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## IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

### TOP STORIES:

- Sucia Island Cruise & Race
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- Desolation Sound Cruise
- Power Fleet & Cruising News
- A Long-time Member Looks Back

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## **SUCIA ISLAND CRUISE & RACE...**

This year BYC volunteers spearheaded by **Ray & Sally Poorman**, are reviving the Sucia Island Race and creating a family cruise event! The weekend will start on **Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** and continue through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Power and Sailboats are invited to attend an exciting weekend.

Friday night, we will raft at Sucia (location TBA but probably Echo Bay) and spend the weekend having fun! There's a rumor that the Club will bring several Lasers (dinghies) to the event for a race or at least for use for kids and adults to practice sailing around the area. Some pirates may show up to

honor the history of rum running during prohibition at Sucia. The T-37 model sailboats will be there and their skippers hope to organize several racing events. There will be potlucks both evenings, so bring your favorite dishes. It is also rumored that several members of the Club will be going diving. If you are certified, bring your gear. If you can help, have some ideas, or can coordinate a day hike or nature exploration, please send Ray an e-mail at [pastcommodore@byc.org](mailto:pastcommodore@byc.org) or give him a call at 360-319-5567.

The Sucia Island Race will follow the event and start from Sucia at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Plans are still being formulated but you may receive significant improvements in your rating by carrying dinghies and non-essential crew!  
... *Past Commodore Ray Poorman*

## COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Greetings Everyone. With Opening Day behind us and summer around the corner, I am really looking forward to "boating" this season. I am spending a lot of time fixing this, polishing that, adding something else and enjoying working on the boat as much as when we get to sail *Catspaw*. Boating IS fun! No doubt about it. And Bellingham Yacht Clubbing is fun too. Check the associated articles and/or the website for upcoming activities going on at the club.

The ground in front of the club should have been dug up and refilled by reading time. This project will proceed quickly now so don't be alarmed when you encounter minor construction inside the building for a while. It is a strong statement of good fiscal leadership for the past years that allows us to handle this HUGE expense. Costs are up all around and your board is paying close attention. Recently discovered was the under valuation of the club for insurance purposes. Although this resulted in a substantial increase in our premiums, we are now protected as we should be. The volunteer philosophy of our club continues to display very positive results as the Bellingham Yacht Club evolves.

Another evolution affecting the club stems from the increased responsibility/liability placed on our volunteer bartenders recently by Washington State. Please remember to respect their opinions and help them, a taking care of your fellow member kinda thing... Let's not place them in a situation of the sort that none of us ever wants to be involved with. Responsible people make responsible clubs.

Etchells sailors are presenting their 2007 Etchells Regatta on June 2-3 and if you'd enjoy time on the water, give **Dave Steffan**, Sailing Fleet Captain a call. This group of guys ran the race committee for the Junior Ski to Sea Regatta (they have volunteered for this for years) and really deserve your support for their activities.

Hope you and your families enjoy the coming summer!  
Smooth sailing,

*Alan Callery, Commodore 2006-2007*

## FROM THE BYC FLEET CAPTAIN...

This has been a busy month even though our great boating months are still ahead of us. Just briefly mentioning events that have occurred this last month: Our Past Commodore's Cruise to Blakely Island was wonderful. Opening Boating Day had a great ceremony, events, and sail-by with many boats participating. We are continuing on the next series for Wednesday night racing, and have started our Tuesday Night Series. We gave our first miniseries of junior sailing lessons with 12 girls participating with our 6 Optis. Boy, what great winds and weather for this event. And speaking of Junior Sailing, our Jr. Ski to Sea Race had some real threatening winds that subsided just in time for a great challenge.

With all of that in the past, you might ask how can we beat that for June? Well, to start off with, some of our juniors will be initiating the use of our Merit 25's. Thank you **Bill Apt** for letting us see how we can make good use of these vessels. **Ray Poorman** has been working his tail off promoting

and preparing for this year's junior sailing lessons. We look forward to a very successful year with Ray's and **Steve Kersey's** leadership. Our next cruise is to Sucia Island on the weekend of June 15-17<sup>th</sup>. Events include a great raft-up in Echo Bay with **Will Lesh's** radio controlled boat races, a little dinghy racing, and to finish off the weekend, a rebirthing of our annual Sucia Island Race back to Bellingham. Good thing we've got the Summer Solstice in sight to be able to squeeze all this in one weekend. Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board by the coffee machines so we know how many to prepare for. Please don't forget to thank our all-volunteer staff that does such a great job of supporting this club. Without them, we wouldn't be. We need a Mark Boat driver for our Wednesday Night Racing, so let us know if you can help.

