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Lighted Boat Parade: Fun While Giving!

The Annual BYC Lighted Boat Parade will be **Saturday, December 7**. Here's the schedule:

3:00-5:00PM: Registration at the Club.

5:00PM: "Boats Away"

5:30PM: Boats rendezvous at the Ferry Terminal, parade begins.

Boats will proceed northward past the Star Rock buoy so as to circle the anchored judges' boat clockwise, then cruise back to the ferry terminal and repeat the process, until having passed the judges a second time, then boats and crews will return to the Club.

At the Club, we'll all be dining on Dick Labadie's wonderful chili with appropriate accompaniments, and the prizes will be awarded.

Sink the Dinghy!

Most of us are fortunate enough to be able to fully enjoy the Christmas season in the manner we wish. We also know that even here in Bellingham and Whatcom County there are many who are not as fortunate. During the November Board meeting, we decided that we, the Bellingham Yacht Club, can help at least some in our community by asking all Members to

Bus Reservations Due

Fleet Captain **Tim Mumford** has the annual bus trip to the **Seattle Boat Shows** arranged. Here's the schedule:

Sunday, January 19:

8:00-8:30AM: Coffee and pastry at the Club

8:30 Sharp! Bus departs for Seattle from BYC lot. During the ride, tickets for the Safeco Exhibition Hall show are distributed to all riders. Refreshments.

Around 10:00: Bus stops first at "In the Water" show at Chandler's Cove. Passengers disembark. A limited number of discount tickets will be available to the Chandler's Cove show.

The bus then continues to the Safeco Field Exhibition Hall to drop off remaining passengers at the Seattle Boat Show.

5:00PM Sharp! Bus leaves from appointed spot at Safeco Exhibition Hall for return to BYC. Refreshments served by your beautiful hostesses and handsome hosts.

The cost, expected to be around \$25, covers the bus, tickets to the Safeco Hall show, refreshments both ways, and ends your parking and traffic worries. In addition, participants always have fun on the ride home determining which Members have been austere or reckless in the boat expense management and showing off purchases. And of course, everyone compares various "dreamboats" they went aboard at one of the shows.

Call Tim NOW at 733-4353 and make your non-cancelable reservation while there still is space!

join us and "sink the dinghy", that is, load up our BYC bar's decorative dinghy with food, gifts and money to help those less fortunate. Our goal is simply to help in what ever way we can. Even a single can, a small present or check will make a difference for someone this year.

Monica Gargett (734-3499) has volunteered to serve as the coordinator. If you would like to help her effectively "Sink the Dinghy", please give Monica a call for further details about those we will be helping. *By sinking the dinghy with gifts and checks, the BYC will be raising the lifeboat for someone in need.*

Thanks for your help!

Commodore's Column

Let's start with some trivia - the Bellingham Yacht Club (78 years old) has existed longer than KGMI Radio (75 years old)!

The Commodore's Ball was a great night of fun and friendship. **Monica** and I thank all of you who were there, especially **Roberta McCord** for helping with the set-up and **Gail and Brittain Walker** who provided a great dinner for us.

At the Sailing Fleet Awards Banquet, in addition to the large number of awards that were given out to our champions this year, **Al Callery** was confirmed by vote to the position of the BYC Sailing Fleet Captain, succeeding **Joe Bartlett** who served with distinction. Thanks Joe!

There are a number of Holiday Season events: Wednesday, the 27th of November, the Board will host all Members at the annual Tom &

Jerry Party at the club. On December 7th, the Lighted Boat Parade will be held, with boats rallying at the Fairhaven Cruise Terminal around 5:30, returning afterwards for a fantastic chili dinner prepared by **Dick Labadie**. (See story page 1). In the spirit of the season, please help us "Sink the Dinghy" by overloading the dinghy in the club with gifts and checks to give to needy children and families!

Fridays at Five keeps growing, and **Steve Moore** says he only has a couple of Fridays open between now and March! If you haven't had a chance to host a F@5, please contact Steve so he can schedule you. (On 11/15, **Tri-County Engine** gave a great presentation on winterizing engines, and even some old veterans of the sea were heard to say they learned a few things. Tri-County also had a drawings won by **Ron &**

Nancy Erickson and Dick Woods. Thanks Mike, Laurie, Horace & Alice for your participation.

