



# BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB

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## Chatter Box Falls in April

On Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> I crewed with owner Jeep Streeper on his 56' Nordlund MV FOX CORPEN on a cruise up to Chatter Box Falls and points North. We spent the first night in Blain after a pleasant sunny cruise from Oak Harbor through Deception Pass and up the Rosario Strait. We cleared Canadian Customs by phone the next morning in White Rock across Semiahmoo Bay from Blaine.

As we cruised North around Point Roberts and past the Roberts Bank in bright sun and flat calm water, a lone Whale put on a tail show while feeding off the Banks near the Fraser River. We continued North in the unusually flat calm waters of the Strait of Georgia to the Welcome Channel and the Malispina Strait. We entered Pender Harbor choosing Garden Bay as our next stop. We spent 2 nights in Garden Bay and then moved up the Agamemnon Channel to top of the Jervis Inlet and the resort marina of Egmont near the Skookumchuck Narrows. In Egmont we picked up my wife Catherine who had driven up to meet us.

The night of the 8<sup>th</sup> we spent on an unused commercial mooring buoy recommended by a local in Killam Bay in the lower Prince of Whales Reach. The following day we proceeded to the Malibu Rapids. The Reaches were dead calm dark waters reflecting the snow-covered peaks towering above us in brilliant blue cloudless skies. Numerous water falls traced their routes thousands of feet down the solid rock walls all around us as the bow wave of Fox Corpen cut a 10 knot wake in the pristine waters. The only boat traffic was the rare commercial vessel working the mining and logging camps along the isolated shores.

At the Malibu Rapids we were 2 hours early for the ebb slack but Fox Corpen with her twin 'triple nickels' Cummins diesels charged through the on rushing waters without hesitation and brought us into the Princess Louisa Inlet and the spectacular views of the early April day.... something we could not do in our GB 32 Lady B! We tied up at the dock near Chatter Box Falls with one other boat, a 40' sail boat out of Portland. After exploring the area on foot several other boats arrived for the Easter weekend. One boat with 4 partygoers tried vainly to out do the noise of the falls with a stereo system blaring loud base rap music...but thankfully failed..

A group of Grand Banks arrived and after helping secure the latest arrivals we were advised by one of their members that they come to the falls every year for Easter for over 30 years and this is the first time they could see the tops of the peaks!

A floatplane arrived with several tourists for an hour and as it was taking off another

## BYC Open House

Saturday, June 5th  
9 am to 1 pm

Who:  
BYC members, guests,  
public, and everyone  
interested in boating and  
in the BYC

Where:  
Bellingham Yacht Club  
(See page 3 for more details )

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## Commodores Corner

With the arrival of June, school will soon be out and cruising season is well on it's way.

Opening Day was a huge success, the weather couldn't have been better. Thank you to all that participated, we had 50 boats in the parade and the winners were,

1st Over All: Kathy

Best Theme: **High Interest** and **Currentsea**

Most Creative: the Bull Frog boat (which had no name sorry)

Honorable Mention: **MoGeo** and **Sunstar**

Over \$1,200 was raised for the Jr. Sailors between the basket and quilt raffle. **Sue Borgstrom** won the Jr. Quilt and was kind enough to donate it to Norma at Blakley Marina who in turn gave it to a cancer patient. Thank you Sue for the very thoughtful gesture.

Pac Rim is gearing up and getting ready to go to Nakhodka Russia. Our Jr. Ski to Sea Regatta had 53 boats, thank you to the Etchell Fleet for being our race committee and all of the volunteers that helped in registration, food and just getting the regatta organized.

Socks regatta held in Seattle, is equivalent to our One Design Regatta, found two Bellingham boats who came away with second place wins in their division. **Dave Stefan** as the Etchell who took 2nd place and **Charlie Guildner** on his Melges 24 Takonga, lost first place due to a tie breaker on the last day. Congrats on your out of town win.

Just a reminder to the membership, before leaving the club, please pay your bar tab. It makes for less confusion when tabs are requested to be paid at a later date. We are a volunteer club and our volunteers are doing a bang up job keeping the club open for our use, so please help by remembering our debts.

*Smooth Sailing to All  
Marlene*

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## San Juan Sailing/San Juan Yachting Offers Free Cruising Seminars for BYC Members

BYC Trustee **Roger Van Dyken**, owner of San Juan Sailing and San Juan Yachting, says that all BYC members are welcome to attend their Skippers Meetings, held **each Friday afternoon at 4:30pm**. This comprehensive 90 minute presentation covers charts, preferred routes and destinations into the San Juan and Gulf Islands, safety tips, tides and currents, hazards, special tips, customs procedures, and much, much more. They present this Skipper's Meeting weekly for their charter guests who will be cruising the San Juans and Gulf Islands. BYC members are invited to attend at no charge. If you call ahead, SJS/SJY can be sure there is room for you. Please call 671-4300 or 671-8089. Or...if you are headed to Fridays and 5 a little early, just stop in. The Skippers Meeting is held in the Ward Room downstairs.

