



## THE COMMODORE'S COLUMN

by Dave Walls

Our Building Committee has made a decision as to which floor plan they will suggest for our building expansion. A drawing of this plan is posted on the bulletin board. Please look at it and give us some feedback on your thoughts and ideas. We need your input.

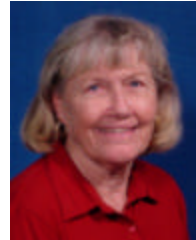
On Father's Day we were reflecting on how fast time goes by. It was just yesterday we had two babies, 15 months apart, and we were trying to learn to be good parents. By the time we felt like we had learned, our children were grown. That is how the volunteer jobs are here at the Yacht Club. By the time you learn what you are supposed to do, it is over. You look back and you realize that you are glad you volunteered when asked but like parenting, wish you had known then what you know now, so you could do a better job.

Very soon I will be appointing a Nominating Committee to assist in finding members who will step up when asked to serve on the 2006 Board of Directors. I ask each of you to consider it. We are all capable, we are all busy and we all have health problems, some more than others. Yes you too will make mistakes; but that is o k. You are no busier or less capable than anyone else.

A perfect example of someone stepping up is Carol Million. When asked, she agreed to fill in for Maddrey during her illness. I would like to thank Carol for that.

I really appreciate what each of you are doing to make our club a success. I sincerely hope you will step up if asked to serve.

Dave Walls, Commodore



## REAR COMMODORE'S RAMBLINGS

by Peg Fairey

### NEW CLUB MEMBERS

As membership chairman I often have the privilege of meeting and becoming friends of our new members before the rest of the club. This is my reward for all the paperwork involved in this job. As each of you meet these "new faces" you will enjoy them as much as I do.

Dennis and Jo Ann Vint who live on Queen Johanna Court joined in late May.

Jo Ann has already been making cookies for socials and Dennis has started showing his card skills on game night. Keep them in mind when you need help.

Dicks and Charlotte Fikes of 15386 Yardarm are our newest members. She is a regular at the Yoga classes and Dick, who is an avid tennis player, ate his share at the Father's Day Ice Cream Social.

### A LONG STANDING CLUB POLICY

There seems to be some confusion about using our clubhouse for private parties. At the June Board meeting we had a lengthy discussion regarding people other than club members hosting parties. Hopefully this quote will help:

### Rules For Use of the PIYC Clubhouse

1. Please be advised that use of the PIYC clubhouse is limited to members, their families and their close friends. The clubhouse is not available for third party functions unless those functions are approved by the current executive board as official club functions.

Let me know if you have any membership questions.

Peg Fairey, Membership Chairman



## THE SOCIAL SCENE

by Debbie Loven

Summer is here and there is a lot going on at PIYC.

The Father's Day Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social was great. Thanks to our Mah Jongg players for hostessing. Everyone enjoyed home made ice cream and cookies. Jackie Boyd coordinated a special surprise for the men in our club. The ladies and children sang a chorus of Take Me Out To The Ball Game and then passed out Hooks ball game tickets to the men. The guys are being treated to a night in the new Whataburger Field Ball Park on July 12<sup>th</sup>. If you weren't at the social to get your ticket and would like to attend with the PIYC men, give Jackie a call. We have a few tickets left and we want all of our men to have an opportunity to attend.

A reminder of **PIYC Bunko**. It's the first Wednesday evening of each month. You can learn in one evening and it's a good way for new members to get to know some of our ladies. If you need more information, contact Cissy Day at 949-9664 or email her at [cissyron@aol.com](mailto:cissyron@aol.com).

There will be a **July 4<sup>th</sup>/Family Picnic** at the yacht club on Monday afternoon, July 4th starting at 4pm and ending with the boat parade at 7:30. The club will be providing hot dogs with all of the trimmings. Club members will be furnishing chips, salads and desserts. Cruisers will be rafting up in Spinnaker Hole on July 2<sup>nd</sup> of this holiday weekend. See the cruise news or Mern Williams for more details. Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon at PIYC.

Our club will be hosting the Bay Area Yacht Club to dinner on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a sign up sheet in the club for side dishes. Dave Walls is in charge of the Pig Roast. Our club was treated to a great evening at their club recently and this is our opportunity to reciprocate.

