



The Whale's Tale

BALLENA BAY YACHT CLUB ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

April started with an Open House on Sunday April 1st. What a great, successful, event! We had lots of visitors and seven new applications for membership. Thanks to **Jeff Gear** for arranging it and **Jim Lamar** for cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Also thanks to everyone else who helped out (a long list)! Our race series is well under way. In addition to our Saturday Post Midwinter Series the Grillers, Friday night race series, started April 11th. Our Friday night races are the second and fourth Friday of the month. You can race in one or all of them so come on out and race! Speaking of racing, **Sarah Sutton** is no longer able to be the Race Committee Chairperson. She has done a fantastic job of getting the season going and we will miss her enthusiasm. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would make a great racing chairperson please let me know! Until the position is filled we will need all the help we can get so if you could help out with just one race please contact me.

Our cruise-out to Coyote Point was canceled due to bad weather. The members of Coyote Point Yacht Club are incredibly hospitable and we hope to reschedule later in the season. Coyote Point and Berkeley are scheduled to cruise-in to BBYC for the weekend of April 28th. I imagine the jukebox will be put to good use that weekend! Did you

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Don Puccini w/Able Assistant Bob Carr Prepared A Delicious Prime Rib Dinner!

Vice Commodore Report

by Jeff Gear

First, I'd like to start off by saying "Thanks" to the many folks who assisted during last month's BBYC Open House. We had a fairly large turnout and everyone was busy giving tours, serving food and answering questions. When the dust settled at the end of the day, we had eight new memberships! Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

Brad & Rosanna Shook, Don Peltonen & Suzanne Chenier, Steve Montgomery Mike & Laurie Warner, Wanda Viviano & Jean-Pierre Makeyev, William & Wayne Winquist, Scott & Mona Shelby, Kevin Belcastro & Susan Liebert

With the large influx of new members, I want to let everyone know that I'm in the process of updating the BBYC membership directory. In order to obtain the latest contact and boat information, we're putting an online update form on the BBYC website. This form can be used to easily and quickly inform the club of any changes in member names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. Look for an email and posted flyers announcing this service shortly.

Name Badges? Did I hear someone say Name Badges? Finally, at long last, I've found a new supplier for name badges! I have already placed an order for all outstanding and new member name badges and they should be arriving in the first week of May. Look for your name badge in the badge cabinet near the front entrance.

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If you did not receive eMail re: current events, send eMail to: editor@bbyc.org

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Please save articles for submission as plain text (no formatting) and send y e-mail to

editor@bbyc.org.

Photographs are always welcome and can be left at the club in The Whale's Tale box. Digital photos should be e-mailed as above. Digital photos should have a minimum resolution of 212 pixels per inch at full size. Always provide a caption and photo credit information.

See more club photos at:
<http://www.bbyc.org/pages/photosA.html>

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catch that? The jukebox is fixed! Thank you **Jeff Fuller** for your perseverance!

Coming up we have KaBoom on May 12th. We will have an early soup/stew dinner at the Yacht Club and then boat across the Bay for the firework show. We usually have a good turnout of boats so if you would like to go be at the Yacht Club and we will organize rides for those who do not have a boat to go in.

May 20th is the Bay to Breakers run/walk. I have registered to walk it and would love to have a group of us together. If interested the registration site is: <http://www.ingbaytobreakers.com/registration/rwp.html> . Drop me an e-mail if you plan to go and we will meet up. If you can come up with a costume, theme, etc. that would be easy, and fun, for a group to do that would be great.

Memorial Day weekend is the Petaluma Cruise-Out! Another favourite! Petaluma Yacht Club arranges the coolest activities and there is always a good turnout. If you recall, last year Lowell Crow won his weight in beer.

Mike Smalley has volunteered to put new flooring down for us in the dining room in the high traffic area. Thank you Mike and everyone else who has volunteered to help with this project!

Easter Sunday while out at Point Reyes I had occasion to stop by the Inverness Yacht Club. The people we met there were incredibly friendly. They have a fleet of Flying Scots and a large youth program. They have an Open House the second Saturday of the month and invited our club members to attend. If anyone is out that way stop in and say hello!

Speaking of youth programs, we are in the process of working with the Piedmont Boy Scout Council on sponsoring their Sea Scout group who docks their boat at Ballena on H Dock. It would be great to be a part of getting our local youth involved in boating.

On a final note, I would like to wish **Bob Wiles** all the best. After a stay in hospital he is home and doing well. We look forward to seeing Bob & Marge back at our club very soon.

--Alison

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Lastly, the jukebox has been fixed, but is not fully populated with CD's and song listings. If you have any old CD's you would like to donate to the club, please drop them off in the box labeled "CD Donations" next to the jukebox. We'll get everyone dancing again in no time!

See you on the water!

--Jeff



May & June 2007

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	May 1	2 BOD meeting	3	4	5 Membership Meeting CINCO DE MAYO Dinner 7 pm	6
7	8 Ballena Bay TownHouse Assoc 7PM	9	10	11 Griller Race	12 KaBOOM! Early Dinner 5 pm	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Whales Chase #1 Dinner 7:00 PM	20
21	22	23	24	25 Griller Race	26 Petaluma Cruise-out No Dinner	27
28	29	30 BOD Meeting	31			
			June			
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				June 1	2 Merchandise Boutique 2-5 PM Membership dinner 7:00 PM	3
4	5 BBTA 7PM	6	7	8 Griller Race	9 Dinner 7pm	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Catalina 34 Cruise-in Dinner 7pm	17



Plan Ahead for Another Fun Event!



