

THE COMMODORE'S COLUMN

By Dave Walls

October Progress Report.

The month of October was consumed with many of the bureaucratic preliminaries required prior to the beginning of the project. A list of some thirty-five General Contractors, (suitable to bid this addition), was acquired from various sources. Through the use of a CONTRACTOR EVALUATION FORM & homeowner references this was reduced to ten & after further screening the four remaining were submitted to the commodores who approved these as bidders. A meeting with Island Architects produced the final changes on the plans & four packets of biddable plans including a copy of the "engineered foundation" & "project specifications" were given to two of those approved. Of the two remaining one declined because of the press of ongoing projects & the other is now the third bidder. A WTNDSTORM REVIEW has been received from the project engineer & when the final STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING REPORT is received the bidders will have copies of all needed paperwork to complete their bids. As some of you may have seen, there has already been some activity on the part of the bidders as they review the club with their sub-contractors. Duplicate copies of plans, foundation plans & project specifications have been submitted to & reviewed with the Corpus Christi Building Dept & an application for a building permit has been filed for. At the suggestion of our architect we

report was made to the Board this month & several meetings were held on the job site with some of the contractors to clarify numerous questions on various details. In all, while little progress is to be seen, a large amount of the preliminary "paper work" requirements have been addressed. Hopefully, next months report will begin to show some actual physical & viewable activity.



THE SOCIAL SCENE

By Debbie Loven

Our September Social to Port Aransas was cancelled as a result of Hurricane Rita evacuation. Hopefully, this cruise/social can be rescheduled for another time. Our island was spared one more time from the destruction of a major hurricane. If any of us had doubts about what our island would look like after a hurricane, we need only turn on the news or talk to friends and relatives whom have been so heavily impacted from these storms. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Thanks to Bev Hoffman and Dixie Hodson for volunteering to chair the Halloween Party. It will be at 7pm on October 29th. Come in costume if you like and enjoy this traditional holiday festivities. Everyone should bring an appetizer that will serve 6 or 8. Drinks will be furnished by PIYC and will include a special "Witches Brew".

Our November Social is Saturday, November 12th. This will follow our "Fall Cleanup". It is a ***Chili and Chili with Beans Cook-off***. Michyl Hillegeist is the chair for this party. Last year's cook-off was a big hit and we are looking forward to this becoming an annual competition among our members. Check with Michyl if you



REAR COMMODORE'S RAMBLINGS

By Peg Fairey

When you see these new members at the club be sure to visit with them and keep up our reputation as the friendliest Yacht Club on The Island.

Tom and Yvonne Scott who live at 15405 Seamount Cay Circle Unit A. Look for them aboard "Makin Time" at our next cruise.

Hugh Butler, 13753 Hawksnet Bay joined the club and two weeks later bought a boat in Pensacola, Florida. He expects to have it cruising our waters soon.

Ron and Cindy Ohlson are Winter Texans from Villa Park, Illinois. They have a condo at 15313 Bonasse Unit B. Glad you came across the canal to join us.

These smiling faces belong to Tom & Yvonne Scott



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CRUISE NEWS

**by Mern Williams, Cruising
Director**

Red Tide Steers South Padre Cruisers to Rockport

Last minute preparations were being made for departure on October 6 to South Padre when we learned that the Red Tide condition in South Padre was severe. Determined to cruise somewhere, we cussed and discussed, and quickly chose another destination – the Rockport Sea Fair 2005. Bill & Peg on *Rattler* and Mern & Barbara on *September Song* got underway immediately, docking at the Rockport marina by noon on Thursday. They were joined by Chuck & Bev on *Wind Shadow* Friday evening. Saturday morning, all paid tribute to the local street parade participants – marching bands, fire engines, etc. At lunchtime, Commodore Dave joined the cruisers to savor the entries in the gumbo cook-off competition. Joining the group on *September Song* Saturday night for libations, appetizers and "U Peel 'em Shrimp" were landlubbers, Maggie & Lee Westgate and Neva & Jim Cruz, who helped us to celebrate our Commodore's 66th birthday with cake, candles, balloons and song! The Rockport Sea Fair destination was not a disappointment – we all had a great time!

