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Pt. Roberts Race not a Cruise!

The plan for the annual Point Roberts sailing race has changed: The race this year is a "racing overnight" event, meaning it will not recess for the night...so the accompanying cruise to host sailors is no longer a reality.

Please correct your schedules.

--- Terry Robertson

Commodore's Comments...

Opening Day 2006 is over and from all accounts it was a success even though the weather didn't want to cooperate. Members enjoyed a private reception with champagne, sparkling cider, and appetizers by Emerald Bay.

Since the weather didn't want to cooperate, we moved the ceremonies into the Banquet Room. Other local clubs participated in the ceremonies, and our County Executive **Pete Kremen** made it by to say a few words. Father Kevin led us in blessing the fleet, and wished us a wonderful boating season. The weather decided to settle down and all headed out for the annual parade after the boats away cannon report.

Everyone aboard the review boat, graciously provided by **Hal & Nancy Rogers**, had a wonderful time. Lord and Lady Bellingham were in attendance and all enjoyed the food provided by Callaloo's Caribbean kitchen.

We returned back to the dock, and **Sally** and I visited many of the other boats for more food and drink. The **Dead Pirates Society** and **Roger Schelderop** from *Top to Bottom Detailing* provided fresh scallops and oysters on their barge. Inside Sally cooked up some burgers, and we set

up the potluck with dishes from many members and leftovers from the review boat, including fresh key lime pie.

At 6:00 we announced the 2006 winners of the parade with **Katy** coming in first place due to their enthusiasm and decorations. Close behind was **MoGeo** with some amazing Carnival masks, and **Serendipity** right in the running with one of the largest crews aboard. An honorable mention goes to **Fantasia** for performing their sailing salute. Prizes for Mo Geo and Serendipity were provided by Hal & Nancy Rogers. Thanks to everyone, especially our **Fleet Captain Terry Robertson** for coordinating a great event

The Past Commodore's cruise was a success. **Rich & Carol Veach** hosted a fun cruise to LaConner with dinner at the old Bellingham Yacht Club building! In the morning **Bob Kehoe** cooked up an excellent breakfast. Memorable moments were had by all, and we just managed to beat the rain during the events.

This month the BYC is hosting the District 6 Laser Championships. We are expecting more than 50 participants from all over the Northwest. Excitement for this event is building and we will see some of the best Olympic class sailors in the NW. Thanks to **Mike Poulos** our dinghy sailing director.

The Cruise season is upon us, and our Cruise Pros **Joe & Judy Coons** will be hosting the cruise to Sidney BC as this goes to press. If you are planning an extended cruise, let the cruise masters know your schedule and we'll post the info in future Jib Sheets.

This last week marked a couple of tragic man overboard (MOB) events that should remind us to be careful on

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Mark Boat Complies...

Don Dangelmaier reports that the BYC Mark Boats have been checked by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and earned their rule-compliance stickers. Has your boat got one? It should: Be safe!

(*Commodore's Comments, cont'd*)
the water. A Bellingham man was seen falling into the water while boarding his boat from his dinghy; rescuers were notified but unable to locate him after the incident. He was found a day later near the Taylor street dock.

Also in the news from the Volvo Ocean race, **Hans Horrevoets**, a 32-year-old professional sailor, was washed overboard moments before going below to put on his life jacket and harness. The trained crew began immediate MOB procedures and returned to pick him up in 20 foot seas. By the time the crew of ABN Amro 2 were able pick him up, they were unable to resuscitate him.

My thoughts go out to the families and friends of these men. Let's all be careful out there, remember your life jackets, practice MOB recovery with your passengers and crew, attach a whistles and a strobe light to your life vest! Remember your life is priceless and we all want to see you at the club!

---Commodore Ray Poorman

Cruising Calendar

July 1-5: Deer Harbor Fourth of July cruise. There are annual fireworks in Deer Harbor, so you'll have fun without the crowds and you'll probably also be able to sleep since you won't be in an urban setting with too many local, late firecrackers.

Contact **Chuck McCord**,
saltychuck@aol.com.

