



# The Whale's Tale

BALLENA BAY YACHT CLUB ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

September started with our annual pilgrimage to Half Moon Bay. We had a raft-up of fourteen boats and several more anchored separately or in slips at the dock. Actually our raft-up contained boats from Ballena Bay YC, Aeolian YC, Alameda YC and Spinnaker YC! It was wonderful to be part of such a happy, fun group and as always it was great to get members from several yacht clubs together. This raft-up did however bring about a very serious question. If you belong to two yacht clubs, which burgee flies on top? Some new members were flying two burgees, with BBYC under the other club burgee. And yes, I did say "were". It seems that some of our members were of the mindset that our burgee should fly on top and took it upon themselves to remedy the situation. Unfortunately for them, the new members have a true bloodhound. Their trusty bloodhound led them right to the culprits' boat! I have a suspicion that the story will not end there..... Well, when I got back home I had to do a little research, and here are some of the flag etiquette rules I found:

*Flag Etiquette*

The Club burgee is typically flown from the Mast Head or Starboard Spreader on sail boats and the bow staff on power boats. Ensigns are typically flown from the staff on the stern. Neither burgees nor ensigns should be flown overnight or when the skipper is not on board.

*Suppose I am a member of*

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## From the Race Deck

by Kelly Kyle & Dan Watson

Hi to all from Kelly and Dan. First we'd like to explain why the recent change in the way our races are started and finished. Kelly has been somewhat "under the weather" due to a series of minor but painful surgeries to remove several skin cancers. There are still a few to go but she'll be back in action soon.

I'll take the time here to explain the way we will be starting and finishing the races until Kelly is back "on the race deck". I like to call it "RADIO GPS TIME START". Supposedly all GPS chart plotters and instruments get a time feed from the same satellites...so all our GPS clocks should read the same. Nevertheless I'll continue to give the time countdown starting with 15 minutes before the start sequence begins. The course to be run we be announced at that time and boats racing should check in by radio on VHF channel 71. When the start sequence begins racers will be notified on VHF channel 71 at five minutes before the start...at four minutes before the start...at one minute before the start...and finally the last fifteen seconds will be counted down to "START". We will trust everyone to penalize themselves for crossing the line early by rounding the pin end of the line and crossing again. As boats finish they should call their finish time to the RC on VHF channel 71 or my cell phone 415-531-8910. Now for the September wrap up...**Griller #11**, September 14th, **Tortfeasor** led the race followed by **Sugar Magnolia**, **Dixie**, **Legendary** and the usual suspects. **Griller #12**, September 28th, was run in heavy seas as the winds built to over 25 knots. This was quite the wet ride with **Tortfeasor** finishing first followed by

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## Commodore's Report

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*several clubs which burgee do I fly?*

Normally, one would fly the burgee of the club in whose waters the yacht is sailing, unless there is good reason to do otherwise. Flag officers normally always fly the broad pennant of the club in which they hold their flag, irrespective of location or pursuit. If attending a meet or other specific event organised by a particular club, one would fly that club's burgee.

*Why worry about where and how flags are flown?*

Well before radio and electric lights, flags were how boats communicated at a distance and have become the traditional way that boats tell something of themselves, the owners and the guests on board. There are many complications and variations but the main rule to remember is the "right rank" rule. So what rank is right for your boat? It is the one that corresponds to the "official" burgee flown at the bow (power only) or masthead (sail or power). Sailboats may also fly the boat's "official" burgee on a Starboard hoist. "Official" in this case means the club or organization that you want your boat to represent. It is usually your home yacht club but may be changed for reasons such as cruising with another club to which you belong.

The flags you fly to Starboard represent the offices of all aboard corresponding to your "official" club burgee or organization flag. Flags flown to Port are, in general, any other burgees or office flags of the owners or guests aboard the boat. Always remember to group the burgees or offices together. To put the flags and burgees in the right order, remember "place higher in order of rank" and "higher in order of most to least represented." For example, club office flags of any rank are flown above the Staff Commodore Flag because Staff Commodore is a personal flag vs. the many represented by a club office flag. Another example is that flags representing regional organizations would be flown above club burgees. A flag representing a national organization would be flown above regional organization flags. Of course, there are always exceptions to the rules.

While some of us were down at Half Moon Bay activities continued at the Club. We held a spam contest, and no that does not mean we tried to find out who could send the most e-mail messages! It was a Spam, as in pork product, contest. By the way did you know that the name Spam, as in junk e-mail, came from a Monty Python comedy skit about a restaurant that served only Spam? Anyway, we served Spam for dinner in numerous forms, and I am told the food was excellent. Everybody raved about it! Next maybe we'll try Velveeta...

