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GET READY FOR OPENING DAY MAY 4

Opening Day of Boating Season will come officially on **Saturday, May 4** with the usual line-up of events, and a theme directly from Jimmy Buffet: "*Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude*".

Activities begin at **11:00AM** with the **Commodore's Reception**, to which all BYC Members and their guests are invited (Members will get an invitation with details). There will be free champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Then at **Noon** the official ceremonies with dignitaries and Club Officers welcoming boaters, **Blessing the Fleet**, and the presentation of the **annual gift of the Past Commodores** will take place, followed by **Boats Away!** at 1:00PM.

The **Annual Boat Parade** will follow the traditional route after a ("*Opening*" continued on page 3)

Past Commodore's Cruise To Blakely Island April 27-28

One of the BYC's most popular cruises, the **Past Commodore's Cruise**, will be held **Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28**, at **Blakely Island Marina**, although many boats will come over Friday evening the 26th. Immediate Past Commodore **Jack Black** is chair.

Jack says all boats coming will receive a *free* B.Y.C. Tee shirt (sizes L and XL available). **To get a shirt and moorage**, call him at 671-0327 or e-mail cgd6@attbi.com to confirm your spot, giving vessel's length, beam and day you're arriving. **Call soon, before April 24.**

Scheduled are an afternoon dock party, then a pot luck dinner at the covered area on Saturday, and coffee, sweet rolls and Mimosas Sunday morning. We will have a raffle, and weather permitting, a volleyball game. This is a great opportunity to get your boat all cleaned up and checked out for Opening Day the following weekend!

Blue Gavel/P.C.'s Meet on 10th

The BYC's **Past Commodores** will hold their regular quarterly meeting on **Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 cocktails, 6:30 dinner** at the Commodore's Room. This is also the meeting of the chapter of **Blue Gavel**, an international association of yacht club past commodores.

Just a "Word to the Wise", Please...

On page 3 you'll see **eight new families named that have joined our Club in the past four weeks**. We're growing!

One impact this has is to put *each of us* on our best behavior when we're at our Club, so that our new friends have not only a *good* impression, but the *correct impression* of the kind of people we are!

I'm talking about our conduct in the

lounge. ***Profanity, or loud conduct that disturbs others, is simply out of order here.*** It's certainly rude, and it's offensive to many of our co-Members.

The Club By-Laws also permit the Club to expel Members for conduct unbecoming a Member (Article VI, Section 1B).

Let's get, and keep, it under control!
Thanks for helping. — Editor

Commodore's Column

What an exciting time of the year...

Beginning with the Club Scrub on March 2nd, "**Our Club**" just sparkles. A huge thank you to **Joe Coons and Dick Johnson** who coordinated the day. And to all of our members who volunteered to help. You were great!

It was also a great start to our boating season, and the day saw thousands of dollars of work done at virtually no cost to the Club...

Bellingham Boating Day at BYC. A huge success. A very special thank you to **Steve Ross, Jody Erickson, Tom Selman, Bob Kehoe, John Gargett and Joe Coons**, and to all of you who helped with this event..... I've heard just great things about the day!!!!

With the start of both the racing and cruising season being a little influenced by mother nature it reminded me our adventures of last year's return trip from the Past Commodore's Cruise. For those of you who shared the experience this definition of "cruising" will bring back some memories and to all a chuckle....

"Cruise: A waterborne pleasure journey embarked on by one or more people. A cruise may be considered successful if the same number of individuals who set out on it arrive, in roughly the same condition as they set out in, at some piece of habitable dry land, with or without the boat."

Cruising & Racing!!!! We have lots of activities planned in the next few weeks:

Wednesday Night Racing begins on April 10th.

Vendovi Island Race and Power Boat Raft Up at Inati Bay on the 20th-21th.

Past Commodore's Cruise to Blakely on April 26th-28th.

And then to cap off this period of fun, **Opening Day of Boating Season on May 4th!**

And don't forget our **Fridays at Five** on the 5th and the 19th **Wow!!!**

Your continued support of our Club is overwhelming. We have a great club, again, thanks to you and all of your efforts....

Smooth Sailing,

— *Karen Callery*

*There has been another passage from our BYC family. **Al Reimer**, who with wife **Eleanor** had rejoined our Club only several months ago after an absence of several years, died in March. He will be missed!*

Editorial

"Now we're a Club again!"

Those were the words of **Bob Kehoe** as we were discussing the re-birth of the BYC, and he attributes the turnaround in our situation to the warm, volunteer spirit that pervades everything we do, whether it's run our lounge, hold a "Club Scrub", or gather for a Friday at Five.

