

The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore's Report

Scott Shelby



Can you believe Spring is finally here? With the nicer weather we are already getting some great days on the Bay, and

there is plenty to do at your club.

If you missed out on the events of March, you missed some great meals and good times. Thanks again **Jim Lamar** for your traditional corned beef and cabbage while most of us pretended to be Irish for a night. We were also treated to a Greek feast hosted by **Jeff Gear** and the soon-to-be Mrs. Gear, **Samsara**, while we all pulled our best sheets off our guest beds to dress for the Toga Party.

I would also like to let everyone know of a new dinnertime event we are now offering. We have titled it the **BBYC 50-50 Raffle**, which is a fundraiser for club capital improvements. The first time we offered this was at the St. Patrick's Dinner, and we sold over \$180 in tickets which resulted in one lucky winner of half the sales, and BBYC banking the other half. In just two dinners we have earned over \$150 for our new fund which should really come in handy when we need



A beautiful rainbow captured by Lou Ann Roth.

to improve or replace anything.

On another note, I would like to remind all of the membership that as an additional source of income for the club, we rent out the facilities during the times they are not being used by our membership. I would like to encourage you all to remember this if you know of someone interested. In the past year we have had a wedding, a company Christmas Party, captain's classes and most recently a baby shower. Our facilities can be the perfect place for many events, and most importantly, it can be a great way to help out the club while paying a rate far below that of most event facilities.

I hope to see you soon as we store the rain gear and get back out on the Bay.

The Vice Commodore's Report

Jeff Simson

We had a good turnout at the Open House on the 13th of March, and as a result we have two new membership applications to review at our next membership meeting. I would like to thank Club Nautique for allowing us to set up our sign in their patio, and also Almar Marina for letting us advertise in the monthly billing statement. **Jim Lamar's** corned beef was the grand finale to a great day. I plan to have several more Open Houses this year, so stay tuned.

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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

As I write this article the San Francisco Yacht Club cruise-out is upon us. We have ten boats scheduled to cruise-in on the weekend of March 26-28. Most will come on Saturday, but some will come on Friday to enjoy the activities. The club puts on a great happy hour on Friday with lots of good eats.

The next cruise-out is to Coyote Point YC in San Mateo Apr. 17-18. The Club will put on a dinner for us Sat. night. Enjoy nature on a long walk in the park or visit the natural history museum.

Before you know it the annual cruise-out to the Petaluma Yacht Club will be upon us—the Memorial Day weekend. As always, they go all out. This year's theme is Rockin' on The Dock. There will be all kinds of activities including, but not limited to, Martini Lounge Cocktail Contest, Archie's Poker Run, Costume Contest

and a Dance Contest.

All the events at Petaluma are included in the price. The price is \$50 per person for the events and \$20 for children. Included in addition to the events are a continental breakfast on Saturday, a BBQ on Saturday night and brunch on Sunday. Not only are the activities and the people of PYC great, so is the town. Great restaurants and shops are all within easy walking distance from the dock. As always you can sign up online at *jeffmarine@comcast.net* or on the bulletin board at the club. The only difference is that you need to send the entrance fee to me. Petaluma asks that we send one check so I need to collect the money ahead of time. Please make your check out to Jeff Fuller and send to: 420 Tideway Drive, Alameda CA 94501.

Exercise your boat and go cruising!

The Port Captain's Report

Dan Watson

Hi fellow members! March has been a fun month and it's great to see the weather turn from cold and rainy to sunny and warm.

We had a great cruise-in from Berkeley Yacht Club for our St. Patrick's Party and Dinner. A fun time was enjoyed by all with plenty of Irish food and beverages, music

and dancing. This article is somewhat short as I seem to have lost the ability to recall the finer points of the evening. I must have eaten too much corned beef and cabbage. Fortunately, some thoughtful people got pictures of the event.

I am looking forward to more camaraderie with other cruisers in the near future!

