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OTHER NEWS:

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- Editorial, and *much more...*

TOM & JERRY TIME

Past Commodore **Bud Peterson** reminds us that the annual BYC Tom & Jerry Party will be coming on **Wednesday, November 21**, with service beginning at 5 PM. This annual event which has continued for decades is a great way to kick off the holiday season. There is no charge for the event, limited to **BYC Members Only**. The "Recipe" for the delicious libations will be Bud's as in the past, with his son, Jim, helping to serve. See you there!

---Joe Coons

-----IMPORTANT NOTICE-----

BY-LAW CHANGES TO BE VOTED UPON AT TOM & JERRY PARTY!

A set of procedural changes are proposed by the Board for approval by the Membership of the Club at the annual Tom & Jerry Party on Wednesday, November 21, the day before Thanksgiving, at 6:00PM. These changes (shown in full near the end of this *Jib Sheet* issue) are proposed to solve the problem that occurs if an officer of the Club resigns from his office, but not the Club. The changes then treat the resignation *immediately* as an office "vacancy", and the officers move up according to the succession that has been historically provided for, resulting in an opening only in the lowest chairs, not a higher office.

These proposed changes were prompted by the situations that occurred several times during the recent years when an officer in a higher chair resigned during the election cycle between nomination and election: under the existing Bylaws, instead of officers moving up, the higher-office vacancy was filled, placing less-experienced officers in the rotation. The changes solve this problem.

The Board also proposes deleting the "Surviving" class of membership, as no one has ever used this category and the title is demeaning to some. In addition, a few routine minor clerical changes are to be implemented that correct paragraph numbering or contextual errors.

(This article was written by Joe Coons, and is intended to be a summary of the changes, but is not binding. The significant proposed changes in the Bylaws are shown in full below.)

COMMODORE'S BALL

By now you should all have received your invitation to the Commodore's Ball. The theme this year is "The Sea Down Under". Planning committee members **Geri Kersey, Jane Sylvester, Nancy Rogers, Sally Poorman** and **Susan Anderson** are having a lot of fun planning and organizing the event and making decorations. **Kathy Pace** has planned a delicious dinner menu and **Rich and Carol Veach** and **Al and Karen Callery** have selected the accompanying wines for your enjoyment. The ball, set for **Saturday Evening, November 3rd**, will begin with the traditional receiving line and cocktail hour at 6:00 pm, hors d'oeuvres ant 6:30, and dinner at 7:00. This year **Jenny Roberts** is back along with the **BHS Alumni Swing Band** to provide us with fantastic swing music for dancing beginning at 8:15. As usual, the event will be held at the Clubhouse, in the Emerald Bay Events/BYC dining room.

If you haven't received an invitation, call **Commodore Terry Tavelli** at 305-2452.

You will definitely want to attend this year's Commodore's Ball, so put it on your calendar. Make your reservations early as space is limited!

ROUND THE COUNTY RACE...

This year, many BYC racing sailors and members of the cruising fleet will be participating in the Round the County regatta, November, 10th and 11th. Many of you may be asking yourself, "What is the Round the County Race?" Well, to find out, read on. The Round the County race is

a two-day regatta sponsored by the Orcas Island Yacht Club encompassing a circumnavigation of San Juan County, traveling outside the group of islands. The race begins at Lydia Shoal and alternates direction with every other year finding the boats departing south, traveling clockwise around the islands and the opposite years departing north for a counter-clockwise circumnavigation. Regardless of the direction, the first day of racing ends at Roach Harbor with a chance for all the participants to warm up and enjoy a hot meal and shower. The following day, the race continues out of Roach Harbor, ending at the starting point east of Obstruction Pass. The race is challenging, not only because of the distance, but because of the variable conditions found in November. Last year, we were blessed (or cursed) with abundant winds where we saw conditions of 30-40 knots with gusts in excess of 40 knots by the end of the second day.

For Bellingham Yacht Club participants, the race begins with a Friday night party at Blakely Island Marina, followed by two days of racing. This regatta has served to foster lasting friendships and camaraderie between the racing and cruising fleets at Bellingham Yacht Club as larger cruising power and sailboats have extended their hospitality to provide a warm, dry "mother ship" where the racing crews can look forward to a much appreciated hot meal and a dry bunk.

