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Boat Show Bus Trip a Blast!

The annual BYC "Boat Bus" trip to the Seattle Boat Show was again a rousing success. We had room for only 41 people and that's how many took the trip. Organized and provisioned by **Teresa Van Haalen**, we had all the necessary food and drink to keep us occupied for the cruise to the show. John, our driver/captain was again most helpful and steered the proper course, even taking a side trip to pick up **Alex Marr** in Mount Vernon. Alex got the proper amount of ribbing by everyone for the special service (Callery's wanted to know if they could get great roadside service next year!). **Ray Poorman** was our phenomenal mixologist and pleased everyone with the different red or orange colored drinks (we'll need more of the clear stuff next year). **Al Callery and Steve Moore** worked the aisles serving food and beverage in a fashion befitting their station in life (they both agreed that they'll never get a job as stewards on an airplane - the passengers agreed!)

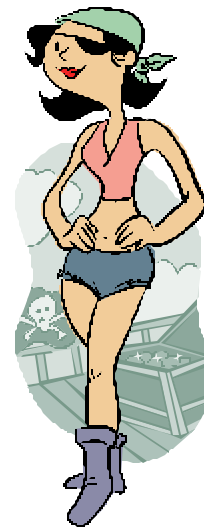
Arriving at the In The Water show first, we experienced a **FIRST**. Everyone got off! Now this posed a major problem for Alex and **Jason Watson**. The driver said he would pick us up at the Boat Show in the "usual" place. This was Jason and Alex's first trip. The other 39 passengers were asked at least 9 times-EACH during the day where the bus was going to be (someone said they were waiting for the PA announcement from the two of them stating they were lost and would their "parent" please come get them!). The trip home was actually more exciting the one down. While Al and Steve took beverage orders, Ray was making **BIG** drinks. This resulted in the unfortunate problem of running out of the orange stuff. BUT we had enough of the clear stuff to make up in volume what he didn't have in mix. SO - to satisfy everyone we served many one ingredient drinks. Many of the people at the front of the bus thought this was great (thankfully they all came in two person cars). Looking at the next trip, we now know what we'll need more of with a full bus next year. Good people + Good driver + good help = a **GREAT TIME** for everyone!!

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First Cruise of 2004

Saturday, February 28th, 2004



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Commodore's Message

Happy February to all, January went way too fast but not without highlights. The boat show bus was a huge success thanks to **Theresa Van Haalen** and **Al Callery** for organizing this well attended event. The bus was full and enjoyed by all. **Ray Poorman** and **Steve Moore** served as our gracious bartenders and stewards making sure all were happy with their refreshments, thank you guys. Those who didn't sign up this year make sure you don't miss the bus next year. The Coupe de Grais of the month is the completion of the bar remodel. We opened on the 23rd with a Fridays @ 5 and many happy members. Yeoman efforts went into the under budget and rapid completion thanks to **John Asmundson, Joe Coons, Dick Johnson, Bob Kehoe and Tom Selman**. When you see these guys be sure to give them the reorganization they well deserve and a drink. A big thank you also goes to **Judy Coons** for the organization of the back room. We are so lucky to have these dedicated members, thanks to all of those who also pitched in on the weekends and when ever they could. It's this wonderful enthusiasm that keep our club successful. This Fridays @ 5 had a small bundle of joy to join us in our celebration. **Steve and Meredith Ross** are proud new grandparents, **Shannon and Jace McMaster** brought in their two week old baby boy **Dylan** for all to enjoy. Congratulations to the proud new family.

Don't forget Super Bowl Sunday February 1st with the Third Annual Chili Cook Off. Bring your best chili recipes down and enjoy the game. Look in your e-mails for details, this will be a great day. Fridays @ 5 will be on the 6th and 20th. Saturday February 28 is the Second Annual BYC Land Cruise put on by **Don and Pat Dangelmaier**. Last year was a big success and enjoyed by all. You can sign up on line at the BYC Website. This year Don and Pat have a few new surprises and twist in store.

Till next month, Smooth Sailing
Marlene

Editorial

Here I sit, looking out the window, seeing the sky actually starting to clear in places, small patches of blue opening up. I am reminded that it is getting light earlier and staying light a little later. I can even see the bay when I'm driving to and from work now. The prospect of going down and working on the boat looks more inviting, getting it shipshape for all the cruises that have merely been talked about through the winter. Hats off to the fleet captains for already putting together exciting cruise schedules that also entice us to get the vessels ready.

In going through gear in the garage and readying the "Blue J", one thing has come to mind, I have noticed over the last few years how few boating accidents Bellingham Bay and the islands experience. I know there are some slipping past my news radar, but compared to the Utah region, where I have been the last two decades, there seems to be far less making the news in Bellingham. I would hope this is attributed to the safety conscience, experienced boaters that Bellingham enjoys for the most part. In Utah, accidents were frequently attributed to novice uninformed boaters and boaters simply not watching out for each other. Since arriving in Washington, I have particularly enjoyed taking advantage of the USPS courses and the friendly safety advice my fellow boaters have provided. So a quick reminder, this could never have been mentioned enough by all the past editors I'm sure - Check the safety gear even closer this year, know your boat and you're never too experienced for safety refreshers.

