

The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore's Report

Scott Shelby



Greetings BBYC members and friends. I would like to start at the helm of our club by thanking our past officers for piloting our ship through what was a tough year economically, yet we have successfully sailed through and ended the year on a positive. Throughout 2009, we held many successful events, and the diligent budgeting efforts of our leadership proved to be the driving force to our year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jeff Gear on his recent marriage proposal to his lovely fiancé Sumsara. I know everyone at the club wishes you the very best, and a long and happy life together. We should also congratulate our newlyweds, Dan and Debbie Watson who just returned from their fairytale wedding in Barbados. It's lucky nobody drinks water at BBYC as I am beginning to think there might be something in it with all these marriages. I believe this now makes five at the club since we have been members over just 3 years.



2010 Officers and Directors

*Commodore Scott Shelby; Vice Commodore Jeff Simson; Rear Commodore Dave Hall; Secretary Wanda Viviano; Social Chair Debbie Watson; Port Captain Dan Watson; Cruise Chair Jeff Fuller; Directors Lou Ann Roth and Brian Black
Not pictured: Staff Commodore Jeff Gear and Merchandise Chair Kim Crow*

If I may steal the lines from a famous nautical song to head us into the New Year:

*"Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip, that started from this tropic port, aboard this tiny ship. The mate was a mighty sailin' man, the Skipper brave and sure. Five passengers set sail that day for a three hour tour."
"The Ballad of Gilligan's Isle,"*

January 1st marks the beginning of the new officer's reign at BBYC, and I for one want to thank you all for your faith in my election to the position of Commodore. I plan to do

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The Vice Commodore's Report

Jeff Simson

I'm excited to be the new Vice Commodore for 2010. I have started on my new mission to recruit new members from the marina and beyond to join our club. I am also open to any ideas or suggestions to make 2010 a successful year with many new memberships.

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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

Last year we went to some exciting cruise-outs. This upcoming year I am looking forward to hitting some popular destinations again along with some new locations.

To start out this year we have a cruise-out to Clipper Cove at Treasure Island the weekend of January 30-31. This will be a raft-up. Remember that in order to stay in place you need to drop both a bow and stern

anchor if you have them.

I got a call from the San Francisco Yacht Club and learned they were filling up fast, so we arranged a date—the weekend of March 27-28. In springtime the weather should be good so there will probably be some wind for you sailors.

As usual please sign up at the club or email me at jeffmarine@comcast.net to let me know if you're coming.

Ballena Bay Yacht Club

Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, January 23, 2010

**All You Can Eat Crab
Cheesy Garlic Bread
Salad & Dessert**



\$35 per person

Space is limited so sign up NOW at the club
or email social@bbyc.org

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BBYC Celebrates Election Day, Christmas and New Year's

Photos by Lou Ann Roth, David Alexander and Tinker



The Commodore's Report

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my very best to help make this club the place we all want to enjoy and a club we can all be proud of. I want very much to have the opportunity in the near future to meet each and every one of our members.

For those of you who do not know me, I was born on this very island 56 years ago and went to the same grammar school and high school as my mother. Both my father and grandfather spent their careers at the Alameda Naval Station, so my family goes quite a ways back on this island. I consider it an honor to be elected commodore of the yacht club that I once floated around in a rubber raft before Ballena Isle was constructed.

As we head into 2010 we are going to start off with a bang with our New Years Day "Around the Island", and just a few weeks later we host our annual Crab Feed. This is one event you do not want to miss. Watch for the invitation as this event sold out last year, and with an Oyster Point YC cruise-in it is sure to be a great event!

Our club will continue to offer the fantastic meals and events that make this a destination club. We also are still offering many educational and training events that you may want to take advantage of to hone your boating skills.

We know we have some very talented members, some excellent chefs and just plain fun people to socialize with, so do contact our newly elected officers if you want to get more involved.

You may even cook one of your favorite signature dishes for us all to rave about.

C'mon down to "YOUR" club and enjoy it!

The Merchandise Report

Kim Crow

I want to thank everyone who participated in our annual Christmas Boutique held on December 5th. We had two outside vendors; **Mona Shelby's friend Karen** with her lovely handmade jewelry, and **Barbara Messick** from Single Sailors who brought her beautiful items made with shells and sea glass. They, along with Lou Ann Roth, brought the delicious Christmas cookies. Thanks ladies.

Our merchandise department grossed over \$600. I want to thank everyone who came to support our club to everyone who, throughout 2009, bought merchandise from the club store. You look fabulous AND the club makes a little extra money—a definite win-win situation. I look forward to your ongoing support in this new year as it greatly benefits the club. Happy shopping in 2010!



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
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	25	26	27	28	29	30 Dinner 7:00 pm Treasure Island Cruise-out

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Board of Directors Meeting	4	5	6 Membership Dinner 7:00 pm
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Dinner 7:00 pm
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The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

I hope this finds you all well and recovering nicely from Holiday antics.

I had hoped December was my last article, but alas, I signed on for another year.

We met projected income for

the year by the 5th of December. Sigh of relief, for awhile there it looked like it might be a tough year. But in spite of the financial meltdown you all, or some of you, still came by to support your club. Next year I want to do even better.

I made a major change behind the bar. Since Scott, your new Commodore and I do most of the bartending, we have swapped out most of the metered pour spouts. While convenient, if you don't make a drink often they really slow down service. So, please use a shot glass. I know

this is a little inconvenient to those who rarely serve themselves, but it will speed response time when the bar is busy and there will be shorter waits to get your drink, even when it is crowded.

We have changed our ordering posture to "just in time", rather than a huge stock of everything we pour. So bear with me if once in awhile we may run out of your favorite tippie, but it should only be for a couple of days.

Here's to an even better 2010. See you around the club.



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