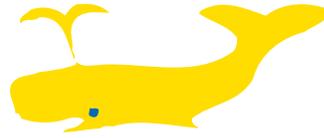


The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore Report

Kathryn Rees



And what about those 40 knot winds—out there! What's a bit of exhilaration anyway. Be safe, reef early, stay away from leeward obstacles, and have fun. It is sailing season, and we are a yacht club with lots going on.

Autopay is coming! Many have expressed that you wish BBYC would come into the 21st century so that you can autopay your dues/bills. We have heard you! Soon BBYC will have a secure autopay ability, and we are implementing the banking industry's top credit card security model. Look forward to the state of the art system so that you can enjoy the convenience of autopay on par with most other significant yacht clubs. Stay tuned for progress/implementation updates.

Cinco de Bayo! What an incredible May 5 event this was, thanks to our amazing chefs, Matt Scheussler and Deborah Hawkins. A full house. Good times, good food, good friends. From scratch margaritas—no sweet and sour mix in these. Deborah squeezed 200 limes so that we could have fresh lime juice for our margaritas. Muy Bueno! At times, people were four deep at the bar. And the amazing food! I have never seen salsa made from scratch with sheets and sheets of fresh tomatoes and peppers blackened in the oven before going into the Cuisinart. And carnitas to die for! Fresh guacamole. Beans, rice and tortillas. All the fixin's! And if that wasn't enough, Matt's friend and guest, Mark Del Bene, hosted a tequila tasting bar. These tequilas were a special treat and a real education. Plus live music, singin' and dancin'. A special thanks to Dee Furley for getting the club decorated in the Cinco de Mayo/Bayo spirit and our intrepid bartenders, Mark Pavusko

and Thomasina Woida for keeping up with the crowd. Great job all! This wasn't just a dinner—it was one fabulous experience!

B Dock Opening/Ribbon Cutting. The brand new B Dock is open. Ballena Isle Marina hosted an "opening ceremony" on May 26 for community officials, boat brokers, business leaders and the community with a reception at Ballena Bay Yacht Club following the "ribbon cutting" on the dock. The marina is a far cry from where it was even three years ago. After years of neglect, our marina is on the path (yes, we have a brand new walking path) to its years of yore when it was a prominent, beautiful marina—in fact THE marina on Alameda to be. It is good to see these fresh winds of change. A huge shout out to Safe Harbors Ballena Isle Marina and staff for a lovely event and to our great team at BBYC who were so generous in helping—Marti Burchell, Deborah Draper, Gwyn Smith, Mike Johnson, Wanda Viviano, Tom Burns, Lu Abel and Diana DiMaria—who not only helped in making the Club shipshape, but were there to mix, mingle and greet our marina and community guests.

June Events

Every Friday: "Aloha Friday" Happy Hour

June 7: Board of Directors Meeting

June 8: Friday Night Grillers Race #6

June 9: Bay Buoy Boogie Race/Dinner/Live Music

June 9: Grand Opening of the new West Marine Store at South Shore Center

June 15-17: Pt. San Pablo Richmond Cruise-out

June 22: Friday Night Grillers Race #7

June 23: Summer Sailstice/Meatloaf Cookoff Dinner

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The Vice Commodore Report

Lu Abel

In May we welcomed two new memberships. Eddie and Debbie Zahariades live in Fresno and keep their Santana 35 sailboat at Fortman Marina here in Alameda. Tony Harkins lives in San Francisco. He does not currently own a boat but is an avid wind surfer. Please be sure to say hello to Eddie, Debbie, or Tony, introduce yourself, and welcome them to BBYC.

Speaking of membership applications, please let me know if you post a membership application on the bulletin board at the Club! The sooner I know it's there the sooner I can take the actions required for applications—everything from getting the Board's approval of the application

to ordering membership cards and name badges for the new members. Thank you in advance.

Scheduled for late May and early June are not one, but two different opportunities to recruit new members for BBYC. First was the marina's slipholder appreciation party on Saturday, May 26th. And next, BBYC has been invited (along with the other yacht clubs in Alameda) to have a table at the grand opening of the new West Marine store in the South Shore Shopping Center on June 9th. Feel free to join us at this event.