The Board is taking action on the continued revitalization of our Youth Fleet and Youth Programs. Fleet Captain **Tim Mumford** is forming a Committee to oversee the Youth Fleet, and is looking for both parent and youth volunteers. We want to make the Youth Fleet one that is the envy of the Northwest. Knowing how the enthusiasm, excitement and involvement of our youth benefits the club, you might want to help: please give Tim a call.

Both Monica and I wish each and every one of you, and your family and friends, a joyful and peaceful holiday season as we all continue to enjoy the water, the boats and the friendship.

John Gargett, Commodore

Editorial

In the column to the right, you'll see the "Member of the Month" is **Dick Grimshaw**, our Club's only OBE-holder (see the story details).

The story, and my new enthusiasm for Dick came about because, in addition to going to most Fridays at Five, I attend the Finance Committee meetings once a month, and when I did so in November, at 6PM everyone in the bar left for the Board meeting except for Dick, my wife **Judy** and me. As we chatted about what we'd each been doing lately, we learned about his trip, and the reason for it. Remarkable!

It reminded Judy and me how (as Oprah says) "Everyone has a story". I dare say that every BYC Member has something interesting to share, if only we'll ask!

If you know someone's story that you think will interest the Club, let me know by phone or e-mail (see back page) and I'll try to see that they're recognized and publicized.

Thanks!

*"Getting to Know You"
and getting New
Members....*

Just because we've had a great year for membership growth, this is no time to let up! If you know a boater, or a non-boater that wants to be around boaters and the water, why not bring them down to the Club for a Friday at Five? Or, call me or Dick Johnson or an officer and we'll see that a personal tour is offered. Membership applications and brochures are in the rack by the front door to the bar.

Christmas Shopping? Don't forget the Ship's Store 20%-off deal through December 24. Call me, Dick Johnson, or see an officer at any Club event.

Meanwhile, have a wonderful holiday! — *Joe Coons*

BYC Member of the Month

Did you know that one of our Members recently earned the coveted "Order of the British Empire" from Queen Elizabeth? It's true, and it's **Dick Grimshaw**, one of our newer BYC-ers and now a devoted volunteer here at your Club. Dick earned the award for his worldwide service to agriculture: As a retired volunteer, he has spearheaded the study of an amazing erosion and contamination-controlling grass, vetiver, which has helped a number of countries economically, and especially it has relieved poverty. Dick became interested in it when he was an executive with the World Bank.

For the presentation by the Queen at Buckingham, Dick traveled to Great Britain in early November.

Dick and his wife **Meng** live here in Bellingham, and he's the proud owner of *Moonshadow*, a 38' Morgan sailboat. A nice guy...

Dick Grimshaw is another prime example of our interesting members!

Bar/Lounge Report

The new point of sale system for the bar is in place. It is very user-friendly and makes life easier for our volunteer bartenders and the volunteers in the office as well.

The bar now opens at 5PM, not 4PM every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Wednesdays will be open at 6PM on weeks the Louis Vuitton Cup sailors are racing.

Twelve more members have taken the bartending class, bringing the total to sixty, with thirteen more wanting to do so.

The assigned bartending scheduling was well received by our volun-

teers. We will continue this with some modification as we go along. This has also been a big help to me!

Saturday night, November 24, bartenders Jack Delay and Patricia Decker brought a jazz pianist as a guest. A larger than average group for Saturdays enjoyed a couple hours of very enjoyable music. We'll try to have entertainment like this more often!

Please call me if you have any ideas or suggestions for things that we can do for our lounge.

Dick Johnson, 739-6690

"OPEN HOUSE" December 12

Last year shortly after our bar opened, we had an "Open House" membership promotion event at the Club which was a *huge* success in attracting new Members, so the Board is repeating it this year. You'll see *Herald* ads!

The Club will be open from 5:00PM-9:00PM, but the Open House is from 5:30—7:30. We'll have free appetizers and soft drinks, and the bar will be selling drinks on this one day the WSLCB lets us be open to the public.

