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Restaurant Space has New Lease Lounge to be Exclusive with Members' Bar

The BYC Board of Trustees, and its Tenant Relations Committee, has negotiated a very favorable lease agreement for the main-floor restaurant space in the Clubhouse with Emerald Bay Events, an established catering operator here in Bellingham and north-west Washington, whose principals are **Britain and Gail Walker**.

Though still slightly under 2001 market rates for waterfront space, the terms are higher than the last lease, which was executed in 1996 before recent inflation. The result is increased income to our Club!

Under the arrangement, the Club achieves significant benefits, yet Emerald Bay meets its goals for having a good catering facility and kitchens for its off-premises services to customers at reasonable rent. Here are some highlights:

The Club keeps as a private "Members Only" area the "Portside Lounge" portion of the main floor.

The result will be that the Member's lounge will be accessible through the

door into the front foyer, or via the emergency exit on the east side onto the deck, or the outside "side door" by the bar and bar walk-in cooler.

The Club will get a liquor license once again in the "Private Club" category, and the bar will be staffed during specific hours either by volunteer or professional bartenders.

There is considerable interest in setting up a volunteer system of staffing for the facility, with hours to suit our members and

the Club's activity schedule. A private club license will allow us to offer legal beverages at lower prices, and bears no requirement for a high percentage of food sales.

The Commodore's Room becomes exclusively a Club area. This might be a food prep area for our lounge, or may continue to be a meeting room.

The main floor entry area becomes a "common area". The present rest rooms and reception will be used by both tenants, with doors to Emerald Bay's spaces and to the Club's lounge.

The entire downstairs area of the Clubhouse becomes a club facility, with the exception of the storeroom opposite the furnace room.

The Ward Room reverts to exclusive Club use, although our tenant can request use of the space provided it gives us substantial notice, and pays us rent. This gives us more storage and office space to use as we wish. The doorway past the rest rooms in the downstairs hall will isolate the tenant's area from the Club's.

"A Smoke-Free Clubroom"

According to Steve Moore, the BYC Members' exclusive Portside Lounge will now be a *no smoking* facility during events.

"In spite of the Smoke Eaters which did an OK job", Moore says, "the fact that our Ward Room has been smoke free for years, combined with our new tenant's declaration that the rest of the main floor is smoke free, has caused many of the smokers to declare the space to be *Smoke Free!*"

(*"Lease", Continued on page 3*)

From the Commodore

Jack Black

Well, here we are almost summer!!! This has certainly been an active year for our B.Y.C.

First of all **Lisa** and I would like to thank all those who worked so hard for such an extremely successful Opening Day. The weather was awesome (for a change) and we had about 60 boats in the parade. **Reed Gillig** did such an outstanding job as chairman for us and thanks also to the Port along with **Marlene Bolster, Tim Mumford, Karen Callery** and **Terry Vandenberg** (who did all the catering). **Father John Gibbs** (with wife **Sally**) blessed the fleet, even though he had just taken a bad fall; **Sonja Thorpe** sang the Anthems, and **Terry Buzzard** provided the review boat; the Sea Scouts who raised the colors. THANKS to you

all!!!

We have a signed contract, and I am very excited to announce that we will be getting our club back. The contract is just for the right side and kitchen areas of the building, therefore we will get the Portside back for our PRIVATE use.

We will still have to work out details as to how to operate our bar with volunteers. There will be some sort of security entry for MEMBERS ONLY and guests will be limited. Thanks to the Tenant Relations Committee and all the volunteers who actively worked to get this fine arrangement in place.

Congratulations to **Gary Baker** who has re-activated the BYC Junior Sailing program. He now has about 20 kids involved

with this program and is so successful that we are running out of boats! If anyone has a small sailboat they could lend to this program please give Gary or me a call, it will really be appreciated and perhaps the key to keeping our Juniors on the water.

