



The Commodore Reports

Alison Robertson

Have you been in our club recently?! What a difference! Our Spring Cleanup was a huge success and the club is looking great. A huge thank you to **Lowell & Kim Crow** for organizing the cleanup! There were so many wonderful helpers that I couldn't possibly name everyone, but thank you to all! As part of our new look we are getting quotes on changing the flooring in the dining area. We are considering replacement of the carpet in the high traffic section of the dining room from the back door (the door on the parking lot side) to the kitchen and bar area with tile. Tile should be easier to keep clean!

On April 1 we will have an Open House and show off the rewards of our Spring Cleaning! As is our custom for anyone joining our club during the Open House we will waive the initiation fee. If you know of anyone who is contemplating becoming a member now is a good time! Please let them know about this great deal and encourage them to come along on April 1! This is not an April fool's joke!

Our first cruise-out of the year was a lot of fun. We cruised over to the San Francisco Yacht Club and enjoyed the camaraderie there. The weather was gorgeous which made for two heavenly days of sailing! It was so wonderful to be back on the water! Our next cruise-out is the weekend of April 14-15 to Coyote Point. I am sure this will be another fantastic event! Be sure to sign up!

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BALLENA BAY YACHT CLUB ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA



Kim & Lowell Crow ramrodded the Spring Cleaning Effort!

Race Report

By Sarah Sutton

Greetings sailors, cruisers and everyone in-between!

We've had great weather for our first few races! So nice in fact, that the race committee was able to enjoy warm, clear and sunny weather on shore while the racers have been stalled by unseasonably calm weather and little wind! Could be worse - I do not think our friends in the eastern seaboard would feel too sorry for the racers who were unable to complete the Around the Rock Race on Saturday, March 17, and had to endure a warm sunny day floating on San Francisco Bay with a world class view of the City front in their shirtsleeves! (Or did you take your shirt off again Ward?) In Chicago, St. Patrick's Day parade-goers were bundled up in their overcoats, hats and mittens. Only our favorite trimaran, Lil Bear, was able to cross the finish line before Leroy and crew decided to head back to the club for dinner. The other participants earned consolation points however for giving it their best try and I do believe managed to have a good time on the water, which is what it is really all about.

Next race, the third and final PMS (that's for Post Mid-winter Series) race is Around Angel Island! Information is posted on the website and available at the club. Be sure to join us on shore and afterward at the club as well to toast all the participants!

Please note that the Racing Seminar, originally scheduled for Saturday March 31st will be rescheduled to April or May. Stay tuned! -- Sarah

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Besides our cruise-out in March we also had our second race of the season and of course our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner. See the Racing & Social articles for all the details! At our March General Membership Dinner **Leroy Pyle** brought representatives from the Sea Scouts. As most of you know they have a power boat in our marina. It is wonderful to see youth involved in the boating world and we would like to be part of encouraging their active participation. If anyone is interested in taking some Sea Scouts out sailing please let Leroy know.

We will continue to have dinners on most Saturday nights. As always the food is wonderful and the Saturday night dinners are a big success. April 29 is Opening Day on the bay. If you are lucky enough to be out on the bay that day please fly your BBYC burgee! I will have my burgee flying!

See you in the club or on the water....

--Alison

Vice Commodore Report

by Jeff Gear

Thanks to the efforts of many club members, the club has been cleaned from top to bottom and radiates a new energy and shine to all who pass through our doors! So what better way to show off our wonderful club than by having....

An Open House!!

Yes, we're hosting our first "Open House" of the year on Sunday, April 1st from 1pm to 3pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to come down and visit the club, have a drink and listen to a few selections on our newly refurbished jukebox. If they're hungry, hamburgers and hot dogs will be served straight from the grill! Our club revolves around membership and the more, the merrier!

On a different tack, we've been having problems with our current name badge provider and I have started the process of finding a replacement supplier. I realize there are a few members still waiting for their badges and I'm doing all I can to make this transition a speedy process. Please be patient...

However, with this type of change, it's a good opportunity to solicit our membership and find out if there are other "logistical" items that need attention. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are missing or need a replacement item such as:

- * Name badge
- * Membership card
- * Phone directory
- * Keys
- * BBYC Bylaws

In addition, if you have contact information changes such as address, phone number, email and even boat related information including boat name, boat type, etc., please feel free to contact me via phone at (208) 721-0075 or via email at vicecommodore@bbyc.org and I will update our records accordingly.

See you at the Open House!