Have a great June and enjoy your time on the water where ever it may be.

See you at the Club.

...Ken Malseed, BYC Fleet Captain

## **POWER FLEET & CRUISING NEWS...**

As mentioned above, there will be a great cruise to Sucia on June 15 for a weekend filled with lots of activities that will include both the sail and power fleets. We are asking that the power fleet set up a raft in Echo Bay as soon as they start to arrive. The sail fleet will probably be arriving later than the power folks and will join the raft or grab a mooring.

As you know, the Heritage Flight Museum, located at the Bellingham Airport was kind enough to provide a two ship flyby for the Opening Day parade. Due to a small delay in getting started, you may have missed the show. The museum is a non profit organization and is funded primarily through donations. Please look at their website at [www.heritageflight.org](http://www.heritageflight.org) They have an open house on the third Saturday of each month from noon to 16:00 (4:00 p.m. for non-military types). The hangar is located off of the airport entrance road on West Bakerview Rd. Stop by and consider a tax deductible donation to help defray the cost of fuel for the flyby.

... Bob Simica, Power Fleet Captain

## **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Please give a big welcome to the following new members - approved at the May Board meeting:

**Don and Roxanne Hubert**, Bellingham (Catalina 40 "Radiance")

**Gabriel Murphy**, Anacortes, WA (Thunderbird 26 "Factotum")

**Ed and Shirley Reed**, Kennewick, WA (San Juan 34 "Fat Cat")

Say hello to these newcomers when you see them!

## **BADGE REMINDER:**

The Club would like all members to own (and wear!) their name badges at all Club functions. If you do not yet have one or yours is missing, contact **Roberta McCord** at [saltychuck@aol.com](mailto:saltychuck@aol.com) or (360) 384-0110. Our new badge rack (which holds 792 badges), has a spot for your name.

...Michele Hurst, Membership Secretary

## **JUNIOR SAILING KICKS OFF THE SEASON...**

The Junior Sailing program has always been an important part of the BYC. It is a self supported program that teaches sailing skills to youth between the ages of 8-18. Classes are open to anyone with an interest in learning to sail. Class enrollment includes full access to an Optimist or Byte Olympic class sailing dinghy. Boats are matched to each participant's skill level. Classes are limited to 12 students with two instructors for safety and supervision. Students receive membership in the BYC Junior Club

which allows them access to junior cruises, coaches, clinics, regattas and private lessons.

The **Basic Sailing classes begin June 25**. Intermediate Sailing classes begin in mid-July. If you know of anyone interested in either of these programs, have them register online by going to [byc.org](http://byc.org) and clicking on Junior Sailing.

## **ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THE DESOLATION SOUND CRUISE?**

The Club is planning a Desolation Sound Cruise Leaving July 27 or early July 28, returning August 11 or 12. But in order to plan, we need to know if you're thinking of coming! **Joe Coons** who has made the trip numerous times (first time with **Bob Kehoe** as Cruisemaster in 1988) has volunteered to be Cruisemaster this year, but in case his boat is sold (it's on the market now) he'll have to charter one, and understandably he wants to know if there is interest...

The trip itinerary will be designed for easy cruising for boats that can make 70 miles on a few long days, although there's no reason why boats slower can't catch up. Most days we'll only go 10 or 20 miles once we're "up there".

It's hoped we will be in Desolation Sound by Monday evening (barring frightful weather), Campbell River for provisions the following Saturday, and starting south toward the Gulf Islands by the last Thursday August 9. Probable/possible stops include Tenedos Bay, Walsh Cove, Blind Channel, Gorge Harbor, Teakerne Arm, Bute or Toba Inlet, the Octopus Islands, Secret Cove, Pender Harbor, and possibly a deluxe overnight at the Dent Island Resort. Down near here, likely stops are Nanaimo and Telegraph Harbor.

During the trip there is no necessity to "cling together" unless you wish to. Our goal will be to introduce you to this great area and, for those who haven't done it before, give you help as you deal with the tides, trip planning, and currents, all of which are more scary for first-time cruisers than they really are for those of us who are experienced. Of course, we'll try to have some pot-luck or dock parties where there is interest.

It is important if you're planning to make the trip, you contact Joe at [joejudyc@comcast.net](mailto:joejudyc@comcast.net) ASAP. Please use email so both you and he have a record of your interest. Thanks!

