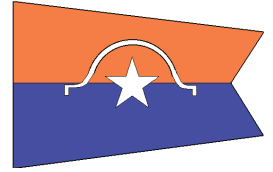


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From The Helm

Joe Pyle
Commodore

I trust each of you received my December 9th letter in which I expressed my commitments to the club for 2011. Each commitment was founded on the principles set forth by the club's organizing members: To promote sailing and power boating as wholesome sports and to provide the facilities and organization for educational, competitive and social activities.

In keeping with that spirit, it's important that your Executive Committee strives to meet the needs of a growing and diverse membership while maintaining the traditions, heritage and code of conduct in which the club was founded.

Likewise, it's equally important that, as members, we respect and care for our club as a family. We have a responsibility, jointly and individually, to take proper care of the facilities, to set an example of

(Continued on page 3) **Helm**



From the Quarterdeck by Mary Beckett Vice Commodore

I sincerely hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. We were blessed to have our children & grandchildren here for the holidays.

Let me start by thanking **John Ruiz** for putting so much of his time into maintaining and making improvements at the club house and deck. He did mention one last task that he wanted to do, that is refinishing the party deck. So I guess we'll need to get a work party to take care of this, because fixing the

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Power Report by Mike Finleon Rear Commodore for Power

Greetings to everyone in HCYC! Some of you may not know that my family and I have had a "slipped" boat at Canyon Lake since 1978, and are charter members of the Hill Country Yacht Club. My wife Sandy and I are blessed to have three grown daughters and three grandsons, as well as two power boats—a 32' Bayliner (*El Tejas Diablo* in slip E27) and a 28' Sun Runner (*Time Well Spent II*, currently "on the hill"). My Retirement is on the horizon.

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Sail Report by Jerry Hause Rear Commodore for Sail

I would like to begin the report by thanking **Pete Macler** for his outstanding work in building the sail program in 2010. Hopefully we can continue to build on what he started.

I look forward to again to holding the position of Rear Commodore for Sail and working with the new board who you the membership elected. There will be a few minor changes to the race schedule from last year, but only minor. We had new racers in 2010 and hope we can continue to increase the number

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The Social Scene

by Joy Clayton
Social Director

Another year, another committee. Well, I don't know about you, but this last year just flew by and we had such excellent social events. Now it is time for changing of the guard. The Social Committee will be working very diligently, along with the new board to provide the best social events possible. We realize that everyone enjoys showing off their culinary skills as well as the enjoyment of eating them. So, we plan to have more pot luck dinners than has been usual because we know how many excellent cooks we have in the club. We also have some excellent menus to try out. And the bands on the list of upcoming events will surely lift your spirits.

I am still searching for a committed co-chair. Keep in mind that this is the best way to get to know everyone in the club, and give back to the organization. Don't worry, you won't have to give up hours of your time sweating over pots in the kitchen – there is plenty more to do that you can organize on your own time. Please call me if you are interested at: 210-887-3081. Let's make this a great year. HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.

See you around the docks,

Joy Clayton

Quarterdeck *(Continued from page 1)*

loose nails, boards that are buckling, etc. will hopefully prevent any falls from occurring.

As we look forward in the New Year, I hope we approach it in a conciliatory manner. We have something terrific here at the lake, something that many people can only dream about. Let's make sure that it remains a place for relaxation, family fun and the fostering of new friendships.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mary Beckett

Power *(Continued from page 1)*

It's coming at the end of March, so as my 40-year career as an auto parts sales rep ends, I will have ample time to serve as your Rear Commodore for Power.

Events falling under my "by-law responsibilities" include competitive activities, cruising, education, and safety-related power boating. Since any plans for the year must be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval, a tentative schedule of activities will be listed in the 2011 HCYC Member Handbook.

My experience while serving on many of the Club's past Executive Committees indicates that power events rarely generate more than 10% participation. In addition, repetition of the same activities over and over again seldom deliver different results.

My objective for 2011 is to create a more cohesive environment for all of our members through power activities that, hopefully, will attract and encourage participation in multiple events. I envision those events being linked to a greater reward

of recognition for "bragging rights". The program I intend to present for approval will be a framework to which particular events can be inserted or deleted. I invite you to send any and all suggestions for activities in which you would be willing to participate (or be willing to take responsibility for) in any of the areas of competitive, cruising, education, or safety to me by email to mfinleon@gates.com or to my cell at 210-355-1184.

After all, the objective for most HCYC activities is to increase our members' level of fun through the sport we call boating.

