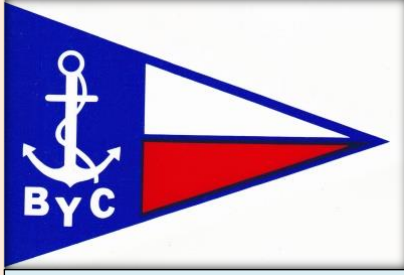


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Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas



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View from the Quarterdeck

*Phyllis Vaughn,
Commodore 2023*

The end of 2023 is upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me the honor of serving as your Commodore.

This past year we have had lots of ups and down but pulling together BYC is doing well. I consider the BYC my family and have since joining in 1985. I'm leaving you in good hands with an excellent Board for next year, Please give them the support you gave this year.

I would like to thank all those who served as chairs of our various committees and those who helped them. If I tried to name each of you I would probably leave someone out but you know who you are, I can't begin to express my appreciation for all you have done. You are the ones who keep us going and provide all the fun.

Last but probably the most important are all who have volunteered to cook for our dinners. This really the glue that keeps us together. I encourage everyone to step up and make next year's Dinner Belle's job easier.

The "Change of Command" and awards banquet will be January 13, 2024 at the Holiday Inn Airport, 5549 Leopard Street. That's the same place we had our banquet last year. The venue has completed a major facelift since then. Happy hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m.. Following dinner, we will proceed to swearing in of the 2024 Board of Directors and presentation of awards for 2023 activities. There will be more information on this event later. Put it on your calendars now.

Here's to all having a blessed Holiday season and looking forward to a fabulous 2024



Vice Commodore

Jim Robertson

The glass in both forward entry doors and the window has been replaced. Decal application will be completed as soon as they are received from the vendor.

On Thursday October 12, Aransas Marine Ways sent a mechanic and a painter to correct a substantial number of items on our shipyard overhaul punch list, including the faulty turbocharger on the port propulsion engine. In the process of checking engine performance, we discovered that the starter motor on this engine will require removal and rewinding before we can start the engine. The Treasurer short-paid the final invoice from AMW pending resolution of other punch list items and our member's work to rectify the disconnected black water holding tank pump out hoses.

Bay Star's carpet has been thoroughly cleaned.

On behalf of the entire membership. I will express appreciation to Andy Horner who donated the new fender you see protecting the aft starboard side of Bay Star.

In October, the membership approved acquisition of a satellite TV receiver system for Bay Star. Commodore Phyllis and Treasurer Walter made it happen. An antenna on the roof and independent receivers up and down. Can you say NCAA and NFL sports? YES!

The traditional **New Year's Eve party hosted by the Vice Commodore will occur Sunday evening, December 31.** Last year's event was a lot of fun. This year promises to be better than ever! I will send an eVite soon. Please RSVP to the eVite no later than Monday, December 18. If an insufficient number of members sign up to attend, the event may be canceled. Please RSVP early to allow everyone to confirm their New Year's Eve Party plans. Guests are welcome, and the usual dinner and beverage donation applies.



Rear Commodore

Mary Kay Schultz

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday!!!

Reminders.

December 9th- Holiday open house. 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 gift valued between \$20 and \$25. 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!



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

In no particular order:

- Justin and Jessica England. **Jessica has volunteered to be our 2024 Dinner Belle.**
- Vince Doyle and Lilliana Kirsch
- Tom and Toni Kane

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

2024 Executive Board and Committee Chairs

During the October General Membership meeting the following members were elected to serve in positions indicated for 2024.

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

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

The Commodore elect is filling positions for the following committee chairs. If one of these opportunities tickles your fancy, please reach out to Jim and discuss. BYCViceCommodore@cbyc.org

- Beverages (a helper for John Stoner)
- Cruising (on the water)
- Cruising (on the land)
- Education
- Socials
- Bowsprit Editor



BYC is again collecting for the annual Toys For Tots campaign. The toy box is set up in the club. Please bring your unwrapped new toys to the Harbor Lights party this Saturday or the Holiday Open House on the 9th. The last chance will be the Christmas party on the 16th as toys must be turned in on the 18th. Can't make the parties? Then just drop off sometime during the week. Let's put some smiles on kid's faces



Racing
Jim Zelnik
2023 Principal Race Officer

The final race in the BYC Pursuit Series was held on October 21. Trophy presentations for the series were held aboard the Bay Star at the conclusion of the race. In the All Sails fleet, Thresher (D. Weakly) took 1st place, Defying Gravity (R. Kelley) 2nd place, and Zapp (J. Adams) claimed third place.

The Non-Spinnaker Fleet A saw Wings (E. Bonner) claim 1st place with Brigadoon II (J. Robertson) taking second place. The Non-Spinnaker Fleet B was very competitive with Mental Floss (T. Pynckel) edging out Windswept (L. Frank) for 1st place for the final race and the Series. Waypoint (N. Gallagher) took third place on the day and for the Series.

The Turkey Day Regatta occurred November 18. This Regatta is a Competition/MORF Cup event, and attracted a total of nine boats. Two races were held under challenging conditions in Corpus Christi Bay. Defying Gravity (R. Kelley) won 1st place in the All Sails Fleet. Second place was Honey Badger (T. Kane), and Kinderspel 2 (J. Bell) was the third place boat. First place in the Non-Spinnaker Fleet was Independence (S. Indrelunas). Second place was Windswept (L. Frank), while Constellation (D. Herrington) took third place.

BYC Commercial Cruise with Royal Caribbean *Lori Stoner*

March 4 thru 9, 2024.

Departing from Galveston. We will go to Costa Maya and Cozumel.

We have 6 members signed up so far and would love as many to go as possible. There is something for everyone on these cruises ! To reserve your stateroom please call.

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BYC December 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 December 1

- 6:00 p.m. Soup Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Illuminated Boat Parade

Tuesday December 5

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Meeting

Saturday December 9

- CCYC Barry Brown Frostbite Regatta
- 5:30 p.m. Holiday Open House for marina tenants, guests and prospective members. Pot luck happy hour.

Saturday September 16

Rear Commodore's Christmas Party

- 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner followed by gift exchange.

Monday, December 25


Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 31

Vice Commodore's New Years party

Monday, January 1

- 11:00 a.m. Past Commodore's complimentary New Year brunch.
- 1:30 p.m. Remove holiday decorations from club.
- 1:30 p.m. 2024 event calendaring meeting of BOD and select committee chairs.

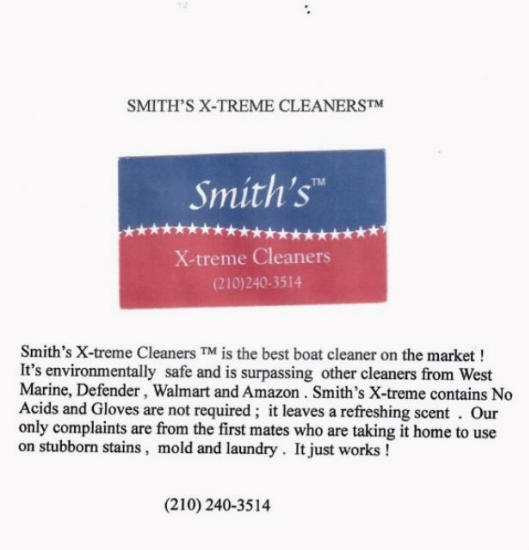


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