## **CAPTAIN HOMIE'S SUMMER PLANS...**

*(There aren't many clubs fortunate enough to have a traveling reciprocal-using Club rep like **Frank Richardson**, "Captain Homie". Frank and his wife **Patty** own a lovely fine-lined 42' Hardin single Diesel trawler, Caroline, that they cruise all summer around the Pacific Northwest. Here is their latest report:*

Finally, I completed all my boat projects and I'm underway. I stopped at Brownsville and topped off with fuel for \$2.64 per gallon. I spent the night at our reciprocal, the West Seattle Yacht Club. I was surprised to get in because they only have a \$100 per month allowance for reciprocals and that gets used up pretty fast. I saw lots of old friends in Brownsville. I also went over to Silverdale for Happy Hour at the Harbor Yacht Club Grill. Saturday morning I was away at first light to catch the ebb at Agate Pass (3.5 knots). Sweet! I had good seas and current all the way to Port Ludlow. I went back and anchored in the small harbor behind the Twins. This is one of my favorite anchorages. My parents used to anchor there 55 years ago when there were no houses. After I set the anchor, I took an outside shower and didn't hear any cheering like I do when I go by McNeil Island. Those guys just go crazy, or are crazy!



**Sam**, on *Alluvium*, will be joining me and cruising with me up to Bella Bella (Queen Charlotte Sound). Then, he continues on to Alaska and I'll stay around the Shearwater area enjoying fishing and cruising until sometime in August. Patty will meet me in Vancouver May 21st and jump ship sometime while I'm in the Shearwater area. We'll meet up again at Port Hardy or Port McNeil and we'll head back south together. So, if you see us during the summer, stop by and say hello. I hope the Canadians will sell me a fishing license after I decimated their crab population last year!! ... *Captain Homie & Patty*

## FRIDAY'S AT FIVE AT THE BYC...

Have fun with other BYC members and host a Friday's at Five. Always held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, it's a great way to have the Theme Party you always wanted to do. Who can forget the recent themes of the 1950s, or the Quatro de Mayo? And the Food themes! Fantastic! Be creative. Contact **Steve Moore** at 671-3464 or by e-mail at [steve@mooreandcompany.com](mailto:steve@mooreandcompany.com). Want to do one but don't know what's involved? Call me and I'll help you. It's FUN! ... *Steve Moore*

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Program Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Why Knot Wednesday speaker series this fall and winter. A number of topic suggestions have already been made. We need help with coordinating and finding speakers, bartending and hamburger cooking. Many hands make evenings like these fun and easy for everyone! We would love to have you on the team. If you are interested in helping, or sharing a presentation with the Club, please contact **Michele Boddke** at [Michele@nwecological.com](mailto:Michele@nwecological.com) or 360-720-4155.

## REMINISCING WITH KAY NIEDHAMER...

I had the opportunity back in March to chat with **Kay Niedhamer**, who's been a Member of our Club since 1948! Kay, who lives at the Leopold, generously shared a number of memories about our 82-year-old Club. Her musings spoke of gentler times when our BYC was in a much smaller town than today.

Kay and her husband **Lloyd** had just moved here in 1945, and brought up their sailboat from Seattle. Needing a place to keep the boat, they inquired with the Club manager who was overseeing construction of the Club and its docks at the foot of Cornwall. At that time, floats behind log booms were just being built...the manager's name was **Basil Miaullis** (although Kay's not sure of the spelling).

Kay recalls that when she and Lloyd joined, a lot of activities focused around the Club's bar, and they were teetotalers. Helpfully Basil pointed out where the "non-spiked punch would always be located".

Racing Lightnings was the big sailing sport in those days. Dr. **Harry Sutherland**, Commodore 1949-50; **Carl Sahlin**, Commodore 1943-44 (and father of present Member **Roger Sahlin**) were active sailors and **Joe Jenkins** with his power boat *Jolene* were welcoming Members who got to know Kay and Lloyd. Other folks Kay recalls include **Hazel and Ray Gaasland**, **Marge Ocerland**, **Walter Morse** (who had five daggerboard skiffs and a boatyard), **Gary Eden** and **Gretchen Pfuller**; the latter two were juniors.

Kay's background included canoeing on the Miami River in Dayton, Ohio, so it's not a big surprise that she and Lloyd enjoyed taking their 24-footer up to Alert Bay, touring Knight Inlet, Desolation Sound and more in 1946. "The only thing we saw in Desolation Sound was the logging operations", Kay says. They sometimes tied up to handy logging booms (some things never change!) They had left on the trip the end of May, and didn't return until mid-August.

