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NEW MEMBER REPORT

The Flag Officers and Board of Trustees would like to welcome the following new members into the club: **Roger Morse** and **Kevin Utter**. Roger and Kevin are joining the club as Non-Resident members. They live in Seattle and own a 1959 Ed Monk Sr. wooden power boat named Thunderbird. The boat was originally owned by a Bellingham resident. Roger and Kevin wanted the boat to again be associated with Bellingham. They are members of the Olympic Yacht Club, Classic Yacht Association and the Ed Monk Wooden Boat Association. Please join us in welcoming them into the club.

Michele Bodke, Membership Secretary

RACING/RACE COMMITTEE:

The BYC racing season is just around the corner, with a few weekend races in March and weekday races getting going in April. The Race Committee is looking for those that would like to

help on the water - committee boat, mark boat and safety boat. I would like to personally invite all those interested to get involved. We have a great time and would love to have you. Training will be provided. If you have any interest at all, or have any questions, please contact me at Michele@nwecological.com or call me on my cell at 360.720.4155. You may also reach me at home in the evenings at 715.1020. I look forward to hearing from you.

Michele Bodtke, BYC Principal Race Officer.

COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Emerald Bay:

I imagine everyone now knows that Emerald Bay is closing down the business. We will miss Emerald Bay as they were very good tenants. I wish Kim and the Emerald Bay employee's success in future endeavors.

Our lease is active in its current format until September 30, 2009. BYC, as landlords, will not have access to the space until the lease expires or changes. There are several options available to Emerald Bay and BYC which we are discussing. Until then, it is still a fabulous venue but it is not ours to use. We have a little over \$100,000 in cash so we have quite a long time to consider our options and do what is best for BYC. However, we will not be starting any large capital projects until we have a better guarantee of future revenue.

Just for Fun Class:

If you have wanted to race but desire a more casual venue, then this is your year to shake the rags out and go sailing! The Just for Fun class will give you the opportunity to casually race on the same course as the hard core racers. Plan now to get out there. More information will be forthcoming.

Racing:

The board hammered out what I think is a fair race packet price and structure. Bellingham Yacht Club will be the only race organizers on Bellingham Bay this summer. There are incentives for all yacht club members to race in our program for this year only. The number of sailboats on the course should increase as well as help BYC cover the cost of our racing program. This is truly a win-win for everyone. Look forward to flawless race course organization by Michele Bodtke, Bob Snowball and crew. Enjoy great burgers and beverage at the club afterward by the onshore crew. I am excited about the upcoming race season!

Opening Day:

We are planning a great event for Opening Day 2009. "Margaritaville" is this year's theme. The club will be offering a more family oriented atmosphere in the afternoon. Members, please keep it to a dull roar during the day. We want families to enjoy opening day as well. The club will be for members only and chaperoned guests of members on that day. No trouble makers allowed! A "Concierge" will be protecting access and promoting BYC. Eddie and the Atlantics, a fun dance band, will be playing music from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Anyone 8 months

to 80 years old can dance to this music. Begin planning now for your boat decorations. Parrot Heads Unite! Where's my blender?

Cheers for Now-

Terry Robertson

Commodore

2008-2009

SINK THE DINGY 2008 UPDATE

Bellingham Yacht Club Gives \$11,000 to Help Homeless Women and Children in Whatcom County (Sorry, unable to insert picture—Editors)

Commodore Robertson & Sink the Dinghy Committee Present Check to Lighthouse Mission for Agape Home

On behalf of you, the members and contributors to Sink the Dinghy, Bellingham Yacht Club Commodore **Terry Robertson** gave an \$11,000 contribution to the building of the new Agape Home at the corner of F and Holly in Old Town. Agape House has been providing help to homeless women and children for many years, and with this expansion project, they will provide an additional 100 beds for homeless Women and Children right here in Whatcom County.

Commodore Robertson said, "The \$11,000 comes from the contributions of the members of the Bellingham Yacht Club to our annual Sink the Dinghy campaign. Sink the Dinghy started in 2002 when we filled a dinghy with presents, food, and cash for a Whatcom County organization or family in need."

