

A Bevy of New Faces As More Join Club

I would like to report that Commodore Greg White and his crew made it safely to Hawaii in 17 days. Greg has been in constant contact with me to find out how things are going here in the club. I have been

Vice Commodore



LESTER CLARK

keeping him up to date with any changes and situations as they occur. Greg is planning on coming back here sometime this month. Hopefully, we will see him at our annual Jimmy Buffett party on August 2nd.

At the Board meeting July 9th, we approved and accepted ten new memberships. Our new members are Gale and Mary Plummer, Chris and Barbara Smart, Linda Vidan and Randall Fike, Claudette Lamothe, Terry O'Prey, Colin Williams, Fred Streck, Felix Seidler, Tom and Madeline Knight, and last but not least, the reinstatement of a past member Frances Hoke. Frances has rejoined us as a corresponding member, since she has now relocated to Reno Nevada. Welcome back Frances; and a big welcome to all our new members. Wow—that's a bunch for this month!

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David Alexander

Les Clark enthusiastically promoting the recent club open house.

The Whale's Tale

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Mary Plummer

A raft of BBYC vessels were among thousands at Mandeville Tip in the Delta for Barron Hilton's annual Independence Day fireworks display. More photos on page 4.

Round the Rock: Racing Is Always a Challenge on San Francisco Bay

BY BRITTA FJELSTROM, RACE CHAIR

THE FIRST race of the Whale's Chase Series took place on July 12. Twelve boats came out for the popular Round the Rock Race. The course was simple. Sail around Alcatraz and back. The racers faced the many different challenges of sailing on the San Francisco Bay: light wind, good wind, no wind, tanker traffic, and even one dismasting.

The big wind hole by the Bay Bridge tested the patience of even the most purist of sailors. In the end four out of 12 boats finished the race. The first boat crossed the line 4 hours and 34 minutes after the start, and the 4th boat finished with a time of 6 hours and 33 minutes. I would like to thank all the boats who participated, especially those boats who persevered through this frustrating race day.

One of the highlights for the race committee was Dan Mulvey and his crew on *Fall Asea* who had the most enthusiastic DNF as they sailed by waving hands and beer bottles. And a special thanks to Jeff Fuller and Lowell Crow who help on the Race Committee as photo (and gun) boat.

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BBYC RACING

Friday Beer Can

August 15

Whale's Chase Series

August 9
September 13

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VICE COMMODORE

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Our Social Committee has already signed Mary and Gale Plummer for a Saturday night dinner. Terry O'Prey has already signed on to update the new BBYC blue directory. Way to go folks! We have so many wonderful new faces in the club now and, as of this writing, we have another five applications on the board waiting for approval.

We also have two changes on our Board of Directors. Jeff Fuller will be replacing Beth Golden as a Director and Bob Wiles will be replacing Bob Stivers as Staff Commodore. We will miss both Beth and Bob and our thanks to both of them for doing such a great job and for letting us know we can call upon them when needed.

Frances Hoke has donated nautical hardware, etc., to the club to be auctioned off and the proceeds are to go to the club, in memory of her late husband Stan Hoke. This auction will take place during the Jimmy Buffett party on August 2nd. There will be tables set up with items to be auctioned. This will be a silent auction where you will write down your bid next to the item(s) and someone else can write their bid next to yours. It should be a whole bunch of fun!

I would like to mention at this time, that Stan Hoke assisted Bill Maynard extensively in most of the work and labor performed in the clubhouse when we first moved in. Things like building the bar, the Sunset Room, galley, etc. So holding this auction in memory of Stan will be our way of saying "Thank you, Stan!"

I would also like to thank our Cruise Director, Dave Tucker, for the wonderful job he did for our Delta cruise-out. He managed to get nine BBYC boats rafted-up in Mandeville Tip. What a wonderful week it was!

Final note: Please mark your calendars for our annual Jimmy Buffett party on August 2nd. Just another one of BBYC's fun nights at Ballena Isle Marina!



David Alexander

New members Gale and Mary Plummer with Vice Commodore Les Clark.

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Lowell Crow

They're off and racing, Round the Rock.

RACE REPORT

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The next race will be August 9. This will be a two race day and will count toward the Whale's Chase Series.

Round the Rock Race Results

Barking Spider

Mike Kearney

Erika

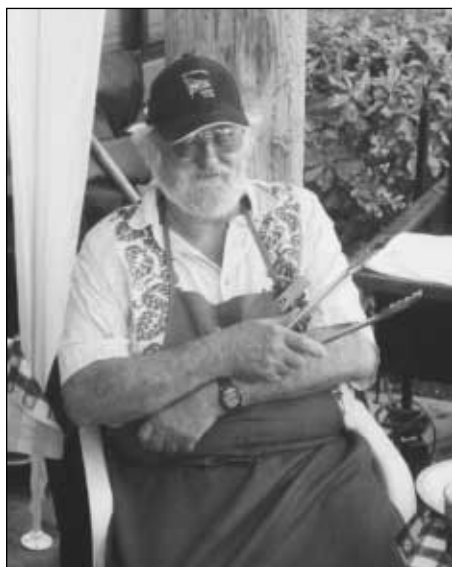
Bill Lewis

Bonnie Breeze

Hugh Linn

Lil Bandit

Dave Jefferson



David Alexander

Jim LaMar, at the grill, keeping members happy by keeping them well fed.