After that trip and some local cruising, Kay and Lloyd put their boat up for sale, but they continued working in the BYC as volunteers. They were on the PIYA events race committees, worked with the BYC Dragon fleet in the 60's including the year the BYC was involved in the Dragon Olympic trials when the Club was bemused to host a "wealthy Dragon owner who had lots of money and a whole entourage of crew and helpers" who won the event and went to the Olympics.

Kay particularly enjoyed the BYC First Mates, the ladies' organization that was active until around 1997. "I was the only Member of the First Mates who had been an active sailor at that time", Kay recalls. She's also been an active Member of the Bellingham Assistance League.

"Why did you and Lloyd stay in the BYC?", I asked. Kay's answer speaks to us all:

"Why, we liked it", she said.

As I said above, "Some things never change!"

Thank you, Kay, for sharing your memories of Bellingham's boating scene here at our venerable Club. ...Joe Coons

## PITCH

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact **Michele Hurst** at [micheleh@spie.org](mailto:micheleh@spie.org) or **Terry Tavelli** at [ttavelli@treev.com](mailto:ttavelli@treev.com).

## VIRGINIA FENNO PASSES AWAY...

**Virginia Fenno**, wife of Past Commodore **Dale**, died on May 9 here in Bellingham. Dale and Virginia had lived for the past 20 years in Friday Harbor summers and Arizona in the winters.

Virginia was a dedicated BYC member, active in First Mates and particularly as the spearhead of the Club's three-ring binder *Roster/Yearbook* format that we use to this day. And of course, during Dale's term as Commodore (1992-1993) she was of enormous help to him.

Our sympathy goes out to Dale and all of Virginia's friends.

## 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 Clean Water Act is the principal law governing pollution of the nation's surface waters. Originally enacted in 1948, it was revised by amendments in 1972 that gave the act its current shape. Today's recreational boats are modern and clean to meet regulations under Section 312 of the Clean Water Act, which established federal standards of performance for marine sanitation devices. Oil pollution (Including fuel, oil, sludge, oil refuse, and oil mixed with wastes) is regulated by the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) and discharge is already prohibited. The OPA prohibits the discharge of oil, holding a boater responsible for the results of any oil spills and liable for removal costs and damages.

In 1973, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized that it would be costly and unnecessary for recreational boaters to be subjected to the complex Clean Water Act permitting requirements designed for large point source polluters (such as cruise ships, cargo ships, and supertankers). As a result, the EPA issued recreational boaters a common sense exemption.

Recently, a federal judge ruled that the EPA did not technically have the authority to issue this exemption. In Sept. 2006, a U.S. District Court ruling nullified EPA regulation 40 CFR 122.3(a) under the

Clean Water Act exempting effluent discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels, including recreational boats.

Unless Congressional action is taken, every recreational boat owner in the country - 13 million strong and growing -could be subjected to sweeping new regulations and an unprecedented permitting requirement system for normal discharges such as bilge water, deck runoff and engine cooling water. The EPA exemption for recreational boats recognizes that these discharges -incidental to the operation of these types of boats -are not "pollutants" under the Clean Water Act. If left unfixed, however, the section of the Clean Water Act that regulates ballast water on big ships would now apply to all recreational boats with or without ballast -from a small bass boat to the large yachts.

The EPA and 50 states will have to figure out how to regulate more than 13 million recreational boats, likely through burdensome permitting, which might lead to new yearly fees for family boaters, bureaucratic red tape—different in each state--associated with getting a permit, an increased burden for the taxpayer because federal and state governments will be required to develop new government programs and entities to implement these regulations, and new enforcement regimes. It just does not make sense to impose a complex permitting scheme on family boats.

RBAW is planning to join other states to provide a recreational boat exemption. Congress can act quickly by simply making the exemption for recreational boats that had been in regulation part of the statutory language of the Clean Water Act. This involves a necessary, uncomplicated legislative fix.

## **PENDER ISLANDS NEED BOATERS' HELP...**

*The Inter-Agency Canal Conservation committee of the Pender Islands in British Columbia has sent the following bulletin to all yacht clubs in the area:*

We are requesting assistance from the boating community to help control the erosion of the canal banks between North and South Pender Islands. The increase in boat traffic, speed, wake and tidal action over the years has severely eroded a sensitive ecological and heritage area. The banks and trees are being washed into the waterway between the Islands. Some of the banks on the south side have receded up to 25 feet and on the north side archeological artifacts are being lost.

You will see new speed signs to slow down to 5 knots. Due to strong currents, this is sometimes difficult but at least be aware of your wake and its effect on surrounding environment. Please slow down well before you enter either approach to the canal. Put a brake on your wake for the sake of the canal!

