



## The Commodore Reports

Alison Robertson

Happy New Year, again! I started my article last year by commenting how fast the year 2006 went by. That was nothing compared to 2007! Now here we are welcoming in 2008!

December teemed with holiday functions at the Club. Unfortunately for me I was unable to attend some of them as I was in Washington, D.C., for two weekends, driving from Georgia to Kansas another weekend, and then spent Christmas in Albuquerque, NM, with my sister and her family! However, I did live vicariously through people who attended our functions! Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> was a Soup Night put on by **Lowell Crow** and **Cheryl Pyle**. Everyone was able to come in and get a hot bowl of soup and then go out to watch the Lighted Boat Parade in the estuary. The next weekend was our Open House, Christmas Boutique, and General Membership dinner. It was a very successful open house and we signed up six new members! **Bonnie Jensen** put on a wonderful lasagna dinner which was enjoyed by all. December 15<sup>th</sup> was our annual gift exchange; one of my favorite events. **Leroy and Cheryl Pyle** cooked a traditional Christmas dinner which was very excellent! 2007 ended with our annual New Year's Eve Party which was then followed by the "Round the Island", January 1<sup>st</sup>, to welcome in 2008.

We have had a change of watch with the New Year. Thank you so much to all the officers and chairpersons who made 2007

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# The Whale's Tale

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**Saturday, January 26, 2007**

### From the Race Deck

by Dan Watson and Kelly Kyle

It's been quiet on the race deck since our last race of the 2007 season on October 26<sup>th</sup>. I suppose the racers have been busy repairing and refitting for the upcoming season. Kelly and I would like to invite everyone to participate in this year's racing either as racers or as race committee. There will be a beginning racing clinic to be held in February. Please email me at [race@bbyc](mailto:race@bbyc) for information. The times and dates will be flexible to accommodate interested persons.

The real news is the new and improved racing schedule! The schedule has been designed to coincide with the tides to make for more exiting and competitive racing. This year we will hold the usual three series of races. The first, The Post-Midwinter Series will consist of three races to be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and April 19<sup>th</sup>. A new perpetual trophy is being considered for the PMS series. The Griller Series will be held every other Friday night beginning on April 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue thru October 31<sup>st</sup>. The results of the Griller series will be combined and calculated in order to award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophies at the Halloween Party after the final race of the series. A new Participation Trophy will be awarded to the boat which participates in the most

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such a great year! Welcome to our new officers and chairpersons. They are:

**Don Boyce**- Port Captain

**LouAnn Roth**- Director

**Phil Reynolds**- Cruise Out Chair

**Darryl & Dan**- PICYA delegates

2008 promises to be a great year with lots of activities already lined up. We start the year with our OUPV Captain's License Classes which will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights for eight weeks beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$595 per person! Space is limited so be sure to sign-up quickly. See our website for all the details: [www.bbyc.org](http://www.bbyc.org).

Our Annual Crab Feed will be on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Once again this year it will be all you can eat crab and limited to the first 100 people to sign-up. This is a very popular event so I recommend you sign up as soon as possible. We will be having a couple of Yacht Clubs cruising in that weekend too. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Chili Cook-Off/Super Bowl Sunday Party (some might refer to it as the Super Bowl Sunday/Chili Cook-Off Party)! Of course, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be available. February 9<sup>th</sup> will be our Valentines Party. For the rest of the year we have our cruise-outs to Petaluma and Half Moon Bay, the Poker Run, Salmon Fishing Derby, Halloween Party, and Jimmy Buffet Party already lined up. It will be another fast year! Check out the Calendar on our website to make sure you don't miss any events!

Hope everyone has a fabulous New Year!

--Alison

**SIGN UP ONLINE NOW!**  
**LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 RESERVATIONS!**



**Saturday, January 26, 2007**

See more club photos at:  
<http://www.bbyc.org/pages/photosA.html>

**January & February 2008**

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Happy New Year!	<b>1</b> Around The Island Event	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Membership Meeting & Dinner @ 7:00 PM	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc</a> 7PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Dinner @ 7:00 PM	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Dinner @ 7:00 PM	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> CRAB FEED Dinner @ 7:00 PM	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
		BOD meeting	<b>February</b>			
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Members Meeting Groundhog's Ball Dinner @ 7:00 PM	<b>3</b> SUPER BOWL! Chili Cook-Off!
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Oakland YC Cruise-in Valentine's Day Party Dinner @ 7:00 PM	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <a href="#">Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc</a> 7PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> PMS#1 Race Jack & Jill Dinner @ 7:00 PM	<b>17</b>

**January Merchandise News**

By Kim Crow, Merchandise Chairman

Well, I've signed on again as your official Merchandise Chairman for 2008. I'm just having so much fun with it and enjoy seeing my fellow club mates looking so sharp in their embroidered duds that I couldn't resist.

