

## *From the Helm*

**Wow what a year!** While serving as HCYC's 2009 Secretary, I was impressed at the willingness of so many members who volunteered their time, money and resources for the benefit of the HCYC. **Jesse Murphy's** (Commodore), strong leadership saw the Club to reach its highest level of membership in its history. His leadership and guidance proved to be valuable and effective throughout this past year. Under the direction of **Bill Fahey** (Vice Commodore), many needed improvements were made as he worked with other club volunteers to ensure that the clubhouse was well maintained and safe for all to use. And of course, the sail and power events were well organized and a source of tremendous fun. **Marty Chrisman** (Rear Commodore for Sail) was successful in organizing numerous sail events and perhaps even more notable, the Casino Night Fund Raiser that raised more than \$3300.00 for the Family Violence Prevention Services Organization. **Nathan Birney** (Rear Commodore for Power) through his imagination, hard work and organizational skills organized raft ups, a balloon race and a Wii Tournament; all of which were as great deal of fun and entertainment. And a huge "Thank You" goes to **Susan Hooper and Catherine Deatherage** (Social Directors). They consistently devoted uncounted hours preparing food and refreshments that were so readily enjoyed. Also contributing the success of 2009 was our Treasurer **Johni Badder**. She made sure that the expenditure of club funds not only provided the resources for the club and its membership to that a great time at club functions, but also left the organization in good shape next year and beyond. And last, but certainly not least, Past Commodore **John Larkin** provided invaluable insight and guidance to the Executive Committee based on his experience in 2008.

Having acknowledged the hard work of the 2009 Executive Committee Members, it is also very important to recognize the many other HCYC Members who were responsible for other important functions. Club members serving in the "appointed positions" included **Joy Clayton** (Trophy Captain), **Kevin Goodwin and Randle Moore** (Youth Coordinator), **Sheri Murphy** (Clothing Chair), **Joe Pyle** (Special Events Coordinator), **Dorothy Tarbox** (Historian), **Marsha Teague** (Port Captain), **Carol Teat** (Membership Chairperson and Club Administrator), and **Charlie Teat** (Ship's Log Editor and Webmaster).

Many other members volunteered their time and resources to clean-up days, social functions and special events as mentioned in the previous Ship's Logs. **To each member who has volunteered, THANK YOU for your important contributions** that have helped so much. I also encourage each of you to refer to our website at [www.hcyc-tx.com](http://www.hcyc-tx.com) to re-visit the newsletters that described the efforts of those who so graciously volunteered.

As I have been humbled by having been chosen as your 2010 Commodore, I am well aware that it will be difficult to please all members of HCYC in all decisions. I can assure you though, that I will make every effort to make well informed and viable decisions that will allow for the best interests of the membership. Information associated with the 2010 projections and strategies will be forthcoming in the February Ship's Log. In the meantime, enjoy life and remember,

*LIFE'S II SHORT!*  
*Larry Price,*  
*Commodore*