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## NEW MEMBER REPORT

The Flag Officers and Board of Trustees would like to welcome **Carol Young** and her husband **Joe** back into the club as active members. The Youngs live in Bellingham and have a 26 foot Bayliner named Steel Blue Kiss.

Michele Bodke, Membership Secretary

## COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

It is hard to believe that I find myself writing my final Commodore's column. The year has sped by so quickly that I had to take a few moments to think back on the accomplishments achieved by the incumbent Executive Committee and Board Members. My goals for this year were to see the completion of the installation of the Fire Protection System, grow the Youth Sailing Program and maintain the excellent fiscal state of the club. With the outstanding help of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and all those who volunteered throughout the

year, these goals and more have been achieved! The Board members have all worked diligently to meet the needs of the members. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve along side them and you can be assured they all have taken their responsibilities very seriously. Additional accomplishments that wouldn't have been possible without their help and the help of many volunteers include upgrading the facilities at Inati Bay, purchasing a new safety boat for the Youth Sailing Program and reducing our mortgage. Today, I signed another check to transfer additional funds to reduce our mortgage, which I am sure everyone appreciates.

I feel comfortable in passing on the reigns to the incoming Flag Officers **Terry Robertson, Pete Foti, Michele Hurst** and **Troy Curran**. They all have invested a lot of their time and talents in ensuring that the Club continues to prosper and grow to better meet the needs of its members. I urge you to please provide them with the same support you have extended to me by continuing to volunteer when needed to ensure the prosperity of the club. We have some immediate financial burdens to incur including replacing the chairs and carpet in the bar area and replacing our aging Mark Boat. Another constant challenge is to attract new members in order to maintain a viable membership growth pattern. Acquiring funding for expanding programs is also an issue that needs to be constantly revisited. However, the club is in excellent shape with both qualified leadership and a sound financial position to meet these challenges.

There are a few individuals that have stood out this past year whom I would like to recognize and extend my sincere thanks for doing an outstanding job. **Wayne Kelsoe** took on the responsibility of Building and House knowing full well that the Fire Suppression System would be installed this year. He did an outstanding job of riding herd over Commercial Fire to ensure it was done expediently without serious cost overruns. **Jody Erickson** pitched in tirelessly for just about every event we hosted this year, from the Commodore's Ball, Halloween, Christmas, the Boat Show Bus, Ski to Sea Regatta, Fridays at Five, PITCH and the Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One Design regattas to name a few. Not only did Past Commodore **Dick Johnson** perform his considerable duties as Club Manager, but also was invaluable to me in guiding, counseling and providing the link to past Club traditions. **Steve Kersey** spent most of his summer promoting and running the Youth Sailing Program. As a result, virtually every class was full or in some cases overfilled. The program was a huge success this year and we have a lot of momentum going for next year which includes rekindling a High School racing program. **Troy Curran** and **Cori Hansen** spent a lot of time, hard work and money, not only to improve the facilities at Inati Bay, but also in to promote new programs such as the wine tasting parties and the Buccaneer's Cruise (destined to become a new BYC tradition). **Bob Snowball, Jamie Ashton, Michele Bodtke, Michele Hurst** and **Steve Hayward** all donated a lot of time and effort every week this spring and summer to ensure that we had a successful racing season even though our numbers of participants were down some this year. Ski to Sea, the Etchells Regatta, Women on the Water, PITCH and the Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One Design Regatta were all well attended and very professionally run. My hat goes off to them and all the other

volunteers that made this happen. I also want to thank **Tim Mumford** for being there whenever I needed something. Never once did he ever say, sorry, I can't do that. Rather, the answer was "I will make it happen"...from cooking burgers to lending us his boat for regatta use to interfacing with the Port...it didn't matter. I can't begin to tell you how great a feeling it is to know that type of support is there when you need it. It sure made my job a lot easier. There are so many more members who stepped forward to volunteer to make BYC the best yacht club in the Northern Sound that I wish to extend my thanks for helping out...I wish I had room in this lengthy column to name everyone of you. It has been my sincere pleasure to serve as your Commodore this past year!

