



## The Commodore Reports

JEFF FULLER

LAST MONTH we had many fun events. One of the highlights was our Valentines party. Kathy Smith along with George and Becky did a wonderful job. The food and ambience were great along with a good jazz band. Earlier in the day Ward Fulcher hosted the Jack and Jill Race. People enjoyed the race but it was kind of like the pitchers' duel of races because there wasn't much wind. Ward has many more races to come, please participate. We welcome all skill levels.

We asked you to come to our events and you are. We will continue to work on keeping the dinner prices reasonable so you will want to come. As always, our volunteer cooks make excellent dinners. We truly are the premier place to eat on the little island on Saturday night. You might say we are the *only* place to eat on Saturday night on the little island. Well, really, who likes competition? In all sincerity, thank you for supporting your club.

A couple of housekeeping notes. Please sign up for dinner by Thursday at noon. Can you imagine if you were putting on a dinner and you were not sure if thirty or seventy were coming? Your Social chairs go through this every week. Please give them a break and sign up early. Second, we are going to enforce a rule on special events such as when a band plays. If you sign up and do not cancel by forty-eight hours before the event you will be billed if you don't show. We know you love bands, and we want to book them often, but we need to make sure they are paid for.

Our next band is Second Date, a rock band that we have had many times before. The date is March 19, our St. Patrick's party. Alameda Yacht Club is cruising in. With them, Second Date, and us, it will be a party.

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# The Whale's Tale

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A potluck dinner on Treasure Island during the January 29-30 cruise-out.

## Off to the races with Post Midwinter, Jack and Jill race results

BY WARD FULCHER, RACE CHAIR

SINCE THE last *Tale* we've held our first two races of 2005. The first PMS race was a single triangle around the club marks, held in a window of light air that shut off not long after the finish. Due to the south wind we had to reverse the triangle and start the third leg as the first leg and leave all marks to port. If that sounds confusing, it was to the Racing Committee and racers as well.

## Special: 'Movies by bay' shirt at BBYC

BY KIM CROW

HELLO AGAIN, fellow shoppers! Since my last *Whale's Tale* article, the club has received many new items that await your purchase in the display case at the clubhouse.

There are four luscious raspberry fleece vests with black piping and black "BBYC" embroidery on each. They are various sizes, and you will look just like the pink ladies from "Grease" in them. Absolutely no one will mess with you.

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RC forgot to carry an "L" flag so although Bob on *Hollanass* hit a start that would have made Russell Coutts so envious he'd quit the sport, the Santana 35 also sailed a longer course than the other boats, taking second in its division. Division firsts went to the two Jeffs: Rude on *Tortfeasor* in spinnaker and Rempel on *Rumple J* in non-spinny. Jeff Rude, by the way, loaded up on Boy Scouts he's helping with their sailing merit badges, and I'd like to encourage all racers to grab local students, youth group kids and our other community neighbors and turn them on to low key racing, BBYC style.

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## Commodore's Report

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As we promised, we now have a house wines in addition to our regular wines available. This way you can save some money and enjoy your club. For those with more discerning palates, we still offer the wines we have been carrying. Your choice. Jerry is working with the bar committee to find the best wine available to you for our house wine.

On the cruising front. We had a great time at Treasure Island on the last weekend of January. As usual the weather was beautiful for that cruise-out. Sunny skies and very little wind. This time our cruise-out chair, Dave Tucker, had us at the docks. We enjoyed an excellent potluck dinner. Leroy and Cheryl Pyle, new members, took some great pictures that are included in this newsletter.

We know you like cruise-outs so Dave has scheduled many. We have two in March. The first is the weekend of March 12 to San Francisco Yacht Club. This is truly is a first class club situated at an ideal location in Belvedere. We will be staying at their guest dock. They have a staff that prepares good meals. Within walking distance are great views, dinning, and shopping. This will be a cruise-out not to miss.