The Orcas Island Yacht Club limits the number of entries and this year there is a waiting list of over 10 boats so if you want to race, you'll have find a crew spot on one of the participating boats.

--- Terry Tavelli

SINK THE DINGHY PROGRAM

The "Sink the Dinghy" program was initiated by Past Commodore **John Gargett** several years ago to provide a means for the members of the Bellingham Yacht Club to open their hearts and pocketbooks to help those who are less fortunate. The Sink the Dinghy program has become one of the focal points of our holiday season at the Bellingham Yacht Club. From November and part of December, we collect donations and distribute them to the selected charity.

This year, John has again graciously volunteered to head up the program and is in the process of selecting a beneficiary for the proceeds of this year's Sink the Dinghy program. Once again, *we will be asking you to help give back to the community by donating to a worthy cause* and hope to surpass the generosity of last year.

--- Terry Tavelli

FALL CLUB SCRUB

On behalf of **Wayne Kelsoe** and the Building and House committee, I want to thank all of the following volunteers who showed up on Saturday (and the week before) to help with the Fall Club Scrub: **Al Callery, Andy Brown, Brennan Ashton, Cassie Rea and friend Matia, Dick Johnson, Geri Rea Kersey, Hal Rogers, Jamie Ashton, Jerry Roloson, Jerry Writer, Jin Langei, Jodi Erickson, Joe Warren-La Casella, John DeLair, Larry Jones, Les Nelson, Mary Writer, Michele Hurst, Nancy Rogers, Quinn Selsor, Ray Poorman, Roberta Selsor,**

Steve Kersey, Steve Moore, Terry Robertson, Tom Ashton, and Wayne Kelsoe.

We managed to accomplish pretty much everything on the list except for some painting items...needless to say the crew was busy. Some of the projects were major, such as tearing down the dishwasher to find and fix the leak (I wasn't sure they were going to get it put back together in running order, but they did), replacing dry rot on the rails outside near the BBQ and repairing gel coat scratches and dings on the fleet boats. In addition, the Mark Boat and Bullfrog were retrieved and put on trailers for their annual winterization and repairs; the fall gardening, weeding and pruning was done around the front of the Club; the second computer was returned to the bar area; and the front steps and sidewalk were pressure washed (as were the hulls of both boats.) We also cleaned and straightened the entire downstairs, washed windows, washed and straightened the bar area, winterized the race equipment, tied down all the dinghies, replaced light bulbs and more.

Coffee and doughnuts were plentiful and helped provide sugar and caffeine rushes to keep everybody going and when we were finished we all gathered for pizza and beer. But the real kicker was, after it was all done, Wayne sat down and began making a new list of items that were discovered during the day, so watch out! **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!** --- *Terry Tavelli*

PACRIM SAILORS & AMBASSADORS CHOSEN FOR TATEYAMA 2008...

In April of 2008, the Bellingham Yacht Club will be sending nine ambassadors and six racers to Tateyama, Japan, to participate in the PacRim Regatta. Created primarily by the BYC in 1990, this regatta occurs every two years and rotates around the Bellingham Sister Cities in Japan, Russia, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and here in Bellingham.

The BYC Board has endorsed the selection of ambassadors **John and Patty Gargett, Marlene Bolster, Carol Veach, Jane Sylvester, Betsy Bierer, Bob and Carol Snowball, Dawn Duran, and Marty and Gail Haines.**

Selected to race representing the Club are **Terry Tavelli, Richard Veach, Al Callery, Joe Bartlett, Karen Callery, and Mike Poulos.**

Good Luck and Happy Landings to all!

---*Richard Veach*

COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

It's hard to believe that I find myself writing my second Commodore's column already. The month of October has been filled with events and planning for upcoming events. We had a very productive Club Scrub, two fun Friday's at Five parties and a BYC Finance Committee and Board Meeting.

