



GREG WHITE

THE NEW YEAR is upon us and, as always, there's much work to do at BBYC. But before we get started I'd like to thank all of last year's officers, chairpersons and committee members for all their hard work throughout the year.

Some of you may not realize the effort that goes on behind the scenes to keep the club running. We have the Rear Commodore, Randy Hasness and his committee, that kept the club house going day to day. From the galley to the bar, repairs and improvements, it's one of the toughest jobs at the club.

The Social Chair, Wendie Nelson, and all the folks that helped out with dinners and events. Our Port Captain, Dave Tucker, who helped make BBYC a favorite destination of other yacht clubs. Race Chair, Monty Chin and his committee, put in many hours and days to ensure we held successful races.

Our Merchandise Chair, Marsha Stark, kept us all in style with the latest BBYC fashions, and Cruise Chair Roy Stark coordinated our cruise-outs to make sure those fashions got the exposure they deserved.

Treasurer Beth Friedman made sure all the bills were paid and our finances were running smoothly and also, I'm happy to say, collected your dues. Our Board of Directors, Cathe Dods, Al Linhares and Bob Martin, attempted to keep us all on track (a tough job in and of itself). Then there's John Stashik who puts out *The Whale's Tale* month after month even when our article submissions are late, and our Secretary, Nancy Lasky, who tied it all together and managed the day to day operations of the office. A heartfelt *thank you* to all of you for a job well done!

A special thanks goes out to Commodore Bob Stivers for all his hard

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The Whale's Tale

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Dock of the Bay



John Stashik

This wayward 700-foot drydock escaped from its mooring in San Francisco during a heavy windstorm in November and literally sailed to Yerba Buena Island. Fortunately, it did not crash into the Bay Bridge, any tankers or BBYC boats on the bay. Another photo on page 2.

New Membership Committee Formed; Your Participation Invited and Encouraged

TO RING in the new year, I would like to take this opportunity again to thank all of you who supported me during the election. I have already formed a membership committee. The members are: Guy Frank, Judie Braaten, and Jeff Fuller. I invite anyone else that would like to serve to join the membership committee. We are planning a number of membership drive activities for the new year. I cannot over emphasize

Vice Commodore



LESTER CLARK

the importance of increasing our membership.

At the December meeting, I filled in for Greg White. In his absence we inducted three new members. They are Danny Reynolds, Web Jordan, and Grover Dye. Their photos are forthcoming and will be posted. Please make these new members feel welcome, as I know that you will. I hope to see you all at the this month's membership meeting.



John Stashik

Captain Santa barks orders to his crew at last month's lighted boat parade.

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The Whale's Tale

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Photographs are always welcome and can be left at the club in *The Whale's Tale* box. Digital photos should be e-mailed to the above addresses. Digital photos should have a minimum resolution of 212 pixels per inch at full size. *Always* provide a caption and photo credit information.

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Commodore's Report

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work and leadership this past year. You should know that Bob's commitment as Commodore really started three years ago when he accepted the position of Rear Commodore. To put in three years of your time towards leadership of an organization such as this is truly commendable and I hope each of you will join me in saying thanks Bob, we appreciate your efforts.

Now, on to new business. As you can see it takes a lot of people to keep this club running. As of this printing we have most of our chairperson positions filled but we are still in need of committee members, especially Social Committee. So think back to when you joined the club and try to remember what positions you said you would help out with. Please don't make me go through all your applications to find out—I will if I have to—but it would be much easier if you just gave the chairperson of your choice a call and volunteered. Keep in mind also that we are always in need of dinner hosts; just give Dave Alexander a call and he'll set you up.

I'd like to thank all of the people whose arms I twisted...err ahh, "volunteered" to become chairpersons. Dave Alexander is this year's Social Chair; Britta Fjelstrom is Race Chair; and Dave Tucker is back as this year's Cruise Chair. Also, I've just recently found out that the position of Merchandise Chair is now open and I'm considering all volunteers for that position. Please give me a call if you are interested.

One last note: I regret to inform you that Bob Martin has recently resigned as Director. He will be missed for the balance and perspective he brought to the Board and we're sorry to see him go. In light of this resignation I have asked Beth Golden, a past Commodore and long time member, to fulfill the remainder of Bob's tenure, and she has accepted. I'd like to thank her for accepting the position. I think she'll be a great asset to the Board and I look forward to working with her this year.

I look forward to a successful year for BBYC and hope to see you at the club soon.



John Stashik

A side view of the beached drydock. It was removed from Yerba Buena Island and towed back to San Francisco in December.



Bartending Classes To Be Offered

WE ALL are justifiably proud of our status as one of the largest all-volunteer yacht clubs in the area. Because we all pitch in, we have been able to keep our dues low and our meal and bar prices at reasonable levels.

Rear Commodore



BETH FRIEDMAN

But just as important, volunteering makes for more active members. It allows us to get to know each other, share our boating knowledge and experience, and enjoy socializing with one another.

If you've ever thought that you'd enjoy being a bartender at the club, now is the time to step forward! It's a great opportunity to meet a lot of our members, and you'll really be helping out the club. Monty and Wendie have agreed to teach another Bartender's Training Class, where they'll be showing you how to mix drinks, find bar supplies, use the cash register, etc. We'll also be reviewing the regulations of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control as they apply to us.

Please give me a call or get in touch via e-mail if you're interested. We'll schedule the class on the date most convenient to all.

New Year's Day Cruisers
High Tide at Bay Farm Island Bridge
10:15 a.m. +8 feet

Got Photographs?

We're looking for photos from BBYC events over the past year for a Power Point presentation at our upcoming membership drives. If you, or someone you know, have taken some great pictures of races, cruise-outs, cruise-ins, parties, or any time club members have convened en masse, please submit photos (preferably on disc, but any pictures are welcome) to Judie Braaten c/o BBYC, or e-mail at: rsfmorgans@netscape.net.