Bob's right, of course. Because he is, more and more folks we've never met before are joining our BYC. At the rate we're going, we'll add nearly 100 mem-

bers this year! What a scary thought that is: Should we really put a tough limit on the number of Members we'll allow? Think about it and let a Board Member know how you feel.

I want to give credit to **Bob Gar-**

vie, the new Assistant Treasurer who's helping me with the bookkeeping at the Club. Bob is obviously a pro at this accounting business, and it's a joy to know he can help out if I'm hit by the proverbial train. Even though he's a sail-boater, I don't think the books will be inflated ... thanks, Bob, for helping out.

In addition to the Past Commodore's Cruise April 27, I'm looking forward to Opening Day. It seems that **Tim Mumford** and **Commodore Karen** have things

pretty well buttoned up for this important, traditional occasion in our BYC year. I plan to see you there, and I hope you'll join me in alcohol abstention until we're back at the docks!

Joe Coons

*"Now We're a Club
Again!"*

BYC Member of the Month

This month we honor **Dave and Penny Bradley**. Dave is a Past Commodore, but we honor them for their care of our Inati Bay outstation.

Dave and Penny have single-handedly maintained the site for years, taking over as volunteers after the late Hurley Buckner, aging, retired. From mowing, to raking, to litter control, the Bradleys have been dedicated stewards of our facility.

Dave's year as Commodore (1997-98) was a difficult one: the restaurant was having difficulties, the Club was under financial pressure, and membership was declining. Dave kept the Club controlled, reduced losses and marshaled its resources. Through it all, Penny stood by and helped a lot.

A longtime banker, Dave works for Whidbey Island Bank, while Penny is employed by KVOS Channel 12. They are avid cruisers aboard *Curren\$ea*, their 36' Catalina sailboat. *Congratulations, Dave and Penny! Thanks for being in the BYC.*

(“Opening” continued from page 1)

rendezvous at the Alaska Ferry Terminal where the order of parade will put BYC Members’ boats at the head of the parade behind Vice Commodore **John Gargett’s** 41’ Uniflite *Emily Slocum*.

Of course, upon return to the docks, the traditional “open boat” parties will begin. Party-goers will be entertained by Gary Smith’s band, **Bottom Line**, cruising around the harbor area.

The Gift Basket Raffle will again be held, with wonderful baskets contributed by Members, and the proceeds going to the Juniors.

At 6:00PM, an outside barbecue fajita supper (under \$10 per person) will be served in the dining room, with service continuing through 8:00. By 7:30PM the band will be inside our Clubhouse in the Sapphire Cove Dining Room for dancing and fun until ???

This year’s Opening Day Chairman is **Tim Mumford**, and the Port of Bellingham, paying for the band, and sponsors that he is rounding up as well as your BYC dues will be paying for the event’s expenses.

“Club Scrub” Gets it Done!

The First Semi-Annual **Club Scrub** was a huge success, with about *fifty* BYC-ers pitching in from 9AM—Noon on Saturday, March 2 for a “Spring Cleaning” of our BYC.

Crews of Members scrubbed the bars and rest rooms, stained the new dining room and lounge window frames, washed windows, cleaned out all the lower floor junk and hauled it out filling a 6-yard Dumpster, landscaped the front of the building, planted the deck planters, cleaned up the Club’s two smaller mark boats, and completely reorganized the Club’s junior fleet docking arrangements on the landward side of the Reciprocal Dock.

At mid day, the entire gang took time off for a lunch provided by the Club in return for their work. Then, one by one, a lot of them went back to tasks that, in many cases, had not been assigned, but which they still wanted to undertake or finish up.

Chairpersons **Dick Johnson** and **Joe Coons** were thrilled by the work and the turnout. “**It was amazing**”, said Johnson. “**We got so much done, more than we expected,**

and it was fun besides!” Both Members said that so many helped, it would be unfair to name just some.

Featured Advertisers

GRAND YACHTS NORTHWEST is Bellingham’s largest dealer/broker for luxury powerboats. Featuring the fine **Grand Banks** vessels, they offer what many call the finest production boat built, while the **Jefferson** line adds another design selection. And if you’re buying or selling a used boat, or you want to charter from the Northwest’s finest fleet, consider their great skills and presence: they have offices in Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver, too. Call **676-1248** or see them **next to Squalicum Harbor Gate 3**.

HARDWARE SALES is the best hardware resource in the State, it’s as simple as that! Known for their wonderful customer service and enormous inventory, these folks carry virtually everything, especially those essential tools, fine paints, varnishes, and supplies, and cabinet hardware that every boater needs. And plumbing, electrical, wire rope, chain, web straps, rubber, metal shapes, garden stuff, a rental department, and much more! At **2034 James Street, 734-6140**.

