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IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

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- PACRIM needs personnel
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PITCH REGATTA TIME IS HERE...

Our big annual PITCH REGATTA is here this weekend. If you're involved, you know about it; if you're not, call Terry Tavelli (392-6769) or Michele Hurst (671-5797). They will find a way to make your help really worth your time and significant for the Club.

ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER!

Probably the most important part BYC Members play in the future of the Club is nomination and selection of the Club's leaders, and once again the annual nominations and elections process is underway, with nominations to be presented by the Nominating Committee and from the floor at the *Annual Nominations Meeting* on Wednesday, September 5 at 1800 (6:00 PM).

Following that meeting, and pursuant to the Club By-Laws, Article X (found in your *Roster/Yearbook* "Bylaws" section), a sample ballot with the list of nominees will be mailed to all Active and Life Members (including Past Commodores) by the 9th of September. If unable to vote in person on the September 19 election day, voters may vote by mail as described therein.

The *Election* itself will take place at the Club on Wednesday, September 19 with the polls open as always from 1800 (6:00 PM) to 1900 (7 PM) on that day; mail-in ballots must be received at the Club office by September 18 to be counted by the tellers on the 20th.

COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Greetings!

Alas, the sun sets way too early, as September is now upon us, and the Mercedes Benz PITCH Regatta signals the end of our summer season. I sure hope your summer season was as much fun as mine. When you think of it though, we have done a lot this summer; the renewed Sucia Island Cruise/Race, cruising, WOW, the Moore Invitational, Garrison Bay Raft up, Crab fest with a visit from the Coast Guard, the Commodore's Picnic complete with 2 inches of rain. And always interspersed with our wonderful Friday's @ Five.

Very Important:

Soon you will be receiving the nominations announcements. Your nominating committee will present for your approvals a new slate of trustees to run for the two-year posts to represent you and conduct club business. The announcement will be mailed to you along with the invoices for next year dues. Also, you will see the annual volunteer preference sheet. Please send this sheet in with your dues, don't be shy, the best way to enjoy your club is to become involved. Be aware though, by getting involved, you could become commodore...

This is my last "Commodore's Column". Yes, I have enjoyed the time tremendously. My additional hope is that YOU enjoyed the time. The club is actually doing very well. Your board has been fiscally responsible, creating all this fun, leaving money in the bank. I wish to thank all the board members for their efforts and their commitment to the club. Everyone participated and each made a difference on board decisions. Thanks, too, to the Terrys: Terry Tavelli as Vice Commodore, being there always and being there organized; and Terry Robertson, lending us his smooth management skills. A special thanks, too, to Ken Malseed as Fleet Captain, historically the "do anything and everything" position. Ray Poorman has done a wonderful job breathing new life into our Junior Program. The Junior Program is one of those things we do as a club that shows in the community, so please support this program; Ray can always use volunteers willing to help make the work successful.

My first Commodore's Column championed our volunteerism, the many hands needed to accomplish the many necessary tasks. You have responded overwhelmingly. I thank you for a very memorable year as Commodore of the Bellingham Yacht Club, that special place on the Bay from which to base your boating activities.

Smooth sailing,

Alan Callery, Commodore 2006-2007

FROM THE BYC FLEET CAPTAIN...

"Is it that time already?", we keep asking ourselves...

Here it is September and, what happened to the summer. It seems to fly by faster every year, or is it just me? August was certainly the busiest boating time with the overall yacht club activities. We had our annual Crabfest at Chuckanut Bay with around 17 boats participating. There was enough crab to eat and a few extras to take home for some. The weather was great and the camaraderie was shared from one end of the raft to the other, and our Commodore Al made a visit to them all.

The Sailing Fleet just ended their series on August 22nd. Dave Steffan did a wonderful job of keeping it all together and then some. Mike Paulos kept the excitement going for the Tuesday night Laser series (could have used a little more wind excitement).

We had our Commodores Picnic over at Inati Bay with a great showing of 26 boats in spite of the weather. The Pirates did a wonderful job of preparing the site and burying the bounty for both kids and adults. Thanks ever so much to Chef Kehoe for again going all out for the preparing of our food. [Ed. Note: Ken prepared this paragraph *before* the event, and called me with the number of boats there; then he was cut off. Please excuse any predicted, but not actual, facts!]

This Labor Day weekend is our 34th annual PITCH regatta. The next big race that we are hosting is the Bellingham Bay One Design (BBOD) on September 22 & 23rd. Please give some of your time to help make this one continue to be a success.

We also have our Poet Cove's Cruise on September 14-16th. Please contact John Gargett to get included on this one. It is a beautiful location and always a winning event, and should be a great time for all.

I hope you had a wonderful summer boating season and can take advantage of the Indian Summer weather coming up. So you see, it isn't quite that time already!

See you at the Club,

Ken Malseed, 2006-7 Fleet Captain

2007/2008 Member's Dues

BYC members will be receiving invoices for their 2007/2008 membership dues in early September. The accounts office would preferably like to receive payment via US mail. This gives us a good "paper trail" of your payment. If, however, you pay your dues at the bar it is essential that (a) you ensure that your name is on the sales (and credit card) receipts, and (b) that you hand the dues invoice, or a copy of it, to the bartender at the time of payment. If this is done there should be no problem in tracking payments.