The Club selected Agape House after realizing the need for care of homeless women and children. The Agape House Project Website states "according to Whatcom County's Homeless Count, the majority of the local homeless are female or under the age of 18"... "the average age of a homeless person in America today is nine years old and women and children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population nationally."

The \$11,000 award was presented at the Bellingham Yacht Club, at the Friday's at Five on the 16th of January. "The Bellingham Yacht Club is proud to be helping the homeless in Whatcom County and has received significant support from not only the members, but the members' organizations as well, including Saturna Capital, Bellingham Wheel & Keel, and St. Brendan's Anglican Church." said Robertson.

Our Annual Sink the Dinghy fund is from all of us, the members, of the Bellingham Yacht Club to a local organization. There is no expectation that members contribute, there is no tax deduction given by the Club for contributing, it given to meet three goals: First - for the Bellingham Yacht Club to give back to a local organization, family or cause; Second - recognizing that even small contributions truly impact the selected recipient; and Third -giving back to our community from Bellingham's Boating Community.

John & Patricia Gargett, Father Kevin Allen, Paul Beich Jr., Meredith Ross

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Happy New Year to All! Hope all of you are managing well in these trying economic times. The Cruising and Sailing schedule is posted for the year and we hope to see everyone at as many events as possible.

Thanks to all the volunteers that made all the holiday and New Year activities such a huge success. There are just too many people to mention them all by name, but know that we appreciate all the volunteers and everything they do.

Our fleet of Jr Sailing boats, mark boats and safety boats are in dire need of maintenance. They are currently hauled and will be ship shape by the time the boating season starts.

Be on the look out for an invitation to this year's Opening Boating Day Celebration. A few changes this year should make it the best ever. On that note, I am always looking for volunteers to help out with both the Opening Boating Day celebration and the 2nd Annual Buccaneer Cruise in August. Email troy@tdcurran.com if you're interested.

Looking forward to fair weather and following seas in the year ahead.

Troy Curran
Fleet Captain
fleetcaptain@byc.org

IT IS ALREADY TIME TO PLAN FOR POETS COVE 2009!

The Poets Cove 5th Annual Cruise, Predicted Log Race, Wine Tasting, & Dinner Theater The planning is in full swing now for our September cruise to Poets Cove! You do not want to miss the Wine Tasting, Predicted Log Race and Final Chapter of the Pirates of Poets Cove with the Dinner Theater!

The cruise is set for September 18, 19 and 20, 2009. We are getting a great room rate this year, and it looks like there are some 2 and 3 bedroom cottages available as well at a discount. (I want the one with the hot tub!)

First, we will hold a Predicted Log Race from Bellingham to Poets Cove, the winner of which will get free moorage for the weekend, donated by Poets Cove. In addition to the Predicted Log Race we will:

- ✓ Have a Dock Party on Friday the 18th at 1730 when **Alex Marr** and his band of four sailing vessels will be coming back from Princess Louisa to meet us;
- ✓ A pot luck breakfast on the dock Saturday the 19th at 0930;
- ✓ Our Wine Tasting follows the Pot Luck Breakfast from 1100 to 1500 or so;
- ✓ And then we will conclude Saturday with our Pirates of Poets Cove Dinner Theater from 1800 on.

- ✓ Sunday morning we will again all meet in the restaurant for a great breakfast before heading home.

We will get more details out on the Predicted Log Race, but remember, Poets Cove is offering up moorage for the winner as well as other prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.

So in preparation for September, here are three things you need to do:

1. Mark your calendar for September 18, 19 and 20, 2009 for Poets Cove.
2. Make your reservation (We have 25 slips and 12 rooms in the Lodge) - you can make your reservation with Tara or Caroline in the Marina for the boat moorage, and please do this sooner rather than later. For the rooms in the Lodge (or Cottage) you must call Kristin Sorochuk and tell her you are booking for the Bellingham Yacht Club. If you do not, you are not going to get the rate, and possibly be told the Inn is full.
3. Click for this months Pirates of Poets Cove Story: January - False Creek and New Friends at the Bellingham Yacht Club

One more thing - Poets Cove is working out the menu for our dinner theater with us now. We will have more details later, but yes, there will be a cost for our dinner. We just do not know what it is yet.

