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Lighted Boat Parade - Dec. 3

The 2005 Lighted Boat Parade will be held **Saturday, December 3**. The parade is open to any vessel who registers with BYC on Saturday afternoon between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. There is no fee required to participate. If conditions are deemed to be too severe for overall safety of the event, Sunday, December 4 has been designated as an alternate date for the parade.

Complete the registration form and obtain your boat number card at the BYC lower level office on Saturday afternoon. You must have a number to be eligible for the awards. Display your card on the STARBOARD side of your boat, clearly visible. Please return your numbers to the BYC following the parade.

There will be a short skipper's meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at BYC. Boats away will be at 5:00 p.m. All boats will rendezvous near the Bellingham Cruise terminal at 5:30 p.m. for the parade start. We will make two passes in front of Boulevard Park and the judges' boat. You must pass the judges' number aloud as you pass the judges' boat. *Catspaw* will be the lead boat and *Fire Belle* will be at the end. Channel 72VHF will be used and monitored during the event.

The following categories will be given as awards: Lighted Boat of the Year, Best of Parade, Novice Grand Prize and Community Award. Judging criteria will be based on Holiday Spirit, Creativity, Technique and Visibility.

We encourage you to moor your decorated boat at the visitor's or BYC dock located at Gate 3 adjacent to the Club. The Port has authorized our exclusive use of the dock space in front of the esplanade for this event. Please keep your boat lit in the evening for the enjoyment of all. Space is available on a first come, first served basis.

All participants are welcomed to attend our Soup Kitchen in the BYC bar immediately following the parade. The BYC bar will be open for drinks and the meal will cost \$5.00. Awards will be announced after the meal. This is always an event that is much appreciated by the many viewers at the Cruise terminal and Boulevard Park so we hope we have a great turnout.

---*Terry Robertson*
Fleet Captain

Commodore's Ball a Hit!

Commodore **Ray Poorman** and his lovely wife **Sally** staged a great event on November 5 when the 81st Commodore's Ball was held in the beautifully-redecorated Dining Room at the Clubhouse!

With music provided by a Latin-flavor band, and a demonstration of both Tango and Salsa dancing before the dance floor was opened to all the guests, the evening was really special.

The food was fit for a gourmet, and the elegant table decorations (and the BYC service plates) made it a very special occasion. You can see photos later in this *Jib Sheet*.

Just as special was the introduction of the redecorated Club dining room, which has been redecorated by Emerald Bay Catering, our wonderful lessee. With a design by Marilyn Mastor, the hall features new doors directly onto the deck which should make summer wedding receptions especially attractive. First-class materials are used throughout, including new tables, chairs, and even a very nice, yet portable, dance floor. It's understood that EBC spent over \$200,000 on the facility, and they appear to have gotten their money's worth!

Still to be finished are the common entry (re-designed) that the dining and Club Bar area share; this is expected to be completed in January.

---*Joe Coons*

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New Year's Cruise

It's your last chance to get on the New Year's Cruise list! The concept is to have dinner Thursday, December 29 at Deer Harbor, Friday, 30th at Fisherman's Bay, (very high tides that weekend), then New Year's Eve dinner in Friday Harbor (each night at good restaurants), and come home Sunday, with informal get-togethers as desired by the participants during the trip. If the weather's not kindly, the cruise will be cancelled. If you're ready to commit for any or all evenings, **call Joe Coons by December 5** at 739-1528. The New Year's Eve reservations (at "The Place Next to the San Juan Island Ferry", a good spot) are the reason for the deadline.

Commodore's Comments...

The Holiday season is upon us and you are probably all planning your turkey for Thanksgiving this week. Over the past month we've had some fantastic events with tremendous participation. This year was our first Halloween party in many years, and with **Missy Steffen** doing the planning for the event, it shaped up to be an incredible evening. If you didn't get a chance to see the Club, it was transformed into a haunted house with orange and purple décor, replete with cobwebs. The costume contest was great fun, with **David Servais** taking the adult title. Sally took the reins with the Juniors and provided Pizza and prizes for the kids. There were over 75 adults and 25 kids that dressed up and appeared at the party - in all, an extremely successful family event.

