

The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore's Report

Scott Shelby



I can't believe we are already half way through 2010 and just passed the longest day of the year with Summer officially here.

I have now also experienced my first half year at the helm of BBYC and want to take this opportunity to thank not only all directors, but every volunteer that helps make this club run. We have the distinction of being an all volunteer club, and that requires extra work from a lot of dedicated club members. This is really not a chore, but rather a labor of love as you get to see the direct results of your efforts in the improvement and advancement of our club. I very much appreciate everyone's efforts and want to extend an open invitation to anyone who wants to take part and get more involved.

I want to point out one such member accepting a task and running with it. **Linda Fenn** has accepted a seat on the annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade Committee. With this involvement, she has suggested our club get back to our roots and plan a



Our very own Eleanor Roosevelt in the Alameda Fourth of July parade.

real BBYC entry. That being said, it seems that we have a few months to put something very fun and impactful together. It would be great to put together one or more club boats (with the assistance of all other members that wish to get involved) and prepare an entry in the parade reminiscent of years gone by. If this is something you would like to be part of, please contact me or talk with Linda as we have an opportunity for some great BBYC exposure and a great time together. Possibly this can even turn into a Jack London Square cruise-out as we could look into slip space and also include their local hotels with a real close getaway in our very own back yard.

The upcoming months bring
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The Vice Commodore's Report

Jeff Simson

Hallelujah, it's summertime once again. Well, the Yacht Club has another month of fun events planned. Our new 2011 membership cards are at the club for members to pick up. We hope to see all of you at the next membership meeting and "Potluck Dinner" (bring anything you want) on Saturday July 3. The Commodore and I will be handing out membership cards at this event.

Don't forget the Poker Run and
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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

Summer is here and the cruise-outs continue. The July 4 weekend is our annual cruise-out to the Delta. This year Linda and David on *Odyssey* will be representing BBYC. They are taking the week off and staying at Willowberm. Sounds like a great way to spend a week.

In August we are visiting Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon, so set aside the weekend of August 21-22. The Corinthian is a first-class club with a friendly staff and membership, and the beautiful town of Tiburon is just steps from the club. We will have dinner at their club on Saturday night. Space is limited on their dock, so please sign up early

on the bulletin board at the club or email jeffmarine@comcast.net to reserve a spot.

It is hard for me to imagine, but Labor Day is just around the corner, which means the Labor Day cruise-out to Half Moon Bay. This is the best time of year to venture out the Gate. We expect quite a few boats to make the trek. The party and band at Half Moon Bay YC are always great, and the ambiance of the town and the fishing harbor are not to be missed. I hope to see you there.

In next month's article I will announce our cruise-out destinations for October and November, so stay tuned.

Late Breaking News *Scott Shelby*



We are trying to put together a quick impromptu cruise-out to AT&T Park this weekend to attend the Paul McCartney Concert on Saturday July 10th at 7:30 pm. Naturally none of us have tickets but that will never stop a bunch of boaters from sitting in McCovey Cove and rafting up

for the event. For those of you who can recall an upstart group of British musicians who played their last concert in the US at Candlestick Park in August 1966, this should be a great show

and something that may never happen again.

Thus far there are only a couple boats committed, but if you plan to go please get back to me at scott@stanforddistributing.com. Obviously it would be very important to get there early to get a spot.

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BBQ dinner with live music on July 17. I will be on the deck manning the barbeque so come by, have a cocktail

and enjoy the club. Hope to see all of you soon. And don't forget to pick up your membership cards.

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Dinner 7:00 pm
4	5	6	7	8 SSA Meeting	9 Friday Night Race	10 Dinner 7:00 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Poker Run and BBQ dinner
18	19	20	21	22	23 Friday Night Race	24 Dinner 7:00 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Board of Directors Meeting	5	6 Friday Night Race	7 Island Party with Eric Stone
8	9	10	11	12 SSA Meeting	13	14 Dinner 7:00 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20 Friday Night Race	21 Dinner 7:00 pm Corinthian YC Cruise-out
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Dinner 7:00 pm
29	30	31				

The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

Well the year is half over, and I wonder where the time has gone. Not much going on at the bar, so let's hope for more activity now that the weather is improving. Bar stocks remain the same and I have not added any new choices for a couple of months. Anyway, come on down and have a drink, I do enjoy the company.

On another subject, there has been much discussion of our club's need to generate additional

revenue. It has been decided that rather than raising dues, effective August 1 we will be increasing the price of drinks by \$1.00. We regret having to do this, but in truth our bar prices have not gone up in more than three years, and still remain one of the best deals around.

Also, we have received the new membership cards. They will be available in the bar, so come by and pick yours up. We will have them here at least through July, after which we will mail them to anyone who hasn't been at the club. They are in a long skinny box on the bar. So come in, get your card, and initial the roster in the notebook under the box of cards.

Until next month, or see you at the club.

The Commodore's Report

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some of our biggest events of the year, and I hope to see some of our largest turnouts to both the annual Poker Run and Island Party with Eric Stone in August. We are promoting both extensively and both should be great events. If you want to help make these successful for our club, invite a friend or friends to let them see what all the fun is about. Go to the new additions on bbyc.org to see more, and you can also make a reservation.

We look forward to seeing all of our friends this summer as you pull off the canvas, spray off the dust and get out there.



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