You say "Jeff, we like our cruise-out less high brow. More down to earth." Well, Dave has that one for you too. The weekend of March 26 we are racing to Angel Island with Ward Fulcher, then cruising-out. Yes, a one way race to Angel Island then were parking it on the hook for the weekend in a big raft up. Ward keeps on telling me I can't race my boat *Hollywood* but Dave said I could attend the cruise-out.

Another date to keep in mind is Sunday, April 3. Your Vice, Linda Fenn, will be hosting a membership drive in the afternoon. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and side dishes served all afternoon. To keep up our tradition the food will be cheap. Come and enjoy the event. Also, we will need help behind the bar, preparing the food, and introducing new people to our club. Remember, put your name on the top line of a new membership application form, and you get a fifty dollar credit for food at our club.

As you see, we have a lot going at your club. See you soon.

—Jeff

## New members



Angela Ryan



Vicki and Dave Austin

## Social Committee Notes

BY DAVID ALEXANDER

AS WE HEAD into March your Social Committee has some temporary changes. Social Co-chair **Susan Siegert** has had some health challenges. To help ease the Social workload, I will write this column and **Kathy Smith** now sits in the driver's seat. **Becky Serrage** and **George Lohmeier** are heavily involved in buying the food and supplies for our dinners. Our other buyer-cook is **Don Smith**. This team makes cooking easy for our chefs. When the chef arrives in the galley, the food is ready for preparation.

February started on the 5th with **Bob Carr** cooking pork loin for our membership meeting. Assisting Bob in the final preparation stage were **Sylvia Nelson** and **Leslie Shiller** (my favorite redhead!). Bob did all the cooking that day and it turned out very well providing a great meal for 42 people.

The following day was Super Bowl Sunday. You know what that means. It was time for our annual Chili Cook-off. We had five chefs including **Jim LaMar**, **Leslie Shiller**, **Steve Sorgatz**, **Ron Fudala** and **Cheryl Pyle**. Leslie won first place with Steve and Ron in a tie for second. Thanks to all the chefs for their efforts.

The Valentine's Day party on February 12nd was a special event. **Becky Serrage** and **Kathy Smith** decorated both rooms of our clubhouse the night before. It looked *very* nice! **Becky Serrage** and **George Lohmeier** were the buyers and the preparers. **Jim LaMar** barbecued the tri tip beef and salmon. **Leslie Shiller** and **Sylvia Nelson** helped again with the final preparation and serving. We had several guests from Single Sailors and others. After dinner we danced the night away with music from a live jazz band. The dance floor got quite a workout!

Tiburon Yacht Club braved the fog and rain to join us for Artichoke Chicken on February 19th. **Don Smith** made the shopping run to Smart & Final as well as Costco. **Kris Houck** was our chef. Helping her that night was **Ann Niemi** and new member **Lou Ann Roth**. The club's annual crab feed was held on February 26th. The price of fresh crab dictated an



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**Overheard on the Treasure Island cruise-out.**

early cutoff for sign ups. We had 34 people signed up by the 19th. **Ron Fudala** was the primary driving force for this event. Ron bought the fresh crab and delivered it. Along with the crab we had salad, pasta and dessert. The Social Committee wants to thank all of our volunteer chefs and helpers. You put the food on the table which brings people to the club. All of us eat and drink at the club so we can pay the rent and keep the lights on.

Now we are into March 2005. Hopefully we will have less rain and more wind. There will be a warm wind blowing on the night of March 5th. **Ward Fulcher**, **Kim and Lowell Crow**, and **Lou Ann Roth** will produce a Cajun Night. dinner of authentic Gumbo, Shrimp Etoufie, and Red Beans and Rice with Hushpuppies. Ward and **Susan Siegert** will give Cajun dance lessons. They have both

danced to Cajun and Zydeco music for years but had never met at any of the many dances of this newly popular music. It was a real joy to watch them do the Cajun moves on the dance floor! Come join in for a fun evening.

There is a cruise-out planned for March 12th, so there will be no formal dinner at the club. But that doesn't mean there is nothing going on. Feel free to have your own potluck dinner.

