

The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore's Report

Scott Shelby



Greetings fellow BBYC members. It is hard to believe that we just flew through January, but it sure did do a job of leaving its mark. I hope you are all high and dry while reading this as we certainly have seen El Nino first hand. All this weather aside, it did not dampen our spirits or activities at the club.

Our annual Crab Feed was another gluttonous success, and I want to once again thank **Ron Fudala** for all of his efforts involved with this successful event. Naturally our energy filled Social **Debbie Watson** teamed up with husband and kitchen sidekick **Dan** to make this event fly without a hitch. If you weren't there for the Sunday after crab omelet breakfast that **Dan and Debbie** put together you really missed out on another good one, and it seemed the Oyster Point members enjoyed it as well. This weekend was so action packed, there was even a sighting of Debbie actually taking a nap on the couch Sunday afternoon...I never realized her batteries ran down.

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It required three bartenders (Tinker, Scott and Dan) to keep up with all the thirsty Crab Feed attendees. More pictures on page 3.

The Vice Commodore's Report

Jeff Simson

Our "Crab Feed" and cruise-in with Oyster Point Yacht Club was a great success.

I want to thank our newest BBYC member, **Jimmy Bigelow**, for doing an outstanding job helping with the dinner. BBYC is having our first open house of 2010 on February 6. I am encouraging all members to participate—bring a friend(s) and maybe some of those friends might like to join our Yacht Club!

Just a friendly reminder to all members, if you haven't received a

Membership Card for 2010 please email me or stop by the club to pick it up. Membership cards are very important. By being a member of BBYC, your membership card will open doors to all participating Yacht Clubs throughout the world. My wife Karen and I recently had a marvelous time at both the Hawaii Yacht Club and the Waikiki Yacht Club.

Stay tuned as BBYC is going to offer two ways to pay your membership dues. BBYC members will be able to pay dues monthly or quarterly. This offer will only apply to members in good standing and certain conditions will apply.

Well, that's all for this month. I hope to see you at the Open House on February 6 and remember to bring a friend.

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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

We had a cruise-out to Clipper Cove scheduled for the end of January, but due to lack of interest we cancelled it. Too bad, for those who haven't anchored out there it is a beautiful place to spend a weekend.

Last year Berkeley Yacht Club cruised-in and it reminded me of what a great place that is to visit. I have scheduled a cruise-out in conjunction with their membership dinner the weekend of February 20-21. The club has a guest dock for us that is 144 feet long. We will be able to raft up or stern tie. They charge

\$25 per night per boat. With any luck I'll have my boat in Monterey on that weekend, so Lowell Crow has volunteered to help with the Cruise-out Chair duties that weekend. I'll be handling the sign-up duties as usual. So if you would like to attend please let me know by emailing, phoning me or signing up at the club.



Berkeley Yacht Club



San Francisco Yacht Club

Our cruise-out to San Francisco Yacht Club the weekend of March 27-28 is generating much interest. Located a short walk from downtown Tiburon, this club is always a favorite destination. Please sign up soon if you are planning to attend.

David Alexander Appointed "List Commodore"

Our new Commodore, **Scott Shelby**, asked me to accept an additional challenge. I have agreed to update the Evite email list for the club. Since I collect the money for dinners as part of the Social Committee I know most of the people in the club. Social Chair **Debbie Watson** provided me with access to the list and I have made quite a bit of progress. We are sending Evites out to current members, recent past members (as a lure to bring them back to the club) and members of the Single Sailors Association.

One of the problems with the list is that quite a few of the listings have only an email address, without the first and last name. Therefore, I don't know who they are. I have added the names as best I can and I'm in touch with the Vice Commodore of SSA to get an updated, complete list from them. Once I get the Evite list updated I will assist our Vice Commodore, **Jeff Simson**, in updating our current member list.

If I ask you for some additional information as you pay for your dinner at the club you will know what it is for. Also, if you know of someone who would like to be on our list please let me know. Thank you for your assistance.

The Pig Roast and Crab Feed

Photos by Jeff Fuller and David Alexander



The Social Report

Debbie Watson

This year will be no different than years before, chock-full of events and activities. I will do my best to assist and support fellow members of the board and those who volunteer their services for our various events. A calendar of events has been created for the year, however, I need a final approval before it is sent out. Keep in mind that throughout the year the calendar may need to be edited. **Jeff Gear** was a Jack-of-all-trades last year being commodore and social. My hat goes off to him for all of his hard work and success. January 1 was our Around The Island Event. January 9 was our Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner. January 16 was our Wine Tasting and Cuban Pig Roast with a cruise-in from Loch Lomond Yacht Club. January 23 was our Annual Crab Feed with a cruise-in from Oyster Point Yacht Club.

Coming up in February and March

Feb 6: Open House/Membership Drive 10am-4pm

Feb 6: Membership Meeting/ Potluck Dinner

Feb 7: Super Bowl Party-Hamburgers & Hotdogs \$5/Chili Cook-Off (contact social@bbyc.org to enter the cook-off)

Feb 13: Sweetheart Dinner Tri-tip/ Salmon (Jeff Simson)

Feb 27: Mardi Gras PARTY & Dinner (Bill & Cathy Stapp)

Mar 5-7: Spring Cleaning

Mar 6: Pizza Dinner

Mar 13: St. Patty's Day Dinner (Jim Lamar)

Mar 20: Vernal Equinox Gathering aka TOGA PARTY...!