Harvest Moon Regatta

Barb and I took off for Port A on a recent October Saturday afternoon, wanting to take in the array of sail boats that lined the Port A harbor after participating in the Harvest Moon Regatta – an offshore race from Galveston, TX to Port Aransas – and, hopefully, we would enjoy one of the fine restaurants that Port A has to offer. Who should we run into at the marina pavilion, but some of our own PIYC racers – Deb & Jim Collins and James Hilleghist. Turns out that Deb & Jim sailed *First Class* (Hunter 336) all the way to Galveston beginning on Sunday before the race – just so that Jim, James, and a couple of Jim Collins' other sailing friends, Jim and Tom, could participate in the

Regatta sailing her back to Port A from Galveston. Good show, guys!

CC Jazz Festival Cruise

Another great cruise was the recent cruise to the Downtown City Marina for the 45th Annual Jazz Festival. This October cruise was not on the original schedule, but was a make-up of the September cruise we had to cancel because of Rita preparations. By the time all the boats arrived Saturday afternoon, there were six vessels lining the Lawrence Street bulkhead or in nearby slips, including Steve & Carol on *Reel Loco*, Denis & Debi on *Shocker*, Jim & Mary on *Kill Shot* (their first cruise with us), Dean & Char on *Gracious* (their first cruise with us – on this vessel), Mern & Barbara on *September Song*, and Commodore Dave, along with Seamen, Bill Fairey and Bruce Kenning on *Cajun Princess*. (Brief appearances were made by Peg Fairey and Terry Kenning to rescue their respective crew members from *Cajun Princess* after the somewhat bumpy ride across CC Bay.) The cruisers were fortunate to have land cruisers, Chuck & Bev Hoffman and Millie Winters in the “Millie Wagon,” and Jim & Anne Weatherill to shuttle us to/from the jazz concert. Anyone who likes jazz and who missed Sonny La Rosa and America’s Youngest Jazz Band really missed a show! It was great! Our thanks to Jim and Mary Espey (*Kill Shot*) for opening up the BYC facility for our use in serving the traditional Sunday morning breakfast.

Holiday Cruises.

Because the holiday season gets so busy with activities, we wanted to remind you about the last *scheduled* cruises for 2005. So mark your calendars for these events!

November 25-27 (Fri-Sun) 3-day Thanksgiving Weekend Cruise: Destination will depend on weather and other conditions - stay tuned and we'll advise as we finalize these plans.

December 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Harbor Lights Cruise: Destination to Downtown CC Marina to watch their lighted boat parade on Saturday night.

And, of course, the La Posada Lighted Boat Parades on December 9-10!!!!



NOTES FROM THE VICE
COMMODORE

Vice Commodore Bill Boyd

Fall Cleanup:

Saturday, November 12, 2005, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 noon, is the Fall Cleanup, where we do a repeat of the Spring Cleanup. These two cleanups really help keep the PIYC Clubhouse clean and in good repair, and the grounds looking well kept. Also, we want to make sure the Clubhouse and grounds look great for our La Posada Open House and all of the PIYC holiday festivities, starting with the Thanksgiving potluck. We will have a work list posted with all the jobs that need to be done, and members will volunteer for the ones they want to do. I'm hoping we'll have a good turnout, so everything will be done by noon. Then we can all go home and cook chili for the 2^d Annual Chili Cook-Off and be back to the Club at 6:00 P.M. Because of the Chili Cook-off, we won't have lunch after the cleanup, but we will have coffee and donuts!

