



# The Whale's Tale

BALLENA BAY YACHT CLUB ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA



The Jimmy Buffet Dinner Dance was a TOTAL success with raffle prizes setting the tone! See [www.bbvc.org/photos.html](http://www.bbvc.org/photos.html) for more pics and a list of DONORS.

Where did August go? It seems as if the further into the year we get the faster it flies by! We finished up July with the Talent Show. It was a great success. **Jean-Pierre Makeyev** and **Wanda Vivano** put on a fabulous Greek dinner along with Greek music and costumes. At dinner time **Philip Frame** treated us to some poetry and **Don Boyce** entertained us with his guitar and singing. The party then moved into the bar area for a sing-along with **Alan Cook** (my father) on the piano and **Don Boyce** on the guitar. Thank you to all our entertainers and to **Debbie Scotten** for the organization.

August started with the Eric Stone (AKA Jimmy Buffet) Party. What a great afternoon and evening! The music, dancing and socializing went on until early hours of the morning. Be sure to check out the photos on our web-site. This event takes an enormous amount of help from multiple sources and once again our great volunteers pulled it off and made it better than ever! We are very lucky to have so many members who care about our club and are willing to put in a lot of their time to make our events a success. I know that no one who helped with the Eric Stone Party did it for the recognition; they did it so that everyone could have a great time. Even still a great big thank-you to all those who contributed to this event!

Our racing season is in full swing. Congratulations to **Ward Fulcher** on his completion of  
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## From the Race Deck

by Kelly Kyle & Dan Watson

**"Hello, this is the Race Committee...If you are racing please check in."** By now the racers are getting familiar with my "style" of handling RC duties. I do still need help with firing the **shotgun** during starts. This requires about 15 minutes of the volunteers time. Suitable candidates should arrive at the "race deck" near the flagpole approximately 15 minutes before start time. Dan will gladly buy volunteers a beverage of their choice in return for their kindness. Please listen to channel 71 immediately before the races for voice notification of which course we will be running. Questions are allowed until 5 minutes before the starting sequence begins. After the race begins I may make announcements but, in keeping with the rules may not answer questions. Also, if you haven't already done so and are racing please fill out another race entry form with skippers name, boat name, sail number, and handicap and drop it in the RC box near the icemaker.

Jeff is in the process of revamping the race results spreadsheet. Thanks Jeff! I will post recent official results as soon as the spreadsheet revamp is complete. We are planning to result races with both time-on time and time on distance handicapping in the near future as research for "leveling the playing field" for our very wide spread of differing yacht participation. Thanks for your patience.

**July 27th Griller #8**, lasted *waay too loong* as the wind dropped off just after...you guessed it...**Tortfeasor** crossed the finish line. Jeff and crew were followed...some time later...by **Fantasy** and  
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## Commodore's Report

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the Trans Pac qualifier race. The qualifier race involves sailing out 100 miles off-shore and back. Way to go Ward!

Our Half Moon Bay YC cruise-out is almost upon us. I will be sailing down on the Friday and returning on Monday. It will be wonderful to have a four day weekend! Hopefully details will be in next month's newsletter! Following the HMBYC cruise-out, on September 15, we have our annual Salmon Fishing Derby. This is always well attended and the fresh Salmon dinner in the evening is not to be missed! Contact **Ron Fudala** for all the details of this event. October starts right off with our Oktoberfest celebration. This will be on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>. I hadn't realized when I advised Debbie, our new social chair, to do whatever she could to persuade people to cook dinners that she would test her powers of persuasion on me! Somehow she roped me in and I will be cooking the Oktoberfest dinner. While you're marking your calendars you may want to add the following week in October 12/13 which is the Fleet Week Blue Angels show. Another not to be missed event! I am beginning to understand how the time keeps flying by!

It may seem early to mention it but the Lighted Boat Parade is Saturday December 1. We need to put a committee together to start planning our boat entry. If you are interested please let me know.

Our Port Captain, **Robyn Rowley**, has gone above and beyond her duties for our club. Not only has Robyn made all our cruise-in guests feel extremely welcome, but she has also been active on all the decorating committees and taking on bartending duties. Thank you Robyn!

