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BYC NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

The annual BYC Nominations and Elections are held each year in September, and this year's events will be on September 1 (for Nominations) and September 15 (for elections). The meetings will be at 6PM each of the evenings, with the polls open from 6-7PM on September 15, Election Day.

At these two meetings, the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain will each be chosen for one year terms, as well as four of the Club's eight directors selected for two year terms.

Although the Club's officers usually "move through the chairs", this is not required; also, this year the present Fleet Captain, **Tim Mumford**, is stepping down, so at least two officers will have to be selected anew. A slate of candidates will have been prepared before the September 1 meeting by the Nominating Committee, but individual nominations by any *Active* or *Life* Member may also be made at that time (under the Club's By-Laws, only these two classes of Membership have the vote and are allowed to be officers of the Club --- Intermediate, Non-Resident, Senior/Surviving, Junior and Honorary Members are not eligible to vote or hold office.

Immediately after the Nominating Meeting on September 1, Sample Ballots will be sent to all voting Members (to save postage, your annual Club membership bills will be in the same envelope).

Although you are urged to come to the election meeting on September 15, you may cast an absentee ballot provided it **is at the Club** at least by September 14; the procedure will be in the mailing with the Sample Ballot.

Your participation in the process is important! You can add your nominations to the Nominating Committee's slate on September 1 (be sure that your candidate has consented to be nominated), and certainly you will want to come to have your vote count toward election of the Members you feel are best suited to run the Club.

Chalk Art Festival 2004



Ray Poorman, Sally Tierney and her girls Abbey, & Kayla created this.
Thanks from all of us at the BYC! Good Job!!

Inati Bay Journey

It was August 21st at eight o'clock in the morning when the junior sailors met at the America's Cup (the meeting spot in Squalicum Harbor at Gate 3!!), and prepared, with grim faces, to face the prospect of rain for their two-day trip. Their destination was Inati Bay. The first step on this journey was to get there. So they rigged up their dinghies, optis and bytes, and with a total of ten boats they left the harbor with two safety boats trailing behind. The wind was fair, which got everyone going at a good speed, but when they were a third of the 7-mile journey the wind began to die, and the rain began to pour. It was wet, cold, and slow; and that pretty much makes the word "miserable". Lunch came in a zip bag and that was a small comfort. Though this was one of those times that was just "horrible", with a bit of time and a couple of tows they made it.

Activities were limited because of the rain, but fortunately a 40' and 50' sailboat (*Moonshadow*) and powerboat (*LeeAnn*) came along with the Juniors and provided a warm, dry, and pleasant shelter. A few of the juniors went swimming, though most of them stayed in the boats chatting, watching movies, and feeling very cozy.

The original plan was to camp on shore, but with all the rain the idea wasn't too popular, so everyone found a place in the motorboat and sailboat to sleep. Even though no one didn't want to sleep on shore, they all had dinner on shore.

At around 7 am on Sunday a few people began to open their eyes and yawn. Everyone was up at 8 and breakfast was served. At 9, preparations were made for departure. Sails were hoisted dagger boards were put in their slots, and boomvangs were attached. Everyone put on their sailing gear and soon they were all off. The wind was strong with a max of 18 knots coming from the southeast. Bytes and optis were surfing on a broad reach. As they began to approach the harbor, they were still a ways away the wind veered to the south causing everyone to 'fun down'. There were a few capsizes and a bit of shivering but everyone was back in the harbor. They unrigged. And thus they were home as well as completing their journey.

Our thanks to **Geoff Farmer** and his team for organizing it!

Lily Grimshaw

AUGUST CRUISE ENJOYS GORGEOUS NEW BEDWELL HARBOR RESORT

Eight BYC boats plus an auto brought 26 BYC Members and guests on the cruise to the new Poets Cove Resort (formerly Bedwell Harbor Resort) over the August 20-22 weekend.

The excursion, chaired by **Sue Borgstrom** and **Karen Bush**, featured a Friday dock party, a raffle for a fine painting, and a terrific Saturday dinner of tapas in one of the resort's new banquet rooms. A pleasant Saturday walk to a South Pender Island art gallery turned out to be a one-way trip when rain began to fall as the hikers reached their destination. After the special gallery showing, the automobiler, Past Commodore **John Gargett** (who is, unfortunately, presently boat-less), and the artist, **Vern Simpson**, each volunteered to haul the walkers back to the resort in their vehicles, with John making several trips.