--Jeff

See more club photos at:

<http://www.bbyc.org/pages/photosA.html>

April & May 2007

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						April 1 OPEN HOUSE 12:00-3:00 PM
2	3 Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc 7PM	4	5	6	7 PMS Race Membership Meeting Dinner 7 pm	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Cruise-Out Coyote Point GYO Dinner 7:00 PM	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Dinner 7 pm	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Cruise-in Berkeley & Coyote Point YC Prime Rib Dinner 7.pm	29
30			May			
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	May 1	2	3	4	5 Membership dinner 7:00 PM	6
7	8 BBTA 7PM	9	10	11 Griller Race	12 KaBOOM! Early Dinner 5 pm	13
14	15	16	17	18 Griller race Potluck 7:00 pm	19 Petaluma Cruise-out	20

Merchandise Chair Report

By Kim Crow

Our combination Father's Day/Kick off the Summer/Merchandise/Crafts Boutique is coming sooner than you think. It's on **Saturday, June 2**, also a membership meeting dinner night. Our own Robyn Craig is busy making jewelry for the occasion, and there will be some sale items from the merchandise store. And you'll have plenty of time to order something for Father's Day and get your merchandise delivered on time. Don't miss it!

-- Kim



**Buy your BBYC Win Glasses Today!
See Kim at the club**

Rear Commodore Report

By Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi all -

April's news from that old wine drinker---Tinker.

I'm going to stop whining. I would like to see the club get more use, seems people only show up for dinner on Saturday. I'm going to take the positive view that the wonderful Spring weather will bring our members to their Club and boats..

As I promised when i took the job, I have revamped the wine list. We now have four whites, a White Zinfandel and ten reds as follows:

Whites:

- Rawson's Retreat Chardonnay - \$3
- Sandoval Chardonnay - \$5
- Fetzer Sauvignon Blanc - \$3
- Five Rivers - Pinot Grigio - \$3
- White Zinfandel - \$3

Reds:

- Lindemans Merlot - \$3
- Lindemans Merlot/Cabernet - \$3
- Christian Moueix Bordeaux - \$3
- Lindemans Cabernet Sauvignon - \$3
- Climbing Cabernet Sauvignon - \$5
- Lindemans Shiraz/Cabernet - \$3
- Lindemans Shiraz - \$3
- Bolla Chianti - \$3
- Fetzer Zinfandel - \$3
- Talus Pinot Noir - \$5

So for all the wine drinkers out there this should provide something you will enjoy. I highly recommend the two blends for an interesting change of pace.

There are a couple more I'd like to add but we have run out of storage space.

Financially March should be okay, we have five Saturdays in March. . St Pats was a good night and we will see what the rest of the month brings.

Cheers,

--Tinker



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March 31st, our Commodore **Alison Robertson** prepared Stuffed Roast Pork to start and lemon meringue pie to finish.

Don't forget that April 7th is a membership meeting. Dinner will be prepared by **Scott and LuAnne Roth**.

A GYO will be held on the 14th.

Monica Ley will prepare a dinner for us on the 21st.

On April 28th we will have two clubs cruising in, the Berkeley and Coyote Point Yacht Clubs. And to welcome them, and hopefully have a great turn out from our membership, we will be serving a **Sumptuous Prime Rib** dinner for the enjoyment of all.

Remember: sign up by the Thursday before each dinner, and save \$3.00. You can sign up on line, at the club or leave a voice mail on the club phone.

--Mike Smalley



PRIME RIB DINNER!

April 28th 7:00 PM

We are expecting a big crowd on the 28th, with Coyote Point and Berkeley Yacht clubs cruising in. Both clubs are great fun and wonderful company.

Plan on joining us that night for a very special and delicious dinner.



WANTED:

Junior Sailors for the City of Oakland **ONE DESIGN RACING CLASS**. Spring tryouts are scheduled for Saturday, April 7th, 2007 and summer tryouts July 7th, 2007 from 11am - 3:00pm at the Jack London Aquatic Center, 115 Embarcadero East, Oakland, CA 94606.

Please remember to bring a lunch, water bottle and a change of clothes.

PRIOR SAILING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED: Sailors should be able to sail a high-performance single-handed dinghy (BYTE) around a race course.

For More Information:

* Call (510) 238-2196

* www.oaklandnet.com/parks/programs (click "boating" then "youth programs")

FIRST ANNUAL BBYC SPRING CLEANING

By Lowell Crow

During the weekend of March 3rd and 4th, we conducted a thorough spring cleaning of the club with some 34 eager participants. You pack-rats out there who have tucked your little treasures away in the club can kiss them goodbye because scads of junk was discarded from all areas of the club.

Most everyone really enjoyed working with fellow club members and visualizing the fruits of their labor; of which there was considerable. Two members even brought friends to help out. **Monica Ley** invited her visiting Kiwi friend Marion who helped in the kitchen and **Dee Furley** invited her friend Jerry who contributed heavily to the paint crew. Here's what we accomplished.

