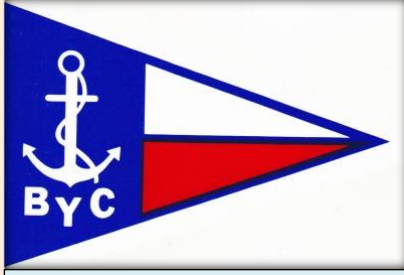


# The Bowsprit

Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas



**September 2023**

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## View from the Quarterdeck

*Phyllis Vaughn,  
Commodore 2023*

The Navy Regatta has come and gone. It was a huge success. Thanks for all the hard work put in by so many members. There was the setup of furniture, all the food provided, help in the kitchen and cleanup. There are too many people to list but know you are appreciated.

There were about 100 attendees for the Friday night Registration Party.

Racing on Saturday and Sunday proved to be successful for our members as well. On Saturday, first place Class A non-spin went to Steve Indrelunas. Steve finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall after Sunday's race losing 1<sup>st</sup> overall on a tie-breaker. In non-spin B Fleet Larry Frank was 1<sup>st</sup>, Chuck Pirce was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jim Robertson 3<sup>rd</sup> overall after both races. Cory

Harding was 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the J/24 Fleet.

It feels so good to be back to our normal activities which started off with a welcome home celebration hosted by our Social Chair, Glenda Zelnik. She arranged for use of the Bay Star's formal dinnerware and served everyone. It was an elegant welcome home for the *Bay Star*. Thanks for all you do Glenda.

I'm in the process of filling up the October calendar with cooks. Please let me know if you are willing to cook. If I don't hear from you I will probably be calling you.

Looking forward to seeing everybody on E Dock



## Vice Commodore

*Jim Robertson*

The *Bay Star* has been back from the shipyard for just over a month. The facilities committee worked diligently in August to fine tune our berthing arrangement on pier E. The boat was moved a few feet to better align with the shore power pedestal and dock cleats. An air leak in the black water tank discharge pipe made it impossible to draw a suction on the line and empty the tank. That has been repaired. Dock lines were relocated and adjusted to take advantage of all available cleats. I'm reasonable assured we have the dock lines correct. Bay Star weathered the very high wind from Tropical Storm Harold with no issues. We do have a leak around the exterior door to the galley. This leak is not news. It plagued us at the other dock. The threshold requires replacing. Repair is on the list.

I have a punch list of items we have requested the shipyard make right. Working on these issues with Aransas Marine Ways.

Please allow me to express my thanks to the Facilities Committee members who have volunteered to help me do the Vice Commodore heavy lifting: In no particular order, members are:

- Dave Clark
- Walter Crawford (Chief Engineer)
- Larry Frank
- Tim Grace
- Carlos Haney
- Jim Zelnik

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



## Rear Commodore

*Mary Kay Schultz*

Happy September!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Invite a Friend to Sail. It was a wonderful day on the water. We had several new members participate and had some prospective members sail along with us.

I am hoping to have one more sailing trip in November. I am planning a new member mixer, holiday open house and membership drive-dates and venues TBD, Here's to cooler temperatures and seeing everyone back on board the Bay Star!



## Cruises

*Larry Frank, 2023 Cruise Chair*

The Labor Day Cruise was heavily modified, but we did it. While the plan was to anchor out in Little Bay near Rockport for two nights, once again the probable participants agreed that it was still uncomfortably hot for such a plan. Instead, Rick Bell was generous and offered to host a happy hour on **Biggles** and so we cruised to R Pier. John Stoner moved Restless over from C Pier and joined the festivities by boat. We had a good crowd of current and past members and some other guests on **Biggles** Saturday afternoon for drinks, sandwiches, and assorted finger food.

The next cruise is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. The calendar has Rockport or Fulton as the destination; however, I may change it to an anchor out location as the weather should finally be good for such an event and we really have not had a good anchor out cruise yet in 2023. I will send out a membersblast as the date gets closer.

## New URL for Bay Yacht Club Website

The host for our old BYC website (bayyachtclub.org) folded like a cheap suit and went out of business rather unexpectedly last month, potentially leaving the club with no web presence as of August 31.

Member Jane Scott came to the rescue and in a matter of weeks found a new host and created a new web site for the club. She was forced to begin from scratch. Getting content from the old host was / is a time consuming process. The new URL for the BYC web pages is [www.ccbyc.org](http://www.ccbyc.org). This is a work in process.

Thanks to Jane for her quick work. BYC is blessed to have members with diverse technical skills such as Jane's.

Members may update the BYC URL on your favorites bar and enjoy the new web pages. @ccbyc.org is now the root for club emails such as [membersblast@ccbyc.org](mailto:membersblast@ccbyc.org). Members may need to update their email contacts lists.