See you at the lake,

Mike Finleon

personal integrity and behavior in and around the clubhouse and deck, to be present when our children or guests visit the club premises, to set a standard that meets our contractual agreement with the marina and to adhere to the marina rules. Please remember that common respect is the basis for which our by-laws and deck rules were written.

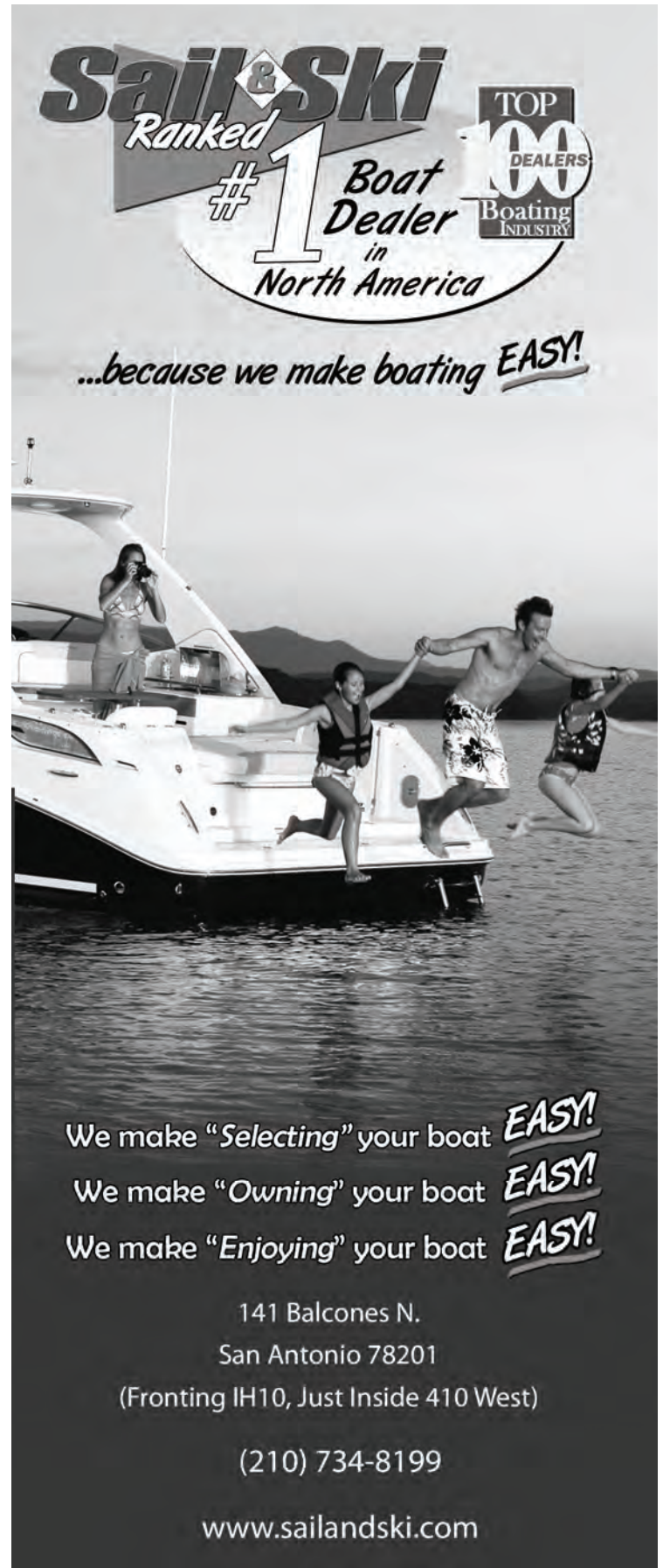
Over the past few months I've received numerous recommendations on several topics such as effectively managing the club's calendar and social activities, developing new member initiatives and enhancing the youth activities. As a result of your feedback, we aim to aggressively administer the club calendar to insure that each event is managed effectively and that our commitments are met. We will continue our long standing tradition of award presentations and themed parties after each scheduled boating event and regatta. Additionally, we will begin hosting new member receptions, as warranted, to introduce new members to the club and our facilities and finally, I am pleased to announce the new "Youth Membership" initiative which focuses on the younger members of our club and their families.

One of the areas I received the most feedback on was the need to improve communication within the club. Therefore, as noted in my December 9th letter, I have asked the 2011 board to appoint **Rinny Lipsett-Jenkins** to the newly approved position of Club Communications Chair. In addition to editing the *Ship's Log*, she will introduce and manage the club's official Facebook® page which she has spent countless hours over the past two months designing and testing and I know it will be an effective form of communication as the club moves forward. I have also asked that **David Deatherage** be appointed as Web Master.

