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### ***Bellingham Yacht Club***

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Commodore	<i>Richard Veach</i>
Vice Commodore	<i>Ray Poorman</i>
Rear Commodore	<i>Al Callery</i>
Fleet Captain	<i>Terry Tavelli</i>
Past Commodore	<i>Marlene Bolster</i>
Secretary	<i>Steve Ross</i>

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*Don Dangelmaier, Jamie Foti, Terry Robertson, Jason Watson*

#### 2nd Year:

*John Asmundson, Dick Grimshaw, Christine Petrou, Teresa Van Haalen*

### ***The BYC Jib Sheet***

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### ***2005-06 Board Members Elected***

On September 21, the membership elected the new Board for the upcoming year. New Flag Officers are: Commodore, **Ray Poorman**; Vice Commodore **Al Callery**, Rear Commodore, **Terry Tavelli** and Fleet Captain **Terry Robertson**.

1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustees are: **Bob Kehoe, Dick Grimshaw, Michele Hurst and Bob Snowball**.

Installation of the new officers will be held at the Club **Wednesday, October 5**, beginning at 6:00. All members are invited to attend.



*Commodore's Picnic at Inati Bay*

### ***Commodore's Ball November 5***

Join Commodore **Ray Poorman** and his wife, **Sally** for dinner and dancing on November 5 in the newly renovated Sapphire Cove. As many of you know, Sapphire Cove is closed temporarily as they undergo a major remodel. The Commodore's Ball will be the premiere event, so we'll be the first to see and enjoy the gorgeous new space.

The theme this year is Latin flavor – a sit down dinner paired with Chilean and Argentine wines. We'll have a 16 piece band playing a mix of salsa, tango, and Latin-beat numbers along with some waltzes and swing for those who prefer it. We will also have a live tango performance by dancers from *Tango Bellingham*.

Marjorie Bills and her partner Michael from *Tango Bellingham* have graciously agreed to provide a one-hour dance lesson in the week preceding our event, just for BYC members. That is tentatively scheduled for November 2 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. If there is interest we may add a second class, so please call **Sally Poorman at 319-0380** if you're planning to attend the lesson. If you're interested in seeing this creative and graceful form of dance, Marjorie and Michael perform on Tuesday evenings at *The Flats* Tappas restaurant in Fairhaven.

Invitations will be out shortly and please watch your e-mail for details on classes. The Poormans look forward to seeing everyone at the Ball!

--- *Sally Poorman*

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## **Welcome New Members**

The Board approved the following new members at the September Board Meeting:

David & Jamie Fritsch -  
Manchester, CT

Eric & Susie Hattamer -  
Greenacres, WA

Joe & Lynn Long - Bellingham

Bryan & Lisa Polinder - Bellingham

Tom Purdy - Bellingham

Jeannette Roberts - Juno Beach, FL

We hope they will join us at the next Fridays@Five so we can have the opportunity to meet them and give them a warm welcome.

## **Commodore's Comments...**

This month's comments mark my last attempt to communicate to you as the Commodore of the **Bellingham Yacht Club**. Last October, I took on the responsibilities with a rather simple goal; try to add value to the membership. With the outstanding help of the Board, Flag Officers, and many volunteers, I believe the goal has been reached!

The Board members have worked tirelessly to serve your interests. It has been a privilege to serve along side them and you can be assured they all have taken their responsibilities very seriously. They have accomplished a lot in one year, but the one item many of you will appreciate is that they made a \$11,400 early payment on the mortgage! In addition, they successfully dealt with a lease transfer. The result is we have a new tenant, who has begun the remodel project that is expected to be completed by the middle of this month!

The future of our Club looks very positive when one considers the Flag Officers moving through the ranks. **Ray Poorman, Al Callery, Terry Tavelli, and Terry Robertson** have earned your support as they proceed through the Chairs. Each of them can expect their own trials when they take on the responsibility of Commodore, but knowing you support them will greatly lessen the burden for these volunteers. Expected future problems include the cost of a new sprinkler system, the need to widen the volunteer ranks among the entire membership, maintaining a viable membership growth pattern, and acquiring the funding for expanding programs. These are a few of the difficulties we face in the future, but if you help these gentlemen, like you have me, these problems will be solved!