We still have a number of BBYC membership cards by the bar cash register. Please pick yours up if you haven't done so!

The Cruise-out Report

Bill Stapp

The Cruise Chair is pleased to announce an October 12 cruise-out to Oyster Point Yacht Club. This is one of our favorite yacht clubs to visit. The Commodore's Dinner will be held on Friday night. Saturday night's dinner will held at a yet to be determined restaurant. Saturday can be spent exploring the nearby neighborhoods.

Our upcoming cruise-out to Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club in Richmond will take place on the weekend of June 15-17. This will coincide with the appetizer feast that they host the third Friday of every month.

The appetizers will be followed by a lasagna and salad dinner. Saturday can be spent exploring the community of Point Richmond. There you will find a grocery store that puts Safeway and Lucky to shame. You will also find artist Jim DeWitt's gallery.

July has us going to Benicia to celebrate the 4th with the Benicia Yacht Club.

August has yet to be determined.

September will find us going to South Beach Marina in San Francisco. Our visit will coincide with a Mets home stand that could be very important.

The Port Captain Report

David Paoletta

As of this writing, several more clubs have made plans to visit in October! The current line-up is listed below

- **July 13-14; Coyote Point YC**
- **Sept. 15-16; The Potter Yachters**
- **Sept. 25-26; Caliente Isle YC**
- **Oct. 1-7 or 8-14; Sacramento YC**
- **Oct. 23-24; Benicia YC**
- **Oct. 27-28; Berkeley YC**

In the past month, work responsibilities have taken me far away from the briny Bay Area and left me stranded on a sandbar in the high desert of New Mexico. Other than great food and beautiful sunsets, two places couldn't be much different. For example, around here the highway speed limit is 75 miles per hour, and car travel is counted in miles rather than hours. So I can reliably drive up to Santa Fe (about 70 miles) and be drinking a margarita at Maria's New Mexican Kitchen in under an hour. That's the time it takes to drive from Alameda down to the airport in San Jose with "no traffic", a distance of about 40 miles! Yeah, and the beer's cheap here too (don't get me started!)

Lately I have been travelling so much that I am re-experiencing a physical phenomenon that I first felt in the Navy (Yes, I'm finally getting around to talking about something salty...) It's called "Channel Fever" and it relates to the excitement and inability to sleep the night before coming back to home port after a long cruise. Not that life on the submarine was so cruel, not compared to what the diesel-boat sailors put up with, but several days before coming home the mood would change for the better, people would be talking about the first meal they were going to eat, the first drink, seeing their wives, etc.—and not sleeping much.

I hate to admit it, but I've been feeling that way towards the end of

Happenin' Happenings

Aloha Fridays—every week. The week is over, the snacks are out, the cold one is on the bar. Come on in—we start at 5:00 pm. And on **Race Night**, get out on your boat, race, come on in and tell tall tales.

Grand Opening of the NEW West Marine Store on June 9 from 8:00am-2:00pm. 2230 S. Shore Center, Alameda. As part of the boating community, **BBYC has been invited to have a table** at this grand opening to promote the club, conduct a membership drive and engage with customers and store associates. There will be a ribbon cutting with town officials, free food and beverages, and a lot of fun things. Cindy Wagner, Ward Fulcher, and Lu Abel have volunteered, but we could use a couple more, especially in the morning. Contact commodore@bbyc.com if you are interested.

Bay Buoy Boogie on June 9. Club Nautique will be hosting this 21 mile race, and they would love to have BBYC racers join them. Check out the BBYC evite or go to the Club Nautique website to sign up. To race, there is a \$30 fee

which includes swag and dinner. If you just want to join the fun for dinner, it is \$20. Please sign up on your evite or email social@bbyc.org. Racers start coming back between 3:00-4:00. There is an awards ceremony, Dinner is by our own Joseph Hassan and Mark Pavusko, plus there will be live music. Dinner will start around 5:00.