I want to thank everyone that attended the Commodores Ball. Sally and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Her planning paid off with performances by the dancers, and a full dance floor all night with music from *Yambique*. Special thanks to BYC member **Tyler Campbell** from U & Me Dance here in Bellingham for a stellar salsa performance with partner **Elizabeth Nightengale** - the energy in the room went through the roof when they took the floor. Also thanks to **Missy Steffen, Pat Danglemaier and Roberta McCord** for their invaluable help in decorating, and **Susan Henderson** for help in planning many aspects of the Ball.

The Junior Club met to begin planning the upcoming year - **Claire Beich** and **Ashley Hamilton** are working hard to make sure we introduce more kids both to the club and to sailing this year. On November 20th the BYC hosted meetings with the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit, and the Pacific International Yachting Association. This gave our volunteers a chance to meet with members from the region. **Terry Robertson (our Fleet Captain), Marlene Bolster, Jason Watson** and I attended the meetings.

The Sailing Fleet Awards were last week. There were many awards given out - some notables: **Dave Steffan** for *Callipygian*; **Mick Corcoran & Cathy Holland** on *Blackfoot* for Boat of the Year; **Rich & Carol Veach** on *Honker*, multiple awards; **Kelsey Overby**, Race Committee; **Brennan Ashton**, Junior Leadership award and **Lily Grimshaw**, Junior sailor of the year.

The Sailing Fleet is still recruiting volunteers for their committee next year including sailing fleet captain. For those who are interested but may not know what this entails, please contact Terry Robertson for more info.

On the water, many of our members participated in the Round the County race (see story below), with several BYC boats placing well in their divisions. OIYC has results on their website, which is linked from the BYC website. Back on land, members attended a successful Seahawks bus trip the same weekend.

There is quite a bit coming up in the near future - open your date books and start putting your schedules together. Wednesday the 23rd. Blue Gavel President **Bud Peterson** will be whipping up our traditional Tom and Jerry Party starting at 5:30pm. The club will be providing appetizers. This is a free members only benefit so come down and kick-start your holiday weekend. Also coming up is the Lighted Boat Parade December 3rd, and the Gourmet Cruise over the New Years weekend. The excitement around the club shows. Be sure to check the newly revamped website for event schedules and updates.

---Commodore Ray Poorman

Thanks to our F@F Hosts

The year is almost over and we've all had some great times at our Fridays at Five. We've enjoyed our hosts' many varied themes and their outstanding array of food. Also, to those that have brought appetizers each time: they have been fantastic and always a nice touch. While I would sincerely like to thank each of you for the appetizers, I simply don't remember all of you. But I do want to THANK the many hosts we've had through the year for their unselfish volunteering to serve as a F@5 host:

Max King & Shelagh Con-sidine, Bill & Pam Heward, Larry Boone, Bob & Judy Kehoe, Ken & Char Malseed, Brian & Shirley Fallon, Clair Beich & the Junior Sailors, Harry & Kathleen Shropshire, Wayne & Beth Ogren, Steve & Meredith Ross, Dave & Penny Bradley, Herb & Nancy Fine, Jack Kettlestring, Sally Porman, Susan Henderson, Kris & Christine Palmerton, Joe & Judy Coons, Chuck

& Roberta McCord and Mary & BJ Ursin.

Thank you all for making my job easier and more importantly for your willingness to serve others at the Bellingham Yacht Club.

---Steve Moore

Past Commodores' Party December 6

The BYC Past Commodores are holding their second annual Holiday Social Dinner with their spouses/partners invited on **Tuesday, December 6** at the Club. Cocktails will be at **5:30**, with dinner served at **6:30**; Roger Quiggle will be at the BYC piano providing a musical background for the event.

Past Commodore **Bud Peterson** is the organizer, as always. Thanks, Bud!