Commodore Terry Tavelli  
2007-2008

## **POETS COVE CRUISE**

Read **John Garget's** story on the home page of the [BYC Website](#). This was an incredible weekend, where we created a new tale of adventure, intrigue and mystery from the high seas .....a tale that involves piracy, attempted murder, international intrigue, secret affairs and survival....a tale that will be told, a tale that will be talked about, a tale you want to be careful about asking details of. You may end up in the story that is unfolding as we speak, a story that is continuing as a never ending story until its conclusion in character next year over the weekend of September 18, 29 & 20, the dates for Poets Cove 2009.

## **2008/09 BYC NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS**

Commodore: Terry Robertson  
Vice Commodore: Pete Foti  
Rear Commodore: Michelle Hurst  
Fleet Captain: Troy Curran  
Immediate Past Commodore: Terry Tavelli  
Secretary: Dona Felton  
Board of Trustees:  
    Missy Stefan  
    Steven Hayward  
    Jane Sylvester  
    Mike Alsop

## **BYC Youth Fleet Report**

The 2008 BYC youth fleet on-the-water activities concluded in September with youth fleet racers competing in the Dale Jepson Bellingham Bay One Design (BBOD) regatta. The BYC's youth racers demonstrated great seamanship and sportsmanship during BBOD while sailing

through a challenging range of conditions. Also during September, BYC members **Joe Bartlett and Larry Jones** led a Girl Scout merit badge program aboard *Jamoca* allowing twelve girls to receive sailing merit badges. Thanks to the crew of *Jamoca* for their generosity, and to all of the volunteers who helped make the 2008 BBOD a great regatta!

Thanks also to everyone who helped make the BYC's 2008 youth sailing program a big success. The BYC youth sailing program experienced tremendous growth, and improved finances during 2008. All program goals were met including:

- Student Enrollment: 75 students attended classes compared to the 2008 enrollment goal of 50.
- Total Class Enrollments: 140 class registrations versus the 2008 goal of 75. Many students took multiple classes showing that high quality instruction leads to strong repeat business.
- Ten of 11 classes sold-out while the remaining class was nearly full.
- The BYC youth fleet racing team grew in size and activity.
- Program operating revenue (revenue excluding donations) increased 171% to \$17,900, and exceeded operating expenses (the BYC's not-for-profit youth program earned a modest "profit").

Special thanks to **Ray Poorman** whose work as the BYC's 2007 youth fleet captain laid a solid foundation for this year's success. His farsighted recommendation to buy additional sailboats and a RIB powerboat for use by the BYC's sailing instructors greatly expanded the growth potential of the youth sailing program. Thank you Ray! **West Marine's Bellingham store** also deserves recognition for their unsurpassed support of BYC events and activities including our youth sailing classes, youth racing team, Tuesday and Wednesday night races on Bellingham Bay, and the Buccaneer's Cruise. Thank you West Marine!

Looking ahead, many on-shore activities are planned for the youth fleet prior to next year's boating season. Watch your e-mail in box for upcoming youth fleet announcements.

Planning also is under way for the BYC's 2009 youth fleet with the goal of improving and expanding the program's offerings. Volunteers are needed to help with dock maintenance and improvement, boat purchase and maintenance, fund raising and marketing, budgeting, and Tuesday night races. If you are interested in helping with the BYC's youth boating program, please contact Steven Kersey, BYC Youth Fleet Captain at (360) 671-7275, or e-mail: [kevets1@earthlink.net](mailto:kevets1@earthlink.net). **Steven Kersey, BYC Youth Fleet Captain.**

## **FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

It's hard to believe that this is my last Fleet Captain submission. I certainly want to take the opportunity to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped with the races and cruises this year. Your help and enthusiasm are invaluable.

The Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One Design Regatta was held on September 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> and the wind managed to hold for both days. Saturday also saw a ton of rain - so thanks to the bar for having lots of hot chocolate and Spanish Coffees for the cold, wet sailors and

volunteers! This event gains momentum every year which is great to see!

Looking ahead, we have the Jack Island Race on 18 October and then Round the County on 8-9 November. Round the County is a great opportunity for sailors and power boaters to share in a very fun weekend. Power boaters (or large sailboats too) are often needed as "mother ships" for the racing boats that can't often sleep the number of crew it takes for winter wind conditions. More information will follow, but please pencil-in that weekend for a chance to visit our wonderful islands with no crowds!

