

**NOTES FROM THE
COMMODORE
Gaylor Heemink**

The Installation Banquet held at the Holliday Inn Sunspree was a wonderful occasion and is now a fond memory. The hotel and banquet staff performed admirably under the guidance of **Lori and Stewart Edwards**. One hundred and twenty three members and guests out of 127 reservations came to enjoy the bar and dinner, and to dance to the music of the **Kevin Hill Jazz Quartet**.

Out going Commodore **Bill Boyd** awarded Certificates of Appreciation to the outgoing Board, presented the **Cruiser of the Year Award to Chuck and Beverly Hoffman**, the **Historian Award to Margaret Westgate**, and the **Commodore's Award to Gaylor Heemink**. Bill gave a very special award, the **Life Time Membership Award to Al and Carol Woll** for their exceptional contribution to the club during the expansion project

The out going Vice Commodore is in charge of organizing the Installation Banquet. These are just words. The wonderful people who made it work with ideas, planning and decorations were **Charlene Forrest, Toni Kane, Peggy Fairy and Mareke Heemink**.



Bill Boyd – Past Commodore



The new Board from left to right holding their director's flag is Hugh, Julie, Joe, Sherry, Bob, Charlene, James and Gaylor.



Steve Moore along with the **Coastal Bend Sail and Power Squadron** will conduct a **Safe Boating** course at the Padre Island Yacht Club on March 31, 2007. The course runs 6 to 8 hours depending on class size and participation.

Course Name: "Boat Safe"

Place: Padre Island Yacht Club,
13402 Whitecap Boulevard
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418

Date: March 31, 2007
Time: 09:00 - 16:30 HR

Upon satisfactory completion those in attendance will receive certification that they have completed the "Safe Boat: course.



**NOTES FROM THE
VICE-COMMODORE
James Hillegeist**

Contact: Steve Moore 361-949-8585
Cost: \$20.00

The course focuses on:

- Know Your Boat
- Before Your Get Underway
- Operating Your Boat Safely

The Legal Requirements of Boating

- Boating Emergencies
- Enjoying Water Sports

Course materials will be provided.

Lunch provided: Pizza and soft drinks.

The past month hasn't been as rough as the previous (Thank Goodness!!!), but still had its share of fun-filled repairs around the club.

Once again I had to dust off the old environmental suit and delve into another sewer issue. It started the same as last time: the downstairs ladies toilets were running slow and backing up. Ahh, man...not again!! As I pulled the pump out of the sump, I found that, at least, it was working, and working well. The problem this time was the line that goes from the sump to the water-treatment plant. Plugged. Hmmm... how to solve this one? What could possibly have plugged the line? Too much paper products? Mud, grass? Small dead animals?? Only the Shadow knew. I knew I didn't have any kind of snake or fish-tape long enough to go from the sump to the plant. After a sudden burst of inspiration (or was it desperation?), I went home and loaded up my compressor, tied it into the sump line, and proceeded to pressure up and blow the line clear. Problem solved!! On a side note, I found that one of the upstairs ladies toilets (how come it's always the ladies toilets that have the problems?) was continually running. Public Service Announcement: Please, whoever is the last to leave the building, check ALL the toilets, and make sure they are not running.

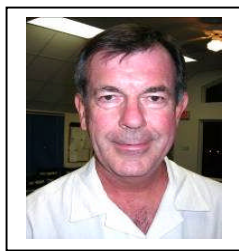
The hot water heater located in the old downstairs storage room had gone on the fritz again, leaving several of our weekend boat residents having to take cold showers. It's amazing how that will get some ones attention. I'd like to thank Rodger Carr for noticing this, and replacing the cold-water inlet line that was leaking just enough to fill the wiring compartment and short-out the connections. Thanks again, Rodger!!

I'm still researching what it's going to take to get the elevator entrance lights to come on automatically, installing new lighting under the south-side deck, change out the original storage room doors, and one of the south-side downstairs French doors, making permanent repairs to the dock wiring, and installing some quality dock lighting.. I'll be recruiting some folks when I get to these individual projects. We have the Annual Spring Clean-up coming up in April, hopefully we can take care of some of them then.