In an effort to keep you informed on club's wellbeing, I have asked **John Ruiz** to include a summary accounting of our monthly P&L and **Charlie Teat** to include Executive Committee minutes, once approved, in their *Ships Log* columns for your review.

On behalf of your Executive Committee, it is a privilege to serve you and we look forward to a great year at the lake.

Joe Pyle
Commodore



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HCYC Members may place personal, non-business related ads in the *Ships Log* free of charge. Ads will normally run for 6 months, or until the editor is notified that the article has been sold. If you ad needs to run longer than 6 months, please contact the editor for an extension. The deadline for ads is the 20th of every month. *Contact the Ship's Log Editor, Rinny Lipsett-Jenkins 210-259-7192 or RinnyLipsett@aol.com*

TIME FOR A CHANGE

On January 1, 1997 the Hill Country Yacht Club was formed as a result of the merger of the Alamo Yacht Club and the Texas Yacht Club. Except for a year's sabbatical in 2003 I have been privileged to serve as the editor of your Ship's Log. This issue marks the end of my service to the club in this function.

Since right after the Club's elections at the end of October, Rinny Lipsett-Jenkins and I began exploring ways she could serve the club. She demonstrated a strong interest in working to improve communications to the Club's membership. She was especially enthusiastic about the possibilities of using the social media, as well as more traditional methods of communication to provide rapid and up-to-date information to everyone belonging to HCYC. You will read about her efforts to establish a Facebook© presence elsewhere in the issue of the newsletter.

In addition to her efforts on Facebook, Rinny has been preparing herself to assume an additional responsibility to the Club. Effective with this issue of the Ship's Log, her name will replace mine as the Editor of our monthly newsletter! Please join me in congratulating Rinny and wishing her success as she tackles this new challenge.

Best Wished for a great run!
Charlie Teat

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Ship's Log Articles

If you have an article that you would like to see published in the Ship's Log, please send it to RinnyLipsett@aol.com or contact Rinny Lipsett-Jenkins at 210-259-7192.

The deadline for the February issue is the 20th of January.

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This is *your* newsletter. If you see, hear, or know of anything that you believe should be made available to the club's members, please submit it to the *Ship's Log's* editor for publication. In many cases, a phone call will do. It doesn't have to be fancy!

The *Ship's Log* has space set aside for free member's "for sale" ads. Let me know how we can make it better! My contact numbers are listed in the club directory and on page five of the newsletter.

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HCYC Youth Activities

KUDOS: A big thank you goes to **Carol Teat** and **Sheri Murphy** for putting together a Gingerbread house decorating activity for the kids on the afternoon of the Parade of Lights. They also coordinated the decorating of the clubhouse for Christmas with help from the club youth.

Diane Wiser and **Rinny Lipsett-Jenkins** have graciously volunteered to co-coordinate the Youth Program with me for 2011. We've been meeting during December to plan out activities for the coming year to meet the diverse needs of the club youth.

Youth Committee Notes: The HCYC youth committee (Yes, I said committee) has made some truly awesome plans for our "Youth Membership". If you've been to the clubhouse recently, you'll have already noticed the enhanced "Kids' Corner" just to the right of the main entrance to the clubhouse. Earlier in the year, the executive committee authorized the establishment of that corner as a dedicated use area for the Youth Members of our club. We intend to place games, books, and other kid oriented materials in that area. We definitely welcome donations of materials suitable for kids' entertainment. Please contact any youth committee member if you have something to donate. With more parent and member involvement in the youth committee, a more diverse and active calendar is being prepared for the Youth Members. We are now able to

be more inclusive of the Youth Members. There will be consistent activities for all age groups, pre-school, elementary, middle school, and high school members. Expect to see evidence of a very active youth program beginning in January.

Spring Pre-view: Expect to see the youth actively decorating the clubhouse monthly with special emphasis on the big events, youth sailing instruction, youth power boat instruction, and special youth age appropriate parties.

*Until next time,
Randle Moore*



Sail (Continued from page 1)

of boats in our racing fleet this year. We will provide the education and training for those who would like to begin racing.

One of the challenges of this position is to have the personnel on the Race Committee (RC) boat to properly run the race. This is not a hard job, but it takes several sets of hands to get the job done.

If anyone would like to help out, it would be much appreciated. The RC boat is a very good spot for anyone interested in starting to race to see what it's all about. It's a great spot to see strategies that help win races.