Members can help us by volunteering to host our guests and make them feel welcome, and by answering their questions about our Club (and by going easy on the appetizers so there'll be enough!)

Come on down and help us strengthen our BYC!

Cruise News

Cruise Chair **Quinn Selsor** reports that planning is underway. Most likely are the reciprocal cruise to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, expected to be June 28 to 30 (Quinn needs to confirm when the Canadians will celebrate their "Canada Day since July 1 is on a Tuesday).

Also, a "Whiskey-Crab Chowder" Cruise, hosted by Steve and Meredith Ross, probably at Garrison Bay in mid August. Also certain to be on the agenda is the Past Commodore's Cruise to Blakely Island April 25-26-27, and a cruise to the Gulf Islands, likely Ganges, in June.

Call Quinn (676-5709) with your suggestions, and don't be reluctant to lead a cruise, it's easy, and fun, besides you get to do it "your way"!

RBAW Worth It!

For more than 35 five years, the *Recreational Boating Association of Washington* has been speaking with a single, clear voice with the ideas, aims and objectives of our State's Boaters.

They have conveyed our positions to the legislature and to regulators much more effectively than any individual or single group could hope to do.

RBAW has a professional lobbyist in Olympia, who makes our voice heard by lawmakers. RBAW is also a member of the National Boating Federation supporting national pro-boating laws.

RBAW represents some 30,000 boaters in the State through individual memberships and the membership of over 50 boating clubs in the State. We encourage all boaters to join RBAW. For further information, contact **Ray Nelson**, our RBAW rep, at 647-7942.

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DECEMBER 2002

6, 20		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
7		Lighted Boat Parade. Get numbers, instructions & register at Club. Details: Page 1, Tim Mumford 354-4509. (Rain date: Next day, December 8.)
11		Blue Gavel Meeting (Past Commodores). 5PM Cocktails, 6PM Dinner, Contact Bud Peterson, 733-6868.
12		Annual Membership Drive/Reception. The Club hosts visitors 5:30—7:30PM. Gail Walker, 734-2998
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

JANUARY 2003

1		Happy New Year! Come and enjoy New Year's Day Afternoon at the BYC: The Rose & Orange Bowls on the Big Screen TV's.
3,17		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
16		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
19		Seattle Boat Show Bus Trip. Tim Mumford (above).
26		Superbowl Sunday and Chili Cookoff. Come to the party at the Club, have great chili, remember last year? Bob Kehoe, 676-0898

FEBRUARY 2003

7,21		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
20		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.

**BAR & LOUNGE WINTER HOURS
THURSDAY-SATURDAY, 5—9 PM.**

BYC AWARDS NIGHT: FULL HOUSE, HAPPY WINNERS

Both youth and experience triumphed at BYC's well-attended annual Sailing Awards Banquet held at the clubhouse November 16. The ceremonies were organized by retiring sailing fleet captain **Joe Bartlett**, who presented the trophies along with Commodore **John Gargett**.

The top Sportsman of the Year award went to **Al Callery**, owner of the J-34 *Catspaw 2* with his wife, ex-Commodore **Karen Callery**. "I was surprised, but very proud," he said after the award.

The Boat of the Year trophy was awarded to **Jon Seestrom's Tumbleweed**, and the prestigious Etchells Cup went to **Gary Baker's Toast**.

Past Commodore **Dick Johnson** received the Race

Chairman award, and 15-year-old **Kelsey Overby** won the coveted Junior Sailing Leadership Trophy. Kelsey follows in the footsteps of her sister **Cassandra**, 19, who won last year. Kelsey took on the responsibility of organizing and running the club's Wednesday races, and achieved professional standards. "At least here were no protests afterward," joked her father, **Richard Veach**. She will be performing the same duties in the coming season.

Both Kelsey and Cassandra crew for Richard on his 37-foot Pearson, and Kelsey has been racing Bytes for the past two years. "I'm very proud of her," said Richard, who himself received a trophy for his sailing performance in the past season.

