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BYC Killer Rocks

by Roger Van Dyken

The "Top Ten Killer Rocks" in the greater San Juan Islands cruising area emerged from the experiences of BYC members from a recent survey. Listed in "cruising order" from Bellingham in a counter clockwise route around Orcas Island they are:

1. **Inati Bay** - the extended reef marked by a white standard. Solution: enter Inati Bay slightly from the south, and within two boat lengths of the north tip that marks the eastern edge of Inati, thus avoiding the reef to the north.

2. **Clark Island** - the State Park buoyed bay on the east side of Clark is shaped like a reverse J. Just above the lower tip of the reverse J is a rock covered at high tide. Solution: enter this bay from the northeast only.

3. **Sucia, Fossil Bay** - the reef that extends out from Ev Henry Point at the south edge of the approach to Fossil. The cliff is precipitous but the reef extends out like the foot of an L. Solution: keep a bit to the north when approaching Fossil; when departing toward Orcas, give Ev Henry Point a very wide berth.

4. **Little Sucia** - the reef that stretches to the southwest is very shallow and very long. Solution: when going south around Sucia to Shallow Bay, give Little Sucia a wide berth.

5. **Sucia, Echo Bay, Ewing Cove** - the many rocks surrounding the approaches to Ewing Cove from Echo Bay and from the east. Solution: safest solution is to avoid Ewing Cove. If you insist on entering, proceed very slowly from Echo Bay, favoring the port shore and post a bow watch.

6. **Jones Island, north side** - midway along the north shore, east of the north bay, lies a rock frequently submerged. Solution: Don't pass close to the north shore of Jones.

7. **Jones Island, south side** - rocks between the buoys and two small bays on the south end, covered at high tide. They are between the two buoys off one beach and the one buoy off the other beach. Solution: at high tide, approach buoys direct from seaward only.

8. **Roche Harbor, Pearl Island, east side** - This is the short cut that is the big cut. In addition to many rocks, the Roche Harbor

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*It's Time Once Again
for the Annual*

Seattle Boat Show Bus



January 15, 2005

**Departs Bellingham:
Bellingham Yacht Club at
0830 (8:30 am)**

**Departs Seattle:
Convention Center at
1725 (5:25 pm)**

More details on page 5

Commodores Comment

Is it my imagination or is the Holiday Season arriving earlier than in the past? Maybe it was the December 4th **Lighted Boat Parade** or possibly it was the fact that I noticed decorative lights adorning homes long before Thanksgiving this year. Anyway, **The Lighted Boat Parade** was a huge success thanks to **Terri Tavelli**. Terri is a very detailed type of person and the success of this event is, in large part, due to his efforts! Special thanks goes out to **Marlene Bolster** for all the food preparation! A lot of folks commented on how good the food was that evening and we now acknowledge our "Number One Chef" of 2004. Also, I would like to thank **Brian and Carol Pemberton** for providing their beautiful boat, **Deception** to act as the judge's review vessel. They were gracious hosts and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Our judges this year were **Harold Heiner**, President of Whatcom Community College and **Gerald Pumphrey**, President of Bellingham Technical College. They collectively gave their educated appraisal of each entrant as they rounded our position, just South of Star Rock Buoy. The Holiday Season may have started earlier than normal this year and so it seems only fitting that we try to extend the feelings of good! So, we are going to have a **New Year's Eve Party** at the **Bellingham Yacht Club**. Watch for emails outlining this no host potluck event.

Please, don't forget to let your best friends know that if they are considering joining the Club; now is the time!

The cost is going up \$100 at the end of this month and it's going to continue to climb in the following year. We are continuing to add to the value of our membership, which is reflected in our growth, but we don't want to our growth to over-tax our resources.

Our Club is growing rapidly, but we're not too large to realize that some of our most active members are having a particularly difficult time during the Holiday Season. Past Commodore **Bob Moles** is reported to be home from the hospital and we all wish him the very best. **Joe Bartlett** has also returned home after his recent surgery. We can expect him to be aggressively barging in, on starting line, once the racing season begins. Finally, our third recent hospital alumni is **Judy Coons**. **Judy** is also reported to have returned home after her hospital stay in Seattle. **Bob, Judy, and Joe** reflect the best traditional use of the term, "active member". This has been a difficult period for these members and their families and I know you will, in your own way, let them know our thoughts and prayers are with each of them!

