



The Commodore Reports

JEFF FULLER

All who attended enjoyed our cruise out to the Delta over the 4th of July weekend. We had six boats attend. The first stop was Willow Burm Harbor and then on to Mandeville Cut to enjoy the fireworks and camaraderie. In attendance were Dick and Ann Niemi, Terry O'prey and his fiancée Staci Paul, Dave Tucker and Shelly Kramer, Alison Robertson and crew, Barry Hosier, David Offerman and Linda Fenn and yours truly. The weather and company were great. Anchored near our raft up was a good size catamaran sail boat. Bruce Balan, the skipper, gave out free Spinnaker rides to our members. I had never seen this before. The bottom part of the sail is released and you ride on it as the wind lifts you up. What an interesting experience. (see www.bbyc.org photo gallery) Past Commodore Ann Weinzerl and family visited our raft up in her new nineteen foot Sea Ray. Ann taxied many of us for an afternoon on Lost Isle. Lost Isle is no longer lost. Annie found it. Leroy has pictures on the web of our adventure in the Delta. We all wanted to stay longer and two of us did. Boats Hollywood and Searex are at Delta Bay Marina in Isleton for the month of July.

We now have a new Cruise Chair, Marty Chin. Marty and Linda have been active members for several years. Marty has enthusiastically offered his services. Marty will keep you informed as to what is happening in the cruise out department. His first official cruise out is the Mystery Cruise. The Mystery Cruise is no longer a mystery; it is to San Rafael Yacht

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The Whale's Tale

BALLENA BAY YACHT CLUB ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA



MARGARITAVILLE
B.B.Y.C.

Jimmy Buffet Night
Dinner & Dance \$30.00

Eric Stone plays at 4:00 PM, scrumptious rib, chicken & tri-tip dinner at 7:00 PM

Dance Only \$15.00

Jimmy Buffet tunes from 4-6:30. After dinner, Eric will continue playing from 9:00 on.

Cover charge in effect while music plays. Dust off your Hawaiian garb and come and enjoy the festivities.

Five FREE raffle tickets if paid by August 6th!

August 13th

PARROTHEADS OF B.B.Y.C.

Wanna Dance?

Griller Friday & Whale's Chase III

By Ward Fulcher, Race Chair

Two more Grillers under our belt, and close finishes remain the order of the day. Friday July 8 saw Dick, in the Hunter Legend 37.5 Fantasy circling the starting line hungrily, looking for a competitor. Even though he knew that sailing the course alone was still a win toward season honors, he had acquired a couple of strong young relatives, fresh and relaxed from a spell in the Delta and wanted to show off some grinding and mainsheet trim "by others". At the last minute, Dan in the Hunter 450 came screaming out of the West from the other side of the Island to hit a late but fast start, which started two laps of tight racing. Bless Dan's soul for making the 1 1/2 hour trip to join our races, but a crewed Dick was not to be denied his first victory.

On the 22nd, we had Griller stalwart Li'l Bear with Dave and Vicki, Alison and crew on Freedom, the long-awaited appearance of Laszlo's classic-looking Flying Lanzarote, and a few minutes after the start a shadow boat, which sailed a course reminiscent of the race course and turned in

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Club. Also, don't forget the Labor Day cruise out to Half Moon Bay.

Friday Potlucks are truly coming together. There is no luck about it. You will eat well at them. Also, Janet at the harbor has been having some interesting guest speakers after some of the Friday Night Potlucks. July 8th we had local author David Case. Mr. Case spoke on his cruising the South Pacific. His speaking was accompanied by an informative slide show. Kim Crow has David Case's book, "Sailin South" available for sale in the merchandise cabinet.

As always our Saturday dinners are popular. If you haven't made it out lately please come out to the club and enjoy the summer. Don and Kathy Smith are bringing you, along with our talented member chefs, excellent dinners at reasonable prices.

