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Junior Sailing Scheduled, Coach Hired

The Junior Sailors are sailing again and a few were going to WAVES hosted by the Royal Vancouver Yacht club the weekend of June 28.

During the summer, the older kids will sail on Tuesday afternoons and the younger set will sail on Saturday afternoons.

Director **Gary Baker** advises we also have **Griffin Hewitt** on board as a coach. Griffin has his certification and as a sailor has won the Byte Nationals. He just graduated from Bellingham H.S. and we are lucky to have him!

Women-on-the-Water Race Report

W.O.W. 2002! It was sunny, breezy, lots of fun - you should have been there . . .

Kelsey Overby, in her first Race Committee Chairwoman appearance, provided us with five quick, exciting races. On board *Serendipity* she was assisted by skipper **Steve Ross**, and the man who seems to appear everywhere, **Dick Johnson**.

The five winners were:

- 1st **Cathy Holland** *Blackfoot*
- 2nd **Wendy Gray** *Wired* (Anacortes)
- 3rd **Dawn Durand** *Jamoca*
- 4th **Karen Callery** *Catspaw*
- 5th **Lee Falta** *Family Circus*

Again thanks to all the volunteers, the mark boat crew, Windermere for their continuing support and trophies, and LFI and West Marine for the generous prizes.
 ——— *Joe Bartlett*

Club Cruise Program News

Quinn Selsor, cruise chairman, reports that cruising continues, but with a few changes as we get this program rolling even more in its second year ...

There are 13 boats going to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club the weekend of **June 28**, to enjoy the distractions of BC's capitol city, and a dinner at the RVYC on Sunday night. Because only two boats were planning to go to Bedwell Harbor on **July 5-6-7**, that leg of the cruise has been cancelled.

The next cruise is to **Maple Bay August 9-11**. **Larry and Louise Boone** and **Gary and Diane Turner** have agreed to be cruisemasters, so you should sign up with them. Call Larry at 738-9647, or e-mail him at larryb@portofbellingham.com giving your name, number of persons, and

boat name, length and beam, and the day you will arrive in your message, as Larry and Louise will be just back from a trip to France. The August *Jib Sheet* will have more details.

In June, the Point Roberts Cruise/Sailing Race was superb! The starting winds were fluky, but then the boats had a long spinnaker run with favorable currents. Nine sailboats and four powerboats had fine weather and a great night at the Point Roberts Marina. 65 Members and guests enjoyed "Shrimp Jambalaya" prepared by **Quinn and Roberta**, served on the Marina's grassy picnic area. On Sunday, although the current was less favorable, it nevertheless was a great day in the sunshine and on the water.

Commodore's Column

I hope that all of you are enjoying the beginning of summer!!! The weather has been great for our boating activities.

Quinn Selsor, Power Fleet Captain and **Joe Bartlett**, Sail Fleet Captain have kept the boaters quite busy with the cruising and racing schedules. Reports from the Point Roberts Race/Cruise participants indicate a great time was had by all with great sailing as a bonus.

We have a busy month ahead of us beginning with the cruise to Victoria this weekend followed by lots of other events:

4th of July Fireworks Raft-Up - Raft up with fellow boaters on Bellingham Bay and enjoy the tra-

ditional fireworks from the water.

July 20th Crab Feed – With Crabbing season opening soon it's time to plan for the Chuckanut Bay Crab Feed. This event has been growing each year...

July 24th – The Moore Invitational with raft up following the race at Boulevard Park. A great race and good fun.

Not only are we busy on the water but our clubhouse activities continue to be a huge success. Our F@5's continue to be well attended, **Marlene Bolster** and her crew's going away party was a lot of fun and greatly appreciated.

Best wishes to Skipper Mars and the crew of *Charlemagne*. (Note that their progress in the Vic-Maui

Race can be seen daily at vicmaui.org.)

Our Club membership continues to grow, the facility is in great shape and our bills are all paid on time. A big thanks to **all of us** for our continued support — *This is a great Club, don't you agree?*

Please take the time to get a tour of the new work in the Junior Sailing area downstairs. What a great clubhouse it will be for the Juniors! Thanks to **Jim Stephenson and Crew, and Dick Johnson** for their work on this project.

Al and I hope to see you in Victoria at the RVYC.