REDDEN MARINE SUPPLY has been a part of Bellingham since 1959 and is proud of its varied services to the community. RMS offers the boating public a large selection of repair and service items, and stocks many ancillary items such as books, charts, atlases, navigation aids, and more. With an extensive inventory in the chandlery, and a complete hydraulics division, Redden Marine is the place you’ll find most items on hand when you need them! RMS, at **Bellwether Drive and Roeder Ave., 733-0250**.

BOATHOUSE FOR SALE. Call Bud Peterson at 733-6868.

Welcome New BYC Members!

Please help us in welcoming the following new members to our BYC, and be sure to introduce yourselves to them when you see them . . .

Sue Cortelyou Borgstrom, 16426 S.E. 48th Court, Bellevue, WA 98006, (452) 644-9526, 39’ Bayliner Powerboat *Rocket*.

Tim & Carrie Donnelly, 304 North Shore Drive, Bellingham 98226, 671-2160, 28’ Bayliner Powerboat *Signed Out*, mrtimd@aol.com.

Steven & Carolyn Fay, 364 Alta Via Drive, Camano Island WA 98282, (360) 387-6270, 43’ Slocum Sailboat *Mutineer V*, classicd@nwlink.com.

Dick & Linda Hautala, 1993 Lake Whatcom Blvd, Bellingham, WA 98226, 756-8131, no boat yet, hautala43@attbi.com.

John & Kerri Holland, 2100 Cowgill Ave., Bellingham WA 98225, 676-0549, 30’ Etchells Sailboat (no name), john.holland@heath.com

Dan & Pandora Lerner, 4216 230th Way SE, Sammamish, WA 98075, (425) 369-9828, (no boat yet), plarner@earthlink.net.

David & Rebecca Mellander, 23513 NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd., Woodinville WA 98072, (425) 844-0455, 47’ Bayliner Powerboat *Compass Rose*.

Peter Shumar, 504 Cypress Road, Bellingham WA 98225, (360) 738-6465, 24’ Square 1 Sailboat, *Ratboat*, peters@pixeline.com

Each Member gets: (1) Member & partner Membership Card; (2) Copy of Roster/Yearbook binder & contents; (3) Refrigerator magnet; (4) Car decal; (5) First Mates’ Cookbook. If you haven’t received these items, call **Joe Coons** at 739-1528 to get yours! **THANKS!** Sorry if we overlooked you . . .

✓ THE BYC MAIN SHEET— SAVE IT / POST IT ✓

April 2002

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April, 2002

* Events

- 5, 19 **Fridays at Five.** Come anytime between 5 and 7PM.
- 10 **Past Commodore's Meeting** See page 1 for details.
- 18 **Board Meeting** 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
- 20-21 **Power Boat Raft Up at Inati Bay**, serve as mother ships for sailors' Vendovi Island Race.
- 26-28 **Annual Past Commodore's Cruise** to Blakely Island. Free T-Shirt to all Boaters. **Jack Black**, 671-0327.
- ★ Sailing Races (Details: **Joe Bartlett**, 966-5549)
- 3-10-17-24 **Numb Bum Races 1, 2, 3, 4** 1800 hours
- 6 **Tulip Cup** 0900 hours
- 20-21 **Vendovi Island Race** 1100 hours

May, 2002

* Events

- 3 **Friday at Five.** Casual, boat cleaning garb welcome, please some appetizers if convenient.
- 4 **OPENING DAY!** "Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude". See p. 1 for details. **Tim Mumford**, chair, 354-4509
- 16 **Board Meeting** 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
- 17 **Friday at Five**
- 24-26 **Ganges Cruise.** **Quinn Selsor**, 676-5709
- ★ Sailing Races (Details: **Joe Bartlett**, 966-5549)
- 1 **Numb Bum 5** 1800 hours
- 4 **Performance/San Juan Cup** 1800 hours
- 8, 15, 22, 29 **Spring Series 1, 2, 3, 4** 1800 hours
- 25, 26 **Swiftsure 2002**

June, 2002

* Events

- 7, 21 **Fridays at Five.** Come anytime between 5 and 7PM.
- 7-8-9 **Bottom Fishing Derby, Fossil Bay, Sucia***
- 20 **Board Meeting** 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
- 22-23 **Pt. Roberts Race Overnight/Shrimp Jambalaya***
- 28-July 1 **Victoria Yacht Club Cruise*** Some go until 7th
- * **Cruise Info: Quinn Selsor**, 676-5709
- ★ Sailing Races (Details: **Joe Bartlett**, 966-5549)
- 1 **WOW Women on the Water** 1000 hours
- 5 **Spring Series 5** 1800 hours
- 8,9 **Windermere Regatta—Anacortes**
- 12, 19, 26 **Summer Series 1, 2, 3** 1800 hours
- 22-23 **BYC/AYC Point Roberts Race** 1000 hours

March Cruises DOA

The March Cruises which were to be at Rosario March 15 & 16, with some boats beginning on the 11th, were cancelled due to high winds and icy temperatures.

