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### **Bellingham Yacht Club**

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Commodore	Ray Poorman
Vice Commodore	Al Callery
Rear Commodore	Terry Tavelli
Fleet Captain	Terry Robertson
Past Commodore	Richard Veach
Secretary	Steve Ross

Trustees, 1st Year:

Dick Grimshaw, Michele Hurst, Bob Kehoe, Bob Snowball

2nd Year: Geoff Chamness, Jamie Foti, Don Dangelmaier, Jason Watson

### **Past Commodores -IOBG**

President	Bud Peterson
Vice President	Steve Ross
Secretary	Dick Johnson

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### **The BYC Jib Sheet**

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

Commodore Ray and Sally Poorman have sent invitations to every BYC Member inviting them to the 2005 Commodore's Ball at the Club on Saturday, November 5. Ray and Sally have made arrangements for a terrific party: Scheduled are cocktails at 6:15, appetizers at 6:30 and dinner served at 7:00; a tango demonstration performance at 7:45; and dancing begins at 8:00 pm. With a "Latin Flavor" theme, you can expect to enjoy all kinds of music during the evening, depending upon demand.

There is a one-hour dance lesson scheduled for November 2 from 8:15-9:30 p.m. at the Full Circle Studio, 209 Prospect Street, Bellingham (next door to Whatcom Children's Museum). The instructor is Marjorie Bills of Tango Bellingham; beginners and all levels are welcome. Why not come to learn a bit of Argentine style tango? (Don't worry, the Commodore's Ball will feature music of all types, so you don't need to learn tango to be sure will be fun!)

Call Sally at 319-0380 if you're planning to attend the class. Come learn to tango with your BYC friends!

### **Officers Installed!**

October 5 was the date for the 81st Installation of Officers of the Bellingham Yacht Club. Beginning their year of service to the Club in the Club's offices were Ray Poorman, commodore; Al Callery; vice commodore; Terry Tavelli, rear commodore; Terry Robertson, Fleet Captain; and Richard Veach, immediate past commodore. Elected to the board were Bob Kehoe, Dick Grimshaw, Michele Hurst and Bob Snowball, while Jamie Foti, Don Dangelmaier, Jason Watson will continue as second year trustees. Geoff Chamness was

appointed to fill the balance of Terry Robertson's term as Robertson moved up in the fleet captain's chair.

As is traditional, the installation ceremonies were conducted by the past commodores' Blue Gavel chapter, lending a sense of tradition to the event; it was attended by some forty members of the Club. ---Joe Coons

### **Tom & Jerry Time**

Past Commodore Bud Peterson has passed along the tasty news that the annual BYC Tom & Jerry Party will be coming on Wednesday, November 23, with service beginning at 5 PM.

This annual event which has continued for decades is a great way to kick off the holiday season. There is no charge for the event, limited to BYC Members Only. The "Recipe" for the delicious libations will be Bud's as in the past, with his son, Jim, helping to serve. See you there! ---Joe Coons

### **You May Donate \$17 to the BYC Without Paying!**

If you get your *Jib Sheet* in printed form through the mail, it's costing the Club about \$24 to send it to you! And you get a smaller *Jib Sheet* (only four pages) than our Members who receive it by email, we do this so that our printing cost isn't higher. All told it cost \$2,468 last year to mail *Jib Sheets*.

Please, if you have email, and get the *Jib Sheet* by regular mail, consider getting it by email. Just contact Michele Hurst at [michelehurst@hotmail.com](mailto:michelehurst@hotmail.com).

### **Awards on 16th...**

The Sailing Fleet Awards Banquet is the 16th of November! Be sure to check the [BYC.ORG](http://BYC.ORG) website for reservation instructions...

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

Halloween is almost upon us and **Missy Stephens** is coordinating a party at the club. This will be the first time in years that the BYC has had a Halloween event. The adults will be having a party upstairs, complete with costume contest (\$10 to the junior program if NOT in costume) and the Junior Room downstairs will be open for a kids Halloween party. This is shaping up to be a well attended fun event for all ages so come down and enjoy the festivities.

