



## BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB

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## OPENING DAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 3!

Welcome to Opening Day! The event begins with the traditional **Opening Day Members-Only Reception** (see invitation below) with refreshments; it's followed by the ceremonies inside the Club followed by **Boats Away** at 1300.

In the early evening there will be prize drawings, the Quilt Raffle, and then dancing to that great band, **The Atlantics**.

Opening Day this year is headed by Fleet Captain **Tim Mumford**, and Tim has been assisted this year by **Don Dangelmaier**, who reports there'll be lot of prizes. The Theme: **Mardi Gras in May!** Don't neglect to decorate your boat....

## Memorial Day Cruise to Ganges May 23-26

Past Commodore **Joe Coons** and his wife **Judy** are the cruisemasters for the Club Cruise to Ganges on Saltspring Island May 24-26 (the 26th is the Memorial Day holiday). Boats will be moored as usual at the Ganges Marina, which last year made us exceptionally welcome with multi extra services.

For cruisers who come Friday the 23rd, there will be an informal dock party then dinner; on Saturday folks will have the chance to enjoy Saltspring Island's wonderful Farmer's Market and shopping in Ganges. There will be a dock party and dinner out at the Pub on Saturday evening — the food and atmosphere are good, and service should be a little faster this year.

Sunday, weather permitting, we'll go on one or two of the boats to Montague Harbor for a picnic and easy hike. Dinner Sunday will be informal, with yet another dock party beforehand(!). Monday morning, we'll have goodies from that wonderful Ganges bakery, before heading home. **Details: Joe Coons, (360) 739-1528.**

*Commodore John Gargett and the  
Officers and Trustees  
of the Bellingham Yacht Club  
invite you to attend an  
Opening Day Reception at the  
Bellingham Yacht Club  
2625 Harbor Loop From Eleven AM to Noon  
on Saturday, May 3, 2002*

*Refreshments & Appetizers  
Casual attire OK  
No RSVP Necessary  
Members and Family Guests Only*

*1100 Reception  
1200 Ceremonies  
1300 Boats Away  
1800 Awards, Drawings, Dinner  
2000 Dancing: "The Atlantics"*

## Commodore's Column

Thanks to the 32 Members who turned out for our semi-annual Club Scrub. We painted, cleaned, re-lit, repaired, and otherwise pitched in to help building and house committee chair **John Asmundson** complete most of the items on his checklist of work to be done; and the things we couldn't do were held over so the paint could dry...literally! After the work, we relaxed with Pizza and beverages, reflecting on our good deeds. *All who worked are appreciated!*

Please see our invitation to **Opening Day** on page 1: The theme is "**Mardi Gras in May**" and it promises to be a day of fun, friendship and enjoyment of the water on the first "official" day of boating. Our events include:

**1100 Hours - BYC Club Reception for Members and Guests.** You, your partner and good friend(s) are invited to join in our Reception at the Club.

**1200 Hours - Opening Ceremonies.** We celebrate the start of

boating season with all our BYC-ers, Commodores and Commanders of other boating organizations, and honored guests. Father John Gibbs, BYC Chaplin, will give the traditional *Blessing of the Fleet*.

**1300 Hours - Grand Parade.** "Boats Away": We'll rendezvous at the Ferry Terminal for the start.

*If you don't have a boat, and would like to be aboard one, this is a great opportunity to be out on the water. We always have a number of boats from the club parading, and we want you to have a great time: Ask a BYC skipper if they have room: they likely will welcome you aboard. If you're not sure who to ask, please give me a call (920-5645); I'll help!*

**1500 Hours - Return to Dock.** This year we have a wonderful afternoon planned that is in keeping with our "**Mardi Gras in May**" theme. Duane Sammons is providing a live brass band that will be playing theme music on our deck, and of course it is an opportunity to visit all the boats and enjoy the festivities of the day.

**1800 Hours - Awards, Raffle, Dinner.** In keeping with our theme and tradition, we will be having our awards for the best "**Mardi Gras in May**" boat decoration and best costume (even if not a boat owner, you can wear a costume!). Also the BYC Board has again prepared the center piece gift basket raffle. One of these baskets will have a \$100 bill in it and you must be present to win.