The volunteerism this year has been outstanding! If I can take credit for anything, it's being able to find outstanding people to take on tasks. I will first lay claim to finding the best Fleet Captain any of you can remember! " Thank you **Terry Tavelli** for an outstanding job and setting a standard that was inspiring!" **Terry Robertson** did yeoman's work as Building and House Chairman. He found the volunteers to repair the water

damaged ceiling on the Emerald Bay side and completed the construction of the Junior Room. Both of these projects came in under budget! Many people stepped forward or agreed to take on the necessary duties required to run our growing club, but two individuals were especially indispensable. Past Commodores **Dick Johnson and Steve Moore** are responsible for much of our success! "Dick and Steve, thank you so very much!" Additionally, Past Commodore **Steve Ross** stepped back into the fray, by agreeing to take on the duties of Secretary. Steve was much more than our Secretary; he guided, counseled and in short, provided an important link to the traditions of the past! **Michele Hurst** successfully handled the membership duties, while **Mic Corcoran** earned a lot of support by completing his second consecutive year as Sailing Fleet Captain. **Claire Beich** successfully moved the Junior Sailing Program to where it has served over forty juniors this past Summer.

Without family support I could not have taken on the role of Commodore, so a special thanks to my wife **Carol**. If you attended the Commodore's Ball you know what I mean. With strong family support and overwhelming volunteerism on the part of the membership we were able to accomplish a lot in one year. We now have an exclusive out station, a revenue producing dinghy dock, a greatly expanded sailing program, a junior room, a rapidly growing membership, and a net profit. I'm proud of our accomplishments and it has been my sincere privilege to serve as your Commodore!

---Commodore *Richard Veach*  
2004-2005

## **Dues Bills Out**

By now you should have your billing for the new 2005-2006 Club Year. The invoices were mailed on September 9, and for Active, Life and Past Commodores, included the instructions for the 2004-5 elections and sample ballots.

Members' bills are rendered annually, and are due by October 31 under the Club's By-Laws. Members who joined our Club during the year ending September 30, 2005 will receive a bill only for the unpaid portion of the new year.

As soon as the Club receives your dues payments, your new membership cards are sent by the Asst. Treasurers. Your prompt response to the billing simplifies work for our office volunteers.

Some notices have already been returned because our data files don't have your current address! Please help keep our files up to date. If you have not yet received your dues notice, send a note to [michelehurst@hotmail.com](mailto:michelehurst@hotmail.com) or leave a message at 1 360 671-5797 and provide us with your correct address.

-- Michele Hurst  
Membership Chair

## **Club Growth Continues**

Your BYC has been keeping careful statistics on September Club membership for several years, and the Club's growth continues!

The year 1999 was perhaps the "turnaround" in our membership numbers, when we had only about 210 members. That was the year that we became an all-volunteer Club, and so we could begin increasing our programs, improve our building, and get a lot more active.

Look at our growth since then: by 2002 the total was 248; 2003 saw 281; 2004 totaled 313, and this year, we counted 343 including 4 applications the Board was to act upon at the September meeting!

This steady growth represents a lot of hard work by the Club's leaders over the years to become a more member-oriented organization, and it also represents terrific support from each and every member who tells other boaters about our programs.

You can help us continue this trend, which contradicts the experience other Clubs are having with dropping memberships. Talk to non-member boaters and ask them to consider joining the Club! Invite them to a Fridays at Five. Give them one of our brochures and a Membership Application: They're in the rack by the bar door. Then, sign them up! Thank you for your help.

--- Joe Coons

## **Seahawks Bus Trip – Nov 13**

BYC is sponsoring a bus to the Seahawks game on November 13. They are playing the St. Louis Rams. The price is \$45 per person and includes the bus trip, a tailgate BBQ party, admission ticket to the game and snacks and drinks down and back.

The bus holds 50 people and many have already signed up. If you are interested in going, please contact John or Teresa Van Haalen at 650-9319 or [vhaalen@comcast.net](mailto:vhaalen@comcast.net). Don't miss this opportunity to see the Seahawks in person and have a fabulous time without the driving hassle.

---John Van Haalen

## **Wow! What a mess we have at the club right now!**

Emerald Bay Events is in the midst of their remodel. The Club is still open but access to the building has changed to the side entrance as the front lobby has been gutted. We expect the remodel to be done before you receive your next copy of this publication. I have seen the plans. It's really going to be nice!!

## **Git Yer Overalls Out**

'cause we're havin' a meetin' house and yard cleanin' party!

It's time again for the **Fall Club Scrub on Saturday, October 22**. We'll start at 9:00 a.m. and go until around 1:00 p.m.