St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras and the Toga Party

Photos by David Alexander, Lou Ann Roth, Scott Shelby and Dan Watson



The Social Report

Debbie Watson

Hello fellow members, friends and family. To recap, during the month of February we had an Open House and Potluck on the 6th, a Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook-Off on the 7th, a Tri-Tip & Salmon Sweetheart Dinner on the 13th ending with a great Mardi Gras Party on the 27th.

March started with a full clean up of the club by volunteer members, with fabulous results. March 13 **Jim Lamar** prepared his famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and March 20th we had a spectacular Greek Dinner and Toga Party.

Going into April we have a Potluck on the 3rd, a Blonde Party on the 10th, a Grill Your Own on the 24th and another Open House for Opening Day On The Bay weekend.

I need volunteer cooks for May 1, our Cinco de Mayo Dinner & Party; June 19, our Surf-n-Turf Kabob Dinner; July 17, our Poker Run/Deck Party & Barbecue; October 9, our Oktoberfest; and other dates in between. Be part of the fun and volunteer for a dinner. You'll have lots of help and will enjoy the wonderful camaraderie of our club.



Spring Cleaning *Lowell Crow*

This time around, the bar got the most thorough cleaning in its history, thanks to **Tinker, Brian Black and yours truly**. The bar floor and everything stuck to it was, of course, the most challenging part. For example, the compressor that pumps the drink fluids behind the bar had to be pried loose from the floor. An accumulation of sticky goo had cemented the compressor in place. All of this gunk was scrubbed off the floor. The metal table upon which the blenders and cutting board reside was forcibly dislodged and power washed. The remainder of the bar got a thorough cleaning as well, including the glasses, the cash register counter, the condiment tray and other areas. The dust removed from the coils on the refrigerator was nearly half an inch thick!

The floor drain under the bar was unclogged (a particularly grody undertaking) so that now all three glass-washing tubs can be drained simultaneously....a freaking miracle! **Mona Shelby** and **Scott Roth** helped **Brian** and **Tinker** put the bar back together.



The kitchen refrigerator, the spices and the area under the cutting table were all spiffed up thanks to **Wanda Viviano** and **Bev Partridge**. **David Alexander** worked all day cleaning the popcorn machine, which was a particularly arduous rubber glove-job. No complaints from Davy, however.



With her characteristically dependable demeanor, **Dee Furley** came in a day early to work on the windows in the bar and dining room which was followed up by **Mona Shelby** who did the exteriors. Jeff Fuller, sporting stylish rubber boots, power washed the patio, the floor mats in the kitchen and bar, plus a lot of other shelves, tables and miscellaneous items. He was assisted by a tardy, but welcome **Scott Roth**. I think you can now safely walk on the mats without your shoes sticking.

The walls behind the serving table and the front entry were repainted by **Kim Crow** who also helped **Scott Shelby** paint the office. This will brighten up Treasurer **Sara Larsen's** cozy work space. **Kim** also Windexed all pictures, dusted the trophy case and polished some of the silver pieces. **Mona** and **Scott** put the office back together.

Commodore **Scott** further reamed out the freezer/utility room so that you can now actually walk inside! The large bags of charcoal have a new home under the coffee/dessert table in the dining room. Please remember not to put same in the utility room anymore.

Jeff Simson volunteered to come in after Spring Cleaning to shampoo the carpets. This is a big job! He and **Karen** dutifully e-mailed me that they would have to be gone on the 6th. Furthermore, **Ron Fudala** and **Lowell Crow** will install a new hood-vent over the electric stove.

I hope the many of you who were, no doubt, toiling away at a higher order of endeavor during the Spring Cleaning, will go out of your way to thank all of those mentioned herein for their efforts on behalf of our all volunteer club.



