



## BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB

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## New Officers Take Helm Oct. 3

The BYC's new Officers and Board will be installed on October 3, with the evening beginning at 7PM in the Club's newly-redecorated Port-side Lounge.

Taking the officers' chairs will be Commodore **Karen Callery**, Vice-Commodore **John Gargett**, Rear Commodore **Marlene Bolster**, and Fleet Captain **Richard Veach**.

The directors will include returning 2nd year trustees **Larry Boone**, **Ron Erickson**, and **Pete Foti**, and new trustees **Tim Mumford**, **Ray Nelson**, and **Quinn Sel-sor**. **Dick Johnson** was also re-elected.

As usual, the ceremonies will be conducted by the BYC chapter of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, with President (and BYC Past Commodore) **Bud Peterson** in charge. **Joe Coons** will be master of ceremonies, and will be assisted by Past Commodores **Steve Moore**, **Chuck McCord**, and **Steve Ross**.

An e-mail will be sent to members with details for the evening unavailable at press time.

*Plan to attend and support your new BYC leadership!*

## Furnace Replacement Project Moves Ahead

At the September 20 Board of Trustees' meeting, the Board agreed to proceed with replacement of the building's furnaces. The research and planning for the big effort is being supervised by Building and House Chairman **Dick Johnson**, assisted by an experienced group of building-savvy members and other past commodores.

The project will be the last in a series of big Club expenditures, which began with repair of the deck structure in June, and the remodeling of the club bar/lounge area which also commenced at that time.

Financing for the work will come from two sources. About \$25,000 is coming from the Club's cash flow from regular operations (mostly lease income), while the balance will come from refinancing the building's mortgage with a more favorable arrangement.

According to Assistant Treasurer **Joe Coons**, the *present* mortgage is down to less than \$150,000. If paid according to schedule (without prepayments), it would be finished about 2013. Payments are \$2150/month, and it is a *variable-rate* note. The Club is arranging a commitment for a fixed-rate, 15-year term mortgage which will have the same payments, but with a much lower *fixed* rate. Thus, by availing ourselves of a lower rate and only a slight extension in term, we can pay for the work.

"With this restructuring, keeping payments as now with only a slight term extension, with significant energy savings, we feel we've honored the spirit of our commitment to 'Life Ring' donors to pay down our mortgage ASAP", said incoming Commodore **Karen Callery**, "and we can perform this essential work to provide efficient heat and cooling to our members and tenants."

## P.C.'s Add to Gift

Last month we said the Past Commodores were donating \$1,200-\$1,500 for the new Clubhouse mirrors. We were wrong! At their meeting on September 18, they increased their donation to \$3,000 to cover the mirrors plus installation costs. *Thanks, guys!*

## Commodore's Column

I would like to thank everyone who has made it possible for me to reach this position with our Bellingham Yacht Club. My family, friends and especially Past Commodore **David Bradley** who asked me to be his Fleet Captain giving me the opportunity to advance through the chairs to become your Commodore. Again, *thank you!*

We've been through a busy year with the changes in our facility, our tenants, our programs, our Junior Sailing program, our entire Club. A big thank you to Past Commodore **Jack Black** who weathered more than one storm, and to his incredible team of volunteers who have worked so hard to get our club where it is today.

You have elected a very hard-working Board that will continue to support Junior Sailing, Fridays

@ 5, our Power and Sail Fleets, and, in fact, all our programs.

I would like to introduce some of our new year's Committee Chairs:

- **Larry Boone** has agreed to continue as our Membership Chairman
- **Jody Erickson** as our Program Chairman
- **Joe Coons** as our Assistant Treasurer and Jib Sheet Editor
- **Loraine Boland** will continue to act as the Club Secretary
- **Steve Moore** will continue to be our line of communications through his GREAT e-mails.

A big thank you to all!

I am looking forward to working with all of you next year towards the continued growth of the Belling-

ham Yacht Club, seeing it continue as a Premier Boating Organization, watching our Junior Sailors grow and enjoying our programs. I want to encourage each member and family to continue to enjoy your Club and it's activities, and to invite your friends to become members of our club to share in our success.