Summer Sailstice—on June 23. Yes, we will celebrate Summer Sailstice hosted by Ballena Isle Marina and Club Nautique. BBYC will be open. Grab a BBQ lunch provided by Ballena Isle Marina, grab a drink and relax at BBYC, tour the new line of Jeanneau sail and power yachts. A great way to spend a Saturday and celebrate the world of sail.

Meat Loaf Cook Off on June 23. Meat Loaf Cook Off is a great BBYC tradition and a lot of fun. Honchoed by Kim Crow, this is a don't miss event. Get out your mother's or grandmother's favorite recipe and enter the contest. Kim always has prizes. Watch your evites for details. Cocktails at 5:30; judging at 6:30, then dinner. Be there or be square.

A quick housekeeping reminder. All reservations for Saturday night dinners must be made by Thursday night at 7:00pm. Late reservations and walk-ins will be charged \$5 dollars more at the door. Reservations need to be cancelled by Thursday at 7:00pm or the cost will be billed to your statement.

the week when I'm thinking about coming back to the Bay, taking the boat out for a sail, and letting the salt air blow the tumbleweeds out of my head for a while. Being away makes you appreciate all the

great things you normally take for granted, like coming into the Club on a Friday night and seeing the "aloha spirit" in action.

The Port Captain hopes to see you out on the water soon!

The Race Report

Gary Helms

Our Friday Night Griller Race Series is one of the BBYC's most popular events. This year's race series started in March with a new race about every two weeks going into the fall, for a total of 12 races. The race is sailed on the South San Francisco Bay in front of Ballena Bay Yacht Club. See the race calendar at Jibe-set.org for dates and times. The BBYC race challenges our sailor knowledge and skill relative to tidal currents, wind and weather patterns which are very fluky in the South Bay. At the end of each race, "Aloha Friday" is waiting at the clubhouse for the racers to celebrate, swap stories, and enjoy warm food and cool drinks. We'd love to have you come join us!

The Friday Night Race start is sailed off the Ballena Bay Breakwater near the turning circle

flag pole. Our event sports two different fleets—Monohull, and Multihull designs. We just finished the fourth race of the series. Jeff Rude, *Tortfeasor*, and Rafi Yahlom continue to lead the fleets. Last week we saw Dave Edwards' *Legendary* and Colin sporting a Colgate 26. We usually finish in about an hour's time. The multihull fleet included Bill Roberts' 39" trimaran *Emma*, and Teri Smith's hot-rod *Kokamo*.

Coming July 14-15, Ballena Bay Yacht Club will host the **2018 Whale Chase** with an invitation to a special Regatta event for BAMA, the Bay Area Multihull Association. This promises to be an exciting, do not miss event, so stay tuned.



Summer Sailstice—What Is It About?

Well, just what is it? First, it is held worldwide on the weekend nearest the summer solstice. This year, that would be June 23-24. Second, it celebrates and encourages sailing and sailors globally to share their passion for sailing on this weekend each year. Summer Sailstice was founded in 2001 by John Arndt. He envisioned a global, annual celebration of sailing. Most of us know of John Arndt as the Associate Publisher of our beloved Latitude 38, but he has had a life-long sailing passion

involving thousands of miles of cruising and racing all over the world. So why celebrate sailing and Summer Sailstice? Well, it “will help the non-sailing world discover sailing, help connect sailors, and connect more people to each other and to caring for the oceans and waters upon which they sail. Tallship, small ship, cruiser, racer, recreational—everyone is united once a year to hoist sails and celebrate sailing together”—to connect with the global sailing community. For the

second year, Ballena Isle Marina and Club Nautique are hosting an event for our marina community to participate in this global Summer Sailstice celebration. There will be BBQ. BBYC will be open to stop by to relax and enjoy a cold one. Club Nautique will have boats open to tour. And if you want to stray to the other side of the Island, Summer Sailstice is also celebrated at Encinal Yacht Club. Come on out to join the celebrations.



SUMMER SAILSTICE
2018

Saturday June 23

Hoist Your Sails for the 18th Annual Celebration

Cinco de Bayo Party

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