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## NEW ROSTER/YEARBOOK PUBLISHED

The new BYC Roster/Yearbook has been sent to all members. The new edition is the largest ever issued, and is printed for the first time in sections so that future issues need not be completely replaced each year.

Sections include *Last Year*, *This Year*, *Reference*, and *Photos*, all within the *Yearbook* tab. The *Reference* section includes information about RBAW, Blue Gavel, the Reciprocal Dock, Yachting Etiquette, First Aid, and Cruising, while a newly-enlarged *Policies* section includes instructions for bartenders.

Instead of the expensive color photo printing done in 2002, the entire roster (except for the list of Members & addresses) is on the website [byc.org](http://byc.org), where Members can review and download color pictures if desired.

## CAR/BOAT CRUISE 15th

Dick and Sandy Labadie and Don and Pat Dangelmaier, co-chairs of the February 15th Land Cruise and Scavenger Hunt have created a wonderful excursion for *all* members on that Saturday date!

These intrepid cruisemasters have created a plan where BYC Members with either cars or boats (or both) can participate, and, if winter weather impedes actual marine travel, boaters can participate by switching to cars at the last minute! Here's the scheme:

1. Because this is a cruise, each boat or car is considered a "Boat", and each needs a name.
2. Each "Boat" needs a GPS (borrow/use a handheld), a digital or Polaroid camera, and a cell phone.
3. The cruise begins from the Clubhouse at 0830 with coffee, donuts, and cruise details.
4. "Boats" away at 0915.
5. Judging & prizes will be at the mystery port at 1630; we'll meet for dinner about 1730 at a restaurant.
6. Bring a sack lunch, and plan for your crew to buy dinner from a restaurant menu with modest prices.
7. A \$5.00 entry fee for each "crew member" will cover cost of prizes and materials.
8. You'll need to get inventive, name your "boat", choose a crew, and contact: **Dick or Sandy Labadie** at [raml@attbi.com](mailto:raml@attbi.com) or their co-chairs **Don or Pat Dangelmaier** at [dondee@shaw.ca](mailto:dondee@shaw.ca), (604) 534-8109 to register *no later than February 1*. — Joe Coons

## Annual Past Commodores' Dinner Makes a Comeback!

Old-timers will recall the annual dinners that used to be held annually for the Past Commodores. Now, Commodore John Gargett has announced the tradition is being restored, and invitations will go out early in March to all PC's and to the Club's Officers inviting them to attend the event

on Wednesday, March 19.

"I understand that it's traditional for the Club's 'Bridge' to report to our past leaders on the Club's status so that these Club veterans can be up to day and offer us their advice", said Gargett. "I'm looking forward to having them with us!"

## Commodore's Column

Having just finished our holiday season, we are already embarking on a number of great upcoming events. For those of you who attended the Seattle Boat Show, you know what a success this was! Fun was had by all, with the major success of the trip due to the hard work of **John & Teresa Van Haalen**. It is also rumored that at least two boats are being considered for purchase as a result! January 26th is our annual Superbowl party and chili cook-off at the club which is being run by **Bob Kehoe**. **Don & Pat Dangelmaier** have a great "Land Cruise" planned for February 15th which will challenge "navigational skills", scavenging abilities and culminate in a wonderful dinner. In March, **Tom & Linda Selman** will be putting on our shakedown cruise to

Anacortes, and the "Numb Bum" sailing series will begin.

This year's "Sink the Dingy" was also a great success. **Monica Gargett** wants to express thanks to all who contributed money (over \$350!) gifts, and hundreds of pounds of food. We were able to provide 9 children and 6 mothers of the Agape House with new clothing, gifts and money for a Christmas dinner. The BYC's own Santa Claus, **Bob Kehoe** was a hit with the kids – Thanks Bob! Also thanks to **Heather Gargett** for her time spent shopping, wrapping gifts and being Santa's helper. The kids were adorable, polite and totally taken in by Santa. The Mom's were most appreciative, as was the Agape House staff. Thanks again for helping our local families in need by "SINKING the Dingy!"

At the January Board meeting,

Rear Commodore **Richard Veach** and Assistant Treasurer **Joe Coons** were able to report that the BYC is continuing on path to another well managed year. There is one major reason for this – you, the volunteer members of the club. Since we became an all volunteer club, we have seen participation increase, and our club has become much more fiscally sound. Because of your willingness to help, we are able to keep expenses to a minimum and expand our programs.