Please call if you can offer to assist in any way. I am, as are your Board, Committees and Volunteers, committed to our Club. Let's all get involved and share in the commitment. I can be reached at (360) 676-0784 or at [catspaw@cssnw.net](mailto:catspaw@cssnw.net)

Al and I hope to see you at the Commodores Ball on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Sailing Awards on November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Lighted Boat Parade on December 8<sup>th</sup> and Fridays@5.

Smooth Sailing!

— *Karen Callery*

## Editorial

I am appalled how often I read in the papers about a non-profit organization's funds disappearing due to embezzlement or misuse. For years, I've worked setting up procedures for our BYC accounting that make sure it would be *very* difficult for us to waste assets that way.

*That's "Fiscal Integrity", and we have it.*

But *"Fiscal Responsibility"* was a different matter. Our Club's officers and trustees (using 20-20 hindsight, of course) have not always spent our Club's money wisely over the years! We've bought stuff we shouldn't have, made purchases that didn't stand the test of time, or tried to keep programs going that we should have stopped long ago.

The best example of this was during my term as Commodore back in 1993-94. We clung to operating the restaurant as though there was no alternative! (That year, I was proud that by struggling, we were able to barely break even. Virtually

all our dues were used to subsidize food services!) *Was that what a "Yacht Club" should do?*

But in recent years Club leaders have focused on *giving Members more programs for their dues dollar!*

That's a much better use of your money— and with our new

**About Fiscal  
"Responsibility" and  
"Integrity" ...**

all-volunteer status, it's enabled us to plow back funds into better activities and facilities, too.

For the past three years, we've been investing a lot of your Club's money in *maintenance and improvement of our assets*, which, sadly, had deteriorated badly. The roof, deck, much of our kitchen equipment, heating systems, exterior paint,

signage, and more, were falling apart, worn out, out-of-date or inadequate.

Now, all these have been dramatically upgraded by careful expenditure of maintenance and improvement dollars from our operating funds, mainly our lease income.

To finance the last big piece of this work, replacement of the furnaces, the Board is replacing the Club's mortgage which has dropped in the last few years from over \$225,000 to under \$150,000.

A new mortgage with a *lower interest rate, slightly longer term, and the same payments will give us the funds we need (story page 1).*

As a *Life Ring* contributor to mortgage reduction, I'm glad to see our Board take this step. It's sensible, worthwhile, and cautiously taken. We should support them.

By having the courage to do this maintenance and make these investments, they **are** being *fiscally responsible!*

— *Joe Coons*

## WELCOME!

New Members in your BYC:

**Keith Benton and Carol Verriour** of Chichester, West Sussex, England, (cruising in our waters), they can be reached at [gu0nhd@winlink.org](mailto:gu0nhd@winlink.org) (no attachments);

**Sarah Drotning**, 2809 Alderwood Ave., Bellingham 98225, (360) 650-1028, cell 220-6752, [skeating@bham.wednet.edu](mailto:skeating@bham.wednet.edu), *Meliora*, a C&C 37 sailboat;

**H. C. "Van" and Marlene Van Ysseldyk**, 121 Sea Pines Lane, Bellingham 98226, (360) 676-8012, cell 220-0140, [hendrick01@home.com](mailto:hendrick01@home.com), *Why Knot*, a 39' Bayliner powerboat;

**Fabrice Roignot**, 10718 Marine View Dr. SW, Seattle 98146, [fabrice.roignot@boeing.com](mailto:fabrice.roignot@boeing.com), *Topaz*, a 50' Monk design powerboat;

**Samantha & Bob Cronburg**, children **Jason & Candice**, 1082 Telegraph Rd., Bellingham 98226, (360) 815-2129, [yardsafari@cs.com](mailto:yardsafari@cs.com), *Nautical Weaver*, 22' Columbia sail;

**Simon & Marie Gonzales Jr.**, children **Jesse, Daniel, Jocelyn** and **Gabriel**, 3778 Meagan Lane, Bellingham 98226, 756-8974 (no boat yet).

