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## ***Sprinkler System to be Installed***

The BYC Board of Trustees has voted to install a Sprinkler System throughout the Club at a cost of slightly over \$64,000. Although the work was precipitated by Emerald Bay Events' remodeling of the dining room, the project had been promised to the Bellingham Fire Department as long ago as 1985 when the Club added the deck and made other improvements. To get a building permit at that time, the Club promised that sprinklers would be installed "soon"; now, some 20 years later, the FD suggested "soon is here!"

(Many Members confuse the sprinklers under the deck --- visible from the reciprocal dock --- with a "wet" system; it isn't. The only way those existing sprinklers work is if they are connected by fire hoses to a water supply.)

The \$64,155 contract was awarded to Commercial Fire Protection, one of two serious and qualified bidders the Building and House Committee under last year's chair **Terry Robertson** had approached (there are few firms that do this specialized work.) The bid includes connection to the city water supply, distribution valves, installing a wet system throughout downstairs, plumbing to upstairs, with a dry system throughout the attic spanning the whole upstairs. The work will be underway as soon as possible.

The Finance Committee will be studying options for paying for the project, however the Club has substantial funds on hand and it is expected that most of the cost will be paid out of cash on hand, with the balance to come from as yet unspecified borrowing if necessary; the Club had no choice but to do the long-overdue work if it was to maintain its occupancy permits!

## ***Last Chance to Get Your Dues In...***

The BYC Board of Trustees has instructed Club Secretary **Steve Ross** to contact approximately 65 Members whose dues for 2005-6 are unpaid. If they remain unpaid, the Member's name will be dropped from the Club rolls, and re-joining will cost the dropout not only a full year's dues, but also the then-current initiation fee (the fee is just increasing to \$200 on January 1, 2006).

The Board determined that the final day for the payment of delinquent dues is December 31, 2005, which, they pointed out, represents a lenient interpretation of the By-Laws.

## ***Boat Show Trip in Limbo due to Seahawks' Wins!***

The successful 2005 Seattle Seahawks football season has really made a nightmare of 2006 Seattle Boat Show scheduling, and because of it, our BYC Boat Show Bus schedule!

Because the "Hawks will get at least one "bye" and will play some of their playoff games at "home" in the Seahawks Stadium, the Boat Show schedule depends on what games will be played in Seattle and when...and that is still to be determined as the season winds down. The show, of course, is held in the exhibition halls which are a part of the Hawks stadium complex.

Although an inconvenience to us, imagine what it is to those companies that will be displaying boats and otherwise involved in the show! As BYC Member **Jamie Foti** who with husband **Pete** runs West Coast Marine Service, a large exhibitor, points out, "We don't know when the show is", and she said that as late as December 16...

To get the latest scoop, watch the Club website, [www.BYC.ORG](http://www.BYC.ORG).

## **THIS ISSUE'S SPONSORS:**

**Gordon Lavigueure's BELLINGHAM MARINE REPAIR** is well-known for virtually all marine work, major or minor! He and crew have undertaken projects from the smallest to the largest and they even build new boats, and completely rebuild boats that have been sunk or involved in fires into gorgeous, like new yachts. Take this *experience* and *skill* and you have the reasons that owners select Bellingham Marine Repair for challenging jobs when "just like the factory" improvements or installations are desired! See for yourself: call this company at **734-6326** or stop in at the rear of 907 West Holly.

**Emerald Bay Events** owned now by our Member **Kim Alfreds** creates "Celebrations Remembered"! They plan, produce and execute events to celebrate all types of personal and corporate milestones. Emerald Bay Events offers exquisite cuisine, elegant décor, entertainment and of course the beautifully remodeled "Emerald Bay", the dining room here in our Bellingham Yacht Club Clubhouse where they are great tenants for our Club. Contact Emerald Bay Events at (800) 449-4393 to plan your next celebration.