On May 19, at the Jr. Ski to Sea Regatta, there were over 60 boats and kids entered of which about nine were our own BYC members. This was a wonderful sight, as we have had NO entries in some years and this is proof of a successful program. Thanks again to Gary.

Well, as summer draws closer I wish you all a safe and pleasant boating season, be safe out there. Remember Safe boating begins with you. See you on the water AND in your NEW Club! — *Jack*

Editorial

Isn't it exciting?

Doesn't the *New Club* as it's described in this issue turn you on?

It sure does me. After I helped out a few days ago on a Building and House project, five or six of us quit for the day at five o'clock and recessed to the bar where we enjoyed a bottle of beer that a member had brought for those of us working. We sat and chatted, relaxing after the project. We were friends who had been brought together by our *Club* and our mutual interest in *Boats*. One of the Members present was a new one, and he commented on how much he was enjoying working together on this common project.

That was true.

It was also true that the whole setting for our relaxing moment was a new one: In our Club, in our lounge, without any rush, without any distractions.

Oh, yeah, there's still a lot to be done. Got to get the TV working, got to get the license, got to get the rules in place, all that stuff.

But it's absolutely clear to me, and to the rest of us that were gathered there just a few days ago: nothing can stop us now!

Sure, we've got some work ahead. But thanks to the vision and hard work of our leadership, we've got our Club back . . . and it's going to be a blast . . .

Here's another opinion: We've got to keep our Club *private*. Let's keep the free-loaders out!

Yes, we want to recruit members, and we should invite crews of boats owned by members on racing nights, but otherwise, let's have some real rules about how of-

ten we can have local guests.

Let's honor the efforts and investment of those who've worked so hard and stuck with *Our Club* for these past few difficult years by enforcing the liquor license restrictions and our rules *strictly*.

This will occasionally require us to say "no" to a non-member friend.

Just suggest they become a Member. Right now, it's cheap. Hopefully, in months to come, though our dues will stay down, even get lower, we'll start charging an initiation fee, so that others who didn't work so hard make a contribution, too . . . It's only fair!

Nothing increases value more than scarcity . . . And in Bellingham, there is only *one* Club like ours for boaters! Don't you *love it*?

— *Joe Coons*

*It's Clear to Me that
Nothing Can Stop Us
Now!*

(“Lease”, Continued from page 1)

The Club can utilize any food services or providers it wishes. The tenant no longer has exclusive rights to serve food to the Club in the building (although, of course, the Club likely will use Emerald Bay Events when to do so seems propitious.)

The Club will adopt and publish a more stringent set of rules for use of the Clubhouse by non-members. With this new arrangement, the Club’s significant asset, its building, becomes a center for our activities once again, and it is the work of our leaders and the support of the *present* members that made it that way! We will capitalize

on this by being more *exclusive* and, in the long run, re-instituting higher fees for applicants who weren’t among our loyal members during the past years of transition.

A new “card key” or similar system will be installed for members to access their new private space. The house committee intends to control access to satisfy liquor laws and yet keep the room accessible to members and guests.

As you can see, the new arrangement seems to be very satisfactory to our Club! Credit for this plan goes primarily to the **Tenant Relations Committee** of the Board, including **Vice Commodore Karen Callery, Rear Commo-**

dore John Gargett, Fleet Captain Marlene Bolster, and Past Commodore Steve Moore.

(Commodore **Jack Black** excused himself from serving; he was a former tenant, and wanted to avoid any conflict of interest in the negotiations.)

Implementing the new arrangements requires some immediate Building & House Committee projects, and **Dick Johnson** may be giving you a call! The rent deposits should be sufficient to pay the out-of-pocket costs of this effort, and the Board is hoping that much of the work will be donated. In addition, the Club is stepping up its efforts to replace the building’s furnaces, an item of considerable cost. More news on this part of the effort will be in forthcoming *Jib Sheets*.

Building and House Committee Busy, Needs Your Help!

The Building and House Committee under the leadership of Past Commodore **Dick Johnson** has been very busy the past few weeks with major projects as we get our Clubhouse in order for its new tenants (see story page 1).

