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## IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

### TOP STORIES:

- Opening Day is Here
- Club Scrub Report
- Junior Sailing News
- Junior Ski to Sea Race Coming
- Fleet Captain's Column
- Commodore's Column
- Sailing/Racing Crew School Coming
- Club Calendars
- Featured Advertisers
- Member Blogs *and much more!*

### **Opening Day --- and Spring --- are Finally Here!**

On May 3, 2007, the BYC will present *Mardi Gras Madness in May*, the theme for this year's Opening Day. This is one of the big events of our year, and all BYC-ers should plan to attend. Here is the schedule:

11:00am **Bellingham Yacht Club - Reception** (members and their families only) in the Emerald Bay Catering Dining Room in our Clubhouse (Free. Traditional boating attire with dark blue blazers or sweaters over white pants or skirts requested, but informal is OK.)

- 12:00pm **Outdoors, weather permitting - Opening Day of Boating Season Ceremony and Blessing of the Fleet** in the Emerald Bay Catering Dining Room (open to the public). Honored dignitaries will assist as hosts.
- 1:00pm **Boats Away** (open to all vessels). Boats should stage in the vicinity of the Bellingham Cruise Terminal; the annual Opening Day Boat Parade will pass the review boat stationed at Star Rock Buoy. The best-decorated boat in this year's theme will be awarded the BYC "Best Decorated Boat Award" and the boat's name will be engraved on our Perpetual Trophy.  
 This year, Commodore **Terry Tavelli** has declared the Opening Day Theme as: *Mardi Gras Madness in May*. We look forward to all kinds of interesting and imaginative costumes. Please make arrangements to get yourself on a fellow member's boat if you have not got one of your own, or ask **Michele Hurst** for assistance in this matter at 671-5797.
- 3:00pm-? **Bellingham Yacht Club Lounge will be open to members and guests only.**  
 We are looking forward to having you join us for one of the greatest events of the year.

## **CLUB SCRUB REPORT: SPRUCING UP FOR OPENING DAY!**

Remember that list that **Wayne Kelsoe**, Building and House chairperson, made after the *Fall Club Scrub* beer and pizza party --- the infamous CLUB SCRUB TASK LIST that had all kinds of chores on it?

Well, most those tasks were knocked off that list on Saturday, April 19 by a team of over 40 BYC volunteers. Tasks including repairing and tending to the junior dinghy docks and fleet (**Steve Kersey, Randy Nulle, Brennan Ashton, Arne Ahlen, Al Callery**), bringing up the deck furniture (**Hal Rogers, Steve Johnson**), scrubbing the deck and grill area (**Mike & Maya Allsop**), deep cleaning the entire bar area and attacking the kitchen and pantry, (**Jamie Ashton, Julie Stuart, Char Malseed, Virginia Jepsen**), scrubbing down the entire walk-in cooler from top to bottom (**Trudy Kelsoe, Kathy Brown**), landscaping and planting (**Karen Callery, Carol Veach**), beating back chaos in the paint/supply room (**Rob McArdle**), closing off an opening in the soffit of the rear deck, (**Terry Robertson leading the work party**), straightening and organizing the BYC office (**Joe Coons, Dick Grimshaw**), fixing bathroom cabinets (**Dan Stuart**), vacuuming the crevices of every chair in the club, cleaning all tables and surfaces in the lounge, washing windows and mirrors, sprucing up entry way, polishing the piano, trophies, and dusting (now that's a BIG JOB!!!) (**Judy Coons, Gerri Rea-Kersey, Jane Sylvester, Nancy Rogers, Cheryl Myers, Teresa Van Haalen, Lisa McArdle, Mary Burns, Marian Henderson**). In addition to these specific tasks, there were the following members who lent a hand, took on a project, did whatever whenever needed: **Jim Langei, Andy Brown, Larry Jones, Dick Johnson, Wayne Kelsoe, Tom Ashton, Bob Simica, and Mike Crawford.**

And let us not forget to thank those unnamed BYC members who worked on the above projects, along with power washing the entry way to the club, painting the pipes downstairs, cleaning up the area outside of the Ward Room, scrubbing down the barbeque, replacing light bulbs, cleaning the outside Plexiglass railing on the deck, sprucing up the Commodore's room or taking care of the many other tasks as they became apparent. If you didn't see your name mentioned above and you were volunteering, please

know that your help *was* appreciated. With volunteers spread out from the docks, to the basement, to the deck, outside, running errands to get necessary supplies and equipment, and in crawl spaces getting what needed to done, done, some names are bound not to make it on the Club Scrub Participants' List! Step up and be counted! Contact Wayne Kelsoe.