For more information, you can contact John or Patricia Gargett, 360-656-5700 or john@gargett.com

A 60th ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE, KIDS, AND SAILING



As we approach Valentines Day 2009, all of us think of the ones we love. But it is somewhat rare these days to be able to find couples that have been together for 50 years, let alone 60 years.

Steve and **Gerri Kersey**, along with their entire family, celebrated Steve's Mothers and Fathers 60th Anniversary on January 22. **Dick** and **Ilene Kersey** were members of the Bellingham Yacht Club for many years, and their influence raising Steve and his brother Richard while sailing the San Juan Islands is obvious.

Way to go Dick and Ilene, and fair sailing for another 60 years!

RICK WILSON, OF WILSON MOTORS, AWARDED FOR PITCH SUPPORT



Past Commodore Rick Wilson Accepts
Award From Richard Veach and Alan Callery

Rick Wilson, Wilson Motors and Mercedes Benz have been the Title Sponsor of the Bellingham Yacht Club PITCH Race since 2003. In recognition of their dedication and support of the Bellingham Yacht Club, the PITCH Regatta and long-time service to the Club, Rick was presented a trophy by Past Commodores Richard Veach and Alan Callery.

PCs Veach and **Callery** personally visited Wilson Motors to present the award to underscore the value and appreciation of the support that Wilson Motors has provided. The support has enabled the Club to more widely promote PITCH, resulting in an increasing number of boats each year coming to Bellingham for the race.

Other sponsors for PITCH included West Marine, Port of Bellingham, Seaview Boatyard, America's Cup Coffee, Samson Rope, Squalicum Marine, Hotel Bellwether, Performance Yachts, Port Townsend Rigging, LFS and Silver Reef Hotel, Casino and Spa.

CAPTAIN HOMIE'S LOG...

Frank Richardson --- Captain Homie --- is a retired Seattle transit employee living Seattle who owns a 42' Hardin sedan trawler, *Caroline*, and he is our BYC's principal ambassador to reciprocal clubs all over the area. Until recently, he lived aboard his boat traveling from harbor to harbor, and he has probably signed up more non-resident members than anyone in the BYC's history! His itinerant days ended when he married Patty and they bought a condo in Seattle; Patty is a retired FAA facilities manager and a *serious* skier and hiker and exercise fan.

This communiqué from "Homie" has info about the Broughtons, Baja, and more. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I do. Homie is, indeed, "down home!" ----*Joe Coons*

Capt. Homie and Patty wish youse all a Happy New Year!

First, some news about the Broughtons:

Pierre's Landing is now located at Echo Bay, and I predict it will become the most popular target in the Broughtons.

Alert Bay will be offering 2 weeks of moorage @ \$3.50/ft and it can be used in any daily #s until the 14 days are used up until the end of the year. Shore Power will be \$5.00/day/20amp, \$7.00/day/30amp. That should prove to be the best deal for that area. Any questions can be directed to Eric Gregory/Harbormaster at (250) 974-8255, or ejgregory2002@yahoo.com. He'll be glad to answer any questions, and tell him Homie told you.

The burger joint and Laundromat at Alert Bay burnt to the ground, but the Nimkish Restaurant has a washer and dryer that will be available to boaters, and a native lady might be offering to do laundry, picking it up in the morning and delivering it back around 5:00pm. They might have fuel by May, but Eric highly doubts that it will happen. So there you have it.

We traveled in Mexico's Baha last year!

In late Oct I flew to San Diego and went aboard *Alluvium* with Sam Darbeaux and three other folks and we did the Baja Ha Ha 2008. A recent issue of Latitude 38 tells all about it. That was quite an adventure for Homie, being a Power Boater as I am. But I loved it. After the Ha Ha, we went on up to La Paz, stopping at San Jose de Cabo, Bahia Fralias, and Bahia Muertos.