We will kick off our year with the Frostbite Regatta on January 22nd. This race can be challenging from a weather standpoint. You never know what to expect. I have raced in it in shorts and tee shirt and I have raced wearing all the clothes and jackets I could find.

I look forward to the year and hope to see all you sailors at the starting pin.

Jerry Hause

Kids' Corner

Congratulation:

Jaden Wiser - 1st place
Gingerbread Decorating contest

JJ Torres - 1st place
Cookie Contest

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Something New Around the Clubhouse

Effective January 1, 2011 HCYC will have a business page on Facebook®. If you already have a Facebook account, then all you have to do is search for HCYC-Tx and hit the "Like" button to be added to the site. If you would like to set up a new account, go to www.facebook.com and follow the prompts for setting up your account.

Our main focus for Facebook is to help the club stay connected with our members, and to provide near "real time" input on club activities and events. This will be a way we can keep our membership up to date on Club happenings.

We will still have our monthly newsletter (the Ship's Log) and our website (www.hcyc-tx.com) that are good sources to check for updated information on events and other club functions.

For those members who do not care to subscribe to Facebook, we will create an option to receive updates via email. In the meantime, if you would rather receive updates by email instead of Facebook, just drop me (RinnyLipsett@aol.com) or Charlie (cteat1@satx.rr.com) an email and we will put you on the list.

Our goal for 2011 is to keep our members updated and informed utilizing multiple forms of communications (Ship's Log, Web Site, Email & Facebook, and maybe even POTS*). In order to better serve our club members we are developing a survey to allow you to indicate your preference on how you would like to receive updates from the club. Look for our monthly "What's New" column in the Ship's Log as we move forward in this new world of Technology and Social Media.

*POTS – plain old telephone system

Rinny Lipsett-Jenkins

Treasurer's Report By John Ruiz

As you know, we are diligently preparing the preliminary budget plan for 2011. The budget will be presented for approval at the January Executive Committee meeting and if approved a copy of the budget will be included in the February edition of the *Ships Log*. Through the rest of the year, our goal is to include a detailed summary of our P&L in the monthly *Ships Log* for your review. Our long-term plan, for the 2011 calendar year, is to provide our members with the same level of activities and services that you have been accustomed while maintaining the same monthly dues. To accomplish this we plan to closely monitor expenditures and cut waste where ever possible. Every club member can do their part by not wasting clubhouse supplies and being conscious of each aspect of our expenses.

The 2011 preliminary budget plan is based on an average monthly membership of 175 members. We are projecting the same amount of clothing sales in 2011 as we achieved in 2010. While we project a budget deficit from 2010, we are unable to confirm the amount at this time because the final P & L for the year, ending December 31, 2010, is not complete and has not been submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

Please remember this is only a preliminary budget and assumes a status quo. In essence it's a work in progress. It's important to note that we are

committed to aggressively managing our budget and communicating our progress each month.

Finally, I would like to thank the 2010 HCYC Treasurer, **Pam Rudolph Walne** for all of her hard work and dedication to the success of the club.

Proposed 2011 HCYC Budget:

Projected Income from all sources: 68,663

Expenses	
Membership promotion	382
Parties	15,782
Recognition	846
Power program	600
Sail program	1,140
Youth program	1,161
Bank charges	24
Subscriptions & Dues	965
Insurance	4,650
Professional fees	5,190
Office expense	364
Printing & reproduction	2,074
Postage and delivery	930
Clubhouse	17,640
Utilities	4,261
Supplies	2,645
Other expenses	3,796
Total expenses:	<u>62,450</u>

Projected working surplus 6,213

(Before 2010 deficit carried forward)



Membership Report

Please welcome our newest members to HCYC:

Joe and Libby Buckle - They have an O'Day 23' in slip C - 3.
Gustavo Medellin - He has a Colgate 26 in slip D-27.

Please go by and introduce yourself to these folks and welcome them to HCYC. We are going to be making some changes in our membership application after the first of the year. Some new ideas are in the making for our new members.

Stay tuned,
Carol Teat
Membership Chairman

Parade of Lights

We would like to thank **Nathan Birney** for a job well done with the **2010 HCYC Parade of Lights**. Here is the list of winners:

1st Place - Large Boat Class ~ **Brent & Karen Bazar**
1st Place - Sail Boat Class ~ **Jeff & Pam Rudolph Walne**
Tied for 1st Place in the Small Boat Class: **Hortence Raines & Brent & Kimberly Budde**



HCYC Activities January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Installation Banquet
9	10	11	12	13 2011 Ex. Comm. Cold Springs @ 6:00 PM	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Frostbite Regatta
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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