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Club Has HUGE Membership Gain!

Welcome to all the new members you'll read about on page 5 of this *Jib Sheet*. We think that this group is the largest incoming group of members in one month since the '80's!

You'll find these 36 newcomers at many Club events wearing their new white nametags prepared by our MOM/Mentors of Members Committee, a dedicated group of MOM's who are doing their best to make all our newcomers feel at home.

These new Members are especially important financially, for their dues mostly go into new programs for all of us as our Club gets bigger and more efficient. *Welcome to all!*

—Joe Coons

"Classiest Cruise of the Year" Coming on June 28

Quinn and Roberta Selsor are leading the cruise to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on June 28 through 30...this is the third year it'll be held. You can arrive on Friday the 27th or Saturday the 28th.

On Friday night, enjoy supper at the RVYC Clubhouse (pub-style food) if you care to "eat out"; Saturday morning, if you wish, a bus excursion to downtown for the buffet lunch at the Empress Hotel's Kipling dining room, followed by a movie at the Omnimax theatre or a visit to the Provincial Museum; or perhaps shopping or the Butchart Gardens instead...then back to the RVYC for a dock party and a potluck for everyone. The theme: "Tacky Tourist", so wear old "fashions"; and get a prize!

Sunday, enjoy a champagne breakfast on the lawn of the RVYC, and in the evening (if you can stay), a full-course dinner at the Club, before a Monday departure. Moorage is free, **but you MUST make reservations!** Call Quinn or Roberta at 676-5709 or 201-3849, or e-mail rqselsor@msn.com.

WEB SITE FEATURES ADDED

Have you checked out our **BYC.ORG** web site lately? If you haven't, you have a treat in store when you go look for the first recent time, for there's almost everything you could ask for in a boating and/or Club resource. Here are some highlights:

Ship's Store Online: You can now order BYC "stuff" and have it either shipped to you or delivered to the BYC lounge for pickup. **Membership Materials:** Have someone interested in joining? You can get applications, even fill them in at the web site and file them electronically for quicker service and less hassle. **Sign Up for PITCH?** The registration form is in place. **Want to Crew?** You can register on-line! **Wonder what the weather is?** BYC.ORG even has "links" to weather stations and the Bellingham Bay Web Camera so you'll be able to plan trips.

Let's face it: Nearly everything you need to reference about the BYC is now online, including the Roster (but not member's names & addresses); *Jib Sheets* current and past, cruising info, and lots more.

The next time you or anyone wants "the scoop", check out BYC.ORG *first!* Thanks to **Dick Grimshaw** for making it happen...he's completely re-vamped the site for us and it's made a big difference. Go see!

Commodore's Column

It's the Water, It's the Boats, It's the Friends – I have been saying that for the last year and it's really true. We all have a love, an affinity and a connection with the water whether a power boater, a sailor, a kayaker or just someone who enjoys watching the waves.

As we begin this year's cruising season, it is great to know that when we're on the water (which includes being at the Clubhouse) that we are able to enjoy the friendships, which includes learning from one another. I know that I have learned, and continue to learn, from the knowledge of other boaters and members of the Club.

For example, on our website **Joe Coons** has posted an entire series of articles that contain great boating tips, covering such topics as getting your boat ready for cruising to installing a bilge alarm system. You can find these articles under the Boating Tips link from our main page.

The Club also has a number of

great fishermen (and women) who have certainly taught me a thing or two. **Ron Erickson, Jamie Foti, Bob Kehoe, and Steve Moore** (President of the Whatcom County Fly Fishing Club) are just a few who have been patient enough to teach me about catching a salmon.

Of course, no boat owner has a boat that is trouble free, and I have found great advice (and assistance) from **John Asmundson, Steve Ross, Dick Woods, and Pete Foti**. There is nothing more frustrating than being on a cruise and having something go wrong. When it does, it's a big relief when another member of the Club is there to lend a hand, a wrench or a fitting or even just Duct Tape!

Recently I thought it would be useful to again learn about the joys of sailing, and in just mentioning it, **Richard and Carol Veach, Al and Karen Callery, Marlene Bolster and Joe Bartlett** all volunteered to help out.