Work parties went on during the last weeks of May and will continue in June as more plans and repairs are undertaken.

You’ll see changes the next time you visit your Club, mostly the result of efforts by **Dick, Joe Bartlett, Al Callery, Joe Coons, Jack Garrity, J. B. Howard, Dick Grimshaw, Bob Kehoe, Bob Snowball, Jeff Vernon,** and others. Thanks to everyone . . . You’ve accomplished a lot!

More Projects in Works

Dick reports the next big effort will be to replace some rotten planking on the Club’s deck, and he needs volunteers to help. This needs to be accomplished as soon as possible, if not sooner.

New Committee Tasks

Dick and the Board are also outlining new tasks for the Committee that will probably result in it being divided into separate

“Building” and “House” committees, with one charged with repairs and maintenance, and the other responsible for staffing and training for volunteer operation of the Club’s new, private bar and lounge, the old “Portside”. A list of volunteer bartender/day managers is being gathered, and then a class will be held so that these members are qualified under state law to serve alcohol, mainly a process of learning about applicable law.

The committee will be setting up rules and procedures for regulating our sales, controlling the facility’s inventory, and keeping it all shipshape to a high standard.

Another project that will be accomplished in the next few weeks will be the addition of decorative touches to the lounge, making back into our exclusive “Club” space. Dick and his gang will be deciding on pictures, trophies, and memorabilia to be re-located back to the lounge. He wants your ideas, too...

As you can see, your help is needed. Please call him. Dick can be reached at 734-1857, by cell at 739-6690, or be e-mail at deejay159@home.com. —*Joe Coons*

It’s now “The Compass Room at the Bellingham Yacht Club”

Britain and Gail Walker, owners of Emerald Bay Services, our new tenants, have re-named the dining room side of the premises “The Compass Room at the Bellingham Yacht Club”.

New signage for the “right side” of the building will be in place soon, as will new BYC signage on the left.

The Compass Room will be an excellent location for special events served by Emerald Bay. In addition, our BYC can rent the space back for special events, and some are already scheduled: Opening Day 2002, the Lighted Boat Parade, the Commodore’s Ball, et cetera.

Under the new lease, these (and other) BYC activities can use Emerald Bay’s services, or not, although it is, of course, likely that if the firm is competitive, we will give “first dibs” to our tenants.

New BYC Members Welcomed

New Members since January 1:

John & Patricia Asmundson

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Cell:733-3056. *Still Waters*
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Brian Fendly & Barbara Mottice

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Bellingham, WA 98225
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Birch Bay (Blaine) WA
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Daryl & Stacy Williams

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Vancouver 400 - 46'

Welcome to all!

Sailing Race Results

NUMB BUM FINAL SCORING							
Sail#	Yacht	NB1	NB2	NB3	NB4	NB5	Series
36517	<i>Keladi</i>	5	5	1	1	1	13
36528	<i>Charlemagne</i>	3	3	2	3	4	15
59720	<i>Impetuous</i>	1	1	3	2	2	9
69204	<i>Airpower</i>	5	5	4	5	3	22
69910	<i>Dieler</i>	2	2	5	4	5	18
3765	<i>Shillalah</i>	6	5	5	5	4	25
29807	<i>Blackfoot</i>	5	5	5	5	4	24
69026	<i>Honker</i>	1	2	1	2	2	8
69182	<i>Flying Circus</i>	3	1	3	3	1	11
69235	<i>Catspaw</i>	2	3	2	1	3	11
69283	<i>Moon Shadow</i>	4	4	4	5	4	21
49836	<i>Miles II Go</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
59906	<i>Family Moon</i>	2	3	3	3	2	13
69646	<i>Forte</i>	3	2	2	3	2	12
87	<i>Hoot</i>	4	6	7	7	7	31
145	<i>Voodoo</i>	6	9	8	9	8	40
292	<i>Enchilada</i>	3	4	2	5	5	19
307		5	7	6	6	4	28
385	<i>Toast</i>	2	1	3	2	1	9
557	<i>Tenacious Two</i>	1	3	1	1	2	8
881		6	2	4	4	3	19
388	<i>Flash</i>	6	5	5	3	6	25