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# BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY JUNE 5, 2004 9 am to 1 pm**

To provide general boating safety education and to encourage the general public to learn more about the BYC. The Bellingham Yacht Club is a fun club including both power and sailing enthusiasts, and more members are welcome!

## Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome by Marlene Bolster, Commodore  
 9:00 to 9:30 Registration Table: Coffee and Donuts  
 9:30 to 10:20 Informative seminars presented by club  
 10:30 to 11:20 members, subjects below. Each seminar is held  
 11:30 to 12:20 three times and wraps up at 12:30.

## Seminars:

- Coast Guard Auxiliary – Safety Inspections (8:00 to 12:00 noon)  
 Chartering, Buying and Selling a Boat – Roger Van Dyken of San Juan Sailing  
 Cruising – Quinn Selsor  
 Sail boat handling – Richard Veach  
 Power boat handling – Joe Coons and Bob Kehoe  
 Junior Sailing Program – Jason Watson and Geoff Farmer

Boat handling seminars will meet on the dock in front of the BYC building and a limited number of participants will be selected to actually go on board for a first-hand view. BYC volunteers will also be available to give tours of the clubhouse during the morning.

Come down Roeder Avenue to Bellingham's beautiful marina area, turn on Coho Way, and join us! For more information and directions, please visit the Bellingham Yacht Club website – [www.byc.org](http://www.byc.org).

## A REMINDER TO ALL CRUISERS

The Memorial Day weekend cruise to Ganges Harbour is now history. Sorry if you missed it.

### Next on the agenda:

#### **June 26 and 27**

Sail race to Point Roberts. Power boats join in the fun and enjoy Shrimp Jambalaya Saturday night on the lawn at Point Roberts Marina. Call **Mick Corcoran** or **Quinn Selsor**.

#### **June 30 to July 4**












Annual cruise to Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Cadboro Bay. Arrive when you can as this is a reciprocal visit whilst the Canadians are celebrating their "Canada Day". A catered dinner for BYC members on Friday night, a shore excursion to Downtown Victoria on Saturday morning with lunch in the Rudyard Kipling Room of the Empress Hotel. Cocktails and a "Bundles Party" (costumes) on Saturday evening. Then a champagne brunch on the Clubhouse lawn on Sunday morning. Then, Sunday night (July 4) anchor in Garrison Bay to watch the fireworks at Roche Harbor. Return home on Monday AM, July 5.

Also, in July, starting July 17, the "Gourmet Cruise" Confirmed plans start with dinner at the **Hastings House** on Saturday July 17. Then Wednesday at **Quamichan Inn**, probably our own pot luck on Tuesday at the Maple Bay YC. Thursday at **Deep Cove Chalet**, Friday undecided (group to vote from several choices). Finally, Saturday at **Genoa Bay Café, (nee Grapevine)**.













Register on the BYC website or by calling **Quinn and Roberta Selsor 201.3849 or 676.5709**

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



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## August 2004

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### JUNE 2004

4,18		<b>Fridays at Five . 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers</b>
17		<b>Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call:Comm. Bolster 739-3377.</b>
 <b>SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784</b>		
2, 9, 16, 30		<b>BYC Spring &amp; Summer Races 5,1,2,3 1800 Hours</b>
19-20		<b>Etchells Spring Regatta 1100 Hours</b>
26-27		<b>Point Roberts Race 1000 Hours</b>

### JULY 2004

4		<b>Fourth of July Raft-Up, Bellingham Bay</b>
1-4		<b>Royal Vic Y/C Cruise. See page 3.</b>
2, 16		<b>Friday at Five . 5-7PM, try to bring appetizer</b>
15		<b>Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call:Comm.Bolster 739-3377.</b>
17		<b>Gourmet Cruise. See Page 3</b>
 <b>SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784</b>		
7, 14, 28		<b>BYC Summer/Heat Wave Races 4,1,2 1800 Hours</b>
10		<b>Saturday Open 1 1000 Hours</b>
21		<b>Moore Invitational Race 1800 hours</b>

### AUGUST 2004

7, 21		<b>Fridays at Five . 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers</b>
20		<b>Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call:Comm. Bolster 739-3377.</b>
 <b>SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784</b>		
5, 12, 19		<b>Heat Wave Races 3, 4, 5 1800 Hours</b>
15		<b>W.O.W. Regatta 1000 Hours</b>
8, 25		<b>Saturday Open 2 1000 / Jack &amp; Jill 1800 Hours</b>

**BAR & LOUNGE HOURS:**  
**Wednesday-Saturday: 5 to 9PM**

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floatplane arrived. A near miss was observed as the float planes rounded a blind curve in the canyon wall headed toward each other but at a 100-200 ft separation in altitude.

