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Annual Ganges Cruise...A Wonderful Time!

The annual Ganges Cruise held over Memorial Day weekend was another success, according to its laid-back "cruisemaster", **Joe Coons**. Nine boats attended, and even though the event started with gray and threatening weather, most the cruisers had an easy trip to the Saltspring Island harbor. In fact, on the way over, only a few boats were even delayed by the overworked Bedwell Harbor Customs office. Over the weekend, there was little rain and occasional sunshine, and Monday turned out to be splendid.

Once at the docks, the cruisers enjoyed Ganges hospitality! There were cocktail parties each evening, a hike at Montague Harbor on Sunday, and, of course, the thriving Ganges Village Market scene on Saturday Morning. Sunday and Monday were begun with "mimosas" on the docks accompanied by those good free Ganges buns, and the cruisers enjoyed fine and casual dining alike at Ganges' various restaurants, including, Sunday night, what turned out to be a fun dinner at *Moby's Pub*.

Especially welcome were the "Anacortes Contingent" including **Jeep Streeper, Bill and Cathie Barnes, Jim and Wendy Patton, and David and Doreen Hyde**, and their guests. (The Bellinghamsters were intrigued by the naval power represented: Jeep is an ex-aircraft carrier captain, and David was a big honcho in the submarine service! Both had great stories to share...once you got these modest guys going!)

The group enjoyed the presence of **Duff and Ann Sutherland** up from Seattle and **Dick and Linda Landes**, southwesterners who only occasionally get to the Club. From Bellingham were **Dick and Mary Jane Vetter** with boating buddy **George, Chuck and Roberta McCord, John and Theresa Van Haalen, and Joe and Judy Coons**.

As always the folks the busy Ganges Marina were great, warm, welcoming, and helpful. The only downside for some of the travelers was the discovery that U. S. Customs was very overworked, what with a new computer system to get going on the busiest cruising day, the day of our return on May 31, so some of the boats were delayed getting cleared back into the U.S. Nevertheless, it might be a good idea for boaters to put "Ganges" in the Memorial Day weekend space on their calendars for next year!

Junior Sailing Program

WOW!!! The last month has been extremely busy down here on the waterfront! The Junior Program has had some very exciting new developments. We are happy to have 3 new coaches, in addition to our Junior Fleet Captain (**Geoff Farmer**). The program is filling up fast, so if you have been putting off enrolling YOUR junior sailor, now is the time! The Bytes have had the race package installed, and all we need now is new sails. The optis have been cleaned and new parts ordered to refurbish them. Perhaps the most exciting news is the recent involvement of Blue Sea Systems. They have become a sponsor for our Junior Program, and have already donated generously, not only money, but also time and helping with ideas for raising more money for boats and other aspects of the junior program. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank **Scott Renne, David**

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Commodores Corner

As you read this I will have been out to sea for 7 days, modern technology is amazing, isn't it?

Activities around the club should start to see a bit of a slow down with July and some of the best cruising weather ahead of us. The weekends are for boating and enjoying this beautiful part of the world.

Our club this year, is fortunate to have a well represented group of sailors to race in the bi-annual Vic-Maui Race. For those of you who aren't familiar with this event, it's a sailing ocean race that starts off in Victoria B.C. and ends in warm, tropical Lahina Maui. The Vic-Maui is raced on the even years and the California race to Hawaii (Transpac) is raced on the odd year. There are 19 boats entered ranging in size from 35' to 72'. It's a challenge to see how long one's patience can last after 9-14 days out on the ocean with people you don't normally live with. It is such a great feeling to know you have accomplished what many only dream about. The BYC representatives are **Mick Cocoran, Craig Cooper,**

Charlie and Colin Guildner, Terry Roberston, Jim Scott and myself. Jim Scott will be taking his Valient 40 ScaurnedII on a circum navigation to the South Pacific starting with this race. Those of you who want to keep track of the progress can go to www.vicmaui.org. Boats with the BYC members are Gaia, Time Bandit, Cassiopeia and Scaurned II.

