



The Jib Sheet

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

It's that time of the year again... time to get the boat ready for the upcoming season. It will be here before you know it and with the weather we've been having, sooner than you think.

We had another great Sunday Brunch—good food, great view, and wonderful company. I'm sure we will be having more of these great events in the future. Special thanks to **Jane** and **Missy**, our Programs Committee, for putting it all together. Let them know how much you enjoy these events and that you would like to see more.

The remodel is in high gear and really coming together. The drywall is in and now the finishing work starts. We have been considering installing "**BIG DOORS**" going out onto the deck. I'm glad to inform you that those *WILL* be going in--how great is that? This means almost the entire wall will be able to open out onto the deck. Everyone's help on this particular project kept our cost down and made this possible.

Opening Day is only two months away. It's time to start thinking about decorating your boat. The theme this year is "Bygone days of Moonshiners, Rumrunners, and Teetotalers." So, start planning and let's have a great opening day!

On a side note... our new "Shop Project" is now underway and you will soon be seeing things happening there as well. Nothing like having two projects going at the same time—it will keep things interesting!!

MEMBER RECOGNITION:

This month I would like to recognize someone most of you all know. When you mention, 'good food', you automatically think of **Bob Kehoe**. Bob does a lot of cooking for club events which I know everyone enjoys. Bob has also been working diligently on the remodel project. He has been instrumental in helping the electrician run wire and whatever else needed to be done. Bob has also helped with the insulation. And, it turns out; he's a pretty good "go-fer"! I'm sure **Judy** would like to know how she can get Bob to do that much work at home! Next time you see Bob—tell him thank you for all his hard work.

Pete Foti,
Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Gosh I cannot believe we have had such wonderful weather and it is the beginning of March already! I sure hope we can continue this wonderful weather and those Pink trees will see us through a great spring to Boating season.

BUS TO THE SEATTLE BOAT SHOW:

I would like to personally thank all those that helped make the Bus to the Boat Show on January 30, 2010 a success. This year we did not have an over sold bus, however that did not discount the fun we had for this event. Special thanks to **Marsha** and **Bob Riek**, **Lisa** and **Rob McArdle**, **Joe Carpenter**, **Terry Tavelli** and **Dick Johnson** for their participation in helping make this event a special one. I would also like to thank **Rebecca Hall** for her participation in this event! Food and drink as always was special and the trip down and back went very well. Everyone had a wonderful time.

RECIPROCAL MOORAGE:

Our website has been updated with all of our Reciprocal Moorage agreements, and we hope to update those on a continuing basis. Special thanks to **Gordon** and **Susie Hilaski** for updating the information and getting it all organized. I would also like to thank Terry Tavelli for getting the information on the website. Thank you so much for what you do for our club Terry T, you rock!

May 1, 2010; OPENING DAY OF BOATING:

The theme of this years Opening Day of Boating is "**Moonshiners, "Rumrunners, and Teetotalers"** Prohibition here we come! We are working on the details and hope to have a wonderful event planned for May 1, 2010. This event will be here before we know it! If you would like to help, please contact me by cell 360-223-2119 or email jody.erickson77@yahoo.com everyone is welcome to help!

SPECIAL THANKS!

I would like to thank all those that contributed to this months Jib Sheet. Here is to a very prosperous 2010, and all of the boating activities we can handle! Get out there on the water and enjoy what our club has to offer.

YOUTH FLEET:

Steve Kersey, this year's Youth Fleet Captain, and **Geri Rae Kersey** have been working hard on our youth programs and it shows. Without your efforts and support these programs would not be thriving. Thank you so much for what you do for our Youth Programs!

Fair Winds ~ Calm Seas in 2010

Jody Erickson,
Fleet Captain

YOUTH FLEET REPORT

Planning for the 2010 summer sailing instruction season is underway. **Katie Stackpole** and **Calla Ward** will both return to teach for the BYC this summer. This year makes 2010 their third year working as instructors for the club. The summer sailing schedule will be released by early March, and enrollments will begin soon thereafter. Demand for classes has been strong in recent years, so don't delay enrolling your kids or grandkids in the BYC's sailing classes once class registration is open.

Community High School Team: Thanks to the efforts of **Lily Grimshaw**, and many other dedicated volunteers, Whatcom County's community high school sailing team has officially started. The team is open to all 8th through 12th grade students living in Whatcom County and will be officially sponsored by the BYC. *We have almost thirty students that have already joined the team! Due to our club's sponsorship every one of these students will become BYC youth members!*

The high school team will practice at WWU's Lakewood facility on Lake Whatcom, and use the Western sailing team's FJ class sailboats. BYC board member and Sehome high school vice principal **John Van Haalen** has volunteered to act as the club's high school team liaison. The team will be coached by volunteers **Mallory Abston**, **Scott Wilson**, and BYC instructor Katie Stackpole. The team's first practice session is set for March 3rd at 3:30 pm at Lakewood. Visit www.nwisa.org/bellingham for more information on the Whatcom Community high school sailing team, or call Scott Wilson at 360-733-6100. GO TEAM!

