



## The Commodore Reports

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THE HOT nights of August are here...finally! With the cruising season in full swing it is time for our annual Jimmy Buffett party and membership drive. As you may (or may not) recall last spring the Board reinstated the initiation fee on new memberships. For anyone that joins on August 21st, Jimmy Buffet Day, the \$250 initiation fee will be waived. Jim LaMar will be fixing his famous abalone and the margaritas will be flowing. If you have any friends that are interested in joining the fun at BBYC, now is the time to get them signed up! This is the time to pull that island gear out of the closet, dance like no one is watching, eat BBQ and drink margaritas until you can't move.

Another reminder about the August general membership meeting, it was rescheduled to July 31st due to the cruise-out on August 7th. Don't forget the first Sunday of the month brunch on August 1st! It's a great deal for \$8 and served from 8 to 11 a.m. Last I knew we have the best prices on mimosas in town. There's nothing like a little "hair of the dog" to get your Sunday cruise mindset going. Also, some of you may not be aware that the club buys a box of donuts every Saturday morning for the membership to have with their coffee. Help yourself...they are located in a pink box in the galley. Plus, the *San Francisco Chronicle* is delivered to our door every day for the membership to read. We have a number of publications available in the club for your

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**Jack & Jill Race**  
Sunday, August 22

# The Whale's Tale

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Mandeville Tip in the Delta, site of Barron Hilton's annual fireworks spectacular. This BBYC raft-up scene includes *Illusions*, *Lonesome Dove* and *Hidden Harbor*.

## Wall to wall boats in Delta for annual Hilton fireworks spectacular

BY TOM AND DIANE MILLER

THE FOURTH OF JULY cruise-out to Mandeville Tip in the Delta proved to be another memorable happening for BBYC members. This five-day cruise-out started Thursday, July 1st, with seven boats cruising to Benicia Marina. We end-tied together at the marina guest dock and walked to the historic town of

## 'Rock' race results, adios from the Chair

BY BRITTA FJELSTROM

TEN BOATS entered Ballena Bay Yacht Club's annual Round the Rock Race on July 10th. The course was simple: sail around Alcatraz, either direction, and sail home. This year the racers enjoyed favorable tides, being able to start on an ebb and end with a flood. And, the winds also cooperated; most racers were able to finish in about four hours. There were nine finishers and one wayward

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Benicia (original state capital of California). There was a fantastic farmer's market going on. The street was closed to traffic and set up with tents offering vegetables, fruit, breads, nuts, flowers and delectable foods to pick from (barbequed oysters, homemade tamales or fresh popped kettle corn were among some favorites). We enjoyed listening to two live bands, one singing music from the '70s at one end of town and another playing some mean jazz tunes at the other end. What fun! We headed to the Benicia Yacht Club for some afternoon cocktails and visiting. We then got together

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## Social Committee Notes

BY KIM CROW

HOW'S EVERYONE'S summer going so far? Hasn't the weather been great? Do we live in paradise or what? And, doesn't it make you feel good enough to want to step into the BBYC kitchen and whip up a dinner for us hungry sailors and power boaters?

I thought so. Now all you have to do is let me or Shelly know what night you would like to show off your culinary skills. We have openings September 18th and 25th. It's easy and fun, and you really get to know people when you work side by side to put out a meal. Don't be afraid. Just ask **Patrick Rentsch** and **Sean Mayes**. They were a little apprehensive at first, but now look forward to doing additional meals.

Speaking of Sean Mayes, he and his friend Victor prepared a fabulous prime rib dinner for us on July 17. Besides prime rib, there was an excellent spinach salad with homemade dressing, roasted red potatoes, fruit, bread with olive oil, and ice cream with chocolate sauce for dessert. **Shelly Cramer** did a lovely job setting the tables, and we even had some hors d'oeuvres utilizing the sausage and Sicilian pasta sauce that we'd frozen from Kim and Lowell's Night in Sicily of June 26. Thanks so much to Sean and Victor.

July 10 had **Commodore Annie** stepping up to the grill to pinch hit for **Al and Claudia Linhares** who had a wedding to attend. It was Al's daughter who got married, so that seemed important enough for me to allow them to attend. They told me they would make it up to us soon and, of course, I'll be staying on top of that. Annie's dinner, I heard, was bountiful and good as usual. Thanks Annie.