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Friday Night Race	3 Dinner
4	5	6	7	8 SSA Meeting	9	10 Blonde Dinner 7:00 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16 Friday Night Race	17 Dinner 7:00 pm Coyote Point YC Cruise-out
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Dinner 7:00 pm
25 Opening Day on the Bay	26	27	28 Board of Directors Meeting	29	30 Friday Night Race	

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Membership Meeting/Cinco de Mayo Dinner 7:00 pm
2	3	4	5		7	8 Dinner 7:00 pm
9	10	11	12 Mariner's School Testing	13 SSA Meeting	14 Friday Night Race	15 Rocky Horror Picture Show Party/ Dinner 7:00 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 KABOOM
23 Petaluma 30	24 Cruise-out 31	25	26	27	28 Friday Night Race Petaluma Cruise-out	29 Dinner 7:00 pm Petaluma Cruise-out

The Merchandise Report

Kim Crow

Hey fashionistas! Just got the new catalogues from The Embroidery Factory and there are some mighty sharp togs in them. I got the chance to go over them in depth with members **Mona Shelby** and **Lou Ann Roth**, who both placed some orders.

In addition to the new catalogues, Shirley sent me some information on some new products:

- They will do screen printing on tees and sweats for club events, staff, cruises, races, and more.
- They will do screen printing on cups, glassware, plastics, pens, note pads, napkins and much, much more.
- They have used rhinestones in several of their current designs and now will be able to offer club initials and names and many more designs.
- They will do thank-you gifts for race events, change of watch and thank-you gifts throughout the year.
- They are also looking into adding jewelry using the club burgee as the base for earrings, pendants, bracelets, tie tacks, etc.

As many of you know, they have a variety of nautical designs that they can embroider on your purchases, or, if you haven't washed or worn your own garment, they can embroider that too, for an extra charge.

So come on down to the Merchandise Department at our clubhouse and see me. I can fix you up in time for you to look spectacular for Opening Day on the Bay.

The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

Well, another month has come and gone. The bar is doing fine so keep coming over for a drink, I love the company. We have started holding orders until the last minute to reduce inventory. So once in a while I may run out of your favorite. Let me know, as an order only takes a couple of days. With this new policy, we can save thousands of dollars in bar inventory.

Let me put on my other hat—House. First, if you use something up

in the galley, post it on the shopping list. I go shopping when there are enough requests on the bulletin board.

Second, we rent the club for private functions. This is a convenience to members and a source of revenue for the club. Rates for club members are from \$150 to \$300 depending on how much of the club you rent, one, two or three rooms. Non-members pay \$50 more in each category. So if you, or a friend, are looking for a place to hold a large gathering keep us in mind. There are a couple of restrictions: Because we are a private club, members can come in and use the bar, and we don't rent on Saturdays, as this is our usual day for club functions.

If you want to rent the club, give me a call to schedule.

The Race Report

Matt Schuessler

Spring is here so it's time to shake out those sails and gear up for our 2010 season. Our 2010 Friday Night Grillers Series promises to be well-attended and more challenging this year. Club Nautique has been inspired to up the ante by adding new spinnakers to a pair of their Colgate 26s, and the usual cast of characters is sure to appear, too. We're assembling crew assignments at this very moment, so if you haven't contacted your skipper (or me), please do so ASAP. We don't want you to miss the action. Our first race is Friday April 2 with a 6:15 p.m. start time, so be sure to arrive a bit early if you can. The Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) can be found on our website at bbyc.org/race. For additional information, contact me at 925-785-2740 or speedsailors@gmail.com.

2010 Friday Night Grillers Series Schedule

Race	Date	Start	Sunset	Daylight available
1	4/2	6:15 PM	7:32 PM	1:17
2	4/16	6:15 PM	7:45 PM	1:30
3	4/30	6:15 PM	7:58 PM	1:43
4	5/14	6:15 PM	8:10 PM	1:55
5	5/28	6:15 PM	8:22 PM	2:07
6	6/11	6:15 PM	8:31 PM	2:16
7	6/25	6:15 PM	8:35 PM	2:20
8	7/9	6:15 PM	8:34 PM	2:19
9	7/23	6:15 PM	8:26 PM	2:11
10	8/6	6:15 PM	8:14 PM	1:59
11	8/20	6:15 PM	7:57 PM	1:42
12	9/3	6:15 PM	7:37 PM	1:22