Finally, Carol and I would like to extend our best wishes to all members of the Bellingham Yacht Club during this Holiday Season.

"Peace and joy shine upon you and yours"

Richard Veach

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false "entrance" on the east side of Pearl Island makes money for repair yards. Solution: always pass west of Pearl, and the buoys on the approach.

9. **Wasp Islands, Yellow Island, southwest reefs** - boats going from Jones to Friday Harbor cut the corner and pass too close to Yellow Island. The reefs extend several hundred yards out. Solution: wide sweeping turn well west of Yellow Island...and avoid the Wasp Islands to avoid getting stung.

10. **Sinclair Island, north reef** - a maze of rocks and reefs extend nearly a mile north of Sinclair. Solution: SOS (South of Sinclair) when returning to Bellingham from Obstruction, avoid sinning on Sinclair by passing between Cypress and tiny Toehead Island...safer, shorter, more scenic.

Okay...it's ten plus one:

*** Chuckanut Bay, north of Chuckanut Island - the rocks both north and south of Chuckanut Rock are submerged at high tide. Solution: Pass close to the north shore of Chuckanut Island or close to Clark's Point.**

No doubt there are others, like the rock at the Fisherman Bay approach, or in Mosquito Pass, or just south of Point Francis...and other BYC boaters may have tips on other menacing rocks that exact a high kill ratio on passing boats, or on how best to avoid them. Let us hear from you.

Now is the time to let the location of the "killer rocks" seep slowly into our brains with the winter rains, so we automatically steer clear come spring! Happy...and safe...cruising!

BYC OPEN NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY

The bar and lounge will be open at 6:00 Fri Dec 31 for all to enjoy an informal evening. Come for 20 minutes or stay until midnight to bring in the New Year. Bring something to munch on. Bring a guest. Julie is tending bar.

The bar and lounge will also be open for the Rose Bowl on

New Years Day. We will be open from 1:00 and will close when everyone wants to leave. If you are going to watch the game, why not do it at the club.

Thanks for your support.

Dick

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Fridays @ Five... ...Another Successful Year!

I would like to personally **THANK** all of the Hosts for the Friday's at Five for 2004:

Cory DePoppe, Jason Watson, Jim & Lois Lobben, Carolyn & Terry Blocher, Tom & Linda Selman, Ron & Debbie Rietman, John & Pat Asmundson, Brian & Shirley Fallon, Ken & Char Malseed, Bob & Judy Kehoe, Bill & Pam Heward, Carol & Richard Veach, Shannon DePoppe, Quinn & Roberta Selsor, Dick & Mary Jane Vetter, John Gargett, Eleanor Reimer & Paul Norton, Geoff & Trish Chamness, Susan & Rick Sale, Judy & John Hargreaves, Theresa & John Van Haalen, Jenny Roberts & Gary Smith, Pandora & Dan Larner, Kathy & Harry Shropshire, Loraine Boland & Ray Nelson, Joe Bartlett & Dawn Durand, Jamie & Pete Foti, Jan & Dick Woods, Karen Heggem.

Your willingness to be a Host is commendable and the entire BYC membership THANKS YOU! And I especially thank you for making my job easier. Many of you have signed up again for 2005 and I know we're all looking forward to your event. Those that have not had the chance to host a [F@5](#) can still do so by contacting me with your preferred date. Just hit REPLY the next time you get an e-mail from me regarding all of the great things your Bellingham Yacht Club has to offer!

Steve Moore

A Few Words About & From Bob Moles

Bob Moles is very ill and not able to attend BYC functions, most recently the Blue Gavel Meeting. He serves as the VP for the Blue Gavel, and before that our secretary. Since he was not at our meeting in December we sent the centerpiece to him and Dorothy.

Attached is the thank you from the Moles.





*Dear Past Commodores & BYC Members,
Thank you so much for the flowers, your many cards & calls.*




Your concerns are a great source of comfort and are very much appreciated.

Bob & Dorothy Moles






THE BYC MAIN SHEET— SAVE IT / POST IT





January 2005

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JANUARY 2005		
1		Happy New Year! Come and enjoy New Year's Day Afternoon at the BYC: The Rose & Orange Bowls on the Big Screen TV's. See page 2
7, 21		Friday at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizer
20		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Veach 647-0720.