We'll also have the quilt raffle, which this year is a spectacular quilt made by members of both the BYC and Wheel & Keel, with proceeds donated to our Junior Programs.

Finally, Emerald Bay Events has put together a spectacular dinner (see article on page 5), again in keeping with our Mardi Gras theme.

**2000 Hours - Dancing** to the sounds of *The Atlantics*.

*This will be a great event, so please join in with all of us Saturday, May Third...and I ask you to remember, it's the water, the boats and the friends!*

*John Gargett, Commodore*

## New Members!

Welcome to the BYC's New Members! These folks who joined us in the past month; please make them welcome — *and they're invited to the Newcomers' Social on Wednesday, May 1, (see story opposite).*

**Craig M. Cooper & Melissa Roberts**, P. O. Box 2463, Bellingham 98227-2463, (360) 941-5205, *alaska-coop@yahoo.com*, 33' Newport sailboat *Boogie*.

**David Klingbiel**, 1205 N. State Apt. 16, B'ham 98225, 734-1304, *davida.klingbiel@verizon.net*, 24' San Juan sailboat *Merlin*.

**Alexander & Margaret Marr**, 900 Carriage Court, Sedro-Wooley, WA 98284, (360) 856-2553, *marra@asme.org*, no boat yet...

**Jeff & Debra McClure**, 118 Hawthorn Rd., B'ham 98225, 671-9567, *jeff@rmarchitects.com*, 31' Etchells sailboat *Flash*.

**David Steffan**, 1606 Emerald Lake Way, B'ham, WA 98226, 671-4002, *dceffan@attbi.com*, 31' Etchells sailboat *Etheria*.

All are entitled to rosters, refrigerator magnets, pins, decals, and membership card. If you don't have all these materials yet, see me at a Friday at Five, the May 1 social, or call 739-1528, and I'll get them to you. — *Joe Coons*

## Editor WILL Change!

As a volunteer, in September I will have completed five years as Assistant Treasurer, *Roster* Editor, and Editor of the *Jib Sheet*, except for a two-month layoff in 2001. **It is time to cut down**, not the least because I also have some tasks that are important to me in other organizations...this July I will become the president of the 190-member Rotary Club of Bellingham until June 30, 2004, a task that includes numerous trips for week-end meetings and one trip a week long to Brisbane. A Rotarian since 1962, I am proud of this world-wide service club and honored to be a member and officer.

**Carolyn Blocher** has agreed to take over the *Roster* this fall, and that's just great! Thank you, Carolyn!

**Bob Garvie** has been helping me most weeks with the office job which had its workload double when the bar opened ... what a relief! Thanks, Bob. I like to think we are a great team, Bob and I, and I'll keep it up.

**Five years are enough!** *I just can't edit this little publication after September 30*, so the BYC needs **you** to consider taking the job. If you sign up by August, I'll train you, buy you a copy of MS publisher, and get you rolling! Contact **Commodore John** or **Vice Commodore Marlene** to sign up. And thanks! — *Joe Coons*

## Jr. Programs Coordinator Need

The Bellingham Yacht Club has for years had a great Junior program and we look forward to continuing it! The Board has made a significant contribution to our Juniors this year, and of course Opening Day proceeds from the Gift Basket and Quilt Raffles will also go to our Junior Programs.

Currently we are seeking an individual or individuals who would like to help by serving as **Junior Programs Coordinator**. If you would like to help the Club's youth and the community learn about safe boating, sailing, and the fun of boating, then I ask you to please contact me (920-5645).

This volunteer is important: it is rewarding to see the kids as they finish their first sailboat race, learn how to read charts, and generally become active members in our boating community. This position involves coordinating activities such as the annual Junior Ski-To-Sea regatta, the Pitch Regatta, and expanding our youth efforts by introducing safe boating and fun to the kids by sponsoring a youth night that would include a dance.

If you would like to serve, please do not hesitate to step forward. You won't be alone, the Board will be solidly behind you, and there are great facilities that are available. I thank you in advance for considering this!