---Joe Coons

News From RBAW

RBAW is the Recreational Boating Association of Washington. This group meets regularly to monitor what is going on at both State and Federal levels that impacts boaters. Their website, www.rbaw.org has a lot of good information. Here is some recent news:

U.S. Customs Update – At the October 29 RBAW meeting, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) presented their small boat clearance plans for 2006. Below is a summary of requirements effective January 1, 2006.

--- All boaters re-entering the U.S. must report in person to a designated CBP Office unless enrolled in either the I-68 or Nexus program.

--- In order to report using the I-68 or Nexus passes, all persons on board must have one of these passes. Phone-ins must be done after crossing the border back to USA. You cannot call from Canada. The phone number is 1-800-562-5943

--- Manned customs docks will only be at Roche Harbor, Friday Harbor, Port Angeles, Point Roberts and Anacortes. Other ports of entry can only be used with advance appointment. Call customs before arrival (800) 562-5943

--- CBP hopes to issue I-68 renewals at the Seattle Boat Show

--- Photos will be issued by CBP for I-68 renewals in many CBP locations at no cost to boaters.

--- All documented or registered vessels 30 feet in length or greater are required

to pay an annual processing fee of \$25 if crossing the international border. Payment is required for the vessel at or before the time of the first arrival of each calendar year.

--- In 2007, passports are planned to be required for air and sea entry to the USA, which includes private boats.

--- CBP plans to produce a new brochure for boaters. It will be posted on the RBAW website when available.

--- For information on obtaining an I-68 or Nexus pass, contact any local CBP office. The one in Bellingham is located at the airport, 360-734-5463.

S.786 – Bill to Kill NOAA Weather Radio. Last spring Sen. Rick Santorum of PA introduced legislation, that would limit NOAA's reports to just those services that private-sector weather companies cannot or are unwilling to offer. This legislation would restrict or close off free weather information service for boaters and all other consumers and benefit one or two big companies (in PA) that sell weather forecasts nationally. The legislation would also prohibit NOAA from providing certain services that are available from private vendors.

RBAW has sent letters of opposition to Senator Stevens the Committee Chair, and our own Senators Murray and Cantwell. While it is believed that S786 is dead, it has recently been discovered there is a new effort by the weather providers to resurrect the bill. Lobbyists with large funding have been hired and will attempt to include the bill as part of other legislation. The National Boating Foundation and RBAW are watching this and will advise everyone if further action is required.

--- BJ Ursin, RBAW Representative

Boat Show Bus

The annual Seattle Boat Show Bus trip will be on **Saturday, January 14** this year. As usual, there will be great munchies and appropriate drinks going down and returning. It's a great way to get to the Boat Show without the hassle of driving and parking.

The bus will leave the BYC at 8:30 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 if you sign up before December 15 and \$35 from December 16 – January 14 if space is available. There's a sign-up sheet at the Club or you may e-mail Terry Robertson, joule@zeninternet.com.

---Terry Robertson

Round the County 2005 Race Report...

Once again the Bellingham Yacht Club was well represented in RTC, with 13 club boats participating. We were greeted with 30+ knot winds and heavy seas on Friday for the trip over to Blakely for the annual pre-race rendezvous at Blakely Island Marina.

Saturday the winds varied from 30+ to light winds, with a great spinnaker run from the start at Lydia Shoal to Patos Lighthouse. Several of our boats provided great shows of spinnaker blow outs and some good broaches. Even with the winds lightening a bit from the lighthouse to the finish of the half way mark at Roche, the fleet had one of it's earliest finishes. Saturday night at Roche was a great time for all, with stories, great food and the camaraderie of all the racers and motherships.

Sunday was greeted with light winds, even though the forecast was for a heavy blow. All of the boats were able to make the halfway mark at Salmon Bank in the allotted time frame, with only 5 of the 61 registered boats actually making the finish at Lydia Shoal.

A very special thanks to all of the BYC support boats who provided wonderful meals and the needed accommodations for the crews.

