6:45 p.m.

You may view the arrival on this Channel 3 news clip <https://youtube.com/watch?v=YIPTdwch67E&feature=share>.

The trip home will be memorable for our Captain Pete Meyer. About 10 minutes after leaving the shipyard the boat's steering lost hydraulic pressure. Cap'n Pete used the twin props and bow thruster to guide Bay Star down the ICW and across the bay. The bay crossing was rough due to our typical high afternoon wind. Once near E pier, Cap'n Pete nestled Bay Star to her berth as gently as a falling leaf lands on the grass.

I appreciate the delivery crew's patience at the shipyard. Most waited in their vehicles (air conditioning) from 1:00 p.m. until they were finally permitted to board the boat before departure.

My subjective impressions of our new berth? The downsides: Parking is congested and less convenient. Can't see MORF Wednesday race starts. The upside? The boat's physical tie-up is a huge improvement. She is side tied to a floating pier rather than a concrete bulkhead. No need to worry about adjusting dock lines for storm events or extreme tidal ranges. No need to worry about relocating to a floating pier in the event of a tropical disturbance. Access from pier to boat is improved. There will be no need for the occasional struggle up a steep gang way at extreme high tides. Movement of the boat is minimal; she is no longer buffeted by wind driven waves. She is behind a security fence which minimizes the opportunity for malicious mischief. The stroll from parking and down the pier to the boat contributes to our BYC member wellness and fitness program.

A BYC dock cart is on the foredeck. Please return it after use so it doesn't end up in the cart corral at the head of the pier.



Bareboat Charter

Lori Stoner

2023 Bareboat Charter to BVI's is October 29 through November 5.

For more information, please call me or Sunsail at 1-888-644-2327!



Cruises

Larry Frank, 2023 Cruise Chair

The "Cruise to the Breakwater" Saturday July 1 was an enjoyable event. *Brigadoon*, *Windswept* and *Restless* showed up to anchor across from the Lawrence Street T head. We went swimming, listened to music and enjoyed snacks and beverages. *Windswept* had her dinghy deployed for transport between the anchored boats. The wind, which was pleasant (read: didn't blow your hair off) made for a surprisingly cool experience when under the shade of a cockpit Bimini. Every boat was flying their BYC Burgee. Not sure how much attention we attracted but everyone had fun.

For several reasons this has not been a particularly good year for BYC's Cruising program, primarily because of the relentless, intolerable heat. Let's hope this weather pattern breaks by Labor Day Weekend when the next cruise is scheduled.

The plan is a cruise to Little Bay September 2-4. Plans can change especially when it comes to boating so stay tuned for updates. That said, plan on taking your boat somewhere at least for one night! Little Bay is an all-weather anchorage located just northeast of the Rockport municipal marina. It is bordered by the Key Allegro housing development on the Aransas Bay side, so it is very protected. There once was a nice marina there, also called Key Allegro, however Harvey destroyed it and as far as I know nothing has been rebuilt.



Summer Social

Glenda Zelnik

Please join us for a Summer Social on Saturday evening August 12. The Social Committee plans an enjoyable dinner to celebrate the return of *Bay Star* to the CC marina. RSVPs requested by Thursday August 10. Stay tuned for additional information via membersblast as plans firm up.

Election of Officers; Nominating Committee

The following Nominating Committee members, selected by the Board of Directors and General Membership, are engaged in filling a slate of candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors.

Members are:

- Rick Bell
- John Stoner
- Larry Frank
- Rudy Mircovich
- Judy Crawford

Qualifications for Office:

- Hold an active membership in good standing for minimum one year.
- Active in club affairs during the prior year.
- May not be nominated for more than one office.
- Willing to serve; provide a statement of qualification for publication in the September Bowsprit.
- Prior board experience highly recommended for the Commodore's position.

Any member interested in being considered as a candidate for Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer or Director (2 positions) is encouraged to contact one of the Nominating Committee members listed above.



Racing

Jim Zelnik
2023 Principal Race Officer

The third race of the BYC Series was June 22. All boats found ideal sailing conditions despite the hot sun.