All hands were busy and all were very much needed. "THANK YOU", BYC Club Scrub Volunteers for knocking off items on the infamous Club Scrub Task List!!

*-- The BYC House and Building Committee*

## **JUNIOR SKI-TO SEA RACE NEWS...**

The BYC's annual Junior Ski-To-Sea race is scheduled for May 10 - 11. Racing sailors from as far away as Seattle and Vancouver are expected to attend the regatta on Bellingham Bay. For additional information on the Junior Ski-To-Sea race visit [www.byc.org/juniors](http://www.byc.org/juniors). **Volunteers are needed for the regatta. Contact Steven Kersey at 360-671-7275 if you are interested in helping for the race.**

## **NEW MEMBER REPORT**

The Officers and Trustees welcome **Michael and Marian Welsh**; they are retired, joined as active members, and do not have a boat; **Mike and Jane Hinkle**; they have joined as active members and have a power boat; and **Steve Jungk and Shawn Morriss**; they have joined as non-resident members and have a sail boat.

Please join us in welcoming them all into our Club!

*Michele Bodke, Membership Secretary*

## **JUNIOR SAILING NEWS:**

**Registration for the BYC's summer youth sailing program is now open to anyone between the ages of 8-18.** Classes are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and run June 16 until Labor Day weekend. Basic and intermediate-level sailing classes can be combined to create multi-week learning sessions. US Sailing certified instructors will teach the courses. Class size is limited and features low student to instructor ratios. All course participants must pass a basic swimming test. The cost for one week of instruction is \$169 per student. For additional information e-mail [juniorsailing@byc.org](mailto:juniorsailing@byc.org), visit [www.byc.org/juniors](http://www.byc.org/juniors), or call Steven Kersey at 360-671-7275.

Thanks to the following BYC members for helping with the junior sailing program during April: **Arne Ahlen, Brennan Ashton, Troy Curran, Dick Grimshaw, Larry Jones, Wayne Kelsoe, Randy Nulle, Ray and Sally Poorman, Terry Robertson, and Commodore Terry Tavelli.**

*Steve Kersey, Jr. Sailing Fleet Captain*

## **RACE COMMITTEE GOES TO SEATTLE TO LEND A HAND!**

On Saturday, April 5, Commodore **Terry Tavelli**, Trustee **Michele Bodtke**, and **Jaimie Ashton** and I headed to Seattle to assist Commodore **Neil Bennett** and his Sloop Tavern Yacht Club's annual Blakely Island Benefit Regatta.

This year's event was dedicated to the Ballard Food Bank and they managed to raise \$7200! The 13.5 mile race was host to 72 boats in a reverse 13-start (slow boats start first) format. With South

winds around 10 to 12 knots it was pretty much a drag race around the Rock causing most of the fleet to finish within minutes of each other! The race committee kept a cool head though and we managed to get a finish time for everyone. This was terrific early-season training for our committee and their help was very much appreciated by Neil and the STYC. This is a great regatta and it would be fantastic to see some Bellingham boats out on the starting line next year!

...Michele Hurst, Fleet Captain

### **IN MEMORY OF DALE JEPSON:**

An on-the-water memorial was held for Dale Jepson prior to the start of the Wednesday night sailboat race on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Dale's wife Virginia and her family joined Commodore Terry Tavelli, Father Kevin Allen, and many others on board Bob Snowball's boat *2nd Odyssey* for the ceremony. A fleet of nearly twenty boats gathered to hear Commodore Tavelli eulogize Dale and Father Allan recite the Lord's Prayer. Commodore Tavelli then spread Dale's ashes from the BYC's mark boat as it slowly traveled down the starting line. The ceremony concluded with a toast to Dale and the scattering of many flowers onto the waters of Bellingham Bay. Dale was an active member of the BYC, and a key member of the BYC's race committee. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.