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## **Commodore's Column...**

The holidays are upon us, schedules are hectic, stress is high, deadlines abound, and people are running on exhaustion. This time of year can be hard on everyone. Take a personal moment for yourself and relax, call your friends, and take care of yourselves. Remember your BYC can be a refuge for relaxation during these busy times...

Thanks to **Past Commodore Bud Peterson and his son Jim** for serving up an excellent Tom & Jerry party. The event was well attended by all and prepped us for Thanksgiving. It's great to see the club so active.

Every year the club adopts a charity. This year we are contributing to the Mount Baker chapter of the American Red Cross. The Lighted boat parade was a success, and during the event we

raised more than \$800. We will continue to take donations until New Year's day, so stop by on December 30th for the Blue Moon Friday (see story right) and help fill the box..

Upcoming events to check out are the Gourmet Cruise over the New Year's weekend, the Laser fleet Polar Bear regatta on New Year's Day, the annual Boat Show bus, and the Land Cruise (Scavenger hunt) coming up in February. There are stories about each in this Jib Sheet.

Our Junior Club is working on increasing the size of their club this year, and moving forward with the purchase of two-person dinghies. The club is organizing an event at Bloedel Donovan Park on April 22nd, to be an open house for junior sailing and all are invited. There will be a static display of the boats, vendors related to junior sailing on hand, and a possibly a laser race on the lake! The Juniors need your help in finding additional vendors, and promoting this event! The club hopes to start working with the high school circuits, and collegiate racing, too. Remember *any child* can be a member of the Junior club for just \$50/year.

As you can see, the club is working on events in the club area for kids; if you have ideas or suggestions for a family game night or pizza night let us know. This year the club is focusing on 420's for the program as they advance to the high school and collegiate circuits. Check out the Junior information on the website at [www.byc.org](http://www.byc.org)

Members! If you haven't paid your dues, time has run out, the final day for payment of dues is Dec 31st, they must be received at the club by that date. This is really important this year as initiation fees are going up from \$100 to \$200, anyone not in will need to reapply and pay an initiation fee, so get on it!

Also if you know anyone thinking of becoming a member, NOW is the time before the fees go up!

Happy Holidays to all from our family, Ray, Sally, Tierney, Kayla, and Abby...

*Ray Poorman, Commodore*

## **Football Pool Open Again!**

The annual Superbowl Pool is underway with, as usual, 100 squares being sold at \$10 each. Sign up in the bar; as in the past, all receipts will be distributed as prizes for the winners.

## **December 30, New Year's and Rose Bowl Open Up Club Bar**

**Friday December 30** we are having a blue moon Friday at 5!

Once in a blue moon there is a fifth Friday in a month. This will be held the same time that Emerald Bay is having their big open house to show off the new facilities and their wonderful food. BYC members are invited. Our lounge is not open to the public but you can invite someone you know to join us as your guest. Should be fun.

**Saturday December 31, New Year's Eve**, we are open for a fondue party. The bar will open at 7pm. Bring some munchies. If you go out to dinner but don't want to go to a wild party afterward BYC is the place to come. There will be a champagne toast at midnight.

**Sunday, January 1** and **Wednesday, January 4** the BYC Bar will be open as folks enjoy the New Year's Day bowl games and, on Wednesday, the Rose Bowl BCS Championship.

Come on down to the Club and bring an appetizer or chips to share, and enjoy the fun and root for your favorite teams. See you here! (*Not bad for a club that hasn't been known for its social events!*)

*--Dick Johnson, Bar Chair*

## **2005 Lighted Boat Parade a Success!**

The 2005 Lighted Boat Parade organized by the BYC was once again a success. After a week of not-nice weather, the skies cleared and the seas calmed on Saturday afternoon, December 3 providing a perfect setting for the 25-or-so boats that participated.

The winners were:

Best of Parade (Saturna trophy):

**Tusk**, owner **Glenn Yorks**

Lighted Boat of the Year:

**Serendipity**, **Steve & Meredith Ross**  
Community Award:

**Catspaw**, **Al & Karen Callery**

Novice Award:

**Indigo**, **Craig Smith**

After the parade, the boaters gathered at the Club for soup and goodies as well as awarding of prizes and singing *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and *Silent Night*.