For those of you who missed the Motown Fridays at Five, you missed a fun evening of food and dancing. The Pink Ladies (Jane Sylvester, Geri Kersey, Nancy Rogers and Michele Bodtke) had fun with the decorations, costumes, food and music. I even came out of the deal with an extra tie! Not to be outdone, Sally Poorman, Corie Hansen, Susan Anderson and Shelly Haas put on a delicious feast this past Friday featuring Southwestern cuisine. This was no small feat for Sally since she has limited access to a kitchen because the Poormans are currently remodeling, which at various times has left their kitchen without a roof or walls this fall. Thank

you all for volunteering your time and food to put on two great Friday's at Five events!

Included in this Jib Sheet is the current list of committee volunteers for the 2007-08 year. I am pleased to see so many members stepping up to help out with club functions. We are truly fortunate to have so many folks that are willing to donate their time in order to help the club prosper. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all those on this list for their help in the upcoming year. As you can see, there are still some holes where we do need some help, so if you haven't volunteered and find that you have some time or if I have inadvertently missed you, please contact me or the committee chairperson (in bold) and we will get you involved.

Please check this issue for upcoming events including the Halloween Party, the Commodore's Ball, Round the County Race, the Sailing Awards Banquet, the Tom & Jerry Party and the Lighted Boat Parade and of course all the Friday's at Five parties. It looks to be a busy, fun-filled Fall and I look forward to seeing you at these functions.

It was pointed out to me that in my Comments from the Commodore's column last month, that I inadvertently omitted thanking Al Callery as outgoing Commodore. To be honest, I didn't consider him outgoing because per our bylaws, as Immediate Past Commodore he is still a voting member of the Board of Trustees. Al has done a tremendous job during his four years as a flag officer and I want to be sure to recognize his contribution. Thank you, Al for all you have done for the club and I look forward to your guidance during my tenure as Commodore!

Terry Tavelli, BYC 2007-2008 Commodore

BYC 2007-8 COMMITTEE PREFERENCES (AS OF 10/21/2007)

<u>Assistant Treasurer</u>	<u>Family Activities</u>	<u>Junior/Youth Activities</u>	<u>Opening Day</u>	<u>Public Relations</u>
Dick Grimshaw	Troy Curran	Ray Poorman	Michele Hurst	Geoff Chamness
Pam Heward	<u>Finance</u>	Bill Apt	Arne-Anna Ahlen	Randy Nulle
Randy Nulle	Pete Foti	Gary Baker (Jr.)	<u>Outstation</u>	<u>Reciprocal</u>
<u>Audit</u>	Carol Veach	Ski to Sea Only)	Al Callery	Allan Troupin
Pending	<u>Fridays at Five</u>	Steve Kersey	Ray Poorman	Eddie & Rhonda Hansen
<u>Building & House</u>	Steve Moore	<u>Lighted Boat Parade</u>	Rich Veach	Barrie Austin
Wayne Kelsoe	Mary Writer	Michele Hurst	Tim Mumford	Vance Edwards
Jerry Writer	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Lounge</u>	Troy Curran	Frank Richardson
Craig Henderson	K. Pace Brown	Dick Johnson	<u>Race Committee</u>	<u>Sailing</u>
<u>Committee Boat</u>	Geoff Chamness	Trudy Kelsoe	Bob Snowball	Michele Hurst
Bob Snowball	<u>Jib Sheet & Roster</u>	<u>Mark Boat</u>	Jamie Ashton	Jeff Vernon
Randy Nulle	Joe Coons	Terry Tavelli	Michele Bodtke	Gary Baker
Gary Baker	Loraine Boland	Randy Nulle	Michele Hurst	Lisa Marsaudon
<u>Cruising Committee</u>	Pam Heward	<u>Office</u>	Jane Sylvester	Arne/Anna Ahlen
Alan Troupin	Grace/Dick Slinn	Dick Grimshaw	Jeff Vernon	Randy Nulle
<u>Dock</u>	<u>Landscaping</u>	Anna Ahlen	Eric Yaremko	<u>Ship's Store</u>
Tim Mumford	Carol Veach	<u>Programs/Social</u>	Terry Tavelli	Missy Steffen
Bill Apt	<u>Policy/Planning</u>	Troy Curran	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Website</u>
Arne Ahlen	T. Robertson	Jody Erickson	Michele Bodtke	Sally/Ray Poorman
			Roberta McCord	
			Trudy Kelso	

"It's never too late to join one of these committees, so call the Commodore, (305-2452) to add your name".

