



## The Commodore Reports

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WITH JUNE and the start of the yachting season at our feet many of us have been busy trying to protect boating resources instead of out on the water where we would like to be. I wanted to update you on the latest information I have about the status of the Department of Boating and Waterways. As many of you may or may not know, the Governor has put together a California Performance Review Committee (CPR) to help determine how to balance the state's budget. The committee is preparing a document with findings and recommendations. As of mid-May they were working on the Dept. of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) section. If you have not done so already please send an e-mail to the CPR committee stating how important it is to you that monies you spend on fuel taxes and registration fees go directly to support boating activities. The web page at [www.harbormaster.org](http://www.harbormaster.org) has information on where to send the e-mail and how to personalize it. I've been told there is currently a 14-inch stack of letters in support of the DBAW and it is getting the committee's attention. Let's make it a bigger stack. Remember Rodney Dangerfield...we need an "A+" stack of paper...not a "C"...to let the Sate of California know that we are not going to tolerate our tax dollars being diverted to satisfy another department's shortfall.

The Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) is working hard to protect our rights; the lobbying branch of the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association (PICYA). Let's help them out by giving them some ammunition to work with. An e-mail will only take a few minutes and is practically free. It's real easy to sit back and complain but it's always better to be proactive

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# The Whale's Tale

BALLENA BAY YACHT CLUB • ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA



David Alexander

Bev Partridge with Archie Stone at the helm of her classic 1936 Matthews 38, *Fantasea*.

## Race Chair reports on Angel Island race; Knarr Cup Regatta volunteers needed

BY BRITTA FJELSTROM

OUR FIRST Angel Island race proved to be a challenging race for both the Racers and the race committee. The race started near the end of the Berkeley pier in windy conditions, a lot of chop, and a threatening fog bank. After a postponement (to allow some folks who were aground in their slips while trying to leave Ballena Isle Marina to catch up the rest of the racers) and a general recall, six boats crossed the start line trying to avoid the *Happy Hooker*, a fishing boat which decided to drift sidewise directly across our starting line. The course was around Angel Island, either direction, and home to the finish just outside the marina. The race committee has little time to spare in getting

back to set up the finish line, since most of the boats finished in two and one-half hours! First to cross the line (and winner on corrected time) was John Melton on *Freedom Won*. In second place was *Rumple J* (Jeff Rempel), followed closely in third by *Sugar Magnolia* (Ward Fulcher). Thanks to all the participants for a great race. And a special thanks to my "committee" Lowell Crow, who did not laugh too hard when I almost fell in trying

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### BBYC Racing

June 5	Knarr Cup
July 10	Round the Rock Race (Whale's Chase #1)
August 14	Whale's Chase #2
Sept. 11	Whale's Chase #3
Sept. 18	SBYRA Race
October 2	Whale's Chase #4



## Social Committee Notes

BY KIM CROW

**H** I, I'M BACK with all the social news there is fit to print for us fun seekers here at BBYC. The weather cooperated again in May for pleasant boat time on the bay and beyond. The May flowers came even though the April showers didn't. Do we live in paradise or what?

A big thank you, once again, to **Patrick Rentsch** and his son, master griller **Nicholas**, for preparing a wonderful dinner for us, as well as for the Classic Yacht Association, on April 24th (see photo). Everyone loved the chicken tikka masala, and the marinated flank steak was done just right. And, Patrick and Nicholas enjoyed it so much they're going to cook for us again in June, but more on that later.

The next day, April 25th, was Opening Day on the Bay, and it was yet another warm weather day. **Burt and Barbara Masters, Leslie Schiller, Don Boyce, and Kim and Lowell Crow** went out on *Nido de Cuervo* to watch the parade and general hoopla. It took them the longest time to figure out the theme, although they knew it obviously had something to do with The Wizard of Oz, as there were rainbows, tin woodsmen, ruby slippers, and even a Dorothy everywhere. (But, hey, this is San Francisco. Is that so odd?) Finally found out the theme was Follow your Rainbow, and the boats were decorated beautifully. After indulging in a delightful lunch furnished by gourmet cook Leslie, they decided to go to South Beach Yacht Club to cool off with a beer. That place was jumping and lots of fun. They all bought sailor hats and just might entertain you with "I Enjoy Being a Girl" at the next karaoke party. More about that later, also.

