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New Officers Elected; Installed Oct. 2nd

In one of the most active elections in years that clearly illustrated the new levels of Member involvement in Club affairs, in September the membership elected a new bridge and Trustees to carry the Club through the new October, 2002 through September, 2003 Club year.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

Chosen as Commodore was **John Gargett**; Vice Commodore, **Marlene Bolster**; and Rear Commodore, **Richard Veach**. Each had served in the next lower position in 2001-2.

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Cruise This Month!

At least half a dozen cruisers have indicated their intent to join all or part of the **BYC Columbus Day Weekend Cruise**, October 11-14, to Fisherman Bay's Lopez Island Resort.

THE SCHEDULE IN BRIEF:

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

October 12, Saturday, more cruisers come

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Club Scrub October 25

Commodore **John Gargett** has scheduled this year's **Fall Club Scrub for Saturday, October 25, from 9AM—Noon.**

The first Club Scrub was held on March 2, and was a resounding success as Members came together volunteering to fix up the Club's building a grounds. About fifty members participated at that first-time event, and in addition to cleaning the Club's rooms, they hauled out a huge semi-trailer-sized dumpster-full of trash and junk, painted window frames, organized storage rooms, and more.

In this fall session, although there's still some routine cleaning required, there are also a number of more creative tasks that our volunteers will undertake! There are some painting projects, but also carpentry and flooring tasks to be done as our efforts in Building and House activities move toward "improvement" from "the basics".

As in March, all volunteers will enjoy a free lunch and refreshments right after noon (although one Member quoted the old "no such thing as a free lunch" cliché). New Building & House Chairman **John Asmundson** is working with **Dick Johnson**, last spring's chair, to develop a list of tasks and, as before, have all the tools and materials on hand.

Please put the date on your personal calendar, and plan to have fun with new and old friends who share your interest in making our Club a better place! Thanks ...

September Full of Events

P.I.T.C.H., the **Pacific Rim International Yachting Challenge**, and **The Bellingham Bay One Design Regatta** were just three of the major events that occupied us during September. Between the three events, we hosted over 600 important visitors from around United States and the entire Pacific Rim.

This expanded *Jib Sheet* has stories about the events on **pages 2, 3, 4, and 5**. They give you a reminder of how your BYC is, indeed, the eminent boating organization in the Region ... *in case you were wonder-*

Commodore's Column

As incoming Commodore, thanks to everyone for the vote of confidence. This past year under the leadership of **Karen Callery**, we have seen the BYC grow in membership and programs, and we completed a great sailing season with both PacRim and the Bellingham Bay One Design successes.

With only four positions open for the Board, we had nine highly qualified and enthusiastic candidates; I only regret that they all couldn't win! **Roger Van Dyken, Meredith Ross, Jamie Foti and Don Dangelmaier** will serve us well as 1st Year Trustees. **Tim Mumford**, our new Fleet Captain, is extremely enthusiastic, and with **Richard Veach** as Rear Commodore, and **Marlene Bolster** as Vice Commodore, we will be well served. **Loraine Boland** is retir-

ing as Secretary, to be replaced by **Peter Smith**, a newer member.

I hope you will all be able to come meet your Bridge on October 2 for the Installation of Officers.

Excitement will continue in 2002/2003 as we build on our successes. Many of you have stepped forward to volunteer to serve on committees, bartend (which is great fun and a good way to meet others) and pledged to help in Club scrubs, races and cruises. Our success has been due to efforts by people such as **Dick Johnson, Joe Coons, Al Callery, and Steve Moore** to name a few, but most of all, the huge volunteer efforts of **you, our members**. Thanks for the support!

I hope that every one of you will mark November 2 on your calendars and plan to attend the **Commodore's Ball**. You will receive your

invitation shortly, but it is shaping up to be a great evening!

As for boating, we already have a number of volunteers who have stepped forward to chair cruises. Many of our "traditional" cruises will be repeated including the Royal Vic Cruise, the New Year's Cruise, the Crab Feed Cruise, and other events that will be geared to both our Sail and Power Fleets. Our new Club year begins with a Columbus Day Cruise to Fisherman's Bay October 10, 11 and 12, and November 8-10 is the annual Power Fleet cruise with our Sailing Fleet who will be racing in the 'Round the County race. Then in December comes the Lighted Boat Parade!