LAST YEAR'S REAR-COMMODORE/TREASURER'S REPORT

Terry Robertson, now Vice Commodore, gives us this report for the Club fiscal year ending September 30:

We have completed a financially successful year. Our mortgage was reduced by \$26,000. We still have enough cash in accounts to pay for the sprinkler. The Junior program has been funded. And it looks like we may have a few thousand dollars additional to pay down the mortgage in advance even more. We should have our mortgage below \$100,000 this year, the first time since the 1960's...and the mortgage is the *only* debt we have!

All this is because we, as members, continue to volunteer our time. I would first of all like to thank **Dick Grimshaw** for actually doing most of the accounting work for the club. He has spent many hours this last year processing checks for expenses, compiling financial statements and just overall providing the accounting service for BYC. You might want to buy him a drink and thank him next time you see him.

I also want to recognize **Pam Heward** who directly assisted Dick with his duties. **Bob Snowball** and **Carol Veach** provided you with the internal financial audit this year and did a fabulous job.

Steve Ross and **Ray Poorman** also worked through the hassles of setting up a new software accounting system which has really helped the club capture revenue lost in prior years. And of course, **Dick Johnson** who has again managed the bar which is one of our biggest revenue-getters, deserves our appreciation.

You, the membership, provided the ability for this club to keep its dues low and balance sheet in the black every time you tended bar, participated in Club Scrub, were a race committee participant, processed members, wrote articles, flipped burgers, organized a Friday@Five and any of many, many other tasks. The Rear Commodore is responsible for club finances. This was my charge last year. But the credit for a financially successful year goes to you as members and especially to you members who also volunteered. Thanks for a great year.

--- Terry Robertson, Vice Commodore

FROM THE BYC FLEET CAPTAIN...

This month has been a busy one, but the foundation is being laid for a great year ahead. First off, I'd like to introduce my fleet captains for the year. The old titles were done away with and I think the new ones better express what this club is about...

Please welcome **JEFF VERNON** as our **Racing Fleet Captain**; **ALLAN TROUPIN** as our **Cruising Fleet Captain**; and **RAY POORMAN** as our returning **Junior Fleet Captain**. These folks have stepped up to lead the way, but I encourage everyone to get involved.

Our first task is the **Lighted Boat Parade!** A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 October at 5:30pm in the BYC Lounge. Please join me in sharing your ideas and assistance in the planning of this fun, annual event.

Next on the agenda, as I mentioned in my letter last month, is my desire to hold an **All**

Boater's meeting. Please join me **Wednesday, 14 November at 5:30** in the BYC Lounge. The format will be a brain-storming session on what activities the Racing, Cruising, and Junior fleets want to do in the year ahead. Want to bring back the predicted log races? Want to plan a 2-week cruise to Desolation Sound? If you cannot make the meeting on the 14th, please email me your thoughts and ideas.

And last, but not least, is the **Sailing Fleet Awards** night. Come cheer on your fellow racers and members as they collect their hardware for a year of tough competition out on the Bay. **Saturday, 17 November** is the date to remember. More information will follow as we get closer.

There's much to do to get organized, and I welcome everyone's ideas, comments, and assistance!
---Michele Hurst, 2007-8 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:

- **Les Nelson**, Bellingham Washington, is a local fisherman joining us as an Active Member, and in true volunteer fashion helped out at this month's Club Scrub! He has three children.
- **Justin Leung**, Bellingham, WA, joins us as a Junior Member, having recently relocated to Bellingham with his family from the San Francisco area where he was a junior member of the St. Francis yacht club and active in their racing program.
- **Jim Webb** and his wife **Diane** join us as Non-Resident Members; they have a 45' Power Boat and live in Gig Harbor.
---Michele Bodtke, Membership Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID BY OCTOBER 31, 2007!

