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IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

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CLUB'S ANNUAL "SINK THE DINGHY" FUND

The grand total of cash donated from BYC members to Lydia Place as of 12/27 is \$3,158.00. Three hundred additional dollars have been pledged toward this wonderful cause. I am so overwhelmed with the generosity of our fellow club members that words just cannot express my feelings. The Lydia Place gals will be present at our New Years Eve Party to receive the donations and to their give thanks. Thank you everyone for all of your help!

--- Nancy Rogers

CLUB MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION EVENTS SCHEDULED 1/17 & 3/24...

The BYC is holding two events to expose the Club to the public and encourage membership and more, safer boating.

The first event, a **Club Open House** is set for **Wednesday, January 17, from 5:30 - 7:30**. This reception will receive heavy advertising in the *Bellingham Herald* beginning December 31, and the schedule will include refreshments, tours of our facilities, and extensive handouts. Most important, however, will be attendance by our Club's leaders to personally host the visitors who come to this event so that visitors will be made comfortable and their questions answered, but this is *not* a "Club Social"! We especially want some power and sail boaters on hand. Our liquor license only allows this kind of "public" event once a year, so it is important. If you can help, call **Joe Coons** or **Geoff Chamness** (numbers below) and let us know you'll be there. Thanks.

The second event will be a day of Boating Seminars on **Saturday, March 24. From 9:00 am until around 4:30**, boaters and prospective boaters will attend seminars about buying, selling, maintaining, and chartering boats; and about cruising locally, to Desolation Sound and Alaska; junior sailing; racing, and more. At a sandwich-bar lunch, discussion tables will be arranged so that folks can learn more and ask questions. There will be a charge for these events, with Members paying \$10 per person for lunch, non-Members paying \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a couple including lunch. This day will also be heavily advertised in the *Herald*.

After the Seminar Day, on April 7, 8, 14, or 15 depending on weather attendees will be invited to spend a half day on the water with BYC members. **Please consider participating with your boat in this program!** You will take folks out from approximately 9 am to noon, or 1 pm to 4, give them some "wheel time", and introduce them to safety and fun on the water. **Call Joe Coons (739-1528) or Geoff Chamness (201-4460) for details.**

ROSTERS COMING SOON: DO YOU HAVE CORRECTIONS?

The BYC Roster Committee under chair **Joe Coons** is getting the 2006-7 Roster ready for publication. Was your listing last year correct? Have you gotten a new boat, changed your address or phone number? Joe has gotten some of your changes, but he points out that he's **nearly as old as Dick Johnson, and far more forgetful!** Email him at joejudyc@comcast.net with any changes you wish to have included. His starting data for the Roster is the membership file maintained by **Michele Hurst** and the accounting files managed by **Dick Grimshaw**. (New members not in the current Roster: We will use the info from your membership application!)

COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

A White Christmas?? Never mind, I have seen enough disagreeable weather lately. And as I write this (on December 20) winter is just starting. Tie some extra lines on the boat, secure the canvas, start the engines every once in a while. But as the boats sit idle, there is

plenty of excitement at the club. Have you visited the clubhouse this holiday season? Thank you, **Dick Johnson**, for the wonderful decorations.

Your Board of Trustees have approved the 2006-7 Budget that plans for another "in the black" year. Activities that break even and somewhat profitable major events allow us to enhance our programs, making them more fun for all. Our fiscal progress has allowed us to start the installation of the fire department required sprinkler system for the clubhouse. The street and sidewalk will soon be dug up to provide city water to the new distribution system; please be careful navigating around the construction. Installation work inside the clubhouse should start and finish in February. Demonstrating the strength of our club is the fact that we are able to pay for this huge capital expenditure without borrowing money!

We've seen the Commodore's Ball, the Tom n Jerry Party, Thanksgiving, the always boisterous Lighted Boat Parade and a very informative "Why Knot Wednesday", featuring Harbor Master **Mike Endsley**. Mike's presentation spawned a Boating Action Committee (BAC) to keep us informed as the joint port/city waterfront plan evolves. Look for their ongoing reports and if you would like to participate, contact me (commodore@byc.org).

Now it's time for family. At least until the New Years Eve Party - reserve a steak dinner for \$10 - I hear the plan is to actually stay up 'til midnight!! Come prepared for fun and friendship.