The Port Captain's Report

Dan Watson

Hello to all! And thanks for the votes of confidence.

January was a busy month for BBYC and the new Port Captain. First came Loch Lomond Yacht Club, led through the rainy, blustery bay by their Fleet Captain **Art Silberman**. The LLYC cruisers joined us on Friday evening for Happy Hour. We all got warm and dry. I got a little bit fuzzy. Other Loch Lomond cruisers arrived on January 16th in time for the delicious Cuban Roast Pig dinner. We all enjoyed conversation, libations, and dancing late into the stormy night... or was it morning? **Debbie** prepared her soon-to-be-famous breakfast souffle with sausages and fruit for a great Sunday morning late breakfast. The camaraderie was enjoyed by all. Again, special thanks to Art Silberman and the gang from LLYC.

The fun began again on January 22nd as **Bill Ferrera**, Oyster Point Yacht Club's Fleet and Race Director pulled his bristol Catalina 38, "Freedom" into our marina's slip E-34. Earlier that morning, a fresh batch of my infamous "Dixie, Old No. 22, Racers Blend Rum" had been bottled. Little known to Bill, I was waiting aboard "Dixie" just five berths away. Shortly after his arrival I, (bottle in hand) and my crewman Peter greeted Bill and his wife dockside and were invited on board "Freedom". Less than an hour later the bottle was empty and the fun had begun. The Oyster Point gang joined us at the club bar for libations on Friday evening. I stayed way too late. When I returned the next morning to help with breakfast there were the Oyster Point guys and gals. I wondered..."had they even left"? We were all revitalized by another wonderful breakfast by Debbie. Commodore Scott's Bloody Marys were an elixir well appreciated. The morning weather was nasty, but cleared in the afternoon as more OPYC cruisers braved the cross bay passage to BBYC.

The Oyster Point Cruisers joined the party after the Crab Feed. A very good time was had by all. Sunday morning I prepared crab omelets (special thanks to Vice Commodore **Jeff** and his beautiful and industrious wife **Karen** for picking all the crab for the omelets). Sorry for the late breakfast...somehow, time seemed strangely warped that morning. Thanks to Bill Ferrera and the Oyster Point Yacht Club cruisers for helping to make this a great weekend!

As the football games started me and Debbie caught up on our missed sleep on couches by the fire. I rallied one last time to make crab fritters during the last half of the NFC championship game. At last all those crab bodies were consumed.

At present there are no more cruise-ins scheduled this year until August. If you have contacts at other boating clubs or associations please talk BBYC up as the fun, friendly, great place we are to cruise into. I assure you that I am working as hard as I can to find cruise-ins for the rest on the year.

Life's short...have fun!!!

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Board of Directors Meeting	4	5	6 Membership Dinner 7:00 pm (potluck) Open House
7 Super Bowl Party and Chili Cookoff	8	9	10	11 SSA Meeting	12	13 Sweetheart Dinner 7:00 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Dinner 7:00 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Mardi Gras Dinner 7:00 pm Live Band "5 Pack"
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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Board of Directors Meeting	4	5 Spring Cleaning	6 Spring Cleaning/Pizza
7 Spring Cleaning	8	9	10 Mariner's School Testing	11 SSA Meeting	12	13 Saint Patrick's Day Dinner
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Toga Party/Dinner 7:00 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Dinner 7:00 pm
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The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

January started off with a bang. We had a pretty good turnout for the potluck, Pig Roast and the Crab Feed. A couple of weeks and we are coming up to the Superbowl.

It's really too early to tell but it looks like we are ahead of budget at the bar. Cruise-ins help a lot. So even after giving away wine at the Pig Roast I can't complain about bar receipts. I want to thank some of the people who have stepped up and helped out. **Dan Watson** has been hiding out; seems that besides being an awesome cook he is also a really good bartender. The Crab Feed would have been a disaster without

three bartenders; me, **Scott and Dan**. In fact, I ran out of steam and they carried on. **Mona** came back and washed glasses, and man were there a lot of dirty glasses. So come down and have a drink or two with me and let's all use the club more often.

The Commodore's Report

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With February here, we have many things going on at the club that you won't want to miss and we certainly hope you all get your umbrellas out and come on down and enjoy. If February flies by as fast as January, next thing you know we will be back out on the water and enjoying this magnificent bay area we get to call our home.

I would like to take the opportunity to invite all members to bring a friend to the club for an event to share with them the

facilities we already get to enjoy. Maybe we can call it "Bring A Friend To the Club For Grub". We may find other members, or at the very least you can share this great place with your family and friends.

We are fortunate enough to have **Sara Larsen** joining our club this month (you may know her from the marina office). She has volunteered to take the position of Treasurer for our club, so I know you will all want to extend her a big BBYC welcome and congratulations on her new role.

I hope to see you all sometime this month during one of our many activities. Please also remember, if you have a favorite dish that you can't wait to test out on a large hungry crowd of professional consumers, contact our Social, **Debbie Watson**, and put your name on the calendar. Many dates are being GOBBLED up fast and you wouldn't want to miss out. You may be discovered as the next great cooking talent!!



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