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LIGHTED BOAT PARADE DAZZLED...

The lighted boat parade was a great success this year. Sizeable onshore crowds at the Fairhaven Ferry Terminal and Boulevard Park cheered the contestants as they cruised across the bay in near perfect conditions. Dignitaries including Commodore **Terry Tavelli**, and Bellingham Mayor **Dan Pike** onboard **Brian Pemberton's** boat *Deception* reviewed the fleet. **Ralph Neher** and the crew of the Sea Scout vessel *SSS Discovery* won Lighted Boat of the Year honors. **Ron and Roxy Delcamp** on *Brite Solutions* took home the Best of Parade award.

This year's Novice Grand Prize went to **Dan and Julie Stuart** aboard *Jewel*. The Community Award went to **Loren Kapp**, skipper of *Chief Kwina*. Good food and great cheer at the club followed the parade. **Joe and Judy Coons** led the full house gathering in singing a nautical version of the *Twelve Days of Christmas* proving once again that singing off-key with friends is excellent fun! ...*Steven Kersey*

HOW ABOUT THE BOAT SHOW TRIP JANUARY 26?

This year's Boat Show Bus promises to bring a fun-filled time for all. As in past years, the bus driver will pick us up in front of the BYC for our **Saturday, January 26, 8:30 a.m.** (sharp!) departure. With the compliments of our BYC sponsors **Pete and Jamie Foti**, we will have tickets to enter both the Lake Union on-the-water and the Qwest Exhibition Center indoor boat shows. We will be serving pastries, home made muffins, yogurt and fresh fruit on the way down, as well as Mimosas and those tangy Bloody Mary's (yes, along with those wonderful condiments). Of course, we will have Starbucks coffee or orange juice if you prefer, and I have arranged a delivery of those special "Krispy Kremes" by our Mt. Vernon friend, **Alex Marr**.

The bus will pick us up from the Qwest Center about 5:00 PM and we will be serving a delectable boxed dinner for the trip home. Of course, we will offer the usual drinks, as well as wine and beer.

Come join the fun and explore the Seattle Boat Shows with us. I am sure you will not be disappointed. No parking problems, no driving, and best of all, fun with your fellow BYC members. **Remember, if you haven't paid for your seats by January 4 at the Club's bar, your seats will be released to those on the waiting list!**

Get ready for a FUN time and get "On the BUS!" See you all there! ---*Jody Erickson*

THANK YOU TO ALL F@5 HOSTS IN 2007...

I want to sincerely THANK all of you that volunteered to Host a Friday's at Five in 2007. Your volunteer spirit and enthusiasm helped promote one of the year's more successful on-going events. Your dedication to the BYC and to your fellow members meant a lot not only to them but also to me. Your willingness to sign up, take on the responsibility of 'feeding and entertaining the masses' and, what's more, seemingly enjoy doing it is appreciated by all of us.

So THANK YOU's to: **John & Teresa VanHaalen, John & Patti Gargett, Mary Baker, Bob & Jane Simica(2x), Fred & Peggy Byrum, George & Adrienne Eastwood, Bob & Jane Simica(2x), Joe & Heidi Carpenter, Kris & Christine Palmerton(2x), Kathy & Andy Brown, Jody Erickson, Steve & Hope Hanson, Bob & Patty Stevenson, The Pink Ladies(2x): Michele Bodtke, Nancy Rogers, Gerri Kersey, Jane Sylvester, Bob & Judy Kehoe, Ken & Char Malseed, Brian and Shirley Faloon, Bill & Pam Heward, Steve & Meredith Ross, Pete & Jamie Foti, Ken & Lisa Chovil, Troy Curran & Cori Hanson, Susan Anderson, Mike & Shelly Haass, Al Troupin & Debbie Frank, Kevin Troutman, Ron & Roxey Delcamp, Garry & Sandy Brock, Ray & Sally Poorman, Terry Tavelli.**

With the Volunteering Spirit by the above BYC Members and other BYC Members, I'm sure that the 2008 Friday's at Five will be even better and more fun!

