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Dues to Stay Same in 2003-2004

The BYC Board has announced that Club dues will *stay the same* for the 2003-4 Club year beginning October 1.

Active Member dues (other classes are proportional) have dropped from \$364 in 1998, to \$348 in 1999, then to \$300 continuing from 2000 to the present in spite of inflation. Making the Club all-volunteer, and new cost controls and operating efficiencies implemented by the board are credited.

Dues bills will go out about September 1, and are due by October 1; Members may pay by cash or check in full, or by credit card quarterly with a modest handling fee.

— Joe Coons

“On to Montague” on July 25-26-27....

There are seven boats signed up already for the **Montague Harbor Cruise on July 25-26-27**, according to cruisemasters **Chuck and Roberta McCord**.

According to the McCords, this will be a “casual” cruise, with informal potlucks Friday night for the early-arrivers, and then appetizers and cocktails on Saturday before going to one of several local restaurants a short walk from the Marina.

Montague Harbor is a charming spot, and there is a Provincial waterfront park with east hiking trails a nice 10-minute walk from the marina's docks.

A flyer will be forthcoming to give more details; to get one, and/or to notify Chuck and Roberta you're planning to attend, e-mail saltychuck@aol.com. In the meantime, please mark your calendar for this event. It is important that to reserve moorage now, as space is limited. Talk to Gram at the harbor: 1-250-539-5733; have your boat length, beam, and credit card number ready when you call, and tell him you're with the BYC.

Past Commodores Break Tradition

For the first time ever, the Bellingham Yacht Club's Past Commodores held a meeting with — gasp — their partners present! The occasion was the annual quarterly meeting of the BYC Blue Gavel chapter. Of course, it was pointed out that one PC, **Karen Callery**, is female, but she's cruising around Vancouver Island so missed the event, which was attended by 26 ladies and gentlemen.

Blue Gavel is an association of past commodores dedicated to helping their clubs and otherwise “doing good works”. The BYC chapter's members contribute to a “Past Commodore's Fund” which makes annual contributions to the Club; they give the Club \$3,000 per year to pay the Inati Bay lease and pay toward the BYC's Web Site, and they also have made significant “special” donations to the Club, most recently \$3,000 for the mirrors on the lounge wall and money for the big TV set in the lounge.

Bud Peterson is president; **Bob Moles** is VP, and **Steve Ross** is Secretary.

No Friday at Five July 4; No Racing July 2!

Commodore's Column

The Bellingham Yacht Club continues to grow! **In the last 12 months, 64 new memberships** were received; this probably represents over 120 new people! This growth, and the positive support that everyone has provided by volunteering continues building on last year's success. Thank you! We are continuing to grow the club from our beginnings 78 years ago:

On February 14, 1925, a small group of avid boaters met at Garland's boathouse on the South Side and created the Bellingham Yacht Club. Dr. Carl Erb served as first BYC Commodore; W. J. Seaman was Vice Commodore; and J. L. Patton was Secretary-Treasurer. The club burgee was designed by F. Stanley Piper. Three weeks later the Club had a membership of fifty and a fleet of ten boats. Pacific American Fisheries allowed the new group to use its shipyard ways and a portion of the office building temporarily while the club looked for permanent moorage on Belling-

ham Bay. By July of 1925 there were eighty members and the club had become affiliated with the Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA).

There is strong tradition and history in our Club. The enthusiasm of members has even begun to capture the attention of local media, and we have had four good articles about the club, its activities and members in the *Bellingham Herald*. **Jason Watson** and **Kelsey Overby** were able to get radio spots and interviews on KGMI to promote the Junior Program, and the results speak for themselves. Jason had over 30 people attend the introductory meeting, with 26 coming from the general public. They came because they wanted to learn about boating, the BYC and our Junior Program – exactly what our club is about.

It's hard to believe it's the end of June, but that means that we have our Fourth of July raft up, with an overnight at Inati Bay. Also coming up is the 30th Annual Pitch Regatta, which will be held Labor Day Weekend. The regatta is classified as a

PIYA Category III event which helps qualify the sailors for the Grand Prix Invitational Regatta sponsored by the Seattle Yacht Club. Boats race all year to qualify for this prestigious event. This year's Pitch theme is "Thirty Years of Wind". This is another one of our major events as we draw sailors from all over the Pacific Northwest. **Al Callery** and the Pitch Committee have put together a special dinner and night of dancing with Emerald Bay for that Saturday night. Anyone interested in helping "pitch in" to help make this a success should contact Mick Corcoran.