We had a great turnout for the Salmon Derby, unfortunately someone forgot to tell the salmon and no salmon were caught. Even still, the salmon dinner was excellent. Thank you Cheryl & Leroy for cooking and the last minute dash to the store to buy salmon! The evening wound up with music, singing and dancing. Debbie had the karaoke machine going full swing.....

Our up-coming events include the Oktoberfest on the 6<sup>th</sup>, a meatloaf cook-off Oct 13<sup>th</sup> and a cruise-out to Oyster Point Oct 20-21. We also have three cruise-ins during October. The San Jose YC is cruising in on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, the Islander 36 group is coming in Oct 20<sup>th</sup> and another club on the 27<sup>th</sup> for the Halloween party.

We have a nominating committee selected to nominate next year's board. The nominations will be presented at the next General Meeting which is October 6<sup>th</sup> (AKA Oktoberfest). Elections will be held during the November General meeting. If you are interested in a leadership position with the club please let your desire to be nominated for a board position known!

--Alison

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

**October & November 2007**

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3 BOD meeting	4	5 HMB Cruise-out	6 Membership Meeting OKTOBERFEST! Dinner 7 PM	7
8 HMB Cruise-out	9 <a href="#">Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc</a> 7PM	10	11	12 Griller Race	13 San Jose Sailing Club Cruise-in Whales Chase V Meatloaf CookOff Dinner 7:00 PM	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Islander 36 Club cruise-in Oyster Point Cruise-out Dinner 7:00 PM	21
22	23	24	25	26 Griller Race	27 Halloween Party Dinner 7:00 PM	28
29	30	31 BOD meeting	November			
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5	6	7	8	9	10 Dinner @ 7:00 PM	11
12	13 <a href="#">Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc</a> 7PM	14	15	16	17 Commodore's Ballt Dinner 7 PM	18

Donated by Jim LaMar & Wayne Winquist!



*Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*  
 Beer, Bratwurst & Soft Pretzels  
 Apple Strudel, Bavarian Cream, Polka, Schunkel, Sing-Along, Birdie Dance, Ein Prosit:

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**Oktoberfest**



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## Vice-Commodore's Report

By Jeff Gear

Greetings!

I'm happy to report that we've had five new memberships in the past few months! Unfortunately, three of these memberships come at the expense of San Leandro Marina which has been suffering from a severe silting problem that prevents access to the marina except during periods of high tide. As a result, many San Leandro Marina boats are relocating to other areas around the bay including Ballena Isle Marina.

I'd like to express my sympathies to all who were forced to relocate and to extend a sincere "Welcome" to those boaters who now call Ballena Isle Marina home. I'm sure our members and fellow marina slip holders will do everything possible to make your stay here an enjoyable and pleasant one.

So without further ado, please join me in welcoming the following new BBYC members:

### **Jerry & Diane Kautter**

Jerry and Diane are one of the recent transplants (or should I say refugees?) from San Leandro Marina. Powerboaters at heart, Jerry and Diane have been active for years in the Spinnaker Yacht Club with Jerry most recently having served as Commodore. We're happy to have them aboard and look forward to their participation in club activities. (Psst.....hey Jerry.....looking for any additional club duties?)

### **Phil Reynolds & Sally Dunker/Reynolds**

Phil and Sally are another set of "relocaters" from San Leandro Marina and now call Ballena Isle Marina home, literally. As liveaboards on "H" dock, Phil and Sally spend quality time on their powerboat along with their dog Max. Like the Kautters, the Reynolds have been active for years in the Spinnaker Yacht Club with Sally currently serving as Secretary. In addition, Phil is in the process of organizing a Ballena Isle Marina "Neighborhood Watch" program due to recent high-jinks on his boat. See Phil for more information....

### **Robert & Kathy Baldino**

Robert and Kathy are the final set of San Leandro escape artists and now moor their 50' sailboat here at Ballena Bay (although I'm not sure this was their original intention). It seems that a few months ago, Robert and Kathy left San Leandro Marina for a day sail and couldn't get back into their slip due to low tide. So, they turned around, headed north to Ballena Bay, received a liveaboard slip, tied up to the dock and never left! Talk about a spur-of-the-moment move!

### **Dan Begonia & Darryl Santuray**

Dan and Darryl recently brought their sailboat into Ballena Isle Marina and now call "G" dock their home! They've quickly become assimilated and active with the strong liveaboard community here at BBYC and we look forward to their continued participation in club events and activities.

Please note: for those of you who didn't pick up your new membership cards at the club, they will be included in your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter dues bill.

That's all for this month. Make sure you say "Hello" to our new members and see you on the water!

