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IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

TOP STORIES:

- Pipe Painting Parties Coming
- Sprinklers are In!
- New Rosters at the Printers
- New Calendar & Officer Directory
- By-Law Change Vote March 7 F@5

OTHER NEWS:

- Commodore's Column
- Captain Homie's Column
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- Editorial, and *much more...*

CALLING ALL MEMBERS: COME TO THE PIPE PAINTING PARTIES!

This is a new, two-time event that will be gratifying to all who volunteer, especially when it's done! Building and House Chairperson Wayne Kelsoe is scheduling Pipe Painting Parties on **Saturday, February 9** and **Saturday, March 8**. If you show up at 9AM, Wayne will assign you to a "length of sprinkler pipeline" somewhere in the Club, upstairs or down. We'll be painting the new pipes the same color as the ceilings so they can "disappear" into the background; think what an improvement that will be! **Bring a stepladder if you can, a drop cloth if you have one,**

and an old cap and shirt so the paint doesn't "mark you as a professional". The Club will provide the paint, of course.

It's a good guess that there will be refreshments, and the more volunteers, the merrier, and the quicker it will be done. And you'll likely be finished by noon, but any time spent volunteering is definitely welcome.

And by the way, don't forget the **Club Scrub** coming up on **Saturday, April 19**. Thanks!

...Joe Coons for Wayne Kelsoe

CHILI COOK-OFF & SUPERBOWL TIME IS HERE!

You won't want to miss the 7th Annual Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl XLII Party at the Club on February 3, 2008. Club opens at 1330 (1:30 p.m. PST) and the game kickoff time is 1518 (3:18 p.m. PST). Plan to prepare your best chili recipe and enter it in the competition. Get details at Friday @5 on the 1st of the month. Always fun! ...From Commodore Terry Tavelli

SPRINKLERS ARE IN!

As you might have guessed from the above, the vendor that is installing our sprinklers has nearly finished the work as of this writing. At last the project that was begun over two years ago is near completion, and although we were distressed at what we thought would be the "ugly" pipes, the Building and House Committee was right: No one notices them after a few hours! All of us owe a vote of thanks to the men and women who have been officers and board members during this long, sometimes frustrating process! ...Joe Coons

NEW ROSTERS WILL ARRIVE SOON...

The 2007-2008 *BYC Roster and Yearbook* is on the way to our Members. They are bulk-mailed from our mailing service, and editor **Joe Coons** sent the material to our printers, CopySource, on January 24; then they will go to Speedy Automated Mailers for distribution.

There is a new "bonus section" to the Roster that will be included in your mailing packet: A little 8-page booklet, separate from the *Roster* itself, that has a **complete racing, cruising, and events schedule for the year**, plus the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our Officers and Board, and a list of the Club's committees and personnel. You can keep this booklet in your car or boat, as the *Roster* has the same information in it, too. There will be extra copies of this handy booklet at the Club as soon as the printing is completed.

DID YOU SAY "WINE TASTING"?

Troy Curran, Corie Hansen and Ray and Sally Poorman are organizing a Why Not Wednesday - Wine Tasting on February 6th. Look for an email flyer with the details coming soon. ...From Commodore Terry Tavelli

2007 SINK THE DINGHY PROGRAM REPORT

This year the *Sink the Dinghy Fund* raised a stunning \$8,000 to help provide the future

college educations for Colby and Alex Griffin (ages 3 and 11 months) who are the sons of the late **Navy Petty Officer Keith Griffin** who passed away while aboard the USS Carl Vinson last year. Keith's wife **Nichole** and the boys and Keith's parents were here on January 4 for the presentation; our gifts have gone into a trust account for Colby and Alex. We gave the boys some toys as well. Thanks to Past Commodore *John Gargett* who chaired the drive, and who initiated this project five years ago. It's a great way to "give back" to our community!

COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Lately, it seems as if Mother Nature is trying to make me feel like I am back in Colorado! With temperatures in the 20's in Bellingham and excellent skiing conditions at Mount Baker, it seems hard to believe that the boating season is just around the corner.

