



# BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB

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## BYC 60, Crabs I

The annual BYC Crab Fest was held in Chuckanut Bay August 2, with some boats "hanging over" until the morning of the 3rd. At least 18 boats – ranging in size from **Craig and Susan Henderson's Iron Wind** to an inflatable dinghy – were present at various times during the afternoon. Pictures are on the BYC Web Site, *byc.org*, and will be in this year's *Roster/Yearbook*.

Ten members contributed their crabbing expertise to haul their limits (6 crabs each) to the cooks who cleaned and cooked the cranky crustaceans. Only known casualty was your cruise chairman, who shook hands with one of the critters. After this introduction, the crab joined his brethren in the chow line while the haul boat went on to meet more guests. Winner of the "best beverage for crab" was **Tim Mumford**, the effects of whose concoction were still felt by many the next day.

Several of the ladies present took advantage of the warm weather to swim and sun bathe, an event not unnoticed by the gentlemen. If any of the men took advantage of the weather, no one noticed.

Special thanks are due to the cruise committee: **Pete and Jamie Foti**, and **Steve and Diane Moore**; the cooks: **Gordon and Marcia Thomas** (new members of less than 24 hrs. tenure), **Ron Erickson**, **Pete Foti**, and **Ken and Char Malseed**; the hunter/gatherers: **Bob and Judy Kehoe**, **Jason Watson**, **Jamie Foti**, **Al Callery**, **Ray Nelson**, and others; and the anchor boats: **Tim Mumford's MoGeo** and **Iron Wind**. Many others helped, but your correspondent is having difficulty remembering some of the day's events.

Until next year ...

— *Steve and Meredith Ross*,  
*Cruise Chairmen*

## Junior Programs.....

Is there anything more rewarding than seeing a young person learn something new, and the smile that lights up their face when they realize how much fun they're having? It seems like yesterday I was asked to help coordinate the Junior Programs. The summer has flown by and the kids have all been progressing extremely well. Can these be the same kids?? Sailing out of and into the harbor by themselves, helping one another rig their boats, and all the while becoming better and better sailors.

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August we had a picnic at Boulevard Park. The weather wasn't favorable to sailing in the smaller boats for the morning, though we did have one brave sailor make the trip. (**Kelsey Overby**) In the afternoon however the seas lessened and the wind smoothed out so we were able to do some sailing.

We are hoping to enter 5 kids into the Bellingham Bay One Design this September. The program is scheduled to end at P.I.T.C.H. With the juniors selling raffle tickets, ice and T-shirts. However you will still see us down on the docks from time to time, and we will be having activities for the kids through the fall and winter.

Our program will kick off early next year, in time for the Junior Ski to Sea Regatta on Bellingham Bay. It's been a great year and we are going up from here!! Thanks to all those who have supported or helped the program in any way. Special thanks to **Kelsey Overby** (Junior Programs co-chair) **Tim Mumford**, **Richard Veach**, **Dick Johnson**, **Al Callery**, **John Gargett** and anyone else whose brains I've picked these past few months. Until October.....

— *Jason Watson*

## Commodore's Cup & Picnic Sept. 13-14

## Commodore's Column

Well were into late summer and entering the fall. This is some of the finest sailing and cruising weather we have, and it is hard to believe that the year is passing so fast. Our members who sailed around Vancouver Island (led by **Past Commodore David Bradley**) are back and they all survived the journey, but from what I can tell they are all still on island time. I did have a chance to see some of **Al & Karen Callery's** pictures, and what a trip it appeared to be. Rumor is that the group will put on a presentation at one of the Friday's at Five – that will be one you do not want to miss.

Speaking of Friday's at Five, I would like to take a moment to reflect on how this has grown and how appreciative I am to **Steve Moore** and **Steve Ross** who made it happen. As memory serves, several years ago Steve & Steve talked about just getting together with club members every other Friday to socialize, talk boating and generally have fun. Those early Friday's at Five had anywhere from 10 to 20 members and guests present, and we met in the Ward Room in the basement because we had leased out the upstairs. Now, of course, we have anywhere from 60-80 members attend, and we meet in our renovated space upstairs. It has become an extremely successful event, so when you see **Steve Moore** the organizer, give him a hand for the excellent job he has done by volunteering to help grow the club.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Pitch will be a great success. For those of you who have missed it, I think it is safe to say that our club truly rolled out the red carpet for boaters from all over the Northwest. You can view the results on the BYC website of this exciting and milestone event. **Al Callery**, along with his entire PITCH committee, did a fantastic job in planning this event, as well as getting significant contributions from local businesses – another measure of our growing success. We are particularly grateful for the support we have received from Mercedes Benz through Wilson Motors, The Boatyard at Colony Wharf, Staff Sails and Peoples Bank. Please keep all these local firms in mind when you need a car, a haul-out, sails or a loan.