2002-3 will be great, because it's the water, the boats and the friendship that brings us together!

John Gargett, Commodore

Editorial

Now's the time to plan your involvement in the Club for the coming year!

Commodore **John Gargett** is lining up his committees, and you will not only help your Club, *but help yourself* if you sign up!

How will you help yourself? You'll find that if you're on a committee, you'll develop new friendships with Members whom you wouldn't otherwise meet...and you'll have fun as together you accomplish an important Club task.

Of course, the first thing to help with is the **Club Scrub on Saturday, October 26, from 9:00AM—Noon**. This is definitely a short term, three-hour commitment! At noon, a free lunch will be served. There are lots of projects to be accomplished, requiring all kinds of skills from the most basic to fairly exotic.

I'll see you there!

If you missed the Commodore's Picnic on September 22,

*Getting Involved, and
a Great Picnic*

you missed a good event! Fleet Captain Richard Veach arranged for **free** good food and drinks, and a lot of fun as we scurried around hunting for buried treasure including both bottles of rum (ho-ho-ho) and cash. An educated guess put the crowd at about 70-80 members, with around 25 boats in the raft, on a positively *gorgeous* day!

Don't miss this event in 2003!

Finally, let me give you a preview of good news to come: The 2002-2003 year which ends September 30 is shaping up to be the best one financially for the Club in *generations*. **You, and all BYC Members are the reason!** Thanks for your support. — *Joe Coons*

BYC Member of the Month

Some folks are real outgoing and out there in front of the pack; others just quietly go along, assuming tasks and getting things done without a lot of fuss. It's one of the latter that we recognize this month.

Tim Mumford came on the Squaticum Harbor scene a few years ago when he bought Squaticum Marine Upholstery (which is now just "Squaticum Marine, Inc.") and he immediately became an active, supportive, well-liked part of the waterfront.

Not the least of his activities was the BYC, where he got involved in our Opening Day events, including doing the first significant fundraising from event sponsors. In addition, he worked hard on Building & House projects, and for the past year has served on our Board. Now he's been recognized by election to Fleet Captain. Tim and wife **Verna** share *Mogeo*, a 36' Grand Banks powerboat.

Thanks, **Tim**, for everything:
Now, **Keep it Up!**

P.O.S. System Going in to Bar

Our BYC Board of Trustees has given the green light to the Club's Assistant Treasurer, **Joe Coons** (who along with **Bob Garvie** does the Club's bookkeeping) to purchase a new computerized Point-of-Sale System (abbreviated "POS").

The new system, which is expected to be installed in early October, will be based on a standard personal computer, and will use the "NextPOS" software package which is sold nationally and installed in tens of thousands of locations.

Volunteer bartenders will find the new POS system easy to use, with a "touch screen" display. For example, to sell a beer the bartender will tap "Beer", then the brand, such as

"Corona". The system can keep tabs by Member name, and its "cash drawer" functions track cash.

When a member wants to check out, the system will read a credit card or receive a check or cash, making transactions simpler than the present separate register and credit card system. The unit's printer automatically generates a printed copy of a Member's bar check for his/her records.

Because of the "Touch Screen", operations should be extremely simple, and with the system's extensive sales tracking, it's reports should help with our buying processes.

The system will also be used to track all other sales, including regattas, dues, and the ship's store.

Dues Payments Are Rolling In!

Happily, our BYC Members are responding promptly to the new dues payment schemes. About 20% of dues billings had been received already when we were going to press on September 22.

As soon as a Member's dues are received, the new Membership Cards are issued. Members with any questions should contact **Joe Coons** at (360) 739-1528 or at jcoons1058@aol.com. "Sometimes we make mistakes", said Coons. "We want every Member to be treated accurately and fairly, while at the same time treating the Club fairly by collecting its dues. Call with concerns!"

From Our Retiring Fleet Captain...

The 29th PITCH regatta was truly a success! Boats from around Puget Sound arrived Labor Day Weekend to do battle on the waters of Bellingham Bay. With good winds and clear skies, the sailors enjoyed the close competition and warm hospitality of our club. Thanks to local businesses the junior sailors raised about \$1200 for their program.