Thresher (Doug Weakley) sailed to a first place finish in the All Sails fleet, his third in a row. *Wings* (Ed Bonner) took first in the 150 Class A Fleet while *Waypoint* (Neil Gallagher) took first in the 150 Class B Fleet. The 150 Fleets have seen different boats finish first making the series interim results a virtual toss-up. The boats in the All Sails Fleet are also very competitive with all boats within 2 points for second place. Race #4 is scheduled for August 19.

Supporters are encouraged to come out and enjoy the races from the deck of the *Bay Star*. The race finishes are especially exciting as the fleets come together and the boats vie for line honors.

The Navy Regatta is the next big event scheduled for August 4, 5, & 6. Friday evening, August 4, BYC will host the registration party aboard the *Bay Star*. Several BYC skippers and crew will be participating in the racing Saturday and Sunday. This is a great opportunity to develop your skills, enjoy sailing in a large fleet, and honoring our citizen soldiers who are on active military service. It's not too late to sign up. Registration and Race Documents at [2023 61st Navy Regatta \(Navy Base and Military Challenge Cup Races\) : Corpus Christi Yacht Club \(regattanetwork.com\)](https://www.regattanetwork.com/2023-61st-Navy-Regatta-Navy-Base-and-Military-Challenge-Cup-Races)

See you on the water!



A big BYC WELCOME ABOARD to new members Dwight & Susan Burdick and Chris Bracken. Chris and the Burdicks live in Corpus Christi. Give them a warm welcome when you meet.

BYC August Events

Every Monday

- 7 p.m. Poker Night on board the Bay Star.

Every Wednesday

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

Friday August 4

- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Navy Regatta Crew Assignment Party onboard Bay Star.

Saturday and Sunday August 5 -6

- Navy Regatta / Military Challenge Cup. Registration and Race Documents at [2023 61st Navy Regatta \(Navy Base and Military Challenge Cup Races\) : Corpus Christi Yacht Club \(regattanetwork.com\)](#)

Tuesday August 15

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Meeting.

Saturday August 12

- 6:00 p.m. Bay Star Homecoming social

Saturday August 19

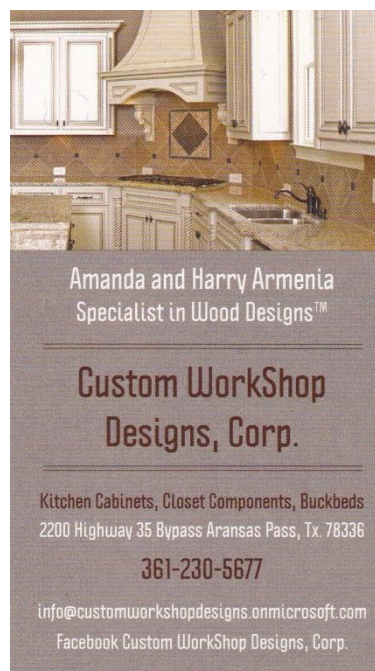
- BYC Pursuit Series Race #4
- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Saturday August 6

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

Sunday August 20

- 9:00 a.m. Invite-A-Friend to Sail day (tentative).

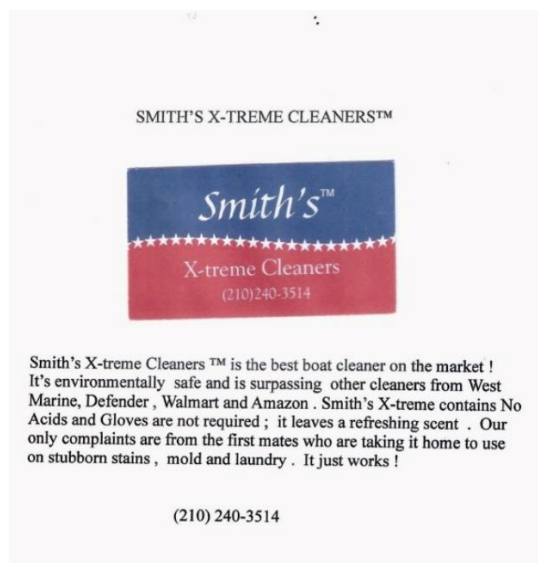


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