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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS...

---Commodore Richard Veach

The cruising stories have begun to be told around the club in greater numbers recently; the vacant slips around the harbor strongly suggest many of you are enjoying quality time on the water. Recent attendance at our last few [Friday@5s](#) indicates there are many who have already completed their vacations or they have not yet departed.

Those in attendance for the **Moore Invitational** thoroughly enjoyed themselves over at the Boulevard Park dock following the race. After rafting the boats up, our absent host, **Steve Moore** was toasted repeatedly for his sponsorship of the event. This year we came close to exceeding the dock's capacity and the only thing missing besides **Steve** was a central table, but thanks to **Bob Snowball** we used his and **Carol's** boat, **2nd Odyssey** for arranging the large assortment of food.

On June 30th the Bellingham Yacht Club negotiated an agreement with the owners of Lummi Island Land Company to eliminate the anchorage restrictions, but the tidelands and uplands of Inati Bay remain under restricted access by authorized users of the Lummi Island Land Company. Only members of the Bellingham Yacht Club and their immediate guests are permitted access to the beach area under the terms of the BYC lease with the Lummi Island Land Company.

Planning for our PITCH regatta has reached an important level. Thanks to **Mick Corcoran**,

Michele Hurst, Terry Tevalli, Al Callery and many others, we should have another successful couple of days on the water and in the Club during the Labor Day Weekend. If you want to participate in the last minute planning for this premier sailing event don't hesitate to give Mick or myself a call.

Local coverage of our dinghy racing on Tuesday nights by the Bellingham Herald was an unexpected surprise. The article and photographs were very informative and can be expected to stimulate further interest in the program. **David Servais** should again be thanked for his strong leadership in promoting the dinghy racing program.

Many of you have commented on how many small boats you've seen on the bay recently. There's a very good chance that the boats you've been watching are part of the **Bellingham Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program**. Junior Sailing Fleet Captain, **Claire Beich** reports there are lots of kids in the beginning classes, while **Geoff Farmer** has been teaching intermediate classes to returning kids. Those of us who work in the downstairs office can testify to the constant sounds of laughter as the kids enjoy air hockey and darts after their sailing lessons. **Ray Poorman** reports that the juniors should be able to enjoy the donated pool table in the very near future. Once everything is in place we will have an "open house" and everyone will be able to see the hard work that **Terry Robertson** and his volunteers have put in on this project.

Enjoy the weather and be safe!

Richard Veach
Commodore

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INATI BAY UPDATE

Ray Poorman - Vice Commodore - Policy & Planning

Over the past couple of months much attention has been focused on Inati Bay. The BYC was positioned by others as the party responsible for blocking access to the area. Due to changes implemented by the property owners your board has spent a tremendous amount of time working through this issue. In early spring **Al Callery** and I met with the SYC and CYC groups to discuss the issues related to Inati and informed them we would do our best to address their concerns; however we were not the property owners and only acting as tenants. We always kept an open line of communication. A local group was created called Boaters for Inati Bay Public Anchorage which was a formation of several members of the SYC, CYC and a for profit Kayak tour operator that were upset by the closure of the anchorage and the shore. This organization confronted BYC rather than the property owners and continues to assume that BYC is responsible for locking out other clubs and boaters.

BYC has maintained a positive stance and continues to work forward to allow all parties to arrive at a solution that will support the boating community as we have for the last 30 years in Inati Bay. The executive board met with **Jim Dickenson**, President of the Lummi Island Land Company (LILC) prior to his

departure out of state for an extended period. We discussed many issues including the trespass by other parties, the attack on ownership, the property lines, the fire danger and the lack of fire protection for the island, all of which prompted LILC to require us to limit access. The final topic was in regards to the anchorage and what rights LILC had to defend it as private property. The result of that discussion is that the LILC believes firmly in their United States Patent rights that they own the bottom of the bay. A tremendous amount of information has circulated in regards to this. However, the contested ownership of the LILC will not be resolved for years and may result in a final decision through a court case between the Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Lands Division and LILC. The board at this point decided to move in a more expedient manner to allow use of the anchorage and remove the BYC from further scrutiny. We asked and were granted permission to allow anchorage in the bay while the ownership issues run their course.

With this new position the executive board set a meeting to discuss the anchorage with the boards of the SYC, CYC, Wheel & Keel, the Power Squadron, the USCG Auxiliary, the Bellingham Herald, the Whatcom Independent, and **David Roberts**, a representative of the local DNR. **Steve Ross**, BYC Secretary, moderated the discussion of the issues at hand. We informed the clubs that the BYC was a non-party to any of the current events, and directed everyone to the correct sources. We also informed them our work over the past two months has resulted in the opening of the anchorage. With the change in status of the bay, **Al Callery** went to Inati Bay and removed the references to anchorage.