If anyone has any issues that they would like me to look into, just let me know. I'm usually around somewhere and not that hard to find. I'll do my best to make sure my services (environmental suit, and all) will be available to all throughout the year.

Have fun, and see you on the water!!!

James Hillegeist
Vice-Commodore



**REAR COMMODORE
BOB NASH**

Our new members in February are Bruce and Lauret Bridgford, 15342 Caravel Dr, 949-7391. They have a 43' Tiara power boat, "Wave Action", with 1,320 horsepower. They enjoy fishing and cruising. Sounds like they might well be able to arrive first at most cruise destinations if they turn all those horses loose.

There are a few additional new member applications being submitted, for action at the March board meeting. There have not been any more resignations reported to me as of Feb. 16. We continue to grow.

That installation banquet was a very enjoyable, elegant evening. There were some guests there. One of those guest couples is now applying for membership. Please continue to invite old and new friends to PIYC Friday happy hours (now 6 pm) and other events. That seems the most productive way of generating new memberships. Application forms are in the box on the desk by the door, or available from me.

We're working on updating the member numbering system, so that all members, old and new, will have correct numbers without duplications.

Let's all be a bit Irish on the 17th, St. Pat's Day!

**CRUISING NEWS
HUGH BUTLER
Cruise Director**

Would the weather Gods be kinder in Feb. than Jan? No, they weren't. On Sat. morning 2/10 it was raining with only a slight improvement in the forecast for the weekend. All but one boat wimped out. Wind Shadow (Chuck & Bev. Hoffman, guest Vickie Nunez) said, they were going. Shortly after while we wimps were standing in the warmth of the club house, a beautiful Hunter 40.5 ft. (Wind Shadow) came gliding by.

A collective decision was then made by the wimps to drive to Port A for five o'clock cocktails aboard Wind Shadow.

Visualize if you can seventeen people in the salon of a 40.5 ft. sailboat. It was fun and cozy. Wine flowed freely and there were ample appetizers. A drawing was held for a wine basket, which was won by Al Woll. After two hours of jocularly some were feeling hunger pangs and decided to go for dinner. The rest of us decided to go home. Thanks Chuck & Bev. for your hospitality.

The Next cruise is March 10th & 11th to Key Allegro. It is a beautiful marina with a pool and restaurant. If anyone would like to travel with another boat, please contact me.

**GAB FROM THE GALLEY
IRENE WALLS**

Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!

Our February Mardi Gras Blue Plate
Was hosted by Julie and Gerald Guillot, and

Debbie and Butch Loven. Chicken and Seafood gumbo, vegetables, garlic bread and Mardi Gras King Cake was enjoyed by all. Jim Espey found the king baby in his cake, so he will have good luck all year as a result!

We really appreciate all the hard work of our Blue Plate hosts and hostesses so far this year!

**2007 PIYC Blue Plate Bulletin
Host and Hostess**

**January: Dorcas and John Payne, Jean
Larry Whipple, Peggy Fairey,
Eloise Rueter**

**February: Julie and Gerald Guillot, Debbie
And Butch Loven**

April 20 - Need Volunteers

May 18 - Need Volunteers

June 15 - Tammy Bricarell

July 20 - Need Volunteers

August 11 - Chili Cook off Michyl Hillegeist

**SOCIAL NEWS
JULIE GUILLOT**

The Mardi Gras party and Gumbo blue plate was a great success. Debbie Loven and I would like to thank Eloise Reuter, Jaki Boyd, Lynda Schneck and Dorcas Payne for all the help decorating, serving and cleaning up. All the rest of you who helped clean after the party are greatly appreciated as well (Gaylor and Mareka Heemink, Dave and Irene Walls, Eloise Reuter, Peg Fairey for coming out on Sunday to help us clean). Also an especially huge thanks to Butch Loven for making that wonderful shrimp gumbo before having to go back to work and missing the party!

