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The Commodore's Report

Jeff Gear



Greetings! It's the Holiday Season and there's a lot going on at the club. Mark your calendars for the following events:

**Christmas Boutique and
Lighted Boat Parade
Saturday, December 5**

Are you considering a new BBYC sailing jacket? Do you need to replenish your stock of BBYC wine glasses? Still searching for that hard-to-find nautical gift for someone special? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you should head down to the club on December 5 between 2-5 for the annual BBYC Christmas Boutique! Stick around for an early soup dinner, then head out to watch the Lighted Boat Parade. A fun time will be had by all!

**Election Night
Saturday, December 12**

It's time to elect a new round of officers to take the helm of the good ship BBYC in 2010! Your vote matters, so please take time to attend this special membership meeting. If you haven't been to a
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An elegant masked couple enjoy the Commodore's Ball. More pictures on page 3.

The Port Captain's Report

Kim Crow

Can't believe how fast 2009 has flown by, and as I reflect on this past year, I have a warm, fuzzy feeling from all the compliments our club received from the many cruisers-in we had. They all enjoy visiting our club and comment on the fabulous hospitality offered by our members. They always feel welcome and always have fun here. I will be handing over my port captain burgee to the new port captain for

2010. (Since we haven't had elections yet, I guess I'm not at liberty to surmise who that might be.) Please support our incoming Port Captain as you did me and make all the clubs who cruise-in feel welcome and warm and fuzzy.

We already have Oyster Point Yacht Club lined up to cruise-in for our Crab Feed on January 23. Should be a fun night.

Happy Cruising!

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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

We made lemonade out of lemons at our November 21-22 cruise-out to San Francisco Yacht Club. And sweet lemonade it was. I got a call a week and a half before our scheduled cruise-out to San Francisco Yacht Club from their Port Captain Jay Hooker. The harbor was being dredged and they only had room for four of our boats. We had nine boats scheduled for the cruise, but no problem—Jay had contacted Corinthian Yacht Club around the corner and they accommodated our other boats. A great back up spot. In the end we

had five boats at San Francisco and four at Corinthian. We all met for an excellent dinner at San Francisco Yacht Club on Saturday night.

Where to next? To start off the New Year we have a raft up cruise-out to Clipper Cove January 30-31. This should be a great way to kick off the New Year. Remember to be prepared to set a bow and a stern anchor. Those of us with dinghies will be happy to help you set your stern anchor.

That's it for now. Have a great holiday season and see you on the water in January.

December 12 is Election Day

Saturday, December 12 is our annual election. David Alexander and I are the nomination committee this year. We have candidates for all the open positions except Treasurer. If you, or someone you know has the experience and time to do this position let David or me know. This is the one position that actually pays, because you get a free membership.

Here are the positions and the people nominated for 2010:

Commodore: Scott Shelby

Vice Commodore: Jeff Simson

Rear Commodore: Dave Hall

Secretary: Wanda Viviano

Social: Debbie Scotten

Port Captain: Dan Watson

We also have one open position for Director, and four people running:

Linda Fenn

Mona Shelby

Karen Simson

Brian Black

Come on out on December 12 and vote.



Over an impromptu brunch at Quinn's, there was talk of resurrecting the Breakfast Club.

The Commodore's Ball and the SFYC Cruise-out

Photos by Lou Ann Roth, David Alexander and Tinker



The Commodore's Report

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membership meeting this year, this is one evening you don't want to miss. Not only will you be treated to a fantastic dinner, this night will afford everyone an opportunity to meet next year's candidates and to cast your valued vote for the incoming crew that promises to chart our club to greater horizons and beyond. Please attend!

Christmas Gift Exchange Saturday, December 19

Come down to the club for the Gift Exchange and Christmas Party Potluck. Bring a gift valued at no more than \$20 and a dish to be shared, then be ready for some fun. After the party we'll sit around the fire and sing Christmas carols.

Other Events

New Years Eve Party: Sat. Dec. 31
Crab Feed: Sat. Jan. 23

I'd like to thank everyone for a great 2009 and I wish the new board and officers all the best of luck in 2010! Happy New Year to all.



The Merchandise Report

Kim Crow

It's time again for our annual Christmas Boutique where you can find quality merchandise to purchase for everyone on your Christmas gift list. I'll have many new items for you to choose from, and you can order anything from our catalogues. Your items are guaranteed to arrive in plenty of time for gift giving. This year we'll be joined once again by Mona's friend Karen with her beautiful hand-made jewelry and by Barbara Messic from Single Sailors who makes beautiful, one-of-a-kind items out of sea shells and sea glass that she collects. These

items include jewelry and picture frames. Need to restock your wine glass cabinet? We have lots of brand new wine glasses, overstocked in the bar, at bargain prices. We also have only 3 official BBYC wine glasses left, so hurry in for those if you need to replenish broken ones.

Y'all come join your fellow BBYC members on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 2:00-5:00 pm, enjoy some free refreshments and support your club by purchasing items from our Merchandise Department. We'll have many sale items, too. Remember, all prices listed include tax.

The Vice Commodore's Report

Caroline Oestreicher

Happy Holidays. We are ending 2009 with a bang. There has been so much happening at the club I can't keep up.

I am always delighted to welcome a new member. Jimmy Bigelow has decided to join our BBYC family. He has already pitched in and helped

decorate for the Halloween party. So when you see him at the club, welcome him aboard.

He also would love to crew, and has been taking classes at Club Nautique.

That's it from the Vice Commodore's desk.

BBYC'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

When: Saturday, December 5, 2-5 PM Where: BBYC clubhouse

Clothing, nautical items, jewelry, home/boat items, wine glasses and much, much more!
Come to support your club; buy something of quality for everyone on your list or yourself.
Any orders are guaranteed to arrive in plenty of time for Christmas giving.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Cut this coupon out for 20% off any in stock item.

Good at the Christmas Boutique only

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Board of Directors Meeting	3	4	5 Christmas Boutique 2-5 Lighted Boat Parade Soup Night
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Membership Dinner Election Night 7:00 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Gift Exchange Dinner 7:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26 Dinner 7:00 pm
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party		

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Around The Island Party	2 Dinner 7:00 pm
3	4	5	6 Board of Directors Meeting Mariner's School Testing	7	8	9 Membership Meeting/Dinner 7:00 pm Loch Lomond YC Cruise-in
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Dinner 7:00 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Crab Feed 7:00 pm Oyster Point YC Cruise-in
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30 Dinner 7:00 pm Treasure Island Cruise-out

The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi y'all. It's that little old wine merchant again. This is the last newsletter of the year. So... let me say it has been fun being your Rear Commodore—I prefer the title Bar Manager—some ups, some

downs, but overall a very good year. Unless December is very bad and I buy a lot of stock, we have already done better than last year, in spite of the economic times, or maybe because of them. Go to the club for a drink instead of worrying about home values.

The Commodore's Ball was a big hit. The meal was fantastic. I put out complimentary wine, and we had pretty good returns at the bar. A lot of the crowd hung around to enjoy the band and get some dancing in. I

even got out from behind the bar for a couple of dances. We will try and get Jason to cook again next year. I'm sure you will see more about the Ball in other articles. Actually since I'm always on the back page I guess you have already seen other comments on the Ball.

Now don't forget, this is your club. So stop by for a drink or just to visit, it gets lonely around here during the week. I'm rambling so I'll close for now.

Happy Holidays to all.



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