July 24th was Casino Night with lots of nifty finger food put together by either Costco or, lovingly and creatively, by some of our members.

July 31st, which was the membership meeting/dinner, found **Chef Mario** preparing for us a fabulous surf and turf meal.

On August 1st, the brunch cooks will be at it again with another delicious morning repast of eggs, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, French toast, rolls, fruit, juice, coffee and more. The last brunch was very well attended, and I don't want any of you to miss out on the rest of the 2004 brunches, which are always held the first Sunday of the month. All of that sets you back only \$8 and is worth so much more.

So, let's go on to August dinners. August 7th and 8th is a cruise-out so no meal is planned.

On August 14th **Marty and Linda Chin** have volunteered their culinary skills. At the prime rib dinner on July 17th, Linda came in to the kitchen and asked the chefs and helpers what would be a good thing to cook for that evening. Either Sean Mayes or his friend, Victor, thought a nice, spirited, little skinless, boneless chicken breast lightly sautéed with lime and garlic might be acceptable. Hmm...sounds delightful. Do you have any ideas for Linda? Sounds like she's open to suggestions. Send her an e-mail and let Marty and Linda know

how much you appreciate their taking whisk and spatula in hand to serve us all what is sure to be a wonderful meal.

August 21st is Jimmy Buffett night, so all of you parrot heads out there plan on joining your fellow boats-people for an evening of Jimmy Buffett style food—grilled meat, salads, etc.—*and* for some dancing to some Jimmy Buffett music, as there will be a band. Do you have a favorite appetizer, salad or dessert you would like to make for this meal? Please let Kim or Shelly know. Many hands make light work, or something like that.

For August 28th, no one has signed up yet, so please feel free to step up to that calendar at the clubhouse, take pen in hand, and sign your name. Even if you can't or don't want to cook, there is always something to do to get a meal together. Do you have a way with flowers? Table decorating? Table setting? Serving? Slicing and dicing? Rinsing and stacking dishes after a meal? Coffee making? Please let us know. We would love the help. And you will feel *so* good about yourself.

See you at the next dinner!

## Ship's Store has just what you need

BY JEFF FULLER

THE BOARD has added a new job for me as merchandise chair. Actually, running the ship's store is quite fun. We have a large choice of quality merchandise to offer you, our membership.

I just received a new order of freshly embroidered clothing for your wardrobe. We even added some Hawaiian shirts. They will be great for the Jimmy Buffett party. Also, some women's summer tops. You need a jacket; we've got those too. If you

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Terry O'Prey

Iron Chef Fuller barbecues in the Delta.

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for a delicious potluck barbeque on the dock. A variety of wonderful food was enjoyed by all.

Friday morning saw the seven boats heading out later than planned due to a very minus low tide and we couldn't leave the marina until the water came in. But it was a fun filled five-hour cruise from Benicia to Mandeville. We encountered a variety of cruising conditions with the winds, currents and tides up to the Delta. Upon arrival, with the help of Joe Webb of *Delta Dancer* who escorted us to our place in this massive group of boaters, we



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Independence Day potluck aboard *Lady J*.

began our anchor out tie-up. There were eleven of us tied side-by-side with the Plummer's of *Worknot* and Dan Mulvey of *Fall Asea* anchoring nearby. The following days had everyone doing their own thing or not. Some traveled to Herman and Helen's Marina in their dinghy or motorboat and a group went to the Riverboat Marina aboard *Newport Lady II* for a delicious lunch on the river.

Our anchorage never had a dull moment. We were surrounded by 47 Sea Rays lined up together in back of us along with hundreds of other boats everywhere else. What a sight to see. We were excited to get ready for the Fourth of July and decorated our

yacht *Imagine* with red, white and blue ribbons around the life lines and a string of flags on our forward and back-stays. Dave Tucker of *Illusions* also flew strings of flags in celebration. There were boats decorated with lights and decorations portraying islands with slides into the water, cabins in the



Terry O'Prey

Decorated boats and big flags for the Fourth in the Delta.

woods, bars, and lots of patriotic memorabilia on display—you name it and it probably was there somewhere. I have never seen anything like this before. There was a decorated dinghy parade with about 40 dinghys that traveled around the boats that

was fun to watch. We can't forget the abundance of water toys everywhere. Water balloons, squirt guns and water

soakers were used by everyone, anytime, anywhere. Lots of laughs all weekend.

