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How do you replace someone like Joe Coons?

Like all of you, I was taken back by the sudden notice of Joe Coons retirement from the Assistant Bookkeeper position at the Bellingham Yacht Club. If his contribution in the past was limited to a typical bookkeeping function his replacement wouldn't be extremely difficult, but then when we're speaking about Joe, nothing is typical.

Joe has dedicated himself to the efficient organized functioning of most of the aspects of the Club. Joe has taken on the managerial functions of the Club, while many questioned whether this yacht club could survive. Joe's consistent hard work with the accounting duties has been in addition to working closely with **Dick Johnson** on Building and House issues over the years. Joe has been our primary representative of the Bellingham Yacht Club and all outside groups and organizations. He has until recently, organized and edited the Jib Sheet and negotiated most vendor contracts. Joe has been the person in charge of our files, membership roster, the Ship's Store, and making financial reports to the Board. Joe probably won't admit it, but those who spend time on the water front report he has been putting in more than thirty hours a week as our "volunteer" Assistant Bookkeeper. Now, he says he's tired and wishes to retire from his responsibilities. "He doesn't wait for others, he sees a need and he gets it done", was one recent comment. One member state, " Joe only knows one speed; wide open".

We all have benefited tremendously from Joe's efforts and I would like to add my name to the long list of well wishing admirers, who say, " Joe, you have given so much to the Bellingham Yacht Club, which can never be completely recognized, but you have helped to save and strengthen this Club, and we are deeply grateful, thank you"!

*Richard Veach
Vice Commodore*

Everett Boat Show

March
3 - 7



It is a brand new show, featuring trailerable boats of all types and sizes, plus lots of accessories, electronics, etc. It will be quite similar to the Seattle Boat Show, but with Northwest boat dealers being featured. The venue is the Everett Events Center, a new \$71.5 M sports and convention complex. The link will get people to the website:

www.everettboatshow.com

West Coast Marine will be at the show, as will Bullfrog Boats. Come by and show your support. Tickets can be ordered online for convenience, contact the **Foti's** or the **Henderson's** for discount tickets.

Commodore's Message

With March hard on our heel, so starts the active time of the year for our club. Sailors are anxious to shake out their sails and power boaters are looking forward to calmer, sunnier days to come. This is the month to get the winter out and start preparing our boats to enjoy after hibernation. This is the month that brings on the first taste of sailing season with the Frost Bite Series. Check the web site for schedule of racing season.

The Past Commodore's Cruise to Blakley Island (April 25th) is well on its way. Make reservations for dock space to the marina directly. Contact **Past Commodore Gargett** for details 360-656-5700.

Opening Day (May 1st) is in the beginning stages of preparation. Volunteers are needed for this much anticipated day. Theme for the year is "Adventures Down Under", hopefully this will get your imaginative juices flowing. Contact **Al Callery** for information and/or how you can help. 360-676-0784

Joe Coons has officially given us his resignation as assistant treasurer. He will finish out his term for the fiscal year. He has gone on and beyond the realm of duty for many years. Many thanks go to his dedication and time spent to keep the club on an even keel. So with that, we're looking for someone to fill his shoes for next year. Thank you many times over Joe, for your services and thank you Judy for being so supportive. Contact myself for information as to duties of the position. 360- 739-3377

The Super Bowl/Chili Cook Off was thoroughly enjoyed by the masses. With a slow 1st half, the Chili Contest was well received. **Bob Kehoe** was the proud recipient of the Best Chili Award this year. The Grand Prize of the day was won by the Junior Sailors.

The Land Cruise on February 28th was a huge success. Thank you **Don & Pat Dangelmaier** for coordinating this event that brings boaters and non boaters together. Be sure to look for his article and if you missed out there is next year. This event is always a blast and enjoyed immensely by those who participate.

The first club scrub of the year has been set for April 17th. **John Asmundson** will fill you in with the details. It only takes three hours of your time twice a year to keep the club looking its best.

This is the year for the bi-annual Pacific Rim Challenge. Our sister city in Russia will be hosting this event this year. Stay tuned for details.

*Till next month, Smooth Sailing
Marlene*

Bartending Schedule March—May 2004

March		Sat	Apr 03	Gus Farrar	
Thu	Mar 04	Quinn Selsor	Wed	Apr 07	Char Malseed/Sherry
Fri	Mar 05	Al and Karen Callery (Fri@5)			Corcoran,Linda Erickson, Susan Henderson
Sat	Mar 06	Max King/Shelagh Considine	Thu	Apr 08	Tim and Jean Shea
Thu	Mar 11	Terry Robertson	Fri	Apr 09	Don and Pat Dangelmaier
Fri	Mar 12	Dolph and Kelli Conrads	Sat	Apr 10	Mick Corcoran
Sat	Mar 13	Jody Erickson	Wed	Apr 14	
Thu	Mar 18	Ray Nelson/Lorraine Boland (Board Meeting)	Thu	Apr 15	Alex Marr/Bob Snowball (Board Meeting)
Fri	Mar 19	Pete and Jamie Foti (Board Meeting)	Fri	Apr 16	Steve Moore/Tim Mumford (Fri@5)
Sat	Mar 20	Shannon Depoppe & Melissa Roberts	Sat	Apr 17	Tom Selman
Thu	Mar 25	Marlene Bolster	Wed	Apr 21	
Fri	Mar 26	Steve and Meredith Ross	Thu	Apr 22	Rod and Susan Dean
Sat	Mar 27	Dick Labadie/Jack Delay	Fri	Apr 23	John and Pat Asmundson
April			Sat	Apr 24	Adam Lindsay/Shireen Gorton
Thu	Apr 01	Michele Hurst/Eleanor Reimer	Wed	Apr 28	
Fri	Apr 02	Joe and Judy Coons (Fri@5)	Thu	Apr 29	Karen Heggem/John Seestrom
			Fri	Apr 30	Hired