With time precious, volunteering is a real measure of priorities and every member is helping make our club even better.

Finally, both Monica and I wish each and every one of you, and your family and friends, a great 2003 as we all continue to enjoy the water, the boats and the friendship.

*John Gargett, Commodore*

## Editorial

Have you noticed that, when things are routine, we are lulled into taking them for granted?

In the past year our Club's *success* has been "routine" — we just keep doing well — and now we're starting to take it for granted!

I'm not suggesting that we're slacking off, for we aren't. But we're not *noticing* our good fortune so much, and we've stopped bragging so much about our Club's comeback.

Frankly, I think we could use a little less humility! The reason: so that we can spread the word about our BYC and

*keep it growing even faster than it is!*

Without a continuing flow of new Members, our BYC will soon get a lot smaller, for there are a lot of "older" Members (like this writer) who won't either be around, or able, to help with our projects forever! In fact, that's how our membership has been

changing. Each year we've been losing a rather large percentage of our older Members, while the new folks joining have been younger and more active. They pay higher dues on average, too, because a "Senior" (over 70) Member pays only one-half as much as our regular "Actives".

If you analyze our Roster, you'll see that the *number* of Members has been pretty constant for the past two years, and in this one: About 250.

But the dues paid are up over ten percent annually as younger, full dues-payers join.

Once all the overhead is paid by the dues from these 250 memberships, each new family's dues is pretty much profit. That means that if we were to add just 50 Members right now, we'd have almost \$15,000 more for programs or debt retirement, and what a difference that would make!

Bottom line? **BRAG!** -Joe Coons

*"We're Getting Great  
New Members...."*

## BYC Members of the Month

Where did those nice new coat racks in both hallways, upstairs and downstairs, come from? The answer: The shop of one of our hard working and loyal Member, **Tom Selman**.

Tom and his wife **Linda** have been BYC Members since 1993 when he was working for Samson rope. Tom started with a succession of fishing boats, working up to a Grady White, then in '93 got a 42' Ocean Alexander, *Ocean Gambol*, and they began cruising together in our Northwest waters after prior experience in California and Mexico. Then, a few years ago, after retiring, they got their "dreamboat", the 50' Nordhaven *Prime Time*, and since then have done some serious Alaska cruising.

Through it all, Tom has been a loyal volunteer on building and house projects, in the bar, on the Board, and more...and Linda does more than her share of work in our Club, too.

Thanks to both Tom & Linda from all of us!

## A Special Friday at Five

Carolyn & Terry Blocher and Jim & Lois Lobben were the hosts for a great Friday@5 on January 17, with good food and an interesting, though brief program.

Al and Beth Liggett, currently residing in Malaysia and living aboard their yacht *Sunflower* were our speakers. They were in Bellingham visiting Frank and Margaret Travis, who brought them to the Club.

Since 1969 when they sailed their first boat into Rio de Janeiro where they met Frank and Margaret, Al and Beth have completed two circumnavigations of the world: one East about and one West about. Last year they spent five months at the Chagos Archipelago, in the middle of the Indian Ocean. It is totally uninhabited, and they faced the challenge of being totally self-contained for that period of time.

Beth and Al give a great talk and answered questions about their sailing and travels. The couple regularly updates their adventures on the web at [http://www.setsail.com/s\\_logs/liggett/liggett.html](http://www.setsail.com/s_logs/liggett/liggett.html). You might want to bookmark it for future use.

—John Gargett

## Plan Now for Anacortes Cruise

The Selmans and the Asmundsons are the hosts for the **BYC Shake-down Cruise**, March 15-16 at the Cap Sante Marina. Because of limited moorage, Tom and John are asking that you **call now (398-8556 or 734-7591)** to let them know if you'll be coming to this event.

Full details of the cruise will be in the March *Jib Sheet*, but you can bet with these folks running it it will be a winner, including dinner at *Bella Isola*.

## Bar Gets a Combination Door

By the time you get this *Jib Sheet*, our BYC bar should have a new back door replacing the deteriorating old wooden door that led outside near the walk-in cooler. Like the door on the downstairs office and lower entry, the new door has an electronic combination lock that eliminates the need for keys so that our volunteer bartenders can get access more easily.

"It will be a relief not worrying about keys", said Dick Johnson, who as chairman of the Bar Operations committee is concerned with volunteers' access. Combinations will be provided to Member-bartenders as needed.

