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Big Improvements Coming to BYC...

The BYC Board of Trustees has committed to installation of sprinklers throughout the building and the contracts have been awarded. As noted last month in the *Jib Sheet*, this work was required by the city fire department when the major remodeling was undertaken last year (the Club had promised to do the work "soon" in 1986, and now "soon" has arrived!) The price tag will be around \$60,000; **Bob Kehoe**, Building and House Chairman, is supervising with the help of the Executive Committee. The change will not only meet requirements, it will also lower insurance costs.

The second improvement, much less expensive, is the implementation of a new "Point of Sale" software package for the bar computer. The installation, which is going on as this issue is written, will include a new program called "AccuPOS". The program was selected after a thorough study that began in August, 2005, led by **Ray Poorman** and **Terry Tavelli** (who are in the computer business), **Steve Ross** (who teaches about computer business applications), and **Dick Grimshaw, Dick Johnson, and Joe Coons** (who represent the users of the system and the bar and office procedures).

After the usual "learning curve" is over, the group thinks the bartenders will really like the new process. Some highlights:

- Tabs will be by member name, not number;
- To open a new tab, Member's membership cards will carry a bar code for scanning, thus assuring us of correct names;
- Once a tab is open, a bartender will simply touch the name in the open tab list;
- Bar checks will carry the member name;

- Check-out at day's end, and opening already-open tabs will be simplified.

From the point of view of the office, work will be incredibly improved! The AccuPOS system automatically transfers *all* information into the Club's QuickBooks accounting software, including all the details so if a charge is disputed, it can be easily documented and corrected if necessary.

After a shakedown period before Opening Day gets here, the plan is to add a second terminal to further improve bar operations and speed things up. Although the work was budgeted at around \$6,000, costs now may be actually lower as a result of careful buying and some contributed parts.

---Joe Coons

PC's Meet Again...

The quarterly meeting of the Blue Gavel/Past Commodores will be on **Tuesday, March 14, 2006** at the Club. Cocktails will be at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00.

The PC's according to the By-Laws don't pay dues; instead, they contribute to a "Past Commodores' Fund" that pays for the Inati Bay lease, web site expenses, and also makes special contributions to the Club for such things as the lounge mirrors, big-screen TV, and many other large items over the years.

BYC Q&A

What is the "Club Scrub"?

Club Scrub is a day in April and another in October when the Club asks all Members to turn out at 9:00 AM and help for a morning with lots of "chores", and in the process they meet other members and also get to help the Club sparkle and save a lot of money, too. Typical tasks are of the "Paint-up, Clean-up, Fix-up" variety; Members assign themselves to jobs on a long list

thoughtfully provided by the Building and House Committee.

In addition to the fun (yes, it actually is "fun"), participants get a free casual lunch and refreshments around 12:00; most leave right after.

You'll see the story about this year's **April Club Scrub** in the next *Jib Sheet*. It's set for **Saturday, April 15**.

Do Members have significant responsibilities to the Club?

The answer is **yes!** This issue came up at a recent meeting when at the direction of the Board of Trustees the Club's insurance was being carefully reviewed. Although the Club's **By-Laws** only comment upon expulsion for "conduct unbecoming a member", the Club's **Policies** discuss a number of issues.

Section I-B discusses "Compliance with Law" and this would particularly apply to us when we are serving as bartenders. Then *Section III* has some other Club regulations, particularly one regarding any form of sexual harassment of any "Member, Guest, Employee or other person on the Club premises, in Club activities, on Club business, or in any other connection with the Club". We note this here because insurance against any sexual harassment liability is difficult to secure, and, in fact, is specifically *excluded* from our coverage. The bottom line: Harass someone, and the Club will tell the court that they have specifically told you not to: You'll be on your own in liability!

Note that when you signed a Membership Application, you specifically agreed to uphold the By-Laws of the Club. They're in the annual Roster/Yearbook.

BYC Member Marsha Riek suggested to us that a lot of Members aren't aware of many BYC events, policies and traditions! She suggested we add a column to the Jib Sheet to tell about our Club and these things. We're going to try to have this column in every issue from now on... ---Joe Coons

Commodore's Comments...

Even though it's winter the Club has been incredibly busy. The newly formed Program Committee met to organize events and programs for this year. One of the first projects is the addition of a quarterly new member orientation.

