



## The Commodore Reports

ANN WEINZIERL

OCTOBER IS finally here. I know several cruisers in the club have been anxiously waiting to head out the gate and turn left. Other members are content to have football back. And, there are some really brave members that are stepping up to the plate this month to run for bridge positions in the club.

Sarah Sutton and her nominating committee have been busy bending arms to provide you with a slate of candidates at the general membership meeting on October 2nd. Nominations are welcome from the floor that evening as well. There are many positions to fill. If you are not interested in holding a bridge position there are plenty of committees that need to be filled, dinners to be cooked, races to participate in (if you have a boat or not), and cruises to plan. This is a perfect time for new members to get involved. Don't be bashful! Volunteer help is what makes the club function. The election is the first weekend in November with the new bridge taking charge January 1st. Remember, to vote in the election you must be a member in good standing (have your dues current), corresponding members do not have a vote, and absentee ballots are allowed if requested in writing one week prior to the election (a by-law...not my rule).

Watch the mail for your invitations to the Commodore's Ball and please RSVP as soon as possible. The Commodore's Ball is November 20th and we will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary in addition to honoring the outgoing bridge and welcoming the incoming officers. Anyone that has the addresses of former Commodore's and members that you would like to have invited please get them to me ASAP.

I sadly say farewell to Tom and Diane Miller. They are heading south

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# The Whale's Tale

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## News from the interim Race Chair, mid-winter post-brunch racing

BY WARD FULCHER, *Interim Race Chair*

AS MOST MEMBERS are aware, Britta Fjelstrom has moved "lock, dog and boat" to sunnier climes, after a highly successful stint as BBYC Race Chair. She was also the spearhead for our club's racing efforts in the South Bay Yacht Racing Association and, as I learned on May's cruise-out to Petaluma, would simply create a race if there was another boat near her on the water. While pre-race skippers' meetings are notorious droners, our own "Viking Goddess" would always send us off to the starting line with something interesting to think about. Even as a new member, I'll sure miss Britta—I guess—partly because I now have the challenge of filling her boots as Interim Race Chair.

BBYC was host to the September SBYRA race Saturday, September 18, in our home waters. Thirteen boats from various yacht clubs in the south bay took the start at noon, sailing a 7.8 nautical mile double triangle (sort of) course, using our club marks as well as channel markers. Winds built gradually from 12-14 knots into the high teens near the end, with the fleet finishing the two hour course tightly enough bunched for some great two- and three-boat battles at the line. For race results and narrative visit <http://sbyra.home.comcast.net>.

Initial feedback is that racers were pleased with BBYC's running of the race, and that means Dan Mulvey (who provided the committee boat) and Lowell Crow (who provided the pin-setting boat). On the race deck Jeff Fuller, Lowell, Dan and Lee were on top of every detail, and we all had a nice time to boot. Big thanks also to Pete Kanifsky of Coyote Point Yacht Club who came over for their cruise-in and joined us on Dan's boat. Pete's extensive RC experience and familiarity with SBYRA were a great help, and we all kicked around ideas for making racing more enticing to casual sailors—you'll be hearing some of

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## Social Committee Notes

BY KIM CROW

FALL IS DEFINITELY in the air, and the breezes are really kicking up for all you sailors at BBYC. They definitely were in full force on September 18th for the SBYRA race and Coyote Point cruise-in. About 15 people cruised in for dinner.

It was an excellent international dinner prepared for us by **Patrick Rentsch** and his son, master griller **Nicholas**. Patrick loves to cook and we hope to have him again soon in the kitchen. His Brazilian steak adobo was to die for. Several countries were represented in that meal including Indonesia, Belgium, Italy, Azerbaijan, Jamaica and the good old USA with, what else, a Kickass Salad. I heard a comment from one of the Coyote Point cruisers that "it's always fun at BBYC."

The 25th of September saw **Sarah Sutton** in the kitchen preparing south of the border salad, pork loin roast, tequila lime chicken with mango salsa, new potatoes and homemade jalapeno/cheddar cornbread. *Mmmm.*

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to San Diego early in the month and points further south after that. Other cruising members heading south are Scott Black and Jeannie Davie. Scott and Jeannie had moved their boat to the Delta shortly after joining the club last year. But they came back in September and are getting ready to head south to points unknown as of this writing. If you notice a large stone Wally the Whale in the club that was donated to us by them. Thank you Scott and Jeannie.

Other donations that should be mentioned are... Kjell Ragnar offered to contribute \$500 towards the purchase of new furniture for the fireplace. I've offered to match it. Anyone else that would like to participate please step forward. The sooner we have the funds pulled together the sooner the furniture will be purchased. Individuals contributing over \$100 toward the furniture get to help pick it out. The rest can complain about the color and/or fabric as they enjoy the fireplace from their new perch. How's that for being a diplomat?