*Please do your best to make these newcomers welcome to our Club! Thanks . . .*

## Going Across the Border? Re: Security

With the disastrous attack of September 11, your editor called the Supervising Inspector of the United States Customs Service to see what changes have occurred in handling vessels coming back into the U.S.

According to our conversation (on Sept. 23) vessels are reporting under the same protocols as before, with telephone check-ins to (800) 562-5943 permitted provided that the boater already has a P.I.N. and can answer additional verifying

## Two Faithful BYC Members Pass Away

### Ted Harmer

Ted Harmer, who served the Club as Commodore 1957-58, died on September 8, 2001.

Ted, who was 94 when he died, was a distributor for Richfield Oil, which later became known as ARCO. He was a passionate sailor and was well known later for his classic boat, "Alerion".

Taking up SCUBA diving in his 60's, Ted was also a fisherman and hunter. He was in the Bellingham Power Squadron, and found time to be a "Life Master" of the American Contract Bridge Association.

A great guy, we'll miss Ted!

### Hurley Buckner

Hurley Buckner, age 88, died on September 13 in Bellingham.

Hurley started working at the age of 11 in the Bellingham coal mines, working his way up to become a master certified welder before his retirement. Known for his tenacious viewpoints, he was a devoted BYC member, caring for our outstation at Inati Bay for many years before his age made it impossible. He donated the existing storage shed at Inati: built of welded steel plate, it will outlive most of his successors!

Hurley was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne, and is survived by his sons and their families, including 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

questions that the inspector may ask.

As always, be courteous and responsive to the Customs staff, and be sure to obey all the rules! It's suspected that if you don't report fully and are discovered, penalties will be much more severe than in the past . . . And justly so! — *Joe Coons*

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## Roster Alert

The 2002 BYC Yearbook/Roster will be published in December and mailed to all members. Is your listing correct in the current issue? If not, call Joe Coons at 647-0288 and give him the corrections. *Thanks!*

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### OCTOBER, 2001 EVENTS

- 3 **Installation of Officers 7PM.** Watch your e-mail for more info as the details are solidified . . .
- 5, 19 **Fridays at Five.** Come anytime between 5 and 7PM for free refreshments and entertainment.
- 18 **Board Meeting 6PM** (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
- Sailing: 6, Jack Island Race. 20, Governor's Point Race. \**

### NOVEMBER, 2001

- 2, 16 **Fridays at Five.** Come anytime between 5 and 7PM for free refreshments and entertainment.
- 3 **Commodore's Ball.** Dinner and dancing at the Club served by our tenant, Emerald Bay Services, to honor our new Commodore. *Details opposite page.*
- 9-11 **Around-County Race Events:** Sailing Race, see below. **Blakely-Roche Harbor Cruise**, see opposite page. **Predicted Log Race** conducted in conjunction with the Around the County Race. (See opposite)
- 15 **Board Meeting 6PM** (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
- 17 **Awards Banquet 7PM** *Details in October Jib Sheet*
- Sailing: 9-11, Around the County/Predicted Log Race. \**

### DECEMBER, 2001

- 7, 21 **Fridays at Five.** Come anytime between 5 and 7PM for free refreshments and entertainment.
- 8 **Saturday, Lighted Boat Parade**
- 20 **Board Meeting 6PM** (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
- 29-Jan 1 **Annual New Years' Gourmet Cruise** See story opposite. *Details in November Jib Sheet.*
- \* All sailing events, contact Joe Bartlett, 966-5549, unless noted otherwise.*

## Plan for Ball, Around-Island Race & Awards Night

Three big events are coming in November and December:

### **The 2001 Commodore's Ball**

The first, **November 3**, is the **Commodore's Ball** celebrating our new Commodore, **Karen Callery**.

Karen and Al have scheduled a great evening for us in the Sapphire Cove Dining Room at the Club, catered by Emerald Bay Events.

