

The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore's Report

Scott Shelby



By the time you are all reading this I can only hope this rain is over. As I sit here writing the May article I am looking out the window to pouring rain and cannot help but think with a winter like this we deserve to have the best summer in the Bay Area in years. With all the weather aside, we have had some excellent events both in the club and cruise-outs to San Francisco Yacht Club and Coyote Point Yacht Club with more great ones to come.

In the coming months we should be very busy at the club and are always looking for volunteers to bring a little of your skills and touches to your club. If you have a favorite meal you want to share with the other members, or work in conjunction with our energetic Social Debbie Watson on existing events, all hands are appreciated. We currently have two major events in the coming months that we really want to encourage our members to get involved in. The Poker Run in July would be a great event for anyone to join in on. If you want to play, or volunteer your boat as



Wherever you go, there she is—our intrepid Merchandise Chair offers Lee some fashion advice.

transportation around the island we would love to hear from you. The more boats we have as chauffeurs, the more participants we can carry which will make it a great event for the club and a lot more fun. **Ron Fudala** heads up the committee for the Poker Run so please contact Ron, our Social or myself. The other huge event is our annual Island Party featuring the **Eric Stone Band** on Saturday, August 7. Make sure this is on your calendar and invite friends, as it is without a doubt our biggest party of the year. If you are not familiar with Eric, he is the official band for *Latitudes & Attitudes* and can be found at most major boat shows throughout the country. Here is a little taste of what he will be
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The Vice Commodore's Report

Jeff Simson

I am excited to welcome aboard our newest BBYC members, **Jim & Diane Stein**. Jim & Diane have their sailboat berthed here at Ballena Isle Marina and they are looking forward to our upcoming cruise-outs and social events.

Our last cruise-out was to Coyote Point Yacht Club and we had a fantastic time. Our next cruise-out is to Petaluma Yacht Club (contact **Jeff Fuller** for more info). In the meantime, check your BBYC calendar
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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

Memorial Day Weekend is coming up. That can only mean one thing—the Petaluma cruise-out. The dates this year are May 28-31. The theme is “Rock The Dock”, featuring 50’s rock and roll. The Petaluma Yacht Club always puts on quite an event. I heard from a credible source that Elvis will be performing.

If you can, get to Petaluma by Friday to ensure a dock spot. This way you won’t miss any of the activities. It sounds good to me to make a three day weekend into a four day weekend, anyhow. I need your \$50 by May 10 so I can get it to Petaluma by May 15. They want one check from each club, so please send your check, made out to me, to 420 Tideway Drive, Alameda, CA 94501. Remember, it is \$50 for each person for meals and entertainment

at PYC for the weekend. Included in addition to the events are a continental breakfast on Saturday, a BBQ on Saturday night and brunch on Sunday.

We had a great time and good weather for The Coyote Point Yacht Club cruise-out in April. We didn’t see any coyotes but met quite a few friendly club members at the bar. They have wonderful facilities with beautiful views. We had six BBYC boats join in the festivities.

Coming up soon is the annual pilgrimage to the Delta. Let me know if you’re going. The fireworks always seem sweet at Mandeville.

I want to thank everyone for letting me know if they are going to a cruise-out. I also appreciate that everyone has been great about letting me know if they have to cancel.

Until next time, happy cruising.



The Social Report

Debbie Watson

The month of May started out with our membership meeting on the first Saturday of the month, which was also our Cinco de Mayo Party headed up by

Kim Crow and her crew. May 15 is Armed Forces Day and BBYC is having a Red White & Blue Barbecue with member **Mona Shelby** as Captain and **Jeff Simson** as Grillmeister of this event. Other events, activities and dinners are still in the making, so keep checking your email. If you are not on the email list, please contact a club member or send a request to *social@bbyc.org*.

San Francisco and Coyote Point YC Cruise-outs, Blonde Party and Oakland Zoo

Photos by David Alexander, Lou Ann Roth, Karen Simson and Gwyn Smith



MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Membership Meeting/Cinco de Mayo Dinner 7:00 pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Dinner 7:00 pm
9	10	11	12 Mariner's School Testing	13 SSA Meeting	14 Friday Night Race	15 Rocky Horror Picture Show Party/ Dinner 7:00 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 KABOOM
23 Petaluma 30	24 Cruise-out 31	25	26	27	28 Friday Night Race Petaluma Cruise-out	29 Dinner 7:00 pm Petaluma Cruise-out

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			

The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi everyone. Well, it's Tinker again and another month has gone by.

Not much news to report from the bar. No big parties in April, except for Debbie's birthday.

The beer and wine menu remains the same. For awhile we will be using up some overstock items by placing them in the well. So there is a chance you will get 'back shelf' spirits in some drinks while we pare down the inventory. The good thing about spirits is that they don't spoil, so even though some of these bottles

have been on the shelf for years they are still fresh. So come by and help me rotate inventory. Cheers.

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bringing to the party <http://www.boatsongs.com>. Don't miss it!!

We want to make sure all of our members are aware of the Friday Night Race Series as **Matt Schuessler** has done an excellent job recruiting racers and crew and it has really turned into a great event. If you are interested in participating, please contact Matt or myself. If you don't want to race but still want to be part of a good time, the club has really turned into 'the place to be' on these alternating Friday nights. Come down to join in the fun and meet some of the guest sailors that participate. I think a great way to

convert more guests to club members is by meeting the membership and seeing what we are all about.

If you haven't taken a recent look at www.bbyc.org, Ray Jensen has made a number of new additions and is constantly updating our site to make it easier for all of our members to keep up to date.

Wipe the drops off your glasses, dry out those web feet and stroll on down to the club. We look forward to seeing you all this summer.

The Vice Commodore's Report

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and evites for the month of May. Our Social Chair, **Debbie Watson**, has some fun parties scheduled. Please contact her if you would like to cook a dinner or just help with a dinner.

Come enjoy the club and bring a friend(s). I'll see you there!



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