

# The Whale's Tale

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## The Commodore's Report

Jeff Gear



Greetings! Has the rainy season begun already? Judging from the monsoon that happened a few weeks back, it appears the

weather warlords have started to unleash their fury in an effort to drive away the warm summer days. Let's all collectively hope for a few more weeks (months?) of good boating weather before the storms of winter descend upon us in full. While the rain can sometimes put a damper on our yachting activities, I have to admit the free boat wash compliments of Mother Nature was not entirely unpleasant!

Whether or not (pun intended!) storm clouds fill the sky, there are plenty of other club activities to keep us busy. So sharpen your pencils, grab your calendar and mark down the following events and activities.

### **BBYC Elections and Membership Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 7**

It's time to elect a new round of officers to take the helm of the good ship BBYC in 2010! Your vote matters, so please take time to  
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*The Sock Hop, the Pirate party and the Halloween party kept BBYC partygoers busy.*

## The Port Captain's Report

Kim Crow

Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. One of our clubhouse stoves finally cooked its last meal in October, just before the Sock Hop. What to do, what to do? I thought it couldn't hurt to put a blurb in our neighborhood newsletter to the effect that someone out there is redoing a kitchen and in need of someone to carry away their used stove. A long shot, indeed, but, by golly, a day after said blurb appeared I got a call from a neighbor who had done just that.

AND she had a Maytag double oven with electric range in perfect condition in her garage just waiting to be picked up. Well, as usual, we

acted fast, went down to look at it and enlisted Jeff and Karen Simson to help schlep it to the clubhouse. He has a truck so was the most likely schlepper. He and Karen drove all the way out to Danville to pick it up and Lowell & Jeff loaded it on his truck. Back at the club, he found eager helpers to unload the stove, plug it in and test it. Works like a charm AND it's free. Yippee!!

Where there's a will, there's a way. Lou Ann Roth gave it a much-needed cleaning and even painted the wall behind the stove. She even broke it in on October 10th for the Oktoberfest dinner. Please thank all these members for their part in updating our kitchen.

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# The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

Hello everyone. We didn't have any cruise-out planned in October. However, many of us attended the annual Fleet Week activities on the Bay the weekend of October 10-11. Gwyn and I took Hollywood Express out to The San Francisco waterfront with member Barry Hosier and ex-member Terry O'Prey. (By the way, Terry's wife Staci is pregnant and due next March.) Watching the airplane show is truly a treat. The Oracle biplane

did an interesting trick mimicking a helicopter by holding in one place for a minute or so.

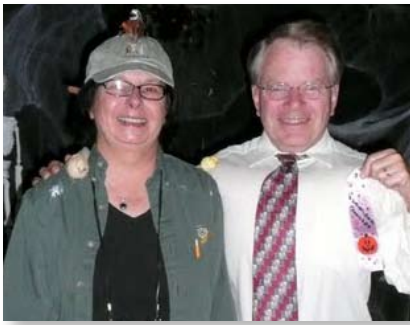
The next scheduled cruise-out for the year is a very popular one with our club. We will be going to visit the San Francisco Yacht Club in Tiburon November 21-22. Sign up on the club bulletin board or contact me to let me know you want to go. You can reach me at *jeffmarine@comcast.net*. That's it for now. Happy cruising.



Congratulations on your wedding Dan & Debbie!

# The Sock Hop, Pirate Party and Halloween Party

*Photos by Lou Ann Roth*



## The Commodore's Report

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attend this special membership meeting. If you haven't been to a membership meeting this year, this is one evening you don't want to miss. Not only will you be treated to a fantastic dinner, this night will afford everyone an opportunity to meet next year's candidates and to cast your valued vote for the incoming crew that promises to chart our club to greater horizons and beyond. Please attend!

### **Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch—Saturday November 14**

Hot off the heels of the election, it's time to celebrate with the new BBYC board and officers! Our annual formal event will introduce our new club officers and give everyone an opportunity to toast "Thanks" to the outgoing board. This year's

event is especially exciting as we've lined up a 5-star meal being presented by Jason and Danielle Richards, professional head chefs from Sierra Nevada Brewery for over 20 years! If that wasn't enough to entice you to attend this special evening, live entertainment will be served up as we dance the night away to the smooth sounds of 5 Pack, a club favorite! Add in passed hors d'oeuvres during happy hour along with general merriment throughout the night and you've got all the ingredients for a wonderful evening.

