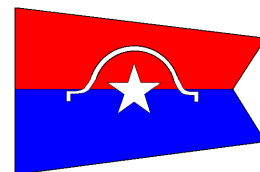


# SHIP'S LOG



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## From The Helm

Philip Costa Commodore

We are excited about our upcoming year. The calendar is full of **great things**. We are starting off April 30 with a full day, **Fuel Fill Up, BBQ and 6 hours of bands**. Then the plan is to have a different social event every Friday night in May and June at 7:00 PM. It will include something to eat and a game to play. Randle has a spectacular program planned.

**Rockin' The Balls 3** is in the works July 16, 2016. Natalie Rose and 3 Man Front have been booked to play on our deck this year. I want to bring back the old times when the club was full of friends and food until late, late.

We also have plans for some upgrades to the clubhouse. We are changing the outdoor fans, lights and stereo. I would like to have a fund raiser and with your help, we could have a new ceiling, granite counter tops and a new club look.

Our website is up and fully functioning, **HCYC-TX**. You can now go to our website and pay your dues. We will keep it up-date to keep you informed of club events. We are going to send out a quarterly newsletter, but I like for you to make the website your source of keeping up with friends.

Carol Teat has retired as our club administrator. After 16 years of hard work, she has decided to just come to the club and have fun.

Please help me and thank Carol, Charlie and Mike for everything they have done over the years. Without them we would not have such a great place. I ask that you bear with us as Tammy Ogletree takes over, there are guaranteed to be some bumps.

Please join us for the new officers banquet Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> at Gruene River Grill in

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## HCYC Sailing: We are in Mid Season ! Randle Moore, RC Sail

Sailing season on Canyon Lake may seem funny to some people. Our sailing season is from a week after Labor Day to a week before Memorial Day. By that way of thinking, we are in mid season.

### Collaborative Fleet Report:

As you may recall, the boards of both LCYC and HCYC voted to combine the fleets of keel boats known as Non-Spin B. these include Cruisers of less than 30 feet. Part of the Collaborative Fleet concept is that of education. On Saturday, December 5th, we held our first home-grown seminar, "How to Get The Best Out of Your Boat on a Shoestring." 30 members of HCYC and LCYC attended. Presenters were Jim Kizziar (Big Boat Fleet Captain), Pete Prados (usual winner of the Non-Spin B fleet), Lynn Simpson (Adult Sailing co-coordinator and U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Instructor), and Bruce Dunn (2015 J/22 Fleet winner).

### Race Report:

Our racing fleet is on its road trip. The fleet is actively involved in the Winter Series hosted by LCYC. The December race weekend was last week, December 12 & 13. Our keel boat members showed up in force. John Ruiz on Wind Chine, Gus Medellin on X-trovert, and Mike Ferrell on Family Time were there. Other registered HCYC racers, Dwight Stickle on Sweet Lil' Thing, Charlie Hankins on QT, Bob Willis

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## Communication Efforts are Front and Center Joseph Pyle, Club Secretary

Well I'm back. When Dwight and the nominating committee asked me to serve as your 2016 Secretary, I couldn't refuse.

As your incoming Secretary, I have committed to Philip (and the Executive Committee) that I will do everything possible to help him meet his goal of *bringing back the old times when the club was full of friends, festivities and fun*.

In addition to fulfilling the duties of Secretary, I will be working closely with our new Club Administrator, Carol Teat and the Executive Committee in designing and implementing a records archival policy, a best practice for transitioning documents from one Executive Committee to the next and converting our paper documents to digital files.

I'll also present to the Executive Committee my request to publish the approved monthly board minutes in the members section of the website. Finally, I look forward to supporting Captain Bob, Dwight Stickle and Donita Klement in their efforts to keep the club's communication efforts front and center so that our membership is not only up to date but well informed.

Joe Pyle



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## Social Scene

Check out the enclosed calendar we are looking forward to a great year.

The 2016 Installation is at the Gruene River Grill on Saturday night, January 16, 2016. We have planned an informal event and a short program so that you may enjoy the entertainment available at Gruene Hall after dinner and the installation occurs. I hope you will make plans to join us for happy hour beginning at 6:15 and dinner at 7:00. We will conclude by 9:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost is \$40/each.