Monday night football is in full swing. Every Monday night the club is providing hot dogs and chips for \$2. This event is a mini-membership drive. We have opened the club up to the marina and surrounding members of the yachting community. Now that the Lighthouse has officially closed we decided to open the doors and welcome our neighbors in. Stop by and check out the action. The first night an informal football pool was pulled together. Linda Fenn, Jerry Barnes, Myra Winovich, and Allison Robertson were the big winners. At 25 cents a square it was *really* big money too! Since few people cared which team won... it was fun to hear the cheering for field goals and touchdowns to get the right pool numbers. Thank you to Myra, Allison and Jeanette Clark for setting up the food and sunset room for the event, to Judie (in Hawaii) for pulling together the flyers, and to Jeff Fuller for making it all happen.

When you look at the calendar you will notice there are two weekends in October with tentative cruise-outs scheduled. I am going to try to get something pulled together at either San Francisco or North Star (a resurrected club in Emery Cove (their unofficial clubhouse is Trader Vic's). We could be the first club to exchange burgees with them; they have about 20 they found in their old files but all those clubs are gone now. Other possibilities: San Rafael, Presidio, or Marin yacht clubs. If you are interested in cruising on any of these weekends check the board in the club for updates and sign-up sheets.

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these in future letters. Dave Tucker, who already had a full day of club responsibilities ahead, had also made himself available had we been short on the race deck, and Britta was available for long-distance advice.

In the near future, I'd like to do a mid-winter brunch series, so pencil in the first Sunday of the month for a little light exercise and fresh air on your boat after enjoying that excellent BBYC brunch. Other possibilities

include participation in the Wallace Cup and Alameda Interclub series.

I've got some ideas for next year that I hope to present to the board at October's meeting, and it'd be a boon to have your suggestions or questions before then. I can be reached at [wardfulcher@alamedanet.net](mailto:wardfulcher@alamedanet.net) or (510) 522-0274 before 9:30 p.m.

This month's thought to live by: the more you race your boat, the cleaner her bottom stays, and who wouldn't want that?

# OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Oct. 1	2 Membership meeting, dinner 7 p.m.
3 Brunch 9 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8 SF Fleet Week events	9 Cruise-out TBD (thru Sunday) SF Fleet Week events
10 SF Fleet Week events	11	12	13	14 Single Sailors Assoc. 7:30 p.m.	15	16 Spinnaker YC; San Jose Sailing Club; Spinnaker YC cruise-ins Octoberfest Dinner 7 p.m.
17	18	19	20 Deadline for November newsletter	21	22	23 Cruise-out TBD (thru Sunday)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween Party
31	Nov. 1	2	3 Board meeting 7 p.m.	4	5	6 Election, membership meeting, dinner 7 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Dinner 7 p.m.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

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October 2 is the general membership meeting/dinner with **Tinker Dave** at the barbee again for his famous Bushmill's steak dinner.

October 3 will be another fabulous brunch for a bargain price of \$8. Y'all plan to attend that and bring your friends. October 9th will be a cruise-out, so no dinner is planned.

October 16th **Commodore Annie** will cook for an Oktoberfest. The San Jose Sailing Club will be cruising-in to join us. *Oom pah pah!* Don't forget your lederhosen. Can anyone play the accordion that night? If so, let your social chairmen know.

October 23rd may or may not be another cruise-out, and until I hear from **Dan Mulvey** one way or the other, I can't say for sure if we'll have

a dinner that night or not. But we'll be in touch by e mail, or just check the message board.

October 30th brings out spookmeister **Jim LaMar**. He'll be decorating the clubhouse for Halloween and preparing tacos. Anyone who hasn't seen Jim's decorations is in for a treat. He does it up right—a real fun night. We've had some great costumes in the past, and I'm sure this year will be no exception. You have plenty of time to come up with *the* perfect costume, so get crackin.' There will be prizes.

Hope to see you at at least one of these dinners. And, don't forget to sign up as a helper for one meal a year. We could really use the assistance in pulling off these events.

Two extra social events have been added to the club's social calendar:

1. *Friday Night Potlucks*. We'd like to encourage informal dinners for members by having the clubhouse open to potlucks every Friday night. Come on in, bring some food to share and generally schmooze with your club mates.

2. *Monday Night Football*. At 6 p.m. every Monday night BBYC's giant TV is tuned in to the big game. We'll be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips for \$2.00. What a deal! You can't get that at a stadium *and* you get to see the players up close and personal. To quote **Jeff Fuller**, who's in charge, "You can enjoy good food and the company of friends. Let us show you what a membership with Ballena Bay Yacht Club can offer you."

See you at the club.