Planning for the 2008 boating season is in full swing with **Michele Hurst** having already submitted preliminary Cruising and Racing Schedules for inclusion in this year's Roster. Cruising Fleet Captain **Allan Troupin** has spent many hours soliciting ideas, scheduling the cruises, arranging for cruise leaders and contacting the cruise destinations for information. In addition to several of your favorite cruise destinations, **Troy Curran** is organizing a family-oriented "Buccaneer" Cruise to Inati Bay on August 8-10 with lots of fun activities for all ages. **Allan Troupin** is departing north to Alaska and will be leading a 10-day cruise to Desolation Sound on July 1-10. You will have to return on your own as he will be continuing on to Alaska. *We still have a few cruises without a cruise leader so if you are interested in leading one of this year's cruises, please contact Allan Troupin via email at atroupin@aol.com or by phone at (360) 820-5025.* Racing Fleet Captain **Jeff Vernon** has also spent many hours researching other yacht club websites for "away race" dates and then juggling all of our events with those to come up with a workable schedule. Look for both schedules on the website in the near future and in the Roster and the new "Calendar" handout with your Roster and at the Club. A big thank you goes to all three of them for tackling this daunting task!!

We will again be organizing a Mark Boat Training class this spring. Look for dates in the upcoming Jib Sheets. If you are interested in attending a class this year, please contact me.

Once again, **Joe Coons** has spent countless hours editing this year's roster. Thank all of you who have submitted changes and suggestions to him. Thank you Joe!

Sally Poorman has been working on upgrading the BYC Website. As well as presenting a fresh look and feel, the goal is to provide easier navigation and better organization of information. The updated website should be implemented within the next month so keep checking back at www.byc.org. Thank you Sally for all the hours spent making this happen.

Jody Erickson has done an outstanding job at organizing this year's Seattle Boat Show Bus. Those who have reserved a spot won't regret it as she has planned for even more goodies than last year. I want to thank Jody and her group of volunteers who are helping prepare the refreshments in advance (as we go to press). *Terry Tavelli*, BYC 2007-2008 Commodore

MINOR BY-LAW CHANGE TO BE VOTED UPON MARCH 2:

There is a very minor change in the By-Laws that is being proposed by the Board. In order to encourage Membership growth, yet be sure nominees have been adequately screened, it allows a non-resident to apply for Membership with less than two sponsors provided the application is accompanied by an explanatory letter from the nominee. The Revision is posted in the bar at the Club and will be voted on at the March 2nd Friday at Five. We have assumed it will be passed and it is already changed in the By-Laws printed in the new Rosters. Compare Roster Section 4-ByLaws Page 1, Article III, Section 2, (A) in your old Roster with the new one.

AN EDITORIAL...

Building and House Chair Wayne Kelsoe has a number of events scheduled, but specially important are the "Pipe Painting Parties" and "Club Scrub" in the story above. Please put these on your calendar now! If every Member comes to at least one of these, we'll save a lot of bucks and have a lot of fun as we improve our Club and get to know new buddies. THANKS! *Joe Coons*

CAPTAIN HOMIE'S LOG...

*Frank Richardson, Captain Homie, is the BYC's cruising reciprocal fanatic aboard his single-prop 42' Hardin Trawler, **Caroline**, with his wife, Patti aboard much of the time. His missives arrive mysteriously from time to time from capt.homie@comcast.net (a new address!)*

Happy New Year to YOUSE all! Mrs. Homie (Patty) and I had a great Holiday season, and I might be the not-so-proud owner of a couple more pounds. But I know how to get rid the new pounds: Go cruising without Mrs.Homie, and that's the plan. Patty goes skiing every year, leaving me without any Adult Supervision... Holy Doodle!!!! So the whole month of February I'll be off cruising, venturing maybe as far as Desolation Sound. Hopefully Member Gary Parsons will be able to join me on *Miss Lucy*???? Gary and his wife Cheryl live in Rouge River, Oregon, and are very active being care-givers to folks in their community, and sometimes that gets in the way of their play-time. But God bless people like them, eh?

Maybe that gang of Non-Supervised Adult Boaters from the Bellingham Rotary Clubs will be out and about in February making their annual February cruise, and I'll/we'll hook up with them. We did that in 2001 and it was great fun.

Not many boats out and about at this time of the year. In fact, as I remember we were the only pleasure vessels around. Imagine Prideaux Haven empty!

I had a bit of success crabbing down around the Des Moines Marina, which is where the *Caroline* is wintering on a month-to-month lease. But this year I figured I'd take the \$465.59 that I pay for moorage and put it into fuel instead, and just bug off for the month of February. It won't get me as far as it used to, but it's still better than staying tied up to the dock, eh?

I won \$502.60 in a NFL Football Pool this season [*watch it Homie, the IRS might or the State Gambling Commission be reading this...ed.*]. Last year Mrs.Homie and I had a joint football

pool entry and we had some heated discussions about who to pick, and we didn't do so well. This year we went solo. Mrs.Homie had a tough year of picking winners but I was luckier. I've already got my winnings ear-marked for a 12ft Smokercraft and Trailer.