## THANK YOU TO THE BYC FOR THE JEPSEN REMEMBRANCE

*On behalf of the family of Dale Jepsen, I would like to thank the Bellingham Yacht Club for a most meaningful remembrance for Dale April 16th. Before the Wednesday race, the boats congregated at the stern of Snowballs Committee Boat while Rev. Kevin Allen and Commodore Terry Tavelli spoke a few words regarding Dale and his legacy to the Club. Then while Terry and the mark boat spread Dale's ashes along the start line, members on the Committee boat, and competitors in sail boats and others assembled dropped flowers on the water. I don't believe there were any dry eyes, but yet the caring and love were there to uplift us. It was a memorable event and one Dale would have been so honored to have received from his very best friends and a Yacht Club so dear to his heart.*

*Sincerely, Virginia Jepsen*

## COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Will winter ever release its grasp this year? Saturday, Club Scrub Day, I awoke to light snow on the ground. In lieu of heading for the Scrub, I met **Troy Curran** and **Corie Hansen** and we went to Inati Bay to begin the process of updating the restroom facilities there. Periodic snow squalls were the order of the day, and at one point, we discussed turning around and going skiing, but we managed to get a good start on the project.

On Sunday, I awoke to about 2 inches of snow on the ground and was wondering whether the Dead Pirates Society would be able to perform all the planned work at Inati Bay to ready it for this year's boating season. As it turned out, the snow was pretty localized south and east of town, and there was no snow in Bellingham or Inati Bay, just a cold north wind blowing. The harsh winter piled gravel, logs and trash high up on the beach but we had a good contingent of Pirates attend and everyone worked hard to clean up the beach, saw and split wood, mow and trim the lawn, trim bushes and complete the restroom project.

Everyone will be happy to note that the restrooms are again usable, having been relocated, clean, painted (inside and out), re-roofed and new fittings throughout. Everyone needs to remember to thank **Troy Curran** and **Corie Hansen** for planning the project, purchasing all the materials and for the use of their equipment!! I also want to thank the following Dead Pirates Society members - **Tim Mumford**, **Richard Veach**, **Al Callery**, **Dick Johnson**, **Roger Schjelderup** (and his son, **Patrick**), **Geoff Chamness**, **Craig Henderson**, **Larry Jones**, **Joe Bartlett**, **Bruce Hamilton**, **Dave Steffen** and new members **Troy Curran**, **Steve Kersey**, **Jim Langei**, **Hal Rogers** and **Jim Altman** for their hard work in sprucing up Inati Bay.

Thanks to everyone that participated in this spring's Club Scrub. We had a great turnout with over 40 people and the inside of the club looks great. The weather didn't cooperate to do much outside work, so we will need to schedule another weekend day to do painting on the building...

The **Pacific Rim Regatta**, being held in Tateyama, Japan this year, is rapidly approaching. The

team representing Bellingham will be departing for Japan this coming weekend. Members of the sailing team include **Richard Veach, Joe Bartlett, Al and Karen Callery, Mike Poulos and Terry Tavelli**. The ambassadors accompanying us are **Bob and Carol Snowball, Dawn Durand, Denise and Marcus Poulos, Jane Sylvester, Carol Veach and Betsey Bierer** from the City of Bellingham. We are all looking forward to representing the City of Bellingham and the Bellingham Yacht Club. The timing of PACRIM was during our annual Opening Day festivities this year, so the team members will not be here to participate in Opening Day. As acting Commodore in my absence, **Terry Robertson** will be filling in during the ceremonies for me; thanks, Terry!

This is a reminder for you to deck out the boat and plan to attend the Opening Day ceremonies on May 3, 2008. This year's theme is "Mardi Gras Madness in May" which promises to be fun for all. If the weather will cooperate, we are planning to have the ceremonies outside this year. If inadvertently somehow you have not received an invitation and you're a Member, please come anyway!

*Terry Tavelli, BYC 2007-2008 Commodore*

## **FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Never mind looking out the window for signs of Spring - look at all that's happening down at the Club instead! The racing fleet is in full swing with both Tuesday and Wednesday night racing. And a big thanks to everyone that came out the Wednesday of Dale Jepsen's memorial service. It was a very touching ceremony and **Commodore Tavelli** and **Father Kevin** did a terrific job. It was great to sit on the committee boat and watch the racers sail thru all those flowers as they hit the start line. Dale would have been proud!