Other major awards were as follows:

Vendovi Island race, *Jamoca*, **Joe Bartlett**; *Pt. Roberts race*, *Madam X*, **Alan Taylor**; *Governor's Point race*, *Jamoca*, **Joe Bartlett**; *The Commodore's Cup*, *Catspaw 2*, *Al and Karen Callery*; *Jack Island race*, *Carrera*, **Chris Rosinski**.

Long-Distance Overall, Division I, *Jamoca*, **Joe Bartlett**; Long-Distance Overall, Division II, *Allegro*, **Ray Nelson**; Spring Series Overall, *Tumbleweed*, **Jon Seestrom**; Summer Series Overall, *Honker*, **Richard and Carol Veach**; Fall Series Overall, *Tumbleweed*, **Jon Seestrom**. Moore Invitational, *Flash/Impetuous*, **Jeff McClure and Tom Deroose/Jack Gerrity**.

Reported by John Vigor

Captain Homie

Retired Member Frank Richardson, "Captain Homie", from time to time sends us communiqués...

I met [BYC Member] Fabrice [Roignot] in Vancouver 8/17. You all know that is one of Homies' favorite places to be. I love that city. The first day I showed Fabrice how to use the transit system bus/Sea-Bus. We went over to the Lonsdale Market, had a bite to eat, and as Homie was walking outside with the tray of food a Seagull swoops down and snatches a piece of bar-b-que pork from my plate. I guess that's one of the reasons why they don't want us to bring guns into Canada. Aye. We went over to Popeye's Second Hand Marine Store (this place is way cool), and both found something that was exactly what we thought we needed. Then back to the city on the Sea-Bus, stopping at The Steamworks Pub in Gas town. The food was terrific, and so were the beers that we had. Met a nice couple from San Diego who are considering a lifestyle change.

Fabrice and I promised them we would guide them around wherever they wanted to go. I think they were a bit tempted. The next day was spent boosting the B.C. economy at the Granville Market. We both went to a place that does embroidery and had our BYC vests customized at "Justin Stitches". Nice folks, tell them Capt.Homie sent you.

8/22 and heading back up to Desolation Sound with Fabrice. We saw "Important Business" (another new member). These folks guided me from Port McNeill to Bishop Bay two years ago. Great boaters! They live in Butte, MT, but probably use their boat more than the average owner. I love this couple and always look forward to seeing them out on the water. We will meet up in Prideaux Haven 8/22.

Jerry & Michelle Gaylord, "Passing Thru" are on their way to Mexico for a couple of years, but they will be back to "Gods' Country", they still have lots to see. I hope St. Michelle starts sending the Club some stuff for the *Jib Sheet*. Douglas will be using quite a bit of her prose about cruising down the Coast, plus her photos. These folks are doing the same thing as Homie, they just got a six months' head-start. They will be flying the BYC burgee, and telling everybody how great BYC is. We can also thank them for the new members that they have brought to the BYC. Next, Fabrice and I will go into Malaspina Inlet to visit some friends of his that have an Oyster Farm. I'm hoping that will be an oppor-

tunity to gather some "Local Knowledge".

I love cruising in B.C., and feel it is a privilege that is extended to us by our neighbor, Canada. As a courtesy I think all of us that enjoy boating there could, and should fly the Canadian courtesy flag properly. From a radio antenna, or a Bimini stanchion is in poor taste. And "Old Glory" is the only American Flag to be flown outside the U.S.! I referred to Chapman's to find the proper way to fly flags. I take pride in trying to do things properly, and I hope everyone else in our BYC feels the same way. I've got a few stories to tell about this subject when next I return to the BYC.

South Puget Sound in the fall is truly beautiful with all the fall colors. That will be my venue soon!

PS: This might not be too well received by members who don't care about Flag Etiquette, but I do feel quite strongly about proper etiquette, and I hope this is not lost on the next generations...

Captain Homie

Homie creates pictures with under 1000 words, and is found cruising or at his e-mail address, capt.homie@pocketmail.com. He is the BYC Reciprocal Chairman.

New Members

Welcome to the following newcomers:

Robert & Darlene Wagner, 1430 Birchwood Avenue #1101, Bellingham, WA 98225, bobndarlene@yahoo.com, no boat [yet].

We're glad to have you in our Club!

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