We can find a task for every BYC member, so come on down, even if you can't stay the entire morning. If attendance is good, we will also do some repairs on the dinghies. Some of them really need it.

Coffee will be brewing when you get here and pizza will arrive around 12:30. See you Saturday!

## **Sprinkler Update**

If you have not heard already about the sprinkler quandary then you might want to sit down before you continue reading this.

We have agreed to install a sprinkler system on the first floor of our building. I am getting bids for the installation. We are estimating the cost to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000 to bring water to the building, install the sprinkler system and upgrade the monitoring. That figure is for the whole building, less the install on the Emerald Bay side which our tenant has graciously agreed to take care of. The expensive part is setting up the system. This portion is about \$40,000 then an additional \$10,000 for the upstairs bar/lounge area.

Ethically we really needed to do this. If we did incur a significant fire with a lot of people in the building the outcome could be disastrous. If the building did have a significant fire it may not survive due to the length of time it would take for the fire department to be notified and the lack of an automatic fire suppressant system. The red tape for rebuilding, even though we are insured, could very well prohibit us from building on the same location. The club is in a beautiful location which also means it is very near the water. Building codes and regulations are very tough for a building in our location on the water.

We do not have to do this today. We do expect the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to be sprinkled within the year. I know I will sleep better once this is done. I imagine you will too.

We are hoping for a reduction on our insurance cost after the installation and are aggressively seeking this reduction. If you have questions about this project feel free to ask me or one of the flag officers.

---Terry Robertson  
Building & House Chair

## **Captain Homie Reports...**

---"Captain Homie", *Frank Richardson, lives aboard his 42' Hardin Monk-design trawler, Caroline, traveling to ports all around the area where he (a) gets free moorage (b) finds good food and (c) meets all kinds of nice people that he never forgets...*

What a Summer! **Captain Homie** is now a married man...**Patty** and I were married at a nice ceremony in Hawaii. Our friend **Fabrice Roignot** on *Topaz* was my best man, and **Sam** on *Alluvium* was also in attendance. That

was in April. Then in June we had a big reception in Kent, Washington. Then we bugged off to go around Vancouver Island. We didn't make it around the Island because of the weather, instead we continued on up to Shearwater/Ocean Falls.

We caught enough crab in Ocean Falls to pay for both of our Canadian fishing licenses. Does it ever not rain in Ocean Falls? Had it not been for the great dinner we had at *Evas' Holy Grill*, I doubt that I would be able to get Patty back there again. The rain drives her crazy.

We got to see some of Rivers Inlet and Smith Inlet. Next year I'd like to check out Fish Egg Inlet. I've heard from a reliable source that **Charlie** up in Seymore Inlet has had a stroke and isn't doing very well. I never met him, and now it looks like I never will. But it wasn't Charlie's fault, eh.

The crabbing in Canada and the San Juans and Port Ludlow was very good. Poor Patty has developed an intolerance to shellfish, but she loves to see me catching crab. (When digging clams to use for crab bait, occasionally one would squirt her, or she'd see one of those worms. One morning she woke up the entire Kayak Camp in Reid Harbor...but she still hasn't matched the scream when she saw the snake at Grace Harbor last year. (That was her best scream, ever!)

May I pay a quick compliment to **Joe & Judy Coons** for the very professional way they handled a rescue the weekend of the Bedwell Cruise. I heard it on the VHF, and I have to say his radio manners were perfect. I'm proud to know such fine people/boaters. Good job, Joe & Judy. My job-jar of things to get done this Fall/Winter/Spring is huge. But not much is going to get done until after Oysterfest in Shelton October 1-2.

Meanwhile, I met a fellow that I think will be a great help in putting together reciprocals from Astoria to Lewiston, Idaho and down to San Diego. I'd like to do those trips in a few years, and maybe take a couple of years to do them!

As I write it's September 6, and I'm in Lake Washington for a couple of weeks. I always enjoy the Lake, and are there ever a bunch of reciprocals here! September can be very nice cruising, and not quite as crowded, eh. Anybody that has a favorite yacht club that doesn't cooperate with the BYC *[there aren't*

*many, Homie, thanks to you! --Ed],* let me know and I'll send them a letter.

Fair winds and calm seas to you all!  
--*Captain Homie*

## PITCH Results

The 2005 Mercedes Benz PITCH Regatta was a big success with 63 boats racing in 7 classes on 2 race courses. 12 different clubs were represented. The Kelly O'Neil Cup given to the best overall Racing Team was awarded to Anacortes Yacht Club #1 with BYC #1 coming in a close second.