If any of you get down as far as Lacy, Washington, you gotta check out the new Cabelos store, it's pretty spectacular, and it already has some of Homie's money. Lots of fishing stuff...

We hope to be seeing some of you in February. Capt.Homie & Patty

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...

DSC/VHF RADIO: If you have installed a DSC/VHF radio and obtained an FCC ship radio license in the last few years, an MMSI number has already been assigned to your vessel. If you do not plan to cruise international waters (Canada) and do not have an MMSI number, you may contact BoatUS to obtain your MMSI number free; or try: <http://www.boatus.com/mmsi/>. MMSI numbers assigned by BoatUS, including your vessel description and emergency contact information, are stored in the USCG Search and Rescue database, but are not shared with the International Search and Rescue database.

If you plan to cruise into international waters, i.e. Canada, you must have an FCC ship radio license and an FCC-assigned MMSI number. One easy method to accomplish this is to phone 1-888-225-5322 and select option #2. An FCC representative will guide you through the process. Connect the GPS to the NMEA port and program the MMSI number into the radio

To transmit a MAYDAY or distress call, press the red button on the DSC/VHF radio for five seconds and a digital signal will automatically be transmitted with your vessel's name, your ID, and your latitude & longitude position. This signal will be repeated until received by the USCG or other boats within range. When your emergency signal is received, your VHF radio will automatically switch from channel 70 to channel 16 where rescuers can contact you and start voice-to-voice communication.

With most DSC/VHF radios you may also hail a friend (or group of friends). To accomplish this, enter your friend's MMSI number into your DSC VHF radio's memory (similar to a cell phone memory) along with the working channel you wish to use, i.e., channel 78. Select your friend's MMSI number and call. His/her DSC radio will "ring" on channel 70 and will display your MMSI number, your vessel name, and channel 68. Switch to 68 and talk. No need to try calling via the often cluttered channel 16!

To learn all of your DSC/VHF features and procedures, the US PowerSquadron offers a self-study course called *The Boatowner's Guide to GMDSS and Marine Radio* with an inter-active CD-ROM available at 1-888-FOR-USPS. A CD with a DSC Simulator is included allowing home practice. Also, BoatUS offers a free on-line DSC/VHF tutorial *Can You Hear Me?* (www.boatus.com/mmsi).

THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

FEBRUARY Business, Social & Cruising			
2/1, 2/15	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
2/3	Sunday	Chili Cook-Off & Superbowl	Bob Kehoe, 676-0898
2/9	Saturday	Paint the Pipes 9AM	Wayne Kelsoe, 738-3095
2/21	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
FEBRUARY Sailing Races & Events			

MARCH Business, Social & Cruising			
3/7, 3/21	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
3/8	Saturday	Paint the Pipes 9AM	Wayne Kelsoe, 738-3095
3/20	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
MARCH Sailing Races & Events			

BARTENDING SCHEDULE:

Date	Event	Bartender(s)	Captain of the Watch
Sa, Jan 26		Max King maxxking@msn.com	
Th, Jan 31		John/Teresa VanHaalen vhaalen@comcast.net	
Fr, Feb 01	F@5	Al/Karen Callery catspaw@cssnw.net & Sarah Tario skeatingd@comcast.net	Al Callery catspaw@cssnw.net
Sa, Feb 02		Jon Seestrom Jon.Seestrom@wecu.com	
Th, Feb 07		Roger Schjelderup toptobottom2@qwest.net	
Fr, Feb 08		Sally Poorman mermaid@zeninternet.com & Mark Johnson mjhighrisk@yahoo.com	Carol Veach tooweather@comcast.net
Sa, Feb 09		Michael Tario sorcer@aol.com	
Th, Feb 14	W & K	Terry Tavelli terry.tavelli@metavante.com	
Fr, Feb 15	F@5	Bart/Michele Bodtke mb3.nw@comcast.net & Emil Vinberg emilvinberg@mail.com	Terry Robertson joule@zeninternet.com
Sa, Feb 16		Steve/Hope Hanson steven.hanson@comcast.net & Ron Erickson ronerickson@comcast.net	

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!

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ADVERTISERS

BELLHAVEN YACHT SALES at **714 Coho Way** in the Marina Square Building is a fine brokerage, charter operation, and sailing school. Managers **Bryan and Faye Archer** have long been involved in the profession of both power and sail yacht sales, training, and charter management, and you'll find Bellhaven to be a great choice when you want to buy, sell, charter or learn how to operate a boat. And check out their listings: You'll likely discover that they have exactly what you're looking for! The same goes for checking *them* out when you want to sell your boat: They are tops! Call **(360) 733-6636**.

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