Although a "dinghy dash" to Port Browning on North Pender Island was rained out, the group got tours of the new Poets Cove facilities which are magnificent! With over \$40 million (Canadian) spent, the beautiful three-story hotel overlooking Bedwell Harbor is a tribute to the architect's vision and the top-drawer operating skills of the owners and management. It is indeed a classy place, and is nearly completely sold out to participating investors who want to spend time there, or own facilities being rented to guests for stays of nights, weeks or months.

Sue and Karen have already scheduled August 20, 2005, for the next Poets Cove cruise.

How do things get done around here?

We are a very lucky group of people! We have a yacht club that is successfully expanding its membership, while the pattern among other clubs is one of decline. People are joining for a variety of reason, but among our local members the issue of involvement has a strong appeal.

We are successful because so many people step up and say "I'll do that". Most of our members are aware of the extraordinary contributions made by **Dick Johnson** and **Joe Coons** over the years. The success of our Wednesday night racing program has been due in great part to **Char Malseed**, **Kelsey Overby**, and **Tim Mumford**, but a lot of people aren't aware of significant work and dedication of **Bob Garvie**. Bob has been volunteering a lot of hours downstairs in the office. Our ability to function effectively, in a business like manner has been to a great extent, due to **Bob Garvie**.

Those without business or accounting backgrounds may not fully understand the nuances of his work, but everyone needs to know what he has done for the Bellingham Yacht Club! So, if you see him down on the docks, in the Club, or on his boat **Full Circle**, let him know how much we appreciate what he is doing for everyone!

*Richard Veach
Vice Commodore*

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Editorial

A year has gone by since Dolph and I signed up to co-edit the *Jib Sheet*, what a year it has been!

It looks like in October Dolph will have his hands full with the Assistant Treasurer position, so I'm going solo on this project. I think I have the better of the two volunteering opportunities! But he is much better suited for that position, so I wish him luck!

There will be lots of changes with the elections happening this month and I ask each of you to make the time to vote, there are some great people in the club who want to contribute and let's vote them in a position to do that.

On another note, **Quinn** has resigned his duties because he and **Roberta** are going south for the winter, have fun and keep us posted on what you're up to. We will miss seeing you around the club! You have contributed a lot over the summer and past years and we thank you for everything you have done! See you two next spring!

Kelli Conrads

INTRODUCTION OF INITIATION FEES 2005/06

In January the BYC Board sent out a survey to 120 Yacht Clubs. The survey requested information regarding dues, initiation costs, etc. Forty-eight clubs responded. The responses received were a real eye opener for the Board and our dues looked very favourable when compared to other clubs, (some charged over a \$1000 annually). What was apparent to the Board was that we were one of the few clubs not charging an initiation fee. Initiation fees varied from a high at the San Diego Club \$21,000 to a much lower average of \$400/\$1,200. **If you would like to view a copy of the survey results they are available on the BYC website.**

Your Board is continually being challenged to provide programs to satisfy the diversified interests of our members. Interestingly stats provided by our current assistant treasurer, Joe Coons revealed the following. Since July 2002 until now we welcomed 120 new members into our club. With an attrition of approximately 65 members during the same period we made some significant gains. Very positive! 58 of the new members are power boaters, 34 sailors and 28 have no boat.

In order for BYC to remain the premium Yacht Club in the Pacific Northwest, it is important that we continue to provide excellent facilities and programs for a very diversified membership. The volunteer nature of our club keeps our costs low; however, if we want to buy or maintain boats for our Juniors it takes money as do many of our other programs, such as Opening Day, Open House, Sponsored cruises, etc.

Initiation fees for new members joining BYC will begin effective January 1, 2005 as follows:

Juniors	no fee
Intermediate	\$50
Non Resident/Active	\$100

In January 1, 2006 initiation fees for new members joining are as follows:

Juniors	no fee
Intermediate	\$100
Non Resident/Active	\$200

Initiation revenue will be dedicated as follows. 50% towards mortgage reduction and 50% towards programs. There are many new and exciting programs which have been proposed to the Board. We hope that these fees (for new members joining) will allow us to maintain and add programs. We all have a 4 month window to **encourage new members** to join BYC without having to pay an initiation fee.