And, of course, **Sigi** did his usual fantastic job cooking for us on May 1. It was a genuine German dinner replete with wiener schnitzel, red cab-

bage with apple slices, German sauerkraut, garlic mashed potatoes, and Bavarian black bread and mutter. *Oom pah pah!*



Lowell Crow

**Bob Peterson (center) mashes potatoes assisted by George Lohmeier and Don Boyce.**

May 8 BBYC had its first annual meat loaf cookoff. There were three entrants: **Don Boyce, Kim Crow and George Lohmeier**. Don made seven meat loaves, George made four and Kim made five, and all except one were devoured. Don peeled 10+ pounds of potatoes before taking off in the Angel Island race that day, and **David Alexander** and George peeled 10 pounds (they got quite a few "KP" comments on that). With the mashed potatoes, two kinds of gravy were served, plus green beans, seven jello salads to choose from, carrot raisin salad and mom's apple pie and ice cream. **Bev Partridge** made three of



Lowell Crow

**The panel of judges assembled to select the winner for the best meat loaf included David Chapman, Linda Fenn, Lori Rock, and Diana Lilienthal.**

the jello salads (thanks Bev) and Kim made four. Linda Fenn brought the pies. All of this enchanting comfort food gave us a leg up on Mother's Day, which happened to be the next day.

Judges for the cookoff were **David Chapman, Linda Fenn, Jeff Fuller, Jim LaMar, Diana Lilienthal, and Lori Rock**. George won in a very close race. Anyway, it was lots of fun, and maybe next year we'll have the second annual meat loaf cookoff.

Speaking of Mother's Day, here's a tip from **Kim and Lowell** on a fun thing to do. They went to the San Francisco Yacht Club for the best brunch amid the most spectacular views in the world. It was another warm, sunny day, and the deck there is so inviting. Besides breakfast items they had unlimited amounts of



Lowell Crow

**Puglia night chefs Juli and Jeff Cannon.**

seafood, such as shrimp, lox, raw oysters, squid salad, etc. Lovely.

May 15 brought us Puglia night with **Jeff and Juli Cannon** as the chefs. We found out that Puglia is an area in Italy and that cavatelli, as in the cavatelli pasta with meatballs that they served, means "little ears." Besides the pasta, we had a beautiful green salad and all kinds of bread to dip into three different flavored olive oils. They also served varieties of Italian cookies and sherbet. We all definitely managed. By the way, this was the third dinner

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## San Rafael Creek cruise June 12-13; Fourth of July to the Delta

BY TOM & DIANE MILLER

**O**UR CRUISE-OUT this month will be to San Rafael Yacht Club on June 12-13. The club is located on San Rafael Creek.

We are planning a big Fourth of July cruise-out to the Delta. Tentatively we're planning an overnight around Benicia Marina on Friday, July 2nd, then to the Delta Saturday morning for a few days of outrageous fun. More information on this will be posted on the cruise-out board at the club. Sign up to be kept in the know.

A new place to cruise to in August is Bolinas Bay, outside the Golden

Gate and north about seven miles, near Stinson Beach. We're looking forward to this coastal cruise-out with gorgeous sunsets and dinghy beaching to enjoy. Certainly a contest or two for beaching those dinghys.

On to Labor Day weekend in September and the annual Half Moon Bay cruise-out. This is always a blast to attend. We have a fantastic group of club members who enjoy getting out on the water and having fun. What better way to enjoy life?

Join us for any of the upcoming cruise-outs and have memorable times with some fun.



### They serve

Grant and Marge Gladman and Bob Peterson serve gourmet dinner prepared by Patrick Rentsch April 24th.