We have had some fabulous weather, which for me means great winds! The sailing on the bay has been wonderful the last few months. The après Sail at our club has also been wonderful. Thanks to Jerry Barnes, and others who made contributions, our jukebox is full of new CD's. Come on by the club and put on some music.

Hope to see everyone at the club or out on the water...

--Alison

## Merchandise Report

by Kim Crow

I just got an e-mail from Leroy regarding the submitting of newsletter articles for the September issue of The Whale's Tale. To quote him, "Just a reminder to get your articles in for the September News. September!! Damn, it's almost time to go Christmas Shopping!"

Well, you can imagine how much that perked my ears up. Yes, yes, Christmas shopping. And what better place to do that than in the Merchandise Department of BBYC. You can purchase our merchandise for your friends, family, or yourself, and help the club at the same time. You have plenty of time to place that special order, and don't forget that we have baby items, towels, throws, back packs, duffels, pillows, etc., as well as clothes-all of which can be embroidered with the club logo. We also have our official BBYC wine glasses. Wouldn't they make a wonderful gift for one of your favorite, hard working club members?

Of course, we'll be having our annual Christmas Boutique again this year the first part of December; but that's for another article.

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**See more club photos at:**

<http://www.bbyc.org/pages/photosA.html>

**September & October 2007**

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				HMB Cruise-out	<b>September 1</b> HMB Cruise-out Spam Cook-Off 7PM	<b>2</b> HMB Cruise-out
<b>3</b> HMB Cruise-out	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> BOD meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Membership Meeting Dinner 7 PM	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <a href="#">Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc.</a> 7PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Griller Race	<b>15</b> Annual Salmon Derby Salmon Dinner 7:00 PM	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Dinner 7:00 PM	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Griller Race	<b>29</b> Whale's Chas IV Dinner 7:00 PM	<b>30</b>
			<b>October</b>			
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> BOD meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Oktoberfest Dinner Members Meeting Dinner 7PM	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc.</a> 7PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Griller Race	<b>13</b> San Jose Sailing Club Cruise-in Whales Chase V Meatloaf Cook-Off Dinner @ 7:00 PM	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Oyster Pt. Cruise-out Dinner 7 PM	<b>21</b>

**Annual Salmon Derby Report**

By Ron Fudala

If you are a "regular" fisherman, or not, please consider joining us for our Annual Salmon Derby this month. You will be among friends who will take the time to help you with equipment and technique.

You can go on your own boat or join us on a Party Boat that leaves out of Berkeley. This is especially fun and allows for the camaraderie of a larger group. Rod & reel with lures, bait & weights are available on board.

And almost unique to BBYC activities, it is perfect for the kids! See Leroy's grandson at right who caught our boat's biggest fish last year and won a couple hundred bucks in the "Biggest Fish Pool."

*This is a great opportunity, whether you are a fisherman or not, to **experience the open ocean.***

For information and an application call me direct at 510-693-1069 or go to [www.bbyc.org](http://www.bbyc.org) to download a copy of the application and rules. Do it NOW!



**Make plans to fish NOW!**

## Rear Commodore Report

By Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi all.

It's that little ole wine drinker again. Hard to believe I have been Rear Commodore for a year now. I hope that most people are okay with the changes. Due to publishing deadlines its really only mid-august but lots of good news. We have set records for bar business already and we still have one weekend to go.

Jimmy Buffet night was a huge success. It seems Eric Stone just gets better every year. This year, and we'll try and set it up next year, we sold Eric Stone CDs at the bar and threw in a "free" Margarita. It wasn't well advertised so we didn't sell as many as hoped but by next year things should be a little better organized.

It got a little confused behind the bar but if my empty bottle count is accurate we used ten bottles of tequila making Margarita's. Needless to say a good time was had by all.

So....if you missed it you missed a great party and should really try and make it next year, watch the calendar for exact date.

With our new Social Chair even when there is no dinner scheduled we manage to put something together. On the 11th we did pot luck with around twenty people here.

Don't forget to come by Friday nights to practice darts or just have a drink and watch.

It's NFL time again. Still only preseason but we have Monday Night Football again. As an incentive I will once again declare Monday Night Football a two dollar beer night!!