—John Gargett, Commodore

## An Editorial from an Old Guy

Opposite this I have written that I will no longer serve as editor of this publication when our BYC fiscal year ends in September. The main reason I'm quitting is, frankly, burnout: That, and the fact that by that time I'll be only one year removed from age 70...my body is tired!

But there is something that can be learned from my situation: *Committees are essential for a volunteer organization!* If only there were folks that were sharing our jobs, it would add consistency to operations, and probably improve the way we do things; after all, "two heads are better than one".

We *have* shared work in two areas: Bartending shifts, and Friday at Five hosting (although this latter is due to Steve Moore's urging of all of us).

But our Club has taken advantage of some of our Members, I think, because we have few, if any committees: **Steve Moore**, with e-mails; **Dick Johnson**, managing the bar; **John Asmundson**, with the Building and House job; each have either small committees, or none at all to help them — and they do it almost alone, and although even they might prefer it that way, it's not good for our Club, and probably not good for them, either.

I am confident that Vice Commodore **Marlene Bolster** is already starting to line up her committees for next year, for we've talked about it. When she asks you to help, do so, please, for the good of our Club!

And *thanks* to those few of you over these five years who have submitted *Jib Sheet* stories and columns on time, you made my job easier! — Joe Coons

## New Member Social on May 1st

A **Newcomers' Social** will be held on **Thursday, May 1 from 5:30 to 7:30** at the BYC *for all new members who joined September, 2002 or later!* BYC Officers and Trustees will be present to answer questions. Refreshments will be provided by Gail Walker and Emerald Bay Events.

In addition to the get-acquainted fun of the social, New Members will be able to pick up their free member materials and purchase Ship's Store items.

Invitations were sent to the new members, followed by phone calls as a reminder for the event, and for our Opening Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come on in!

—Roberta Selsor

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## May 2003

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## July 2003

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### MAY 2003

1		New Member Reception. See page #####
2,16		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
- 3 -		OPENING DAY! Reception, Ceremonies, Boats Away, Parties, Awards. Tim Mumford, 733-4353
15		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30).
23-26		Annual Ganges Memorial Day Cruise. Contact: Joe Coons 739-1528/bycjoel@attbi.com
SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
7,14,21,28		BYC Spring Series Races 1, 2, 3, 4 1800 Hours
10		Around Lummi I. Race 1000 Hours
17-18		Ski-Sea Junior Regatta
24-25		RVYC Swiftsure Race

### JUNE 2003

6,20		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
19		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
27-30		Royal Vic Y/C Cruise. See page 3.
SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
4,11,18,25		BYC Spring & Summer Races 5,1,2,3 1800 Hours
14		WOW/Etchells Spring Regatta
21-22		Point Roberts Race

### JULY 2003

4		Fourth of July Raft-Up, Bellingham Bay
4-6		Inati Bay Raft-Up & Bar-B-Que
18		Friday at Five. 5-7PM, Only 1 this month!
17		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
27-30		Royal Vic Y/C Cruise. See page 3.
SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
9, 16, 30		BYC Summer/Heat Wave Races 4,5,1 1800 Hours
19		Saturday Open 2 1000 Hours
23		Moore Invitational Race 1800 hours

**BAR HOURS: THURSDAY-SATURDAY, 5—9 PM,  
PLUS RACING WEDNESDAYS.**

## RACE RESULTS

Here are the results for the	<i>(Etchells, cont'd)</i>
1st Numb Bum race:	<i>Pete</i> 5
PHRF I	<i>Flash</i> 6
<i>Guy Noir</i> 1	<i>Enchilada</i> 7
<i>Impetuous</i> 2	<i>John</i>
<i>Hraven</i> 3	
<i>Charlemagne</i> 4	PHRF II
<i>Catspaw</i> 5	<i>Tumbleweed</i> 1
<i>Carrera</i> 6	<i>Blackfoot</i> 2
<i>Ice Nine</i> 7	<i>Velvet Elvis</i> 4
<i>Diehler</i> dns	
<i>Honker</i> dns	NOVICE & CRUISING
	<i>Allegro</i> 1
ETCHELLS	<i>Islander</i> 2
<i>Etheria</i> 1	<i>MoonShadow</i> 3
<i>Toast</i> 2	<i>Full Circle</i> 4
<i>Tenacious 2</i> 3	<i>Meliora</i> 6
<i>Beauzeaux</i> 4	

## OP. DAY DINNER

The Bellingham Yacht Club is proud to say that **Emerald Bay Events**, in keeping with our theme of "Mardi Gras in May", has this year prepared a menu that any Cajun would not be able to resist.