Members are reminded that your **dues should be paid by October 31** at the latest in order to receive your new Membership Cards. If you have questions about your dues statement, call Dick Grimshaw at 671-5985 or Michele Bodtke at (360) 720-4155. And to all who've paid, THANK YOU! Also, remember to get your card laminated...just ask the bartender on duty to do it for you.
---Michele Bodtke, Membership Secretary

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY...

BYC will again host a New Year's Eve party on December 31, 2007. Be sure to save the date so you can celebrate with the membership to ring in the New Year. Details: Dick Johnson, 739-6690.

BELLINGHAM BAY ONE DESIGN REPORT

This year's Bellingham Bay One Design was renamed to *the Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One Design Regatta* in honor Dale Jepsen. Dale was a stalwart figure for our racing fleets over

the past few years, assisting the club to attain excellence in race management, not only in our club racing, but also for the major regattas we sponsor, the BBOD and PITCH regattas.

The 2007 Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One Design Regatta was held on September 22nd and 23rd. We generally had decent wind on both days, and were able to run the scheduled eight races on one course and seven on the other. This year, in addition to the usual gang of Lasers, we had a large fleet of 505s, A-Cats and F-18s. New comers we hope to see more of were the Flying Scots, who showed up with a fleet of 4.

This year's event was sponsored by **Samson Rope, West Marine, Marine Service Center, CSS Communications and Americas Cup Coffee**. Because of their sponsorship, we were able to have an excellent party on Friday evening, and to give away a boat-load of prizes on both days. Feedback for the event was universally positive, and we have been assured repeat attendance by even larger fleets next year.

This Year's first annual Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One Design Overall Perpetual Trophy goes to **Skipper Kerry Poe and Crew Fritz Lanzinger**. This duo scored 100%, with seven out of seven first place finishes in the 11 boat 505 fleet.

I would like to personally thank all of the great volunteers who bent over backwards to make the event a success. With the help of a dedicated volunteer core, our club can do great things, and this year's Dale Jepsen BBOD was a perfect example. ---Mike Poulos

IN MEMORY OF BYC MEMBER DALE JEPSON

MAY 28, 1933 - OCTOBER 15, 2007

Dale was born in Bellingham and raised here and in California. He got the fever for sailing at age 8. He never lost this passion for the sport over his entire life. He was even known to trailer his boat to Arizona for some winters, even though there was no water available and it sat in a garage – he just didn't want to be far from his favorite toy. Like some of the rest of us, as he aged he decided that he wasn't as strong or as agile as he had been, so he decided to stop sailing and become a PRO, and manage races. As we all know, he did this job as well as it can be done; very detailed, thorough and competent in all respects. He and Virginia ran races all over south Florida all winter, and in recent years, here in Bellingham all summer. We in BYC have benefited greatly from their presence here.

These skills in race management may have come from his career as a air traffic controller, and pilot as well as his hobby of motorcycle riding, but I think they were inherent in his character. He couldn't really have done any of these things well over a long period without the competence he had.

There will be a remembrance of Dale at the Yacht Club at a future date which is yet to be determined. An Email will be sent out when the arrangements have been made.

Needless to say, we are all greatly in Dale's debt, and we will all miss him very much. Those of us working on the BYC Race Committee will do our best to perform as well as he did. ---Bob Snowball

DID YOU KNOW?

- The bar and lounge are open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 5:00 to 9ish.
- All of our bartenders are volunteers. You can join this elite team.
- Our inventory now includes Black Butte Porter, Riesling wine and Three Olives Vodka.
- You can request that we carry your favorite beer, wine or liquor.

- We now have a pool table in the Commodores' Room for any to use.
- We will soon have a refrigerated line from our cooler so we can have six different beers on tap.
- As a member you can use the lounge or Ward Room at no charge to you if not already reserved.

You can always have a good time at BYC. See you at the club! ---Dick Johnson, Bar Chairman

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!

FRIDAYS 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

TWO LAST BOATING EVENTS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR...

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

And don't forget the Sailing Awards Banquet on November 17 here at the Club.

AN EDITORIAL...

Last month I talked about how lucky we are to have such a great Club.

This month, I'm inspired to write a little about our great *Members and Supporters!*

The inspiration came from the 27 phone calls I make each year around this time to the 27 advertisers whose names you see on the "masthead" at the top of this *Jib Sheet*.