Muertos was quite nice with a great restaurant in the middle of nowhere. It used to be called the Giggling Marlin Yacht Club. It's owned by Kyle Turley, a former NFL player.

While I was in La Paz I found out about the Club Cruceros De La Paz. I bought one of their burgees, and I'll send it to the BYC. This is a very nice group of boaters that have a funky little club House at Marina De La Paz. Every morning they gather for coffee and donuts, and they are a wealth of information, as many of them have been coming to, or have lived in, La Paz for quite a while. Their dues are \$10/year. I didn't join, yet. We stayed out at Marina Palmero, and it was quite nice. Walking to town or to Marina De La Paz along the Malacon was fun, and I even found a very good Chinese restaurant along the Malacon. (Pretty weird being in a Chinese Restaurant with everybody speaking Spanish, eh?) But it was as good Chinese Food as I've ever had! I got to hook up with Jerry Gaylord (a past BYC member) who now lives there permanently. Hadn't seen him for seven years and he is doing quite well. I met Richard on *Abrazo* (not a BYC member, but a good friend of Chuck and Steve thru the real estate business. He is a real character, and longtime shipwright in the Bellingham Area. We got along quite well. He's on his way to the South Pacific and his wife will meet up with him somewhere.

We stopped again at Muertos on our way back from Espiritu Santo, and then went over to Mazatlan (29hrs), but pretty comfortable seas for that passage. All of the passages were pretty good except the one between San Jose and Bahia Fralias. That was a real bash into 25-30mph winds for about seven hours...had to motor that entire passage.

People ask me where I liked it best, and the answer: I really liked it all, and for many different reasons. Each place had something special, and the Mexican people were wonderful.

In early December I jumped ship and took a Bus to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to meet up with Patty and spend 2 weeks in PV. So after two months in 80-degree weather you can imagine

how much I enjoyed coming back to our 2008 Winter Storm. Poor Patty was on a different flight and she got stuck in LA for five days! So now I get to start working on my boat projects, and I have plenty on my plate before I head back to the Broughtons next summer. I also need to start working on some more reciprocal arrangements in Oregon and California to make it nicer for any BYC Boats that might choose to head South in the future, eh.

I need to start becoming more fluent in Spanish as I suspect I'll/we'll be spending more time in Mexico, as we love the weather and the people, and as we grow older we find the warm weather suits us quite well. We're already looking forward to baseball spring training in Arizona in March.

Patty is getting geared up for the ski season, heading to Canada and Montana for three weeks in January. We'll have a new addition to our family New Years Eve. Her name is Carly, she's a dog and we are really excited about having her...

Here's my take on the Baja Ha Ha: Each boat pays \$350 no matter how many are onboard. I just couldn't see what you got for that \$350 as all the Beach Parties were pay as you go. If I was doing it again I would arrive in San Diego the afternoon that they all left which would leave plenty of reciprocals available. Then do some last-minute provisioning and bugger off to Ensenada, which is much easier for clearing Customs than waiting until you get to Cabo. Then take the \$350 and invest it in beer and tequila and limes!

I felt we missed a lot by traveling down the coast doing three different legs in a bit of a rush. I would especially have like to have seen Magdalena Bay. We anchored out at Cabo, and that was fine as the marina was pretty full and very expensive. Ha Ha boats did receive a nice discount at San Jose de Cabo, and that's a great place to be if people are flying in or out. It's a first class marina (under construction) and across from the marina is a fun restaurant.

Downtown San Jose is traditional Mexico, and a good place to take your laundry and have someone else do it while you enjoy San Jose, as I did. Bahia Frailes (sp?) was a good anchorage, but none of the anchorages are like what we have in the Pacific Northwest. They always seem to have exposure from somewhere! But if the wind is blowing from the north it's usually quite nice, and warm. Bahia Muertos is much like Bahia Frailes, but it happens to have a great restaurant, and under construction a five-star resort being built by Steve Gaimes(sp?). I met him and he was fun to talk to about his project. Up at his restaurant on the upper floor is a model railroad collection worth seeing and he's building an 18-hole golf course. The bottom line is that Bahia Muertos is a bit of an Oasis, and by car, not that far from La Paz.