With that, I turn the Fleet Captain helm over to **Troy Curran**. I know that Troy will do a phenomenal job. This is a great club with fantastic members and I will continue to enjoy serving you as Rear Commodore.

See you on the water!

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

## **The 2008 DALE JEPSEN BELLINGHAM BAY ONE DESIGN REGATTA REPORT**

The 2008 Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One Design Regatta was well attended and well received. The event was held on Saturday and Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September on our beautiful wind filled bay. Sailors from as far south as Portland and as far north as Vancouver spent the big bucks on gas to drag their boats here for another great one. This year's event included the 2008 Tasar North American Championships, the Area L Hobie Alter Cup Nationals Qualifier, and the final race of the 505 Pan Am Cup. District 6 Laser Sailors came out in force as well in what would become a very competitive weekend.

On Saturday morning, racers and committee members had their fingers crossed because the pre race conditions were rain and no wind. By the first course warning at 11:30, the wind had picked up to more than 10 knots, with rain gradually building in intensity to become bucket loads. The race committee reached its goal on both courses to bang off four races. Following Saturday's racing, sailors wrung out their clothes and made their way to the club for a fabulous party with lots of give-aways from Samson Rope, West Marine, and Marine Service Center. CSS Communications was a big hit because they provided drink tickets for the event.

Sunday racing started with the first warning at 10:30. The rain threatened early, but was soon replaced by gray skies and 8 to 10 knots from the southwest. The wind gradually backed off to 6 to 8, but the gray skies eventually made way for a gorgeous Sunday afternoon. Both courses put 3 races on the books for a regatta total of 7, including one throw out.

In the 505 fleet, the battle was between SYS' Fritz Lanzinger/**Dalton Bergran** and **Carol /Carl Buchan**. Throughout the event, they seemed to have a lock on 1<sup>st</sup> and second place respectively, with Angus Bracket consistent at 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Tasar Fleet was a different story.

Total Domination belonged to **Thilo Giese** and **Sandra Towers**. They walked away with the Tasar North American Championship Trophy, as well as with the D.J.B.B.O.D. Over All Trophy. **Brian** and **Larry Tyrrell** pulled their Flying Scot up from Oregon and dominated the 5 boat fleet with 6 bullets and 1 second. The Laser fleet was owned by Canadian Sailor **Doug Honey** from Surrey's finest sailing center. Doug missed the first race and still won the over all. **Robyn Lesh**, **Cassie Rea** and **Clara Reid** duked it out on Laser Radials, with Robyn taking 1<sup>st</sup> place. **Liam Hood** and **Riley Arnold** came out on Open Bics, with Riley taking the prize. Jeffrey Werner sailed an Opti and dominated the fleet.

On course B, the multi hulls were out in force, battling for bragging rights and a chance to attend the Alter Cup Championships in Florida. Father and son **Ken** and **Eric Marshack** battled for 1<sup>st</sup> and second place in their A Class Cats. Eric came away with the prize with his father in a close second. Eric also won the overall A cat trophy this year. A strong fleet of F 18 Tigers attended the event. This year, they were exclusively Hobie. **Brian Cowell** came away 10 points ahead of his next competitor **Don Atchley**.

With the outstanding efforts of our fleet of extraordinary volunteers, both on and off the water, the event managed to further establish Bellingham as a premier small boat sailing venue. It is a place for the heavy weights from Vancouver to meet their competition from Seattle and Portland. The next Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One Design Regatta will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2009. We look forward to making next year's event even better!

Michael Poulos

## **PITCH A SUCCESS**

The 35th Annual PITCH Regatta was a huge success this year. Good wind - Good food - Good racing!

The Volunteers are what made this the success that it was. Without each and every one of you it would have been just another race. Your enthusiasm, commitment and number of hours you devoted were phenomenal and I want to THANK each of you. I'm afraid if I start thanking each of you here in this article I might forget someone. And none of you should ever be forgotten! YOU are what made PITCH successful. And YOU are what the BYC is all about. To each of you: THANK YOU - I was honored to have worked with you!

Steve Moore

## **SHIP'S STORE NEWS**

Keep an eye out for bargains and new items as we revamp the look of the Ship's Store. More news on this as we get ourselves organized - keep an eye on your email. A big thank you to **Kathy Brown** for volunteering to help revive the store!!