These orientations will be for anyone that wants to attend. They'll go over member benefits, introduction to officers and trustees, tour the facilities and review the different volunteer committees and events going on at the Club. The first orientation will be March 17 coinciding with Fridays @ Five. Thanks to **Missy Steffen** for agreeing to be program committee chair.

The Super Bowl party was a great success. Special thanks goes to **Bob Kehoe** for keeping the Chili Cook-Off going. **Tim Mumford** and the Dead Pirates sponsored a pre-party bratwurst event that was well attended. The Junior room was open, and the kids were able to have as much fun as the adults. The raffle, put together by **Sally** for the Junior Club, raised over \$200. The football pool overall winner was **Jerry Writer!** While the Seahawks didn't win, there is always next year and another event at the Club! My wife, Sally, wants to make sure **Trudy Kelsoe, Mary Writer and Jason Watson** are recognized and thanked for helping with all the decorations for the Super party. It added a great festive touch.

This last weekend, Sally, **Terry Tavelli** and I all teamed up on the Land Cruise. What a great event! We drove around town listening to tunes put together by **Steve & Meredith Ross**, while searching for an item list put together by **Don & Pat Dangelmeier**. We collected obscure items like stuffed armadillos, samurai swords and canceled boarding passes. This should be marked on your calendar for next year. The entire day was great fun, followed by dinner at Coppa's Bistro in Fairhaven.

The sailing fleet meeting is February 22nd. As the season ramps up for the racers with the Frostbite series, we'll be having clinics to teach people how to race, how to crew, how to act as race committee, mark boat training and some rules to sail by. We have many racing fleets this year with the dinghies on Tuesdays, the casual fleet on Thursdays, and our primary PIYA racing on Wednesdays. If you're not involved yet, it's not too late! Our website has a crew exchange for boats looking for crew, as well as crew looking for boats. Fill out the online form and get involved.

Start planning for Opening Day 2006! This year's theme will be a Brazilian "Carnaval".

On a final note, several members have been following the developments of the Waterfront Futures group, and some recent last minute filings by another

group with plans for the redevelopment of the waterfront. These newly submitted plans are requesting removal of the marina expansion. Your Board is preparing a letter to the Waterfront Futures groups in support of developing the new marina. It's important we all come together and lobby these groups; we don't want to end up with a 30 year waiting list on slips! Take the time to write a letter and let them know where you stand. We need more slips to ensure economical boating for future generations.

---Commodore Ray Poorman

One Design Racing...

One Design Racing has arrived with a vengeance on Bellingham Bay. Beginning the first Tuesday in May, dinghy racing returns for a second year. Last year, we had an exceptional fleet of Lasers and Bytes. We also had a Thistle, a Fusion, a Fireball and a couple of MC Scows. We have consistently had an excellent race committee with good course design and safety/chase boats on hand. The Racing has been outstanding and 2006 is shaping up to be even better. The Laser fleet has been gaining new members and Bellingham Bay has been designated as the site for the 2006 District 6 Laser Championships. This fleet is awesome! What are you waiting for?! Come out in whatever you have. If you have two or three of them, that would be even better. We would love to develop some new fleets. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

For information on how to join the fleet, get a boat, or how to mix a Laser on The Rocks (the new fleet drink), send an e-mail dinghyracing@byc.org.

---Michael Poulos

Shaw Island Results

The first race of the 2006 season was held by the Orcas Island Yacht Club on February 19: The Shaw Island Winter Classic. BYC member, **Alan Taylor**, on his Shock 35, *Mischeif*, captured 1st in his Division and 1st overall. Congratulations to Alan and his crew.

From Alan's report: "It was a beautiful sunny day with light and variable winds. We got away from the start line and got a very large lead and then the winds died and everyone caught up close to Friday Harbor. We all fought the tides and we hugged the Shaw Island shoreline that carried us to the finish."

THIS ISSUE'S SPONSORS:

SAN JUAN SAILING AND YACHTING are the names for the businesses run from the offices near Gate 3 by **Roger Van Dyken**. With a long, solid reputation for sailboat charters, training, and sales, this growing business added a serious commitment to powerboats several years ago, and now sells and charters them as well! When you call San Juan Sailing/Yachting at **671-4300** or **671-8089**, you'll be getting the counsel of pros, a team that's won numerous awards for their service excellence. Whether buying, selling, or chartering, call or stop in: You'll be glad you did!