There have been a lot of new faces at our Fridays @ 5. It's so great to see our new members enjoying some of the activities our club has to offer. With the continual growth, it would be a nice gesture for some of our older members to take time to get to know the newer members and find out what other activities they may be interested in. It's very important for our club to maintain a level of camaraderie and let others know why we like being involved with the BYC.

With that, I'll get back to my driving in the deep blue ocean. Be safe and enjoy your summer.

Smooth Sailing
Marlene

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Johnson, Stephanie McCabe and all of Blue Sea Systems for becoming an active part of our program. The future of the Junior Program is very bright and positive. The fact that they are interested in long term involvement is, I think, a critical factor in maintaining a long term Junior Program. The following is a press release issued by Blue Sea Systems:

Blue Sea Systems has been an advocate for boating since the company's beginning 12 years ago. Scott Renne, Founder / President and David Johnson, VP of Sales and Marketing, have been searching for a local organization that shared the company's passion for boating. "We found the perfect fit with the Bellingham Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program," said Johnson. "Our hope was to find an organization that both promoted boating and was a positive influence in the community and we have been thrilled with their program."

Blue Sea Systems will be participating financially as well as with volunteers from their staff to offer support to the team of volunteers already with the Junior Sailing Program. "This is a long term commitment for Blue Sea Systems and we look forward to growing the relationship we have already established with Jason Watson, Tim Mumford and the coaches of the program," Johnson added.

The Junior Sailing Program of the Bellingham Yacht Club offers a safe and fun opportunity for young people

ages 8-18 to learn to sail. Basic and Intermediate Sailing courses offered each summer teach the skills needed to safely and confidently handle a sailing dinghy like the Optimist or Byte on the waters of Bellingham Bay. Coaches are certified Sailing Instructors. Student fees also include an annual membership in the Junior Sailing Club, so the fun doesn't stop when the course is over!

I think you can see from that how committed they are. We are fortunate to have them on board. Remember them when you need electrical supplies for your boat! You can find them online at www.blueseasystems.com. Rasmussens Marine Electric also carries their full line of products. They are located at 708 Coho way, right next to Squalicum Marine.

The Ski to Sea Regatta went well with 53 boats attending. Despite a few minor "setbacks." We will be traveling to the WAVES regatta in Vancouver for 4th of July weekend. So far we have 3 sailors attending this regatta. This is exciting since it will be the first time since reorganizing the program that we have traveled to another regatta!! I am excited to be a part of it, and glad that we now have **Claire Timms** to coach the race team. Duty calls and I have to return to my 9-5. Look for the new classes to start on the 25th of this month, and continue through the summer. Thanks to all of you who continue to support the Junior Program. Don't forget the tip jar in the bar!! Until Next time.....

Jason Watson
Junior Programs Director

OOPS, YOU MAY BE TOO LATE!

Just as this galley page of this July issue is being locked up and sent to the Press Room, the **BYC Annual Cruise to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club** is getting underway. Some of the cruisers have already departed and others will be arriving at Cadboro Bay as early as Wednesday, June 30th, for a weekend of fun, relaxation and Roche Harbor Resort at ten PM that evening.

If you can get away and still join the group, please give Quinn a call at 360.201.3849 so reciprocal slip reservations can be arranged with the RVYC wharfinger staff excitement in the Capitol City of Victoria, British Columbia.

CruiseMasters **Roberta and Quinn Selsor** have confirmed the plans include a BYC group catered dinner at the Royal Vic Club House on Friday evening and a luncheon in the Rudyard Kipling Room of the Empress Hotel on Saturday followed by a leisurely afternoon in town and then cocktails on the dock about 6 PM. This party will included a "bundles party" when everyone will select and don a costume in a disguised package. This is certain to provide many laughs and a few "Kodak moments". Sunday morning, July 4th, will be celebrated with a Champagne Brunch on the Club House lawn. Most attendees will return to the USA that afternoon for a group raft-up anchorage in Garrison Bay to watch the fireworks show at Roche Harbor Resort at ten PM that evening.