Bartender RE-certification will occur early in January for those, like me, whose licenses have expired. Wait for the email announcement and the sign up sheet. As a result of all the winds this fall, new dock lines will be my quest at this year's Seattle Boat Show on January 27th. Check the *Jib Sheet* and the website for the details for the boat show bus. In fact, check these sources for details on all upcoming events.

So, **Merry Christmas!!** It's family time. **Karen** and I are traveling to Cleveland spending the holidays with our daughter, Heather, and her family (got to see those grandbabies you know!) I wish everyone in our Bellingham Yacht Club family the best in 2007. Peace, love, prosperity and ...Smooth Sailing!

Alan Callery, Commodore 2006-2007

A SAD NOTE...

BYC Past Commodore Jack May who was our Commodore in 1968-69, passed away recently, and is survived by his spouse, **Wanda**. Jack was one of the first commodores after the Club moved from the foot of Cornwall to its present location. Jack's boat was named *DRAD*, which were the initials of the four May children, and was well-known in the harbor. A navy man and astute businessman, Jack will be remembered---and missed!

A THANK-YOU TO DICK JOHNSON AND THE CLUB AND A REMINDER...

BYC Member **Bunny Olson**, wife of Past Commodore **Dan Olson**, passes along a "thank you" to our faithful Club facilities boss, **Dick Johnson**, and to our Club. "I use the Club facilities several times a year for a bridge club I'm in", says Bunny. "It's a beautiful place, and my friends love it, and Dick is such a help!"

You can use the Club, too! It's free for non-commercial and/or boating event-related use by members (non-members are charged) unless the room you want is in use for a club function. You can use the lounge, deck, Commodore's Room, and the big downstairs Ward Room. Dick or any officer can give you details.

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE REPORT...

With high winds and snowy conditions plaguing our psyche prior to our parade, we've got to believe that somebody was watching over us on the day of December 2 (Thanks, Al). The weather was close to typical and better in ways. We had clear skies all day Saturday to get the boats lit up; the evening was beautiful! The participants had great displays with a lot of work done on their part. Costumes and great singing all added to the festive occasion. We had novices (35%) that sure put some great imagination into it. The spectators on the shore had to be very impressed with the displays on such a great night. **Mayor Tim Douglas** and his wife **Joanne** were on the review boat to help with the judging.

Here are the results of the judging on the parade (Name, Boat Name, Details):

Honorable Mentions: (A) **Don and Danni Ludwigsen** and kids, *Minot's Light*, Santa with Elves towing a dinghy with a lit cross, and (B) **Ron and Roxy Delcamp**, *Brite Solutions*, with a hobbyhorse on the bow. **Novice Award:** **Troy Curran**, *Typhoon*, a well-lit sailboat with a large lit up BYC burgee. **Community Award:** **Hal and Nancy Rogers**, *Shakedown*, a good display of lights with lots of singing. **Lighted Boat of the Year:** **Delayne Brink**, *At Last*, a sailboat with a large candy cane and many small candy canes. **Best of Parade:** **Glenn Yorks**, *Tusk*, Viking ship theme - Norwegian clothes, St Nick and Norwegian carols

We would also like to thank **Brian Pemberton** and **NW Explorations** for the review boat, and the **Coast Guard Auxiliary** for leading the parade in the C-Ark. Thanks to all the participants for making this Holiday Season such a great one on the water.

See you at the Club!

Ken Malseed, Fleet Captain

REINFORCING THE FLEET CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS...

A Lighted Boat Parade Thanks:

"During the post-parade festivities, we didn't get a chance (or couldn't find our tongues) to thank some special people for their outstanding support at the Lighted Boat Parade. Our intention was not to complete for anything, but just participate and see how many lights we could get up in less than 4.5 hours on parade day and still get underway on time. With the gracious support of **Steve & Geri Kersey** and **Jane "9-million-lights" Sylvester**, there were more lights than we could of possibly have attached to the boat (at least above water). After hoisting strings up the spars, taping, fastening, hanging, plug-ing, a couple of trips to the store, lots of luck, and a group of very ambitious carolers (**Nancy, Geri, Cassi, Jane, Alex, Margaret, Janet, and Amber**) onboard, we got underway and had a grand time being part of the spectacle and the fun. A HUGE Thank You to this great bunch of folks! It would have never of come off without you!