## **Annual "Land Cruise" scheduled for February 18...**

The Land Cruise is back! With the exception of last year the club has traditionally held a Land Cruise which is a great opportunity for members and their friends to join together regardless of weather.

The "cruise" is really a land-based hybrid scavenger hunt/rally with a nautical theme using waypoints. The car driver is the captain and he/she has a co-captain and crew. A theme is decided on and participants are encouraged to dress up in costume (that part is optional!) There are prizes for such things as best costume, most original boat name for your car, and of course for those who collect the most items and have the highest amount of correct answers to the theme questions.

At approximately noon all the participants will gather at a suitable mystery location for lunch/refreshments and to receive the next set of challenges. We always choose a place where underage children can attend as this is really an opportunity for the whole family. After receiving the next set of directions/challenges then everyone is off till about 4PM and then we all return to our clubhouse to begin the judging and distribution of prizes. There the participants will learn the name of the mystery restaurant where we will proceed to end the cruise with a fun-filled evening and dinner.

This years Cruise Theme is "around the world in eight or less hours", and we will be traveling through seven foreign countries on our way around the world.

There are lots of opportunities for costumes and maybe an opportunity to do a little translating on the way! In short, lots of fun challenges. So gather up your crew and get ready!

The entry fee is a nominal \$5.00 per person and each person is responsible for their own lunch and dinner.

Please get your application in quickly as restaurant and other arrangements have to be made in advance. Contact Land Cruise Chairman Steve Ross for entry forms and any questions you may have or you can e mail Pat/Don Dangelmaier at [dondede@shaw.ca](mailto:dondede@shaw.ca) with any questions. Steve may be reached at 778-7677 or 650-4890 (Work) or 756 7907 (Work) or

E-Mail [drsteveross@comcast.net](mailto:drsteveross@comcast.net). Look for more info and clues in the January Jib. Sheet and on our Web Site.

Submitted by Don/Pat Dangelmaier

## **Audit Committee Organizing...**

BYC Board Member **Bob Snowball** has been appointed chair of the 2005-6 Audit Committee, charged with reviewing the Club's financial operations and records for the past year, and with making recommendations for procedural changes in the current and subsequent years. The committee will include several Members with accounting and/or business experience.

Members who would like to volunteer to serve on the committee are urged to contact Commodore **Ray Poorman**.

## **Club Studies POS System Change**

The Club's Executive Committee including **Richard Veach, Ray Poorman, Al Gallery, Terry Tavelli, and Terry Robinson**, along with Bar Chairman **Dick Johnson**, Assistant Treasurer **Dick Grimshaw**, and Past Commodore **Joe Coons** have been reviewing options for an upgrade to the Club's "Point of Sale" (POS) system used primarily for recording bar sales (the familiar "touch screen" system used by bartenders.)

Plans are presently being formulated to add a second terminal to ease processing busy events (especially summer Wednesday nights and special events like PITCH, the Commodore's Ball, etc.)

In addition, the Club has outgrown the present 2002-installed "NextPOS" software, and the resulting information gaps and extra work imposed on our office volunteers require an upgrade to the software; the committee is seeking a system which allows keeping tabs by *member name* and tracking special payments made in the bar with more detail and accuracy.

Based upon the committee's extensive research so far, they have narrowed the software choices to three firms, and the Board has approved \$3,000 for the hardware additions, and \$5,500 for software with the final selection left to the committee after the last questions have been asked and answered.

*[It is fortunate that three of our Executive Committee members are*

*computer professionals: Their inputs to the research have been incalculable -- Ed.]*

## **Initiation Fees Going Up!**

An indication of the Club's success is the Board's increase in Initiation Fees effective January 1, 2006 to \$200.

As the Club diminished in size during the 1990's, the fees were lowered and then dropped; then a \$100 fee was reinstated in the 2004-2005 Club year.