Spring Series 1, 2, & 3					
Sail#	Yacht	S1	S2	S3	Series to Date
36517	<i>Keladi</i>	1	1	1	3
36528	<i>Charlemagne</i>	4	5	2	11
77357	<i>Jamoca</i>	2	4	3	9
59720	<i>Impetuous</i>	3	2	4	9
69204	<i>Airpower</i>	5	6	5	16
69910	<i>Dieler</i>	7	3	6	16

Racing results are continued on page to right

News of Cruisers

Brian Fendly, Barb Mottice and cat **Cruiser** have been living aboard their Eagle 40 trawler *PASSAGE* for the past 4 years. In May 2000, they retired from their biotech industry jobs industry and moved from Half Moon Bay, CA to Friday Harbor to pursue their dream of cruising the Northwest. Last summer they cruised BC up to Allison Harbor and Port McNeill. They're now cruising the Inside Passage to Southeast Alaska.

Also in Alaskan waters this summer are **Tom and Linda Selman** on their 50' Nordhavn *Prime Time*. They're keeping BYC-ers abreast of their trip by e-mail.

Joe and Judy Coons had a mini-cruise to Ketchikan in May, delivering in one week a 42' Grand Banks. It's their fourth trip north.

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June 2001

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July 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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29	30	31				

- ① **Fridays at Five.** Come anytime between 5 and 7PM for free refreshments and entertainment. Hosts June 1: Bud & Lois Peterson.
- ② **Finance Committee 5:30 PM, Board Meeting 6PM.** Members welcome.
- ③ **Point Roberts Sailing Race 10:00**
- ④ **Windermere Regatta** Anacortes
- ⑤ **Summer Series Races 1-2-3-4-5.** Contact: Joe Bartlett, 966-5549
- ⑥ **WOW Race: 9AM Skippers Meeting.** Contact Dawn Durand 739-3380
- ⑦ **SIN-Nanaimo.**
- ⑧ **Cruise to Royal Victoria Y/C,** Cadboro Bay, BC. Near Victoria, shopping and dining, reciprocal offsets some cost. Contact: Chuck & Roberta McCord, 647-1313 Days / 384-0110 Nights
- ⑨ **Fireworks Raft-up.** Details: Pete & Jamie Foti, 734-8226
- ⑩ **Chuckanut Bay Cruise & Crab Feast.** Contact: Alan Callery, 676-0784
- ① **Moore Invitational Sailing Race 1800 Start.** Contact: Steve Moore, 201-8999

Coming Events

- Aug 10-13: **Maple Bay Cruise,** B.C. Contact: Pete & Jamie Foti, 734-8226
- Sept. 1-2: **P.I.T.C.H.** Contact: Joe Bartlett, 966-5549
- Sept. 5: **BYC Nominations Meeting**
- Sept. 12-16: **Bell Harbor Cruise,** Seattle. Contact: Pete & Jamie Foti, 734-8226
- Sept. 19: **BYC Election Voting Day**
- Oct. 3: **Installation of Officers**

Racing Results (cont'd from preceding page)

Spring Series 1, 2, & 3					
Sail#	Yacht	S1	S2	S3	Series to Date
69026	<i>Honker</i>	1	1	1	3
69182	<i>Flying Circus</i>	3	3	2	8
18448	<i>Allegro</i>	6	3	3	12
69235	<i>Catspaw</i>	4	2	4	10
69283	<i>Moon Shadow</i>		4	5	9
49836	<i>Miles II Go</i>	2	1	1	4
69646	<i>Forte</i>		2	3	5