...Hal & Nancy Rogers s/v Shakedown

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE CLUB...

We said it last month, and if you get this in time, here it is again:

"The Bellingham Yacht Club will host a Casual New Years Eve Party. Board Games, Cards, Dice or just stare at the wall. \$10 a person Ribeye Steak and Baked Potato.

Members are responsible for Salads, Desserts, and "nibbles". Come early - Stay late.

Reservations can be made and paid for at the bar. No reservations, no steak!"

The news is true! Here's your chance to have a great New Year's Eve together with your friends at our Club. We're hoping to be there. There will be lots more details at the Club's lounge. (Note that the Club is merely shopping for the steaks and potatoes, and member **Bob Kehoe** will be cooking them. The Club is not "serving" the dinner --- we make this note because of our various license considerations...)

--- Joe Coons

WANT TO KEEP UP WITH THE HARBOR PLANS?

Hal Rogers reminds us of this website: <http://www.newwhatcom.org/index.htm>. Thanks!

A BLATANT PLUG FOR A BYC MEMBER...

BYC Member **Alan Taylor** is up to his "Mischief"ious self. In November he opened an auto and scooter dealership at 1999 Iowa Street - **urbano moto**. Foredeck man and tactician **Jeff Riedy** as urbano moto's Sales Director is extending to all BYC members a discount program on their *Rocketa* products. A discount of 15% is being offered on all scooters, ATVs, motorcycles, generators, and utility vehicles. Alan and Jeff want to invite one and all to stop by and see their indoor showroom that also has a wide variety of pre-owned autos.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The January "**Why Knot Wednesday**" presentation will be on **Wednesday, January 10**. **Chris Fairbanks** will be giving a presentation about marine biology. The program will begin at 6:00 with hamburgers being sold at 5:00. Chris is chair of the **Waterfront Advisory Group** that ensures public involvement in planning the redevelopment of Bellingham's waterfront. He is also a member of the Whatcom County Marine Resource Committee. His presentation will be a quick course of Marine Ecology 101; what does ice cream have to do with it? We will learn about the marine food webs and why killer whales have to work harder to find a good meal. .

On Wednesday, February 7, Wayne Kelsoe will be giving a presentation on electrical safety and boating, *12 Deadly Conditions to Check for in Your Boat's Electrical System*. Wayne has extensive experience in electrical engineering in the marine environment, including practical applications and research & development. Wayne is Vice President of Electrical Engineering and Chief Technology Officer for Blue Sea Systems, fine Bellingham Marine electrical products firm located in the Cordata area. He regularly attends the technical committee meetings of the American Boat and Yacht Council and corresponds regularly with Ed Sherman and Nigel Calder.

In **March**, with a date to be determined, **Will Lesh** will give a presentation about his radio control sailboats. Many members have boats or are currently working on putting their model boats together. Sailboats come ready to use or you can buy a kit and make your own. Will built a

24 foot sailboat out of western red cedar and then sailed it across the Atlantic. He will share some of his stories regarding this experience as well.

If you have any ideas for a program or social event at the Club, or if you would like to help the Program Committee, please contact **Michele Bodtke** at Michele@nwecological.com.

... Michele Bodtke

BOAT SHOW EXCURSION

The Boat Show excursion (chaired by **Jody Erickson**) is scheduled for **Saturday, January 27**. The cost is \$40 per person and includes an event ticket, transportation, beverages and snacks. The bus departs BYC at 8:30 a.m. **Payments may be made at the BYC bar—Do it now, for the bus is nearly full!**

NEWS FROM BUILDING AND HOUSE...

The sprinkler system installation is finally underway, to be completed in February if all goes well! We will say no more...

Does someone have a non-freezing winter storage place? We need to put the deck planters inside for the winter if we can. If you can help, please call **Bob Kehoe** at 676-0898. Thanks!

BASIC RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TO BE HELD...

On Saturday, February 3rd, 2007, at the Bellingham Yacht Club, a seminar sponsored by the US SAILING Race Management Committee and US Sailing Area H will be held. It is designed for people with some race committee experience, and newcomers, who wish to become certified under US Sailing's race officer certification program as a US Sailing Club Race Officer. The program will begin at 0800 and end at 1730.

The topics to be covered include: race committee objectives, competition formats, sailing instructions, race committee jobs, race committee equipment, race day preparations, setting the course, starts, during the race, finishing, post-race responsibilities, and scoring.