The Pacific Rim Regatta was held the second week of September and it highlighted our volunteers' strength. Thanks to many members' dedication and support, we were able to provide the sailors ten races in five days! Not significant? You had to be there to appreciate the difficulty of the task. From all among the various sailing communities, we hear "well done"!

The One Design Regatta was our third and final regatta in September. Thanks to the efforts of **Gary Baker**, this regatta, cancelled last year because of the events of 9/11, brought in 185 participants! With the Byte Nationals and two separate courses being run, everyone had a very busy and enjoyable two days.

Finally, we held the annual Commodore's Picnic at Inati Bay Sunday, September 22. We all appreciated the perfect weather and thanks to Chef **Bob Kehoe** for cooking our meal, **Britain Walker** for the grill, and **Floyd King** for use of the "landing craft". It was a well-earned party for **Karen** as she smoked her cigar and begins the transition into the Blue Gavel. *Rear Comm. Richard Veach*

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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 **Tim Mumford**, 354-4509.

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.

Other Committees: Commodore **John Gargett** is making assignments right now. Contact him to volunteer at 734-3499. **THANKS!**

PacRim Race Report

The Pacific Rim Challenge 2002 was hosted by the Bellingham Yacht Club and the Bellingham Sister Cities Association from September 7th through September 13th. The race trophy was presented to Canada after ten races staged during the week on Bellingham Bay. The Canadians were in close contention all week with the Russian team and bested them by only one point. The Americans were not too far back, but the Kiwis, Aussies, and Japanese seemed a bit baffled about sailing in light winds, more accustomed to screaming gales off their coasts.

Few seemed to feel threatened about the losses with standing room only every late afternoon and evening at the BYC lounge. After 12 years of racing every second year, the six international teams have forged bonds that surely will last forever. The lounge saw old friends flinging their arms around each other, while newcomers made friends in about five minutes. Virtually every evening of the Challenge week saw planned and impromptu parties. Among the lively hosts were **Ken and Char Malseed** and **Gary and Mary Baker**.

In a way, the weather cooperated because it was gorgeous every day except Sunday, but that was the day of the Inati Bay salmon bake. Spitting rain and winds blowing a good 26 K. churned Bellingham Bay into ideal sailing conditions earlier (surely the Aussies and Kiwis felt at home). Passenger boats to Inati rocked and rolled, even Joe Coons's sturdy *Sky-lark II*. We are indebted to **Stowe Talbot**, of Bellingham Cold Storage, for hosting the salmon bake in style.

A change of pace marked Monday night with a Sudden Valley western hoedown, hamburgers and hot dogs, corn boiled in a big outdoor pot, and pies. A western band and a professional caller embroiled almost everyone into square dance moves marked with enthusiasm, if not grace.

Thanks to **Al Callery** and his race committee, the racing went smooth as silk. It seemed that the teams were more competitive this

year, someone remarked. The writer saw three boats just meters apart at the leeward mark during one race. The committee included **Steve Ross**, **Dick Johnson**, **Rich Veach**, **Commodore Karen** and **Carol Veach** along with daughters **Cassandra** and **Kelsey**. **Don** and **Pat Danglemaier**, **Tim Mumford**, and **Steve Moore** operated the mark boats, while **Ray Nelson** and **Gus Farrar** helped on the crew transfer boats. **David Bradley**, **Quinn Selsor**, **Jack Delay** and **Joe Coons** manned the spectator boats, and Ken Malseed, Gus Farrar, **Craig Henderson** and **Dean Christianson** donated the "go-fer" boats. Generous boat owners donated their J-36s for the event: **Bob & Chris Mayfield**, **Bill Moore**, **Dawn Durand & Joe Bartlett**, **Frank Repanich**, **Jack Gerity**, and **Marlene Bolster**.

Plaudits go especially to **Marty & Gail Haines** and **Loraine Boland** for master-minding the front office, **Bernie Bell** and her crew for **preparing daily lunches for teams and staff**, **Michael Hopkins** for photography, **Kathy Duffey** for volunteering to tend bar at BYC, the host families, and literally dozens of other volunteers doing their special tasks to make it all run smoothly.

