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### IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

#### TOP STORIES:

- PITCH, Commodore's Picnic Coming
- Sprinkler Job happening *at last*
- PACRIM needs personnel
- Power Fleet & Cruising News
- Dues Increase Coming after years!

#### OTHER NEWS:

- Commodore Callery's Column
- Fleet Captain Malseed's Report
- Club Calendars
- Featured Advertisers
- Editorial, and *much more...*

### **COMMODORE'S PICNIC, PITCH REGATTA COMING UP!**

Two major, annual BYC events are coming up this month, the Commodore's Picnic and the PITCH Regatta.

The picnic is always held at Inati Bay on Lummi Island, and part of the event is the Commodore's Cup race. The event this year is **August 25**, Saturday. There will be boaters there beginning the 24th and staying until the 26th, but feel free to come for the day. It's usually

the biggest raft-up of the year, and *always* fun. The good times are enhanced by the *Dead Pirates' Society*, which runs an annual treasure hunt for --- you guessed it --- rum (and other goodies). So come and have fun. Call Ken Malseed at 733-1411 or 220-3150 if you need a ride over. It's a blast (especially that *great* BBQ chef, Bob Kehoe's wonderful food.) Bring an appetizer along to potluck.

PITCH is a legendary regatta, now one of the "Top Ten" races by Northwest 48 sailing magazine. (I think I got that right!) Check out the BYC website BYC.ORG for details. It's on Labor Day weekend, August 31 - September 2.

Come and have fun at your Club.

## **THE TRENCHES ARE DUG, THE FIRST PIPES ARE IN!**

Rear Commodore Terry Robertson is a little tense these days, for the RC is the guy that signs our checks, at least when the Commodore hasn't beaten him to it. The reason for his concern: The construction folks have *finally* started to put in the long-awaited sprinkler system (that's why the streets are dug up and the tree is gone from our Club's east end). The budget for this project is big, I think around \$70,000. Did you know it appears the Club will pay for it all out of pocket? It will be the first construction project *in the history of the Club* that won't have required borrowing...we hope!

---Joe Coons

## **DUES ARE FINALLY GOING UP AFTER MANY YEARS WITH NO INCREASE**

I am so proud of our Club's fiscal management! It has been at least eight years (I think) since the last increase, and the Board is raising the \$300 Active Member dues to \$324, only an 8% bump. That's way, way under inflation. Non-Residents will go to around \$218, and Seniors to about \$162. Let's face it: With no "use it or lose it" fees, cheap refreshments in the bar, and lots of low cost or free events (like Friday at Five), your Club is one of the best entertainment and social deals in town. Bills will go out in early September at the latest; payments are due by October 1. Thanks to our Club for keeping costs down.

--- Joe Coons

## **PACIFIC RIM REGATTA RACERS AND AMBASSADORS NEEDED!**

Applications are now being accepted for racing and ambassador positions for the PacRim Regatta 2008 in Tateyama, Japan. The regatta will be held in April of 2008. Fourteen ambassadors and six racers will be selected to share in the fun and cultural exchange.

The criteria for the ambassadors will be based on the level of participation the Bellingham Yacht Club and/or in the Sister Cities Organization. If you wish to apply, please detail all volunteer work and positions held in either/both organizations.

For those interested in racing; your letter of application should focus on two general items; depth of sailing experience and level of participation in the Bellingham Yacht Club. Detail past racing accomplishments and the level of success you have enjoyed. For example: share with the Selection Committee, your level of success in terms of series or long distance races locally as well as those held by other clubs. Also, describe your participation in the Bellingham Yacht

Club; what volunteer work and/or positions you have you held? There are only five positions available, with a designated alternate position making for a total of six racers. The selection committee will continue to accept applications until August 31, 2007. Send applications to Richard Veach at [tooweather@comcast.net](mailto:tooweather@comcast.net). The Pacrim Selection Committee includes Joe Bartlett, Dick Johnson, and Richard Veach.

## COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Greetings!

I am sitting in Pirates Cove hiding from the rain. I finished polishing the ship's wheel. Now it's time to write a bit. The wrong winds were in the Straits, so we chose to do all those things in the Gulf Islands that we have bypassed in previous cruises. We got to see a lot of those great Bellingham Yacht Club outstations ... well, they could be! And we have been using our reciprocal moorage options whenever we can. Most places welcome you when you mention the Bellingham Yacht Club. The Club is that wonderful place from which to base your boating adventures from.

Well, by golly, our fire suppression system work has begun. Elmer dug a hole, found the water pipe, covered it up waiting for the city to start the connection. After the city did their efforts, pipes have been laid and the trenches will be filled in soon. Stop by and give the guys a smile for their excellent workmanship. ... Whoops!! Excuse me, someone is trying to anchor and it's always a show. Wonder what others think of my anchoring abilities??? ... OK back to the sprinklers..... Please pardon the dust when you see the construction.

This years WOW Regatta was a fine success. Thank You Dawn Durand for your efforts supporting and organizing this event. Check for results online at [www.byc.org](http://www.byc.org) . You, too, can make an event happen. Someone will volunteer to help you. Just ask! PITCH plans are progressing well. Mercedes Benz and Wilson Motors are helping us put on one of the Northwest's premier regattas, and Alan Taylor's Urbano Moto , sponsoring that great \$3/ticket scooter drawing with all proceeds to the Club and youth sailing. Thank you all. You can still volunteer to help, simply give Terry Tavelli or Michele Hurst a call.

August is ahead of us and many activities are planned. If you are not cruising, plan on attending the Crab Fest and the Commodores Picnic. Or join the sail fleet on a sunny Wednesday afternoon. And don't forget Fridays @ 5.

One more thing, Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Quinn and Roberta Selsor!

Smooth sailing,

*Alan Callery, Commodore 2006-2007*

## FROM THE BYC FLEET CAPTAIN...

We have two great boating traditions coming up for the month of August. The first one is our annual Crab Fest. This has been going on for years now and we have never been disappointed about the results and outcome on the amount of crab that we get to eat. This year, it is on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. I know from past experience that the rafting has

lasted longer than the day, so if you so desire, be prepared for omelets the next morning if you didn't have enough the day before. Also, if you want to get out there but have no means of transportation, let me know by giving me a holler at 733-1411 or 220-3150 (cell) and we can make arrangements for getting you out there. For those that have not ever joined us, we will be located at the north sector of Chuckanut Bay. Don't forget your crab crackers and licenses!

The next big event is our Commodore's picnic in Inati Bay on the weekend of August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Bob Kehoe has again so graciously volunteered to cook up the main dish (rumor has it that it will be his smoke-cooked salmon again). Don't forget to bring your side dish to add to the spread. Again if you need transportation to get to this event, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Commodore Al will be saying more about his raft up and events, so I will just close out by saying, See you at Inati Bay. Have a great month of Cruising.

--- Ken Malseed, Fleet Captain

P.S. If you want an enjoyable time and get the best view of any sailboat race on any Tuesday or Wednesday evening when there's racing, please join us on the Committee Boat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Odyssey departing at 5:00 from the dock in front of the Yacht Club. Capt. Bob might hand you a clipboard or a flag, but the psychic rewards are fantastic! Thanks, KM

## **FROM BOAT/US:**

*Steve Ross is a dedicated BOAT/US Member, and he passed along this reminder re upcoming legislation\*. You can check their web site, BOATUS.COM for more details..*

For 34 years the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has exempted discharges from recreational boats from the Clean Water Act permit system. Regretfully, a recent court ruling cancelled this permit exemption. EPA is required by the court decision to develop and implement by September 30, 2008 a national permit system for ALL vessels in the United States for a variety of normal operational discharges.

We have been working behind the scenes with other boating organizations to get the exemption reinstated for recreational boats. Fortunately, the Recreational Boating Act of 2007 (H.R. 2550) has been introduced by Representatives Gene Taylor (D-Miss) and Candice Miller (R-Mich) which would protect recreational boats from being swept into this unnecessary and expensive permitting system.

It is critically important that H.R. 2550 be passed and your support is essential. Please contact your Congressman and Senators TODAY and ask that they co-sponsor or support H.R. 2550.