---Jeff

### **New members**

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



New Members **Phil Reynolds & Sally Dunker/Reynolds**



New Members **Dan Begonia & Darryl Santuray**

## Rear Commodore Report

By Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi folks

That little old wine drinker again -

August was spectacular, best bar performance this year. September is half over as I write this and looking good so far. October means Halloween and Jim LaMar's great transformation of the Club into a haunted house. We're looking for volunteers to help decorate so let me know if you can help.

My little memo has got people paying more attention to conditions at the club. Hearty thanks to all who have done just a little extra to keep the place picked up.

I am going to a wine tasting in the city on the third so I may find some new wines to try out, watch this space.

Note, we now have a popcorn machine in the bar. Ask Jim LaMar to show you how to use it and enjoy fresh popcorn.

We now have the new TV hooked up in the bar so you can watch football without having to gather in the dining room.

"That's all folks" See you at the club

Cheers,

--Tinker

### New members

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**Legendary** and **Dixie**. A special thanks to **Dave Edwards** of the Richmond Yacht Club and **Legendary's** crew for joining us in this month's Grillers. **Whales Chase #4** was held the next day as we raced "**Around the Block**" to the "C" tower of the western span of the **Bay Bridge** and back against the tide both ways in light air. This was a fun and colorful race with all boats under spinnaker as **Mist**, **Larry Westland's** Choate 27 finished a "way out in front" first followed by Frank Johnson's **Fermanagh**, with **Dixie** just behind. Thanks to Larry and the crew of **Mist** for joining us!

Don't miss the final the races of the season on October 12th, 13th, and 26th. Please **note: The Griller Races on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> will start at 6:00 PM rather than 6:30 PM due to looming darkness.**



New Members **Don Peltonen** and **Suzanne Chenier**

October 20-21



See who's signed up and sign up yourself on the Cruise Page.

See [www.bbyc.org/Forms/cruiseout.html](http://www.bbyc.org/Forms/cruiseout.html)

## Meatloaf Cook-Off!

by Kim Crow

Our 4th Annual Meatloaf Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, October 13. Kim Crow is heading this up once again and needs sous chefs and helpers. You haven't cooked yet? Too intimidated? This is a good and easy way to get your feet wet. You can set tables, serve, make a jello salad, do green beans, enter the contest, etc. That way many hands make light work, and you will no longer feel guilty for not having hosted a dinner this year. Besides it's lots of fun and you get to schmooze (commiserate?) with other BBYC members. Let her know what you would like to do at:

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or at 925-820-3948.

## Social Committee Notes

### Greetings!

The Half Moon Bay Cruise-Out was spectacular with everyone reporting a great time had by all. While Half Moon Bay was partying, BBYC was having a Spam Cook-Off for those unable to attend the Cruise-out. Take a look at the pictures at [www.BBYC.org](http://www.BBYC.org). Karen Winquist was our winner with her deep fried Spam-corn-dogs-on-a-stick. The other contestants were Leroy Pyle with Spam Sushi, Cheryl Pyle with Spam Won Ton, Jim Lamar with Spamwiches, Dave (Tinker) Hall with Spam appetizers and Debbie Scotten with Spam Wellington. As of this writing, all attendees are still alive and well.

The rest of September had wonderful dinners served up by our volunteer members starting with Debbie Scotten and Wayne Winquist serving Lemon Chicken and Orzo. The next week came the Salmon Feed. The Salmon Derby was great fun however we caught no salmon for dinner that night and thanks to a quick call from Ron Fudala to Cheryl Pyle, we still had salmon for dinner (via Costco) grilled to perfection by Jim Lamar. The next Saturday was Yankee Pot-roast from Mike and Carin Smalley which is their last

dinner until the birth of little baby Smalley due this month. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, Tinker Dave Hall prepared Chicken and Angel hair Pasta. Thanks to all our wonderful cooks.

Sign up for the Oktoberfest Dinner Saturday October 6 and the Meatloaf Cook-off on the 13th hosted by Kim Crow. Jean-Pierre Makeyev will be cooking October 20, an Italian feast. Don't miss this dinner! Oct 27<sup>th</sup> is our fabulous Halloween Party with Jim Lamar doing his magic again changing the club into one huge Halloween Extravaganza. We will be having a taco feast for dinner, prepared by Jim LaMar and Caroline Oestreicher. Also, dunking for apples and a Halloween costume contest with prizes...so start getting you costume ready for another fun night at the club.

Mark your calendars now for our annual Commodores Ball on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank all those members who volunteer to do our Saturday night dinners and those members that come to help set up the dinners as well.

*--Debbie*



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