



July has been a busy month! We started off with our annual cruise-out to the Delta. Several members were lucky enough to be able to leave on Saturday June 30 and spend the entire week in the Delta. I had to work until Tuesday, so we left Tuesday evening, and anchored outside of Benicia. I was quite happy that the currents weren't going to be flooding until around 9:00 a.m. as that meant I could have a leisurely morning then go with the current up to Mandeville cut. All was well until about 8:00 a.m. when of course the tide was at its lowest, and I was then anchored in about five feet of water. I draw 5'10". Oh well, it was a longer leisurely morning than anticipated! When the tides finally lifted us free we set back on our way and enjoyed a gorgeous sunny day on the water. We found our BBYC raft-up at Mandeville and tied alongside **Annie on "Sail La Vie"**. Also in our raft-up were **Barry Hoosier, Jeff Fuller & Gwen, Linda Fenn and David Offerman, Shelly and Dave Tucker, and Les & Jeannette Clark** with a boat full! The fireworks were wonderful and the company great. Thursday the raft-up broke up as some people headed back and others found new anchorages away from the crowds. We anchored for a night at in the Potato Slough, and then had a night at Willow Berm Marina before heading back towards home stopping overnight at the Pittsburg Municipal Marina. What a great holiday!

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## From the Race Deck

by Kelly Kyle

I would like to thank the board for allowing me to participate with the club as the new Race Chair. My first announcement is that I will not be referred to as YORC (Ye Ol' Race Chair). I would prefer something more like HRHRC (Her Royal Highness Race Chair) or maybe RP (Race Princess). I would also like to make an urgent request for **HELP!!!** I am soliciting for a person or persons who are comfortable with and competent in the firing of a **SHOTGUN** who will be willing to help with this aspect of race committee duties. Ha-Ha! For a moment that sounded like an ad for a hit man! I would also like to encourage and invite all sailors to participate in the races. The race committee is in the process of researching ways to "level the playing field" in order to encourage participation for all types of sailing vessels. Suggestions are appreciated. Please contact me at [race@bbyc.org](mailto:race@bbyc.org).

On to the racing -

**June 22nd Griller#6**, my first outing as race officer went off without a hitch thanks to the kind help of my mother, Jo, and son, Chris. Many thanks to them. Jeff Rude's *Tortfeasor*, (loosely translated as "wrong doer") finished first...again.

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 July activities continued with our Karaoke Night which was organized by **Debbie Scotten**. We had the Erickson Fleet cruise-in that weekend and everyone enjoyed a great salmon dinner cooked by **Bob Carr**. The singing, and dancing, added to a wonderful evening. Thank you Debbie! Pictures of the fun are on the BBYC web site.

Of course who can think of July without thinking about our Poker Run! Okay, this was only the second annual poker run, but already the talk of the island! We had four dinghies that left BBYC at 11:30 and went round the island. We also had several groups drive around. For those of us in the dinghies our first stop was Oakland YC followed by Encinal YC, Island YC, Alameda YC and then Aeolian YC. Aeolian was having an afternoon party on the deck and we happily joined in. More dancing! All dinghies made it safely back to BBYC. Thank you to **Ron Fudala** for organizing the Poker Run and congratulations to **Leroy Pyle** who took first place in the Poker Run! Also thanks to **Jeff Gear** for keeping the dinghies in line! Pictures of all this fun are also on the web site.

Our final event in July will be the talent show on July 28. Debbie Scotten is also organizing this. Thanks again Debbie! Whew, what a month!

And this leads us in to our biggest event of the year. The Eric Stone/Jimmy Buffet Party! Make sure to mark August 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. It is a night you will not want to miss. We will have lots of items to raffle off, live music, food and dancing!

August 11-12 we will be cruising out to San Rafael Yacht Club. This will be another great cruise-out as San Rafael is a very hospitable club. Be sure to mark this weekend on your calendars too.

On a final note I would like to thank **Cheryl Pyle** for all the work she has been doing for our club. Not only is she the treasurer, which is a big job by itself, but she has also been doing much of the shopping for the dinners and house. Thank you Cheryl, you are appreciated!

See you on the water or in the club....

**--Alison**

## Vice Commodore Report

by Jeff Gear

Greetings!  
 I'm happy to report that we've had three new memberships since my last writing! Please join me in a hearty welcome for the following new members:

**Dan Watson & Kelly Kyle** - Dan and Kelly have been participating in BBYC racing events for over two years and have been frequent guests of the club on Friday nights after the Griller races. Upon hearing that BBYC no longer had a Race Chair, Dan and Kelly graciously agreed to join the club and to co-host the Race Chair responsibilities! As a result, our racing program is back on track and new plans for improvement are already being suggested. Thanks Dan and Kelly!

**Marti Burchell** - Marti has the unique distinction of "owning" one of the larger boats in the Bay Area: the Presidential Yacht Potomac! As Executive Director of the Potomac Association, Marti and others are

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

**August & September 2007**

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		<b>August 1</b> BOD meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Jimmy Buffet Night! Dinner & Dance Festivities Start 3 pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <a href="#">Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc</a> 7PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Griller Race	<b>11</b> San Rafael Cruise-out Dinner TBA	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Whales Chase III Dinner 7:00 PM	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Griller Race	<b>25</b> Dinner 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
			<b>Sept</b>			
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**Make plans to fish NOW!**

## Rear Commodore Report

By Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi all, Some points from that little old wine drinker-Let me put on my other hat. While most of my responsibilities and time is spent keeping up with the bar, I am also responsible for the house.

The fire department just re-inspected the club - we flunked.