Remember that on March 16th which is a Friday, there will be a St Patrick's Blue Plate/party. Carin Wiegman and John Muellner are the "boss" on this one so if you can help, give them a call and see what they need. William and Rosanne Milroy and Lynn and Kirk Phares are assisting.

Coming up in April is a Texas Independence Day party on April 14th. For this one, we'd like for attendees to bring an "Horse Duver" to share and deck yourself out in your best western wear, ya'll! There will be a separate Blue Plate on April 20 so watch the docklines and check the calendars.

Remember, there is a party schedule in the bulletin board upstairs in the club.

We are sorry we had to ask everyone to not lean chairs against the tables to "save seats" but this practice is a safety hazard, as it causes tripping and impedes traffic around the room. If you feel you must save seats, just put a personal item at your place, but leave the chairs with all 4 legs on the floor. Thanks!

Thanks again to all who helped with set up, clean up and moral support to make our Mardi Gras Party successful. Volunteers are what keep the social functions on track. If you haven't volunteered in the past, then your turn has arrived! It can be fun ...so don't be shy.

On another note, we announced in last month's Docklines there would be a meeting for all parties interested in forming and organizing activities for children. The meeting was Feb. 5 at 6PM. Unfortunately, I was the only person to attend this meeting, so the subject will be tabled for lack of interest at this time. If any parents would like to assume the role of young peoples party planner, please let your board know.

Thanks again for all the volunteers who assisted in our potluck for the Bay Yacht Club. We had over 60 guests, a fabulous party, and a Texas sunset not to be equaled!

2007 PARTY CALENDER

March 16 St Patricks Day Party, Carin Wiegman, Chairperson

April 14 Texas Independence Day
Party, Guillots and Lovens ,Gholstons

May 13 Mother's day brunch, Dave
Walls and Bill Boyd

June 17 Father's Day Ice Cream Social
need volunteers

July 7 Independence Day party with Fish
Fry **need volunteers**

August 11 Chili Cook off Michyl
Hillegeist

**Sept 15 Tail Gate Blue Plate Deb Collins,
Phyllis Brown and Sissy Day**

October 13
Annual Party for Yacht club with band etc
To include costume contest for kiddos
Volunteers so far: Guillots, Lovens,
Bricarells,Gholstons & YOU

November Thanksgiving potluck

December Christmas potluck
In addition to these parties there will be a
Halloween Costume Happy Hour on
Friday October 26 for the adult members
(this will be Pot Luck Hors D'oeuvres):
Christmas white elephant Happy hour on
December 7 (potluck again) We need
volunteers to decorate for these two
special happy hour parties.

December 31 New Years Party **need
volunteers**

Please sign up to help if you haven't done
so! Thanks!

Julie Guillot, Social Director

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR Sherry Brown

Thank you to all of you who sent me
wonderful pictures! Space is limited , but I
will try to use as many as possible. The
"Palapa Party" pictures from Steve and
Carol are great and show us we can all use
our club for many memorable events!

Please send me your news, however small
you may think it is! I would like to start a
column next month with the "whereabouts"
and "meanderings" of our members, news,
pictures, and whatever interests you.
Please let me know your plans if you are off
on an adventure, i.e. our illustrious
Commodore and our Cruise Director, in the
company of two of our Island's most lovely
ladies, are going on a lengthy Transatlantic
Cruise in April. I believe rumor has it our
Treasurer and his beautiful bride are doing
the same! It would be fun to have some
feedback from all of you on your adventures
both locally and abroad. Send your emails
and pictures to me at sfomgr@yahoo.com!
Thanks!

January 1, 2007 – "Palapa Party"!

These happy members had a lovely
impromptu party at the Club on New Year's
Day. The weather was too chilly to sit in the
Palapa so they moved on into the deck and
feasted on goat, steak, pork chops on the
grill, some beef stew, some cheese, lots of
salads, sweet potatoes, rolls and pie, and a
lot of fellowship! A good time had by all, by
boat name, Loki, Wind Shadow,
Makinmerry, Blue Yonder, CJ, Mici and in
the background is September Morn with
Mern hard at work polishing the boat!

Thanks for these pictures to Steve and Carol!



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