The dinner offers a sumptuous buffet that includes: oysters Rockefeller; tossed green salad with assorted dressings; Craig's famous gumbo (if you have not had Craig's gumbo, you're in for a treat...it's filled with chicken, shrimp and Andouilli sausage); red beans and rice; fried okra and steamed green beans; blackened catfish; Cajun seasoned steaks cooked to order; and bread pudding with whiskey sauce!

Emerald Bay has been able to put this fantastic dinner together for the price per person of only \$20.00.

**Please make your non-cancelable reservation by Wednesday, April 30 with Gail Walker at 734-7832** so they know how much food to prepare. See you there!

*John Gargett, Commodore*

## RBAW REPORT

BYC was the host for the Annual Joint Meeting and lunch of RBAW and the Council of BC Yacht Clubs. Over 30 were here in the wardroom on Sat. April 5th for a very successful event.

Issues of concern to boaters discussed included:

1. As before, US Customs is requiring that upon return to the USA a decal and PIN must be obtained for the \$25 fee if your boat is over 30 feet. Of course it can be obtained before leaving from the office at the Bellwether customs office. Full info on the program is found at [www.customs.ustreas.gov/travel/travel.htm](http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/travel/travel.htm).

2. Telephone check-in was suspended during the high terrorism alert period, but is now back on; it changes depending on threat level.

3. Due to state budget woes, The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is proposing many fee increases and suspension of the annual parks permit in 2004. RBAW and boaters have been responding and the issue is not settled yet.

To get the latest info you can connect to the RBAW link at our [BYC.org](http://BYC.org) website or connect at [rbaw.org](http://rbaw.org).

*Ray Nelson - RBAW Delegate*

## Victoria Cruise 6/28-30

**Quinn and Roberta Selsor** are leading the now-annual cruise to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on June 28 through 30...this is the third year it'll be held.

Plans include several dock parties, a festive dinner at the Royal Vic Club, a lovely lunch in Victoria at the Empress Hotel, and more fun. There'll be plenty of chances for shopping, museum or Omni Max going, too.

But perhaps the nicest part of this trip is the wonderful ambiance and hospitality you'll find on the grounds of this neat reciprocal club...and since it is reciprocal, moorage is free as your boat will be assigned to spaces vacated by our RVYC buddies off cruising for their Canada Day (July 1) holiday.

For details, call **Quinn or Roberta** at 676-5709.

## SPECIAL NEW BAR RULES FOR OPENING DAY

To avoid problems and be in compliance with our private club license with the Washington State Liquor Control Board this is our Opening Day plan:

(1) At 7:00 PM the sign-in table will be moved to the main lobby. **All persons will check in here.** (2) Only BYC members and their guests or reciprocal yacht club members and their guests will be allowed on *either side* of the building. (3) All persons (including members) will be given a plastic bracelet to wear to verify that you have checked in, and won't have to go through the process again. (4) To order a drink, you must be wearing a bracelet. Remember, the bartenders are hired and proba-

bly won't know you. No bracelet...no drink! (5) Minors will have a different color bracelet and may be in our lower lounge (not in the bar area) or in Sapphire Cove. (6) Only BYC members can run a tab and you must give the bartender your card to keep behind the bar; when you reorder, use the name on the tab! (7) You may take your drink from the bar side to the Sapphire Cove, **but no where else inside or out.**

The sign-in table will be manned by BYC Officers and Trustees, and there will be an off-duty policeman in the lobby. Please help so the shifts can be short.

**Thanks for your cooperation! Dick Johnson, Chair.**

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