International visitors enjoyed sightseeing tours, a trip to LaConner and to Mount Baker, and teams and visitors all boarded the *Island Caper* on Wednesday, a lay day, for an all-day trip to Friday Harbor with whale watching. The final banquet crowded the second floor of the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, and a smaller group of die-hards danced to the Atlantics until midnight.

The Pacific Rim Challenge 2002 is pleasant history now. It was an event that was inspired by the arrival in 1988 of the Russian's *Kapitan Pan-ae*v to race against the BYC, but began "for real" in 1990 featuring five of the present teams (New Zealand joined in 1992). Challenge 2004 will be held at Nakhodka, Russia, and teams should begin recruiting members without delay.

Al Callery writes:

Magic? What the Bellingham Yacht Club can do is Magic! We just witnessed an outpouring of club support for the PacRim 2002 regatta. Tremendous support. Sailors, power boaters, non-boaters, all helped make BYC's involvement in the regatta something to be envied. From Friday to Friday, our visitors from Russia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Canada were overwhelmed with kindness and interest, sharing common experiences, becoming friends. It sure is easy to say with pride that I am a member of the Bellingham Yacht Club. Magic? Yes, magic.

P.S: And then we astounded the community with our One Design Regatta. Wow!

A Brief Note...

Past Commodore **Jack Black** writes to say that he and wife **Lisa** and family are now at 7687 Santa Margherita Way, Naples FL 34109, phone 239-594-5769, cell 239-595-3339, fax 239-594-5782. Jack says they're busy buying furniture (they sold most here) and are settling in. "We'll be back in August when my daughter's getting married", he says.

Commodore's Cup

The traditional Commodore's Cup race was held in bright, sunny weather with moderate winds on Sunday, September 22. Order of finish was:

- 1st, *Catspaw*, Commodore Karen, 58:02;
- 2nd, *Allegro*, Ray Nelson & Loraine Boland, 58:42;
- 3rd, *Zephyr*, Dick Labadie, 59:01;
- 4th, *Flying Circus*, Eric Yaremko, 66:08.

In spite of this year's winner, it's reliably reported that this year's race *was not fixed*.

One-Design Race Report

We were expecting around 100 sailors in six classes and had 187 sailors in nine classes including Optimists, Bytes, and Lasers! We ran two courses both days, and the Bay was absolutely filled with sailboats. Some of the classes were open to adults and some were just youth.

In addition to the one-design events, it was also the Byte U.S. National Championships, which Canadians could sail in, too. There were 29 12-foot Bytes competing, with two adult women sailing in it and the rest were youth, and it was won by **Rob Dale** from the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Most of our Jr. Sailors do not have the experience for this level of competition, so we had only four

get on the water; wait until next year!

There were young Byte sailors from as far away as southern California, and we received many compliments on the running of the regatta.

The logistics were substantial: For example, we provided lunches for all of the sailors and committee people each day, it was **Lynne Hamilton** who helped accomplish this task.

Having just completed the Pac-Rim the day before, all our BYC folks were burned out, but we still successfully did it, although we did drop the Etchells class because of not being able to run a third course.

I was the overall Race Chairman and ran one course with the Byte Na-

(See "One Design" on page 7)

(ELECTIONS from page 1)

Joining the bridge as Fleet Captain is **Tim Mumford**, who was a Trustee in the year ending September 30. These officers, in addition to the Club's appointed Board Secretary serve as our Executive Board.

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS HAD NINE CONTENDERS

The Nominating Committee approached seventeen of our Members to run for the Board, and there were *nine* candidates who accepted the call to offer themselves to serve the Club, the largest number of willing candidates in memory, and a tribute to our revitalized membership. (See **Moore Humbled!** to the right on this page 5.)

Nominated were **Jamie Foti, Meredith Ross, Don Dangelmaier, Roger Van Dyken, Glenn Gelhar, Karen Heggem, Terry Blocher, Dick Grimshaw, and Teresa Van Haalen** to fill the four open "First Year Trustee" seats. While Foti, Ross, Dangelmaier, and Van Dyken were elected, the runners-up will provide a pool of Members from whom the Board can draw appointees for vacancies that could occur during the year to come; one vacancy will occur at once, as Tim Mumford will need to be replaced on the Board, for he was a first year Trustee at the time of his higher-office election.