If the permit system becomes a reality, you will be required to pay for a state permit for each of your boats. EPA will be monitoring your deck runoff, grey water, bilge water, engine cooling water, and the use of copper bottom paints.

The original lawsuit that led to this court decision sought to address ballast water discharges from large ocean-going ships, which can introduce damaging aquatic invasive species into U.S. waters. Keeping our waterways clean and preventing the spread of invasive species is of utmost importance to the future of boating. But taking a complex permitting system

designed for industrial dischargers and applying it to recreational boats will not yield significant environmental benefits and it will come at a very high cost. Requiring recreational boaters to purchase a permit would not prevent the spread of invasive species.

BoatUS has been a leader in educating boaters about Clean Boating practices for more than a decade. Our nonprofit Foundation has funded local education projects on invasive species prevention, helped develop voluntary Clean Marina programs, and authored much of the country's Clean Boating outreach. These positive education efforts are making a difference.

*Please ask your elected federal representatives to support H.R. 2550. It is common-sense legislation. As you send your emails to your Members of Congress, please copy BoatUS at [GovtAffairs@BoatUS.com](mailto:GovtAffairs@BoatUS.com). We'd also like to ask you to send a copy of your correspondence to the EPA, so they can see how this will affect citizens. However, please know that if you choose to send it to EPA, it will become a part of the public record. EPA's email is [ow-docket@epa.gov](mailto:ow-docket@epa.gov), and your email needs to have a subject line with Docket ID No. OW-2007-0483.*

### **SAIL FLEET NEWS...**

We are still in need of mark boat drivers. Anyone qualified or interested in becoming qualified, please contact me.

Dave Steffan, BYC Sail Fleet Captain,  
H 671-4002, C 510-8801, email: [dcsteffan@msn.com](mailto:dcsteffan@msn.com)

### **BYC'S PITCH REGATTA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!**

The annual Labor Day weekend PITCH regatta will soon be here and the 2 co-chairs (Terry Tavelli and Michele Hurst) are hoping that you can help. Whether it's parking boats or flipping burgers or helping out on the water, we can find a job for everyone. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the Clubhouse, or come to one of the advertised PITCH meetings.

Won't be here over Labor Day weekend?? No problem! We need quite a few slips to help house all the visiting boats. Please let us know your slip number and what days it will be available for visitors.

### **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. *...Steve Moore*

### **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*

## 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 Bodtke** at [Michele@nwecological.com](mailto:Michele@nwecological.com) or 360-720-4155.

## 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).

## 2007 CRUISING SCHEDULE...

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

- October 5-7 Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island Cruise. (#7)
- December 8 Lighted Boat Parade

## AN EDITORIAL...

I used to do editorials a lot, and now I have some time to do them again. I may start the "Boating Tips" column again soon, too. But this month, time for a comment about our Members:

As you may have heard, I have agreed to sell my boat to a great couple, Gordon and Susie Hilaski, who are joining us and will be spending time aboard *Skylark II* cruising our wonderful Northwest waters. One of these weeks the deal will close, and Judy and I, for the first time in 20 years, will be boatless!

That reality prompts this comment: *I know we'll be welcome at our BYC. We'll still love the water and boats, still work on occasional BYC projects, still contribute to the Club (like many past commodores who get "free" dues, we donate instead to the Past Commodores Fund.)* I make this comment because I've occasionally heard folks say about a member or family, "They ought to get a boat!" Well, that's wrong. There are lots of reasons *not* to own a boat yet belong to the Club. The Club is fun. It's around the water. It has nice Members like you, Dear Readers. And each Member of any category, active or not, brings something to the Club that's irreplaceable: *Themselves!* As the cliché goes, "Some of my favorite BYC Members don't have a boat!" (Three names vividly stand out: Bud and Lois Peterson. Dick Johnson. Or should we diminish the Tom and Jerry Party and/or the bar's operations? Of course not!)