Come on down and use your club but remember, it's a volunteer club so clean up after yourself. We have a cleaning lady on the weekends but during the week it's our responsibility to keep the place tidy.

August was spectacular and September is looking like more of the same. Look for info on the Salmon Derby elsewhere.

That's all for now, hope to see you around the club and stop by a meet some of our new members.

Cheers, Tinker

--Tinker

### New members

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



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We are always looking for volunteers to host dinners and assist with activities. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you would like to help out or stop me if you see me wandering or hopping around the club.

We've also got many games and activities that are ready at any time at the club such as our Karaoke Machine, Darts with electric score board, cards, dice and board games. Anyone needing assistance or directions, don't hesitate to ask.

I look forward to working with more of you on upcoming events and activities. I will respect BBYC traditions and do my best to successfully fulfill my position as Social Chair.

--Debbie

## Oktoberfest

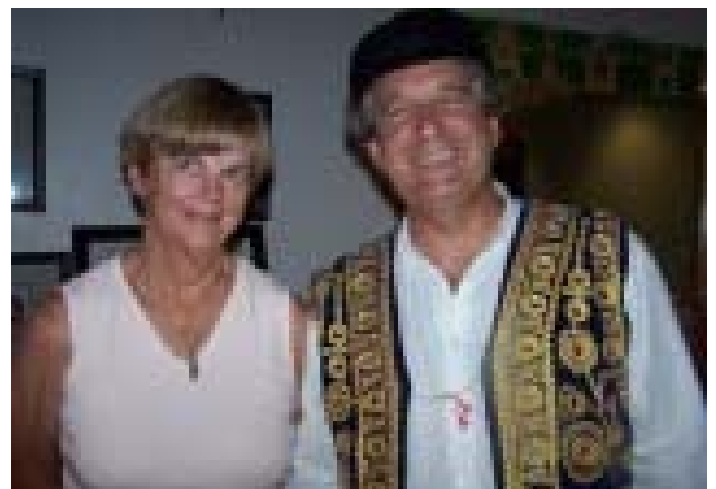


## Prosit!

*Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*

Beer, Bratwurst & Soft Pretzels  
Apple Strudel, Bavarian Cream, Polka,  
Schunkel, Sing-Along, Birdie Dance, Ein Prosit:

ZICKE ZACKE, ZICKE ZACKE, HOI, HOI, HOI



New Members Wanda Vivano & Jeanne-Pierre Makeyev set a great example for all members with the preparation of a terrific Greek Dinner! [www.bbyc.org/photos.html](http://www.bbyc.org/photos.html)

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**Dawg House** giving light air lessons to the rest of the usual suspects.

**August 10th Griller #9, official** results will be posted after the spreadsheet rehab is complete. Is there no one out there who can beat **Tortfeasor**?

**August 18th Whales Chase #3**, Dan and crew took the time to put out (and pick up) the BBYC SBYRA marks for a series of two races. The first, course #6 (9.5nm) was won handily by **Fermanagh** as Frank and crew showed **Dixie** and **Hollanass** how it's done. The second race, course #9 (6.9nm), turned out a match race between **Fermanagh** and **Dixie** as the wind picked up and others dropped out. **Dixie** won the start. Frank went deep before tacking and beating Dan to the first mark #32, then #36. Both boats struggled to reef sails as the wind continued to build with **Fermanagh** stretching its lead continually as **Dixie** struggled with the poor choice of furling headsail for the raucous conditions. **Fermanagh** was way ahead but failed to round the infamous "M" mark...inadvertently giving the race to **Dixie**.

On another note...for the many years that BBYC was a sail racing powerhouse there were four USCG approved permanent race marks. These marks were originally installed using galvanized chain which eventually rusted away resulting in the loss of the marks. Replacement of these marks is being considered. During this season we have placed temporary marks at these locations twice. While sailing the original BBYC courses I realized that the founders of this club really knew what they were doing. The courses are versatile and challenging. The replacement of these marks would greatly enhance racing at BBYC. They also mark the deep channel into the marina making it easier to avoid low-tide groundings. Two of our four temporary marks are seriously deteriorated (one is unusable...the other's day's are numbered). The cost of replacing these two temporary marks is approximately the same as replacing all four of the permanent marks with durable UV stabilized foam and concrete 55 gallon drums. Some members have agreed to donate time and materials associated with this project. I am soliciting for three thirty foot lengths and one forty foot length of at least 1/4" stainless chain. Do we have any benefactors out there? Is there anyone interested in lightening their chain locker? I also believe that having the permanent marks restored will make managing the clubs race program much easier for the race chair and committee. The cost in time to set and retrieve the marks is no less than three hours...and this takes a minimum crew of two