Growing the Club means bringing in people from all age groups, includ-

ing getting younger people involved. Thanks to **Shannon McMaster, Kelsey Overby, and Jason Watson**, our Junior Programs are off to a wonderful beginning for the year. You will want to read the article Jason wrote in this Jib Sheet (opposite) to see the plans.

With so many new members, it also takes considerable work to ensure every new member feels part of the club, and our new program, Mentors of Members, strives to ensure that every new member has a point of contact and is kept abreast of activities. This is being done by **Roberta Selsor, Pat Asmundson, Mary Baker, Carolyn Blocher, Roberta McCord, Linda Selman, and Gail Walker**, and they are doing a fantastic job!

Enjoying the boats and the water means having friends to socialize with and turn to for help. The Bellingham Yacht Club has the people that make enjoying our waters a wonderful experience. Have a great 2003 boating season! *I ask you to remember, it's the water, the boats and the friends!* *John Gargett, Commodore*

Editorial

Is it the weather, the war's end, the stock market's slow improvement, or are we just good at this? How come we had the wonderful good fortune to get so many folks added to our membership roles this month?

Actually, it was none of those reasons. It was because **somebody asked them**, at least in most cases!

Maybe it was our own "Captain Homie", **Frank Richardson**, who quietly cruises around signing up non-residents. Maybe it was **Karen & Al Callery**, who keep talking to friends among the town's sailing fleet.

Maybe it was you, sharing your enthusiasm for our great Club, which means so much to so many of us.

If you sponsored a new member lately, **THANKS**. And if you didn't, *why not do so?* You'll be helping someone!

Last month, I asked for volunteers to assist with the *Jib Sheet*, and I got them...thanks to **Kelli McNamara** and **Dolph Edwards** who have agreed to help.

And thanks to **Alex Marr**, who is going to help our devoted co-member **Dick Johnson** with some of the lounge-management chores.

I can't tell you how much it means to us that you stepped forward to make our work easier. —*Joe Coons*

Members of the Month

This month we salute **Quinn & Roberta Selsor**. This couple works hard in a variety of volunteer roles for the Club. **Quinn** has been serving as cruise chair for two years and is also on the BYC Board of Trustees, in his second year of a two-year term.

Roberta has been active in a number of events, and is spearheading the MOMS (Mentors of Members) group (see story above). Co-chairing with **Roberta McCord**, they could be called "The Two R's"....

In addition, last year and this year Quinn and Roberta have been leading the annual Royal Victoria Yacht Club cruise first headed by **Chuck** and **Roberta McCord**; all have done a great job making it fun.

Quinn and Roberta own *Q-T*, a 43' Ocean Alexander motoryacht which they keep on C dock at Gate 3. As a past Navy officer, Quinn is right at home on the water as he enjoys retirement here in the Northwest; they are originally from the Northeast — or didn't you notice Roberta's accent?

Members of the BYC since 1999, this couple is exemplary in their service, and they are a valuable part of our great group of members. Next time you see one of them, say "Thanks" for all they do!

BYC Junior Programs 2003-4

Well it's almost summertime, and this year is going to be better than ever!! The Junior Programs are being revamped, which means a better and more rewarding program for everyone involved. The junior room on the lower level of the yacht club will be remodeled for a fresh new look, making it a great place for kids to commune before and after programs begin each day. The lockers will be cleared out in favor of wood-partitioned shelving that will save space while still providing an area where the juniors can leave their belongings. There will also be a refrigerator in the corner for snacks, lunches, etc.

In addition to the sailing courses (a crucial part of Junior Programs,) this year we will offer kayaking, knot tying, boat handling, boating safety courses, and day trips.

The year's program will launch **June 21st**, with a meeting for parents and kids in the lower level of the yacht club, where we will outline in detail the program for the year. Parents will have the opportunity to help with the junior program as well as watch their children participate and learn firsthand. Parental involvement is a great way to participate with your kids.

Anyone wishing to sign-up their kids, or grandkids, simply needs to contact **Jason Watson** (360) 733-4353 or **Kelsey Overby** (360) 647-0720. If you would like to help to develop the program, donate materials, or contribute please contact Jason or Kelsey.