Smooth Sailing,

Karen

Editorial

I want to thank the folks who responded so well to my request for news this month! It makes putting this *Jib Sheet* together a lot easier.

And it's great to have **Captain Homie** (Frank Richardson) back with his columns after the lay-off during this past winter. For those of you who haven't met Homie, he's a retired Seattle bus driver who lives aboard his 42' Hardin Sedan Trawler, *Caroline*, and enjoys cruising all over the Northwest. Homie will be up in Northern BC this summer, but be back in the fall. He's a great guy with interesting columns, and our "spy" at other Clubs, checking on their reciprocal facilities. We always look forward to seeing him and **Josie**, his significant other.

The construction work is finally done at the Club. The last pieces of the job, the "Swamp Cooler/Heater"

for the kitchen and the new entrance to the Junior Sailing storage and meeting rooms under the southwest corner of our building are finished. What an improvement! You'll be impressed. **That's the end of projects that began over a year ago with the deck work.**

Special thanks go to **Jim Stephenson**, a BYC Member and the general contractor who oversaw the renovations, and to **Northwest Energy Systems**, who installed the new heating and air conditioning. What a difference the A/C has made at our summer gatherings at the Club. Isn't it comfortable? Come to an event and see.

I'll be checking *vicmaui.org* for the next few weeks to see how **Marlene Bolster** and crew are doing on *Charlemagne*. See you there!

— Joe Coons

Homie & Marlene on my mind ...

BYC Member of the Month

This month we salute **Past Commodore Steve Moore**. Steve gives our Club endless hours of time and effort as our principal e-mail author, and particularly as our Tenant Relations Committee chairperson. In this role he serves as our liaison with Emerald Bay Events and with the Port.

Steve also donated his services as the real estate broker putting together the various arrangements we've had over the past years with our various tenants. This contribution of his time saved us a lot!

Steve has been involved in commercial real estate for years, and has just started a new firm, *Moore and Company*, here in Bellingham. He will be joined in this enterprise by his daughter **Dayna**. Age 54, he was Commodore in 1999-2000. He is an avid fisherman and skippers his 28' Bayliner *Hyper*. He and his wife, **Diane**, live in the Briza development near Viewcrest in Bellingham.

Steve, thanks from all of us!

New Membership Cards Coming

The Club has just ordered new Membership Cards for all Members. The new cards will be printed on stiffer *plastic* stock, so they will stay presentable for much longer than the old paper cards.

The new cards' design has also changed. The Club's blue and red burgee is featured against a bright white, matte finish background, and the words "Bellingham Yacht Club" are in the BYC's familiar blue script.

Remarkably, the cards can be printed with each Member's and Partner's name in the Club's regular laser printer. This means that we can issue cards each September with new expiration dates, and also can quickly prepare cards for new mem-

bers. The cards were found after extensive research, and were ordered from a firm called "Membership Cards Only".

In addition to the membership cards, the Club is also getting additional, non-color card stock for use as Junior Member Cards and Crew Cards. These can also be printed in the Club's black and white Laser printer, or in a color laser printer if desired.

The new cards are costing about fifty cents each, surprisingly not a great increase from the cost of the older paper cards when they were color laser created.

Members will begin getting them when 2002-3 Dues are paid.

Featured Advertisers

There are some companies where customer service is so positive, folks keep coming back. One is **WEST COAST MARINE SERVICE**, where Pete and Jamie Foti and crew have been selling and servicing fine boats and motors for years. As dealers and an authorized servicecenter for **Honda, Evinrude, and Johnson Outboards; OMC Cobra, Mercruiser and Volvo Penta Stern Drives; and Harbercraft Boats**, they have the parts and honest help you'll need for trouble-free boating. Great Service and Great Boats from Pete and Jamie at **1200 C Street, 676-8020**.

Russell Deptuch's YACHT TEC MARINE SERVICES continues to be the choice among many boaters for reliable vessel repair and equipment installation work. Russ and his crew can be counted upon for *quality* work, and his experience with all boat systems from the bilge to mast-top means the job will be done *right*. Of course, his first business was sailboat rigging, so sailors always call upon Yacht-Tec for this, but he serves all boaters with quality and integrity. **Call him at 380-5426 for service or quotes.**

**Note New Phone No. for Charlie's
Fiberglass Repair:
(360) 303-6597!**

Welcome New BYC Members!