Any questions regarding this can be brought up to the board members at the next General Membership Meeting

*Don Dangelmaier
Trustee (on behalf of the Board)*






**Commodores Picnic &
Commodore's Cup
September 13-14**

THE BYC MAIN SHEET— SAVE IT / POST IT










September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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

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November 2004

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SEPTEMBER 2004

1		Annual Nominating Meeting 6PM
3, 17		Fridays at Five . 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
15		Annual Club Election Day & Meeting 6-7PM
16		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call:Comm. Bolster 739-3377.
19		Commodores Picnic Inati Bay 1PM Contact: Comm. Bolster 739-3377
 SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
1, 4-5		Pre Pitch Tune Up & Pitch Regatta 1800 Hours
11-12		Bellingham One Design 1100 Hours
19		Commodores Race 1100 Hours
25		Governor's Point (Long Distance) 1000 Hours

OCTOBER 2004

6		Installation of Officers 6PM (Cocktails 5:30)
1, 15		Friday at Five . 5-7PM, try to bring appetizer
21		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call:Comm.Veach 647-0720.
 SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
2		Jack Island (Long Distance) Race 1000 Hours
23		Marmetta Cup 1000 Hours

NOVEMBER 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. Veach 647-0720.
12-14		Round the County Cruise TBA
 SAILING EVENTS: Contact Al Callery, 676-0784		
5-7		Grand Prix SYC
13-14		Round the County Race
20		Awards Banquet 1900 Hours

PITCH 2004 September 4-5, 2004

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday:	Registration	1500 - 2000
	Welcome Barbeque (weather permitting) for arriving out of town boats	1600 - 1900
	Skippers' Meeting	2030
Saturday:	Late Registration	0800-0830
	Race Sequence Begins	1000
	Happy Hour	1600 - 1800*
	Caribbean Barbecue Roast PIG + More	1800 (after racing concluded)
Sunday:	Race Sequence Begins	1000
	Awards	As soon as results are available



CONRADS TO TAKE OVER OCTOBER 1 AS ASSISTANT TREASURER

On October 1 BYC Member **Dolph Conrads** will take over the important post of volunteer Assistant Treasurer which **Joe Coons** is vacating after serving for six years.

Dolph is a sailor for recreation, and professionally he is involved in finance, serving as Chief Financial Officer of Alpha Technologies. He has been working with Joe and volunteer **Bob Garvie** for the past several months learning about his new task. He is married to **Kelli Gaasland Conrads**, who is editor of the *Jib Sheet*.

Along with the voluntary post of Bar Manager (held by **Dick Johnson**), the role of Assistant Treasurer is one of the two most important posts in the Club. Under the By-Laws, the Club "Treasurer" empowered to sign and execute routine financial transactions for the Club is the Rear Commodore, who serves for only one year. Of course, persons elected to the Rear Commodore's office may --- or may not --- be proficient in financial recordkeeping and practices, so the "Assistant Treasurer" is an appointed task assigned to someone who is essentially the Club's "bookkeeper". Although the AT prepares most checks bills, etc. for processing, the AT has no authority to sign the checks or other documents, however, so Club officers must do so after reviewing them. Likewise, only the Club officers can open Club bank statements, thus controlling the Club's funds and removing the chance of improper transactions.

The net result of this arrangement is the chance for Officers going through the "chairs" of Club office to learn about the Club's finances, while the day-to-day details are handled by those more experienced with more consistent operation.

Just as Dolph is experienced in such processes, so was Joe: Professionally he had been owner of several businesses included one which provided accounting systems worldwide to broadcasting stations, advertising agencies, and other businesses. In fact, for several years, Joe's company even did the payroll for over 1,000 employees of the Bellingham School District; his systems even handled payrolls for The Seattle Opera!

"When **Chuck McCord** changed this Club to 'all-volunteer', I was delighted", Joe said, commenting on his six years' service. "The Club is in so much better shape! Every financial indicator is positive, and we are run in a business-like, responsible manner with excellent credit and fine relationships with our vendors, our tenant, and, I hope, our Members. I have enjoyed helping the Club's leaders in getting us into this position."

Coons, who will be 70 years only in January, is planning to continue to help with the Club *Roster/Yearbook* and with occasional other Club projects in the years to come. He will also be helping Dolph as required as the new AT settles in to the position.

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