The principal instructor for this seminar will be **Leslie Keller**. Leslie is a US Sailing Regional Race Officer and the Area H Race Officer.

At the seminar, you will need your own copy of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS") and you will be given a copy of *Join the Race Committee Team*. People who register will be asked to complete a set of race management study questions prior to attending the seminar.

The Club Race Officer Certification Test will be given at the end of the seminar and is optional. However, to be certified as a US Sailing Club Race Officer under US Sailing's race officer certification program, you must attend a complete basic seminar and pass the test. You will also need to have your own copy of the current US Sailing Race Management Handbook and meet the program's other criteria. An application for certification will be provided to each participant in this seminar.

The fee for this seminar is listed below and includes the following: continental breakfast, refreshments for an afternoon break, lunch, all seminar materials, your own copy of *Join the Race Committee Team*, instruction, and administration of the test. The schedule for this

program is the following: 0800 Registration and continental breakfast; 0830 Seminar begins; 1200 Lunch; 1645 Test; 1715 Test Debriefing; 1730 Seminar Concludes.

Advance Registration is Required! To register, send your check for \$50 (\$55 for non-US SAILING members) payable to the Bellingham Yacht Club, 2625 South Harbor Loop, Bellingham, WA 98225, by **January 15, 2007**. You may also register on our secure web site at www.byc.org. Include with your registration your name, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and indicate whether or not you will take the certification test. For additional information, please contact Leslie Keller via e-mail at LesKeller@AOL.COM.

THIS MONTH'S AMAZING PICTURES...

Go to http://www.cargolaw.com/2006nightmare_mv.alvostar.html to get an idea of "the perfect accident". (You'll need to scroll down a little, and don't neglect to read the running comments on the photos!)

RBAW REPORT

The BYC is a supporting member of the Recreational Boating Association of Washington [as every individual member should be as well...Ed] and member BJ Ursin represents us at its meetings, and files the following report...

The Washington Mandatory Boater Education Law goes into effect January 1, 2007, and by January 1, 2008 all operators of boats with 15hp engines or larger, who are 20 years old or younger, will be required to have obtained and carry a Washington State Boater Education card under the phase-in of the law.

Even if you and or your children are not yet required to have the card yet, start planning now so the necessary course can be completed in time to have the card when your age group phases-in.

To qualify for a card, have your 20 or under child (or relative, neighbor, etc.) take a basic boating course through the United States Power Squadron, Coast Guard Auxiliary, or on-line on the internet. The phase-in will eventually affect all boaters born after December 31, 1954. If you have questions go to <http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating/boatered.asp>.

The *ISLAND TIDES* quotation I brought up last night was "hoax" article written by an overzealous writer. The RCMP will enforce reckless boating activities such as speeding in speed-controlled areas, however, possession of spirits onboard is legal as long as the boater is operating his/her vessel unimpaired by over-consumption.

BADGE REMINDER:

If you wish to have a badge in the new rack (which holds 792 of them) and it is missing, contact **Roberta McCord** at saltychuck@aol.com or (360) 384-0110.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS:

JANUARY Business, Social & Cruising			
1/5, 1/19	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
1/10	Wed	Why Knot Wednesday	Michele Bodtke, 715-1020
1/17	Wed	BYC OPEN HOUSE	Joe Coons 739-1528
1/18	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Al Callery 676-0784
1/27	Sat	Boat Show Trip	8:30 at Club Jody Erickson 223-2119

FEBRUARY Business, Social & Cruising			
2/2, 2/16	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
2/7	Weds	Why Not Wednesday	Ken Malseed 733-1411
2/15	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Al Callery 676-0784
FEBRUARY Sailing Races & Events			

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ADVERTISERS

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.

2006-2007 BYC Officers and Board

Commodore *Al Callery*; Vice Commodore *Terry Tavelli*; Rear Commodore *Terry Robertson*; Fleet Captain *Ken Malseed*; Past Commodore *Ray Poorman*; Secretary *Meredith Ross*. Trustees, 1st Year: *Michele Bodke, Geoff Chamness, Steve Hanson & Carol Veach*. Trustees, 2nd Year: *Dick Grimshaw, Michele Hurst, Bob Kehoe, & Bob Snowball*.

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