Next up in February is the Valentines Day Party and Newly Web Game, we are asking for reservations (and a small fee for the steaks) ...we will have all the details on the web: hcyc-tx.com and in the February news letter.

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on Mi Sueño, and I, Randle Moore, on My Girl opted to take a day off. Unfortunately, the wind also showed up in force. At the skipper meetings on Saturday, the wind was blowing consistently above 20 mph with gusts to over 30. LCYC PRO, Rick Mella, called for an hour postponement. By the time the hour had past, Gus and some other skippers had already left the marina to "play" in the wind, and the rest had gone home.

So at the conclusion of the first Saturday of the Winter Series, all keel boats are even. Our next keel boat Saturday of the Winter Series will be January 9th. On Sunday, wind conditions were about the same for board boats, except the temperature were in the 40's instead of the 70's. I choose to help my wife with the Christmas recital for her piano studio, so I missed that lovely day of racing.

Share our passion for sailing ,

*Randle Moore*

We're making changes to make your monthly membership renewal easier. If you haven't already you will get an email with your logon information for the hcyc-tx.com website. This will have information you will need to access the website and to pay your January dues.

I ask that you make a concerted effort to sign in soon and make payment. If you prefer to mail a check, please send to:

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If you have any questions, please email 2015 Commodore - Marty Chrisman - [mchrism@gvyc.com](mailto:mchrism@gvyc.com) or email the 2016 Commodore - Philip Costa - [pvcsplashpool@aol.com](mailto:pvcsplashpool@aol.com).

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2016. Marty Chrisman

Marty Chrisman  
2015 HCYC Commodore

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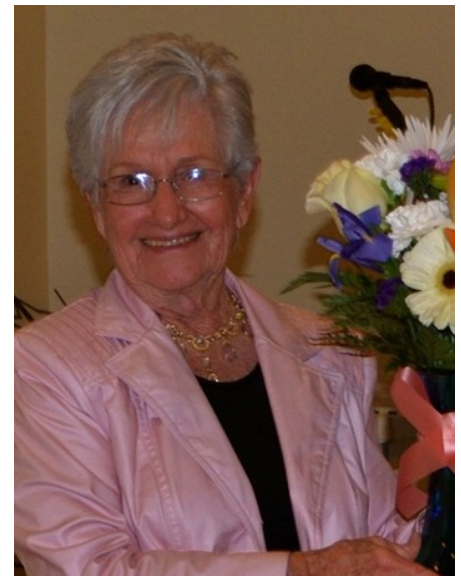
New Braunfels. We would love for you to share the start of a new year and a new day with your HCYC friends.

It's going to be a Great Year! Don't miss out. We will be there.

JUST HAVIN FUN!

*Philip*

At The Helm... Watch Out!



Thank you Carol!



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**Up-Coming Events:**

January 09, 2016 LCYC/HCYC Collaborative Winter Series Continues (No Skipper's Meeting)

January 16, 2016 9:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting

January 16, 2016 6:00 PM Officer Installation Banquet, Gruene River Grill, Gruene Texas, (Reservations Required)

February 13, 2016 9:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting

February 13, 2016 LCYC/HCYC Collaborative Winter Concludes (No Skipper's Meeting)

February 13, 2016 6:00 PM Valentines Day Party, 7 PM Steak Dinner w/ Newly Wed Game (Reservations Required)

March 19, 2016 9:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting

March 19, 2016 HCYC/LCYC Collaborative Spring Series - Pro/Am Regatta

March 19, 2016 6:00 PM 7 PM Irish Dinner & St. Patrick's Day Party with Line Dancing and 2 Steppin'

**2016 Executive Committee:**

Philip Costa	Commodore
Terry Hooper	Vice Commodore
Randle Moore	Rear Commodore, Sail
Chris K.	Rear Commodore, Power
Joe Pyle	Secretary
DeAnne Laumer	Treasurer
Hati Cantu	Social Director
Aida K.	Social Director

**Volunteers:**

Donita Klement	Membership Chair
Dwight Stickle	Ship's Log Editor
Susan Hooper	Port Capitan

Club Administrator: Tammy Ogletree