Remember, you can have fun with other members and host a Friday's at Five. Always held the 1st

and 3rd 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 Quattro de Mayo? And the Food themes! Fantastic! Be creative. Contact me at 671-3464 or by e-mail at steve@mooreandcompany.com. Want to do one but don't know what's involved? Call me and I'll help you. ---Steve Moore

2007 SINK THE DINGHY PROGRAM WRAPPING UP...

This year, in keeping with the *Sink the Dinghy Fund* concept of giving back to our community, the Club honored someone who served our country. **Navy Petty Officer Keith Griffin** passed away while aboard the USS Carl Vinson earlier this year, and is survived by his wife Nichole and two boys Colby (3) and Alex (9 months) in Lynden. Our gifts have created a college education fund for the children, and *all funds raised have gone into a trust account for Colby and Alex*. We gave the boys some toys as well.

We are presenting what we raised --- over \$5,000 --- to the family at the Fridays@Five, January 4th, 2008. Joining the family at the club on that date will be the Commander of NAS Whidbey. Try to be there for this heartwarming time and to meet this wonderful family.

There is still time to contribute! Send or drop off a check payable to the BYC marked "Sink the Dinghy fund", or use your credit card to make a contribution at the bar. ---PC John Gargett, Chair

2007 ETHELLS WRAP-UP

The Bellingham Bay Etchells Fleet held its 2007 season wrap-up and awards meeting in December. After 31 races in five series, the top 4 boats were separated by only 5 points. *Five Five Two*, sailed by **John Pedlow, Tom Malone and Craig Cooper** took the overall trophy by one point over **Pete Ambrose's Attitude**. Following close behind in third and fourth were **Randy Nulle's Voodoo** and **Terry Hileman's Beauzeau**.

The *Five Five Two* team also qualified to represent the Bellingham fleet in the 2008 Etchells World Championships which will be sailed in Chicago in June.

Fleet officers for the upcoming year are Co-Captains John Pedlow and **Bill Green**; the Treasurer is **Mary Davis**. **Craig Cooper and Rex Broward** will be heading up fleet development. As a part of that effort, they will be organizing several "get acquainted" races to give local sailors the opportunity to experience the Etchells.

The International Etchells class is active in 11 countries around the world. In the US, there are 28 active fleets with almost 1000 boats sailing. In Bellingham, this past season, 12 boats competed in the fleet events, including boats from Seattle, Alaska and Victoria. Over the past few years, our fleet members have competed in championship regattas in San Diego, Gulf Harbour, New Zealand and San Francisco. For additional information, contact John Pedlow - jpedlow@comcast.net.

COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

With the Holiday Season, **Dick Johnson** is due special thanks: The club house is decked out in its holiday best. He has done a masterful job at decorating the club, ringing in the Christmas spirit. And this year's Lighted Boat Parade was a huge success thanks to our Fleet Captain, **Michele Hurst**. The event was well organized and well attended. Special thanks go out to **Jody Erickson** for organizing and preparing the food for the chili dinner that followed and to **Carol Veach** who organized the food for the

judges' boat. I would also like to thank **Brian** and **Carol Pemberton** for their generous hospitality in providing their beautiful boat *Deception* to act as the judges' review vessel. This is becoming a Lighted Boat Parade tradition as the **Pemberton's** have extended their hospitality for several years now and we couldn't ask for more gracious hosts. Bellingham **Mayor Dan** and **Laura Pike** and their two children led the list of dignitaries attending which included Whatcom County Deputy Administrator **Dewey** and **Inga Desler**, Port Commissioner **Jim** and **Patricia Jorgensen**, and Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron Commander **Bob** and **Helen Jacobson**. Everyone had a wonderful time with the weather being the best that I can remember since joining the club. While it was a bit cold, **Carol Veach** kept everyone sufficiently warm with hot toddies for the adults and hot chocolate for the kids.