Social Committee Notes

BY DAVID ALEXANDER

AUGUST is going to start off with a bang, almost as loud as the noise on July 4th! **Eric Stone** from Key West, Florida, joins us for another huge Jimmy Buffett party. Eric plays all of Jimmy's music about life in the tropics. If you like water and sand in a tropical setting, like Hawaii, Mexico, or *my* favorite spot, Jamaica, be sure to join us on August 2nd. The menu is beans and ribs (Jimmy's favorite meal). Twenty-five dollars will get you dinner and dancing. If you prefer just the dancing part, our cover charge is \$10. We will dispense wrist bands to track who has paid for what. Please sign up early. We expect another 30 or 40 folks from Single Sailors Association to join us. It will be a fun evening!

Also, just after dinner that evening, there will be a silent auction. We have several big boxes of high quality boating equipment that has been donated to the club for this purpose. **Stan and Fran Hoke** were very active members of BBYC in the mid and late-1980s. Frances wants us to use this equipment as a fund raiser for the club. You will almost certainly find something that you like in this silent auction.

The next morning, Sunday, August 3rd, is the resumption of our Sunday brunch. Almost everything you can think of as breakfast food is on the menu. For \$8 you can get your fill. **Linda and Marty Chin** host this event with lots of help from **Jim LaMar** and others. After you recover from the Jimmy Buffett party please join us for brunch.

The following Saturday, August 9th, is our membership meeting. Please remember to *bring your own meat*. The Social Committee will provide salad and dessert for \$5. Our master chef, **Jim LaMar**, will have a fire going for us. Mingle with your fellow yacht club members as you gather

around the grill. It's a fun way to start the evening and it lowers the workload for the committee.

The next two Saturdays, August 16th and August 23rd, will be a mixed grill barbeque. The Social Committee will grill beef and chicken for you and serve the meal buffet style. Salad, dessert and coffee round out the menu for just \$12. Please join us for a nice meal and a chance to see your friends. Dinner usually starts at 7:30 p.m.

The last Saturday of August is the beginning of Labor Day weekend. There is a cruise-out to Half Moon Bay so there will be no dinner at the club. But you are free to have your own affair at the club. With your key, the clubhouse is always open. Just fire up the grill and do your own thing.

I was very happy, as I am sure you were, to see our spokespersons, **George Lohmeir** and **Becky Serrage**, with us once more. George is recovering very well from his mild stroke. He had a huge smile on his face the evening of July 12th. George had been aboard his boat, with a very capable crew, and had completed the Round the Rock Race. Like all of us, he enjoys being on the water. Welcome back George!

On behalf of the Social Committee, I would like to acknowledge some of our helpers. **Brandy Cramer** has helped to set up and decorate tables for us. She is a good designer! **Margie Wiles** has helped us get the salads ready for dinner. **Jeanette Clark** and I round out the committee with George and Becky.

We can always use some help. Please stop by the galley on Saturday afternoon. Do you like to cook? We like to eat. We would make a perfect pair!

Let's eat again real soon!

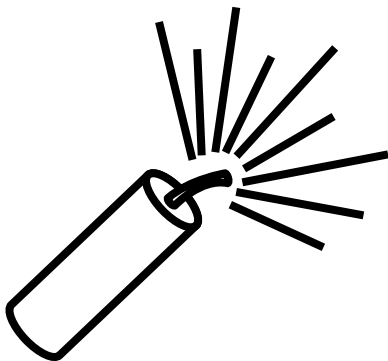
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In the Delta at Mandeville Tip

Photos by Mary Plummer

It's a Delta tradition. Each year thousands of people on watercraft of all sizes and shapes spend their Fourth of July holiday on the river. The highlight is the spectacular Hilton fireworks display at Mandeville Tip. A number of BBYC boats made this trek this year. New member Mary Plummer captured the scene from the air.



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Aug. 1	2 Jimmy Buffett party; silent auction 7 p.m.
3 Brunch 9-11 a.m	4	5	6 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	7	8 Potluck Dinner, Dancing 7 p.m.	9 Whale's Chase Series Race #3 Membership Meeting, Dinner 7 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14 Single Sailors Assoc. 6:30 p.m.	15 Beer Can Race	16 Dinner 7 p.m.
17 Fund Raiser by B. Partridge; food and trio; details at club	18	19	20 Newsletter deadline for September issue	21	22	23 Dinner 7 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay YC thru Monday No planned dinner at BBYC
31	Sept. 1 LABOR DAY	2	3 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	4	5	6 Membership Meeting, Dinner 7 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11 Single Sailors Assoc. 6:30 p.m.	12	13 Whale's Chase Series Race #4 Cal 2-46 cruise-in Membership Meeting, Dinner 7 p.m.

New Member Greeting



David Alexander

Vice Commodore Les Clark welcomes new members Madeline and Tom Knight.

BoatUS: PICYA Member Benefit

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FOR SALE

Two 28-ft. slips and one 45-ft. slip at Pier 39, San Francisco. For more details, contact BBYC member Frances Hoke at (775) 813-4764.

Cruis@-outs
 David Tucker, Cruise Chair
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