All That Jazz - PIYC Installation:

Another date to put on your calendar is Saturday, January 21, 2006, which is the date of the PIYC Installation Banquet. This is one of the most attended parties of the year, and the only event where we get dressed up! This year the event will be held on the Island at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort from 6:00 – 11:00 P.M. The price is \$25.00 per person, which includes salad, a choice of three entrees, dessert, tea or coffee. There will also be a cash bar. Music will be provided by a great jazz quartet, which will not only play jazz, but dance music and vocals as well. The theme of the installation is “All That Jazz!” Invitations will be at the Club by mid-November. Any invitations not picked up at the Club by Friday, December 16, will be mailed. See more detailed installation information in the Docklines article.



BLUE PLATE SPECIAL!

Jaki Boyd, Blue Plate Chairperson

Well, I hope that, unlike me, you were not surprised that it is already November! The last Blue Plate of the year was held on October 21, and was hosted by Carol and Steve Spoonmore and Barbara and Mern Williams. It was a terrific Blue Plate with Witches Brew Chicken Stew, cooked to perfection by Steve and Carol. Barbara and Mern Williams created to-die for pumpkin dump cake and pumpkin roll, as well as the cornbread. I think just about everyone had seconds. Thank you all for making the last Blue Plate of the year a memorable one.

If you would like to do a Blue Plate next year, give me a call at 949-7132 or 533-0854 (mobile). We already have volunteers for January, but the rest of the year is available. It's really easy if two or three families get together. You are reimbursed for all expenses connected with the Blue Plate. If everyone in the club volunteered for Blue Plates, you would only have to volunteer about every five years!



PIYC will hold the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Potlucks again this year. If you are going to be around for either or both holiday this year, we cordially invite you to celebrate with your PIYC family. Family and guests may be invited, but due to space restrictions, obviously the number of guests has to be somewhat limited. Some members will volunteer to do turkeys and ham; the rest will bring appetizers, salads, side dishes, and dessert. Everyone should bring their own plates and silverware and drink of choice. (The bar will not be open.) Coffee will be furnished. Volunteers are also needed to set up and decorate tables.

Members must RSVP with the number of people attending and what they are bringing to the potluck. Barbara Williams is in charge of the Thanksgiving potluck – give her a call at 949-8074. There is also a signup sheet at the club. After Thanksgiving, we will start taking RSVPs for the Christmas potluck. A volunteer is needed to be in charge. Call Jaki Boyd at 949-7132 or 533-0854 (mobile) if you would like volunteer.

These events provide great opportunities for camaraderie and fun. The holiday spirit really enhances these parties. Join us if you can.

The following letter was received from Timmon's Ministries:

Oct 19 2005

Dear Commodore Walls,

Thank you so much for your September 07, 2005 generous donation. \$500.00 to benefit the victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It is in these times that we must pull together to help those less fortunate.

These Funds were designated for youth evacuees in need of new shoes, clothing and school supplies. We further attest that no goods or services were provided you in exchange for your contribution.

Sincerely, Kae Berry

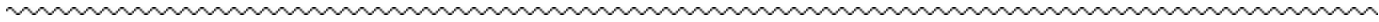


THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS POTLUCKS



The nominations for 2006 Board of Directors are:

Commodore-----Bill Boyd
Vice Commodore----Gaylor Heemink
Treasurer-----Brett Tanner
Cruise Director---Jim Hodson
Rear Commodore---James Hillegeist
Secretary----Tammy Bricarell
Social Director----Georgina Maltaes
Information Director----Harry Benoit
Past Commodore---Dave Walls



ANNUAL MEETING OF PIYC, FRIDAY, NOV 11TH , 7:00 PM

It is at this meeting that we vote on and elect a new Board of Directors for 2006.

A list of nominees is listed in this edition. If you are unable to attend the meeting,

Please fill in and sign the proxy form below and mail to PIYC, 14493 S P I D, Suite A,

PMB-342, Corpus Christi, Tx. 78418.

PROXY VOTE

I designate (circle One)

Dave Walls, Commodore

Bill Boyd, Vice Commodore

Gaylor Heemink: Treasurer

Peggy Fairey, Rear Commodore

Carol Million, Secretary

To vote on my behalf at the Nov 11th , 2005, Annual Meeting.

Signed_____

Date:_____