St. Patrick shows his colors at BBYC on March 19th. **Lou Ann Roth** and **Jim LaMar** will prepare corned beef and cabbage. This is always an excellent meal and is well attended. We will certainly have a full house that night because **Ann Weinzierl** has arranged a return visit by the band Second Date. This all female group has played for us before and puts on a great show. The lead singer goes through several costume changes during the evening. Please sign up early and join us for a fun evening. Members of the Single Sailors group will probably join us as well. The last Saturday of March is a cruise-out and race to Angle Island.

We want to give you some advance notice on a fun dinner that is coming up. On April 2nd **Glenn and Arlene Huber** and **Linda Fenn** are cooking Chicken Curry and Vegetable Stir Fry. There may be some beef with that as well. More details next month.



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**Lester and Jeanette** welcomed T.I. cruise-out participants aboard *Lazy J*. More photos at [www.leroyogle.net](http://www.leroyogle.net).

## Satisfied guests at Oyster Point and Tiburon cruise-ins as Port Captain reports

BY LOWELL CROW

BBYC's well known reputation for hospitality permeated the club during the first two cruise-ins of the year. The first, on January 22 by Oyster Point Yacht Club, was a rousing success! They came with a total of nine boats; all were power (higher on the food chain) except one sailboat. They left the fog-enveloped Peninsula at approximately 10:00 a.m., and arrived at sunny, warm Ballena Bay around 11:30 a.m.

Coming out of the fog into beautiful warm sun was Oyster Point's first indication of the good time they were about to have. All but one of their vessels *were* escorted to their slips by *Wally* which was very much appreciated. They were pretty much clustered together on F-1 and F-3 with only one boat assigned to G-2 at the last minute. The latter was an add-on to their scheduled flotilla.

They hung around the docks, took walks, etc., until around 5:00 p.m. then brought hors d'oeuvres to the clubhouse and shared them with everyone there.

Around 6:00 p.m. somebody got the word to me that Oyster Point had four more drive-bys to add to the dinner

list. This was soon added to by another ten or so of our own members causing the table setting to overflow to the bar area! George and Becky did a great job accommodating the additional people, and even had to make an emergency meat-run so that there would be enough food for everyone.

It turned out to be a fun busy night at the club, and I would like to sincerely thank all of our members who went out of their way to be hospitable to our guests. This really sank in with Oyster Point; as I bid them farewell they each thanked me profusely for our hospitality and told me what a good time they had.

The second cruise-in we hosted was Tiburon Yacht Club on February 18. This hearty group braved heavy rain and wind on their trip from the north bay. They started arriving Friday in the early afternoon, while there was a break in the weather, except for the last boat. Just as this boat pulled up to the guest dock, there was a big cloudburst that hit the marina. They made it safely to their slips, and pretty much stayed on their boats that night as it was raining most of the time.

Around mid-day on Saturday, more boats arrived, in the midst of more bad weather! I must say that a lot of credit goes out to the Tiburon Yacht Club for sticking with this cruise. They only had one boat cancel because of weather. In all seven boats made it. Most clubs would have bailed (no pun intended).

Saturday night dinner was a hit with our guests and all had an excellent time. Several of them attended the breakfast Sunday morning then headed back home. BBYC received numerous flattering comments from this group; which is eager to return.

All of our own club members who worked on the dinner, the breakfast or tended bar very much enjoyed the event. The operative theme here is that it's fun to participate at BBYC.

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Just kidding, of course, but thought they would be great for modeling for our fashion show with music from "Grease" playing in the background. Yes, I plan a fashion show soon, showing the various items available for sale. If you want to be a part of this fun experience, let me know. You can be a model, a commentator, a music technician, a dresser or helper, or whatever. Shirley from The Embroidery Factory has even consented to lending us some things to model if need be.