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persons...plus boat...plus gas. I believe having the permanent course will help to attract more racing club members. With such a fine permanent course we may attract a one design fleet in the years to come. I'm sure that there are other arguments both for and against but, considering that the cost of two replacement plastic tetrahedron temporary racing buoys is approx \$650.00 and the cost of restoring the permanent buoys is approximately the same with the addition of 130 feet of stainless chain (the best price I could find was 4.50/ft=585.00 +shipping from Oxnard,CA). I believe the permanent buoys with stainless rode would last at least 15 years and up to 25 years. I have talked with long-time members who stated that the last remaining original permanent buoy "L" was in place 4 years ago. It has since disappeared. They believed the permanent buoys were placed in the early 1980's.

*I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.*

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Too early to think about Christmas? OK, then, let's think about the cooler fall weather coming up. We have many nice windbreakers and jackets to choose from. We also have turtle-necks, sweaters and even ear warmers. Stop by; see what's available in our merchandise department.

See you at the club!

--Kim

**PS - VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

BBYC is having its 4th Annual Meatloaf Cook-off on October 13th. We need . . . .

- Contestants
- Jell-o salad makers;
- Mashed potato aficionados
- Vegetable cooks
- Salad wizards;
- Dessert chefs

to pull this fabulous meal together. San Jose Sailing Club will be dining with us that weekend, so we want to make this comfort food experience extra special. Kim Crow is the Meatloaf Cook-off Commissioner and wants to hear from YOU as to what you will be able to do. Email her at [klbird@pacbell.net](mailto:klbird@pacbell.net) or phone her at 925-820-3948. This is a very fun night and there will be prizes for the first and second place winners in the cook-off. Don't miss the experience to get your feet wet (so to speak) in the cooking department. It's lots of fun. See you there.

## Social Committee Notes

Greetings!

My name is Debbie Scotten and I recently accepted the position as Social Chair mid July just in time to participate in BBYC's premier social event of the season, The Jimmy Buffet Party/Eric Stone Concert. Although my part was small, I can say success was inevitable given the number of people that helped to make this a remarkable event and the number of members and guests that attended. The mood was set by our fabulous decorating committee lead by **Robyn Rowley, Joey Veach** and **Dee Furley**. The wonderful food was prepared by **Cheryl Pyle** and **Jim LaMar**. And the drinks were served by our hardworking bartenders, Robyn Rowley, **David Hall** and **Scott Shelby**. Raffle prizes were collected by **Jeff Gear** and **Debbie Scotten**.

August continued with a potluck dinner/game night hosted by Debbie Scotten on the 11<sup>th</sup>. **Mike & Carin Smalley** prepared Cornish Game Hens on the 18<sup>th</sup> for a dinner so well attended we had to turn people away at the door. (so be sure to sign up early) The 25<sup>th</sup> saw **Leroy Pyle, Jim LaMar** and **Wayne Winquist** serve a great

Tri-tip dinner, with a little help from Cheryl and her delicious tri-tip recipe.

**Jerry Barnes** spent a tremendous amount of time and energy during the month of August to update our jukebox, which is now filled with old time favorites and new ones ready for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure.

September looks to be an exciting month with the Half Moon Bay Cruise Out on Labor Day Weekend. No official dinner that weekend, but we are having a potluck dinner and SPAM cook-off. The membership dinner will be Sept 8th. The Salmon Derby followed by a Salmon Feast on the 15<sup>th</sup>, which is always great...fresh salmon! We have 2 openings available for volunteer dinners hosts for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29th so let me know when you can cook!

Mark your calendars now for the Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest dinner and Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, the meatloaf contest. Stay tuned to the Website for notices for the Halloween Party, the Commodore's Ball in November and the Lighted Boat Parade in December just to name a few.

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