In the long run, in spite of the combination lock's \$800 price tag, the door could actually *save* money for the Club! It seems that each of the past three years has seen the locks get changed at considerable expense to provide the facilities with an extra measure of security; after the door is in, all we have to do is add or delete a combination.

— Joe Coons

## New Members Join

Here's this month's crop of new members in our BYC:

**Terry & Jackie Ebert**, 4211 Northridge Way, B'ham 98226, (360) 738-4859, 32' Carver *Kailani I*, [jaciebert@yahoo.com](mailto:jaciebert@yahoo.com)

**Dayna Moore**, 109 Briza Court, B'ham 98225, (360) 752-3158 (H) 961-7821 (C), no boat, [daynamoore@email.com](mailto:daynamoore@email.com)

**Tony & Karen Pierce**, P. O. Box 3484, Ashland OR, (541) 488-2054 41' Uniflite *No Name*, [tldrager@aol.com](mailto:tldrager@aol.com)

**Welcome** to these newcomers; their cards are in the mail and materials ready, and Joe Coons at (360) 739-1528 can be contacted for any questions.

## Featured Advertisers

**PHIL DYER** at **Muljat Group Realtors** moved here with Denise and daughters Ando and Alex in 1989 after 21 years with the USCG. Lifetime boaters, they immediately joined the BYC. "We moved so many times, bought and sold so many houses, it wasn't long before I knew more than some agents. I love the business, and since coming have taken more training than any other local agent", says Phil. With an MA in Economics, he handles a full range of activities. Only problem: right now he's boatless! *But if you're Buying or Selling, get Real Estate Problems Solved. 739-9900.*

**SQUALICUM MARINE** is a first-class shop making first-class canvas products of all kinds, from flybridge covers to dodgers to Biminis, from camper backs to vent covers, with or without windows, including structures if required. And they build seat cushions and install headliners, too. Tim Mumford and his team of skilled experts have the space, the tools, and the experience to do the job, enthusiasm to do it right, and the ethics to stand behind their work with integrity. And they also operate **America's Cup**, the coffee and snack shop by Gate 3. See them at **712 Coho Way**, or call **733-4353**.

## Changes.....

A lot can happen in a month. Our loyal Fleet Captain, **Tim Mumford**, and his wife, **Verna**, welcomed a **new baby daughter** into their family during the past month, certainly worth noting!

But then, just a few days later, **Verna's father passed away**.

There is a certain symmetry in these events, but certainly all of our BYC Members offer the extended Mumford family our heartfelt congratulations — and sympathy — as, thank goodness, life goes on.

—Joe Coons

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

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### FEBRUARY 2003

7, 21		<b>Fridays at Five.</b> 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
15		<b>One Day Land/Boat Cruise/Scavenger Hunt.</b> See page 2. Contact: Don Dangelmaier (604) 534-8109
20		<b>Board Meeting.</b> 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
<b>SAILING EVENTS:</b> Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
14		<b>Foul Weather Bluff Anacortes.</b>

### MARCH 2003

7, 21		<b>Fridays at Five.</b> 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
14-16		<b>St. Paddy's Day Cruise to Anacortes Cap Sante Marina.</b> Contact: Tom & Linda Selman 398-8556 or John & Pat Asmundson, 734-7591
19		<b>Annual Past Commodores &amp; Officers' Dinner.</b> 1730 cocktails, 1830 Dinner. John Gargett, 734-3499
20		<b>Board Meeting.</b> 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
<b>SAILING EVENTS:</b> Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
8		<b>BYC Frostbite 1 &amp; 2, 1100 Hours</b>
22		<b>BYC Frostbite 3 &amp; 4, 1100 Hours</b>

### APRIL 2003

4, 18		<b>Fridays at Five.</b> 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
17		<b>Board Meeting.</b> 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
25-27		<b>Annual Past Commodore's Cruise to Blakely Island.</b> Contact: Karen Callery, 676-0784
<b>SAILING EVENTS:</b> Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
9, 16, 23, 30		<b>BYC Numb Bum 1, 2, 3, 4 1800 Hours</b>
19		<b>Vendovi Island Long Distance Race 1000 Hours</b>

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

# CAPTAIN HOMIE'S RECIPROCAL CRUISING

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

**I like going thru the Locks.** I must admit I have my anxious moments, but I know what to do. It's just a matter of execution! Having an audience of tourists might add a bit 'a pressure too, aye...