Spring Series 1, 2, & 3					
Sail#	Yacht	S1	S2	S3	Series to Date
557	<i>Tenacious Two</i>	5	1	1	7
881	<i>Foibles</i>	1	3	2	6
385	<i>Toast</i>	2	2	3	7
292	<i>Enchilada</i>	3	4	4	11
190			7	5	12
388	<i>Flash</i>	4	5	6	15
307		8	6	7	21
87	<i>Hoot</i>	7	8	7	22
145	<i>Voodoo</i>	6	9	7	22

Opening Day a Big Success

Saturday morning, May 5, Bellingham awoke to blue skies, scattered clouds and light wind, a sure sign for a great beginning to the Opening Day of Boating Season.

With well over 50 boats participating in the traditional Boat Parade, and a fine turnout of Members and dignitaries at the Commodore's Reception, Opening Day 2001 was a hit with participants.

The agenda included the 11:00AM Reception, and at noon the usual formal ceremonies, with **Sonja Thorpe** performing the U.S. and Canadian Anthems and visiting clubs and organizations recognized including Corinthian, Squalicum, Wheel and Keel, Sandy Point, USPS, USCGA, the Coast Guard and the Port. **John Gibbs** gave the invocation (see below). Then it was "Boats Away" for the parade by the Review Boat, *Commuter 2* operated by **Drew Schmidt**, as mariners paid their respects to the Commodore and his party. Then came some high-powered partying to the music of Flashback, as Mother Nature continued to come through with sunny, warm weather. At 6:00PM folks gathered at the Club to hear the winners of parade honors, and for a drawing benefiting the Junior Sailing program (see story). At 9:00 PM Flashback returned and entertained in the club where a good time was enjoyed by all 'til the wee hours of the morning.

The ceremonies were par-

Junior Sailors Earn \$690 with Raffle

ticularly touching as **Commodore Jack Black** paid tribute to his wife Lisa, and to all the Members and volunteers who had helped with the negotiations during the change in the Club's restaurant tenant. As he said, "We couldn't have done it without you!" A number of the Past Commodores were on hand to participate in the Opening Day festivities, and **Past Commodore "Bud" Peterson**, as president of the BYC chapter of Blue Gavel, **presented the Club with a check for \$2,740** from the Past Commodores' Fund to pay for the BYC lease at Inati Bay, and some of the costs of the *BYC.org* website.

The event was chaired by **Fleet Captain Marlene Bolster** and **Trustee Reed Gillig**, but a sudden change in Reed's employment with the Port of Bellingham required Marlene to take over all the leadership duties in the last, critical week. When Reed's advance work was combined with the fine weather that came just in time for Saturday, Marlene's efforts came to full fruition. Congratulations are due to Reed, Marlene, and all the volunteers who made Opening Day such a success!

The Junior Sailors, spear-headed by **Cassandra Overby**, took the opportunity to capitalize on the sale of raffle tickets for baskets put together by board members and past commodores. Their enthusiasm was infectious as they managed to raise \$690 for help to pay for the boat maintenance for the program. You Go Kids!!

Opening Day Sponsors

With these "devoted to the marina environment" folks, we had much to celebrate and enjoy on Opening Day:

Americas Cup, and Verna
Barker Hose & Fittings, and Scott
Bellhaven Charters, and Bryan
Boondocks, and John Lindout
Colony Wharf, and Kelly
Grand Yachts Northwest, and Andy
Lucci's, and Tyson
Olympic Boat Center, and B.J
Rasmussen's Marine Electric, and Brian
San Juan Electronics, and Mary/Jerry
San Juan Sailing, and Roger
Seawind Canvas & Sails, and Pat
Squalicum Marine, and Tim
Top to Bottom Diving, and Roger
Tri-County Engines, and Laurie
The Web Locker, and Dawn
West Coast Marine Services, Jamie/Pete

Thanks to ALL of You!