February 2005

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FEBRUARY 2005		
4, 18		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
6		Superbowl Sunday & Chili Cook Off
17		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Veach 647-0720.
19		Land Cruise See page 5 for details



A Comment about the Chili Cook Off
 "Chili entries should taste good and have enough for every one to taste. Superbowl is Feb. 6th, 2005, same day as the chili cook off. I would really like a little competition this year."

Bob Kehoe

Anybody up for the challenge?

March 2005

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MARCH 2005		
3, 18		Fridays at Five. 5-7PM, try to bring appetizers
17		Board Meeting. 6PM (Finance Committee 5:30). Open to all members. Call: Comm. Veach 647-0720.

BAR & LOUNGE WINTER HOURS
THURSDAY-SATURDAY, 5—9 PM.

ROSTER/YEARBOOK PUBLICATION SOON

The 2004-5 Edition of the Bellingham Yacht Club **Yearbook & Roster** will be published soon, and editor **Joe Coons** is asking that all of us help out to make the issue as complete and accurate as possible.

Three things needed:

First, he asks each of us to look at our Club membership Cards to be sure our address is correct, and if not, to notify him or Membership Secretary **Michele Hurst** immediately at micheleh@spie.org.

Second, Joe asks that the officers, trustees, and chairpersons who served the Club so faithfully in 2003-4 provide him with a "Report for the Year" regarding their activities to be included in the book; especially needed are racing results, cruise memoirs, building & house reports, etc. This is a great opportunity to

"give credit where credit is due" and brag about accomplishments!

Third, for all the leaders and chairpersons running this year's activities, please forward a story with your plans to him for inclusion, especially *schedules of events* such as races, cruises, social activities, etc.; for activities such as Racing Awards Night or the Lighted Boat Parade that are already complete, please send along a report on the activity.

Photos will be back!

Because of printing quality difficulties, space, and cost for color pictures, they were not included in last year's book, but Joe says he's going to try to include at least four pages of color photos this year. If you have some good digital snapshots of Club events, please email him a copy; to be used, the photo should be crisp

and clear, include several people who are members, and have the names of those included and date of the event. Of course, inclusion of the photo in the final *Yearbook* is dependent upon quality and space and format requirements.

Everyone gets a copy

The new pages for the book will be mailed to all Members in January; they go directly into the binder that every Member is issued upon joining the Club (if you don't have one, contact Joe or Michele).

If you are interested in helping with any phase of the *Yearbook* publication or can submit information or photos for inclusion, contact Joe at bycjoe@comcast.net.

Seattle Boat Show Bus

January 15, 2005

Cost:

\$30 per person — Same price as last year!

(Includes transportation, refreshments & boat show ticket.)

Departs:

Bellingham Yacht Club
at 0830 (8:30 am)

Departs:

Seattle Convention Center
at 1725 (5:25 pm)

Save the hassle of driving & parking!

Relax and have fun with other BYC members!

Sign up and pay at the BYC bar.

For more information contact
Terry Tavelli at 392-6769



2005 LAND CRUISE - Feb. 19th, 2005

Back by Popular Demand

This year's theme

"Around the World in Less Than 8 hours"

In previous years the Land Cruise revolved around boating and or nautical themes. This year we have chosen the theme "Around the World". Participants will visit *different* countries in their search for objects and challenges. Lots of new twists have been added in order to make this cruise interesting and a lot of fun.

Below is the registration form for participants to complete. If you need more than one form or have any questions please email Don and Pat Dangelmaier at dondede@shaw.ca In order to insure we have enough starter kits, prizes and space at the restaurant we need to have firm confirmations returned at least 2 weeks before the cruise date of February 19th (earlier would be better). You can return your completed form and entry fee to us directly at any Friday @5.

Looking forward to seeing you and your crew at this fun event!

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME YOUR "BOAT"(CAR)

CAPTAIN (DRIVER)

Cell phone #

1ST MATE

NAVIGATOR

CREW

CREW

WE SUGGEST A MINIMUM OF 3 PEOPLE, BUT YOU CAN HAVE AS MANY THAT CAN LEGALLY RIDE IN YOUR VEHICLE

ENTRY FEE @ \$5.00 per person _____

Total \$ _____

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