I first sold ads for this newsletter quite a few years ago, and prior to 2001 we had a few, regular, though scattered ads helping us pay for this publication's printing and mailing. In 2001 we got serious about it and offered a regular advertising plan to our supporters. In that year, there were 27 advertisers. **20* of those 27 are still with us**, paying \$100 annually to remind you that they're here to serve, and contributing to the success of our Club. There have been 27 or 28 advertisers every year. That adds up to 27 advertisers x 8 years x \$100 that businesses have contributed, or \$21,600! That's an important contribution to our Club's success.

It's like the effort you put into bartending, the Club Scrub, or your Club dues. It adds up fast when we share the load, doing our share. Thank You! --- Joe Coons

* Those 20 are: Bellhaven Sales & Charters, Bellingham Marine Repair, Bellingham Yacht Sales, Landings at Colony Wharf, Dawn Durand Realtor, Hardware Sales, LFS Supply, Matt Harris & Mike McGlenn Surveyors, NW Explorations, Performance Yachts, Rasmussen Marine Electric, San Juan Electronics, San Juan Sailing/Yachting, Special-T Sign, Squaticum Marine, Top to Bottom Marine Service, Tri County Diesel Marine, West Coast Marine Services, Yacht Tec Marine Service.

TEXT OF BYLAW CHANGES...

Please see the article above regarding these proposed changes to be voted upon November 21, 2007 at 6:00PM.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. Description of Membership Classes

Paragraph (E) Senior/Surviving:

1. Rename the Class "Senior/Surviving" to "Senior".
2. Remove Subparagraph (1) which reads "A surviving member shall be any person twenty-one (21) years of age or more, who is the surviving spouse of a Bellingham Yacht Club active member, who by written request, applies to transfer to the surviving member category, and has met the requirements of Section (2) above."
3. Renumber Subparagraph (2) to Subparagraph (1).

Article IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Section 2. Nomination Procedure

(A) No change to this paragraph.

(B) *(Insert the following new paragraph (B) and increment the others in Section 2):* The Nominating Committee will present to the voting members one week prior to the Nomination Meeting, one nomination for each elected Officer position to be filled, and at least two nominations for each Trustee position to be filled on the Board.

(C) *(This is formerly paragraph (B) which is replaced by the following):* A membership meeting shall be scheduled for the first Wednesday in September. After the report of the Nominating Committee the Commodore or Chairman in charge shall call for nominations from the floor.

(D) *(This was formerly paragraph (C). Add the following sub paragraph):* 3. No member may be installed into the Office of Fleet Captain until serving at least 1 year as Trustee.

(E) *(This is formerly Paragraph D).* No changes to this paragraph.

Section 3. Election Procedure

(A) Change the word "sample" to "official" ballot in the first paragraph.

(B) No change to this paragraph.

(C) No change to this paragraph.

(D) *(Modify paragraph (D) to read as follows):* Any voting member who wishes to vote by absentee ballot may do so by returning the Official ballot by the close of the election period in a sealed envelope to the Club Secretary. The envelope shall bear the name, address, and signature of the voting member. The Secretary will open such envelope(s) at the Election Meeting, certify the ballots as valid, and provide them to the Tellers Committee for tabulation.

(E) *(Modify paragraph (E) to read as follows):* All ballots cast shall be counted by the Tellers Committee and the results reported to the membership. Write-in candidates shall not be counted. Actual counts will be available the following day, by request to the Club Secretary.

(F) *(this is a new paragraph):* The ballot box will be prepared by the Incumbent Commodore, or any past Commodore, and the Club Secretary.

Article X. DUTIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Section 2. Vice Commodore

Change to paragraph 2:

It is usually expected that the Vice Commodore shall advance to become Club Commodore through the normal Club nomination and election procedure. If the Vice Commodore elects not to progress to the Office of Commodore, first right of refusal for Commodore will be offered to the incumbent Rear Commodore. If the incumbent Rear Commodore does not wish to progress to the Office of Commodore, second right of refusal will be offered to the incumbent Fleet Captain. If neither wish to progress to the Office of Commodore, then the normal Club nomination and election procedures shall be invoked.