A big BYC WELCOME ABOARD to new members who joined BYC since publication of the August Bowsprit.

In no particular order:

- Ulysses Botello, a student member.
- John and Debbie Kelsey
- Loa Ma'o
- Bob and Suzanne Harrold
- Rory and Jen Haas

Please give them a warm BYC welcome when you meet and make them feel like family, because that's what they are!



## Racing

*Jim Zelnik*

*2023 Principal Race Officer*

The fourth race of the BYC Series was held August 19. 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 fourth in a row. *Wings* (Ed Bonner) took first in the 150 Class, A Fleet, while *Windswept* (Larry Frank) 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 3 points for second place. The competitors enjoyed the post-race awards aboard the *Bay Star*.

Race #5 is scheduled for September 16. 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.

With respect to the Navy Regatta, CCYC hosted with BYC assist the 61<sup>st</sup> Navy Regatta honoring our active-duty military and their families. This year Rockport Yacht Club supplied safety boats and race committee support.

Events like the Navy Regatta do not happen successfully without a huge assist by sponsors to help defray the cost of running the regatta, volunteers to coordinate shore based issues, on-the-water race committee team members for mark-set, safety and small boat support and the committee boat crew for race management and scoring.

Twenty two boat owners and crews volunteered their vessels and time over the weekend. Every military member who wanted to sail was able along with some family members. Thank you to those who volunteered, prepped, and sailed your boats for the weekend. A lot of crew work goes into prepping to host our military members onboard. Thank You.

This year in addition to race awards, there was a Navy Regatta Shirt/Hat challenge, with a prize awarded to the person wearing the oldest Navy Regatta Shirt and/or hat. The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Martha Respondek 33<sup>rd</sup> Navy Regatta 1995  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Mathis 34<sup>th</sup> Navy Regatta 1996

Thanks to all who participated!



See you on the water!

## 2024 Executive Board Nominees

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for 2024. Other members who meet the qualifications may be nominated from the floor during the Fall General Membership Meeting. Please ask if your floor nominee will serve before nominating he or she at the General Meeting.

Commodore	Jim Robertson
Vice Commodore	Jim Zelnik
Rear Commodore	Mary Kay Schultz
Secretary	Rebecca Pinion
Treasurer	Walter Crawford
Director 2024-	Rick Bell
2025	Carlos Haney

2023-2024 Directors Michelle King and Kathy Clark will continue to serve in 2024.

Statements of qualifications for each nominee will be published in the October Bowsprit.

## BYC September 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.

### Thursday, Sep 7

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Meeting

### Saturday September 9

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

### Saturday September 16

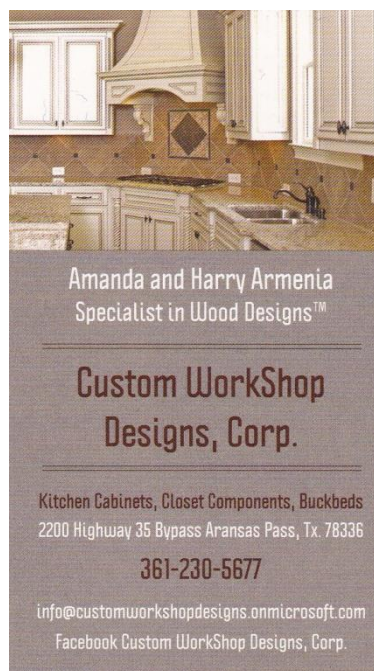
- 10:30 BYC Series #5 Race
- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

### Saturday September 23

- 5:30 p.m. CCYC Bill Best Night Regatta
- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

### Saturday September 30

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

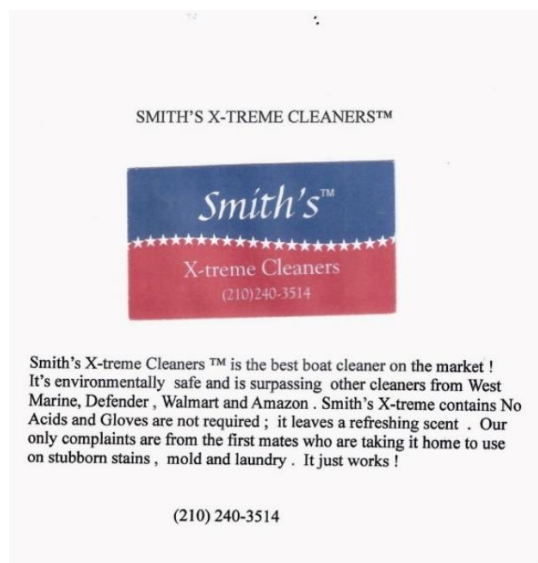


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### Deck Before and After