Your Commodore here has a duty to keep the club operating properly so here is my reminder this month. Make sure you check and close all the doors when you leave. You may not have propped open a door while you were at the club but someone else may have. Several times the door to the hallway, where the bathroom is, has been left wide open all night. Please, please, please, when you leave the club, make sure everything is locked up tight.

August 13th is the biggest day of the year for our club. We have a membership drive from 11-3:30. Then a favorite, Eric Stone will be playing Jimmy Buffet tunes from 4-6:30. After a scrumptious rib dinner, Eric will continue playing from 9 on. Dust off your Hawaiian garb and come and enjoy the festivities.

See you at the club.

--Jeff

Cruise-Out Report

By Marty Chin, Cruise Chair

We just wrapped up our annual harbor hopping cruise-out, Ballena to Half Moon Bay, HMB to Monterey and back again. It's been a little cool, but comfortable ride up and down the coast. A little light work with the radar and GPS got us in and out, otherwise visibility was from 2-8 miles, traffic was non-existent.

Watch fast moving marine layers in large bodies of water like Monterey Bay, we had about 12-14 knots of wind on the deck, a fast moving marine layer showed 25-35 knots at the mast head, which stayed at the mast head for about 20 minutes, then dropped to deck level and spanked us. We thought the instruments were faulty, and delayed reefing, we lost two miles beating to weather reefing in a blow; next time we'll trust the instruments, good lesson to learn. Naturally, after we reefed, the sky opened up and we had beautiful clear skies to sail into Monterey.

The good folks at Monterey Municipal Marina are full of surprises. We called in and they had a slip waiting for us. Scott, the night security and harbor attendant, meet us at the dock, provided us a shore power pig-tail and drove Dan around town to check out restaurants as we secured the boat.

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See more club photos at:
<http://www.bbyc.org/pages/photos.html>

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2005

AUGUST						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6 Membership Meeting "Taste of Chicago" SignUp for Dinner 7 pm	7
8	9	10	11 Single Sailor Assoc. Meets 6:30 pm	12 Griller Race & BBQ 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm	13 National Marina Day Eric Stone's Jimmy Buffet Night Dinner 7 pm	14
15	16	17	18 BB TownHouse Assoc. Meets 7-11pm	19 Potluck 6:30 pm	20 Dinner 7 pm	21
22	23	24	25	26 Griller Race & BBQ 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm	27 Sequoia YC Cruise-out	28 Sequoia YC Cruise-out
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SEPTEMBER						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			September 1	2 Half Moon Bay Cruise-out Potluck 7:00 pm	3 Half Moon Bay Cruise-out	4 Half Moon Bay Cruise-out
5 Half Moon Bay Cruise-out	6	7 Board Meeting	8 Single Sailor Assoc. Meets 6:30 pm	9 Griller Race & BBQ 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm	10 BBYC Salmon Derby Membership Meeting Salmon Dinner! 7 pm	11

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Connie Daniels Idle w/friend, Agnes Ringo



Ross & Cindy Lappin

Susie Hone makes a point



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Da...Da...Da...Dit...Dit...Dit, hot off the press, Sequoia Yacht Club cruise-out scheduled for August 27-28, yep this year, is a nice little quiet place on the planet. Just got off the phone with Rick Gilmore-Port Captain and nice guy of the year award recipient; Options are open, they have nothing scheduled at the club for that particular weekend, but get this...Rick said he would be glad to round up some happy club members and put on a rib dinner for \$15 per and provide us access to the club, which includes an Officer of the Day, AKA bartender and use of their beautiful club and sun deck, the mother of all back decks over looking the marina, umbrellas included.

There is also an excellent Italian restaurant across the road, we had a blast there a few years back, and I'm still paying off that one. Food is excellent and I'm sure by now they have restocked the bar...

They have a 70' guest dock with two additional 30' docks, free on a first reserved basis, so sign up early. Boats not registering early enough to get a free space can get a slip in the marina for a mere \$.60 per foot per night, SO SIGN UP EARLY.