Speaking of festivities, RSVP now for the Commodores Ball on November 5th. My wife **Sally** has put together a great event. This will be the premier event in the newly remodeled Emerald Bay space, and it looks to be a gorgeous

renovation. Attire is semi-formal, black tie optional. We will have a sit down dinner catered by Emerald Bay, an Argentine Tango performance by **Patty Leverett and Kevin Rossio**, in addition two of our own BYC members who are ballroom dance instructors will demonstrate Salsa and Rumba. After dinner **Yambique** will be playing Latin flavor music for all of us to dance to. We feel lucky to have this band, a rising star in the local music scene. The music should accommodate all styles of dancing, from club to swing to salsa, as well as being entertainment in it's own right for those of us who prefer to listen instead of dance.

The Club Scrub was a success with volunteers working in every area of the club. There were people upstairs, downstairs, in the mark boats, in the sailing office and in the main office. When the pizza came it was amazing to see the number of people there when they were actually all in the same area! It looked as busy as a Fridays at five. Thanks to everyone for their help in making this a great event. The commitment of our volunteers is a significant club asset, keep up the good work.

Special thanks to our outgoing Building and House Committee Chair **Terry Robertson** (and incoming Fleet Captain) for organizing the event, and to our incoming chair and first year Trustee, **Bob Kehoe** for taking on an incredibly important position within the club.

The Junior Club started their year off with their first get together of the season to discuss goals and planning for 2006. On the Junior's agenda as we get organized is a regular schedule for the junior facilities downstairs to be open, as well as the dinghy training and an official BYC racing team.

Keep your eyes on the BYC website in the coming weeks. Our new webmaster, **Sally Poorman**, has been working on the site upgrade and has some exciting features coming. The new format of the site will greatly enhance the ability of multiple people to contribute articles to the site which are posted immediately. This will make announcements easier to provide to the membership. She is also interested in your contributions to the site, be it photos, travel logs or other info that may be useful to your fellow boaters.

The cruising committee is also off to a great start with **Joe Coons** heading a cooperative committee and taking the lead at planning dates and locations for the upcoming year. If you have ideas or

would like to be a cruise master for one of the destinations please contact Joe and his crew of volunteers.

Finally, this year is truly shaping up to be a fantastic year. Your help is still required though to enable our club to have great events and grow. If you have any time and would like to help out on any of the committees, send me an e-mail or give me a call. Thanks to all of you!  
*Commodore Ray Poorman*

## **New Years' Cruise Planned...**

The 2005-6 Cruising Program is getting organized, and the first cruise is planned for December 30-January 1, reviving the dormant "Gourmet Cruise" theme.

Friday night we'll be at the Deer Harbor Marina and have dinner at the *Deer Harbor Inn*; Saturday night, New Year's Eve, boats will be at Friday Harbor for dinner at *The Place Next to the San Juan Island Ferry*. Boaters will return home on Sunday.

Although the cruise is subject to weather changes, **skippers should contact Joe Coons at 739-1528 or [joejudyc@comcast.net](mailto:joejudyc@comcast.net) to make dinner reservations!** *---Joe Coons*

## **Party! Party!**

There will be a BYC Halloween Costume Party at the Club on **Saturday, October 27, at 7:00pm**. Admission is free *if in costume*, \$10 admission (which goes to Jr. Sailing) if in street clothes. Appetizers will be provided. Bring your kids/grandkids. Fun and games and treats in the Junior room and it will be supervised. **Missy Steffen** is coordinating the party; contact her at (360) 661-7350 or [msteffen@karmartusa.com](mailto:msteffen@karmartusa.com).

## **A Few Seats Left for Football...**

Because of a cancellation, there are a few football seats left for the November 13 Seahawks vs. St. Louis Rams game. \$45.00/person includes: Bus trip, tailgate BBQ party, snacks down and back, drinks, admission ticket. What a deal! Contact **John Van Haalen** at 650-9319.

## **A Member Service!**

Member **Earl Dangelmaier**, a specialist, will review older Members' prescription needs free of charge to help them evaluate the new drug plans and meet their decision deadline under the rules. Call **734-2750** to talk to him.