The **Americana Annual Party** is August 20<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to sign up for the *table-decorating contest*. Table theme is up to the participant. It can be any theme you choose. It does not have to be geared toward America. You might choose your favorite sports team, state or do something representing our island. Judging will be at 6pm sharp so you will need to come in the afternoon to decorate your table and be there at 6 for the judging. The band *Riptide* will be playing, a tent will be provided to block some of the late afternoon August heat and the menu will consist of all American food, **barbecue, beans, potato salad and apple pie**. This is the biggest party of the year. Don't miss it.

There is a lot going on with the cruisers this summer. Peg Fairey has arranged for our club to tour the Lydia Ann Lighthouse in Port Aransas on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be open to both cruisers and landlubbers. See the cruise news or Peg for more information.

Have a great month. See you at P.I.Y.C.  
Debbie

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## BASEBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE

At the wonderful Father's Day Ice Cream Social of June 19th, the women presented all PIYC men with a baseball game ticket for the Corpus Christ Hooks vs. the Springfield Cardinals on July 12 at 7:05 P.M. There will be carpools leaving from PIYC that evening. The men will be sitting in the same section, and it should be a fun-filled evening.



I know many of our male members were not able to come to the PIYC Father's Day event and so, did not receive a ticket. I have 13 tickets left. If any PIYC **male** member wants to have a **FREE** ticket, please call me (949-7132 - leave message if I'm not home.) or email me ([jakiboyd@aol.com](mailto:jakiboyd@aol.com)) by **WEDNESDAY, JULY 6**. After that date, the tickets are available to any member, male or female. The tickets will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

So please contact me if you are interested in a ticket - the sooner, the better!  
Jaki Boyd



## CRUISE NEWS

By Mern Williams

On Saturday, May 21, eight boats cruised up the ICW, across south Aransas Bay and into the Key Allegro Marina. Being our second cruise for the month of May, we were quite pleased with the large turnout, and with the marina accommodations on or around the same pier. Boats cruising to Key Allegro were **Blue Yonder, Dutch's Treat, Genesis, Mariah, Rattler, September Song, Shangri-Laws** and **Wind Shadow**. The 18 sailors were joined by a dozen or so landlubbers for evening happy hour followed by dinner at Big John's Palapa Bar & Grill. Cruisers gathered at the marina pier for a Sunday morning continental breakfast including muffins – again! – and the traditional mimosas and Bloody Marys.

Sunday morning, **Blue Yonder, Wind Shadow** and **September Song** set sail beyond Key Allegro for Lighthouse Cove. Arriving at the anchorage in Espiritu Santo Bay at about 4 P.M. Sunday afternoon, we had a very pleasant evening aboard our boats rafted together just off the shores of the Matagorda Peninsula. Next, we went to Serendipity Bay Marina for a peaceful two-night stay at this friendly marina in the quaint little town of Palacios. Then the fleet headed eastward and spent the last evening all together at the Matagorda Harbor Marina, dining at the River Bend Restaurant on the Colorado River. **Blue Yonder** and **September Song** continued up the ICW on Thursday to the San Bernard River anchorage and some very, very interesting times! (Ask Ray about his Herculean efforts to keep both boats "off the river bank" and ask Barbara about her "swim" in the river!) **September Song** continued her cruise eastward joining up with **Sea Gypsy** on Friday at Watergate Yachting Center where Captain Dick Danofsky (past commodore) and Bettye were preparing her to sail back to Florida. Saturday afternoon **September Song** headed across Clear Lake to her furthest cruising destination, South Shores Harbour Marina, for several days of visiting with Dick and Lynda Schneck (**Seaquel's** former owners), and friends from El Paso. Wonderful visits with old friends and acquaintances, and evenings filled with lots of reminiscing with and about PIYC friends – a terrific two-weeks on the water!

The June 11th cruise to Bay Yacht Club was another smashing success! Just like last year – they did it again! BYC prepared a feast worthy of kings, dished out plenty of hospitality, and even entertained us with music and a sing-along. About 45 PIYC'ers attended this event, and as someone remarked, "We're just comfortable with those folks!" BYC also provided a

continental breakfast and mimosas for the overnight cruisers the next morning, which included Angelina, Cajun Princess, Dutch's Treat, Mariah, Rattler, Reel Loco, September Song, Shangri-Laws and Wind Shadow. Our thanks to Joe Blair – Commodore, Phyllis Vaughn – Cruise Director, and the many BYC members who prepared and served the great food.. Stay tuned – we are hosting BYC at our facilities on July 23. Please see the signup sheet in the clubhouse. We need lots of volunteers to help out with the dinner prep and serving.