The Board allocates the income from these fees paid by new Members exclusively to reduction in the Club's debts; in September 2005 Club debt stood at \$170,555, approximately 20% of the real value of the Club's assets. (The \$170,555 debt represented a \$23,895 reduction in the 2004-5 year.)

## **Superbowl Party February 5...**

Put this on your calendar: **The Annual BYC Superbowl Party and Chili Cookoff**, Sunday, February 5, at the Club. Details will be in the next *Jib Sheet* and on the Club's web site, [BYC.ORG](http://BYC.ORG)

## **Club Remodeling in Last Phases**

The Club's Board, and the Building and House Committee are working to complete the last changes in the facility in time for the Super Bowl Party, Sunday, February 5.

Work to be done includes rearranging the bar/lounge doorway and painting and lighting in the entry foyer. The beautiful new glass doors provided by Emerald Bay Events, our tenant, set a high standard for our follow-up!

The Building and House Committee is chaired by **Bob Kehoe**; contact him if you'd like to help.

## **New Member Approved!**

A new member was approved at the December Board meeting: **Gerald & Judy Roloson** from Lynden are now Active Members. They own two sailboats: 38' Alleluela *Gypsy Rose II* and a 26' Thunderbird *Rev*. Gerald has crewed on *Flying Circus* for 2 years and now that he owns his own boat, wants to join to go racing! Welcome, Gerald!

## **Captain's Course Offered at Club**

The United States Maritime Academy (USMA) has announced that beginning January 9, 2006, it will be offering a 100 Ton Coast Guard Masters Course in Bellingham. The courses will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at the Bellingham Yacht Club. This is the first time USMA has offered a Captain's Course in Bellingham. **As a special incentive, BYC members will be offered a 20% discount on the course.**

The United States Maritime Academy, a United States Coast Guard approved school, concentrates on teaching fundamentals of seamanship and offers Certificates of Completions, in lieu of testing at the Coast Guard's Regional Exam Center.

Captain Richard J. Rodriguez will instruct the course. He has served on the faculty of the University of Northern Colorado and been a trainer for West Marine Seminars. Additionally he has delivered vessels on the West coast of North America, from California to Alaska. This past summer Rodriguez was a Captain for Vessel Assist San Juans.

In addition to the Northwest, USMA offers courses in Hawaii, Portland, New England, Southern California, and the Great Lakes. You may find out more information by contacting USMA at 360-531-0698 or [rodriguez@escapees.com](mailto:rodriguez@escapees.com).

## **BYC Chaplain Dies November 24...**

The BYC lost a great supporter, lover of the sea and friend to us all on Thanksgiving when our Chaplain, **John Gibbs**, died. For all of you who knew John, and for those you of who had not met him, he was both a man of peace and a man of the sea. His annual blessing of the fleet at Opening Day was a highlight of the opening of boating season. Perhaps the best way to remember Father John and his love of the sea is to reflect on one of the songs he selected for his service, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save".

*Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless  
wave,  
Who bidd'st the might ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee for  
those in peril on the sea.*

*O Christ, whose voice the waters  
heard  
And hushed their raging at thy word,  
Who walkest on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep;  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee for  
those in peril on the sea.  
Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon  
the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, and  
give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee for  
those in peril on the sea.  
O Trinity of love and power,  
Thy children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and fore,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee for  
those in peril on the sea.*

We will miss you, John...

## **Roster is Coming**

Editor Joe Coons is working on the Roster; distribution is planned for January! If you noted any errors in the Roster, please contact him at (360) 739-1528. If your membership records are out of date, please call them to his attention. Thanks!

## **Editorial: A Time for Thanks and Giving!**

My friend **Roger Barnhart**, a BYC Member, tells me that we older folks get nostalgic because of the changing hormones in our tired bodies. I don't know if it's true, but I do find myself thinking a lot about the past lately.

And that brings me to the subject of this editorial: "Thanks" and "Giving".