### Galley crew

Nicholas Rentsch,  
Bob Peterson,  
Marge Gladman,  
Patrick Rentsch,  
Monica Ley, and  
Kim Crow.



## RACING NEWS

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to retrieve the pin-end buoy. Next BBYC race is our popular Round The Rock Race on July 10.

Volunteers are needed for the Knarr Cup Regatta on June 5 and 6. *Lady J* has agreed to be the committee boat, but we still need people help out with flags, guns, changing marks, etc. We will also need a few people to help guide the Knarr boats into the marina, since those boats do not have motors. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at [race@bbyc.org](mailto:race@bbyc.org).

## New regs



Do not approach within 100 yards of any U.S. naval vessel. If you need to pass within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules, you must contact the U.S. naval vessel or the Coast Guard escort vessel on VHF-FM channel 16.

You must operate at minimum speed within 500 yards of any U.S. naval vessel and proceed as directed by the Commanding Officer or the official patrol.

Violations of the Naval Vessel Protection Zone are a felony offense, punishable by up to six years in prison and/or up to \$250,000 in fines.

# JUNE & JULY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		June 1	2 Board meeting 7 p.m.	3	4	5 Knarr Cup race Membership meeting, pig roast dinner, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
6 Brunch 9-11 a.m Knarr Cup race	7	8	9	10 SSA meets 6:30 p.m.	11	12 Cruise-out to San Rafael YC thru Sunday No planned dinner
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Cruise-in by San Francisco YC Japanese dinner, karaoke night
20 Deadline for July newsletter	21	22	23	24	25	26 Marina swap meet Dinner 7 p.m.
27	28	29	30 Delta cruise-out (thru the holiday weekend)	July 1	2	3 No planned dinner at club
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7 Board meeting 7 p.m.	8	9	10 Round the Rock Race Membership meeting, Dinner 7 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Dinner 7 p.m.

## Social Committee Notes

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Jeff and Juli, who live in Modesto, have even been to and already they're cooking. Is that an inspiration to the rest of you? If so, just let your social co chairs know. We'll be happy to sign you up. Thanks so much, Jeff and Juli.

May 22 many of us enjoyed the KABOOM fireworks, so there was no dinner. Memorial Day weekend was a cruise-out to Petaluma.

That brings us up to the month of June and the happenings therein. We're going to start off with a pig roast on June 5 for the general membership meeting/dinner. June 12 is a cruise out to San Rafael, so there will be no dinner planned.

June 19 **Patrick Rentsch** is looking forward to cooking for us again. This time he plans an authentic Japan-

ese dinner. Speaking of Japanese, we will have another karaoke night on the 19th. San Francisco Yacht Club will be cruising in that day also. June 26 will bring us a new cook, **Sean Mayes**. Haven't got the menu yet, but stay tuned for a posting at the clubhouse.

Now we're ready for the July 4th weekend when there will be a party to the Delta. Get ready for lots of action and good food this summer.

### Important Brunch Note

I was just reminded by one of our members that many of you may not know that on the first Sunday of every month BBYC has a delectable brunch between 9-11 a.m. For a mere \$8 you can indulge yourself with juice, fruit, Danish rolls, French toast, pancakes,

scrambled or cooked to your order eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, and/or biscuits and gravy. The Single Sailors Association is also invited.

The next brunch will be the day after the pig roast, Sunday, June 6th, and a lot of people are expected, so don't miss it. **Jim LaMar**, **Becky Frame** and **Annie Weinzierl** cooked for the last one on May 2nd and they are a dynamite trio. They've got the whole brunch thing down to a science. See you there.

Get ready for lots of action and good food this summer.

### JUNE CRUISE-IN

San Francisco Yacht Club  
June 19

### Cruise-out schedule

June 12-13 San Rafael Yacht Club  
July 2-4 Fourth of July party to the Delta  
August 7-8 Burning up in Bolinas Bay  
September 3-6 Labor Day weekend at  
Half Moon Bay  
October 9-10 Fall in San Francisco



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