Section 3. Rear Commodore

Change to paragraph 2:

It is usually expected that the Rear Commodore shall advance to become Vice Commodore through the normal Club nomination and election procedure. If the Rear Commodore elects not to progress to the Office of Vice Commodore, first right of refusal for Vice Commodore will be offered to the incumbent Fleet Captain. If the incumbent Fleet Captain does not wish to progress to the Office of Vice Commodore, then the normal Club nomination and election procedures shall be invoked.

Section 4. Fleet Captain

Insert prior to paragraph 2:

It is usually expected that the Fleet Captain shall advance to become Rear Commodore through the normal Club nomination and election procedure. If the Fleet Captain elects not to progress to the Office of Rear Commodore, then the normal Club nomination and election procedures shall be invoked.

End of proposed changes.

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...

BOAT BLUE Coalition on Ballast Water Discharge

As you recall, last year a U.S. District Court ruling nullified EPA regulation 40 under the Clean Water Act exempting effluent discharge incidental to the normal operation of vessels. The ruling is the result of a lawsuit to halt the introduction of invasive species from ballast water from commercial ships. Unfortunately the ruling did not differentiate between vessels and includes gray water and bilge water discharge from recreational boats as well.

Under the court order, the EPA must establish new regulations and a permit process to enable the normal discharge from recreational boats by September 2008. The permit process and enforcement would be worked out between the EPA and the states.

To fight this ruling and its results, NBF joined with NMMA in the **BoatBlue Coalition**. The Coalition has informed Congress of the problem and the harm it would do to the marine industry and the boating public. Further, we have cited the need for legislation and H.R. 2550 was introduced in the House and has 37 cosponsors.

These Bills, if passed, will codify the exemption for recreational boats that has existed under the *Clean Water Act* for 34 years. An identical companion bill, S. 2067, has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Mel Martinez of Florida and to date there are six cosponsors. This is a significant problem for both manufacturers and the public. There are 13 million registered boats in the US and 74 million boaters, contributing to a \$37 billion a year industry. For more information and the latest news go to: www.boatblue.org.

Please write your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives to ask them to pass H.R. 2550 in the House and S. 2067 in the Senate to preserve the exemption for recreational boaters from the Clean Water Act NPDES permit rules. NPDES stands for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

DHS Announces West Coast Maritime Radiation Detection Project

The USCG has announced the Department of Homeland Security West Coast Maritime Radiation Detection Project being carried out on Pacific NW waters.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a news release stating that it is commencing a maritime radiation detection project intended to reduce the risk of radiological and nuclear threats that could be illegally transported on **recreational** or small commercial vessels.

The pilot program will be conducted in close coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection. DND O expects to deploy non-intrusive, passive detection sensors, such as human-portable radiation detection equipment, mobile sensors, and fixed-position detectors. The goal of the program is to evaluate the efficacy and begin to facilitate the use of radiation detection equipment by local authorities and maritime partners as part of their routine operations in the maritime environment. The West Coast Maritime pilot program is underway in Puget Sound.

The FCC Needs to Hear From You

MMSI Registrants: Did you know that you have to change your MMSI number if you want to cruise internationally?

Due to a glitch in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensing system, your MMSI issued by BoatUS is seen as "invalid" when you choose later to obtain an FCC radio license. BoatUS is trying to fix this problem. In response to a recent FCC Public Notice, we are writing to ask you to tell the FCC to fix their system so boaters can avoid this unneeded inconvenience and cost. Comments are due by November 13, 2007.

Background:

Even though the MMSI VHF radio numbers issued by BoatUS come from the FCC, the FCC's radio

licensing system does not accept our MMSI numbers (or those issued by any other private entity) back into their database. This problem occurs when a boater who obtained a number from BoatUS, intended for those boating only on U.S. waters and not needing a license, later decides to cruise to foreign ports and applies for an FCC Ship Station License, as currently required. The BoatUS MMSI numbers are rejected by the FCC, forcing the boater to (1) obtain a new MMSI number from the FCC and (2) go to the trouble and expense of getting their DSC radio reprogrammed with the new number. This often requires sending the radio back to the manufacturer or a service agency with fees.