## **Bartending Schedule**

Dick Johnson, our hardworking bar chairman, has announced the schedule through year-end:

T Oct 27	Dick Labadie
F Oct 28	Steve/Meredith Ross
S Oct 29	Max King
T Nov 03	Terry Robertson
F Nov 04 <a href="#">Fri@5</a>	Jack Gerity/ Mick Corcoran
S Nov 05	Jon Seestrom
T Nov 10 <i>W&amp;K</i>	Marlene Bolster
F Nov 11	Steve/Hope Hanson
S Nov 12	Mark Johnson
T Nov 17 <i>Board</i>	John Gargett
F Nov 18 <a href="#">Fri@5</a>	M. Hurst/Kym Smith
S Nov 19	Nelson/Boland
W Nov 23 <i>Tom&amp;Jerry</i>	Blue Gavel/Board
T Nov 24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	<b>Closed</b>
F Nov 25	Pete/Jamie Foti
S Nov 26	Dick Johnson
T Dec 01	Terry Tavelli
F Dec 02 <a href="#">Fri@5</a>	Rich/Carol Veach
S Dec 03	Bob Snowball
T Dec 08 <a href="#">Fri@5</a>	Ken/Char Malseed
F Dec 09	Shropshire/Farrar
S Dec 10 <i>Lighted Boat Parade</i>	(Hired)
T Dec 15 <i>Board</i>	Roger Schjeldrup
F Dec 16 <a href="#">Fri@5</a>	Watson/Grimshaw
S Dec 17	John/Pat Asmundson
T Dec 22	Ray Poorman
F Dec 23	Joe Bartlett
S Dec 24 <i>Christmas</i>	<b>Closed</b>
T Dec 29	Shannon
F Dec 30	Jack Delay
S Dec 31	Open ???

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Rear Commodore **Terry Tavelli** has asked for volunteers to help with the annual audit of the Club's financial transactions. You will attend a couple of meetings with the Club's Assistant Treasurers and review the Club's bookkeeping and make recommendations to the board. For more info, email [ttavelli@hotmail.com](mailto:ttavelli@hotmail.com).

## **Party! Party! (#2)**

The Bellingham Yacht Club's Tuesday Night Dinghy Fleet wants to celebrate their fantastic first season! We are inviting anyone interested in dinghy sailing, members and non-members to come to The Dinghy Fleet Party!

The party is at **7PM on Friday, November 4th 2005** at the BYC (downstairs). There will be refreshments and some potluck food. So please come

down and see what is happening with dinghy sailing at the BYC...

In addition to celebrating our first year we're trying to attract new sailors. Please come down and meet the fleet.

You are welcome to invite anyone else who may be interested in dinghy sailing. There are a lot of Wednesday night crew members who may want to know about this so please pass the word. We want more fleets in Bellingham!

Thanks for your participation in dinghy sailing! ...*Jon Seestrom*

## **Sailors Need Mothering!**

It's true...our sailors will be happier and more content if they get some "mothering"! We need Mother Ships for the Round The County Race which is Friday, Nov 11th thru Sunday, November 13th. You'll be at the Blakely Island Marina on Friday night and Roche Harbor Saturday (great time to go fishing!) and home on Sunday. The sailors will pay your moorage and help with a majority of provisions in exchange for berths and a place to have meals aboard your boat. Interested boaters can contact **Marlene Bolster** at 739-3377 she will coordinate racing boats with Mother Ships. Please reply directly to her if you can help - many power boaters have done for this for years - lot's of fun!!

## **News from Captain Homie...**

I've been having a great time in The Lake (Lake Washington)! I came thru the Locks by myself, but it was in the small locks, so it was quite easy this time. That's not always true, but it's never been so bad that I refuse to go thru again. I've even been thru the Big Locks solo against the wall a couple of times, but I must admit, Homie ain't crazy about doing it that way.

I've been in the Lake for 13 days and my total moorage expense has been \$4...I love the world of reciprocals...but I also love the wonderful boaters that I meet at the clubs that I get to visit. This time I went to the Bellevue Yacht Club at the Newport Yacht Basin for the first time. The space available was a bit tricky to get into, but the local yacht broker was very helpful. And once again my bow thruster went to the top of the list of things I've added to the *Caroline* since I bought her back in 1995. It's saved my bacon more than once, let me tell you, eh, especially since *Caroline* is a single-

screw boat. But I'm looking forward to coming back to the BYC again next year, to see the people I've met this year, and hopefully meet some new boaters, cause that's the kinda stuff that keeps me playing this game.