I want to thank Past Commodore **John Gargett** for all the work he has done in organizing the "Sink the Dinghy" Christmas charity program. It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to give back to the community and this year it seems only fitting that we honor Petty Officer Keith Griffin, a local member of our nation's Military who gave his life while protecting our country and the freedom we enjoy. I also want to thank all the club members who have so generously donated money and gifts this year. We will continue collecting money throughout the holidays for the children's educational fund that will be established at Saturna Capital thanks to help from **Meredith Ross**. Mark your calendars to attend the January 4th Fridays at Five where the educational fund for Colby and Alex will be presented to the family. Keith's parents will be flying in from California to attend the presentation. The Base Commander from Whidbey Naval Air Station will also be in attendance so you won't want to miss it.

It's probably too late to sign up for the New Year's Eve steak dinner and celebration. Chef **Bob Kehoe** again graciously offered to prepare and cook the steaks. Tickets were \$12 or \$15 depending on the size of steak wanted. Reservations were required.

Coming up on January 26th is the Seattle Boat Show bus. The event has been well advertised and at the time of this writing, all the seats are tentatively reserved, but must be paid for in advance to hold the reservation. Those not paid by January 5th, will forfeit their reservation and the seats will be offered to those on the waiting list, so be sure to pay up at the BYC bar.

The daunting task of creating the racing and cruising schedules is well under way and we hope to have the schedules firmed up in early January. Fleet Captain **Michele Hurst** is overseeing the process with the help of the fleet captains. Racing Fleet Captain **Jeff Vernon** has a working schedule and is just waiting to firm up some dates from other yacht clubs. **Allan Troupin** has canvassed the membership for potential cruise destinations and is working to finalize the cruising schedule.

Finally, **Joe Coons** is putting in long hours to edit and produce the roster. His goal is to go to press by January 15, 2008. I would like to request that all members please take a minute check the existing roster and forward any address, phone number, email address and boat information changes to Joe (joejudyc@comcast.net) as soon as possible. We would like to have the roster as accurate as possible and thank you for your help in doing this.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and look forward to a fantastic 2008.

Terry Tavelli, BYC 2007-2008 Commodore

FROM THE BYC FLEET CAPTAIN...

Happy New Year to All! The holidays are always a whirlwind of activity and this year was certainly no different. The month got kicked off with our annual **Lighted Boat Parade**. If you missed it, it was a beautiful event. The weather cooperated perfectly with clear skies and no wind. It was a little cold out there on the water, but for the 25 or so boats that participated, it was worth it!

Back on shore, we were rewarded for our efforts with free soups and cornbread to warm ourselves and of course, a Lighted Boat Parade would not be complete without **Past Commodore Joe Coons** and his annual coordination of singing the 12 Days of Christmas. This year's addition of some new lyrics and a prize to the best "Day" had most of us trying our best. Congratulations to all of the winners!

A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that made the evening a terrific success: **Jody Erickson, Past Commodore Dick Johnson, Brian Pemberton, Trustee Carol Veach, Past Commodore Al Callery, Marion Henderson, Virginia Jepsen, Anna and Arne Ahlen, Paul Beich, Claire Beich, and Tim Mumford**. If I have mistakenly left anyone's name off of this list, please let me know and I'll be happy to do a special mention in the next *Jib Sheet*.



<< Our Fleet has a new addition this month!! Thanks go out to **Trustee Geoff Chamness, Past Commodore Al Callery, and Vice Commodore Pete Foti** for their work in obtaining a used 17' RIB that can be used as a much needed junior sailing safety boat.

Both the cruising fleet and the racing fleet calendars are just about finalized and they will be posted in the next couple of weeks. These documents are always a work-in-progress, so feel free to continue to add suggestions!!

Wishing everyone peace, health, and many fun times on the water in the year ahead...See you at the Club!

...*Michele Hurst, Fleet Captain* fleetcaptain@byc.org

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK...

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the BYC Membership, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members, **Ray and Marlee Spencer**, who have joined the club as non-resident members. They are from Maple Valley, Washington and own a 30 foot power boat.

---*Michele Bodtke, Membership Secretary*

AN EDITORIAL...

Those of you who are new to our Club may not be aware of its financial turnaround, and this is being emphasized this month (and maybe next) as our new sprinkler system is installed throughout our building.