We know you'll still love Judy and put up with me when Gordon and Susie have taken over the care and feeding of *Skylark II*. And thanks for caring, just as we care about you. Who knows, we may charter, and maybe even get a ride with *you!* --- Joe Coons

## WATERWAY WATCH ON YOU TUBE

This is a good video for all folks who are around the water; we got alerted to it by WRBA, the Washington Recreational Boaters Association. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCCKQjEqiJw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCCKQjEqiJw).

## THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

<b>AUGUST Business, Social &amp; Cruising</b>			
8/6, 8/20	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
8/11	Sat	Clam & Crab Fest	Ken Malseed, 733-1411
8/16	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Al Callery 676-0784
8/25-26	Sat-Sun	"Great Inati Bay Raft Out"	Ken Malseed, 733-1411
8/25	Sat	Commodore's Picnic	Ken Malseed, 733-1411
8/31-9/3	Fri-Mon	Deer Harbor Cruise	Ken Malseed, 733-1411
<b>AUGUST Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
8/1, 8, 15, 22	Wed	Heat Wave #2, 3, 4, & 5	Dave Steffan 671-4002
8/2, 9, 16	Thur	CYC Casual #4, 5, & 6	Dave Steffan 671-4002
8/4	Sat	Around Lummi Race	Dave Steffan 671-4002
8/7	Tues	Mid-Summer #4	Dave Steffan 671-4002
8/14, 21, 28	Tues	Perspiration #1, 2 & 3	Dave Steffan 671-4002
8/25	Sat	Commodore's Cup	Dave Steffan 671-4002
8/29	Wed	PITCH Tune Up	Dave Steffan 671-4002
8/31-9/2	Fri-Sun	PITCH Regatta	Michele/Terry. See story above.
<b>SEPTEMBER Business, Social &amp; Cruising</b>			
9/1-9/3	Fri-Mon	Deer Harbor Cruise	Ken Malseed, 733-1411
9/7, 9/21	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
9/20	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Al Callery 676-0784
9/21-9/23	Fri-Sun	Poets Cove Cruise	Ken Malseed, 733-1411
<b>SEPTEMBER Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
9/1 - 2	Sat-Sun	PITCH Regatta	Michele/Terry. See story above.
9/4, 11	Tues	Perspiration 4 & 5	Dave Steffan 671-4002
9/15	Sat	Governor's Point Race	Dave Steffan 671-4002
9/22 - 9/23	Sat-Sun	Bham Bay One Design	Dave Steffan 671-4002

## BARTENDING SCHEDULE:

Date	Event	Bartender(s)	Captain of the Watch
Thursday, 8/02		Roger Schjelderup toptobottom2@qwest.net	
Friday, 8/03	F@5	Ray Poorman rpoorman@cssnw.com &	Ray Poorman rpoorman@cssnw.com
		Sally Poorman mermaid@zeninternet.com &	
		Mark Johnson mjhighrisk@yahoo.com	
Saturday, 8/04		Joe Bartlett jamocajoe@hotmail.com &	
		Dawn Durand dawn@dawndurand.com	
Thursday, 8/09		Wayne/Trudy Kelsoe ssilverbirdwa@comcast.net	
Friday, 8/10		Chuck/Roberta McCord saltychuck@aol.com	Phil Dyer phildyer@comcast.net
Saturday, 8/11		Claire Beich clb_beich@hotmail.com	
Thursday, 8/16	Board	Char Malseed	
Friday, 8/17	F@5	Al/Karen Callery catspaw@cssnw.net &	Al Callery catspaw@cssnw.net
Saturday, 8/18		Cheryl Myers thecherylann@verizon.net	
Thursday, 8/23		Robert Snowball b.snowball@comcast.net	
Friday, 8/24		Steve/Hope Hanson steven.hanson@comcast.net	Bob Snowball b.snowball@comcast.net
Saturday, 8/25		John/Pat Asmundson jhasmund@yahoo.com	
Thursday, 8/30		Geoff Chamness geoff@performance-yachts.com	Geoff Chamness geoff@performance-
Friday, 8/31	PITCH	HIRED	yachts.com
Saturday, 9/01		HIRED	

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*Phil Dyer & Carol Veach*. Trustees, 2nd Year: *Dick Grimshaw, Michele Hurst, Bob Kehoe, & Bob Snowball*.

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