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Nominate Your Favorite "Killer Rock"

Please email us the location of any "killer rocks" in the Bellingham/San Juans cruising area that you think other boaters should be warned about as we enter this summer of cruising. Your warning may be able to save a boat or a life...or at the least, a very expensive repair bill!

We'll tabulate the results of this survey and publish your nominations for "top killer rocks" in the next Jib Sheet.

In addition, we will use this to urge "warning signage" by the US Coast Guard. In cooperation with San Juan Sailing, San Juan Yachting, the Pacific Northwest Charter Association, insurance companies, State Parks, and other yacht clubs, we want to find nominate a "top ten" killer rocks list that, with proper warning, buoys, or fixed markers will make boating in the San Juans safer and more enjoyable.

Please send one or as many nominations as you have to roger@sanjuansailing.com. Thanks for your help in making the San Juans a safer place to cruise!

BYC Open House

The BYC held an Open House and membership drive on Saturday June 5. The open house was for the benefit of members both old and new, as well as an opportunity for those interested in learning more about the club's activities.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary was available for boaters interested in having their boats inspected. Several club members gave demonstrations throughout the morning. For those interested in chartering, buying or selling a boat, **Roger Van Dyken** spoke on that subject. **Quinn Selsor** talked about cruising the Northwest, and **Joe Coons** and **Joe Bartlett** talked about power and sail boat handling.

Jason Watson and **Geoff Farmer** were available for those interested in the Junior Sailing programs. Other members of the club volunteered their time to man the welcome table and talk to guests about the club and its activities. Approximately thirty-five members and guests visited the club during the Open House.

Bartending Schedule July & August

July	August
1 Sherry Corcoran	4 (Racing night)
2 Dick Johnson	5 Paul Beich
3 Closed	6 Rich and Carol Veach
7 (Racing night)	7 Closed
8 Adam Lindsay	11 (Racing night)
9 Ray Poorman	12 Alex Marr/Max King
10 Closed	13 Mike and Sarah Tario
14 (Racing night)	14 Closed
15 Dick Grimshaw	18 (Racing night)
16 Steve/Meredith Ross	19 Bob Knudson/Bill Heward (Board Mtg)
17 Closed	20 Jason Watson/Cory DePeppe
21 (Racing night)	21 Closed
22 Shannon DePeppe	25 (Racing Night)
23 Joe and Judy Coons	26 John and Teresa VanHaalen
24 Closed	27 John and Pat Asmundson
28 (Racing night)	28 Closed
29 Quinn Selsor	
30 Steve and Hope Hanson	
31 Closed	















Editorial


In short there are plenty of benefits to being a member of the BYC and that also reminds us to respect our club and our membership privileges. Have a great summer...boat safely!

Kelli Conrads












THE BYC MAIN SHEET— SAVE IT / POST IT






July 2004

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JULY 2004		
4		Fourth of July Raft-Up, Bellingham Bay
1-4		Royal Vic Y/C Cruise. <i>See page 3.</i>
2, 16		Friday at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizer
15		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). <i>Open to all members. Call: Comm. Bolster 739-3377.</i>
17-24		Gourmet Cruise. <i>See Page 5</i>
 SAILING EVENTS: <i>Contact Al Callery, 676-0784</i>		
7, 14, 28		BYC Summer/Heat Wave Races 4,1,2 1800 Hours
10		Saturday Open 1 1000 Hours
21		Moore Invitational Race 1800 hours

August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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AUGUST 2004		
6, 20		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
19		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). <i>Open to all members. Call: Comm. Bolster 739-3377.</i>
7-8		Annual Crab Fest Chuckanut Bay Call: Bob Kehoe
20-22		Bedwell Harbor Cruise Call: Sue Borgstrom
 SAILING EVENTS: <i>Contact Al Callery, 676-0784</i>		
4, 11, 18		Heat Wave Races 3, 4, 5 1800 Hours
14		W.O.W. Regatta 1000 Hours
14-15		Kids Cruise & Sailing Race Call: Jason Watson
7, 25		Saturday Open 2 1000 / Jack & Jill 1800 Hours