2007 was another successful year for me, and the Christmas Boutique of December 8 was no small part of that success. The club brought in over \$1,000 for that day in merchandise only, not to mention the bar, dinner, etc. I want to thank so many of you that attended and made it such a fun event.

I still plan on having the annual Father's Day/Kick-Off-The-Summer Boutique in May, so watch out for that in your newsletter.



Happy New Year!



## Vice Commodore Report

By Jeff Gear

Greetings!

I hope the holiday season found everyone in good spirits and in the presence (presents?) of friends and family! I'm fortunate to be writing this letter from my parent's house in Indiana where I'm spending the holiday season with the whole family. My parent's house is located on Lake James, one of the largest bodies of water in this state, and I've spent many happy hours here boating, tubing, jet-skiing and enjoying other aqua-related activities! It's good to see the family again...

Speaking of family, I'd like to introduce the newest members of our BBYC "family". If you recall, we held an Open House and Christmas Boutique last month and when the dust cleared, we had 5 new memberships! Many thanks to everyone who assisted as hosts and hostesses and to **Wayne Winquist** for flipping the burgers.

So, if you see the following new faces at the club don't hesitate to introduce yourself, say hello and show them the friendliness we're known for:

- Dan Leininger and Alison Brooks
- Jim and Jeannette Cahill
- Russell Huebschle
- Frank and Elizabeth Johnson
- Harold and JC Miller

In the spirit of the New Year, I'd like to raise my glass and toast <clink> <clink> to all the new and existing members of this wonderful club and wish everyone a sincere "Happy New Year"!

See you at the club!

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### Sea Fox 5th Annual Crab Feed

Sponsored by the Sea Fox Auxiliary  
Saturday, March 15, 2008

No Host drinks 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm

\$35 per person (checks payable to: Sea Fox)

All the CRAB you can eat!!! Salad, Pasta, Bread, and tons of yummy homemade desserts included!!!

The Sea Fox Auxiliary will be having an exciting raffle and will also be auctioning off a gourmet lunch and wine tasting excursion for a group of 6!

Help support the Sea Fox's youth boating program!

For tickets, contact Skipper Heather at 510-734-5785 or [heather@seafox9.com](mailto:heather@seafox9.com)

Find out more about the exciting adventures for youth aboard the Sea Fox at [www.seafox9.com](http://www.seafox9.com)

Thanks for your help!  
Heather

## Rear Commodore Report

By Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi all, little old wine drinker here

Well 2007 is history. We had a great year, with additions to the bar of a popcorn machine and a LCD TV.

Thanks to all who have helped out behind the bar, or cleaning or schlepping booze, and most of all, to those of you who have supported the Club by coming around for dinners and drinks.

Not much new this month as I have pretty much firmed up the wine list and only plan to make substitutions to present selections when the current items either become unavailable or I find a better product I can sell at the same price.

I have added a bottle of Hennessy Brandy for those who want a good Brandy but don't want to go to a Cognac ...priced a \$5.00. Also, a Glenmorangie Scotch that was a special Promo and would have required an eight dollar price. I got a deal and so for this bottle only it will be \$6.00.

Finally, hope you had a terrific holiday and that 2008 exceeds your expectations. Come and use your club. I look forward to seeing you.

Cheers, Tinker

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sponsored races. In the event of a tie all tied boats will be awarded trophies. The trophies to be awarded will be substantial and something that anyone would be proud to display in their home or office (ie. No Plastic). A new perpetual trophy has been made for the Whales Chase Series. Individual 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophies will be awarded after Whales Chase #5 on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

As always volunteers are being sought to serve on the Race Committee. Volunteers will learn about racing and how to conduct a race or regatta. Individual or class instruction will be provided as warranted.

We would like to close with a sincere invitation to all sailors or would be sailors to participate in the 2008 BBYC Racing program either as skipper, crew, or race committee.