The stream of new members joining our Club continues (33 in the first 6 months of 2002), and of course we welcome them! Most of us think this incredible rate of growth is linked to our increased activity, our wonderful new bar/lounge, and our Fridays at Five, but most of all, it's because *all our members are enthusiastically telling others about our Club and inviting prospects to come as a guest at least once to some of our activities. What a difference each of these folks makes to the BYC:* They bring new interests and new opportunities for friendship to all of our 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 . . .

Vance Edwards & Janet Loyd, 56738 Sturgeon Road, Darrington, WA 98241, (360) 436-1815, *Red Head*, 15' Coronado sailboat, jlloyd@dtd.k12.wa.us

Kevin & Catherine Keating, 5333 84th Place S.E., Mercer Island, WA 98040, (206) 275-4493, *Tres*, 36' Benneteau sailboat, kkeating@telecomrealestate.com

JoAnna E. Luther, 603 Wilson Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225, 714-1336, no boat yet, jeluther@yahoo.com

Randy & Vicki Nulle, 1997 N. Mahonia Place, Bellingham, WA 98229, 920-3178, *Voodoo*, 30' Etchells, rnulle@samsonrope.com

Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw, 2648 Donovan Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225, 650-9276, *Kestrel*, 32' Aphroditi 101 sailboat, dohms@cob.org

Paul Saxton, 1600 D Street #204, Bellingham, WA 98225, 738-1632, no boat yet, paulsax10@hotmail.com

Each Member gets: 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 . . .

Chris Craft Meet

What is heralded as "The World's Largest Chris Craft Rendezvous" will be held in Port Orchard July 18—21. Activities include a Friday party, swap meet, awards and awards dinner, etc., and all Chris Craft models and owners are welcome. This is the thirteenth time the event has been held in the Pacific Northwest.

For details, go to chriscraftrendezvous.com or call Fred Rowe at (206) 329-0769.

— From a press release

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July 2002

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July, 2002

* Events

- 4-7 **Bedwell Harbor Cruise CANCELLED**
 3-4-5-6 **BAR CLOSED!** Holiday weekend cruising pre-empts..
 4 **Fireworks on Bellingham Bay ***
 18 **Board Meeting 6PM** (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
 19 **Friday at Five.** 5-7PM, bring appetizers if possible.
 20-21 **Annual Chuckanut Bay Crab Feast/Raftup ***
 * **Cruise Info: Quinn Selsor, 676-5709**
 🚩 **Sailing Races (Details: Joe Bartlett, 739-4234)**
 10, 17 **Summer Series 4, 5 1800 hours**
 21-26 **Race Week Oak Harbor**
 24 **Moore Invitational 1800 hours**
 31 **Heat Wave Series 1 1800 hours**

August, 2002

* Events

- 2, 16 **Fridays at Five.** 5-7PM, bring appetizers if possible.
 9-11 **Maple Bay, B.C. Cruise Quinn Selsor, 676-5709**
 15 **Board Meeting 6PM** (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
 🚩 **Sailing Races (Details: Joe Bartlett, 739-4234)**
 7,14,21 **Heat Wave Series 2, 3, 4 1800 hours**
 10 **Around Lummi Island Race 1000 hours**
 17 **Governor's Point Race 1000 hours**
 24 **Jack & Jill Race 1200 hours**
 28 **Pre-PITCH Startline 1800 hours**
 31 **P.I.T.C.H. 1000 hours**

September, 2002

* Events

- 4 **Annual Club Nominating Meeting**
 6, 20 **Fridays at Five.** 5-7PM, bring appetizers if possible.
 18 **Annual Club Election Day & Meeting**
 19 **Board Meeting 6PM** (Finance Committee 5:30) Open to Members.
 22 **Commodore's Picnic Inati Bay.**
 🚩 **Sailing Races (Details: Joe Bartlett, 739-4234)**
 1 **P.I.T.C.H. Continues**
 7-13 **Pacific Rim International Challenge**
 14-15 **Bellingham Bay One-Design**
 22 **Commodore's Cup/Picnic**
 28 **Jack Island Race 1000 hours**

BAR & LOUNGE SUMMER HOURS
WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, 4—9 PM.

Fiscal Strength Guides Long Range Planning

The BYC Long-Range Planning Committee has started a series of meetings that all BYC members are welcome to attend. The purpose of the Committee is to look at where the BYC would like to be in the next 5-10 years.