August 4-6: Poets Cove Cruise, **John Gargett** is the cruisemaster. The gathering will feature a patio dinner for all the cruisers served at this gorgeous resort on Saturday night. Reach John at john@gargett.com or call 734-3499.

September 1-4: Reid Harbor Labor Day Cruise, **Teresa & John Van Haalen**, Cruisemasters.

Please sign up early for cruises so we can arrange moorage, especially difficult on holiday weekends!

See pages 10 and 11 in the new Yearbook/Roster to learn the rest of the schedule.

---Joe Coons

Club Financial Picture Best in Many Years...

As of April 30th 2006 the Club's cash on hand was \$87,000 -- \$40,000 more than at the same time last year -- We should continue to do better thru end of September for all are "fat" months.

Our Net Income for the fiscal year is up by 185% over the same period last year. Total income is up by \$17,000 and expenses down by \$1,500.

Our expenses are broken down as follows: Building expenses - 38%, depreciation - 20%, reciprocal dock - 11%, Interest - 9%, programs - 9%, general and administrative expenses - 7%, fleet programs - 3%, and member benefits - 3%.

Also, the new cash register software has much improved our in-house accounting which is now more accurate and makes for better management. Steve Ross is putting together an operational manual that combines our Point of Sale cash register operations with our Quick Books accounting program.

Finally, you will be pleased to know that a group of volunteers (Joe and Judy Coons, Al Gallery, and Dick Johnson) have properly numbered and recorded all the Club's assets and completely updated and revised the personal property listing for the county. This will save us some tax dollars.

In summary, your Board has taken good care of your assets and funds, and has maintained a respectable level of service, bearing in mind that ours is an all-volunteer Club.

---Dick Grimshaw, Asst. Treasurer

N2Z 2006

On the evening of April 25th, **Ula Koa** the Melges 30 turned Melges 32 owned by **Charlie Guildner, Jeff Vernon and Marlene Bolster**, started her long journey back to familiar waters.

This was the year that the owners and crew, which comprised of **Andy Schwenk, Dave Martin and Stuart Burnell**, would tempt to test their skills and knowledge against

some of Southern California's finest in the annual Newport to Ensenada International Race. This regatta brought racers from all over the country, the furthest state away being Michigan.

As we prepared *Ula Koa* for race mode, several locals recognized the old "Max Q". This made us feel welcomed and excited to be a part of this well known event and one of the top rated parties in the nation.

2006 brought roughly 465 participants, we were split into a class of 19 in the Sprit Boat B division. This gave us the opportunity to sail against another Melges 32 as well as a Melges 30. The wind speed ranged from 8 – 10 knots at the start to very light thru the night. Some of the competitors decided to sail close to shore while some of us stayed 15 miles off. We never went below 2 knots of boat speed and had the pleasure of playing among large schools of dolphins several times during the race.

With the arrival of the sun and heat, so came the fresh breeze. Our last three hours saw us with 12 knots of wind, and a finish before 1:00 pm the following day. *Ula Koa* and crew finished the race with a 4th place in class and a 7th overall, not bad for first timers. The excitement of being in a race which was reminiscent of a mini Vic-Maui only warmer, brought commitments for a return next year. We also had to ask ourselves, "So why are we sailing Swiftsure?"

The thrill of being in Mexico and visits to the famous Hussong's Cantina and the Bahia Hotel didn't end here. We now had to leave and cross the US/Mexico border with 7 people stuffed into a Jeep Cherokee and a 32 foot red boat behind us. As Pacific Northwest Bumpkins, we had not realized that it was Monday May 1st and the Hispanics were to begin their strike from working and crossing the border into the states.

Upon our arrival we were greeted with four helicopters circling above, car and truck loads of police, and a couple hundred demonstrators with signs. The border closed at that time and all vehicles were requested to turn around and use the border crossing which was 15 minutes to the East. As cars turned around and jumped curbs we were approached by the local Policia and

asked to do the same. As much as we would have liked to oblige them, we had a slight problem, a big red boat in tow. We were instructed to pull ahead and just stay put. We saw two hours of helicopters, reporters, vendors pushing their wares, and chanting demonstrators. We then received a call from one of the reporters warning us that there were 100,000 people headed our way. At that moment the truck loads of officers pushed back the crowd to allow the dozen of us (stuck in the middle of this crossfire) to return to the U.S....and pronto!