Believe it or not, this work has been deferred some *twenty-one years* since the Club remodeling in 1986 when we promised the Bellingham Fire Department we'd do it "soon". In 2005, when Emerald Bay re-did our dining room so beautifully, the B.F.D. asked, "When will the sprinklers you promised be done?",

and we had to commit. But you know, for the first time in generations, we'll pay for a significant capital improvement *with cash on hand!* How about that!

The turnaround is a tribute to the careful business management of our Club by its officers and boards over the years since 1999, the first year the Club had earned a profit in years, including some disastrous losses in the in the late '80s and early '90's when the Club was still running a restaurant. So, it seems, those ugly pipes that are going up under our ceilings actually represent success...and though they're unsightly right now when we notice them, we'll soon not even "see" them!

...Joe Coons

BOATHOUSE FOR SALE

BYC Member Duff Sutherland is selling his 40'x 15' boathouse at Gate 3, Boathouse E-East 5, which has housed his 39' Riviera Cruiser. He added an "overhang" to protect the woodwork. His asking price is \$60,000 and he can be reached at 425-271-2532.

NAME BADGES... DO YOU HAVE YOURS?

The Club would like all members to own (and wear!) their name badges at all Club functions. If you do not yet have one, and are interested, please send an e-mail to Roberta McCord (saltychuck@aol.com). Thank you!

CAPTAIN'S COURSE SCHEDULED

The United States Maritime Academy has a OUPV/Master's course scheduled for the 2008 academic year. It will be held January 7 - February 27, 2008, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, Evenings, 1730-2130, at the Club.

The cost of the course is \$1200 for both licenses and the classroom books and chart, and BYC Members get a 20% discount!. Spring courses have filled in the past, but you can hold a spot with a reservation. Call or send me an email, I'd be happy to help you answer any licensing questions. *Captain Richard J. Rodriguez, United States Maritime Academy*, CaptRodriguez@gmail.com www.usmaritime.us telephone 360.531.0698

THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

JANUARY Business, Social & Cruising			
1/4, 1/18	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
1/17	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
1/26	Sat	Boat Show Excursion 8:30	Jodi Erickson, 738-9647
JANUARY Sailing Races & Events			

FEBRUARY Business, Social & Cruising			
2/1, 2/15	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
2/21	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
FEBRUARY Sailing Races & Events			

BARTENDING SCHEDULE:

Date	Event	Bartender(s)	Captain of the Watch
Th, Jan 03		John Gargett john@gargett.com	
Fr, Jan 04	F@5	Steve Ross drsteveross@comcast.net & Meredith Ross meredithross47@hotmail.com & Pete/Jamie Foti westcoastmarine@comcast.net	Pete Foti westcoastmarine@comcast.net
Sa, Jan 05		Joe Bartlett jamocajoe@hotmail.com & Dawn Durand dawn@dawndurand.com	
Th, Jan 10		Geoff Chamness geoff@performance-yachts.com	
Fr, Jan 11		Bob/Darlene Wagner bobndarlene@yahoo.com	Geoff Chamness geoff@performance-yachts.com
Sa, Jan 12		Joe/Judy Coons joejudyc@comcast.net	
Th, Jan 17	Board	Richard Veach tooweather@comcast.net	
Fr, Jan 18	F@5	Dave/Missy Steffen dmsteff@aol.com & Jim Langei jim.langei@wecu.com	Wayne Kelsoe ssilverbirdwa@comcast.net
Sa, Jan 19		Don/Pat Dangelmaier dondee@shaw.ca	
Th, Jan 24		Alex Marr marra@asme.org	
Fr, Jan 25		Bill & Pam Heward pamheward@msn.com	Terry Tavelli terry.tavelli@metavante.com
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Emerald Bay Events, owned 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.

2007-2008 BYC Officers and Board

Commodore *Terry Tavelli*; Vice Commodore *Terry Robertson*; Rear Commodore *Pete Foti*; Fleet Captain *Michele Hurst*; Past Commodore *Al Callery*; Secretary *Jane Sylvester*. Trustees, 1st Year: Troy Curran, Wayne Kelsoe, Randy Nulle and Jerry Writer. Trustees, 2nd Year: Michele Bodke, Geoff Chamness, Steve Kersey and Carol Veach.

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