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Nominating Meeting Wednesday Sep. 4

The annual Nominating Meeting of the Club will be on **Wednesday September 4, 2002, at 6PM**. The Nominating Committee chaired by **Steve Moore** will have its slate to present, and Members can make further nominations from the floor.

"We're especially pleased with the response we've gotten from Members we have asked to serve", said Moore. "The high acceptance rate reassures us that Members are glad to serve our Club." According to Moore, this is the first year in several where all ballot slots are filled.

Election on Sep. 18

Right after the Nominating Meeting, election sample ballots as called for in the By-Laws will go out detailing the nominees for all BYC offices. All Life, Past Commodore, and Active Members will get this mailing, which will include information on voting by mail.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 6-7PM, the election will be held at the Club, with results announced immediately.

PacRim September 7-14

Visitors from five Pacific Rim countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and Russia) will be in Bellingham for this unique sailing regatta sponsored by the BYC and Bellingham Sister Cities Association. The BYC will be "home base" for the week's events, and will be open each race day; come down to the Club that week and meet our guests.

Participants will be arriving on Friday, September 6, and Saturday, September 7 will be a practice race day. Racing the following week will be every day Sunday-Friday except for Wednesday, with teams using borrowed J-36 sailboats. Those BYC members lending their boats for the event are **Marlene Bolster, Charlemagne; Joe Bartlett and Dawn Durand, Jamoca; and Frank Repanich, Keladi**. Each participating city, including Bellingham, will have a crew of eight sailors plus the boat's owner/representative. Each day the crews will rotate to a different boat. A random drawing will occur at the beginning of the event to see which team uses which boat each day. Weather and wind permitting, two races will be conducted each race day.

Spectator boats will leave the dock each race day around 10:15 a.m. in front of the BYC. BYC members are encouraged to watch the races and take out any visitors who would like to view the races from the water.

The Pacific Rim Challenge began in Bellingham in 1990 and since then has been held every other year in a different participating city. We are excited to be hosting this event again. It is a wonderful opportunity to show off our City and our Club. The camaraderie, the friendships and the international aspect all make this a truly special event. For a complete schedule of events, check out www.pacrim2002.org. — *Lorraine Boland*

PITCH Goes On

The annual *P.I.T.C.H.* Race hosted by the BYC is on as usual, from August 31—September 31. For full details, contact Joe Bartlett at 739-4234.

An early, Special Edition September Jib Sheet!

Commodore's Column

I find it amazing that I'm writing my last column as Commodore. It's been an incredible year. We have accomplished so much for "Our Club".

Major physical Building and House changes have been made within the club, including the new heating and cooling system, the deck repairs and upgrades, and the overall improvements in the Club's equipment.

Organizationally, we've seen the opening of our bar with volunteer bartenders, the successful "Club Scrub" with our volunteers and the remodeling of the Junior Sailing room.

We've also had a year of great activities at the club: Fridays at Five continue to be a huge success, Club Cruises are well attended, our Sailing Fleet has grown, the Jun-

iors are training and racing, not to mention the "Great Chili Cook Off and Super Bowl Party", the upcoming Pacific Rim Regatta plus many other special events.

I would like to thank each and every one of you, especially my biggest supporter, my husband, **Alan**, and our families.

To the great Board, Committee Chairs and Volunteers that I have had the pleasure to work with, you are really appreciated!

A couple of very special "Thank You's", to **Joe Coons** and **Dick Johnson**.

Dick has done more than a fabulous job with Building and House. Being Chairman of this committee took on a whole new meaning this year, as Dick was the prime mover getting our wonderful bar up and running so smoothly.

Joe has been our Assistant Treasurer and seen to it that our club has had a fiscally sound year, taking care of the day to day business. He also publishes the Jib Sheet and a whole lot more.

Now, as I prepare to pass the gavel to our new Commodore, I would like to encourage *all of us* to continue with our support, volunteering to help, attending our functions, participating in our club cruises and sailing events. It is because of **us** that we are one of the *Premier Boating Clubs of the Northwest*.

Now it's time for me to extend best wishes to next year's Commodore, his Executive Board and Trustees. *Have a great one!*

Again, thank you. I'll see you on the water.

Karen Callery

Editorial

This *Jib Sheet* is a little earlier than usual so I can take off on a little cruise to the South Sound, and still have the newsletter out before the crunch hits with PITCH, PacRim, Nominations and Elections. We'll be back on the regular schedule with the October edition.

The news from **Steve Moore, Chairman of the Nominating Committee**, is great: lots of folks are willing to help out our Club by serving in our elected positions. That means that we're going to have people that are more involved, more active. And that's good news ...

Now it's your turn! Be sure to vote when September 18 rolls around so your voice is heard, and so you're behind our officers. Besides, the Club should be fun on that night as we boost our favorite candidates.

If you can't attend, vote anyway: your sample ballot we mail will tell you how. By the way, only *Life, Active and Past Commodore* Members have the vote under our By-Laws, but everyone is welcome at the Club

Cruises and Volunteers on My Mind

on the 18th.