[A note to members who joined our Club after October 1 last year: All our billing is regularly done for the October-September "Club Year". This means that you Members who have been us less than 12 months on October 1 will get a pro-rata bill, less than a full year's dues, that extends your membership to September 30, 2008. Do not be surprised! This is just the way that we get everybody back onto an October-September schedule.]

All dues are due to be paid by October 1. Those who do not pay by that date will be subsequently invoiced via email.

Please pay early, and save our all-volunteer staff extra work. Thank you!

Dick Grimshaw - Assistant Treasurer.

BLUE GAVEL/PAST COMMODORES TO MEET...

Tuesday, September 25 is the date of the next Past Commodore's quarterly dinner at the Club. As usual, refreshments will be at 5:30, with dinner served at 6:15, according to the group's ever-faithful president, Past Commodore Bud Peterson. We'll look forward to seeing you there, PC's!

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

FRIDAY'S AT FIVE AT THE BYC...

Have fun with other BYC 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 Quatro de Mayo? And the Food themes! Fantastic! Be creative. Contact **Steve Moore** 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*

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 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 or 360-720-4155.

2007 CRUISING SCHEDULE...

In addition to any items in the calendars,

- November 10-11, "Round the County" Race and hosting by Power Boaters
- December 8 Lighted Boat Parade

AN EDITORIAL...

With the new Club year beginning, it's time for all of us to think about our opportunities for fun at the Club, and sharing them with others.

First: Put on your calendars *November 3, 2007* and plan to attend the Commodore's Ball... cocktails begin at 6PM. With a bachelor Commodore taking over (Terry Tavelli) we have no idea what to expect: Girls coming out of a cake? Actually, probably not, Terry's a refined guy...but a lot of fun, too. I'm hoping to see you there. This is a great event with good food every time!

Second: Plan now for the Tom and Jerry Party on *November 21* (the day before Thanksgiving) and the Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Celebration on Saturday, *December 8*. These events have been going on at our Club for generations, and they're fun for adults (in November) and the whole family (in December).

Third: This is a good time to think about sharing our Club with someone who's *not* a Member! Certainly if you think about it for a moment, you'll come up with a name --- or names -- - of folks who want to be around boats and the water but aren't in our Club. Invite them in: Don't be stingy, share this wonderful place! They will thank you for thinking of them. And, of course, "there is strength in numbers".

--- Joe Coons

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...

Tell Your Senators and Congressmen to Pass H.R. 2550, the Recreational Boating Act of 2007! This bill to Safeguard Boating from Commercial Ballast Water Permitting Requirements Continues to Gain Supporters in Congress....

As Congress prepares to leave Washington during their August recess to be with constituents in their home states and districts, NMMA (National Marine Manufacturers Association) is urging the nation's 73 million boaters to let their elected officials know how important it is to pass legislation to stop costly and burdensome ballast water permits from applying to recreational boats.

Congress needs to pass this important legislation before a court ordered September 2008 deadline to permit boats in the same manner as commercial ships that stems from a September 2006 court ruling that struck down an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) permitting exemption in place for recreational boats since Congress passed the Clean Water Act in the early 1970s. In the lawsuit, environmental groups successfully argued commercial ship ballast water discharges were evading pollution regulation under the broad exemption, and asked the courts to throw out the exemption to stop harmful

aquatic invasive species from being introduced into U.S. waters through those ships' ballast water. Unfortunately, the court's actions also nullified the permitting exemptions for recreational boaters.

Legislation has been introduced in Congress, H.R. 2550, the Recreational Boating Act of 2007, that would enshrine the 34-year old permitting exemption into law for the nation's estimated 18 million recreational boats. The bill, which would continue the permitting exemption for recreational boat engine cooling water, bilge water, gray water, and even common deck runoff resulting from rain, is gaining supporters in Congress. The water-based items are already well regulated by existing laws and stringent U.S. Coast Guard regulations. NMMA is calling upon Congress to take up this important legislation as it addresses the continuing problem of foreign aquatic invasive species introduction through commercial ballast water.

For more information on this issue and how it will impact recreational boating, or to contact your elected representatives to tell them to pass H.R. 2550, please visit www.BoatBlue.org.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER Business, Social & Cruising			
9/1 - 2	Sat-Sun	PITCH Regatta	Michele/Terry. See story above.
9/5	Weds	Nominating Meeting	Al Callery
9/7, 9/21	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
9/19	Weds	Election Day	Vote at the Club
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
SEPTEMBER Sailing Races & Events			
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

OCTOBER Business, Social & Cruising			
10/3	Weds	Installation of Officers	Joe Coons, 739-1528
10/5, 10/19	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
10/5 - 10/7	Fri-Sun	Fisherman Bay Cruise	Ken Malseed, 733-1411
10/18	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Al Callery 676-0784
OCTOBER Sailing Races & Events			
10/6	Sat	Marmetta Cup	Dave Steffan 671-4002
10/20	Sat	Jack Island Race	Dave Steffan 671-4002

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Past Commodore *Ray Poorman*; Secretary *Meredith Ross*. Trustees, 1st Year: *Michele Bodke, Geoff Chamness,*
Phil Dyer & Carol Veach. Trustees, 2nd Year: *Dick Grimshaw, Michele Hurst, Bob Kehoe, & Bob Snowball*.

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