Junior Programs

Can it be that winter is finally leaving us?? It seems like no time at all has gone by since this summer when were going full bore, and now we are gearing up again. Our budget for the 2004 junior program was approved at the last board meeting, so we are on our way! The Executive Officers and the Board of Trustees allotted over \$4000 to the junior program, and yes that's a lot! Thanks to their backing and generous donations from local business, we will be on the water very soon, with refurbished boats, and a BRAND NEW chase boat! To all of you who have contributed to the Adopt-a-Byte program or in any other way, THANKS!!! If you haven't and you would like to, please contact me. It costs a lot of money to run a program like ours and every little bit counts.

I always feel like I use to many !!!Exclamation marks!!!! When I write these articles, but there is so much to be excited about that I'm doing it anyways. Our junior program will be restructured to allow more young to people to be involved. This will include sailing camps among other things that will let people who will only be here a short time join and still benefit.

Many of you know **Geoff Farmer**. He is one of our newest members and also one of the junior coaches. He has been instrumental in helping me organize, fix, find, etc.... So I am proud to announce that he will be our new Junior Fleet Captain. Thanks Geoff for all of your hard work and dedication to the Junior Program. This spring and summer will be a fantastic, and I look forward to all the events and activities. Keep your eyes peeled for more info on junior programs and don't forget to check the website, as Geoff has been put in charge of the junior section of it, so we will see more frequent updates on junior activities. Thanks again to all Those who have pitched in and thanks in advance to all who will be helping me get things off the ground. Until next time.....

*Jason Watson
Junior Programs Director*

Featured Advertisers

THE BOATYARD AT COLONY WHARF has been around for over 15 years and centrally located in the Whatcom Creek Waterway. Colony Wharf can haul out and pressure wash power or sail boats up to 52' in length. Welcoming do-it-yourselfers or having an independent vendors from around the area work on your vessel. In addition to the open yard, they also have indoor spaces when required. And their crew, "The PRO's at Colony Wharf", is unexcelled for professional skill and attentiveness to your specific needs. Call BYC member Kelli at **715-1000** for an appointment or stop by and take a look around.

TRI COUNTY ENGINE is the area's most comprehensive dealer/servicer for marine engines. Horace Weaver and son-in-law Mike Rusk are backed by wives Alice & Laurie and a team of skilled mechanics, plus a parts inventory without equal here. Authorized by *CAT, Cummins, Detroit, John Deere, Luger, Northern Lights* and *Perkins*, they'll handle any Diesel job, from an oil change, to a re-power; their experience means you can trust their work, estimates, and follow-up. They understand "Yacht Quality" and cleanliness, too. Call them: **733-8880**, or visit **2696 Roeder Avenue**.

Final Bar Refurbishing Report

After discussion with accounting-types, all the work and new stuff will be expensed as "Building Repairs" *except for* the new Ice Machine, which will be capitalized.

Capital investment: \$1839 including tax.

Expense: \$10,129 including:

\$2,932 plumbing

\$2,482 was the flooring & install by Walkers

\$189 electric for the bar reconnection and bar outlets

\$827 was the new sink and counter

\$200 was the approximate cost of the new bar tops*

\$1000 was the approximate cost of the backroom cabinetry*

\$1110 was the approximate cost of subflooring, hardware, rope lights, paint, etc.*

**Some materials were used on various parts of the project, hard to separate.*

Extra work outside of plan included in the \$10,129 total above:

\$1130 was non-bar chandelier wiring, new hallway lights, elimination of the trophy wall "plug-in wiring with the hanging dimmer" and new ship's wheel lighting outlet installation \$259 was the new chandeliers

Budget approved by Board, \$11,000.

TOTAL EXPENSE INCLUDING CAPITAL: \$11,967.97.

Estimated 2004 total expense including Ice Machine depreciation for 2004: \$10313. We wound up \$968 over budget including chandeliers & electrical revamp not originally included, but our impact on 2004 expenses is \$687 under budget.