### Fourth of July Cruising Activities

Let's all have a great time **"On The Island"** this Independence Day Weekend!

- **Saturday - July 2nd: Raft-up at Spinnaker Hole.** Cruisers will enjoy cocktails, hors d'ouvres and Progressive Dinner aboard boats beginning at 6:00 P.M. Sign up on cruising board and contact me (949-8074) if you are participating.
- **Monday - July 4th: Participate in 4th Annual Padre Island Parade.** Marshalling in PIYC canal at 7:00 P.M. and parade start promptly at 7:30 P.M. Calling all boaters to decorate your boats (or not), bring your boats to the PIYC, invite your friends to ride along and join in the fun. Makes no difference if your boat is big or small -- decorated or not -- come join in the fun!

### July 16-17 – Bastille Day Celebration

Bahia Marina at Ingleside is the venue for the Bastille Day Celebration – an annual affair hosted by marina owners, Keith and Carol Regnier, for boating organizations and residents of the Coastal Bend. There is limited space at the marina and it's on a first-come basis, so cruisers should be prepared to anchor out in Ingleside Cove, if necessary, and dink ashore to the evening festivities. Don't forget your potluck dish to share at the evening feast. And watch the burning of the Bastille when nightfall comes.



## PIYC to Host BYC at Pig Roast-Potluck



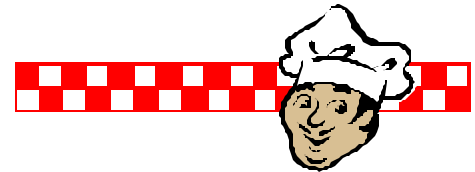
We had a great time at Bay Yacht Club (BYC) when we cruised (by land and bay) over to their club in Corpus Christi on June 11. They hosted us to a fabulous potluck, and now it's our turn to reciprocate. BYC will come to PIYC on July 23-24. Not be outdone, PIYC will have a pig roast-potluck on **Saturday, July 23, at 7:00 P.M.**

So PIYC members – come one, come all, and bring your greatest or most favorite potluck dish for our BYC friends! There is a sign-up list at the club, so we don't get 50 desserts and no salads. **Please either sign up on the list for appetizers, salads, side dishes or veggies, or desserts, or notify Barbara Williams as to what you will bring.** (Call 949-8074 or email bawhmw@juno.com.)

PIYC will also provide beer and wine, and the bar will be open as well with the usual donations. The buffet will be set up downstairs, but members and guests will be able to eat outside or inside upstairs too. If you have never met the BYC members, please come and meet them, and join in the camaraderie. They are good people, and their club is very similar to ours – down-to-earth, have fun, eat, drink and be merry with your friends! Let's have a great turnout for our across-the-bay brothers and sisters!



## BluePlateSpecial



Jaki Boyd, Blue Plate Chairperson

Wow! June boasted the highest attended Blue Plate of the Year (not counting the Valentine's Blue Plate-Party) with 97 people paying! I guess a shrimp boil just brings in the people, and chefs, Tammy Bricarell (the organizer and shopper), Brant Bricarell and James Hillegeist (cooks and strongmen), and Michyl Hillegeist (cheerleader – in her own words) did not disappoint. They turned out a fabulous shrimp boil with more delicious food than the nearly 100 people could eat! Everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously, being able to spread out between the downstairs, upstairs and outside – the weather was perfect too! And wasn't it great to see Dick (always suave) and Lynda (always vivacious) Schneck, our out-of-town members from Clear Lake?

This month, we have another seasonal Blue Plate, which should be a crowd pleaser also – Deli Night. Deli Night will feature sandwiches and salads and is being prepared by Harry and Pearl Benoit, Cissy and Ron Day, and Neva Sundvahl-Cruz. Light and cool, this should be just right for the dog days of July, so we hope to see all of you there on **Friday, July 15 at 7:00 P.M.** The price is still right - \$5.00 per person.



Bay Yacht Club gathering during the PIYC Cruise to BYC.



Affirming friendships . . . old and new!



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This month's Blue Plate Dinner was a fabulous Shrimp Boil.