The border guards were so glad to see us go that the call for the dog was cancelled. YES! We were back into the states again, safe and free.

What a relief, what an adventure, one we will be back for again.

---Marlene Bolster

RBAW Report...

Rescue 21 System:

On December 20 the USCG officially accepted and dedicated its advanced search and rescue communications called Rescue 21. The dedication ceremony was held at the USCG Air Station, Atlantic City. The first locations to come on line are on the Eastern Seaboard, while the Northwest will be implemented this coming year.

With Rescue 21, the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on the newer VHF marine radios will be activated. First your radio must be registered to obtain a Mobil Maritime Service Identity (MMSI) number. When the DSC button is activated the I.D. info is broadcast over Ch. 70, which is reserved for DSC. The MMSI number may be obtained from Boat/US. We will be hearing a lot more about this in the near future when the Northwest is activated.

Loran C – Coast Guard Seeks Closure:

In its FY07 budget request, the USCG has recommended savings by decommissioning LORAN starting in 2007. This is in spite of the fact that they have recently appropriated \$160M to modernize Loran. Most boating and aviation groups have generally supported the continuation

of Loran and believe it should be maintained as a back up to GPS.

NOAA Weather:

The legislation entered by Senator Rick Santorum, S.786 that would have ended NOAA weather forecasts on our VHF FM radios as we currently know it. Along with this was the possibility of a commercial service providing the forecasts for a fee. This would have required the boating public to pay twice, once by our taxes for the National Weather Service, and second to the commercial provider. Protests from the members of many boating groups across the U.S., including NBF and RBAW were heard by Congress, and the bill is dead. ---BJ Ursin

Member Cruising...

We'd like to keep a list in every issue of the Jib Sheet of Members' upcoming cruising schedules, so that folks can co-schedule cruises in case they are inexperienced or just want the security of having another boat somewhere in the "neighborhood". Of course, listing your schedule **does not** mean you want company, just that you'll be around.

Joe and Judy Coons/Skylark

II will be in the Broughton Island area leaving around July 7 and returning about July 19. Call (360) 739-1528 after May 8. Ray Nelson and Loraine Boland will be aboard *Allegro* around the same time for a month.

Alex Marr will be out June 10 thru 15th cruising to his home on Vancouver Island, and from August 20 thru September 9 will be cruising Desolation Sound. His home dock on Vancouver Island is at N48°41.284, W 123°32.425, and he says look him up if he's at home there. At last, we have an Island Outstation in Canada!

Ski to Sea Regatta

The weather was fantastic all weekend, with winds between 12 and 15 knots on Saturday, and light winds on Sunday. It's always great to see kids out on the water sailing, but it's especially nice when 2 of them are from our club!

Brennan Ashton and Lily Grimshaw both raced this weekend,

and Lily took first place in her division! Brennan was racing in what was arguably the most competitive fleet racing his Laser. Both of them had a great time and learned a lot this weekend.

I think one of my favorite moments, was at lunch time on Sunday, when four of the Opti race team girls from Seattle started singing a "little Mermaid" song at the top of their lungs as they rafted together for lunch. I'm proud to say I knew every word to the song! Another great moment was watching two brothers, **Joseph and Anthony Mantz**, chase each other around, Joseph in his Laser Radial, and Anthony in his Opti. It may not sound fair, but Anthony definitely held his own and almost capsized his older brother a few times!

Thanks to all who helped this weekend. The **Bellingham Etchells fleet**, with **Gary Baker** as race officer, and **Tom and Jamie Ashton**, as well as **Dick Johnson, Dick Grimshaw,**

Claire Beich, Tim Mumford and potential new member **Tyler Bakkenson**. Watch for more Dinghy Regattas this year, starting June 10th and 11th which is the Laser District Champs Regatta.