The weather was perfect, the water warm. Everyone enjoyed swimming or hanging on in the water when the current was soaring by. It was a great way to cool off. A Fourth of July potluck dinner was planned and shared by all of us. Once again, great eating. The fireworks were spectacular to watch. The pleasant evening with dark skies that were lit up with colorful displays for us to enjoy from out boats. It was quite a show to see.

Monday morning exodus is all I can say. Boaters departing from the early morning hours and on. Three of our cruisers stretched out the trip and spent Monday night at Vallejo Marina and then headed home Tuesday morning. Lots of memories from this cruise-out.

Onward to our Bolinas Bay cruise-out on August 7-8. It looks like we need some adventuresome cruisers for this one. We have no sign-ups at the club to date but we're still hoping this cruise-out will have a few folks looking to venture out beyond the gate for a weekend with fabulous sunsets on ocean waters.

The sign-up sheet for our Labor Day cruise-out to Half Moon Bay on September 3-6 is at the club. Don't miss this yearly fun happening with other club members.



Terry O'Prey

Happy hour at Mandeville raft-up.

# AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug. 1 Brunch 8 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6	7 Cruise-out to Bolinas Bay No planned dinner at club
8	9	10	11	12 Single Sailors Assoc. 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Marina picnic Dinner 7 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20 Deadline for September newsletter	21 Jimmy Buffett party, membership Drive
22 Jack & Jill Race	23	24	25	26	27	28 Dinner 7 p.m.
29	30	31	Sept. 1	2	3 Half Moon Bay Cruise-out (thru Monday)	4 No planned dinner at club
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8 Board meeting 7 p.m.	9	10	11 Membership meeting, dinner 7 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 SBYRA Race Coyote Point YC cruise-in Dinner 7 p.m.

## RACING NEWS

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boat that needed to drop out for beverage replenishment. The winners are as follows:

### First Place

*Barking Spider*, skipper Mike Kearney

### Second Place

*Homus*, skipper Josh Dvorson

### Third Place

*Flying Lanzarote*, skipper Lazlo Bonnyay

I want to thank all the participants and my "Race Committee" Dave Tucker.

Last February we attempted to run the Jack & Jill Race, but had to abandon the race due to no wind. We are rescheduling this popular race and the date is set for August 22. As many of you may have figured out, this is the day *after* the Jimmy Buffett Party. So we'll see who is up for the challenge

after a night of margaritas and other tropical libations. For those of you who don't know, this race is a double-handed, female skipper-male crew race around Treasure Island. For those of you who "raced" in February, there will be no charge. For all others, the cost is \$10. Sign up at the club or by e-mail: [race@bbyc.org](mailto:race@bbyc.org).

On a personal note, I will no longer be the Race Chair at BBYC. I'm moving to Southern California in search of warmer climates. I have enjoyed running the racing program for the past two years and I will miss all you racers (even if you could never remember the starting sequence despite it being the same for two years!). I want to thank all of you who I dragged onto the committee boat, or talked you into being photo boat, I couldn't have pulled off these races without you!

## MERCHANDISE

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need to get into the cabinet I always have a key with me and so does Jeanette. The price of the merchandise is marked. You can pay by depositing money in an envelope beside the merchandise cabinet or we can bill you. How easy is that?

If we do not have the style or size you want in the cabinet don't you worry. We will take care of you. With several catalogs to choose from we will get you looking real good. Call me and I will meet with you to order what you want. For the cost of a fancy drink at the bar we can add a custom name to your apparel. You will look like you own a hundred foot yacht for only five bucks extra.

I hope to hear from you. I can be reached at (510) 851-6382 or e-mail [jeffmarine@aol.com](mailto:jeffmarine@aol.com).

### Cruise-out schedule

**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