May 26th is the date for the Petaluma Cruise-out. This is popular and a big turnout is expected. If you want to join the club in what is always a very fun adventure, sign up now!

Rear Commodore Report

By Dave "Tinker" Hall

Not much new this month. I haven't added any new beers or boozes and no changes to the wine list.

We have been operating in the black. The club is getting more use with the improved weather and the start of the racing season, so even if you don't race, come by the club on race nights. There are usually some pretty good stories about the race.

Jeff signed up a lot of new members at the open house, come by on the weekends and meet some of them.

In particular Scott and Mona are new members and while we were chatting he let slip that he had experience as a professional bartender, so of course I drafted him to bartend on the 21st. As always, bartenders are always welcome.

That's all for now.

Cheers,

--Tinker

Here's a photo I didn't get a chance to run last February.



And finally, the truth about "Global Warming"!



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We will start off with our monthly membership meeting dinner, a Cinco de Mayo celebration hosted by our port captain **Robyn Rowley**, and **Joey Veach** (That's May 5TH)

May 12th will be hosted by Lowell & Kim Crow. May 12th is the annual **KaBOOM!** fireworks display, so the club will have an early meal of soups and cornbread so everyone can make it out in time for the celebration.

Dinner for May 19th hasn't be finalized yet, but our webmaster will update the web site and send emails with the details. At this time, there is no dinner planned for May 26th due to the Petaluma Cruise Out and the long holiday weekend.

See you soon,

--Mike Smalley



We need a Race Chair! If you would like to help the club with our Racing Calendar, please consider the position of Race Chair. No experience needed other than the ability to use a timer and raise a flag or two.

This can be done from your boat or from the shore and it is a great opportunity to meet and greet fellow club members.

If interested, contact Alison.

WANTED:

Junior Sailors for the City of Oakland **ONE DESIGN RACING CLASS**. Spring tryouts are scheduled for Saturday, April 7th, 2007 and summer tryouts July 7th, 2007 from 11am - 3:00pm at the Jack London Aquatic Center, 115 Embarcadero East, Oakland, CA 94606.

Please remember to bring a lunch, water bottle and a change of clothes.

PRIOR SAILING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED: Sailors should be able to sail a high-performance single-handed dinghy (BYTE) around a race course.

For More Information:

* Call (510) 238-2196

* www.oaklandnet.com/parks/programs (click "boating" then "youth programs")

BBYC Membership Roster Update

Please fill out the information requested on this page and return it to the club, ATTENTION Jeff Gear!

1)

Last Name First Name email

Home Phone Work Phone

Street City, State, zip

2)

Last Name First Name email

Home Phone Work Phone

Street City, State, zip

Boat Name Boat Make Boat Length

Marina Slip Number Sail Number



A great prime rib dinner on April 28th! Coyote Point and Berkeley yacht clubs cruised in to join our party and fabulous meal cooked by Don Puccini. Just a few pics to prove out point!

Social Committee Notes

Well May is here. Let's all hope that the rains of April have only brought flowers and an end to showers.

First on my agenda is to say thanks to all who have participated in last month's dinners.

The first thank you goes to our April membership dinner hosts **Scott and Luanne Roth**. They put on quite a feast of oven barbequed chicken with a rice pilaf, & stir fried asparagus tips. It was a great dinner. I especially liked Scott's touch with the flowers on every table.

The following week, while most of the club was out sailing in the rain, Monica & Bob held a Mediterranean feast, we were warm and dry and dining on beef & chicken kabobs, tabouli, a rice pilaf, humus, and dolmas. Thanks Monica for all you do to help the club running as smoothly as it does.

On the 21st **Dave "Tinker" Hall** came up with a last minute save with his famous club favorite Bushmill's steak and Cesar salad. Once again Tinker, you created another fantastic dinner for us. Thanks.

We had a double cruise in with Coyote Point &

Berkley Yacht Clubs on April 28th. **Don Puccini** was our chef for a wonderful dinner of Prime Rib with Yorkshire pudding. This was Don's first adventure in cooking for the club and it was a big one. We had 67 people for dinner! Cudos, Don. And thanks to **Bob Carr** and **Cathy Coyte** for all their assistance in preparing such a terrific meal. **Robyn Rowley** and **Joey Veach** also hosted a Continental breakfast Sunday morning for all our visitors. Thank you all for a job well done.

Before I mention the upcoming events I would like to say here for the record, that I appreciate each and everyone of our club members that take the time to volunteer for an event, or a simple dinner. You are what makes this club great.

I'm here currently in New Orleans helping to rebuild some of what was lost here; there is no better feeling than to help those that really need it. In saying that there is a saying that I learned here that says you are not truly thankful unless you've said thank you seven times. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you. Volunteerism is who we are at the BBYC.

Now, for the month of May: ► **Social Continued on page 6**



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