(The Club has eight trustees that serve two years each; four are elected each year. Since Tim had only served one year, his position needs to be filled by appointment. Usually, the Board selects its appointees from the slate of unelected nominees from the previous election, if there are any.)

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES OCTOBER 2

The Annual installation ceremonies will be on Wednesday, October 2, in the Lower Lounge at the Club, and will begin at 6:00PM (the bar will be open at 5:00PM). The official program will be conducted as usual by the Club's Past Commodores in the BYC Blue Gavel Chapter. At this time, also, Commodore **Karen Callery** will become a "Past Commodore", and will have an opportunity to reflect on her year officially. Incoming Commodore **John Gargett** will also tell those present a little bit about his plans for 2002-3.

Come on down to your BYC on **Wednesday the 2nd of October at 6:00PM** to meet, and show your support for, all your Club's leaders!

Moore Humbled!

Nominating Committee Chair Steve Moore wrote us to say:

When asked to chair the Nominating Committee, I recalled that sometimes we had trouble finding even four people who were willing to work for the next two years. Was I wrong: Not only were 17 names offered to the Committee, but nine said yes! Nine members who were willing to serve the Club. Nine willing to spend their 3rd Thursdays at Board Meetings. Nine members wanting to "give back to the Club" something in return for all that the Club had done for them. WOW!

Over the following days I received wonderful letters of acceptance. Letters filled with, how should I say it? *Love?* Love for the people at BYC!

It would have been so simple to just say yes or no. Send a note that confirms Yes. *Done.* But that's not how it went. The acceptances read like a BIG THANK YOU. Members were saying thank you for just being asked to serve! That's a different concept. Normally it's the other way around. But here were nine BYC members enthusiastically saying, "Yes, I want to serve the Club."










While the letters of acceptance were good, it was what I received from the others: Wonderful letters from people SORRY that they couldn't run, stating how absolutely amazed they were for even being nominated. Letters of regret, that were just a few things different in their lives, they would jump at the chance. A thank-you from one for just being noticed. A heart warming "I'm sorry" from one that wanted to give back to the Club, because they have received so very much from it.

I have chaired many committees over the years, but never been so excited as I was when reading those letters. I was humbled. It became apparent to me that there are many people in our Club who want to serve because they feel good about the BYC. To help. NOT help the place, but help the *PEOPLE*.










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


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December 2002

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OCTOBER 2002

2		Installation of Officers. 6PM (Cocktails 5:30)
4, 18		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
11-14		Columbus Day Cruise. To Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island, dinner Sat. Contact: Joe Coons, 739-1528
17		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499
26		Club Scrub. 9AM—Noon, free lunch after. See P.1.
Racing Program		
12-13		PSSC (CYC)

NOVEMBER 2002

1, 15		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
2		Commodore's Ball. The year's biggest event! 6PM cocktails, 7PM dinner. John Gargett, 734-3499.
8-10		Annual Round the Island Powerboat Cruise. Powerboats host sailors at Blakely and Roche Harbors.
14		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499
27		Tom & Jerry Party. 5:30-7:30 in the bar, all members free, but NO non-family guests.
Racing Program		
9-10		'Round the County Race

DECEMBER 2002

6, 20		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
7		Lighted Boat Parade. Get numbers, instructions & register at Club. Details: Tim Mumford 354-4509. (Rain date: Next day, December 8.)
19		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
28-31		New Year's Gourmet Cruise. Tim Mumford (above).
31		New Year's Eve Party. A gala event hosted by Emerald Bay Events. Contact: 734-7832

**BAR & LOUNGE WINTER HOURS
THURSDAY-SATURDAY, 4—9 PM.**

(*"Cruise" from page 1*)

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, there's 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.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

You can expect prizes, games, fun, and good moorage at *The Islander Lopez Resort* (that's the Marina that's further in the Bay); Joe & Judy Coons are handling arrangements: 739-1528 or jcoons1058@aol.com.