THE LANDINGS AT COLONY WHARF, LLC has taken over the operation of The Boatyard at Colony Wharf located in the Whatcom Creek Waterway. The Landings at Colony Wharf LLC can haul out and pressure wash power or sail boats up to 50' in length. Welcoming do-it-yourselfers or having an independent contractor from around the area work on your vessel is OK! In addition to this "open yard", they have indoor spaces when required. Call for an appointment: **360-715-1000** or stop by 1001 C Street and look around.

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Etchells Dry Storage

Affordable year round covered dry storage is available for all interested boaters. The location is North Bellingham, about 15 minutes from the harbor. Access would be by appointment. Work on boats would need to be very limited, i.e. no bottom painting or major dirty work. Tow service to get the boat/trailer to where it needs to be is also available; also available is an A-Frame that works well to pick Etchells and other smaller boats up off the trailer.

If you need either storage or towing services for your boat, please call me at 360-927-1954.

--- Ken Nelson

BYC Roster & Yearbook Mailed...

Joe Coons, editor of the annual BYC Roster and Yearbook reports that the 2005-2006 edition went to the printers on February 15, and should be in the mail to all members by February 22 or so.

As in past years, the publication includes a full recap of last year's activities, as well as complete schedules for the 2006 activities including social and racing schedules. In the "Last Year" section he has included complete race results for the year, so sailors will have a record of their successes in permanent form.

As the Club now posts all photos on the www.byc.org web site, no photos are included in this big annual publication, production of which costs some \$1,500 annually. This amount is offset by the support of the 24 advertisers who subsidize part of our *Jib Sheet* and *Yearbook* printing and mailing expense.

The version to be mailed will not include the By-Laws of the Club, as these have not changed. However, new members who join the Club will get a complete version with the By-Laws included; if a new Member did not get a binder and last year's edition including the By-Laws when they joined, or if they have questions, they can contact Joe at joejudyc@comcast.net or Michele Hurst, Membership Secretary at michelehurst@hotmail.com to make arrangements to get what they need. Be sure to put "Roster" in the email subject line.

Big Changes at Colony Wharf

"The Landings at Colony Wharf", is the new name for what we've known as "The Boatyard at Colony Wharf" as of February.

After over twenty years of ownership by Colony Wharf, Inc., the City of Bellingham is taking over the property. After the sale's completion, The Landings at Colony Wharf LLC, will lease the facilities located at 1001 C Street from the City. The new company is jointly owned by BYC member **Peter Gaasland** and the former Colony Wharf employees, and will conduct all the same operations as previously performed: boat hauling, barge services, and the leasing of land and buildings.

"It's very exciting that our former employees will participate as owners in this new venture," said Gaasland, "for there is no question that being an owner generates an increased level of enthusiasm and dedication.

Robert Sternhagen, the Landings' general manager added "We want to reassure all our customers that, although the entity is new, you will see all the same familiar faces when you bring your boat in for a haul-out this Spring!"

Peter and Bob remind us that The Landings at Colony Wharf, LLC is located in Bellingham at 1001 C Street across the waterway from the Georgia Pacific site. Their phone number is 715-1000.

(Pete Gaasland is **Kelli Conrads'** dad. As you recall, Kelli edited the *Jib Sheet* until she and husband **Dolf**, who was our BYC Assistant Treasurer, followed job opportunities to the Olympic Peninsula. All of us at the BYC wish them well.)

--- Joe Coons

March Bartending Schedule

To those on the list, if you cannot make the scheduled time, please try to arrange a replacement and notify the "Captain of the Watch".

Capt: Rich Veach
3/2 – Mark Johnson
3/3 – Rich & Carol Veach
3/4 – Ken & Char Malseed

Capt: Bob Snowball
3/9 – Bob Snowball
3/10 – Harry Shropshire
3/11 – Gus Farrar

Capt: Dick Grimshaw
3/16 – Roger Schjelderup
3/17 – Jason Watson & Dick Grimshaw
3/18 – Terry and Carolyn Blocher

Capt: Ray Poorman
3/23 – Ray Poorman
3/24 – Joe Bartlett
3/25 – Paul Beich & Sarah Tario

Capt: Geoff Chamness
3/30 – Ron Erickson & Mark Johnson
3/31 – Jack Delay & Gary Baker
4/1 – Quinn & Roberta Selsor



A great Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook-off at the Club

RBAW Report

Here is a summary of the latest State bills in the Legislature that impact boaters:

Banning the State Parks Parking Fee. SHB 2416 bans the parking fee in state parks but provides little replacement funding. This bill will blow an almost \$4 million per year revenue source and will cause the closure of many state parks (including marine parks). Boaters are encouraged to call the Legislature hotline 1-800-562-6000 and leave a message: "Please oppose SHB 2416 and keep our state parks open". This is a potential disaster.

