

## Fireplace Update; Nominations Coming

AT OUR previous membership meeting, we inducted five new members. Let's all welcome Paul and Amber Graham, Jean Anne Davie and Scott Black, Dave Anderson, Scott Blaisdell, and Jim Reese. At our August

### Vice Commodore



LESTER CLARK

27th meeting, we hope to add another seven members. Their applications are posted on the board, so please take a moment to review their skills and interests; you may find new friends and boating partners.

It's that time again when we have to start thinking about the coming elections in November. Sarah Sutton has been appointed Nominating Committee chair. The rest of the nominating committee will be announced at the October general membership meeting. If you're interested in running for an office, please contact Sarah. Also, please note that the Commodore's Ball has been scheduled for November 15th, so be sure to mark your calendar for this special event.

We've noticed that the fire exit from the Sunset Room to the interior hallway has become cluttered with chairs, decorations, etc. Due to important fire regulations, this exit area *must* be kept clear at all times. If we don't keep it clutter-free, the fire marshall could come down on us with substantial fines. So please, let's all try to keep this fire exit area clear and uncluttered.

Phase I on the fireplace project is now in progress, which is running the gas line and setting the meter to the clubhouse. PG&E has been paid their fee for running the gas line and installing the meter. Tom Miller will be in charge of running the gas line into the building. I would also like to mention that member Robert Roque will be doing the trenching at no charge to BBYC. This is a very big portion of the whole project and will be saving BBYC a large expense.



# The Whale's Tale

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John Stashik

A scene from nearby Tomales Bay.

## Thanks to All Who Pitched In During the Absence of the Rear Commodore

TALK ABOUT stepping up to the plate! It looks like there was no shortage of volunteers to keep the house and bar running smoothly when I disappeared for a month in New York City.

My brother had chemo, surgery and then even more chemo in an effort to treat his stomach cancer. The jury's still out on whether it's helping, but I needed to be with him while he was dealing with his post-op recovery and after effects.

Thanks to Guy Frank for taking over the ordering for the bar, Becky Serrage and Jeanette Clark for doing the purchasing, and most everybody else for pitching in to keep the bar stocked, the register full of change and the joint hopping! I understand that Les Clark, Kathy Smith, Kevin Block, Bev Partridge, Archie Stone and Burt Masters served as bartenders-on-demand, getting us through

Many, many thanks to Robert and to Tom Miller for all their time and energy spent on this project.

We will now start with Phase II, which consists of the design, code approvals, etc. A drawing will be posted in the clubhouse for all to review prior to the installation. Meanwhile, members that have pledged funds toward this project can now remit their pledges to our Treasurer.

### Rear Commodore



BETH FRIEDMAN

not only the Jimmy Buffett party, but also a couple of special parties and a memorial service. Thanks to all of you, and also to all I've neglected to mention who helped out. *You were great!*

It looks like the handrails leading into the club are finally completed

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## Social Committee Notes

BY DAVID ALEXANDER

LET'S START off with a question: what is the biggest event of the year at Ballena Bay Yacht Club? Did you say the Commodore's Ball? Sorry, but that's not correct. The biggest event in terms of people and revenue is the Jimmy Buffett Party.

On August 2nd we served 92 people and had a blast doing it. Did you see the decorations? They were fantastic! There was a big team who worked for several days (and nights) putting this party together. The leader of the group was the co-chair of the Social Committee, **Becky Serrage**. She knows how to get things done! The group that helped her were: **Ann Weinzierl, Sandy Block, Sarah Sutton, Jeanette Clark** (Lester was probably there, too), **Linda Chin** and **Guy Frank**. Thank you all for your support! We had good food to eat and great music to enjoy. **Kevin Block** made all the arrangements for Eric Stone from Florida to play for us once again. I heard the 2 a.m. cutoff came too early for some folks. It was a great party!

As we recover from the Labor Day cruise-out to Half Moon Bay and head into Fall, here's what the Social Committee has set up for this month. On September 6th it is our membership meeting night. We will have a hot grill on which you can cook your own meat. For \$5 you can get salad, dessert and coffee to go with your burned meat. Please remember to bring your own meat to the membership meeting. We may have some steaks an hand for those of you who forget as well as for our new members.

Our Vice Commodore (and Acting Commodore) **Les Clark** will induct our newest members just after dinner. Please join us around the grill and make new friends.

The following morning will see the resumption of our Sunday Brunch.

This event is hosted by **Linda and Marty Chin**. For a mere \$8, they will provide us with many kinds of fruit, breakfast meats, pastry, scrambled eggs and eggs cooked to order. **Jim LaMar** is one of the chefs for this event. You won't go away hungry. The Single Sailors Association will join us for breakfast as well. Eat inside or enjoy the patio. This is a great way to start the day.

The Cal 46 group is cruising in on September 13th. We will provide a barbeque, probably a mixed grill of beef and/or chicken, with salad, dessert and coffee for \$12. Please sign up by noon on Saturday so we can get a fairly accurate head count for dinner. We like the buffet style of serving this dinner as it makes serving go faster.

September 20th is a cruise-out to Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City. There will be no dinner at BBYC that night. If you are not going on the cruise-out feel free to use the club for your own dinner. You can fire up the grill and have a barbeque.

The last dinner of the month is on September 27th. This will be mixed grill, just like the one on the 13th. Join us for some good food, drinks and generally intelligent conversation! **Becky Serrage, George Lohmeier, Jeanette Clark** and yours truly, make up the Social Committee. We are always looking for help.

*Let's eat again real soon!*

## REAR COMMODORE

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thanks to the efforts of Fran Coad, who handled the removal of the old lights and the installation of new ones. Fran had installed the original lights around the steps several years ago, but the new handrails required a new approach. The result is wonderful! Thanks so much, Fran.

# SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay begins Aug. 30	Sept. 1 LABOR DAY	2	3 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	4	5	6 Membership Meeting, Dinner 7 p.m.
7 Brunch 9-11 a.m	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.
14	15	16 Martinez YC Cruise-in; Dinner planned	17	18	19	20 Cruise-out to Sequoia YC; No dinner planned Newsletter deadline for October issue
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Dinner 7 p.m.
28	29	30	Oct. 1 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	2	3	4 Membership Meeting, Nominations, Dinner 7 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9 Single Sailors Assoc. 6:30 p.m.	10	11 Cruise-out to Loch Lomand YC; No dinner planned
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Cruise-ins by San Jose Sailing, Spinnaker YC, Pittsburg YC Dinner 7 p.m.

## Scene at the Club



David Alexander

The Jimmy Buffett party decorating team: Ann Weinzierl, Sandy Block, Sarah Sutton, Becky Serrage, Jeanette Clark, Linda Chin with Guy Frank (in front).



David Alexander

Paul and Amber Graham, new members.

## Cruise-outs

David Tucker, Cruise Chair

Sequoia YC Sept. 20-21

Loch Lomand YC Oct. 11-12