Our members sailing around Vancouver Island (9 vessels led by Past Commodore **David Bradley**) are apparently having too much fun to check in, but we heard they were beating their way up Johnstone Strait to Port Hardy. We all wish them the best in their adventure, and look forward to hearing about their trip in the fall!

*I ask you to **remember, it's the water, the boats and the friends!***

John Gargett, Commodore

Editorial

Each year around this time of year, the Commodore names the nominating committee and we begin searching for folks who want to serve, or at least are willing to serve, on our BYC Board of Trustees.

Although I don't know for sure who John Gargett has in mind for the Committee, I am sure that if you contact him (his number is on the back page) he'd be delighted in hearing of your interest in serving. Or talk to Marlene Bolster, our Vice Commodore. Marlene is likely to be the nominee for Commodore (I believe only once or twice in 75 years has that not happened) and she'll go to bat for you, too.

As you may know, the nominating committee is supposed to name two persons for each Board position, so you should do a little politicking! All that usually means is to call your BYC buddies and urge them to (1) Come to the Club on Election Day, September 17, and (2) Vote for you! It's a sad reality that most times only 30 or so people elect our officers and trustees for our 270-or-so Members. (In this regard, we're suffering from the same malaise as our nation.)

Remember, if you don't vote, you can't complain!

—Joe Coons

Members of the Month

This month we salute **the new Members who have joined us in the past 12 months, all 64 of you!**

What is most remarkable about most of you "newbies" is your willingness to pitch in with our all-volunteer Club! It's refreshing and stimulating to us older Members, for your enthusiasm is contagious. Of course, we recognize that one motive you may have is meeting new folks, but that's a reality that works both ways. I know that we are enjoying *you* as much as you are enjoying *us*; perhaps even more!

There's one *more* thing I'd like to ask you to do: Whenever you see some BYC activity or process that can be improved, *speak up!* I'm sure there are things we do here that can be done better, so let's hear your ideas whenever you have them. Don't be shy.

Of course, we know that you'll be bringing in new friends to join us, too. Recruiting new Members is on everyone's agenda, or at least should be. This "business" of running a yacht club has an economic reality: Once our dues have taken care of fixed expenses like our insurance and ground lease with the Port, a new Member's dues go right into programs or profits, and that helps us be a much better, more secure club. **THANKS!**

BYC Junior Programs 2003-4

We're reprinting this story from last month to answer questions!

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 includes meetings for parents and kids, where we 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.

Ganges Cruise Report

We had fun on the recent, end-of-May Ganges Cruise. There were eight boats, and not only did we have a good time, but the cruising was especially smooth sailing — although with many sailors going around Vancouver Island, our cruisers were all powerboats...to tell the truth, we missed the rag-baggers...

We enjoyed the usual parties and shopping at the Ganges Saturday "Farmers" Market, and we had a good dinner with somewhat quicker service Saturday Night at the Pub. It was an especially relaxed trip.

One unusual opportunity was the chance to visit our new Members Liz and Gary Isbell aboard their beautiful 57' Nordhavn, *Joint Decision*. It's a boat that had everyone goggle-eyed, and the Isbell's welcome mat got a lot of exercise.

— Joe Coons

A Note from Vance Edwards

Member **Vance Edwards** writes: "I've been stuck here in Southern California for most of the Spring. We're preparing *Wind Dancer*, a Catalina 42' for the Transpac Race on July 1st, so I should be at sea for about six weeks. Check the website, www.transpacificcyc.org.

Only two races to report this year; 3rd out of 32 boats aboard *Freebird*, a New York 40 in the Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race (125 nautical miles) and 1st out of 12 boats aboard *Wind Dancer* in the local Anacapa Island Race (36 NM).

Hope to see you all later this summer, *Vance*

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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.
25-27		Montague Harbor Cruise See story page 1
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!
16-17		Kids' Cruise Sucia Island. Call Jamie Foti, 734-8226
		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

SEPTEMBER 2003

3		Annual Nominating Meeting 6PM
5, 19		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
14		Commodore's Picnic Inati Bay 1PM Contact: John Gargett, 734-3499
17		Annual Club Election Day & Meeting 6-7PM
21		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
14		Commodore's Cup & Commodore's Picnic
20-21		Bellingham Bay One-Design
27		Governor's Point Long Distance Race

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

RECIPROCAL NEWS FROM CAPT. HOMIE

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

I got my bow thruster fixed, better than new, here at Port Ludlow, by a guy by the name of Burton Gabriel of "Gabriels' Marine Service". His forte is electrical, my weakest category. Isn't boating fun?