My list of Boat Projects is getting a bit smaller, but with the cruizin & schmuzin it isn't moving along as fast as it maybe it should be. I'm looking forward to taking the class being offered at the BYC in January-February for the 100 ton Captains License.

I went to the On-The-Water Boat Show at Lake Union. Sure are some nice boats coming out of China, eh? So I keep buying those Lottery Tickets, and I keep dreaming about going shopping with \$1,000,000 in my pocket. Now wouldn't that be fun!

*Frank Richardson, Captain Homie, is the BYC's cruising reciprocal fanatic aboard his single-prop 42' Hardin Trawler, Caroline. His missives arrive mysteriously from time to time from [capt.homie@pocketmail.com](mailto:capt.homie@pocketmail.com).*

## **Interesting Website...**

A friend clued me in to this website of a round-the-world sailor. Check out [www.imaginecruising.com](http://www.imaginecruising.com). ---*Joe Coons*

## **Club Scrub a Hit!**

Another successful Club Scrub October 23! **Over 35 BYC volunteers** showed up to work on the Club Scrub Sunday. The weather cooperated which allowed for outdoor projects. The blue trim around the building almost got done. The mark boat had many needed repairs. The lounge was cleaned, dusted and organized as well as the rooms behind the junior room and the office. Many thanks to all that participated.

Among the helpers were **Steve Moore, Bob Kehoe, Dick Johnson, Steve Hanson, Loraine, Ray Nelson, Ray Poorman, Terry Tavelli, Al Callery, Dick and Lilly Grimshaw, Tom Purdy, Teresa Van Haalen, Craig Henderson, Hal Rogers, Bill Heward, Wayne and Judy Kelso, Chuck Ingram, David Servais, Michele and Bart, Michael Crawford, Mary Burns, (Jamie, Tom and Brennen Ashton), Joe W. (Warren-LaCasella), Joe and Judy Coons, Bob and Marsha Riek, and Claire Beich.**

Also thanks to **Bob Kehoe** who agreed to overtake the building and house chairmanship.

---*Terry Robertson*

Below top: The Induction Ceremony (Page 1). Bottom: PITCH fills the Club with sailors. Right top: The Annual Commodore's Picnic raft-up. Right bottom: At the Picnic.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	NOVEMBER 2005
		1	2	3	4	5	<b><u>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</u></b>  <b>5th: Commodore's Ball*</b> <b>16th: Sailing Awards Banquet</b> <b>23rd: Tom &amp; Jerry Party</b> <b>4th, 18th: ☺ F@5 Fridays at 5</b> <b>4th: Dinghy Fleet Party 7PM</b>  <b>17th: Board Meeting</b>  <b>18th, 19th, 20th: Cruises</b>  <b>Sailing Races (6PM unless Noted)</b> <b>18th, 19th, 20th: Seniors</b> <b>Novices: (none this month)</b> <b>Juniors: (none this month)</b>  <i>* Free Dancing Lessons on 2nd!</i>
			Dancing Lesson 8:15PM		☺ F@5 Dinghy Fleet Party	Commodore's Ball	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
					Veteran's Day		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
			Awards Banquet 6PM	Board Mtg 6P	☺ F@5 Round the County Race	Round the County Race & Cruise	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Round the County Race			Tom & Jerry Party	Thanks-giving Day			
27	28	29	30				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	DECEMBER 2005
				1	2	3	<b><u>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</u></b>  <b>2nd, 16th: ☺ F@5</b> <b>Fridays at 5</b>  <b>3rd: Lighted Boat Parade 5PM</b>  <b>15th: Board Meeting</b> <b>24th: CLUB CLOSED!</b>  <b>29th-1st Jan.: Cruises</b>  <b>Sailing Races (6PM unless Noted)</b> <b>Seniors: (none this month)</b> <b>Novices: (none this month)</b> <b>Juniors: (none this month)</b>  <i>Happy Holidays!</i>
					☺ F@5	Lighted Boat Parade	
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
				Board Mtg6P	☺ F@5		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
					Lounge Open	Club Closed	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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