This change in status has greatly improved the image being portrayed by others, and allows boaters to access the anchorage. Our members should continue to

enjoy the beach and shoreline at Inati Bay and protect the area for future generations. Others will continue to push the limits and attempt trespass. If you as a member encounter someone that may be trespassing you are not required to take any action. If you feel comfortable approaching the possible trespasser(s) be polite. Don't attempt to discuss the issue other than to say the area is privately owned by the LILC and they should be contacted with any concerns. Ask for their names, possibly take a picture and report the incident to vicecommodore@byc.org. The consistent trespassers know all of the issues and may attempt to debate the issues. Most of these trespassers will be land based or kayakers.

I wish to thank **Steve Moore** and **Jim Dickenson** (LILC) for the tremendous amount of research and personal time spent discussing the issues to create a positive solution, **Steve Ross**, BYC Secretary for moderating and providing past commodore input, **Al Callery** for helping take the heat from the other clubs and updating the signs. We thank **David Roberts** of the DNR for participating in our discussion with the other clubs. Thank you to our participating executive board, Commodore **Rich Veach** and Fleet Captain **Terry Tavelli**, and the remaining board and trustees. Finally, my thanks to the Dead Pirates Society for stepping forward to continue the maintenance of Inati Bay.

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JUNIOR SAILING

Ray Poorman - Vice Commodore

This year our Junior program continues to be a positive influence on the youth of our community and the club. **Claire Beich** has taken the reins and is teaching the classes for the club, with the help of **Ashley Hamilton** (both previous Junior Sailors!).

The kids learn about safety, how to trim sails, tactical maneuvers, and by the end of the course are able run a full race! The course lasts two weeks and the kids learn on the BYC's Bytes and Optis.

There is both classroom time and on the water time. At the end of the course they are tested on knowledge of their boats, rules in regards to rights on the water, and common racing tricks. This is a great opportunity for kids to get a head start on sailing and boating while learning to be comfortable and safe on the water.

Recently the Port of Bellingham provided some assistance to the Junior Program by providing a dock for the Dinghy Dock program which will generate revenue for the Juniors. As Bellingham grows into an even bigger boating community, our contributions to the youth of the area will make a difference to safe boating and future participation in our racing and cruising programs.

Junior sailing is a major effort for the club and we are asking for your help! We need more kids to participate in the program, so tell you neighbors, friends, and everyone in the area that has kids that this is positive for children to learn and will impact their lives forever. We need volunteers to assist with the day to day program, and maintenance of the boats. We need organizers to get together with the kids, and kids from other clubs to participate in the regional races that may allow our kids opportunities to go to the Olympics. We need monetary and gift contributions of additional dinghies, replacement sails, more equipment, and advertising!

Everyone can help by contributing to the Junior Sailing tip jar, and promoting the program in the community. If you want to volunteer, please contact **Claire Beich**, through the normal club number, e-mail at juniorsailing@byc.org, or vicecommodore@byc.org, see you all on the water.

Ray

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK....

It's been a busy summer so far, with a number of new members!! Please give a warm welcome to:

Wayne Arrington & Elena Parkaomenko (Bellingham)

David Buckland (Seattle)

Kelley Flaherty (Bellingham)

Dan & Pam Haan (Lynden)

Ronald & Janet Johanson (Bellingham)

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Submitted by:

Michele Hurst

BYC Membership Secretary

SEAHAWKS BUS

TRIP SOCIAL PLANNED...

It's the **Seahawks vs. Cowboys at QuestField at Quest Field on October 23** that's the focus of a BYC Activity being set up by Member **John Van Haalen!**

Kind of like the popular Boat Show Trip each January, the deal includes a ticket, round trip transportation, a tailgate party, and it will cost only \$50/per person.

Contact John at vhaalen@comcast.net or call him at 360 650-9319...but do it now while the tickets can be secured! Bookings have started and you want to be sure of a seat!

POET'S COVE CRUISE SET

Called the "*Sea Shanties & Songs Cruise*", it's on **August 19-21 at Poet's Cove, Bedwell Harbor** (48°44'47.09" N - 123°13'46.04" W) The cruise masters are **John Gargett** [(360) 656-5700], **Patti White**, and **John & Teresa Van Haalen**.

People come to love sea songs in many ways: Some grow up by the sea. Some fall in love with sailing. Some are just having a lot of fun with the pirate theme. So on this cruise, each boat will be asked to sing, in costume if possible, (come on, it's fun!) one sea shanty or sea song. So if your desire is to be a pirate, sailor, or a widow singing of your lover lost at sea, this is an opportunity for you to perform for (and with) the other members of the BYC, get a few laughs (at you, with you and with friends) as well as enjoy a beautiful location. To make this easy, you can learn about sea shanties at <http://shanty.rendance.org>. Make your own reservations directly with Poets Cove, either at www.poetscove.com/marina_rates.html or by calling 250-629-2111 or Toll Free 866-888-2683. Make your reservation early as they do fill up.
Schedules: Fri. 19 August: 1700 – 1900:

Dockside grog and potluck snacks. 1900-?:

Dice, Cribbage, Talk, Friendship. **Sat. 20**

August: 0900 – 1300: (Weather Permitting)

Hike up to Mt. Norman (Beautiful view, well worth it – we may get the hotel to run us up a road most of the way).