All photographers will receive credit for their photos, so please include correct spelling of names. Photos and discs will be returned. If you have any questions, please call Judie at: (510) 337-0488.

Social Committee Notes

BY DAVID ALEXANDER

YES, I can't believe it either! I was approached about taking on the role of Social Chair by two new officers. I protested that I didn't even *cook*, so how could I lead a committee of chefs? Our new Commodore, Greg White, assured me that my role would be to organize events and coordinate with the team. I thought about it overnight and decided to accept the challenge.

The storm over the weekend of December 14-15th kept me home in Santa Rosa but the phone and e-mail worked so I have some ideas about my vision for dining and parties at BBYC in 2003. Once a month we will have a theme dinner. February will feature a Valentine's dinner, perhaps with a DJ.

April is a special month in maritime history. We will have a Shipwreck Dinner on April 12th, the anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic* in 1912. Our dinner will feature some of the items served in *Titanic's* dining room that night.

When the weather gets warmer, I will host a toga party. That meal will be Italian with more than one type of pasta and sauce and include my favorite sauce, pesto. But since this is the yacht club, that party will be rated PG-13. That means we must wear something under our togas!

But for now, let's look at January. It's 2003 already and we are off and

running. There is no dinner planned for January 4th as most of us will be recovering from the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day events at the club. Our first dinner of the new year will be on Saturday, January 11th, which will include a business meeting, led by our new Commodore, Greg White.

We plan to have dinners on January 18th and January 25th if we can find volunteers. Sunday, January 26th, is Super Bowl Sunday and will feature a chili cookoff during the halftime festivities. This has become an annual event and usually draws 5-8 entries.

The Social Committee has three members so far including **Jeanette Clark**, **Ann Weinzierl**, **Leilani Lahue** and led by myself. Jeanette will also be our board representative.

We need more volunteers to plan and produce dinners, set tables and decorate. Do you have a favorite dish? We would like to taste it. We will provide you with a crew to make your dream a reality. Do you have an idea for a theme dinner/party? We need your input. How about a hobby night? That could be a night to showcase our other talents including model boats, cars, trains, collectible dolls, stained glass and who knows what else.

Let us know what is on your mind. We are looking for your ideas and assistance.

Let's eat again real soon!



Wave Writer

R E P O R T S

THE SUNRISE this morning was spectacular... Our winters are part of our lives. On a recent December weekend we received copious amounts of rain, and then the following Wednesday was clear as the proverbial silver bell. Then this morning the eastern sky was ablaze with fire. The reds and the oranges were nothing less than fantastic. Did someone say "red sails in the morning, sailor take warning?" The winds gave way to rain. Winter is here and came across the bay from the south with a vengeance.

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NEW OFFICERS have taken to the bridge... Greg White has begun work for a great year at the yacht club. The rest of his bridge has followed his lead. I have it on good authority that we already are beginning to fill in our cruise-in calendar. Sausalito Yacht Club has requested April 12th-13th. David Tucker has stepped forward to take charge of our cruise-outs. David Alexander is going to fill our social calendar with wonderful events and dinners. Beth Golden has taken over one of our directorships. Les Clark will be working to increase our membership. If you need a new name tag chat with Les. Beth Friedman will be in charge of our liquid needs. Ann Weinzierl not only knows how to take notes, but knows English as her first language.

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WOULD YOU believe Friday night dinner dances? I received an e-mail not long ago from Sarah Tamblyn. She wanted to know if there would be some interest in having a social night on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. What a great idea; potluck dinner and music. Put on your high heel sneakers...

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DID SOMEONE see an angel floating down the Estuary on December 7, 2002? I saw an angel lying on the floor of the yacht club last year, as a rainy night engulfed

the Estuary. The angel never made it to *Lady J*. Like the phoenix bird the angel was resurrected. As if by magic, it appeared on Kevin and Sandy Block's boat for the Lighted Boat Parade 2002. Lo and behold, as the boat made its way through the throng of boats celebrating that Jewish holiday, the Festival of Lights (Chanukah), Ballena Bay Yacht Club was awarded first place for yacht club entries. Congratulations to those stalwart members that saved the angel and participated in the decorating of our entry.

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SUNDAY BRUNCH at BBYC? With more ideas the club is steaming up for at least one Sunday brunch each month. Marty Chin—you know, Monty's Bro.—and his bride, Linda, are sponsoring one Sunday brunch each month. I am looking forward to this wonderful event.

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WINTER ALSO brings some white stuff in the high country. Several members have secured a condominium at Incline Village, Nevada. Look out Tahoe Yacht Club! We might have a cruise-in.



John Stashik

A wave organ is located at the entrance of San Francisco Marina. Pipes bring the music of waves to your ears.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve Party	Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Round the Island Cruise, BBQ	2	3	4 No planned dinner
5	6	7	8 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	9	10 Potluck Dinner, Dancing	11 Membership Meeting, Dinner 7 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Dinner 7 p.m.
19	20 M.L. KING DAY OBSERVED	21	22	23	24 Potluck Dinner, Dancing	25 Dinner 7 p.m.
26 SUPER BOWL Chili Cookoff	27	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1 Dinner 7 p.m.
2	3	4	5 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	6	7	8 Membership Meeting, Dinner 7 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY Potluck Dinner, Dancing	15 Dinner 7 p.m.

Super Bowl Sunday Is Chili Bowl Sunday at the Club



John Stashnik

This Month at BBYC

On the club calendar is the annual chili cookoff which is held during the Super Bowl halftime break. The game is on Sunday, January 26th.

Super Bowl XXXVII will be played in San Diego.



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