## **2007 CRUISING SCHEDULE...**

**In addition to any items in the calendars,**

- June 15-17 Sucia Island Race & Cruise (including Juniors) (#2)
- July 27 - August 11 Desolation Sound Cruise (#3)
- August 25 Commodore's Picnic
- August 25-26 "Commodore's Anchor Out Experience" at Inati Bay with a raft... (#4)
- August 31 - September 4 Labor Day Cruise to Deer Harbor (#5)
- September 22-23 Poets Cove BC Cruise (our only BC weekend) (#6)
- October 5-7 Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island Cruise. (#7)
- December 8 Lighted Boat Parade

## THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

JUNE Business, Social & Cruising			
6/1, 6/15	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
6/3	Sun	Model Sailboat Races	Will Lesh 966-7245
6/15-17	Fri-Sun	Sucia Isl. Race & Cruise	Ray Poorman 366-7364
6/21	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Al Callery 676-0784
JUNE Sailing Races & Events			
6/2-6/3	Sat-Sun	Etchells Regatta	Dave Steffan 671-4002
6/6	Wed	Summer #1	Dave Steffan 671-4002
6/7	Thur	CYC Casual #8	
6/9-6/10	Sat-Sun	AYC Windermere Cup	
6/13	Wed	Summer #2	Dave Steffan 671-4002
6/14	Thur	CYC Casual #9	
6/15-6/17	Fri-Sun	Sucia I Race/Cruise	Dave Steffan 671-4002
6/20	Wed	Summer #3	Dave Steffan 671-4002
6/7, 6/14, 6/21	Thur	CYC Casual #10	
6/23-24	Sat-Sun	Pt. Roberts Invitational	
6/27	Wed	Summer #4	Dave Steffan 671-4002

JULY Business, Social & Cruising			
7/6, 7/20	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
7/4	WED	FIREWORKS RAFT	Ken Malseed, 733-1411
7/19	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Al Callery 676-0784
7/25	Wed	Moore Invitational	Potluck Supper
7/27 - 8/11	16 days	Desolation Snd Cruise	Joe Coons 739-1528
JULY Sailing Races & Events			
7/10, 17, 31	Tues	Mid-Summer 1, 2, &3	Dave Steffan 671-4002
7/11, 18	Weds	Summer 5, Heat Wv 1	Dave Steffan 671-4002
7/12, 19	Thurs	CYC Races #13, #14	
7/14	Sat	Women on the Water	Dave Steffan 671-4002
7/25	Wed	Moore Invitational	Dave Steffan 671-4002

## BARTENDING SCHEDULE:

Date	Event	Bartender(s)	Captain of the Watch
Thu May 31		Quinn Selsor <a href="mailto:rqselsor@comcast.net">rqselsor@comcast.net</a>	Geoff Chamness <a href="mailto:geoff@performance-yachts.com">geoff@performance-yachts.com</a>
Fri June 01	F@5	Mike Poulos <a href="mailto:byclaserfleet@yahoo.com">byclaserfleet@yahoo.com</a> & Dave/Missy Steffen <a href="mailto:dmsteff@aol.com">dmsteff@aol.com</a>	
Sat June 02		Geoff Chamness <a href="mailto:geoff@performance-yachts.com">geoff@performance-yachts.com</a>	
Thu June 7		Dick Grimshaw <a href="mailto:r.grimshaw@comcast.net">r.grimshaw@comcast.net</a>	Dick Grimshaw
Fri June 8		Wayne/Trudy Kelsoe <a href="mailto:ssilverbirdwa@comcast.net">ssilverbirdwa@comcast.net</a>	<a href="mailto:r.grimshaw@comcast.net">r.grimshaw@comcast.net</a>
Sat June 9		Sarah Tario <a href="mailto:skeatingd@comcast.net">skeatingd@comcast.net</a>	

Steve Ross will be generating a new schedule in the near future. Bartenders, watch your e-mail!



## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ADVERTISERS

Chuck McCord, Realtor, is an excellent choice when you want to buy or sell your home! Serving customers throughout the region since 1981, he'll *make things happen*, and tell you "what's up" without playing games. Since 1992 with RE/MAX of Bellingham, Chuck has the resources (including assistant Roberta) to give you accurate, reliable advice as you ponder the biggest personal transactions you're likely to make in your life: You'll be ahead in worry-free decisions getting your money's worth. It's easy: Just call 647-1313 days, 384-0110 nights, or 739-3640 (cell) anytime.

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