Some weeks ago I listed **Bob Kehoe, Tom Selman, Joe Coons, Dick Johnson, and John Asmundson** as the principals in this project's execution and/or planning, but additionally, **Al Callery, Alex Marr, Frank Travis, Quinn Selsor, Rod Dean, Ray Poorman, Ray Nelson, Steve Moore, Steve Hanson, Joe Bartlett, Marlene Bolster, Judy Coons, Hope Hanson, Richard Veach, Jim Lobben, Jack Kettlestrings, Marty Haines, and Dick Grimshaw**, as our hard-working volunteers helping with the execution itself. It was thrilling to see these Members of our Club turn out and render such great service to our organization! Dick, John, Tom, Bob and I owe them special thanks for all they did!

*Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coons*

Editorial

As I write this, the sun is streaming through my window at work and it feels wonderful! I think BYC members must feel like me, and coming out of their winter hibernation as they write with more enthusiasm in each of their words. I've also been getting more emails from **Steve Moore** about different meetings and events happening at the club, calls from **Tim Mumford** in various ways to

volunteer for Opening Day, Ski to Sea, and a visit from **Dick Grimshaw** with a request to assist with Tuesday night racing. All of these opportunities make me as enthusiastic as them...it's contagious! I look forward to seeing you all again during the next several months and reconnecting after my busy winter. This is one place I always enjoy volunteering!




Kelli Conrads

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**

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


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MARCH 2004

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

April 2004





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

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

If you have anything you want added to the calendar, please contact Kelli at kelli@colonywharf.com

May 2004

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MAY 2004

1		Opening Day "Adventures from Down Under" More to come
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. Bolster 739-3377.

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

BAR & LOUNGE NEWS

The bar remodeling is completed, with just a few odds and ends to do. It not only looks clean, but it is clean. We are gradually taking on projects and improving things that have been put on the back burner for years. Check out the back room. What was once dreary and cramped is now more spacious and white. Wow, is it white.

There was a real good turn out for the opening. Super Bowl Sunday was again a super day for the club, with 80-90 members and guests in attendance. The third annual chili cook off was a lot of fun, with **Bob Kehoe** taking the grand prize for best chili. recipe.

Last year Bob tied with **Joe Bartlett** and Joe didn't enter this year so next year might be interesting. The week before Valentines Day **Fri@5** was hosted by **Jason Watson and Cory DePeppe**. They featured many Valentine theme exotic drinks with romantic names. It made for a great event and a good time was had by the very large crowd. This last **Fri@5** was hosted by the **Blochers and Lobbens**. A great spread of food and I think our largest attendance yet. Easily a hundred people.

Our club is alive and well and getting better all the time.

We have magazines...lots of boating magazines. We don't order them. They just arrive. Please help your selves so they don't go to waste.

Remember, the lounge is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from five to nine. Saturdays are pretty slow, so come on down and keep the bartenders company. Would someone like to get a poker night going?

*See you at the club.
Dick Johnson, Bar Chair*

FOX CORPEN

For those of you attending the BYC Super Bowl Party, you may have noticed a 1976, 56' Nordlund, flying a new BYC burgee, moored at the Gate 3 public dock. FOX CORPEN is owned by liveaboard Harold "Jeep" Streeper, Captain USN (Ret.), who is one of the newest non-resident members of the BYC. Although new to BYC, FOX CORPEN is a well-known craft that has been plying the waters from Olympia to the Gulf Islands and beyond. The name "Fox Corpen" comes from US Navy phonetics and is used to provide an aircraft carrier's location and course to returning pilots.

FOX CORPEN can be spotted throughout the year at many popular cruising destinations and it is not uncommon for passing vessels to hail her on channel 16 or 68 (both monitored by Jeep). FOX CORPEN even has a reputation among ferry captains who have been known to comment about her four large, round, bright orange

fenders, stored on her bow rails when underway. The ferry captains have complimented FOX CORPEN for quickly indicating her intentions with her bow, when in the area of ferry traffic.

FOX CORPEN is a grand lady powered by twin 555 (triple nickel) Cummins diesels, Mary (port) and Mabel (starboard). She cruises at 10 knots with a 16.5 ft. beam that calms most seas. A cruising generator on the port engine (Mary) provides 110 power while under way, and a 5k genset located in the lazaret provides 110 when at anchor.

One of FOX CORPEN's most memorable assets is her spacious saloon. The saloon has a

very large, wooden coffee table made from a single piece of tree that was liberated from Japan, at the close of WWII. The saloon is guarded by a life-sized, carved wooden eagle with extended wings, from post war Phillipines. Most of

the rest of the FOX CORPEN décor is memorabilia from Jeep's Navy life, including a framed painting of the aircraft carrier, USS Hancock (Jeeps last command), headed to "Yankee Station" passing under the Golden Gate Bridge.

FOX CORPEN's upper deck includes a well-equipped pilothouse, in front of a large weather deck that is known for its summer parties throughout Puget Sound. So the next time you see FOX CORPEN underway, give her a friendly hail on 16 or 68. If you are lucky enough to find her anchored or moored at your favorite cruising destination, check out her weather deck. Odds are, she is hosting Jeep and friends, in what is usually a memorable event. With enough libations, Fox Corpen might even tell you how Jeep got his nickname!

*Bill & Cathie Barnes
Friends of FOX CORPEN*

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