The Opening Day Prayer

Eternal God, we seek your blessing upon this fleet here moored and the same for all those who sail the seas. Watch over every vessel at its departure that a time of rejoicing may be had at its time of return. May all of our preparations reflect the same thoroughness you have shown in your creation.

As we take the helm of our various vessels grant us we pray, a consciousness that Another is directly behind us with a firm hand upon each and every shoulder, granting us confidence and

security of spirit. Be our chart and compass as we sail under the guidance of your protection and love.

And if, and when, the storms break upon us, bid the mighty waters keep within their appointed limits. Bind, we pray, the restless wave that your words, "Peace - be still" will be obeyed. Grant us, at the appointed time, a safe return that we may rejoice in our humanity, rejoice in your care, and find a sense of triumph welling up within us. May your concern and our re-

Father John Gibbs and Rev. Larry Guderian sponse blend together in gratitude and praise for your Holy name. All of us who go down to the seas in our vessels commit ourselves to your loving care.

May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us and may the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and grant us peace.

And the blessing of God, the Protector of all sailors, be upon this fleet now and always. Amen.

--Fr. John Gibbs & Rev. Larry Guderian

Ganges Cruisers Have Fun on Holiday Cruise

Seven boats headed over to the Ganges Marina on Saltspring Island for a three-day weekend of fun on the Memorial Day holiday.

Five of the seven arrived on Friday, and after cocktails aboard **Quinn & Roberta Selsor's Q-T**, adjourned for supper on their own.

Saturday brought two more boats, and the whole gang "hit the shops" as they toured Saltspring's biggest town. In the afternoon there was a "progressive" cocktail party starting on *Q-T*, then to **Joe & Judy Coons' Skylark II**, **John & Pat Asmundson's Still Waters**, **Loraine Boland & Ray Nelson's Allegro**, **Chuck & Roberta McCord's Ebb Tide**, **Dick & Mary Jane Vetter's MariCork**, and **Bob & Carol Snowball's Odyssey**.

Even though we had "porked out" on the appetizers, we all then hurried over to Pogo's Pub for dinner.

On Sunday, we had fun and games on the dock in the afternoon, with dinghy races and a "written

exam". Big race winner was the **Fantastics** team, with Ray Nelson at the oars, but there were prizes for all. Then a dock party before we dispersed for dinner. After all our expenses, we still had \$15 left over for the Junior Sailors! — *Joe Coons*



The group enjoying the Sunday dock Party.



Ray Nelson and Mary Jane Vetter open their cherished "Ivory Mermaid" award for winning the Dinghy Race Series.

Junior Sailors in Junior Sea to Ski Regatta

The weekend of May 18 the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce sponsored and the BYC hosted the annual Junior Ski to Sea Regatta on Bellingham Bay. There were 56 entries from Washington, Oregon, and B.C.

The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club took home most of the trophies. They have an amazing program with a lot of money for new sails and boats along with a full time paid coach, but what made the biggest difference is that a lot of

their kids sail 20-35 hours a week. We were in shock to hear they had that much practice. We have been sailing less than 10 hours a month!

We did have eight of our eighteen Junior Sailors enter the Regatta. Considering it was their first time, they really did quite well. **Rosie Jones**, who learned to sail this Spring, won a trophy for finishing 3rd in the Novice Opti Class.

Needless to say, we hope to do better at the next Regatta!

We currently have 18 BYC

Junior members. We have been sailing every other Saturday on Lake Samish. Now we do not have enough boats for every kid to sail. The Sailing Foundation is giving us enough money to buy at least two used boats. The raffle Opening Day raised \$670.00. **Ron Erickson** has BP donating \$250.

If anyone else can get donations, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact me at 360-734-9471 or gbaker385@cs.com

— *Gary Baker, Jr. Sailing Chmn.*

A Brief "Boating Tips" Column

As noted elsewhere, Judy and I delivered a boat up to Ketchikan in May. Encountering rough seas reminded me of a few maintenance and safety items . . .