A big thanks goes out to the PITCH committee, chaired by **Dale and Virginia Jepson**, for organizing and putting on a great regatta. Over 20 BYC members worked many weeks on this event.



PITCH 2005

### RESULTS:

#### PHRF Class 1

1<sup>st</sup> *Cheekie Monkee*, **Kim Alfreds**, BYC  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Son of Raven*, Chris Sherman, AYC  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Cat Sass*, Pat Barrett, AYC

#### PHRF Class 2

1<sup>st</sup> *Teddy Bear*, Gray Hawken, AYC  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Slip Sliding Away*, Stuart Archer, SYC  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Time Bandit*, Bob Brunius, OIYC

#### PHRF Class 3

1<sup>st</sup> *Pulelehua*, Bernard Selting, AYC  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Hravn*, **Todd Koetje**, BYC  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Catpaw*, **Al Callery**, BYC

#### PHRF Class 4

1<sup>st</sup> *More UffDa*, Ben Braden  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Lucky Jim*, Jim McAlpine, OHYC  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Flashpoint*, Steve Kleinbart, AYC

#### PHRF Class 5

1<sup>st</sup> *Tumbleweed*, **Jon Seestrom**, BYC  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Hitched*, Kevin Swackhamer, WINSA  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Kiana*, Rob Kirby, DHYC

One Design Etchells

1<sup>st</sup> Attitude, **Pete Ambrose**, BYC  
2<sup>nd</sup> Beauzeau, **Terry Hileman**, BYC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Foibles, **Bill Green**, BYC

One Design – Class 6

1<sup>st</sup> Impetuous, **Jack Gerity**, BYC  
2<sup>nd</sup> The Boss, Wayne Berge, CYC Seattle  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Jamoca, **Joe Bartlett**, BYC

## News from the Bar

Summer is over and the Wednesday night racing is through for the year. The bar has been open on Wednesdays during the racing season. A special big thank you to **Char Malseed** and her crew **Bob Kehoe, Steve Moore, Craig Henderson and Ken Malseed** for bartending and cooking every Wednesday night for five months.

The bar is now open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night from 5:00 to 9ish. Emerald Bay is in the middle of major renovations, including the lobby. They plan on completion October 31. During this period BYC members and guests will enter the lounge on the east side using the door on the deck.

Fridays@Five in mid-September was a tremendous success. It was Karaoke night at BYC. At 9:00 there were still 50 people in the club. I would like to see a repeat of this in the near future.

**Steve Ross** has volunteered to take over the scheduling of bartenders starting in October. That is definitely my most unfavorable job. Thank you Steve for doing this.

For those who haven't heard, we now have both Boundary Bay Scotch Ale and Alaskan Amber on tap.. These have been very popular with both members and guests.

See you in the lounge.

-- *Dick Johnson*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	OCTOBER 2005
						1 Jack Island 10A	<u><b>Significant Dates this Month</b></u>  <b>Major Club Events: 5</b>  <b>Club Administration Events: 20</b>  <b>Cruises: (none this month)</b>  <b>Sailing Races (6PM unless noted):</b> <b>Seniors:</b> <b>1, 5, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30</b> <b>Novices: (none this month)</b> <b>Juniors: (none this month)</b>  ☺ F@5 Fridays at 5: 7, 21
2	3	4	5 Fall 5 (Tent) Installation Of Officers	6	7 ☺ F@5	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 PSSC-CYC Seattle	
16 PSSC-CYC Seattle	17	18	19	20 Board Mtg6P	21 ☺ F@5	22 Club Scrub	
23	24	25	26	27	28 Grand Prix SYC	29 Grand Prix SYC	
30 Grand Prix SYC	31						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	NOVEMBER 2005
		1	2	3	4 ☺ F@5	5 Commo- dore's Ball	<u><b>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</b></u>  <b>Major Club Events:</b> <b>5, 13,16, 23</b>  <b>Club Administration Events: 17</b>  <b>Cruises: 18, 19, 20</b>  <b>Sailing Races (6PM unless Noted)</b> <b>Seniors:</b> <b>11, 12, 13</b> <b>Novices: (none this month)</b> <b>Juniors: (none this month)</b>  ☺ F@5 Fridays at 5: 4, 18
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
					Veteran's Day Round the County Race Cruise	Round the County Race & Cruise	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
Seahawks Bus/ Round the County Race			Awards Banquet 6PM	Board Mtg6P	☺ F@5		
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27	28	29	30				

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