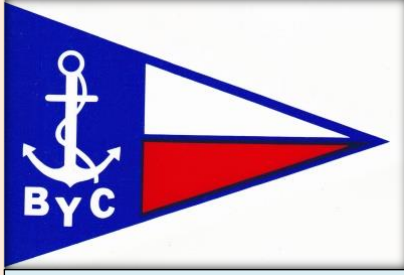


The Bowsprit

Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas



**October - November
2023**

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View from the Quarterdeck

*Phyllis Vaughn,
Commodore 2023*

Where has the time gone? Are we really starting off the holiday season?

We have two major events in October. The first is our semi-annual membership meeting on the 21st. I want to really encourage everyone to attend, especially the new members. While it is true that you must be a member for at least six months in order to vote, attending the meeting is a great way to learn about the inner workings of the Club. The meeting starts at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by Happy Hour at 6:00 and a catered dinner at 7:00.

The second momentous occasion will be the October 28 Halloween social put on by our social chair, Glenda Zelnik. You know it's going to be a good party if Glenda plans it. Costumes are encouraged but not required, so put on your thinking cap and come up with a creative costume.

Mary Kay Schultz, our Rear Commodore in charge of membership has planned a New Member mixer for Friday evening October 13th. There is more

information about this in her article on page 2. Please plan to attend and have a chance to get to know our new members. We have been very fortunate in gaining several since we came back from dry dock. Good job Mary Kay!

In November, the Saturday after Thanksgiving we will gather about noon for a Pot Luck (left overs) lunch. Following the meal, we will decorate the club for Christmas. It is tradition for members to add an ornament representing your family, or boat. I'd like to encourage our new members to do so. Hopefully you can add your name or boat name to it. For our longer term members (notice I didn't say older members), if your existing ornament has seen better days, consider replacing it.

Hope to see you soon on Bay Star



Vice Commodore

Jim Robertson

In 2022, former Attorney General William Barr published a memoir titled “*One Damn Thing After Another*”, which he said pretty much described his experience as the nation’s top law enforcement official. In September, there was one damn thing after another in *Bay Star’s* maintenance.

Dave Clark showed up on the 12th for weekly maintenance and discovered 6 inches or more water in the engine room. He sent a SOS and several members quickly responded to assist. The culprit was a leaking sea water line to the galley air conditioner. The emergency response team repaired the line and de-watered the bilge. Fortunately, nothing was damaged but there is a considerable mess to clean up. Our chief engineer Walter Crawford is working on design of a high water cut out switch to secure power to the sea water pump in case a similar incident happens again.

As noted in the September Bowsprit, the galley door leaks rainwater. This is not a new problem. I located and installed a new gasket for the door threshold thinking that would do the trick. It did not. On to Plan B.

During the last two weeks of September, *Bay Star* was invaded by a pestilence of gnats or fruit flies. Who knows how they managed to get into the boat. Several consecutive days of chemical warfare (safe for humans) followed by a thorough clean-up seems to have solved the problem.

On 25 September, Jim Zelnik was performing the weekly maintenance and discovered the engine room battery chargers were not operating. The 110 volt receptacle they were plugged into was without volts. Turns out this receptacle is controlled by another receptacle which had a tripped ground fault interrupt. Reset the GFI and restored power. Also learned something new about AC power in the engine room.

I have arranged for the carpets in *Bay Star* to be thoroughly cleaned on Friday October 27. Please don’t plan on using the club until late in the day, if at all.

I got a chuckle out of this meme.

Perhaps you will also.



Rear Commodore

Mary Kay Schultz

Happy Fall BYC members!! Although the weather isn't showing any signs of cooling off, we know that good things are just around the corner...Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hannukah, etc. With that in mind, we also have some fun events planned for our membership:

There will be a new member mixer on Friday, October 13th. It will be great fun. 5:30 pm is start time for all new members and board members. We will have an orientation of the *Bay Star*, board members will give an overview of the club operation and history and we will present new member burgees. I’m inviting all hands to join us at 6:30 for happy hour and munchies. I will get more information out the week before the event.

Sunday November 5th is our next Invite a Friend to Sail Event. Start time is 9 am. Details to follow

December 9th - Holiday open house. All marina tenants, guests of members and prospective members are welcome to attend. 5:30 start time. This is also a pot luck happy hour.

December 16th is our annual Christmas Party. Happy Hour starts at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. We will have a gift exchange (bring something you would like to have if it is the last gift left on the table)with a min \$25 gift. This is optional, but it is always a lot of fun!!

Should be a fun end to the year with dinners, cruises, socials and membership functions. I look forward to seeing everyone very soon!