Heavy seas are no time to find out your tanks are dirty! If you get some filter dirt in routine cruising, you'll get a lot in rough seas! *Before you are desperate, have your*

tanks cleaned. *Petroclean* in Bellingham has a good reputation. **Always** take extra filters. **Control Cables** keep your boat running and under command. Make sure all the connections, pins, and adjustments are sound before your next trip. Plan ahead for a control failure: What would you do? You won't be the first to have to act fast!

Finally, remember that in an emergency your best safety devices are your PFD's (put them on!) and your anchor (it will keep you off the rocks, so deploy it.) Then call for help. Don't wait to do any of these things, lest you be too late. (As recently as May 28 a fellow fell off his sailboat near Sucia and had to be rescued. Imagine him single-handed in high seas without wearing a PFD! Nearly "**Goodbye**").

Stay safe. — *Joe Coons*

Blakely Cruise Report

The Past Commodore's Cruise to Blakely Island was a howling event!! Most of the 19 boats were at the dock on Friday night after coming over in what would eventually be described as very calm water. Friday night's plan was to have dinner on your own. I want to thank everyone. You all made me feel at home by offering to "have me over for dinner." I ate a delightful meal on Ebttide with **Chuck & Roberta McCord**. Thank you both.

Saturday saw beautiful weather and the last of the boats arriving. The theme was a "pre-Cinco de Mayo" party. There was Mexican music everywhere and colorful dishes for the dock party held at the gazebo. **Penny Bradley** and **Karen Callery** set up "shop" on a blanket and sold their Trinkets, collecting money for the Junior Sailing program. Way to go ladies! **Loraine Boland** and **Ray Nelson**, along with **Dick** and **Mary Jane Vetter** brought Mexican beer and **Steve &**

Meredith Ross made phenomenal Margaritas while I hung the Piñata, which was filled with candies AND gifts containers. Steve Ross was the devilish "pull Master", constantly taking the Pinata just out of hitting range. However, **Bud Peterson** caught a piece before **Al Callery** took the head off. Al and **Char Malseed** eventually practiced their bull fighting technique, with Al as the bull (he was very good giving everyone a lot of bull!). One of the highlights was the arrival of El Joe & his Senora and Paco (**Joe & Judy Coons** and **Ken Malseed**) dressing the part of really old Mexican toreadors, (or something!!). Dinner that evening was absolutely wonderful with great Mexican foods and drink. Everyone was a winner, having all picked up a gift container earlier from the broken piñata.

Sunday morning and all was well. Al Callery and I were preparing to make Huevos Rancheros for everyone when the first weather

report mentioned the impending storm. We all felt that now was the time to leave and most did. Unfortunately, now was not the time to leave. Three that did wound up in Anacortes and the rest eventually made it to Bellingham. For me, it was truly my most harrowing experience on a boat. Three hours after leaving Blakely, I arrived in Anacortes, shaken (and stirred), bruised but alive and thankful that the boat was stronger than the 50+ winds, very large waves that were breaking both on and over the boat and me. While I know that many of you were praying that you got in, thanks to those that were also praying that I too got in.

Thanks to all of you that made the cruise and here's hoping that many more make the next Club cruise. They're fun, informative and most of all - we're on the water enjoying our boats and each other.

— Steve Moore



*Left: Judy Coons and Ken Malseed came in costume to the Blakely Island Past Commodore's Cruise, as did Judy's escort below left. Below: Senor Estevo Moore was magnificent host, providing lots of food, a wonderful pinata, gifts for all the boats, and many prizes for various "accomplishments". **Thanks, Steve!***