Each year someone gets nominated from the floor on Nomination Night (this year it's September 4), and that's fine. But if you're going to nominate someone, *be sure you have their permission, and they DO want to serve the Club!* Sometimes, last-minute nominees resign shortly after being elected, when they realize what's involved.

Personally, I'm hoping someone will run hard and buy a round for everyone before the polls open at 6PM. It isn't true, but I'm going to tell all the candidates that my vote is for sale. My price starts at \$2.50, coincidentally the price of a Corona.

See you there.

— Joe Coons

BYC Member of the Month

This month we salute **Loraine Boland**. Loraine is the only appointed Club officer, serving as our Board Secretary, a job she has now been appointed to for several years, proving she's dedicated (or too easy-going to say "No!") Her minutes are the legal record of our governing body's activities for posterity, and they are published on time after every meeting of the Trustees or Executive Committee. As Secretary, she also is a signatory on the Club's legal and financial documents.

Loraine is also a bartender and willing worker on Club committees. She was involved in the past when First Mates was active, too.

Loraine is an accountant, and teaches accounting at Western Washington University. She's also a sailor, joining with husband **Ray Nelson** as they cruise and sometimes race in their 40' Jeanneau Sloop, *Allegro*.

Thank you Loraine, for the many ways you've helped the BYC!

Two New Ideas from the Board

Our BYC Board of Trustees had several recent agenda items that will interest you:

First, **it's expected that the Club will soon have an initiation fee set at \$100.** In return for the increased cost of joining, new members will get a free Burgee and name-tags for use at Club events.

The rationale for the additional fee is to provide an incentive for new Members to join *now*, before the fee is in place, and to keep present members from letting their membership lapse, to avoid having to pay it if re-joining.

Second, the Board may ask the Membership in September **whether to try hiring a professional bar-**

tender to staff our Club Bar. The trial period would likely be October—December this year. The Members need to be consulted since such a decision would require modification of the Club's "all-volunteer" By-Law.

The proposal has two particular benefits: It reduces the need for volunteers for bartending, leaving Members more time for other Club work; and we could have regular hours year round, which we are told helps make a bar successful. A professional probably would increase sales, too.

The negatives: The cost, which would reduce our net bar income, and the risk that the cost might be too great. That's why only a *trial* is proposed. — Joe Coons

New Dues Forms Out Sept. 1

All the Members of our Club will get new dues billing forms about September 1, and the Finance Committee hopes you will help your Club by responding with your dues payment quickly (it's due no later than October 31.)

As noted last month, dues can now be paid by credit card or check in full, or by credit card with four payments on October, January, April and July 1. A service charge is added to credit card payments as a handling fee to offset the "discount" that the Club pays our card processor. After your payment is received, the attractive new BYC Membership Cards will be issued to you.

Potpourri

Last Month we welcomed **Phil Riise** to the Club, but we spelled his name wrong. Sorry Phil, but whatever your name, we're glad you're here...

There were several impromptu parties at the Club recently: A special for **Marlene Bolster** when she celebrated the big FIVE-OH. (You don't look it, Marlene ...)

Have you noticed how busy our BYC dock is in July and August? That's when other Clubs come to use our reciprocal facilities just as we use theirs. Thanks for helping by welcoming visitors and limiting your loading and unloading use to times when there's plenty of room. Thanks, too, for keeping our own Mark Boats off the dock during this busy time. (That dock costs us about \$13,000 per year, with *Mogeo* and *Sound Decision* helping us defray that cost.) You can bet we're glad that Past Commodore **Steve Ross** saw to it that when the Harbor was rebuilt, we got first dibs on that slice of moorage, even if it *does* cost us....

Assistant Treasurers Joe Coons and Bob Garvie have asked the Board to consider purchase of some point-of-sale software for the bar to make cash registering, bar tabs, and end-of day reports easier. Ask Joe about it...

If you have news for this Jib Sheet, feel free to pass it on. We're sort of like the *New York Times* with a twist: All the news that fits we print...

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Can You Help?

We need help with a number of Club activities:

Bartending: Call **Steve Moore** at 201-8999 to fill your share of the schedule, hopefully one night a month, it would be a big help.

Sailing Race Help: Be a Mark Boat Driver, provide your boat as Committee Boat, etc. Call **Joe Bartlett**, 739-4234.

Jib Sheet Writing: We use MS Publisher — it's like *Word*, and we need help! It would be great if someone could report for us about sailing fleet activities. Call 739-1528.