Taking input from all members, David King of Stewart and King Architects, is volunteering by assisting the club in this "Visioning."

In the first meeting, the Committee discussed a variety of issues, ranging from what assets the BYC has (both physical and intangible), as well as what we might want the club to look like in the future. At this point in the Visioning, we were focusing on ideas, concepts and dreams, and were not bound by budgets, permitting issues or other constraints.

In the second meeting on June 25, we discussed ways in which we might attract and serve more Junior Programs, and make entire families, including young people, a more intrinsic part of the Club's future. We discussed ways to better utilize our existing facilities (especially the lightly-used Ward Room and Commodore's Room) and some of the difficulties we have with access control to our two floors of space.

Members also stressed the need

for the Club to always be fiscally sound, and to allow for continued debt retirement after our recent construction and new furnace projects.

Clearly, the Members want the Club to follow the earlier direction of reducing debt on a continuing basis!

Members also noted how important the Club's continued membership growth is toward meeting the Club's goals, yet the question was raised, "Should we limit membership in the Club to keep it a close community of friends", and not create a big, impersonal organization. Many recent-joining Members have commented how much more friendly our Club is than some bigger yacht clubs!

A particularly valuable reminder came from one Member, "The Club's success rests on a four-legged stool: Its members, its programs, its facilities, and its financial condition. Each of these "legs" is crucial to our success."

Another significant point from the meeting was made: As an all-volunteer club, when a new program is adopted, we need to consider the impact upon our volunteers! The example, of course, is our bar/lounge operation, which is very volunteer-intensive...and a considerable undertaking for our BYC Members.

The outcome of this planning process will be a recommendation to the Board of Trustees about how we should approach the next few years.

It is important to note that we are not attempting to drive to any pre-supposed conclusion, and all conclusions are "on the table" for our BYC Board.

The Long Range Planning process is required to be conducted annually by the Club's By-Laws, and the Vice Commodore is specifically charged with chairing the committee's work.

Your involvement in this process is both welcome and encouraged. The BYC is the premier boating club in the Northwest and the Committee is dedicated to ensuring that we remain and preserve the great volunteer club that we are. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to contribute your ideas and assist in making the BYC even better into the future.

John Gargett,
Vice Commodore
360.920.5645

IMPORTANT!!

New post-9/11 rules REQUIRE that vessels within 500 yards of a Navy vessel run at minimum speed and are *not allowed* within 100 yards!

Homie's Back!

Retired Member Frank Richardson, "Captain Homie", travels the Northwest in his 42' Hardin trawler stopping at reciprocal yacht clubs and public moorages as he goes. From time to time he sends us a communiqué to help us enjoy our cruising more. Let it be noted that he also is our BYC Goodwill Ambassador, and signs up new, non-resident Members wherever he goes....

"Homie added romance to the equation, and has been busy doing other things than writing. He's still out there having a great time, still the "Director of Cruising & Shmuzing on the M/V CAROLINE", not just another pretty face.

"I spent most of the winter down in Puget Sound, mostly between Seattle and Tacoma. That kept me near my sweetie!

"Re this "cruising life": I just ran a tally on what it cost me for the last 12 months to run my boat and go to all the places that I've been. \$330/month! That includes fuel (1800 gallons), boat insurance, moorage, and repairs. Lucky so far on repairs, but I put a lot of money into new stuff before I started on this "Marine Nomadic Adventure". As I reported earlier, my moorage costs as little as \$30/month when I'm using reciprocals.

"I missed the big fire at the Seattle YC, was there 3 weeks earlier. Then, had not another big sailboat been tied up at the Puget Sound YC, I

would have been a bit too close to that one! But I had moved to more open marinas.

"Anybody from the Club that is planning on going down to Puget Sound should feel free to write to me for tips. I learned lots of new stuff this winter, yet I've lived there all my life.

If you ever get a chance to attend one of the Sunday Breakfasts at the Port Orchard YC, and if you like fried oysters, this is a great deal. The next one is in October, and Homie will be at it right after Oysterfest (the first weekend in October). South Puget Sound in the Fall, or Late Summer is one of the best kept secrets in boating.

"Talk to you next month!"

You can contact Capt. Homie at capt.homie@pocketmail.com.

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