Montague Cruise July 26-27

After doing research about Customs concerns (see below), **Chuck & Roberta McCord** have decided to stick with the original plan and go to Montague Harbour as planned in July. The nice little marina can accommodate up to 30 boats and have several restaurant pubs to choose for a nice dinner. There is the Hummingbird Pub that is a short hop away using one of the summer shuttles and the Montague Grill that is right at the marina, who serve steaks, ribs, calm chowder and seafood. And there's *La Berengerie*, if you'd like a full course though informal feast.

If someone enjoys hiking, there's the Provincial Marine Park there, B.C.'s first one; there are more than 130 species of wild birds and many rare and protected plants. For the adventurous, a Canadian fishing license can be purchased for only \$14 for one day or \$26.70 for a three-day weekend...that's Canadian \$! Active or Porlier Pass are some of the best fishing grounds in our area. Call Chuck or Roberta for more info and restaurant preference. Most important now is to reserve moorage, as space is limited, so call early. Talk to Gram at the harbor: 1-250-539-5733. (More details will follow.)

About Customs Concerns...

I was planning the Ganges cruise when the Terrorism Threat Level went back to Orange, so I talked to Bellingham's U.S. Customs Port Director, Ms. Kay Pannier, responsible for all local activities, to discuss U. S. check-in concerns. I found her helpful, interested, and anxious to make the process as painless as possible for all regular cruising citizens that enjoy the waters.

I am confident that she meant what she said, and I hope that you'll keep enjoying international cruising when and where you wish without worrying about unfair treatment, while co-operating with our Customs agents as they do their tough job. Let me know at 739-1528 if there's a problem, and I'll see that it gets to the proper authorities.

Joe Coons

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Russell Deptuch's YACHT TEC MARINE SERVICES continues to be the choice among many boaters for reliable vessel repair and equipment installation work. Russ and his crew can be counted upon for *quality* work, and his experience with all boat systems from the bilge to mast-top means the job will be done *right*. Of course, his first business was sailboat rigging, so sailors always call upon Yacht-Tec for this, but he serves all boaters with a wide variety of repair and installation work, with quality and integrity. **Call Russ at 380-5426 for service or quotes.**

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JUNE 2003

6,20		
19		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
21		Junior Parents' Meeting: Ward Room
24		Past Commodores Mtg. 6PM Cocktails, 7PM Dinner
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

AUGUST 2003

1, 15		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
2-3		Crab Fest Raft-Up Depending on season dates!
21		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
6, 13, 20, 27		Heat Wave Races 2, 3, 4/Pre-Pitch Startline 1800
9, 22		Saturday Open 3 1000 / Jack & Jill 1800
30, 31		PITCH

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

PAST COMMODORE COUPLES DINE...

The Past Commodores and the Blue Gavel chapter here at the BYC are having a dinner including spouses!

On **Tuesday, June 24, at 6:00PM**, these past leaders of our Club will gather *with their spouses/partners* in the lower lounge for no-host cocktails followed by a 7:00 o'clock dinner and a light program designed to be fun, according to **Bud Peterson**, the fearless leader (president) of the group.

A fine catered dinner will be provided by Emerald Bay Events, but in order to get the arrangements right, Bud is sending invitations to all these veteran BYC supporters and asking for RSVP's. He asks that all cooperate by responding early.

As you know, the Past Commodores donate much to the Club each year, including our Inati Bay lease and web site costs. This sounds like a great evening. Judy and I will see you there! — Joe Coons

Saturday Night Movies

We've been advised that the new BYC member program "Saturday Night @ the Movies" has been suspended during the summer months because our Members have so many other outside activities, according to **Quinn Selsor**, who is serving as chairperson for the film series.

According to Quinn, the movies will resume in September, and volunteers are needed to help organize and select movies to be shown.

An initial survey Quinn conducted confirmed interest in showing old classics, and the desire for food service of choice (Pizzas, or hamburgers cooked on the outside grill, or whatever movie fans would like).

Let Quinn hear what you would like, including start time, kind of films, etc. at 676-5709 or 201-3849, or e-mail rqselsor@msn.com. This is a nice easy program to help with, no expense, and your schedule can be planned ahead of time.