In May, a petition was filed with the FCC to correct this problem by the National GMDSS Implementation Task Force, of which BoatUS is a member.

Current Situation:

The FCC just released a Public Notice on this petition seeking comments from vessel operators on the inconvenience and cost of embedding new MMSI numbers in DSC VHF marine radios. This notice outlines the request, as well as the comment period which ends 11/13/07.

The notice is at: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-07-4212A1.doc

BoatUS Stance:

BoatUS supports streamlining this system, so that boat operators can easily continue to use their MMSI number when they decide to travel internationally, and privately issued numbers are as trouble-free as those issued by the FCC.

What You Can Do:

Please let the FCC know: (1) That you want this problem fixed so that privately issued MMSI numbers are "portable," the same policy granted to cell phone users. If you have had your own experience trying to use your MMSI number when applying for an FCC license, please include details, especially if there were costs involved in re-programming your radio.

As more people retire and decide to go cruising, this problem is very likely to get worse. The time to correct it is now.

The integrity of the U.S. Coast Guard's search and rescue system depends upon boaters properly registering their radios. Any unnecessary problems in doing so will deter people from registering or obtaining a license from the FCC. You can send your comments via email, using the FCC's designated form. Send an e-mail to ecfs@FCC.gov with the words "get form" in the message. A reply e-mail with form and instructions will be sent to you. Remember that comments are due no later than 11/13/07. When you write, refer to the docket number: WT 07-230. All comments will be available for public inspection.

Please share this information with your cruising friends and clubs. We look forward to working together to make boating safer and to streamline compliance with government regulations.

Sincerely, Margaret Podlich - BoatUS Government Affairs & Elaine Dickinson - BoatUS and member of GMDSS Task Force GovtAffairs@BoatUS.com

CAPTAIN'S COURSE SCHEDULED

The United States Maritime Academy has a OUPV/Master's course scheduled for the 2008 academic year. January 7 - February 27, 2008, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, Evenings, 1730-2130, Bellingham Yacht Club. The cost of the course is \$1200 for both licenses and the classroom books and chart. Spring courses have filled in the past, you can hold a spot with a reservation. Call or send me 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

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11/3		Alex Marr marra@asme.org	Michelle Bodtke mb3.nw@comcast.net
11/8	W&K	Claire Beich clb_beich@hotmail.com	
11/9		Bart/Michele Bodtke mb3.nw@comcast.net & Emil Vinberg emilvinberg@mail.com	
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11/16	F@5	Richard/Carol Veach tooweather@comcast.net & Cheryl Myers thecherylann@verizon.net	
11/17		John/Pat Asmundson jhasmund@yahoo.com	Geoff Chamness geoff@performance-yachts.com
11/21	Tom & Jerry	Bud & Jim Peterson, Board	
11/22	Thanksgiving	Closed	
11/23		Joe/Judy Coons joejudyc@comcast.net	
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11/29		Dick Grimshaw r.grimshaw@comcast.net	
11/30	"Blue Moon" F@5	Dave/Missy Steffen dmsteff@aol.com	
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NOVEMBER Business, Social & Cruising			
11/2, 11/16	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
11/3	Sat	Commodore's Ball	Terry Tavelli 305-2452
11/10-11	Sat-Sun	Crew Hosting Aboard	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
11/15	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
11/17	Sat	All Fleet Awards Banquet	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
11/21	Wed	Annual Tom & Jerry Party and Membership Meeting	Terry Tavelli 305-2452
NOVEMBER Sailing Races & Events			
11/10-11	Sat-Sun	Round-the-County Race	Jeff Vernon 739-4888

DECEMBER Business, Social & Cruising			
12/7, 12/21	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
12/8	Sat	Lighted Boat Parade	Michele Hurst, 671-5797
12/20	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Al Callery 676-0784
12/31	Mon	New Year's Eve Party	Dick Johnson, 739-6690
DECEMBER Sailing Races & Events			
12/8	Sat	Lighted Boat Parade	Michele Hurst, 671-5797

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