Increasing the amount of non highway fuel tax that is returned to boating and recreation. HB 3149 increases the amount of non highway fuel tax that goes back into boating and recreation from the current cap of 23 cents per gallon to 28 cents per gallon. Boaters pay the full road tax (now 33 cents per gallon and rising) when they go to the fuel dock and buy gasoline for boats. Since the fuel used in boats is not

being used to travel on highways, bridges and ferries, the DOT does not have a legitimate claim to boat fuel tax revenue. RBAW has advocated the elimination of a cap all together. All the road tax paid by boaters should be used for boating purposes. If this bill passes, we would still have a gap, but would be getting closer to the equality that boaters deserve.

Extending the Sales Tax

Exemption. SB 6500 & HB 3077 would extend the sales tax exemption for private owners of vessels 30' and over, purchased by non residents for use outside the state. RBAW is planning to support this bill. It would increase the health and revenue of the local marine industry which in turn would benefit Washington boaters.

---B.J. Ursin, RBAW Representative

Cruise Meeting

March 3

Cruises are set for April to LaConner, Memorial Day to Port Sidney, July 4 to Deer Harbor; August to Poets Cove, Labor Day to Reid Harbor, and there are the joint cruises with our sailors to Point Roberts and the Round the County race.

There will be a meeting of all boaters interested in cruising at the March 3 Friday at Five from 6:30 – 7:00 pm to discuss the cruising schedule for 2006. At the meeting, we'll be deciding on themes, activities, and more, so come and be represented **and learn about our plans!** *Don't worry: All but two cruises already have chairpersons!*

--- Joe Coons

Board Report

Ralph Neher, leader of the Sea Scouts, gave a briefing on the "new" SES Discovery III at the February 16 Board Meeting. BYC and the Whatcom Maritime Association are co-sponsors of the ship, which can carry 22 scouts and adults. Young men and women ages 14-21 are eligible for the program. Ralph hopes to gain more participation through the link with BYC. **Dick Labadie** volunteered to pass on information. Contact him at raml@comcast.net.

The Board approved the membership application of **Robert and Marianne Murray** (apologies if we've misspelled your name; the application wasn't available at press time).

In other business, **Bob Kehoe** reported on progress in finishing the entryway and installing the sprinkler and fire alarm system. **Ray Poorman** noted that the new POS system is installed in "test" mode and that several of the flag officers will be working on a user manual and procedures. Expect the system to be "live" within a month. **Al Gallery** presented an outline for a long-range plan.

Steve Ross was tasked with preparing a letter in support of new marina construction. After review by the Board, Steve will forward the letter to Port and City officials.

--- Steve Ross, Secretary

BYC's Program Committee Needs You!

A couple of weeks ago, the Program Committee had its first meeting, with **Trudy Kelsoe, Missy Steffen, Sally Poorman, Marsha Reik, Lisa McArdle** and **Tom Purdy** in attendance. In addition to helping our executive board with event planning and decorating, one of our first (and major ongoing) projects is to make new members feel more welcome, get good info on all that our club has to offer, and get involved! To that end, what we are looking for before our first orientation is longer term BYC members who are willing to "buddy up" with new members – basically introduce them around, attend events or cruises with them, and so on. This is something that longtime members **Roberta McCord** and **Roberta Selsor** have facilitated in the past, and we'd like to get it started again. It can be difficult to know where to start when joining an active club with as many members as we have now, and we'd like things to be fun for everyone! If you're interested in being a BYC mentor (for lack of a better term) please contact Program Committee chair Missy Steffen at [programs @ www.byc.org](mailto:programs@www.byc.org) before the first new member orientation, which is being held on **March 17th, during Fridays@5**. Your help is appreciated!

On another note, if you're interested in helping out on this, or any other committee, please contact Programs as well. We intend to get the volunteer lists organized so that everyone who wants to help (and we know there are many of you out there) has a place to contribute.

--- Sally Poorman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	MARCH 2006
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