Under the category of "Thanks" is, of course, a thank-you for our privileges that let us enjoy our time on the water in this fantastic region! Whether in Washington or BC waters, we are blessed with what might well be the finest cruising grounds in the world. We can boat year-round, and *heat* is easier to produce on a boat than *air conditioning*! I am so thankful that Judy and I have done so much boating...

I'm thankful to our Club! After all, it was Bob Kehoe with whom we did our first-ever "serious" cruise in this region, to Desolation Sound in 1988. Just seeing all those people...(was it eight?)...aboard his 26 Tolly not only proved it could be done, it clearly indicated we need a bigger boat...

I'm thankful for our *Volunteer Members!* As chair of the Jib Sheet committee, I especially appreciate **Loraine, Meredith and Pam** who help me get it done. They prove that "many hands do make light work!" And all those other volunteers, like **Dick, Dick, our officers, board, and chairpeople.**

I'm thankful to all the suppliers who make boating so much fun and reliable in our region! This harbor is blessed with honest, reliable, hard-working men and women to care for us and our boats, and I'm including the Port in this! Folks look out for my boat and my safety when I'm boating, and I appreciate it!

Now, about **giving**:

We are the beneficiaries of lots of giving by others, from the past Members and officers of this Club who gave us the great foundation and tradition we build upon, to the people who gave us the great harbors we enjoy, especially those gems like Sucia, Inati Bay, and Jones Island...and all the other "special places" we all love to visit.

So we have a giving obligation, too.

**There are some things that we just plain should support.** Here are a few: **RBAW.** The Recreational Boating Association of Washington defends us in Olympia from onerous rules and taxation. You should be a member. Check <http://rbaw.org/>

**The Princess Louisa Society.** If you go to Princess Louisa Inlet, you should consider joining this organization which maintains the ranger's cabin and even more importantly is acquiring a lot of additional land in the Inlet to keep it from being clear-cut by logging companies. <http://www.princesslouisa.bc.ca/>

**BC Marine Parks Forever Society.** There are few of us who don't eventually enjoy BC's great marine parks, whether Winter Cove, Princess Royal Park, Montague Harbor, and more. This organization helps keep them open and sensibly maintained and supervised without onerous restrictions. Put them on your annual gift list! <http://www.cbcyachtclubs.ca/marineparks>

**Our Club!** We have a great, though non-deductible, way for you to help the BYC. Give some money to the BYC LifeRing Fund! Just send it to "Treasurer" at the BYC and mark it accordingly; your contribution will go to cutting the Club's debt, so there's more for programs, so you are actually giving to make things better for yourself, too! **BYC.ORG. Thanks, and Happy New Year!**

---Joe Coons

**Don't Forget "Blue Moon" Friday@5/Emerald Bay Events Open House December 30! Party New Year's Eve!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	JANUARY 2006
1 HAPPY 2006! Lounge Open	2	3	4 Lounge Open: ROSE BOWL	5	6 ☺ F@5	7	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> <b>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH:</b>  1st Jan.: New Year's Cruise continues, Lounge Open for bowl games  4Th Jan.: Rose Bowl, Lounge Open  6th, 20th: ☺ F@5 Fridays at 5  <b>Seattle Boat Show: 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CHECK DATE at</b> <b>BYC.ORG. Date may</b> <b>change due to football.</b>  19th: Board Meeting  Please read e-mail updates for additional BYC events as they come up.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Boat Show Bus 8:30 a.m.</b>	
15	16	17	18	19 Board Mtg 6PM	20 ☺ F@5	21	
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29	30	31					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	FEBRUARY 2006
			1	2	3 ☺ F@5	4	<b>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</b>  3rd, 17th: ☺ F@5 Fridays at 5  5th: Super Bowl & Chili Cookoff; Pool Ends  16th: Board Meeting  18th: Land Cruise: Details in Feb. <i>Jib Sheet</i>  Please read e-mail updates for additional BYC events as they come up.
5 Souper Bowl & Chili Cookoff	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16 Board Mtg 6PM	17 ☺ F@5	18 <b>Land Cruise</b>	
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