For all of you dinghy sailors, the Junior Ski to Sea Regatta is 10 and 11 May - don't be fooled by the name, adults are welcome to join in the fun as well. Contact **Trustee Steve Kersey** if you have any questions.

From the cruising desk, don't forget about the Ganges Cruise coming up over Memorial Day weekend - sign up sheets are posted at the Club.

The annual rite of passage to boating season is also just around the corner...known to many of us as Opening Day. The Bellingham Yacht Club continues its 83-year tradition of Opening Day Ceremonies on 3 May, starting off with a member and guests-only reception at 11am. We are lucky once again to have the Bellingham High School Alumni Band (45 members strong!) to entertain everyone; and our very own member, **Jenny Roberts**, to sing the anthems for us. We are hoping that spring will shine on us and we can hold the ceremonies outdoors so the public can see what we're all about and help us in celebrating the official start of the 2008 Boating Season. I hope you have it in your plans to join us!

See you on the water!

*Michele Hurst, Fleet Captain, [fleetcaptain@byc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@byc.org)*

## **RACING CREW SCHOOL**

A series of classes are now being planned by Bill Apt to start in the first week of May. The classes will be directed toward any newer crew or crew hopefuls and will be geared to provide a basic knowledge of the terminology associated with the hardware, sail handling, and boat maneuvers aboard a racing sail

boat. At times a new comer to racing must think that sailors speak a foreign language. We do, and in the beginning much of the rough edges of crew work during a race is caused by a terminology gap.

An attempt will be made to find boats for all attendees that do not currently have a crew spot. Any interested person will be welcome to come and have some fun and learn why "fall off" does not mean "fall in the water". There are be no prerequisites and no fee and the classes will be open to all. Just bring a desire to learn. For times and place please contact Bill directly at [billapt@yahoo.com](mailto:billapt@yahoo.com) or 360 961-0242

## LINES FROM THE LOUNGE...

It seems that there is always confusion as to when the club bar and lounge are open. We are always open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5pm to 9ish. During the racing season, which is now until Labor Day, we are open Wednesday 5pm until closing or when the bartenders get tired; we also barbeque burgers on Wednesday night!

Thanks to the efforts of Craig Henderson we are changing and adding taps for draught beer. I am open to suggestions as to what we will have on tap. The same goes for wine. If you have a favorite tell me about it. If it is popular enough we could carry it.

The bar will be open on Opening Day as always, from after the parade until late. If you come up from your boat and have food left over, bring it along for the food table. As has been the case for the last few years, the lounge is open for members and guests only.

See you at the club!

*Dick Johnson, Bar and Lounge Chairman*

## AHOY, FELLOW YACHT CLUB MEMBERS!



My husband **Bruce** and I are new members (as of November) of the Club. We spent the winter in San Francisco Bay, waiting for winter to pass. Our plans were to head back to the NW as soon as we got a weather window. Well, we finally got a small window and began our voyage north almost a week ago. **Meredith Ross** encouraged me to contribute to the Jib Sheet, and so I am sending you a bit of information.

We are returning to the NW after spending the winter of 2006 and spring of 2007 in Mexico. We enjoyed Mexico greatly, but pined for the countless, beautiful, and serene anchorages and harbors of the NW.

You might enjoy following us, as we move up the coast, by reading our Blog. The current voyage

starts with Northbound - Again on the blog site. In addition to the ongoing voyage postings, you can read about our first trip up the west coast, from San Francisco Bay to the NW, that took place in 2005. Click [www.mvdesertventure.com](http://www.mvdesertventure.com) to go to our blog.

If you find it of use, please enjoy. If you would be interested in getting notified of updates, or have personal inquiries about our cruising, please send me an email at [angk@nethere.com](mailto:angk@nethere.com). I am working to set up the blog so that you can request notification of updates, but I haven't gotten that far, as yet.

We are watching all the emails that Steve sends out and are getting acquainted with BYC vicariously through Steve's emails and the Jib Sheet. We hope to join you, one day soon, at a Fridays@5 event.

Meanwhile, we know you are all excited for the opening of the 2008 boating season.