Half Moon Bay (HMB) cruise-out September 2-5, traditionally this has been a light-air event, bring the spinnaker and pole out the jib, power-boaters call the engine room and light the fires it's time to play in the Pacific Ocean. Mother Nature may have other plans, however, for the last 4 years it has been relatively calm seas and a nice motor to HMB. We have had bright sunny days to marine layers and fog, so break out the manuals and get out on the bay, dust off your navigational skills, turn on the radar and GPS, get use to using your toys, you may not need them, no sense waiting until the fog closes in to find out where the on-button is?

Alameda to HMB takes around 6 hours, we typically depart on Thursday evening after work bound for Treasure Island's Clipper Cove, overnight and head out the Golden Gate in the morning on the tail end of the flood tide or slack, clearing the gate, heading out to the commercial channel outer turning marker, with a push from the ebb tide from the outer marker it is a straight shot down the coast to Pillar Point RW-PP buoy more on this later. Weather is usually mild this time of the year; it's a good time for a maiden voyage out the gate in the company of friends.

Whether you travel with friends or do a solo, we'll meet you at the watering hole.

HMBYC is still in the planning stage of holiday events; usual events include a band, dinner and a trip to the bar. On cool days they have a semi-

enclosed deck with a fireplace, last year we had fire barrels near the beach and barbecue. A good time was had by all.

Water taxi is a must, or at least a good friend who has one (dinghy) for those who chose to anchor out or raft up. Slips at the marina are on a first come first served basis, no reservations, at the Pillar Point Municipal Marina.

Ketch Joann restaurant makes a killer breakfast and dinner, their halibut with dill sauce and fresh king salmon is to die for and the prices are reasonable. Had halibut and salmon twice this month. I think I'm growing fins, and going back for more.

Reduce stress, plan ahead, sign up early and let's focus on having FUN! Lord knows, we deserve it.

Yacht club links:

<http://www.sequoiayc.org/> or <http://hmbyc.org/>

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a darned good time. Alison and Laszlo kindly took extra crew who showed up at the Club looking for a ride (including one die-hard who came all the way from Davis!). Yer Old Race Chair had the assistance of new members Sue and Edgar, and all was rolling along til Lil Bear reported the T mark missing. I hate when that happens. The Fleet agreed while underway that they'd round 36 instead, and we decided to shorten the course to one lap. Spectators ashore knew that the racing would be tight when the blue hull of Lanzarote charged down the back reach way too close behind the other boats for her 273 handicap not to hurt someone. Corrected results were Lil Bear, Flying Lanzarote and Freedom all within 5 minutes. When we got back to the Club Leroy had assembled a brand-new grill and had perfect coals going, but no one had brought meat or veggies to grill. If you grab something the night before and throw it in an ice chest or the reefer at work, you'll have grillables even if there's no time to hit the store on the way to the race course...

So, next Griller is August 12 and the second and fourth Saturdays of the month through October. Whale's Chase 2 is August 27 - see the Racing section of bbyc.org for Entry Forms, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Also remember the Need Crew and Want to Crew lists, and show up at the Club on Race days - we seem to have a good thing going getting crew and skippers together. Now if I can find where that damn T mark has got off to...



Merchandise News

By Kim Crow

Hey, shoppers, many of you have expressed an interest in wine glasses with the Ballena Bay Yacht Club logo on them, and your merchandise chairman has come through and ordered those very items for you. They should be in any day now and ready for you to purchase. These are glass glasses, not plastic. I know that some of you were just interested in the plastic for the boat, but we'll see how these fly. The plastic are more expensive and you have to order quite a bit more. These 10 ounce, stemmed wine glasses can double as water goblets, or you can even drink or serve coke or juice out of them and impress your friends.

Look for them at the club before the next Whale's Tale comes out.