— Joe Coons

OUR WONDERFUL LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

Here are those new members we mentioned on page 1! Each listing has their name, address, phone & cell phone, e-mail address if any, and boat details if any. To each we say, **WELCOME TO THE BYC!**

Bill & Cathie Barnes, 1212 NE Leisure Street, Coupeville WA 98239-9517, 360-678-8042, Cell 360-929-5891, 1105BB@whidbey.net, *Lady B*, Power, 32' GB.

Fred & Peggy Byrum, 217 Bayside Place, Bellingham WA 98225, 676-2295, Cell 739-4128, fredbyrum@msn.com, *Just One More*, Power, 41' Carver

Cathy & Bruce Digby, 1017 Kelley Ridge Court, Bellingham WA 98229, 676-7532, Cell 319-3810, cdigby@windermere.com, (*No name*) Power, 32' Bayliner

Jim Gibson & Laurinda Ford, 515 14th Street, Bellingham WA 98225, 676-6239, Cell 223-0246, jgibson@ferndale.wednet.edu, (*Ski Boat*), Power

Eddie & Rhonda Hansen, 517 Northshore Drive, Bellingham WA 98226, 319-5301, dreddiehansen@msn.com, (*No Name*), Power, 36'

Bill Howard & Pamela Rowland, 1000 Easton Avenue, Bellingham WA 98225, 714-8903, *Head n Out*, Power, 24' Reinell

Barry & Beverly Hurd, 3910 Foothill Road, Medford OR 97504, 541-773-4273, Cell 541-840-0887, bbhurd@juno.com, *B B Fine*, Power, 36' Krogen Manatee

Gary & Liz Isbell, P. O. Box 7607, Jackson WY 83002-7607, Cell 502-648-2531, gliups@aol.com, *Joint Decision*, Power, 57' Nordhavn

Ron & Janet Johanson, 4152 Meridian #105 PMB 46, Bellingham WA 98226, 220-3590, rjjohanson@aol.com, *Ninja*, Sail, 42' Manta Cat

Jason & Charlene Johnson, P. O. Box 3064, B'ham

WA 98227, Cell 961-0774, *Mazzy*, Sail, 33' Ranger

Dick & Linda Landes, 5621 Corso di Napoli, Long Beach CA 90803, 562-439-1681, Cell 562-537-9532, lrlandes@earthlink.net, *Encore*, Power, 38' Ocean Alexander

Michael & Leslie LeBeau, 5540 N. Highway One, Little River CA 95456, 707-937-2862, lebeau@mcn.org, *Ceremony*, Power, 55' Fleming

Mac & Janet McDonald, 250 H Street PMB 336, Blaine WA 98230, 360-319-3106, *Vixen*, Pwr, 46' Alaskan

Kelli Gaasland McNamara, 3009 Victor St, Bellingham WA 98225, 527-3388, Cell 441-2525, mayday-girl1@yahoo.com

David Onkels, 2154 East Birch St, Bellingham WA 98229-4558, 671-9048, Cell 739-7531, david@onkels.com

John & Joyce Pedlow, 225 Middlefield Road, Bellingham WA 98225, 647-3414, Cell 360-920-9662, jpedlow@attbi.com, *Prelude*, Sail, 36' Catalina

Lyle St Michel & Mary Davidson, 227 Telegraph Road #661, Bellingham WA 98226, 961-4173, lstm@stmichel.org

Terrence Tavelli, 4760 Fremont Ave, Bellingham WA 98229-2626, 392-6769, Cell 360-820-0174, ttavelli@hotmail.com, *Scrubbie*, Power, 41' Defever

Joshua Thompson & Rachel Levinson, 2609 Williams Street, Bellingham WA 98225, 676-0528, Cell 319-8087, joshua_thomson@hotmail.com.

New Members should have a Roster, burgee pins, window decals, and refrigerator magnet; if any of you don't have your materials yet, contact Joe Coons at 739-1528 or bycjoie@attbi.com and he'll get them to you, or ask him at a Friday at Five. (Joe will be away from May 27—June 6 on a business trip.)

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