Captain Homie

Retired Member Frank Richardson, "Captain Homie", from time to time sends us a communiqué to help us enjoy our cruising more...here is a recent one:

While cruising with new BYC Members **Ian Munro**, **Hercules**, and **Dave and Debbie Lenartz**, *Megabyte*, we were coming into Drew Harbor. *Megabyte* gets a bit too close to shore right around the corner of Rebecca Spit and dings one of his props. After diving under his boat to check his props, it was hard to understand what he was saying until his voice finally returned to normal. Debbie looked concerned. I think the water's too cold, and under the circumstances Dave hadn't had enough to drink.

Anyway we all decided to go to Hariot Bay and stock up on staples. Homie buys seven 6-packs of *McEwens Scottish Ale*. After a while, the store only had three lonely bottles left. (Homie didn't want to be a pig, aye. I bought some groceries also.)

Now we all get back in the dinghy, first going to Ian's boat. As we approach the swim step with a slight bump, Homie suddenly hears "pssssssss". *This is a bad sound when you're in an inflatable dinghy*. Quickly, Ian puts his finger over the spot where the pssssssss is coming from. Homie is trying to figure out how he's going to save all the *McEwens Scottish Ale*, seeing as how there are only three lonely bottles left back at the store.

Ian says, "Here, Homie put your finger right here, and don't let go, I should be able to get off safely".

How nice, now Homie is in charge.

Homie says "Take me to my boat next, aye".

After getting all seven 6-packs of *McEwens Scottish Ale* on my swim step, and the groceries, Homie abandons the dinghy after showing Debbie where the pssssssss is coming from, and helping direct her where to place *her* finger. For sure, she saved their lives!

Later, Dave fixed the leak, and his voice is back to normal. Debbie says he's fine. We all lived to cruise an-

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tionals and Optis; many thanks go to **Dick Johnson, Al Callery, Rich and Carol Veach**, and **Steve Ross** (committee boat) running the other course. Thanks go too to **Terry and Sally Hileman**, Saturday) and **Joe and Judy Coons** (Sunday) for committee boats for the Bytes/Optis. Also, thanks to **Erin Smith, Byte National Representative; Cheryl Smith, Ray Nelson, Randy Nulle, Tricia Brandt**, and **Don Danglemaier** and **daughter Kathy** that helped on committee boats.

Thanks to mark boat crews **Steve Moore, Joe Bartlett, Bruce Hamilton, Ron Erickson, Adam Lindsey**, and **Craig Cooper**, and registrars **Meredith Ross, Penny Bradley, Cheryl Smith**, and **Lynne Hamilton**.

I hope I included everyone here, because they all did such a good job!

Gary Baker

A Brief Editorial...

Well, my first year as an officer of the BYC is over and I thought I'd share a few thoughts.

In the beginning I was apprehensive about what I perceived as the needless formalities; the blue blazers, the raising of the officer's flags and a few other things. As the year progressed I came to realize that these traditions make us all a part of something bigger than any one person. We maintain rituals and traditions of the past so that our club, our community of members, can pass on something better than that which we found. So I'll make this short: thanks to Commodore Karen, the officers, the board and the members, *the Bellingham Yacht Club is better off today than it was a year ago!*

Rear Commodore Richard Veach

New Members

Welcome to the following newcomers:

Gil & Barbara Espejo, 11309 NE 144th Place, Kirkland WA 98034, 425-485-0558, *Defiance*, a 60' Bayliner, gillisbayho@hotmail.com.

Gary & Judy Hoffman, 2012 Minor Ave. E., Apt. A, Seattle WA 98102, 202-0869, *Discovery*, 46' GB, ghoffman@grandachtsnw.com.

Adam Lindsay, 123 Hilene Rd., Bellingham 98226, 671-3234, ski1der@hotmail.com / adam.lindsay17@yahoo.com.

Donald & Tina Grace Mierzeski, 505 32nd St. #107-286, Bellingham 98225, 739-1441, *Wishful Thinking*, 32' C&C, dmierzeski@hotmail.com.

We're glad to have all of you in our Club!

other day. And that's a true story, aye. *Captain Homie*

PS: I sure do like the *McEwens Scottish Ale*, aye. Try some when next you're in Canada!

Contact Homie at capt.homie@pocketmail.com to find out what the outcome was of the prop strike on Megabyte. For some reason, he lost his story focus ... [Ed]

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