I hope you all had a great Opening Day. Homie went by car with some fellows to the one in Seattle. After seeing all those boats, we topped off the afternoon with a stop at Hooters on Lake Union — after all, I'm single!

While hanging out at Port Ludlow for 5 days, I discovered two new places to eat, and heard again about a place in

Discovery Bay, *The Original Oyster House*. Homie really likes Oysters. At Port Hadlock is a place called *Ajax*. Great food, killer desserts, and lots of it's own kind of charm. Port Hadlock YC has two reciprocal buoys, or you can anchor out and row ashore. I also heard of 50 feet of dock out front, but I didn't see it. It was dark and we drove by car. Down by the Gas Station, a one-mile walk (all flat) is *The Port Ludlow Cafe*. I had a great steak and eggs for less than \$9. The people at the Marina at Port Ludlow would never tell you about this place (competition), but the locals all know about it.

Whenever I'm in need of fuel, and the Lake is close by, I go thru the locks and fuel up at either Ballard Oil or Covich & Williams. I always thought that Ballard Oil was the best price, but lately C&W has been lower. May 6th they were 5 cents lower at \$1.05.9. They're not far from each other so just give 'em a call. And when you are in the Lake, BYC has reciprocal with every Yacht Club in the Lake. When I was down in south Puget Sound a couple of months ago, Homie found two Yacht Clubs that BYC didn't have a reciprocal with, but the wheels are in motion to rectify that.

Homie had a nice diversion from boating. I was invited over to eastern Washington, to a bird hunting club, and sporting clays facility. It was great meeting some real nice folks, and watching their bird dogs perform. Two Brittaneys, two Golden Retrievers, and one Gordon Setter. I used to play that game with a great Springer spaniel named "Hawkins". Had him for 14 years. Boating the way I do, I've not chosen to get another dog. Sometimes, as you know, it can be difficult to find any place for them to go ashore. And then there's always the chance of running into a bear or a cougar. And in the Indian villages the dogs have already established the pecking order, and none of them are on a leash. Anyway I seem to be able to get enough of a pet fix with all the people I meet as I continue on my "Marine Nomadic Adventure".

Right now I'm at the Poulsbo YC, tied up with 5 lines out, and it's blowing about 30mph on my starboard quarter. I doubt that I could get to the dock if I was trying to come in right now. But if the wind is blowing like this, they have an emergency dock (painted with red), and you can stay there until things settle down a bit. I had that happen here once. I'll be going up on the Grid at Brownsville to change my zincs. After that I should be ready for the summer cruising season. I've been spending a bit of money on the boat. Re-built alternator, and a new backup alternator (with the pulley already on it), new raw water pump (for backup), new heat exchanger, new belts, and all new hoses on the engine heat exchanger. I also have solved a problem with my bow-thruster. (If you have a Wesmar, and the Lovejoy coupler slips out of place, Homie is pretty sure he knows how to stop it from ever happening again. If you have this problem, write me!)

I'll write again soon.

— Captain Homie

Homie lives aboard his Hardin 42' trawler, and is found cruising all over or at capt.homie@pocketmail.com, his e-mail address. He is our BYC Reciprocal Chairman.

KID'S CRUISE HELP NEEDED

Jamie Foti, co-chair of our BYC cruising program, is asking for help with the **Kids' Cruise to Sucia Island August 16-17**.

"Chairing a cruise is mostly a matter of getting out publicity and instructions", says Jamie. "Since Sucia Island is a marine park, we can't make reservations, there is no marina, and there are no restaurants, so the logistics planning requires us only to be sure that folks participating bring the stuff they need for the events."

Some games, perhaps a treasure hunt, dinghy activities (especially if there's a sailing dinghy or two) and a few beach activities should make the trip a success for the younger set, while a raft-up will keep parents and grandparents entertained and make meals fun.

Please call Jamie at 734-8226 and volunteer to help! Done right, this is a cruise that could become a BYC tradition!

— Joe Coons

NEW MEMBERS

Here are our BYC new members! 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!**

Jason Watson, 2421 Blackbird Valley Lane, Maple Falls, WA 98266, 360-599-3278, tuneblastr726@hotmail.com, cell 360-220-6611

Ann Hay, 13914 15th Place SW, Burien, WA 98166. 206-244-7148, Cell 206-930-0830, power vessel *Pied Piper*, a 1940 Matthews 38' cruiser.

Rod & Susan Dean, 1229B West Village Lane, Bellingham, WA 98226, 756-0620, 38' Performance Trawler *Compass Rose*. rodandsusan@attbi.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 bycjo@attbi.com and he'll get them to you, or ask him at a Friday at Five.

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