Ah! La Paz. That's where I got my first dose of Montezuma's Revenge. My fault, I should have known better that to have Seafood Soup in a restaurant with dirt floors! In about 3-4 days I was over it and able to take longer walks without constantly looking for the Banos (restrooms). Bartering with the merchants and vendors is fun and they don't seem to be offended as long as you don't get ridiculous. If you paid full price they might question your intelligence, eh. The little yacht club at the La Paz Marina is a wealth of information and a great place to meet some real nice people.

Marina Palimero also offered discount moorage for Ha Ha boats. I heard the Thanksgiving dinner that they put on is Killer. We were signed up for it but left and went up to Espiritu Santo for a few days.

The Baha peninsula itself is very desert like, but things were a bit greener than normal because of a hurricane that went thru about two weeks earlier and dumped a bunch of rain. Otherwise it was pretty barren, but warm. Getting weather reports, at times was a bit difficult. One definitely needs a single side band radio...and sometimes that doesn't even work!

In Mazatlan, the El Cid Marina Resort was awesome. They have four swimming pools and one having a happy hour starting at 2:00pm for an hour, then progressing to another pool for the next hour. If you're still standing and hungry , at 6:00pm walk into town (not more than half a mile) to Juanita's (real inexpensive and across the street from Senor Frog's, or Locos Locos, right on the Beach and pretty much across from Juanita's. All quite nice. I really enjoyed garlic fish whenever it was offered. The little taxis in Mazatlan (made by Volkswagen) are unique to the area, and you can bargain-barter with them. The resort at El Cid Marina also offered discounts for Ha Ha boats, and it seemed to be a favorite marina of American and Canadian mariners spending time in Mexico.

I was surprised at the number of Canadian boats in Mexico. Their dollar was on par with the Peso. We were getting about 13-13.5 Pesos to the dollar (75%) discount, not as good as The Good Old Days, but still not bad, eh? The Bus ride from Mazatlan to Puerto Vallarta was at times a white knuckle ride, but for about \$25(US) a bit of a bargain, I thought. The marina at PV is very nice, and lots of nice restaurants around the marina.

The PV YC does not exist any longer, so no reciprocal! In fact, Homie found no reciprocals south of San Diego. But there are tons in California, Oregon, and a few down the Washington coast, so Homie has his work cut out to make it nicer for BYC Boats to head south.

I heard that Bara Navidad, farther south, has a very nice harbor and marina, and I plan to check it out in 2010 when next I/we go to Mexico.

Anybody with questions is welcome to write me at Capt.Homie@comcast.net, or call me at (206) 999-8098. I welcome your queries!

Captain Homie & Patty

BYLAW CHANGES & REVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS

A bylaws committee was put together to go through the elections and nominations process, in order to help clarify and "clean up" the procedural timeline and wording as it currently appears in the Roster, and to help alleviate confusion in future nominations and elections. This committee consisted of; Pete Foti, John Gargett, Steve Hayward, Troy Curran, Randy Nulle, and Terry Tavelli. These gentlemen put forth a good effort and many emails were batted back and forth to get the job accomplished. It is NOT all completely new -- most of the wording is still there, but some words or sentences were changed, with several additions, and

some paragraphs relocated, to make more sense. If you go through the current bylaws and compare them with the "new" version, you will see that MOST of the document is unchanged. [A special membership meeting will be held at F@5 on Feb 20th at 6pm to vote on the changes that were made.](#) We look forward to seeing you all there.

GENERAL BYLAW CHANGES & REVISIONS

The bylaws committee also made some revisions to a few other areas of the general bylaws. These are in different sections, and have an explanation underneath the sentence or paragraph they pertain to. These will be voted on as well, at the membership meeting on Feb 20th; see above.