Another new, fun item I found was a sherpa style vest with "BBYC" embroidered on it. Kathy Smith bought the only one I ordered on spec., but has consented to bring it to the next couple of dinners for you to see in person. It looks fantastic, and if you buy one you will too when you wear it.

There's also been some interest in polo shirts *with* pockets, so I'm going to order some of those. If any of you want one, let me know what size and color. They come in 23 colors and you can choose any embroidery for them. There's an embroidery catalog at the clubhouse.

When I once again visited The Embroidery Factory this month, Shirley showed me the official PICYA Opening Day on the Bay logo embroidered on a shirt, and I can tell you it is gorgeous. The theme this year is "Movies by the Bay," and it shows the Golden Gate Bridge with the city in the background, surrounded by a movie frame. You can order a sweat-shirt or a polo shirt, *and* you can even have our burgee embroidered on which ever you choose. There's a flyer posted at the clubhouse, so you can see what they look like. Opening day is April 24th, so get your orders in *early*. I wouldn't want any of you to miss out on making an up-to-date fashion statement on that day. Let's show those other clubs what *fashionistas* we are.

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*Illusions* at Clipper Cove.

# MARCH & APRIL 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Mar. 1	2 Board meeting 7 p.m.	3	4 Potluck 7 p.m.	5 Membership meeting, dinner 7 p.m.
6 PMS Racing noon	7	8	9	10 Single Sailors Assoc. meets 6:30 p.m.	11	12 San Francisco YC cruise-out thru Sunday (no planned dinner at club)
13	14	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 St. Patrick's party 7 p.m.
20 Deadline for April newsletter	21	22	23	24	25	26 Angel Island: Whale's Chase Race and cruise-out (thru Sunday)
27	28	29	30 Board meeting 7 p.m.	31	Apr. 1	2 Membership meeting, dinner 7 p.m.
3 PMS Racing noon Membership open house 12:30-4:30	4 PICYA dinner meeting at BBYC, 6 p.m.	5	6	7	8 Griller Racing 6 p.m.	9 Coyote Point YC cruise-out (thru Sunday) Spinnaker YC cruise-in
10	11	12	13	14 Single Sailors Assoc. meets 6:30 p.m.	15	16 Dinner 7 p.m.

## RACING REPORT

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The Jack and Jill had the usual Valentine's conditions. The "three hour tour" around Treasure Island took a little bit longer...the boats that went right for relief from the last of the flood got further than those that went left, but pretty soon they drifted back toward the start line—and dropped their hooks. For about an hour RC noticed that all the Jacks and Jills seemed to be below decks, so everyone was probably hungry.

On resumption of wind, the racers and RC agreed to a shortened course and to ignore the four-hour cutoff (a good thing, since by now the return trip was going to be against the ebb). A little after dark the RC anchor was finally weighed, but it was worth the wait—all but one starter had completed the race; no re-do this year.

Something about new members: one of the RC volunteers (her second RC in two weeks) was Angela Ryan, and Vicki Austin in her tri *Lil Bear* was the overall winner. Thanks to both for jumping right in to their new club. Shelly Cramer on *Illusions* was first monohull, followed by Lillian Salinas on *Rumple J*, who finished in an exciting duel with Allison Robertson on *Freedom*. Note: it seemed at the great Valentine's dinner that the folks who'd done the race had the most fun...

Next up: Race Chair (and maybe one other member) will spend a Saturday at US Sailing's Race Officer Training. On March 6 we have the next PMS race (noon start, 10 a.m. skippers meeting and, for those interested, 9 a.m. very basic racing seminar).

Then, Whale's Chase #2 on March 26, the race no one wants to miss! Start at 11 a.m. off BBYC, race to Angel Island and raft up for the weekend (no race on the return trip).

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The very popular navy jacket with gray fleece lining that many of you purchased has become way too hard to get in a timely manner, so Shirley suggested to *not* order it anymore. So

I ordered a couple of similar styles, which are on pages 208 and 209 of the catalog previously mentioned. As of this writing they haven't arrived, but will be in the clubhouse as soon as they do arrive.



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