

The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore's Report

Scott Shelby



Ahoy all BBYC membership, and welcome to the season and time of year we have all been awaiting. It truly is hard to

believe it is June and summer is just around the corner. We have some of our biggest events of the year coming up in the next 3 months.

I would like to advise all of our membership that the sale of Almar Marinas is official and we at Ballena are now under new ownership. If you own a boat berthed in Ballena, you should have received a letter of announcement, but if you are interested, we have posted the letter BBYC received on our bulletin board. The new ownership is called CNL Income Properties. You can learn more about them by going to their website which is www.cnllifestylereit.com, but it appears to be a very progressive recreational property investment group and should be good for the entire marina. The marina management personnel will remain the same familiar people you have been dealing with, so we can only watch to see what the new ownership has in mind for our



On the way to Petaluma—Bay Bridge old and new.

beautiful location.

By the time you read this our club should have returned from our first really big cruise-out of the season to Petaluma Yacht Club for the annual Memorial Weekend festivities. I certainly hope next month I can be writing an article of congratulations for our members winning a lot of their contests. On that note, we have two of our biggest events of the year in both July and August with the Poker Run on July 17 and The Island Party with Eric Stone (www.boatsongs.com) on August 7. I can't overemphasize how much fun these two events are and how important they are to Ballena Bay Yacht Club. They are great fundraisers as well as good
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The Vice Commodore's Report

Jeff Simson

Well, here we are in June, which is the month new membership cards are printed. I will be contacting all club members to come in and pick up your new cards when they are ready.

Once again, thanks to our own "Cruise Chair" Jeff Fuller, Memorial Weekend was another exciting and fun filled cruise-out to the Petaluma Yacht Club. "Rockin' On The Dock", a 50's theme was a hit!

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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

For the last couple of years, we have had the strongest recession since the Great Depression. However, our cruise-outs are as popular as ever. I think there are two reasons. One, if you already own your boat a cruise-out is an inexpensive mini-vacation. Also, as **Lowell Crow** so succinctly put it, all cruise-outs are fun. They are all different and interesting in their own way. The location and amenities are important. But even more important is the hospitality. It's different than going to a hotel and a restaurant. There you are a number, a business. At a Yacht Club, there is a genuine sense of community between our members and those of the clubs we cruise into. Truly a unique experience.

As I write this article we will be going to Petaluma for the extended Memorial Day Weekend. Most will be arriving Friday and leaving Monday. Visiting Petaluma and the Petaluma Yacht Club is a great way to spend four days. We have eleven boats scheduled and 27 people.

The July 4th weekend we have

The Delta trip to Mandeville. Great fireworks, camaraderie, swimming and warm weather are planned. Let me know if you are interested. I will have a sign up sheet posted soon.

Back by popular demand is the cruise-out many of you have requested. We have scheduled a cruise-out to Corinthian on August 21-22. Last year we went there and everyone loved it. The Club, the location, and the meals are excellent. Also keep in mind that the docking space is limited, so it will be on a first-come first-served basis. If we can't get you in at the dock we can get you on a mooring. You can sign up at the club or email me at *jeffmarine@comcast.net*. Please fill in all the boxes on the sign-up sheet, as I need all your information.

A couple weeks after the Corinthian is our annual cruise-out to Half Moon Bay for the long Labor Day Weekend. That is a great one for stretching your boating legs as you get out on the great Pacific.

I plan to find more destinations for October and November. Until next time, happy boating.



Just a few of the 60+ boats that cruised-in to Petaluma for the Memorial Day festivities.

Memorial Day Cruise-out to Petaluma

Photos by Kim and Lowell Crow, and Gwyn Smith



The Social Report

Debbie Watson

The events and activities we have scheduled for the month of June are:

Saturday, June 5

Membership Meeting and Dinner.

Bill Stapp and Kathy Razor will be preparing a wonderful Filipino Style menu and meal.

Appetizers: Crackers with cream cheese and sweet chili sauce + a veggie platter

Dinner: Scallop and Shiitake Lumpia with orange chili sauce + Pork & Chicken Adobo + Spiced Coconut Sweet Potato Bulanglang (spinach)

Dessert: Flan and Ice cream

Friday, June 11

Friday Night Race Series and Party

Saturday, June 12

Dinner—We still need a volunteer

Saturday, June 19th

Baby-Boomers-Appreciation-Blast-To-The-Past PARTY

Great Games, Food, Music & Friends!

Friday, June 25

Friday Night Race Series and Party

Saturday, June 26

Dinner—We still need a volunteer



The Race Report

Matt Schuessler

We continue to see solid participation for our Friday Night Grillers beer can races. With four races behind us and eight ahead, our average turnout is 9 boats. Equally exciting is the fact that our newest additions to the fleet are larger vessels in the 40 foot range. This means more available crew slots, and the potential for more sailors interacting at the club after each race. Additionally, as crews start to 'gel' they perfect their boat skills and balance the level of competition. Race Four saw a fairly close packed fleet heading to the windward mark. We are also trying out a new scoring methodology, PHRF TOT (Time-on-Time) as opposed to the more common TOD (Time-on-Distance). The TOT formula

incorporates a coefficient for sailing conditions (predominant wind strength and direction) to help even out the otherwise broad disparity of PHRF ratings. [Our ratings span from 90 all the way up to 198.]

I'd like to remind our skippers of "chow duty" for the remaining race dates. Below is a table of boats and their assigned dates to prepare the after-race meal.

MEAL PREPARATION

Schuessler	6-11
L'Altradonna	6-25
Legendary	7-9
Lil Bear	7-23
Sugar Magnolia	8-6
Tenacity	8-20
Torfeator	9-3



JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Board of Directors Meeting	3	4	5 Dinner 7:00 pm
6	7	8	9	10 SSA Meeting	11 Friday Night Race	12 Dinner 7:00 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Dinner/Baby Boomer's Party 7:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25 Friday Night Race	26 Dinner 7:00 pm
27	28	29	30 Board of Directors Meeting			

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
18	19	20	21	22	23 Friday Night Race	24 Dinner 7:00 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

Wow, another month gone. Seems to be rushing by. As you read this it is June.

Not really much new at the bar so I will do a little PR.

Matt Schuessler has been running the Friday night races. From an average of three or four boats it has grown to 8 on the 14th with two of our regulars out for repairs. The racers put a comfort food dinner together, chili, soup or something simple and people hang around to

eat, drink and be merry. A number of non-racer members have started to show for the dinner and after race party. Soooo,,,,,why don't you join us. Races are every two weeks with a start around 6:15. The race is usually over, with people back in the club around 7:30 or 8:00. Next race will be June 11. Come over and use your club and support our racers.

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introductions to potential members, so I encourage you all to make sure these dates are on your calendar early and invite friends so they can see what all the fun is about at your club!

I look forward to seeing you all soon this summer. Happy boating.

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calendar for upcoming events: Friday Night Race Night on June 11 and 25, and June 19 is the Baby Boomer's Party and Dinner.

August 7 is Ballena Bay Yacht Club's largest event, The "Island Party" featuring **Eric Stone**. I want to encourage all members to participate in this "summer party" at the club. The "Island Party" is a great musical event! So, remember to mark it down on your calendar because you don't want to miss this one! Watch for our ad in Latitude 38 Magazine.



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