

The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore's Report

Jeff Gear



Greetings!

Can you believe August has arrived already? As we head into the second half of the boating season, we've successfully sailed through the economic doldrums faced earlier this year and we're looking forward to the rest of 2009. Just for fun, I'd thought it would be interesting to ask you, our esteemed member, for your thoughts, expectations and other ideas regarding pertinent issues facing the club as we move forward. Without further ado, I've put together the following list of questions to stimulate the thinking cells:

What additional club events and activities would you like to see?

Overall, I think the club has been pretty good about hosting activities for themed parties, major holidays and other standard events that occur throughout the calendar year. However, there's always room for improvement. Do you know a great speaker who captivates audiences and keeps them on the edge of their seats? Have you visited a local site or location that would make



The Eric Stone Band rocked the house during the annual Island Party.

a great "Field Trip" for club members? Have you found a neat anchorage to take your boat? We're always looking for new ideas to bring us together in the spirit of fellowship and in celebration of our shared nautical passion.

How can we increase membership?

Although I swear at times that my monthly chit is high enough to pay club costs for a whole year, BBYC is primarily funded through the ongoing revenue generated from quarterly membership dues. It should come as no surprise then that we're continually looking for ways to add to our membership roster. And what do you think is our best recruiting tool? If your answer is...YOU, that's (Continued on page 4)

The Port Captain's Report

Kim Crow

What an evening it was for our cruisers-in from the Corinthian Yacht Club on July 25. It was their good fortune to pick that date for their cruise-in as it was our annual Island Party featuring Eric Stone and his band playing Jimmy Buffet style music. Corinthian cruise-out chairman Doug Owens told me they were all looking forward to that evening as they remembered the last time they cruised in; our club was so much fun (Continued on page 4)

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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

July in the Delta

July was our annual pilgrimage to the Delta. Ballena Bay Yacht Club had three boats that made the cruise and enjoyed the fireworks at Mandeville this year. My boat is still there. Gwyn and I are enjoying our weekends of July in the warm Delta waters.

Coming up August 8-9 is a cruise to Presidio Yacht Club. This yacht club is located near the north tower of the Golden Gate Bridge. This truly will be a memorable cruise-out. The clubs personnel are very friendly and will be putting on a dinner with a blues and rock band afterwards. Also, the area around the club is beautiful. Plan a hike or bike ride, or walk over to Cavallo Point across the

road (www.cavallopoint.com).

As I write this we have five boats signed up. Presidio Yacht Club has four guest dock spaces—two at the guest dock and two slips. Probably more will be available because some of their members may be cruising out that weekend. Anyway, you may have to anchor out in their harbor. So bring your dinghy just in case.

Gwyn and I will be on an Alaska cruise the weekend of the Presidio cruise-out so Linda and David will be coordinating it that weekend. Their phone number is 510-864-4041.

It's hard to believe September is just around the corner. Remember to mark your calendar for the cruise-out to Half Moon Bay on Labor Day.



A Delta sunset—the poor man's Hawaii?

The Island Party

Photos by JC Miller and Kim & Lowell Crow



The Commodore's Report

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of us to set a personal goal to recruit one new member each year. Can you imagine the swell in ranks? I can...

How can we get people to volunteer and assist with club activities?

Ah ha! You knew this was coming! Did you really think that you could read this far and not be posed with this time-honored question? Time may march on and members may come and go, but the need for volunteers and assistants never goes away. It's a common theme with a hundred explanations, but never an easy answer. How would you solve this problem? We'd love to hear your thoughts...

What can we do better?

At the end of the day, it's the input of our valuable members that keeps us moving along. We'd like to hear from you and it's as simple as sending an email, picking up the phone or writing a message on a cocktail napkin and dropping it into our individual club mailboxes. Can't find our contact information? Our phone numbers and email addresses are listed on pg. 2 of this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and I hope you share my enthusiasm! See you at the club!

The Port Captain's Report

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and very friendly. They had 15 boats and 43 people signed up to attend this fun event, a cruise-in record. And those guys like to PARTY! They even furnished everyone with yummy appetizers, which made my job easier as I took over for Caroline Oestreicher as queen of the appetizers. It seems that Caroline got some sort of parasite (or was it a Perrysite?) and was too ill to uphold her pupu duties. I got lots of

help from JC Miller and Ann Niemi, though. And Rae Hall made a terrific pineapple salsa. Dee and team decorated up a storm. Tinker Dave and Scott Shelby did a fantastic job bartending, and Scott's brother was our fabulous griller for the evening. Thanks, everyone!

The Corinthian cruisers stayed in the marina for three days and were complimentary of everything. (see Doug Owen's thank you note below.) Thanks to all of you who made Corinthian YC's cruise-in experience another memorable one.

Hi, Kim:

What a wonderful party!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Everyone from Corinthian had rave reviews, and I have been approached repeatedly to find out if we can do it again next year!

The photos are great, and much appreciated...thank Lowell for us for being so good with the camera.

From Tinker and the bar staff, to everyone who worked so hard and made this event so very special, we thank you, and hope to have the opportunity to do it again.

Doug & Andrea Owen

BBYC Turns Out For The Alameda 4th of July Parade



Photos by Scott Shelby

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Membership Meeting/Dinner 7:00 pm
2	3	4	5	6	7 Griller's Beer Can Series #10	8 Dinner 7:00 pm Presidio YC Cruise-out
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Dinner 7:00 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21 Griller's Beer Can Series #11	22 Dinner 7:00 pm Whale's Chase Race #4
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Dinner 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Griller's Beer Can Series #12	5 Half Moon Bay Cruise-out
6 Half Moon Bay Cruise-out	7 LABOR DAY	8	9 Board of Directors Meeting	10	11	12 Membership Dinner 7:00 pm
13	14	15	16 Mariner's School Exam	17 Oxbow YC Cruise-in	18 Griller's Beer Can Series #13	19 Dinner 7:00 pm SBYRA Race Summer #5
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Dinner 7:00 pm
27	28	29	30 Board of Directors Meeting			

The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi everyone. Well here it is August already, seems the year is just dashing by. So far the bar is ahead of budget with only five months to go.

I have added two new beers and dropped one that wasn't selling. So if Full Sail was one of your favorites, you should have been here more often. I have added Red Stripe, really only for the island party unless it sells well, and Bohemia, from Mexico. So come by and give them a try.

In July we had the Poker Run. A good time was had by all and the bar was busy. As I write this we still haven't had the Island Party. But as of today there are over one hundred

sign ups. I expect we will see 120-130 people here for that event.

A little house-keeping note. JC found three squirrels in the bar one morning. Cute little things but we don't want them indoors. With the warm weather people sometimes open windows to cool off the club. If you do, please take responsibility for closing the windows when you leave. There are few screens and an open window is an invitation to critters, not to mention easy access for some person intent on larceny.

That's it for now. Keep enjoying your club and see you around the old store.

Mother of 11

Octomom has nothing on Saralee.



On 7/11, Saralee, this sweet, friendly, water-loving tabby gave birth to an uncommonly large brood of 11 kittens—all in need of a good home. Half of them are grey and white; four black and white. Still too soon to tell whether they're male or female, but there's certain to be one to fit the bill if you have a gender preference.

If you have room in your heart and in your life for a perfect kitten—or two—please contact trr@newfillmore.com or call 415-441-6070.



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