Representing the BYC were:

- *Cheekie Monkee*, 3rd in Division M
- *Diehler*, 2nd in Division X
- *Ula Koa*, 3rd in Division 0
- *Carrera*, 4th in Division 0
- *Jamoca*, 4th in Division 1
- *Mischeif*, 7th in Division 1
- *Catspaw*, 8th in Division II
- *Sunstar*, 9th in Division II
- *Blackfoot*, 2nd in Division III
- *Tequila*, 4th in Division III
- *Flying Circus*, 5th in Division III
- *High Risk*, 10th in Division III
- *Moonshadow*, 12th in Division III

A great time was had by all, one of the best RTC's ever. For pictures of the race you can check out the Orcas Island YC website at OIYC.org.

--- Karen Callery

New Members

From the desk of your Membership Secretary, first, please welcome our **new** BYC members:

- **Thomas Niedermeyer & Deborah Shaw**, Bellingham

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At the Commodore's Ball: *Left*, Commodore **Ray Poorman** and wife **Sally** in the receiving line. *Below*, one of the tables during the event with **Ken & Char Malseed**; **Bob & Judy Kehoe**; **Steve & Dayna Moore**; **Sam Darbous and his guest**; and **Paul Norton and Eleanor Reimer**. Over 100 Members and guests attended!



- **Sally & Nicholas Webb**, Sedro Woolley
- **Jeff Parker**, Bellingham

Plus, a final plea to those members that have not yet paid their dues...your membership will be dropped if we do not receive payment!! And, should you choose to rejoin later, your membership will then be subject to any initiation fees.

The Club has many great activities and programs in store for the year ahead. We want you to be part of the fun! Please contact any of the Officers or Trustees to discuss your membership.

*-- Michele Hurst
Membership Chair*

Oh, Oh! Did you forget to pay your tab?

We have a problem at the bar. What was once a minor problem has turned into a really big one. There are too many members leaving for the evening and forgetting to pay their tab. Some are small, some are large and

pretty soon it becomes real money. Not only that, it creates a nightmare for our volunteers in the office.

I have posted the names of everyone with an un-paid tab at the bar. Those names need to disappear. If we don't solve the problem, the Board may insist that you give the bartender your credit card when you order. You wouldn't think of leaving a public place without paying your bill. Your own private club deserves the same respect.

*-- Dick Johnson
Bar Chair*

A Roundup of Club News

Saturday before Halloween we had a costume Halloween party, and it was a tremendous success! Over seventy-five members and guests came in costume, some were really elaborate. The Club was decorated in a haunted house theme, with cobwebs and orange and black lights everywhere. Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to **Missy Steffen** and **Carrie Donnelly** for all their efforts to make this a great event.

Hopefully next year there will be the "second" annual Halloween party.

Forty-five members and guests took the chartered bus trip to Seattle to see the Seahawks play the St. Louis Rams. It was a great day. The trip down and back was lots of fun, with plenty of food and beverages for all. And oh, by the way, the game was good too! Hopefully we can do this again. Special thanks to **John and Teresa Van Haalen** for putting it all together. They did a lot of work to make it happen.

We plan on having the Club open for New Years Eve and January 1 for the bowl games. We will have the 4th annual Chili Cook-off Contest that happens on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. There will also be a Valentines party to be held on Saturday, February 11. Besides all that, the bar is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for our members and guests. Who said that a boating club can't do something social?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	DECEMBER 2005
				1	2	3	<u>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</u> 2nd, 16th: ☺ F@5 Fridays at 5 3rd: Lighted Boat Parade 5PM 6th: Past Commodores' Dinner 15th: Board Meeting 24-25th: CLUB CLOSED! 29th-1st Jan.: Cruise <i>Happy Holidays!</i>
					☺ F@5	Lighted Boat Parade	
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		Past Commodore's Dinner					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
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Christmas Day				Gourmet Cruise	Gourmet Cruise	Lounge Open Gourmet Cruise	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	JANUARY 2006
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<u>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</u> 6th, 20th: ☺ F@5 Fridays at 5 Seattle Boat Show: 14th 19th: Board Meeting 1st Jan.: New Year's Cruise, Lounge Open for bowl games Please read e-mail updates for additional BYC events as they come up. <i>Happy Holidays!</i>
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
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