Kudos to **Terry Robertson** for doing such a great job this year! If you are able to help that weekend let him know. I hope you all have a fun and rewarding summer! Smooth Sailing,

---Jason Watson

Inati Bay Maintenance

Fellow members of the yacht club: For the past year and a half the Dead Pirate's Society has maintained Inati Bay for the Membership.

Because of the regular and harsh use of the equipment over at Inati bay it became necessary to augment and replace some equipment. To that end the Pirates took a vote and decided to

spend some Pirate Booty on a new lawnmower. **Ray Poorman** made an announcement at our last fridays at five, about this and asked for donations.

I am pleased to report that Ray raised just over \$150 dollars for a new mower. The Pirates reached into the treasury and matched funds.

Tim Mumford and I went to Bellingham Mower on Cornwall Avenue, and talked to **Justin McNutt**. He sold us on a new Toro and it works great! I would recommend those guys to anyone!

This is only the first of many improvements planned for this year. I can't reveal our secrets but I will say that you will all love the things we have planned!

Please continue to donate what you can when asked. This is an all-volunteer yacht club and every penny helps make Inati Bay a beautiful, peaceful bay for all of us to enjoy.

---Jason Watson



Here's a photo of the new mower Jason told us about in his story.

The *Dead Pirate's Society* does some great things for our Club, and taking care of Inati Bay is but one of them.

Why not honor these folks by giving them so change next time you get a chance: How about a \$10 or \$20.

You can be sure the money will be well-spent on Club stuff and fun for all of us.

Thanks, guys!

---Editor

Ship's Store News We plan on having samples of fleece jackets and summer jackets on display in the lobby this week. These will be embroidered with the BYC logo, available in several colors for men's and women's styles. If we take orders and not stock in the ships store we will be able to sell them at just above cost. Sign up sheets will be available for those interested enough to make a firm commitment. A minimum number is required when ordering.

---Dick Johnson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	JUNE 2006
				June 1 Summer Casual 1 Tropical Night	2 ☺ F@5	3	<u>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</u> 2nd, 16th, Fridays at 5 15th: Board Meeting Racing: 7,14,21,28: Summer Races 1,8,15,22,29: Casual Races 6,13,20,27: Wavriders 10-11: Laser Grand Prix 24-25: Pt. Roberts Race 24-25 Pt. Roberts Cruise Please read e-mail updates for additional BYC events as they come up.
4	5	6 Wavriders #1 - 6PM	7 Summer 1 6PM	8 Summer Casual 2	9	10 Laser GP/ Anacortes	
11 LGP/ Anacort. Winderm.	12	13 Wavriders #2 - 6PM	14 Summer 2 6PM	15 Summer Casual 3 Board Mtg 6PM	16 ☺ F@5	17 Ski-to-Sea Youth Regatta	
18 Ski-to-Sea Youth Regatta	19	20 Wavriders #3 - 6PM	21 Summer 3 4 6PM	22 Summer Casual 4	23	24 Pt. Roberts Race	
25	26	27	28	29	30	July 1	
Pt. Roberts Race & Cruise		Wavriders #4 - 6PM	Summer 4 6PM	Summer Casual 5			

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						1 July 4 Cruise	<u>SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS MONTH</u> 4th: Fireworks Raft-Up 7th, 21st, Fridays at 5 20th: Board Meeting Racing: 5, 12, 26: Summer Races 6, 13, 27: Casual Races 11, 25: Dinghy Races 8: Jack & Jill Regatta 15-16: Etchells Regatta 22: Women on Water Please read e-mail updates for additional BYC events as they come up.
2 July 4 Cruise ←Deer Harbor→	3	4 Fireworks Raft-Up	5 Summer 5 6PM	6 Summer Casual 6	7 ☺ F@5	8 Jack&Jill Regatta	
9	10	11 Mid-Summer 1	12 Heat Wave 1: 6PM	13 Casual Wave 1 Pirate Night	14	15 Etchells Regatta	
16 Etchells Regatta	17	18	19 Moore Invitational & Potluck	20 Board Mtg 6PM	21 ☺ F@5	22 WOW Race WOW Party	
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