September is going to be a busy, and as always, an important month for the Club. September 3 is our annual Nominations Meeting at the club. Please plan on attending to meet the candidates that are willing to serve, and if you would like to serve, we will, as always, accept nominations from the floor. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we have our annual Commodores Picnic at Inati Bay. Please call me if you do not have a boat and would like to attend. It is always a great event! On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Club has its Annual Club Election & Meeting. I urge every member to attend and help elect the new officers and board. We will also be summarizing what we have accomplished this year. I hope everyone can attend all three of these events, your participation makes the BYC the great place it is.

***Remember – it's the Water, it's the Boats, and it's the Friends. Happy cruising!***

— John Gargett

## BYC Bar and Lounge

For the benefit of our new members not in the know about our lounge, the bar is run by volunteers. Each member bartender has taken the liquor control board test to qualify as a certified mixologist. Anyone can take the test and the next class should be the last Saturday in September. The permit allows the bartender to legally serve but doesn't teach him or her how to mix a drink. We do however, do pretty well.

The bar has been open this summer on Wed (7pm to 10ish), Thursday and Friday (5pm to 9pm. Beginning in September the bar will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday (5pm to 9pm). We are working on ideas to make Saturdays more interesting. If you have any ideas please let us know.

So come on down and meet your friends and get acquainted with new ones.

— Dick Johnson, Bar Chair

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# THE BYC MAIN SHEET— SAVE IT / POST IT






## September 2003

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



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### 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

### OCTOBER 2003

1		Installation of Officers 6PM (Cocktails 5:30)
3, 17		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
10-13		Progressive Dinner Cruise Chuck McCord 384-0110
16		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Gargett, 734-3499.
 SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
	11	Jack Island Long Distance Race

### NOVEMBER 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.
CRUISING & SAILING EVENTS:		
	8-9	Predicted Log Race
	8-9	Round the County
 SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
	15	Awards Banquet 7pm

**BAR HOURS: THURSDAY-SATURDAY, 5—9 PM,**

## A Note from the Editors

Yes, that is plural! Kelli McNamara and myself, Dolph Conrads are now acting as coeditors of the Jib Sheet. Kelli has a background in publishing and graphics with a degree in Graphic Design from Western Washington University. She is currently also the editor of the Fairhaven Middle School newsletter. I have a finance degree in Commercial Recreation from the University of Utah and have worked on various presentations, newsletters and publications over the years.

The processes and deadlines will remain the same with Kelli handling most of the graphics, copy and publishing, while I will be gathering, reporting and doing some writing. As in the past, we'll still look forward to all the great contributions made by the members for our biggest source of information. Please email articles to [kelli@colonywharf.com](mailto:kelli@colonywharf.com) or [dconrads@alpha.com](mailto:dconrads@alpha.com). Joe Coons has graciously agreed to continue to watch over the advertising section for now.

Both Kelli and I are very excited to take on the new duties, become more involved in the BYC and meet all the members along the way necessary to continue producing such a successful newsletter.

— Dolph Conrads

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## Flix @ Six

The resumption of our movie series at the Club. The first showing will be on Saturday evening, September 27. We will be showing the original production of "**Patton**" starring George C. Scott as General Patton and Karl Malden as General Omar Bradley. This 1970 movie won EIGHT Academy Awards and is all time classic. Since it is almost three hours long, I hope to start the showing shortly after 6 PM. We will also take a vote on: Start time for future shows, and Type or specific titles for future shows. Agreement that the third Saturday of every month is as good as any date.

— Quinn Selsor

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## Name the C & C 24' Sailboat

If you have an opportunity, try to get down to the BYC on Saturdays or Tuesday's to watch the junior sailors. At the beginning of the season, these kids couldn't sail out of the harbor. Yes, they had to be towed! Now, most of them can sail out of the harbor, enjoy the class and safely return. I think **Jason** and **Kelsey** should be commended on their success so far. We have a viable junior sailing program with parental support, three talented coaches, and great kids!

In addition, we have the C&C 24ft. boat, which is just about ready for us to use. We have almost finished replacing all the rigging on the boat. The safety equipment will soon be placed on board. The boat has received it's first cleaning this week. After the PITCH regatta, the sailing coaches will be offering classes on board for group members or families, who wish to learn how to sail. The process of formalizing the procedures for chartering the boat out to BYC members is proceeding. Thanks to Roger over at **San Juan Sailing**, we have a good working model to use.

There is one disturbing item I must bring to everyone's attention. Our C&C 24, which is tied up on the inside of the reciprocal dock is without a name! That's right, this poor lifeless hunk of fiberglass, which hopefully can be changed into a mini red sled, needs a name. So, let's have a **boat-naming contest!** Oh, great, now I have to go find a prize.

— Richard L. Veach  
Rear Commodore

## DUES BILLING HAS NEW PAYMENT POLICIES

Members of the BYC will be getting their dues billing for the coming year in the next few days, according to **Joe Coons**, volunteer assistant treasurer for the Club. According to Joe, the Board has adopted several new policies to close a "loophole" that allowed new Members to join for just a small, pro-rata share of the annual fees without staying in the Club when the "Club Year" ended on September 30, and to reduce the time and cost for him and fellow volunteer **Bob Garvie** to handle the Club's billing.