Reciprocal Club News

People were always telling me not to bother going clear up to the **Squamish Y/C**. They couldn't have been more wrong. Squamish is really the first fjord that one would encounter, as you go north on the Sunshine Coast. If you happen to be there on a weekend you'll be entertained by watching the rock-climbers, hang-gliders, and windsurfers. Downtown has lots of good restaurants. A funky little one is The Rain Coast Grill, check it out. Also the place across the street from the Yacht Club is very good. The Club has never turned a boat from another Yacht Club away. You might be rafted up to someone, but like I did, probably meet a very nice person. **Dick** at the Club was very gracious and helpful. They don't get many visiting boats, so when they do they go all out. Had I been able to stay for a couple of days I would have been treated to a seafood feast. Maybe next time?? I'm going back next year, and for sure plan to be there on a weekend. The entrance to the Yacht Club is 49 40.90/123 09.84. Go down between the boomed logs, and find the Yacht Club on the left. Call ahead for slip assignment. I've never been treated better than I was at the Squamish Y/C.

The **False Creek Yacht Club** is a great place to stop and clear customs. Then if you wish you can go over and tie-up at the Granville Market, and take on all the

fresh fruit and vegetables that you're not allowed to bring with you! You're allowed three hours, then simply slip back across the channel and stay for free for a night at the False Creek Y/C, a truly beautiful facility, and within walking distance of the English Bay area. On Davies St., down toward Denman St., is The Macaroni Grill, an old mansion converted to a restaurant. Quite spectacular from the outside, and the prices seem to be quite reasonable. I didn't get a chance to indulge, but plan to on my return to Vancouver. **Dave**, the dockmaster was right there to assist when I came to the Yacht Club. Currents and wind can make docking a little tricky, and don't moor under the bridge unless you have a fetish for pigeon poop. I'll always make this a stop, whenever transiting the Sunshine Coast. It's just too good to pass up.

Burrard Yacht Club: I think this is one of the top clubs in this area. It's within walking distance of (for the ladies) a shopping mall, and (for the guys) a second-hand boat store, "Popeye's". They have a killer work-shop, and if the transit-drivers wouldn't have been on strike I could have hopped on the Sea-Bus, and got off right in the middle of Gastown. In many ways this is more convenient than the RVYC or the Rowing Club. I like 'em all, but I think my favorite is

Captain Homie

the False Creek YC, and it's proximity to the Granville Market.

Next, to the **Deep Cove Yacht Club**. We need to send them a burgee (*We will—Ed*). They have a very nice Club-House, friendly folks, and about 210 feet of guest moorage (15 amps-\$2.00 a night). Uptown is very quaint. Try the PIZZA place. I'll be back to defend the DEEP COVE Y/C (WORLD-UNIVERSE) pocket billiards title that I graciously lifted from a member's son. He even had his own cue-stick. One for the BYC home team!

The **Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (Jericho)** is on the right as you enter False Creek. A beautiful club-house, but the Coal Harbor facility has more accommodations for visiting boaters. You can clear customs here. Then I suggest going into the Granville Market, tie-up for three hours, and do all your provisioning for less than you can buy stuff in the States. They have a strong Junior Sailing program here. I got to watch a bit of that. The winds were huge, and the kids fearless. I was impressed with their sailing skills in those kinds of winds. Vancouver as a destination is right up at the top of my list. Ya all need to check it out.

Capt. Homie, AKA Frank Richardson, lives about his 42' trawler Caroline and serves as reciprocal chairman. Reach him at capt.homie@pocketmail.com

Opening Day Junior Raffle Held, Success

As coordinator of the raffle for Opening Day, I would like to thank each and every one of you who took the time to put together the baskets for this year's raffle. The baskets were spectacular. Every year they get bigger and better. It's a great way to not only earn money but to bring our boaters, family and friends in to our club to kick off the

events of the evening.

The Gift Basket Raffle proceeds go towards supporting our Junior Sailing Program.

The kids, along with **Roberta McCord and Penny Bradley** did a great job on the ticket sales. Once the kids got going there was no stopping them in the sales area. Can't say no to those

young people!

A big thanks to **Robbie and Nicole Black** and friends, and **Cassandra and Kelsey Overby** and friends, who through their efforts brought in \$700 for their Junior Sailing program.

A lot of appreciation and congratulations to our Juniors!

— Karen Callery

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