1. The entire club has been painted under the direction of the fabulous **Robyn Rowley** and her fabulous painting crew! Look for new colors. I anticipated getting only the bar room area painted but, no, they charged on and did the dining room and the kitchen! Absolutely fabulous!
2. Every wooden chair in the house has been repaired courtesy of **Mike Smalley**. He worked for two full days on this task.
3. The **Dirty Jobs** award goes to **Bob Carr** and his crew who did a major cleaning of the kitchen. The refrigerator, cupboards, and stoves were cleaned inside and out and a lot of weeding out was accomplished, and an actual tile floor was discovered after much scrubbing by Monica and Marion.
4. Some of you may remember that after a fire inspection, we had to remove a bunch of extension cords used to light up the entrance to the club. We now have new up-to-code wiring to the outside, and the club sign can now be illuminated along with the tree lights. An additional EXIT sign was also installed in the fire escape hall in the dining room. Our very own journeymen electricians **Joey Veach** and **Ron Fudala** worked all day Saturday making this possible. There was much more to this job than I had ever imagined.
5. When you enter the club, you will now be able to see through the windows as they have been washed inside and out, plus the blinds have all been cleaned, thanks to **Cathy Coyte** and her crew.
6. Both sides of the bar were scrubbed (including the floors), the brass rails were polished, the shelving for the glasses and bottles were cleaned, the refrigerator under the bar was cleaned and

defrosted (this required a heat gun), the trophy case was redone and its contents cleaned, and, last but certainly not least, the mirrors were cleaned! You can now actually see yourself in the mirrors. Furthermore, you can now step into a bar seat without your feet sticking to the floor. **Tinker Dave** was the crew leader for this area.

7. Under the direction of **Cheryl Pyle**, the office and ice machine areas were completely reamed out. Years of out-dated records, files, paper, etc., hit the dumpster. **Leroy Pyle** extracted a filter from the ice machine motor which was completely opaque and impenetrable! It's a wonder that the thing even made ice.

8. **Humphrey Mark** led the team that cleaned and reorganized the book case in the dining room, defrosted the freezer, and cleaned the big chairs next to the television set. Nearly all the burgees have been rearranged, and **Robyn Rowley** and **Dee Furley** have taken on the task of redecorating both the dining room and the bar area. They will decide what goes back on the walls and what will be tossed or stored. A spot purchase of a new vacuum cleaner greatly improved the appearance of the carpet in the dining room which will, hopefully, not be with us much longer. You can count on seeing a crisp new look to the club.

Kim and I would like to express our sincerest thanks to those who participated. Everyone did a great job and had a fun time. A tremendous amount was accomplished. We look forward to making this an annual event.

Cruise Chair Report

By Michael Hart

We had a fantastic Cruise-out to San Francisco Yacht Club in March, with a little help from Lady Luck. We were fortunate that Dave Tucker, Bob Peterson and Monica Ley arrived early and were ready for our main flotilla of boats which arrived about 2:30pm. The yacht club was having a big race which was ending just as we were arriving, which made it a little confusing. After the busy arrival, we then settled into a nice dock party on and off Jeff Fuller's new boat. Thanks to Linda Fenn and David Offerman for the shrimp cocktails We also had a great turn-out for dinner at the club. Then the wild bunch went to Jeff Gear's boat for some dancing. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated. The next cruise-out is to Coyote Point Yacht Club on April 14-15. You can sign up at the club or send me an email.

I hope to see you there.

Michael Hart (916) 801-1602

Social Committee Notes

Hello All,

Here we are in April and the boating season has begun. The weather has been delightful. Dinners have been triumphant, and the folks at the BBYC have been putting their backs into it. We had a fantastic turnout for our spring clean and free pizza, thanks to the **Crows**, Lowell & his lovely wife Kim aka "the merchandiser". They oversaw and coordinated the event. We now have lighted signs, and trees outside thanks to **Joey Veach**, an Exit sign from the dining hall thanks to **Ron Fudala**. and new and colorful paint from our Port Captain **Robyn Rowley**. This gathering was in my opinion one of the best events we could have enjoyed all year in that we all worked together as a team to make our club what it is. I know I can say that not just I am thankful for the fantastic turnout we had. I know it wasn't just because of the free pizza; it was the sense of camaraderie in our club.

The following week we had a cruise out to the SFYC. We did hold a GYO dinner. It was quite small, and very informal. As the Social chair let me say that even though there is a cruise out, some of us aren't always able to make it out for

various unfortunate reasons, but let it be known that there is always a dinner to be had at the BBYC. There is also the little informal private dinners on Monday nights for those who are devoted "24" fans. These are a lot of fun and whoever shows up knows two things:

- (1) No talking during the show
- (2) That superman wears Jack Bauer underwear.

When "24" is not in season then we have movie nights until football season then there is Monday Night Football.

On the 17th we had our famous St. Patrick's Day Dinner, starring who else but the star Leprechauns themselves, **Jim Lamar & Tinker Dave**. Jim Lamar prepared his world famous corned beef and all of the trimmings. There was not a single bite left. Tinker prepared some Green Beer, Irish coffee and whatever anybody wanted to turn Green he was more than willing to indulge the parched participant with a simple dose of the Leprechaun's secret ingredient.

On March 24th **Bob & Claudette Carr** prepared a delectable French dinner featuring Coq a Vin.

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