I have some great locking tips. Locking, when done in mid-week, usually only requires the use of the small locks. I like putting the stern line over the lock cleat with the short handled boat-hook that I have. It's way easier than playing cowboy with your lines. And being ready to go onto either wall with your fenders out ahead of time is real important. Most likely you will go in toward Lake Union on your port side if you are the first boat, or only boat, for the lock attendants don't like to get too far away from their coffee pot...

On the way out of the lake you will most likely be on the starboard side. That's most of the time. I've been through hundreds of times, mostly when I as a kid. I was the bow-man, and my sister (five years older) was on the stern line. Mom (after whom I named my boat *Caroline*) stayed in the cabin after Dad noticed that she had a habit of giving him wrong advice. But could she cook!

**Fisherman's Terminal** will be making room for pleasure boats! It sure would be nice if they had a guest dock there; they have a couple of good restaurants and quite a nice fish market. The part between the Ballard Bridge and the Fremont Bridge is probably more developed than the last time you were here. Lake Union is packed with boats and boat-houses and marine businesses. There are five yacht clubs before you get to Lake Washington. Plus, I must mention the Yankee Grill Restaurant at the foot of 24th NW in Ballard, not far east of the Ballard Oil dock (this is usually the cheapest fuel in town). Tell Debbie or Donnie that Capt.Homie sent you. Members Ed and Myrna Leipheimer on *Important Business* go there all the time...

**I had never used a tide grid before**, but I needed to change my zincs on the bow thruster, one of the most important things I've put on *Caroline*. Once it saved me from hitting a \$6,000,000 Sailing yacht in Prince Rupert. So close that I flinched a bit. No contact! I hate those moments. Just recently if I had not had the bow thruster I would never have made it to the dock at Meydenbauer Bay YC when my transmission went out.

**I sure liked Hatton Marine Service** in Seattle by Foss Tug. I'm going to have them rebuild a spare engine that I have for the *Caroline*. Murphy hates spare-parts. He's going to really hate my rebuilt engine, eh?

**I bought an Electric Scooter** from Costco. I think this is going to be the answer to some of my transportation needs. So far I've used it in Seattle, hills poop it out, but on the flat its a goer. 16mph on a full charge (fully charged in 4 hours or less). It pulls 5 amps when charging. They claim 12 mile range, but me at 190 pounds won't ever see that. Six, maybe, on the flat. But Port

Ludlow down to the Store and back; Bellingham, around the marina and into town; then having about 5 different people try it out; and then getting around Point Roberts; it was perfect. I can think of all kinds of places to ride it. It stores nicely (60lbs), charges off of 110 volts.

**Point Roberts Marina & Resort** is starting to put in the Resort part. Exercise room, Jacuzzi, and pool. Showers now are free and quite nice. I find all the people that work there to be very nice, too. —*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.*

## FROM KELSEY....

As many of you might have seen, I recently had a news article published in the Bellingham Herald. I remember when I opened the page for the first time, I took a moment to realize all of the amazing things that I had experienced over the year as a result of the BYC.

Obviously, I have accomplished a lot more than I thought was possible, but also, I have learned and grown from it too. During the spring months, I had no idea how a race was started or how the boats were split up into different groups. I assumed that it was just some complicated mess of steps that I really didn't even need to know, being an Opti sailor and never having to sail with other types of boats. And how wrong I was! The starting sequence is one of the most important parts of a regatta you can learn and making sure that those who have right-of-way get it, can make or break an entire boat's season.

Let's just say that my first couple weeks out on the committee boat with authority were just a little bit stressful, to say the least. Luckily, **Dick Johnson** was there for the first few months, during which I repeatedly got more and more acquainted and comfortable with my job. Without him, I wouldn't have had a successful start to this day because there is so much to pay attention to! To him, I'd like to day thanks for teaching me all that I know despite my lack of understanding those first few months.

I also appreciate everyone else who made the job easier; those of you being the ones who helped on the committee boat, drove the mark boat, were eyes out on the course; the list goes on. Basically, I need to thank all of members of the BYC for the support and help that was much-needed. I look forward to returning to my duties this racing season! — *Kelsey Overby*

*Ed. Note: Kelsey, still in High School, took over as Race Committee Chair last year setting a new standard for diligence and accuracy, and winning the coveted Jr. Sailing Leadership Trophy. Kelsey and sister Cassandra are the pride of parents Richard and Carol Veach.*

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