Under the new terms, newly-joining Members must either pay a full year's dues, or must agree to automatic Credit Card billing for four quarters. Existing Members who wish to pay dues quarterly when renewing must agree to automatic credit card billing each quarter as described on the dues notices to be mailed.

"The net dues are the same as in the past", said Joe. "Members will get a discount for payment in cash or by credit card for the entire year, or authorize the Club to deduct the dues from their Credit Card quarterly without the discount, just as they agree to pay their bills for some other common services." The Club office crew has established procedures that assure the security of Members' credit card numbers, and they are not kept in the Club's computers.

Payments are due October 1, although the Club By-Laws have a "grace" period before Members are suspended. The Board enforces the policies uniformly to avoid any confusion about a Member's financial responsibilities to the Club.

—Joe Coons

## RECIPROCAL DOCK REMINDER

During the 1996-97 Club year, the Port began its improvements to the harbor, and then-commodore Steve Ross spearheaded a campaign to get the wonderful, 240-foot-plus reciprocal dock in front of our Club building. At the time, the \$11,000 annual rent was a great sacrifice; now, with the rent up to over \$13,000 per year, the dock is a blessing that attracts boats front throughout the region. This first class structure sets the Club apart among the Clubs of the Northwest, as it is the best and most conveniently located facility of its kind around.

But there is confusion among our Members about how the Reciprocal Dock may be used, according to those who monitor it for the Club. This article is intended to clear up the misunderstandings, and is based upon the full policies in the Club's *Yearbook/Roster, Section XII, "Reciprocal Dock"*, and the rules and regulations posted on the dock and its registration forms. The dock is provided by the Club primarily for use by members of other Clubs, so that our Members, in turn, may *reciprocally* use the other Clubs' docks!

1. Members may use the dock *one night per month, space permitting*. This generally excludes use of the dock by Members on weekends May 15 - September 15, when reciprocal use is at its highest.
2. No boat bearing a "For Sale" sign may use the dock at any time.
3. All boats must fly a burgee of the BYC or a reciprocal club of which their owner is a Member, *but space is not available to residents of Whatcom County who are not BYC Members under any circumstances*.
4. The deep-draft, south side of the dock is *not* rented at

such great expense by the Club to be used for small craft such as the mark boats, junior boats, etc. Instead, the north side, with its shallower water and much lower rent is available for such purposes; the bigger mark boat should be there or along the main ramp in the north corner.

While the Club guarantees other clubs that at least 100 feet of the dock will be available, the BYC does rent limited space on a long term basis to members without moorage on a first-come, first serve basis. Two members presently use this privilege, between them taking some 85 feet, and from October 1 - April 15, some additional space is rented because reciprocal demand is much less. The funds the Club receives go directly toward defraying the dock's cost. Arrangements are made directly with the Club assistant treasurer, **Joe Coons**. **Bob Kehoe** has helped for years by also monitoring the dock; his boat is moored nearby. Both these fellows, under the supervision of the fleet captain, make sure the dock is tidy and properly used.

There are several occasions each year when the dock is opened on other terms: During PITCH, to accommodate as many boats as possible; Opening Day weekend; and during the Lighted Boat Parade season. At those times, the regular tenants' boats are exchanged with members' boats or moved into other open slips.

According to Joe, "The only way this works is if we enforce the rules equally and without exception! The minute anyone gets any special privileges, the furor begins, so we don't give anyone any! We ask all BYC-ers to cooperate with the rules."

— Joe Coons

## Race Results

Heat Wave Series is over. After three races sailed:

<b>PHRF I</b>		<b>Etchell</b>		Tenacious 2	36	Velvet Elvis	30
Tikanga	4	Beauzeaux	8				
Impetuous	7	Etheria	10	<b>PHRF II</b>		<b>Cruising</b>	
Mora	12	Sail # 145	12	Miles II Go	6	MoonShadow	7
Ice Nine	13	Sail # 570	12	Tumbleweed	6	Islander	9
Honker	14	Flash	14	Carrera	10	Full Circle	12
Catspaw	16	Toast	15	Hraven	17	Allegro	12
Charlemagne	22	Sail # 881	24	Merlin	17	Chinook	18
Diehler	27	Foibles	25	Blackfoot	17	Meliora	21
		Enchilada	27	Flying Circus	20		
		Blue	28	Conflict of Interest	29		

## PAST COMMODORES TO MEET

The Bellingham chapter of The Blue Gavel, an international organization of Past Commodores, in addition to other Past Commodores not Blue Gavel members, will be meeting at the Club on **Wednesday, September 24**, according the **Bud Peterson**, president of the group. As is usual, the meeting will begin with refreshments at 5:30, with dinner following thereafter. For details, contact Bud at 733-6868 or [fielston@aol.com](mailto:fielston@aol.com).

## NEWS ITEM

**Vance Edwards** and the Transpac yacht race from Los Angeles to Hawaii? Vance navigated the *Wind Dancer* (a Catalina 42) to a first place in their division, with a corrected time of 200:45:49. He's on his way back to Ventura CA with the boat now. The race results are at [www.transpacificvc.org](http://www.transpacificvc.org) if anyone is interested. Our BYC burgee was flying!

— Janet Lloyd

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