On Friday morning, March 14, the Cruisemaster e-mailed the ten boaters planning to go: **Too cold, too windy, too bad!** And just like that, it was over.

However, a number of the cruisers got together for the scheduled dock party held instead in the BYC Lounge on Saturday the 15th. The crowd had excellent hors d'oeuvres, partly because **Britain and Gail Walker** were among the landlocked cruisers. They brought crab cakes and quiche to the party!

In spite of the letdown, the cruisers were glad for the cancellation: Gale force winds prevailed throughout much of the schedule.

Boating Day at the BYC Report

"I had no idea how many were coming", said **Joe Coons** who chaired the second *Boating Day at the BYC*, "but over 35 showed up to get up-to-date on various aspects of boat buying, selling, chartering, cruising, safety, and more!"

With the help of **Don Knesebeck** from the USCG-Seattle, and **Steve Ross, Bob Kehoe, Tom Selman, and Roger Van Dyken**, who chaired seminars, and **Meredith Ross, Linda Selman, Quinn & Roberta Selsor, Carolyn Blocher, and Jody Erickson**, who helped with logistics; plus **Joe Bartlett, Tom Selman, Dick Grimshaw, Glenn Gelhar, and Don Dangelmeier**, who helped by offering boat demo rides, the day was a big success, and will certainly get us some adult members in addition to the five Juniors who have signed up that day.

The first of these events was in

1994, when it was created and chaired by **Steve Ross**, and was called "The School of Boating" (SOB). At that time, we had about the same number attend.

According to the folks who worked on the project, the response of those in attendance was very positive, but no one is yet ready to declare it an "annual event".

This year, the sessions began at 9AM with registration and coffee, and the last organized event was a Lifesling vs. life ring demonstration/discussion at the docks with **Mike Van Buskirk** of Top to Bottom our "victim". *Thanks, Mike!*

Preliminary figures show the event cost our Club about \$300 more than the revenue (advertising cost \$499 in the Herald), so even if only two folks join as a result, we will have broken even, said Coons. Revenue came from an \$8/person or \$15/couple registration fee.

Building & House News

Dick Johnson reports that **the furnaces are going in!** When you get this, electrical and mechanical prep work will be under way by vendors *Polar Electric* and *Northwest Energy Systems* installing the new heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems for the Club, representing the last major maintenance scheduled for the near future.

Consisting of five units, the new system, which was selected after several bids and approaches were considered, will offer five separate "zones" of heating/cooling, including the Sapphire Cove dining room, the Club's Bar/Lounge, the Kitchen, the entry foyer, and the lower level. The units are sized so that no new electric power will need to be brought into the building, saving a *lot* of money. The contracts totaling about \$50,000 are being financed by a new, larger, fixed rate, 15-year mortgage arranged with Horizon Bank in February that has the same payments as the old variable rate note it replaced.

Meanwhile, contractor **Jim Stephenson** has been finishing up less dramatic work on the deck at the west end of the building, and will be taking out the old attic furnace.

As for the bar's operations, Dick reports he's still filling up the mixologist's schedules for the months to come. If you have taken the class, call him and get on the schedule at 739-6690. And thanks, especially, to all who are helping with this important activity!

Bits and Pieces

Notice the new racks by the lounge door?

From now on, that's where you'll find a full selection of BYC printed materials including various guidelines and application forms. Check them out. And a rack for our new badges will soon be in place in that vicinity, too.

Lost and found items are now in the area of the coffee-makers at the west end of the bar. (You need not be behind the bar to access them).

Hey, volunteer bartenders: Go easy on the over-pours, and get used to checking prices. Our margins are small enough as is!

Likewise, **ALWAYS** be sure that anyone at the bar has signed in, as has his host member who must be with him/her. **Be sure that everyone at the bar has a documented Club connection, as the WSLCB loves to send in investigators to be sure they can't get served unless they're a member.** Ask to see their cards!

The Sapphire Cove busy season is coming, what with weddings, etc., on the schedule. Remember that anytime you come in, there may be an event taking place next door. Be courteous: they might be Members some day! (Besides, it's fun to see the wedding dresses!)

About those guest rules: Local guests are only permitted six times/calendar year; this is to encourage folks to be full-time, paying members, and not free-loaders. Help us comply!

Joe Coons

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