*"Sailing is a good sport. You don't have to beat up the other guy like you do in boxing and football; you just try to outsmart him, and then you go out and have a beer with him" -John Koliu*

***BBYC Race Schedule 2008***

<b>2008 Date</b>	<b>Race Name</b>	<b>Location/ Course</b>	<b>Radio Channel</b>	<b>#of Boats</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
Saturday, 16Feb	BBYC PMS #1 Jack&Jill around TI	Around Treasure Island	69	10	1200	1600
Saturday, 22Mar	BBYC PMS #2	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1200	1600
Friday, 4Apr	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #1	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Friday, 18Apr	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #2	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Saturday, 19Apr	BBYC PMS #3	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1200	1600
Friday, 2May	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #3	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Saturday, 3May	BBYC Whales Chase #1	Around Angel Island	71	10	1200	1600
Friday, 16May	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #4	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Friday, 30May	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #5	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Friday, 13Jun	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series # 6	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Saturday, 14Jun	BBYC Whales Chase #2	Around Alcatraz	65	10	1200	1600
Friday, 27Jun	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #7	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Friday, 11Jul	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #8	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Saturday, 12Jul	SBYRA Summer #4	South Bay Alameda Side	71	30	1200	1630
Friday, 25Jul	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #9	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Saturday, 26Jul	BBYC Whales Chase #3 Around the Block	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1200	1600
Friday, 8Aug	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #10	South Bay Alameda Side	69	10	1830	2200
Friday, 22Aug	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #11	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Saturday, 23Aug	BBYC Whale Chase #4	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1200	1600
Friday, 5Sep	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #12	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Friday, 19Sep	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #13	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Saturday, 20Sep	BBYC Whales Chase #5	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1200	1600
Friday, 30Oct	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #14	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Friday, 17Oct	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #15	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200
Friday, 31Oct	BBYC Grillers Beer Can Series #16	South Bay Alameda Side	71	10	1830	2200

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we're on our way to 2008...!

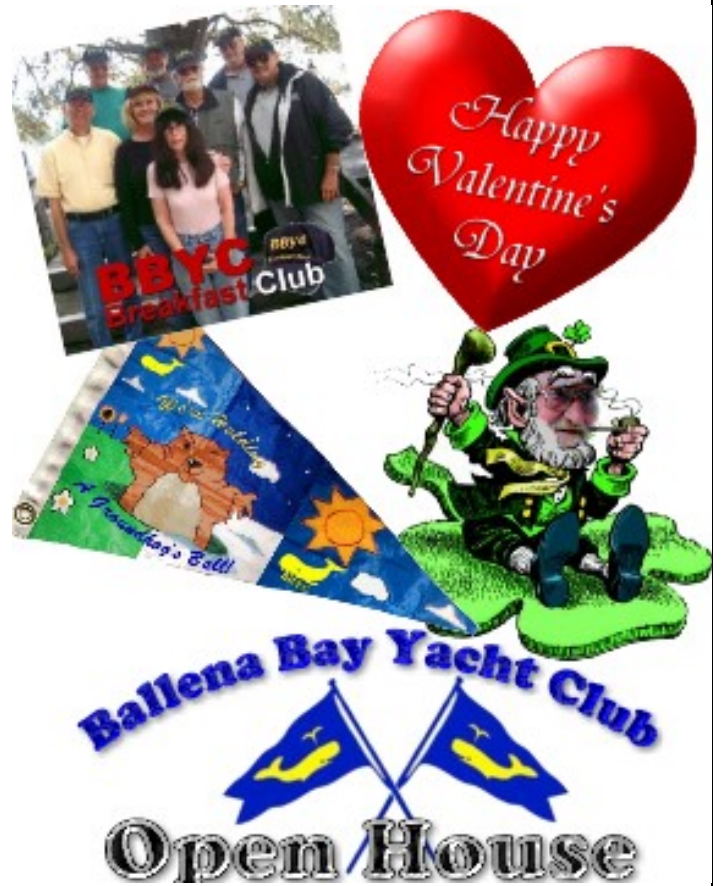
AND another fabulous, fantastic  
and fun year at BBYC.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our club members,  
family and friends and anyone else reading  
this publication.

The past year was FULL of delicious meals,  
great gatherings, awesome activities and farout  
partying. Go to previous newsletters at this  
website to review all of 2007.

The NEW YEAR is sure to be a hit with some of  
the same along with many new activities, new  
members cooking dinner and new ideas. We'll  
be Cruising Out to visit other clubs as well as  
hosting Cruise In's and other guests. I want to  
thank everyone that participated in and  
supported our dinners and other activities. I  
hope each of you will continue your support in  
2008 and I encourage EVERYONE else to please  
consider participating. Have a great NEW YEAR  
and I look forward to seeing you all at THE  
CLUB...!!

Yours truly,  
Debbie Scotten



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