### **Single Sailors Association Monthly Meeting Thursday, Nov. 12**

Interested in meeting fellow sailors in a relaxed, informal setting? The Single Sailors Association is a group of water enthusiasts who are dedicated to the pursuit of all things nautical! As their official host,

BBYC welcomes this group into our midst for their monthly meetings held every second Thursday of each month. This is a fun group of people and I encourage all members to come down to the club, say hello and display the warm hospitality that symbolizes our club.

### **Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck Thursday, November 26**

Looking for a great way to spend Thanksgiving in the company of your fellow yachtsmen and friends? Our doors will be wide open for all members and their guests to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal as we celebrate together on this special day! We'll be providing the turkey so bring a side dish to share, along with a warm smile and a happy heart!

There's a lot going on this month, so make your plans now! See you at the club!

SAVE THE DATE

## BBYC'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

*When: Saturday, December 5  
2-5 PM*

*Where: BBYC clubhouse*

Clothing, nautical items, jewelry, home/boat items, wine glasses and much, much more!  
Come to support your club; buy something of quality for everyone on your list or yourself.  
Any orders are guaranteed to arrive in plenty of time for Christmas giving.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Cut this coupon out for **20% off**  
any in stock item.

*Good at the Christmas Boutique only*

# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Board of Directors Meeting	5	6	7 Membership Meeting/Dinner 7:00 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Commodore's Ball 7:00 pm
15	16	17	18 Mariner's School Testing	19	20	21 Dinner 7:00 pm San Francisco YC Cruise-out
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner	27	28
29	30					

# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Board of Directors Meeting	3	4	5 Christmas Boutique 2-5 Membership Meeting/Dinner 7:00 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Dinner 7:00 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Dinner 7:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Dinner 7:00 pm
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party		

# The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

A happy holiday season to BBYC members one and all. It's now November and the year is nearly over. It has been a little slow lately. I will blame the

weather, the economy and anything else I can think of to explain the decreased activity at the club. So here's the good news—in spite of the apparent slowdown, the bar is still doing well and we are still ahead of the budget. We have made more money at the bar than expected and I have spent much less than expected, so we are looking good.

## Two big events this month

First is the Commodore's Ball, which

is a chance to dust off that formal wear and "Put on the Ritz". Heck, even I plan to wear a tie, and leather shoes... I have seen the menu and know the chef. It will be spectacular and well worth the price.

Then we will do a Turkey dinner for Thanksgiving on November 26. Turkey and the trimmings... always a great excuse to overeat.

Come by your club, and have a drink, or just hang out and watch some football on the weekend.



*You are Invited to the Annual BBYC Commodore's Ball*

*Unmask The Evening...*

*BBYC Commodore's Black and White Masquerade Ball*

*Saturday, November 14, 2009*

*Special catered dinner featuring Jason and Danielle Richards  
Head chefs of Sierra Nevada Brewery for over 20 years*

### Menu:

#### **Sierra Nevada Salad**

Mixed greens tossed in balsamic vinaigrette with crumbled gorgonzola, candied pecans and baby tomatoes.

#### **Warm Bread with Herb Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar**

#### **Fisherman's Wharf Cioppino Appetizer**

San Francisco's signature specialty with fresh fish, crab, clams, mussels and prawns in a zesty tomato herb broth.

#### **Beef Wellington or Chicken Wellington**

Filet mignon or chicken topped with bacon and mushroom duxelle baked in flaky puff pastry served with Béarnaise sauce, garlic mashed potatoes and julienne vegetables.

#### **Cherries Jubilee**

Vanilla Bean Ice cream topped with warm brandied cherry sauce and crispy wafer cookie.

Passed Hors d'oeuvres during *Happy Hour*, 5:00-6:30, *Dinner at 7:00*

Live Evening Entertainment: **5-Pack!**

The Cost is **\$40 per person.**

RSVP is required by November 9, 2009

Reservations MUST be made in advance by contacting the Commodore at [commodore@bbyc.org](mailto:commodore@bbyc.org) or contacting the Social Chair at [social@bbyc.org](mailto:social@bbyc.org) or leaving a message at 510-523-2292 or calling 650-888-2686.