Warmest Aloha,

*Angie Butterfield, M/V Desert Venture*

## **PC STEVE MOORE NEEDS YOUR HELP AT FRIDAYS AT FIVE**

Steve needs help getting the Friday at 5 host scheduling in place. As a F@5 host, one, two, or more Members provide a theme and key dishes for a Friday at Five. Some folks do it simply, with modest offerings, others do more elaborate serving, but everyone always appreciates what is served and the hosts can have some fun reciprocating for all the nice times Fridays at Five bring us and our guests.

Past Commodore Steve urges you to pick a first or third (or fifth, when there is one) Friday and volunteer to be a host. Call him at 201-8999 or email [steve@mooreandcompany.com](mailto:steve@mooreandcompany.com) for more details and ideas...and take your turn providing the fun. THANKS!

## **HAVE A HEART FOR THE HEART OF SAILING...**

Sarah Tario is coordinating a sailing event for children with special needs and their families which the Bellingham Yacht Club will be hosting. The Heart of Sailing Foundation is an established and successful international program, and their Sail-A-Thon event is on Sunday June 29th from 10am - 4pm. The day starts with a short meeting and class instruction where we will assign families to boats, both motor and sail. Participants will then head out on the water for a few hours. After the boating, they will again meet at the Bellingham Yacht Club to enjoy a picnic-type lunch (hosted by our local Dead Pirate's Society), have an awards ceremony and then the Irish music band, *Maggies Fury*, will entertain from about 3-4pm.

Right now, Sarah is looking for help to organize this event, plus more boats and more families. Please email or call her for more information or to help in any way. *Sarah Tario*, 739-0090 or [skeatingd@comcast.net](mailto:skeatingd@comcast.net) or [www.heartofsailing.org](http://www.heartofsailing.org).

## **27-30' SUBLEASE SLIP NEEDED**

Hello, BYC-ers. We have just purchased a San Juan 24 sailboat and have placed ourselves on the waiting list for a 27' slip in Squalicum Harbour. The estimated waiting time is 12 to 18 months and we would like to find a slip to sublease until then. If you know of any slip that might be available, even for a few months, please contact us. Thanks!

*Arne & Anna Ahlen 360 393-4454/360 201-9895 (Arne's cell)/360 201-9887 (Anna's cell)*



## POET'S COVE CRUISE, SEPTEMBER 19-21

While it seems far, far away, our Poet's Cove Cruise is set up with Poet's Cove and again, by popular demand, it is the same weekend as the Saturna Island Wine Festival. One of the great things about this cruise is that the hotel is a great place to stay if you do not have a boat. But if you want to stay in the Lodge this year, you should make reservations now because there are only a few rooms left! Either call 1-888-512-7638 or email [reservations@poetscove.com](mailto:reservations@poetscove.com)

For boaters, the marina has set aside 12 slips but you need to call them directly to make a reservation. Tell them you are coming with the BYC. You may call toll free at 1-866-888 2683 or email [marina@poetscove.com](mailto:marina@poetscove.com).

*John Gargett*

## THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

<b>MAY Business, Social &amp; Cruising</b>			
5/2, 5/16	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
5/3	Saturday	OPENING DAY!!!	Michele Hurst 671-5797
5/15	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
5/16-5/18	Fri-Sun	Port Hudson Cruise	Jim Langei 671-3423
<b>MAY Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
5/7, 5/14, 5/21	Weds	Spring Series #2, 3, 4	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
5/13, 5/20, 5/27	Tues	Pitchpole Races	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
5/10-5/11	Sat-Sun	Ski to Sea Regatta	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
5/28	Weds	Summer Series #1	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
<i>Non-BYC races not shown: See the Yearbook/Roster Section 1B-10</i>			

<b>JUNE Business, Social &amp; Cruising</b>			
6/2, 6/16, 6/30	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
6/9	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
6/20-6/22	Fri-Sun	Cruise to N. Pender Isl.	Bill Thomas 758-7409
Cruising	Various	SEE BYC.ORG CALENDAR	
<b>JUNE Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
6/3, 10, 17, 24	Tues	Wave Rider Races	
6/4, 11, 18, 25	Weds	Summer Series 1-4	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
6/6 - 6/8	Fri-Sun	Etchells Regatta	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
6/10	Sat	Around Lummi Race	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
6/21-6/22	Sat-Sun	Point Roberts O'night Race	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
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## 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](mailto:saltychuck@aol.com)). Thank you!

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