The next morning we departed the falls and went through the rapids at slack...a totally different experience than the day before! Our next port of call was Copper Island located on the South side of Jervis Inlet across from Saltrey Bay. The Island is about 20 acres in size and for the last 20 years has been owned by 2 families who live on the island. The secluded island dock was plenty large enough for Fox Corpen and the other vessels normally moored there. We were the guests of friends of Jeep. We were taken to a nearby commercial fish farm located in Hotham Sound on board the ISLAND LADY (a 28ft locally constructed water taxi powered by 2 Chevy 350 V-8's) and introduced to the owner who gave us a personal tour of his innovative organic farm techniques. On Easter Sunday, we were hosted for dinner by Jeep's friend in his beautiful Copper Island home. That evening on the deck was highlighted by an awe-inspiring sunset over Jervis Inlet. The next day it was time for Catherine to depart for Egmont and she opted for the ½ hr trip in the very fast Island Lady.

Jeep and I, aboard Fox Corpen, left in the opposite direction not knowing what lay ahead only and hour away. As Fox Corpen rounded Jervis Inlet heading North into the Malaspina Strait a South West wind combined with a confusing tide hit hard enough to force us to tack toward the shelter of Texada Island to get away from the pounding seas that violently rocked even the 16 ½ foot beam of Fox Corpen. Near the North end of Texada Island the winds died and soon we were at our next destination; the port of Lund. Lund is about as far North as you can drive along the Sunshine Coast of B.C. and just short of Desolation Sound. The Lund wharf area is home to a recently renovated Hotel originally constructed in the late 1800's. The hotel dock is open to the public for a fee

but without water or power. On the Government dock is a small bakery worth a visit but do not expect an early baker.

The next day we crossed the Strait of Georgia via the Baker Passage to Cape Mudge and on into the public marina at Campbell River. After securing Fox Corpen for the night at the ample docks, we caught up on maintenance chores before heading out the next morning for Nanaimo some 75 nm from Campbell River down the Strait of Georgia passing between Denman Is. and Hornby Is. This brought us into the Ballenas Channel and the dreaded area of 'Whiskey Gulf' test range controlled by the Canadian Navy. On this day the warnings were given on VHF ch 16 and WX ch 4..."air, surface and underwater testing of non warhead torpedoes between the hours of 0700 and 1700...WG closed to all vessels". A 1500-yard wide channel for vessels is left open during testing through the Ballenas Channel along the East shore of Winchelsea Islands, which borders the West Boundary of the WG test area. As Fox Corpen was transiting the open channel, VHF 16 blared out a call to us from "Navy Vessel Four Zero" inquiring our intentions. Well, the only vessel in sight was a very intimidating destroyer with the number 40 on her bow headed our direction from WG at a stated "25 knots". Now my immediate thought was to reply "our intentions are what ever you want them to be", but Jeep calmly replied on ch 16 " we are headed to Departure Bay on a heading of 090 at 10 knots". The destroyer thanked us for the reply and made a wide turn aft of Fox Corpen into the open channel area. We then saw the reason for the contact was the huge bow wave descending on us from the maneuvering navy vessel, which required some maneuvering of Fox Corpen into the wave on an Easterly tack...right into WG and out of the open Channel! That precipitated an interception by a chase boat from the navy, which politely informed us that we were now 1500 feet into the WG area and to please return to our original course immediately! Needless to say our itinerary this day did not include dodging high-speed destroyers,

torpedoes or navy chase boats! After returning to our original course we transited the WG boarder without further incident. One wonders if the US Navy signal flags "FOX CORPEN" (carrier course and speed) that Jeep displays from his WWII days as a Naval Aviator may have rung a bell in the Canadian Navy?

Fox Corpen moored at the reciprocal yacht club docks in the New Castle Island Passage in Nanaimo where another friend of Jeeps meet us for a BBQ on board. The next day found us headed into the Dodd Narrows enroute to Maple Bay on the slack. At least we thought that was the plan...a log boom and 2 tugs were stuck in the North entrance to the narrows for almost an hour. After the narrows were uncorked, we powered up the 'triple nickels' on Fox Corpen and made the transition into the Stuart Channel with ease. On the way to Maple Bay we had ample time to explore Ladysmith Harbor and Telegraph Harbor for possible future transient moorages. Once at Maple Bay we moored to the reciprocal dock and soon found ourselves in the MBYC indulging in dinner delivered from the Grapevine Restaurant and enjoying the company of fellow boaters.

The next day, April 16<sup>th</sup>, we took on 380 liters of fuel (about 100 gal) before departing to Sydney's Van Isle Marina via the Sansum Narrows and the Satellite Channel. After a short stay at Van Isle to get some work estimates on Fox Corpen, we continued on to Reid Harbor clearing US Customs by phone.

A pleasant night on the hook in Reid was followed by a passage of Pole Pass, Peavine Pass and Deception Pass with a favorable tide all the way home to Oak Harbor pushing us along for some time at close to 13 knots. Overall, it was a truly wonderful and educational cruise. Now if I could only get the Lady B up to 13 knots!

*Bill Barnes  
Lady B 1966 GB 32 Hull 32-21*

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