Dolph Conrads

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PHIL DYER & ASSOCIATES REALTORS. Phil 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 between boats! *But if you're Buying or Selling, get Real Estate Problems Solved. 739-9900.*

Thanks To "Sink the Dinghy!"

The call came about an hour before Friday's at Five: "The Yacht club has chosen the YWCA to receive the dinghy filled to the brim with presents for those in need," past Commodore **John Gargett** announced. This was an incredible donation with very practical food items, clothing for moms and kids as well as fun toys. And if an overflowing dinghy wasn't enough, someone also "passed the hat" and over \$200.00 was collected in a matter of minutes! We have a full house of 36 residents and each woman received something special thanks to your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Several women were home on Saturday and helped unload the van, all were grateful to be part of a long tradition of women who have celebrated Christmas at the YWCA since 1914.

With Gratitude,
 Teri Smith Julie Foster
 Housing Director Executive Director

Need a Really Cool Tax Deduction?

The Sailing Foundation, Bellingham Chapter uses tax deductible donations for the support of youth boating activities. We're serious about supporting kids on the water! Contact Sailing Foundation Officers: Past Commodores **Dick Johnson, Steve Ross, or Vice Commodore, Richard Veach**

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT OUR LOCAL HISTORY

Excerpts from Who the Hell was San Juan by Doug Cardle

Who was Apostolos Valerianos of Cephalonia? His Spanish alias was Juan de Fuca. He was a sailor who navigated around the world in the service of Spain for some forty years, or else he was a teller of tall tales

In 1592 Juan de Fuca sailed up the west coast of North America looking for Straits of Anian, otherwise known as the Northwest Passage. Between 47 and 48 degrees north of the equator he found the mouth of a large inlet which looked like a likely candidate.

In 1596 Juan de Fuca met a gentlemen by the name of Michael Lok, who passed this information to the Reverend Samuel Purchas who included it in Hakluytus Posthumus. This history of sea voyages was published in 1625 and was widely used by mariners.

One of the mariners familiar with this book was William Barkley, an Englishman who sailed up the Pacific Coast looking for sea otters. He spotted the entrance of a large inlet between 48 and 49 degrees north, one that fit Juan de Fucas description. He didn't think 60 miles difference in latitude was significant so he put it on his chart as Juan de Fucas Straight.

There has always been some doubt about Juan de Fucas tale. Historians have made exhaustive searches of Spanish archives without coming up with any trace of Juan de Fuca or the ships he said he sailed. Historians tend to believe that his description of the entrance to the strait was too good for the story to have been made up.

Now you know why it is called the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Submitted by Dick Johnson






Cut Out & Return to the BYC

Name of "Boat" _____	
Captain _____	
Cell Phone # _____	
1st Mate _____	
Navigator _____	
Crew _____	
Crew _____	Land Cruise Saturday, February 28th Time: 0830
Entry Fee @ \$5.00 per person Total \$ _____	

This event is open to ALL even if you don't have a boat or wish to invite non-members, friends. Cruise Sponsors are:
Don & Pat Dangelmaier, 604-534-8109 or email at: dondee@shaw.ca




THE BYC MAIN SHEET— SAVE IT / POST IT



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FEBRUARY 2004		
1		Superbowl Sunday and Chili Cookoff. <i>Come to the party at the Club, have great chili, remember last year?</i>
6, 20		Fridays at Five. <i>5-7PM, try to bring appetizers</i>
19		Board Meeting. <i>6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Bolster 739-3377.</i>
28		Land Cruise/Scavenger Hunt. <i>See Page 1 & 3 for details</i>



March 2004

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MARCH 2004		
5, 19		Fridays at Five. <i>5-7PM, try to bring appetizers</i>
18		Board Meeting. <i>6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Bolster 739-3377.</i>

April 2004

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APRIL 2004		
2, 16		Fridays at Five. <i>5-7PM, try to bring appetizers</i>
15		Board Meeting. <i>6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Bolster 739-3377.</i>

BAR & LOUNGE WINTER HOURS:
Thursday—Saturday: 5 to 9PM
STARTING APRIL:
Wednesday-Saturday: 5 to 9PM

Captain Homie

To catch up on these we're running a couple months worth of adventures!

I'm back in the States, after a wonderful summer of cruising in Canada. Had I not broken my collarbone, a stupid accident on my part, it would have been the best summer ever. Even with that it was great.

I made it up to the Broughtons, got a nice tan, and fought off scurvy at every opportunity. I have a great remedy, eh. So now I'm back in Puget Sound, heading down to South Sound for one of my favorite Boating Events of the year, Oysterfest at Shelton. This will be my 4th year in a row.