I also have a beautiful shirt that is perfect for Jimmy Buffet night, which is August 13. It has a sunset and palm trees and is just right for wearing while sipping a margarita or dancing to "Margaritaville" at the club.

Come stop by the Merchandise cabinet on your next visit to the club. There's always something to tickle your fancy.

HAPPY SHOPPING!

Social Committee (cont.)

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The membership meeting dinner on August 6th will be a "Taste of Chicago" featuring bone-in ribeye steaks. The biggest event of the month, and possibly the whole year, is the Jimmy Buffet Party on August 13th. Eric Stone will fly in from his home in Florida for the big event. He will play 2 sets, from 4 to 6:30 pm and again from 9 pm to 2 am. If you want to listen and dance to music only, the cost is \$15. If you prefer a BBQ and salad bar dinner and music the cost is \$30. If you buy your tickets by August 6th you will get 5 FREE raffle tickets. Join your fellow parrot heads for a fun evening of food and music!

Please support our yacht club with your presence and participation. We will all have a good time.

If you can help us please call our Social Chair, Kathy Smith @ (510) 769-8543 or Email her at social@bbyc.org Thank you for your support. We'll see you at dinner!

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Your Happy Money Collector,
David Alexander



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AUGUST 13th

*National Marina Day
&*

Ballena Isle Marina's Annual BBQ

Our Open House June 8 & 11
Netted 6 new members and we
will have another Open House on
August 13th to coincide with the
Ballena Isle Marina festivities.

11:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Linda Fenn, Vice Commodore

Ballena Bay Yacht Club
Salmon Derby
\$25.00
100% Payback
September 10, 2005
<http://www.bbyc.org/pages/Derby/Derby.html>

"Taste of Chicago"

Dinner will feature the famous steakhouses of Chicago

Menu:

Appetizers in the bar, so come early.

The bar will be serving Chicago Martini's with Bleu Cheese
Stuffed Olives.

Garbage Salad from Gene and Georgetti's

Gibson's Chicago Style 1 lb Bone-in Rib eye steak (doggie bags will
be provided)

Big Bake Potato/Broccoli w/Hollandaise Sauce
French Bread

Eli's Famous Chicago Cheesecake



Social Committee Notes

The Social Committee, chaired by Kathy Smith, had a fairly easy month of activities in July. We started off with the holiday weekend of July 4th. We had no formal dinner at the club because most of our members have other plans for that weekend. Our first event of the month was on the membership meeting night on July 9th. Linda Chin was the driving force behind the Fried Chicken and comfort food dinner. At the last minute Marty and Linda's boat needed an emergency repair so Jim LaMar stepped in on Saturday to set up and run the deep fryer for most of the Saturday afternoon. We served about 35 people and had plenty of fried chicken! Our new members really enjoyed the activities that night.

Cheryl and Leroy Pyle hosted an event on July 16th that grew out of KABOOM! Night. We had a Potato Salad Contest. We provided tri-tip steak sandwiches, tossed green salad and dessert while our contestants provided the best potato salad. We had six people join in the contest. They were: Jim LaMar, Cathy Coyte, Kim Crow, LuAnn Roth, Cheryl Pyle and our new member Susie Hone. Our five judges included a visitor who had raced in the America's Cup in New Zealand, Tom Alexander. LuAnn Roth won the contest but all of our entrants were winners. Thanks to all of you that entered. We served 35 people that night.

The pasta dinner that was planned for July 23rd was cancelled for lack of signups by Thursday

night. The dinner was to be made from scratch but we could not determine how many people would attend so we cancelled the dinner. Please sign up at the club or on line no later than Thursday so this won't happen in the future. The following weekend, July 30th was a cruise out to San Rafael YC, hosted by our new Cruise Chair, Marty Chin. We had no dinner planned for that weekend so July was an easy month for us.

Watch your Email for information about dining pleasures in August. Dinner Host August 20th will be Bob Leigh. He will be cooking both vegetarian and meat dish for that night.

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