Pete Foti
Vice Commodore

BYC BYLAWS CHANGES

ARTICLE IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Section 1. Election

The election shall be held on the third Wednesday in September of each year.

Section 2. Nomination Procedure

(A) The Commodore will announce the annual election and call for nominations on the 1st work day in August by publishing in the August Jib Sheet, on the Club Website, and via Club email. This general announcement will detail the procedures, dates and process for the election. It will include a call for members in good standing to consider running by contacting the Commodore.

(B) A Nominating Committee of seven (7) voting members shall be appointed by the Commodore at least six (6) weeks prior to the date of the election meeting. In order to represent the diverse interest groups within the club, this Committee shall include two Past Commodores, two members in good standing from the cruise fleet, two members in good standing from the racing fleet, and one member in good standing who is a social member. The primary purpose of the Nominating Committee is to present candidates to the membership who meet the requirements for the office they seek. It is not, as a Committee, to provide recommendations on any one candidate over another.

(C) The Nominating Committee will meet within one week of appointment, but no later than five (5) weeks prior to the date of the election and elect a Committee Chair. The Nominating Committee will also be given at this meeting the list of members in good standing who had contacted the Commodore with a desire to run for office. The Nominating Committee will, in this meeting, determine three questions to present to each candidate.

(1) Active and life members in good standing are eligible for nomination for election except:

(a) No member may be elected to the office of Commodore for more than two successive terms;

(b) No member is eligible for the office of Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Rear Commodore until he has served one full term as Trustee (24 months) or Fleet Captain (12 months).

(c) No member may be installed into the Office of Fleet Captain until serving at least 12 full months as Trustee or as approved by the incumbent board.

(2) Nominations shall be made in such a way as to assure that at least four (4) members who are boat owners shall serve as Trustees and that at least three (3) out of four (4) of the elected Flag Officers are boat owners.

(D) The Nominating Committee will contact each of the members in good standing who have submitted their name as a potential candidate for office and additionally seek out members in good standing in order to solicit additional nominees as needed in order to be able to present an adequate and well balanced slate of candidates.

(E) The Nominating Committee will follow-up with each prospective candidate in writing with a Nomination Confirmation Letter. The Candidate must then confirm their acceptance to run in writing either in a letter or in an Email to the Nominating Committee. As soon as practical after confirming acceptance to run for office, the candidate should provide a short biography, photograph and answers to the questions established for the election by the Committee for publication on the BYC Website. This information will only be posted after receipt of the confirmation to run and the materials requested are provided.

(F) The Nominating Committee will present to the voting members one week prior to the Nomination Meeting, via the BYC Website and Club Email, at least 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.

(G) A membership meeting shall be scheduled for the first Wednesday in September where the Chair of the Nominating Committee will report who is running for office to the membership. After the report of the Nominating Committee the Nominating Committee Chair shall call for nominations from the floor. For any nomination accepted from the floor, the candidate will then be provided all the materials given to the other Candidates. The final list of Nominees will also be posted on the BYC Website.

(H) A Meet the Candidates Night will be scheduled the second Wednesday in September where each of the candidates will answer questions put to them at the club in a "town hall" format.

Section 3. Election Procedure

(A) The names of Nominees from the meeting described in this Article, Section 2, paragraphs F & G shall be entered on an official ballot prepared by the Secretary, copies of which shall be mailed to each voting member of the Club at least seven (7) days before the date of the election. This ballot shall also give the polling times and places as set by the Board of Trustees and this mailing shall include, in addition, a biography of each candidate, past offices and/or committee assignments, and a statement of interest in the position submitted by the candidate, unless no such statement is submitted by the candidate.

(B) Any person defined in Article III, Section 7 is eligible to vote.

(C) 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.

(D) A Tellers Committee of five (5) eligible voters, including the Secretary and one Past Commodore, shall be named by the Commodore one week prior to the election and posted on the BYC Website.

(E) The ballot box will be prepared by the Incumbent Commodore, or any past Commodore, and the Club Secretary who are responsible for the security of the ballot box and who will post a club member in good standing at the ballot box for the duration of the polling process.