Anyone who would like to help with Ship's Store sales please call Michele Bodtke at 360.720.4155 or send an email to [Michele@nwecological.com](mailto:Michele@nwecological.com)

## ETCHELLS FLEET WRAP UP

The International Etchells Class continues to be the strongest one design keel boat class in the world. The Class has more than 1000 boats actively racing in 11 countries. In the US alone, there are 26 active fleets.

The Bellingham Etchells Fleet concluded another successful season in 2008. **Dave Steffan** (Callipygian) won the fleet season championship with first place finishes in four of the fleet's seven series. **Randy Nulle** (Voodoo) finished second for the year with a win in the Spring Series and a consistent string of top 3 finishes. **Gary Baker** (Toast) took third overall for the season.

**Kirk Palmer** (Light Scout) from Victoria sailed only two regattas this year and won both! The fleet welcomed three new boats and crews this year with **Jerry Roloson** taking the reins of Beauzeau for the year, **Elan Engle** and his team on Flash and **Scott Wilson** on Blue Boat. **John Pedlow** (Hurrah) traveled to San Diego for 5 regattas, including the San Diego NOOD and the Mid Winters West and Chicago for the Chicago NOOD and 2008 Worlds.

### Etchells Fleet Season Standings

	Series	Series	Regatta	Series	Series	Series	Regatta	Total	Season Standing
	1	2	1	3	4	5	2		
556 Callipygian	1	2	4*	1	1	1	2	8	1
145 Voodoo	5*	1	3	2	2	4	3	15	2
385 Toast	2	8*	6	5	3	2	4	22	3
552 five five two	3	3	2	4	4	7	DNC*	23	4
570 Attitude	4	7	5	6	5	3	8*	30	5
899 Shameless	6	5	8*	3	8	8	5	35	6
190 Beauzeau	8*	4	7	8	6	5	6	36	7
307 Foibles	7	6	9*	7	7	6	7	40	8
973 Light Scout	DNC*	DNC	1	DNC	DNC	DNC	1	42	9

If you are interested in learning more about Etchells racing in Bellingham, email the fleet at ([etchellsfleet16@comcast.net](mailto:etchellsfleet16@comcast.net)) John Pedlow

## PC STEVE MOORE NEEDS F@5 HELP

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!

## FOLKSINGER GORDON BOK

([www.gordonbok.com](http://www.gordonbok.com)) is returning to Bellingham Friday October 3rd. Cited as .."The poet laureate for those who go down to the sea in ships" by Time Magazine, Bok preserves the maritime traditions of the Canadian Maritime and New England seafaring musical traditions. He also composes original works and is frequently accompanied by Carol Rohl on Celtic harp. The concert will be held at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art at 7:30 pm . Tickets are \$25 and are available at Village Books, the Community Food Coop, and the Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center. The ticket price includes a free pre-concert tour of the Museum exhibit "The World of the Shipwright" with curator Todd Warger at 6:30. Proceeds will support the educational programs of the Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center, a 501c3 non-profit corporation.

Contact: Mary Durbrow 676-7484 for more information

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## THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

<b>October Business, Social &amp; Cruising</b>			
10/31	Friday	Halloween	Jodi Erickson 223-2119
<b>October Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
10/18	Saturday	Jack Island	
<i>Non-BYC races not shown: See the Yearbook/Roster Section 1B-10</i>			
<b>November Business, Social &amp; Cruising</b>			
11/15	Saturday	Sailing Awards	At the clubhouse
<b>November Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
11/8-9	Sat-Sun	Around The County	
11/22	Saturday	Commodore's Ball	At the clubhouse



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**2007-2008 BYC Officers and Board**

Commodore *Terry Tavelli*; Vice Commodore *Terry Robertson*; Rear Commodore *Pete Foti*; Fleet Captain *Michele Hurst*; Past Commodore *Al Callery*; Secretary *Jane Sylvester*. Trustees, 1st Year: Troy Curran, Wayne Kelsoe, Randy Nulle and Jerry Writer. Trustees, 2nd Year: Michele Bodtke, Geoff Chamness, Steve Kersey and Carol Veach.

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