South Sound in the Fall is spectacular with all the Fall-Colors. If any of you can get away, you should come on down and check it out. Give me a call or E-mail me, and I'll be glad to recommend places that I think you might enjoy seeing and things to do. I've been doing a bit of recruiting along the way. If you don't have the new copy of *The Burgee*, be sure and pick it up. It has some nice improvements.

Sept. 18th

Homie is at the Quartermaster Yacht Club on Vashon Island. This is a very protected Harbor, with good bus service to the village. Glen McCormick, the Harbormaster is a wealth of information. He comes from Pioneer Stock. I always like to stop at the Ice-Cream Parlor "Zoomies" for a medium chocolate-vanilla swirl cone. It helps me do the rest of my shopping. As I was coming into Quartermaster Harbor, I dropped a couple of crab pots inside the Red Entrance Buoy. I've not had great luck there in the past, but I keep trying.

September 22

I finally got to partake of the Sunday Brunch at the Tacoma YC. For \$16.27 (that includes a bottle of Champagne), I was able to have as nice a brunch as I've ever had. So mark that down in your notes in your new *Burgee Book*, eh.

After brunch I went over to Gig Harbor, but it being Sunday, and a beautiful day, the Yacht Club space was already full. But much to my surprise, the City Dock had space. The Gig Harbor City Council has now made

the City Dock free. They figured out that they were not collecting enough in fees to pay for the liability insurance, so they now offer 48 hours every seven days for free. The City Police monitor it, and it carries a \$100 per night fine for each day over the 48 hours --- they had a few people abusing it before they started dishing out the big fines. (Now that the word is getting out, the fines are less frequent, eh!) You can also stay one night for free at the Tides Tavern Dock, and the Anthony's Restaurant down at the end of the Harbor lets you stay for one night if you use the restaurant. Or you can anchor out anywhere in the northern half of the harbor. The southern half is kept clear for boat passage. Gig Harbor has a lot to offer for us boaters, and is one of my favorite spots to come visit.

October 4

I just spent about a week in Gig Harbor. What a great place for boaters to go! I found some good new restaurants, new to me. El Pueblito, right across the street; Kellys' Cafe off to the left as you walk off the Dock, up around the corner from the 3-way stop. Great ordinary Hamburgers (tell them Homie sent you). Also the Judson Street Cafe has excellent food; it's located in the same building as the Rexall Drug store. I also heard that the little Cafe just south of Anthony's at the back end of the Bay has great fish & chips. I'm a bit tired of the Tides Tavern, especially now that I've found all these great new places. Oh! The Teriyaki place up by the Ace Hardware store is quite good. I must say, deciding where I'm going to eat out in Gig Harbor has become a bit of a problem. I suspect I'm receiving no sympathy from whomever is reading this, eh.

The grocery store is changing from Thriftway to QFC, and all the same people will be staying employed at the store. I always meet some nice folks, and often make new friends when I'm at Gig Harbor, and being able to spend a whole week there allowed me to learn much more about the Village. So now it's 4:00pm and Homie is going by the Prison at McNeil Island. What a depressing-looking place. I'm on my way to Longbranch to meet up with BYC-er Fabrice Roignot on TOPAZ. (Boy is he ever a candidate for retirement. Too bad he's so young, but he's ready, believe you me.) We're

heading for Shelton, staying at the Shelton Yacht Club, and going to enjoy another year at Oysterfest. Oysterfest is a wonderful Seafood Festival that generates quite a bit of money for the town of Shelton. It's held up at the Mason County Fair Grounds, but a free shuttle bus comes down real close to the Yacht Club. It gets a bit foggy in the mornings down in the South Sound this time of the year, but when and if it burns away, the rest of the day is beautiful. I love it down here!

October 5

If you should ever choose to go to Shelton, I strongly suggest that you have the "Hammersley Inlet to Shelton" Chart #18457, and always remember it's in feet, not fathoms!

Fabrice and I really had a great time at Oysterfest. Lots of food, and lots of good Micro-Beers. The weather stank as compared to past times here, but we still had a great time. I think the SYC is one of the friendliest clubs that I stop to visit as I continue on "My Marine Nomadic Adventure". Now I'm heading back up around the Des Moines/Tacoma area, and probably spend most of the rest of the year in Puget Sound.

I might make a trip up to Victoria...I haven't spent much time in Victoria with the boat lately! I usually just take the #70 Bus from Sidney to Victoria. It's so easy.

While down in the South Sound, I tried my luck at crabbing off the Nisqually Flats. Local knowledge is real important. First you have to add 25 pounds of weight to your pot because of the heavy current. Once the current starts moving, the crab pot floats quickly disappear. So the only time you can retrieve them is at slack water. That is if the current hasn't moved them. Homie always seems to have to learn the hard way. To make a long story short, I now have two less crab pots! This has been a tough year for me. I've lost four pots since the middle of June...usually I only lose maybe one a year. I did see some nice pots at Outdoor Emporium in Seattle, so that's one of the things I'll give myself for Christmas. Looks like I'll be starting my Christmas Shopping early, eh.

Retired Member Frank Richardson, "Captain Homie", from time to time sends us emails about his adventures.

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