PITCH and PacRim: These big events take a lot of volunteers. Call **Karen Callery** at 676-0784 for follow-up. **THANKS!**

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September, 2002

* Events

- 4 Annual Club Nominating Meeting 6PM.
- 6, 20 Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers.
- 18 Annual Club Election Day & Meeting 6-7PM.
- 19 Board Meeting 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30)
Open to Members.
- 22 Commodore's Picnic & Crab Fest 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

October, 2002

Events

- 2 Installation of Officers 6PM (Cocktails 5:30)
- 4, 18 Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers.
- 11-14 Columbus Day Cruise Joe Coons 739-1528
- 17 Board Meeting 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30)
Open to Members.
- Sailing Races (Details: Joe Bartlett, 739-4234)
- 12-13 PSSC (CYC)

November, 2002

Events

- 1, 15 Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers.
- 8-10 Annual 'Round the Island Powerboat Cruise.
Powerboats host sailors at Blakely & Roche H.
- 14 Board Meeting 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30)
Open to Members. **NOTE SPECIAL DATE!**
- 20 Tom & Jerry Party 5:30-7:30 in the Bar, all Mem-
bers, free, *but NO non-family guests!*
- Sailing Races (Details: Joe Bartlett, 739-4234)
- 9-10 'Round the County Race

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

Columbus Day Cruise

There *WILL* be a cruise on Columbus Day weekend, **October 11-14**, to Fisherman Bay. Here's the plan:

October 11, Friday, cruisers that can come early arrive. Casual events on the docks and aboard.

October 12, Saturday, more cruisers come and get on the docks. Those arriving in time might board one of the boats for a lunch-excursion to beautiful downtown Friday Harbor for food and/or shopping. In the afternoon, a cocktail party on the docks back in Fisherman Bay, then we'll head for dinner aboard, or enjoy a group table at the fine *Bay Café*.

October 13, Sunday, some folks may have to leave to get back to work Monday, while others might opt for golf or hiking, biking, etc. Sunday evening, another informal dock party, and perhaps a barbecue, details will be announced.

October 14 is the official holiday, but the last cruisers will be working their way back to Bellingham.

You can expect prizes, games, fun, and good moorage; Joe and Judy Coons are handling the arrangements. Reach them at 739-1528 or jcoons1058@aol.com.

Joe Coons

Captain Homie

Retired Member Frank Richardson, "Captain Homie", travels the Northwest in his 42' Hardin trawler year 'round, stopping at reciprocal yacht clubs and public moorages. From time to time he sends us a communiqué to help us enjoy our cruising more...here is a recent one about his travels in B.C.:

Ahoy from Campbell River! I sure do get lots of compliments on my BYC jacket. I've been having a great summer. I topped off with fuel here, and had to take on 272 gallons at 49.6 cents per liter. With tax I figured that to be about \$1.33 a gallon. This was the lowest I've ever bought in Canada. Then I was off to do laundry, then to work on a project that will allow my anchor chain to not pile-up in my chain-locker so poorly. I think I have a plan... *[Well, we'll see, Homie!]*

That Baby Orca went roaring by us just as we were coming out of Seymour Inlet. That was pretty cool! Hope they have success with that project.

This year was the first time for Homie to be here. I chose to stay at the Fishermens' Dock (south end of town). 50 cents per foot plus \$4 for 30 amp power. Upstream, Discovery Harbour Marina was getting 95 cents plus \$5. What I like about the Fishermens' Dock is that if you have to be doing some boat project that requires Skil Saw, paint, etc., you can do it there, but probably not at Discovery Harbour. Another nice thing about staying at the Fishermens' Dock is you get to watch all the boats that come and have to go up on the ways. This is how Homie finds out where all the "Uncharted Rocks" are! I never knew there were so many...

Kim Alfreds Does It Again

While most of our racing fleet was at home participating in the Moore Invitational, the Bellingham Yacht Club was proudly represented at Whidbey Island Race Week by **Kim and Lynda Alfreds** and their first place finish aboard *Cheekee Monkee*.

Six races were held during the regatta with *Cheekee Monkee* placing second in the first race followed by five firsts!

Congratulations to Kim and Lynda, and thank you for continuing to represent the Bellingham Yacht Club!

Blue Gavel Meeting Time!

Blue Gavel Chapter President Bud Peterson reports that a meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 5, at 5:30 PM in the Commodore's Room.**

As usual the meeting will begin with an "attitude adjustment hour", followed by dinner. All Past Commodores should make it a point to attend these quarterly meetings of this past commodore's society: They are fun, informative, and pleasantly social, usually ending by 8PM or so. Need a ride? Bud can arrange it!

You can reach President Bud Peterson at 733-6868, or e-mail him at fielston@aol.com.

Nominee Reminder....

It's essential that all nominees for office have a brief bio ready to give **Steve Moore**, nominating committee chairman, the night of nominations. Include your history of BYC involvement, data about your boat if any, and data about your family. *Thanks!*

I found the best place to do laundry in Campbell River was a bit of a walk south of town. Ian Munro (a new member, but an old boating buddy of mine), and his dog Kyle (the wonder dog) hiked up to the laundry. (Next time we'll take the #1-Dogwood, or #7-Peterson Bus from the downtown transit center at 2nd and Dogwood.) \$1.50 to wash, \$1.75 to dry, but the best part is the eatery, *Tomeli's*. It truly has the best fish and chips Homie has ever eaten! Even Ian (from the UK) thought it was pretty good. Kyle liked the chips too, aye.

If you stay more than three nights at the Fishermens' Dock they automatically give you the weekly rate which works out to four more nights for free, and if you want to use the Grid that's \$35, but they don't charge you for moorage that day.

So that's some of the poop about Campbell River. I'll probably make it one of my stops every year. I've been here twice now this year. —*Capt. Homie*

Contact the Captain at capt.homie@pocketmail.com.

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