1400: Visit art galleries on South Pender, Hang on the dock, whatever.

1730: Dockside grog and potluck snacks. 1800: Sea Shanty Show and Exhibition. 1930: Dinner at Poets Cove.

2130-?: Dice, Cribbage, Talk, Friendship.

Sun. 21 August: 0900: Potluck breakfast before departure home.

This is a great cruise for those who do not have a boat – Poets Cove is a beautiful hotel worth the money! ---

John Gargett

DINGHY STORAGE RACK HAS SPACE AVAILABLE

There is still space available on the new dinghy rack. Contact **Dick Grimshaw** if you need a spot for your dinghy.

Junior Sailing

Ready to go sailing?

Enrollment is open for Summer 2005 Sailing Lessons!

If you have a child, grandchild or favorite younger relative that would like to learn to sail, check out the BYC website for information. There is still time to sign up for summer sailing lessons.

What better way to get acquainted with the water and our beautiful environment?

Come for the Wind, Stay for the Party!

Come join us for the 32nd Annual PITCH Regatta, sponsored by Mercedes Benz and hosted by the Bellingham Yacht Club! Come join us on beautiful Bellingham Bay for 2 days of great racing, entertainment, food and fun! **PITCH is a Grand Prix qualifier PIYA regional event.**

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We are receiving registrations for PITCH, so get your application in. Club members can register on line, and should do so as soon as possible!

Go to www.byc.org for registration, race packet, detailed schedules and complete information.

Tuesday Night Dinghy Racing:

On Tuesday, July 26, we had 18 dinghies racing in the third of the Series 2 racing session. This is a record and goes to show that dinghy sailing and racing is definitely an activity that is worth supporting as a club. There were 12 Lasers, 4 Bytes, a Thistle and a Fusion 15. We saw three races. Winners were: Lasers - **David Servais** (2) **Chris Rosinski** (1); Bytes - **Lily Grimshaw** (3); PHRF - **Greg Booth** (3) sailing a Fusion 15. Winds were light and the racing was competitive.

Bob Snowball provided the Committee Boat, **Dale Jepson** was Race Officer, ably supported by **Virginia, Jamie** and **Jane**, and **Terry Tavelli** and **Joe Warren La-Casella** manned the mark boat. Thanks to these good members without which we would not have any racing.

The BYC encourages other dinghy sailors to join this racing program. Especially we welcome dinghy owners in the Bellingham area, also we encourage graduates of the Club's Junior Sailing program to participate by sailing in the Opti and Byte classes.

BYC CALENDARS FOR TWO MONTHS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	AUGUST 2005
	1	2 Dinghy Series 1-5	3 Heat Wave 3	4	5 ☺ F@5	6 Marmetta Cup 10A Crab Fest Chuckanut B	<p><u>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</u></p> <p>Club Administration Events: 18</p> <p>Cruises: 6, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27</p> <p>Sailing Races (6PM unless noted): Call Terry Tavelli 392-6769</p> <p>Seniors: 3, 6, 10, 17, 24, 27, 31</p> <p>Novices: (None this month)</p> <p>Juniors: 2, 8, 9, 16, 22, 23, 30</p> <p>☺ F@5 Fridays at 5: 5, 19</p>
7	8 Basic Sailing Class Begins 10A	9 Dinghy Series 2-1	10 Heat Wave 4	11	12	13 BYC Kid's Cruise Inati Bay	
14 BYC Kid's Cruise Inati Bay	15	16 Dinghy Series 2-2	17 Heat Wave 5	18 Board Mtg6P	19 ☺ F@5 Poets Cove/Bedwell Cruise	20 Poets Cove/Bedwell Cruise	
21 Poets Cove/Bedwell Cruise	22 Intermediate Sailing Class Begins 10A	23 Dinghy Series 2-3	24 Jack & Jill	25	26	27 Commodors Cup 11A Commodors Picnic	
28	29	30 Dinghy Series 2-4	31 Pre-PITCH				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	SEPTEMBER 2005
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4	5 Labor Day	6 Dinghy Series 2-5	7 Fall 1 (Tent) Nominating Meeting	8	9	10 B'ham Bay One Design	
11 B'ham Bay One Design	12	13	14 Fall 2 (Tent)	15 Board Mtg6P	16 ☺ F@5	17	
18	19	20	21 Fall 3 (Tent) ELECTIONS	22	23	24 Governor's Point 10A	
25	26	27	28 Fall 4 (Tent)	29	30		

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