Dinner will include several "stations": The Appetizer Station, with Portobello Mushroom Triangles and Crab Cakes; the Salad Station, with three salads; The Pasta Bar Station, with two pastas and three sauces; a Baron of Beef carving station; Alder Smoked Turkey Breast; gourmet breads and rolls; and truffles and tartlets for dessert. The cost will be \$50 per person including tax and tip, plus a wonderful band, **Flashback** (the same group that entertained Opening Day). Social hour begins at 6PM, appetizers appear at

6:30, and dinner commences at 7:00. Formal dress is optional... the event is actually semi-formal. You'll be getting an invitation soon.

### **The 2001 Around the County Race**

The second event of note is the **"Around the County Race" on September 9-10-11** with fun for **both sailors and power boaters**.

For the sailors, there is the race itself...get full details from Richard Veach, 739-0734, or see our web site.

For power-boaters, we'll cruise on Friday night to Blakely Island and help with "bedroom support" for sailing crew members with no bunks to use, then on Saturday we'll go on to Roche Harbor for the same purpose. Both days, we'll have an informal predicted log race.

This annual event is a lot of fun, partly because the sailors provide power-boaters with food!

### **The 2001 Sailing Awards Banquet**

Wrapping up the month will be

the annual **Awards Banquet** on **November 17** at 7PM.

As always this event culminates the past sailing season with presentations of trophies and plaques for racing participants, and announcement of some of the plans for the year to come. *See you there . . .*

## New Years' Cruise Coming

We're repeating last year's popular New Years' Cruise, but to three different harbors. Set aside **Dec. 29—Jan. 1** for a visit to Lopez Island Fisherman Bay, Anacortes Cap Sante, and LaConner Marinas for three great meals, good cruising, and . . . if the weather's bad, we can drive (at least to the last two!) Details in the November *Jib*.

## Reciprocal/Marina News

From Frank "Captain Homie" Richardson

(September 9, at Telegraph Harbor) This was a first-time visit for me. I don't know why I waited so long to come. The Telegraph Harbor Marina was purchased about a year ago by Ron & Barbara, and they do a nice job with their new-found venture. Homie treated himself to a Banana Split, then walked over and caught the Ferry to Chemainus. If you've never had dinner at the Hummingbird Tea House, you really should check this place out. Michael and his wife do an excellent job. I've eaten there twice now and both times it was very good.

I next plan to attend the Salt Spring Island Fair. This is supposed to be the biggest event of the year for the Island! Lots of things to see in the GULF ISLANDS, and not to far away from the Bellingham area.

In early October at the Shelton Yacht Club, I plan to once again attend Oysterfest. This is a great seafood festival that the different community clubs put on. All of the proceeds are used for various community needs during the year. A bus comes right down to the Yacht Club, and will take you to the Mason County Fair Grounds. The Yacht Club is a wonderful host for visiting boaters, and they put on a very nice potluck dinner on Saturday night. Last year was my first time for this event, and now it's on my boating calendar! Plus, south Puget Sound can be quite nice in early October. I hope I see some BYC boats there this year!

(September 16, at the Saltspring Island Fair)

My first time to a great small town Fair! Attending with Jerry and Michelle Gaylord, we hopped on a school bus for a ride of about two miles to the Fair Grounds. For \$4 we were able to attend one of the nicest little fairs that you could imagine. Jerry came out of the exhibition hall looking like Pavlov's dog after seeing all the goodies that were baked by local Islanders. The sheep-dog demonstration was worth seeing all by itself, the rest was just the "frosting on the cake". The weather was perfect. I think this is absolutely the best time of the year for cruising, (and the worst time is still OK with me!) You all should put this one on your cruising calendar!

Frank Richardson cruises in his 40' trawler full time. You can write to him with comments and suggestions at [capt.homie@pocketmail.com](mailto:capt.homie@pocketmail.com) (no attachments!)

## Lighted Boat Parade

Our Bellingham Yacht Club and the Wheel and Keel Club remind you to *Start Planning!*

The **2001 Lighted Boat Parade** will be on **Saturday, December 8th** with dinner, entertainment and awards at our Club. A soup dinner will be catered by Emerald Bay Events. Details in the next Jib Sheet.

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