September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SEPTEMBER 2004		
3,17		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
16		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). <i>Open to all members. Call: Comm. Bolster 739-3377.</i>
 SAILING EVENTS: <i>Contact Al Callery, 676-0784</i>		
1, 4-5		Pre Pitch Tune up & Pitch Regatta 1800 Hours
11-12		Bellingham One Design 1100 Hours
19		Commodores Cup 1100 Hours
25		Governor's Point (Long Distance) 1000 Hours

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Wednesday-Friday: 5 to 9PM

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Open Days of "Gourmet Cruise" Finalized

When initially planning this cruise, the committee intentionally left some dates open, partly to let your wallet recover and partly to let your waistline return to normal. Although options remain, the committee has filled in the remaining dates with more casual activities.

Here is the plan:

Saturday, July 17 Dinner at The Hastings House in Ganges. This is the most elegant place in the islands with beautiful gardens and a superb menu. Normal dress code requires men wear a jacket but this has been softened to "summer time casual". Drinks will be served on the patio and menu selections made at that time. Although within walking distance, car service is available. (Call now to the Ganges Marina to reserve a slip, or be prepared to anchor out and dinghy ashore!)

Sunday, July 18 Move on Montague Harbor. That evening we can dinghy ashore to have an old fashion beach party at the Provincial Park campground. Options include dinner at the La Berangerie or fish and chips at the Hummingbird Pub

Monday July 19 Move a few miles to Telegraph Harbor. Then we plan to walk to the BC ferry to Chemainus. This is a former logging town, now dedicated to tourists with about 30 building side murals, parks and shops and ice cream vendors. Then back to Telegraph Harbor for dinner on the boats (and perhaps ice cream at the harbor's soda fountain).

Tuesday, July 20 We will move just a few miles again, this time to Maple Bay Yacht Club and stay at their reciprocal dock. We plan a pot luck dinner enjoying the ambience of their Club deck and beautiful lawn. An option to think about is to have a dinner catered by The Grapevine, formerly at Genoa Bay but now operating a bakery and catering service nearby. Another option is to take our dinghies down to the Maple Bay Marina and enjoy cocktails and dinner at their fine restaurant.

Wednesday, July 20 We will stay at Maple Bay and about 6 PM the car service from Quamichan Inn will take us to their fine establishment with wonderful gardens and interesting décor and photos of the owner's life time at sea.

Thursday, July 21 This day we will move to Sidney for dinner at the famous Deep Cove Chalet, the finest French restaurant in the area. Arrangements have been made to dock at Van Isle Marina, although we could opt for Port of Sidney if the group wishes to be closer to "Book Store Town of Sidney:" Van Isle as a base offers us the option for Friday evening of the Blue Peter Pub or better yet, Café 503. The latter has been voted one of the finest in all of Victoria. Downtown Sidney has among other choices, 4 or 5 Greek restaurants. (Although not "gourmet" they all serve authentic ethnic selections. We can decide among these choices as the week progresses.

Saturday, July 24 Arrangements are set for us to return to Genoa Bay Marina and enjoy our final dinner together at their café. Until earlier this year, this fine restaurant was named The Grapevine and enjoyed a wonderful reputation. Now under new management (by the marina owners), we have been promised the same wonderful food and service as prior years.

Finally, if you plan to join us for the entire week or for just a few nights, please sign up by calling or e-mailing Quinn and Roberta Selsor just as soon as you can. A web site registration is being set up but the committee needs to have an accurate a count as possible to hold the restaurant reservations. Slip reservations will only be necessary at Ganges, Telegraph Harbor and Van Isle. We look forward to seeing you. Any questions, please ask Quinn.

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