I think we were blind sided but that's life. We fixed all the items in the first written report. But now we have been sited for and must correct the following:

1. Extension cords - NOT ALLOWED. Temporary use only as in plugging in Christmas lights. I removed all I could find. If you need to use an extension cord to plug in your computer or something remove it as soon as you are finished. Originally I had thought they meant outside. We removed those and Joey and Ron installed some conduit and fixtures outside.

2. Burgees - MUST BE FIREPROOF. I removed the burgees and put them in a box. I don't know if fireproofing would work or if it would adversely affect any of the materials. We have nylon, cotton and canvas to name the most obvious. If anyone wants to investigate this and treat the burgees, go for it.

3. The fire exit - MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEARED. Initially they said we just had to have a clear path to the door, the width of the door.

We are now being told it must be completely clear including removing the shelf and everything currently stored there. Once it is cleared out do not move anything back.

4. The credenza - MUST BE MOVED. It was shifted to install the tile. In its current position it is blocking the fire exit.

The good news is the bar is doing well and with Jimmy Buffet coming we should have a good August.

That's all folks; see you around the club -

*--Tinker*

### New members

(see Editor Leroy Pyle or David Alexander for a picture and you, too, will get a spot in this great newsletter.



TOP: Kelly Kyle & Dan Watson

BOTTOM: Marti Burchelle

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the evening. August 11th is a cruise out so there is no dinner scheduled, but watch for Leroy's emails for a spur of the moment get-together. August 18<sup>th</sup> will be another fabulous repast from **Todd LeCorre and Michael Hart**. The August 25<sup>th</sup> dinner is hosted by **Monica Ley**. As you know, Monica's dinners are always great.

Please sign up early for all events, we want to be sure there is enough food for all and no one gets turned away.

Again thank you all for the volunteer spirit you all have for making this the BBYC.

Sincerely,

*--Mike*



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June 23<sup>rd</sup> SBYRA#4 was hosted by BBYC. I want to thank Dan Watson and Jeff Gear for a job well done as race committee...especially to Jeff for providing the committee boat *My Way*. BBYC participants in the race were Frank Johnson's *Fermanagh* taking first in the Spinnaker Division and *Dixie* (sans Dan) taking second in the Non-Spinnaker Division.

July 13<sup>th</sup> Griller#7 was held in moderate winds with Ward Fulcher's *Sugar Magnolia* "skimming thru rays of violet" into first place as the sun set followed by *Dixie*, Todd LeCorre's *Colgate 26*, and Eugene Demmler's *Smooth*.

July 14<sup>th</sup> Whales Chase#2 Around Treasure Island got off to a slow start in light winds as we were joined by several boats from the Ericson Fleet Cruise-In. *Dixie* led the start, but Frank and *Fermanagh's* crew were giving lessons as they passed west of Treasure Island to finish just ahead followed by *Charette*, *Ericka*, *Sugar Magnolia* and *Homus*.

**Results of all the races on the BBYC website.**

*"The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives: so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective."*

—Henry David Thoreau

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responsible for preserving and maintaining this vital part of our boating heritage. Did I hear someone say "Tour"? Welcome Marti!

**Debbie Scotten** - You've probably met Debbie already in her starring role as chief planner and organizer of recent club events including "BBYC Martini Week", "BBYC Karaoke Night" and the "BBYC Talent Show". We struggle to keep up with her boundless energy and constant flow of ideas, but we sure appreciate the effort. A great addition to the club!

In other news, new BBYC membership cards for 2008 have arrived! These cards can be obtained by simply visiting the club and requesting them from myself or any other BBYC officer. All cards not picked up by the end of August will be mailed to their respective owners. If you would like to receive them sooner, please notify me via email at [vicecommodore@bbyc.org](mailto:vicecommodore@bbyc.org) and I will make arrangements to send them out.

Last but not least, I'm ready to create the 2007 membership directory. If you haven't yet updated your membership information, we have created a very simple online membership update form that can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.bbyc.org/Forms/memberupdate.html>

See you at the club!

--Jeff



## Social Committee Notes

Hello All,

Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up in July and August. To one and all, you are terrific.

I would also like to introduce one of our new members **Debbie Scotten** who is going to help me in organizing some of the events coming up in the future, and a couple that you may have seen, and even participated in lately, such as the Karaoke Night and our talent show. Debbie is full of ideas and has the BBYC spirit to create some fun and interest on Saturday nights and a few in between.

July started with the annual Delta cruise out. Normally, with long weekend cruise-outs, we don't have an official dinner. But something is always going on at BBYC and 10 of our members had an informal get-together on that Saturday. They had so much fun; they decided to organize a potluck BBQ on the 4<sup>th</sup>, preceded by a group outing to watch the City of Alameda 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. With some email blasts from Leroy, 24 members showed up for a really good time (and some great red, white or blue martinis!) On July 14th we had **Bob & Claudette Carr** prepare a

fantastic grilled Salmon dinner, and entertained ourselves at the first Karaoke night. We may have another Karaoke night before the year is out so if you missed this one I'm sure you will be able to make it up.

The following week was the Poker Run and **Cheryl & Leroy Pyle** prepared a traditional steak dinner with all the trimmings.

On the 28th we had an absolute treat with a fabulous Greek dinner prepared by new members **Jean Pierre Makeyev & Wanda Viviano**. The after dinner entertainment was provided by some of our own talented members on the piano, poems, and just down right good music well done by all. Thanks and a very big hand to all who participated in making that a great evening.

If you think July was fun, wait until you see what's in store for August! We start out with the biggest event of the year- **Jimmy Buffet Night starring Eric Stone** on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Happy hour (with hor de oeuvres) starts at 3:00 PM until 5:00PM, a dinner of BBQ ribs, chicken, and sausages starts at 7:00PM and dancing to Eric after dinner. And there will be a terrific raffle all through

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