Cruises

Larry Frank, 2023 Cruise Chair

The extreme heat and humidity, lack of suitable marina space, and boats and people out for repair has made it a difficult cruising season for BYC. However, I am the eternal optimist and not ready to abandon ship yet. Assuming Greek gods Zeus and Poseidon look favorable upon our little cruising program we will have a cruise to Shamrock Cove October 14-15. WindSwept will be the host boat and provide dinghy service as needed. Please make sure you save the dates on your calendar. Note this is a change from the original location of Rockport or Fulton. I will provide additional details via member blasts. Normally there is not a cruise in November or December because of the holidays and other events at this time of year. Since we have had such a poor cruising season, I am willing to try to add one to the schedule if there is interest. Please forward your ideas to me.



Halloween Social

*Glenda Zelnik
2023 Social Chair*

Mark your calendars for the annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28. Dinner will be served, and there will be surprise activities for all to enjoy. Costumes are encouraged, but not mandatory. However, prizes for the best dressed will be awarded – if we can recognize you!



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

In no particular order:

- Garrett & Theresa Dorsey
- Tom & Holly Schmidt
- Chris McMillan
- Scott and Alba McMillan

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 fifth race of the BYC Series was held September 16. All boats found light winds making for a challenging race. The 150 Fleet has 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 three boats within a point for third place. The final race will determine the trophy standings for the series when the final scores are calculated.

The final race in the series will be held on October 21. 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 trophy presentations for the series will be held aboard the *Bay Star* at the conclusion of the race.

The Turkey Day Regatta is scheduled for November 18, which is the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving. This Regatta is a Competition/MORF Cup event, attracting a relatively large number of entries. Three races are planned to be held in Corpus Christi Bay. The Notice of Race will provide more details including registration information and schedule for the day.

See you on the water!

BYC October and November 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.

Saturday October 7

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

Tuesday, Oct 10

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Meeting

Friday, Oct 13

- **5:30** – Mixer for new members and BOD.
- **6:30** - Social time for all members, new and not-new.

Weekend October 14-15

- Cruise to Shamrock Cove

Saturday October 21

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

Saturday October 28

- 6:00 p.m. Halloween Social

Saturday November 4

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

Sunday November 5

- 9:00 a.m. Invite a Friend to Sail

Saturday November 11

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

Saturday November 18

- Turkey Day Regatta
- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

November 22 - 26

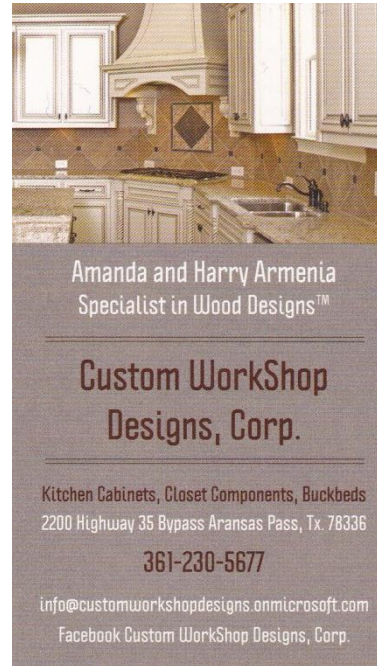
- Land cruise Pioneer RV Resort, Bandera (POC Judy Crawford)

Saturday November 25

- 12:00 noon Pot Luck lunch
- Decorate *Bay Star* for the holidays

Saturday December 2

Harbor Lights lighted boat parade.
Dinner on *Bay Star*

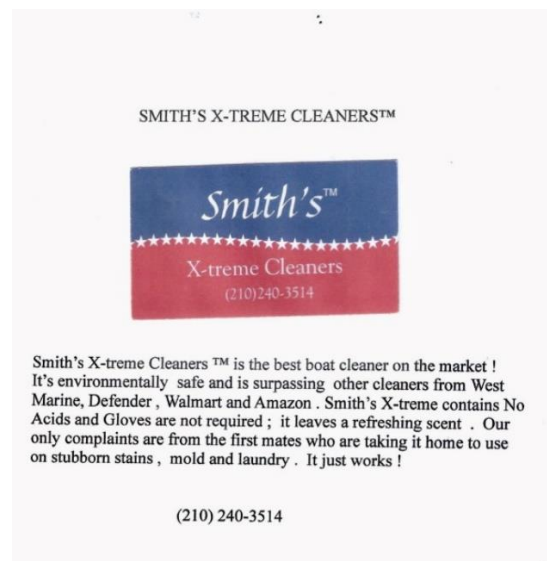


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Boat mat Before and After