(F) All ballots cast shall be counted by the Tellers Committee and the official results reported to the membership within one hour of the close of polling, verbally at the Club, and also will be posted on the BYC Website and emailed to the membership within 24 hours. The ballots will, after counting, be placed into a sealed large envelope that will be certified by the Club Secretary and the members of the Tellers Committee as the original ballots, and placed into the permanent records of the Club. While the Club does not release the actual

counts, the original ballots are available by submission of a written request to the Club Secretary by any club member in good standing. The review of the original ballots must be done in the presence of the Club Secretary and one member of the Executive Board.

Section 4. Term of Office

The Officers and Trustees who have been elected shall take office at the first meeting in October or the first regular meeting following the election, whichever is earliest, and shall hold office until the first meeting in October of the following year, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified. No member of the Club may hold two elective offices at the same time.

Section 5. Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees or in the office of the Fleet Captain, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Commodore, subject to the requirements of boat ownership and subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. The member so appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the unexpired term of his predecessor. If the member appointed to Fleet Captain has not served for at least 12 months they will not be eligible to run for Rear Commodore unless so approved by a 2/3 majority of the Board of Trustees. If any other elected officer's post becomes vacant, then it shall be filled by promotion of all subordinate officers.

BYC Bylaws Election Changes:

Article III, Section 2, para A states:

"Non-Resident applicants will submit for board consideration a short paragraph on why they are requesting membership in lieu of the (2) voting member signatures."

This was apparently intended to allow non-resident applicants to apply without having to get the usual two signatures on their applications, since this might be difficult if they were not physically here. It is suggested to change the "will submit" to "may submit" so as to allow non-residents the latitude of either getting signatures or, as an option, including the paragraph of explanation if getting signatures is not feasible. One or the other must be done.

Suggested change:

"Non-Resident applicants may submit for board consideration a short paragraph on why they are requesting membership in lieu of the (2) voting member signatures."

Article XII, Section 2 states:

"In the event any member of the Board of Trustees shall be absent for three meetings in a fiscal year, the Board shall declare the office vacant."

This has not been the accepted practice and should be revised to reflect current practice and also allow some latitude for absences for good (excused by the Commodore) cause.

Suggested change:

"In the event any member of the Board of Trustees shall be absent for three meetings in a fiscal year, the Board may declare the office vacant."

Article XIII, Section 1 states:

"There shall be seven (8) standing Committees ..."

The "seven" should be changed to "eight" so they match.

Suggested change:

"There shall be eight (8) standing committees..."

Article XIV, Section 1 states:

"Such organizations could include, but not be limited to, the First Mates Auxiliary, and the Sailing, Power and Youth Fleets."

This needs updating. The reference to First Mates is outdated, and should probably be dropped. We have since changed references to two of the others to Racing and Cruising, respectively.

Suggested change:

"Such organizations could include, but not be limited to, the Racing, Cruising and Youth Fleets."

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE BYC WEBSITE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES

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THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

(Non-BYC races not shown)

February Business, Social & Cruising			
2/1	Sunday	Superbowl	2:00 at the clubhouse
2/1	Sunday	Chili Contest	2:00 at the clubhouse
2/19	Thursday	Board Meeting	BYC
February Sailing Races & Events			
3/14	Saturday	Frostbite Series #1 & #2	Bellingham Bay
3/28	Saturday	Frostbite Series #3 & #4	Bellingham Bay
3/19	Thursday	Board Meeting	BYC

2008-2009 BYC Officers and Board

Commodore Terry Robertson; Vice Commodore Pete Foti; Rear Commodore Michele Hurst; Fleet Captain; Troy Curran; Immediate Past Commodore Terry Tavelli; Secretary Jodi Erickson. Trustees, 1st Year: Missy Stefan, Steve Hayward, Jane Sylvester and Mike Alsop. Trustees, 2nd Year: Mick Corcoran, Wayne Kelsoe, Randy Nulle and Jerry Writer.

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