Family Movie Night at The BYC: February 26th 6:30 - 9:00pm. All BYC members are invited to join the fun and watch the movie "Morning Light", an amazing true-life documentary about fifteen young sailors training to become crewmembers in the Transpac (California to Hawaii) Yacht Race. This Walt Disney production is rated PG. The movie will be shown in the BYC's downstairs Ward Room. Please bring food to share. Please Thank **Amy Allsop** (mother of BYC youth sailor Riley Allsop), and BYC member Gerri Rea Kersey for organizing this event.

You're Invited to Cruise Aboard the Schooner Zodiac: The BYC youth sailing program is sponsoring a cruise on Bellingham Bay aboard the 160 ft classic schooner "Zodiac." This mother's-day-weekend event takes place Saturday, May 8th, 2010 from 11:30am. - 3:30pm. Tickets are only \$ 75.00 per person, and include a luncheon aboard the vessel. Only 48 tickets are available for the cruise, so don't delay in purchasing your passage aboard the majestic and historic Zodiac. Proceeds from the cruise benefit the BYC's youth sailing program. Our goal is to raise enough funds to purchase a much-needed Laser sailboat for the youth program. Thanks to new BYC members **Patty and Ian Relay** (parents of BYC youth sailor **Stuart Relay**), and Gerri Rea Kersey for organizing this event, and making Ian's culinary skills available during the cruise. For more information on the cruise, or to purchase tickets, please contact Patty Relay at 360-392-4907 (h), 360-201- 4126, or e-mail her at p.relay@comcast.net, or call Gerri Rea Kersey at 3660-671-7275.

And the winner is ... A "mini America's Cup" model sailboat regatta between the BYC and Bellingham's Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) was held Super Bowl Sunday near the BYC's docks. A fairly large number of spectators watched the boats compete in very light wind. The BYC won the regatta. Thanks to **Will Lesch** for organizing the event, and providing two excellent model boats for the races.

Steven Kersey,
Gerri Rea Kersey,
BYC Board Member

CRUISE FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

John Gargett, this years Cruise Fleet Captain, recently held a meeting with the Cruise Fleet Committee. They are working on the details and will have an active Cruise schedule forth coming. Thank you John for all you do!

SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Don Mierzeski, this years Sail Fleet Captain, recently held his second successful meeting regarding the 2010 race season. He is bringing together the sail fleets in hopes of building a strong, well organized program. Don, you are doing a great job getting this organized, we certainly appreciate it!

With the start of the racing season less than two months away, it's been a pretty busy month. We had our second, pre-season Sail Fleet Meeting on Feb 11th. After a last minute venue change, we were able (thanks in large part to **Jody Foti**) to get a conference room at the Bella Marina restaurant that was able to accommodate a packed house attendance.

The meeting was a bit rocky (hey I'm new and not reading from a tele-prompter) - but I think it was worth it. While several issues that I had hoped to get resolved were left open,

it does appear that for the first time in as long as I can remember the sailboat racers will be involved equally in helping to support the Race Committee work that is so often completely unrewarded and under appreciated. My goal is that by having a different boat-crew assist with each race we will all come to appreciate the great job the Race Committee Performs.

Other points brought up in the meeting resulted in "lively" discussion. Afterwards, it was recommended that we need to find a better balance between being passionate AND preserving that which makes our sport so great to so many people which is the notion of Corinthian Spirit.

A new course board will be ready for the next meeting and it is my intent to get at least a draft of the enhanced Race Packet out to attendees for input and/or approval. I'm planning on continuing the meetings through-out the year to help improve communication and give racers a forum for discussion. The next meeting will be right before the start of the season and will be the best turn-out yet!

Please send me your comments: dmierzeski@gmail.com

Don Mierzeski,
BYC Sail Fleet Captain

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We are in need of someone to take over the quarterly scheduling of bartenders and Captain of the Watch assignments. Good organizational skills are important. If you're interested please contact Vice Commodore Michele Hurst (michelehurst@hotmail.com). Thank you for helping out your Club!

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE BYC WEBSITE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES:

[BYC Website Homepage](#)

[Local Notice to Mariners, District 13](#)

[Lat/Long distance calculator](#)

THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

(Non-BYC races not shown)

March Events:			
3/5	Friday	F@5	BYC -- downstairs
3/18	Thursday	Board Meeting	
3/19	Friday	F@5	BYC -- downstairs
April Events:			
4/2	Friday	F@5	BYC -- downstairs
4/3-4	Sat/Sun	Southern Straights	
4/7	Wednesday	Numb Bum	Bellingham Bay
4/10	Saturday	Tulip Cup	
4/14	Wednesday	Numb Bum	Bellingham Bay
4/15	Thursday	Board Meeting	BYC
4/16	Friday	F@5	BYC - downstairs
4/17-18	Sat/Sun	Past Commodore's Cruise	Blakely
4/21	Wednesday	Numb Bum	Bellingham Bay
4/24	Saturday	Semiahmoo International	
4/28	Wednesday	Numb Bum	Bellingham Bay

2009-2010 BYC Officers and Board

Commodore *Pete Foti*; Vice Commodore *Michelle Hurst*; Rear Commodore *Troy Curran*; Fleet Captain; *Jody Erickson*;

Immediate Past Commodore *Terry Robertson*; Secretary *Jody Erickson*. Trustees, **1st Year Trustees:** John Van Haalen, Jonathan Knowles, Gerri Rae Kersey, Dick Grimshaw; **2nd Year Trustees:** *John Gargett, Jane*

Sylvester, Missy Steffen, Mike Allsop

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