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### COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Thank you for your heartfelt condolences after the passing of my mother, **Charlene Robertson**, last month. I appreciate the emotional support I have received from members of Bellingham Yacht Club. I also thank you for the gift in lieu of flowers to one my mom's chosen charities, The Samaritan Center. She and my dad attended Commodore Tavelli's Ball last year and visited with some of you at the club while she was here. She made several comments about how she enjoyed her visits with club members and that she had a great time at the Ball.

Terry Robertson,  
Commodore  
2008-2009

### FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK...

Three new members were approved at the March board meeting. Please help me in extending a warm welcome to:

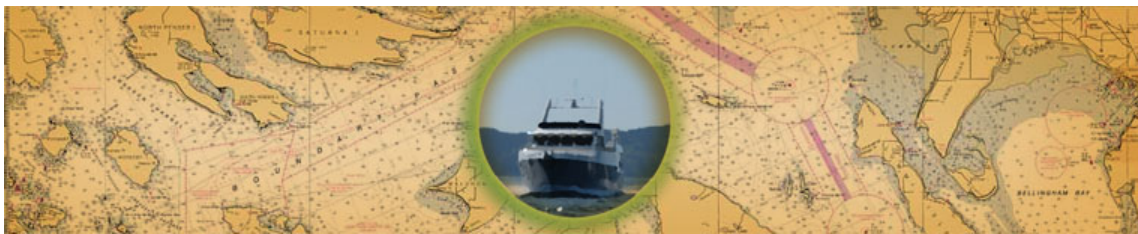
**Larry and Nelda Read** from Boise, Idaho. Larry and Nelda own a Beneteau 39+ named **Diamond Girl** that they keep here in Squalicum Harbor as part of San Juan Charters. They are sponsored by **Judy and Bill Griffin** and Fleet Captain **Troy Curran**. Welcome Larry and Nelda!!

**Michael Kleps** is a local attorney and he joins us with a 15' Albacore named **Hot Tuna**. Michael is interested in getting involved with our dock management, the Jib Sheet, Junior sailing, Membership, and both Opening Day and our Lighted Boat Parade. Way to volunteer Michael!! He is sponsored by PC **Steve Moore** and Trustee **Randy Nulle**. Welcome Michael!!

**Maureen Ryan** and **Peter Trenham** are from Bellingham and they own a Laser. They are interested in getting involved with racing as well as our Jib Sheet. They are sponsored by Commodore **Terry Robertson** and Assistant Treasurer **Dick Grimshaw**. Welcome Maureen and Peter!

Michele Hurst,  
Rear Commodore

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CRUISE TO POET'S COVE—SEPTEMBER 18, 19, & 20TH



You should all know about the cruise to Poets Cove that is set in stone now for the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September. You probably have already made your reservations at the marina or the lodge. But just in case, here are some details for what is shaping up to be a great weekend:

Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a Dock Party at 1700. The winner of the Predicted Log Race will be announce at 1800, so yes, the required finish time is no later than 1800. Remember, the winner of the Predicted Log Race will get FREE MOORAGE for the nights of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (that means for the cruise). Poets Cove is also providing the winner of the coveted Last Place award (consistently won by Steve Moore) a gift certificate for one night of moorage during the next year.

And, for those of you who have not heard, the Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron has accepted the challenge laid out to them to join us in Poets Cove and our Predicted Log Race, so.....let's give them a race!

On Saturday, we will start the day with a Dock Side Potluck Breakfast at 0900. Around 1100 or so we will then, rain or shine, go to Saturna Island for their Wine and Harvest Festival. Then we will all be back to the Aurora Room at 1800 for the Pirates of Poets Cove Dinner Theater - where everyone will get to help solve a tale of international intrigue and mystery. Speaking of the Pirates of Poets Cove, you can read the March Chapter - Henry Island, Mallard

Cabin and Esquimalt at the official site <http://piratesofpoetscove.wordpress.com/> or by clicking on it from the [BYC Web Page](#).

Sunday morning, the Resort is putting on a great breakfast brunch again this year for us, and there is a special price for our cruise. Speaking of pricing, Poets Cove is doing quite a bit for us this year. There is a special marina rate, a special room rate, are helping us with prizes, and they are offering us a great rate for the Dinner Theater.

We have just about filled up our rooms in the lodge by the way. If you do not yet have one, but want one, make sure and get your reservation in now. Same goes for the Marina.

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~~ 18 left? slips and ~~12~~ 3 left? rooms in the Lodge) - you can make your reservation with Tara or Caroline in the Marina for the boat moorage, but make sure you tell them it is for the BYC Cruise. For the rooms in the Lodge (or Cottage) you must call the front desk and tell her you are booking for the Bellingham Yacht Club. If you do not, you are not going to get the rate.
3. Click for this months Pirates of Poets Cove Story: March - Henry Island, Mallard Cabin and Esquimalt

Questions? Call John or Patricia Gargett (360) 656-5700 or via email [john@gargett.com](mailto:john@gargett.com)

## **BYC YOUTH FLEET NEWS:**

Registration is now open for the BYC's summer 2009 youth sailing classes. Total class enrollment for the 2009 summer sailing program is limited to 60 students each in basic and intermediate sailing, and 30 students in the advanced classes. Classes will fill quickly so don't wait to register your child or grandchild for the BYC's summer sailing program.

Each BYC youth sailing class is Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 4:00, and features low student to instructor ratios. Sessions can be combined to create multi-week learning experiences. The cost for a single-session enrollment is \$169. Discounts for enrolling a student in two or more sessions are available. The enrollment fee covers instruction, boat usage and materials. Students enrolled in BYC youth sailing classes must demonstrate basic swimming ability to class instructors.

**Basic Sailing:** No sailing or boating experience required. Learn to sail a basic boat in fair weather conditions through a combination of on-shore instruction, on the water practice, and plenty of fun and games.

- Session 1: June 22 - 26
- Session 2: June 29 - July 3
- Session 3: July 13 - 17
- Session 4: August 3 - 7
- Session 5: August 17 - 21

**Intermediate Sailing:** Prerequisite: BYC basic sailing or equivalent. We'll help you take sailing to the next level. Students hone their sailing skills and develop an ability to sail in more

varied conditions. This class features more time on the water, fun and games, and an introduction to sailboat racing.

- Session 1: July 6 - 10
- Session 2: July 20 - 24
- Session 3: August 10 - 14
- Session 4: August 24 - 28

NEW! Advanced Sailing: Prerequisite: BYC intermediate sailing or equivalent. This hands-on class further increases sailing abilities and prepares students for high school and collegiate team level sailboat racing.

- Session 1: July 27 - 31
- Session 2: August 31 - September 4

To register a child in a BYC youth sailing class, or for additional information on the 2009 program, visit [BYC web page and click on Youth Sailing Club](#), or call Steven Kersey, BYC Youth Fleet Captain at 360-969-0092.

Note: The BYC's youth sailing program gladly accepts donations of youth-sized US Coast Guard approved life jackets and sailing wet/dry suits. The program also seeks additional Laser class sailboats and equipment. If you would like to donate good used items to the BYC's youth sailing program, please call Steven Kersey at 360-969-0092.

Thank You: I'd like to thank the following club members for helping the youth sailing program during the winter months: Craig Henderson, Terry Tavelli, Kathy Brown, Sally Poorman, Missey Steffen, John Gargett, Jane Sylvester, and Gerri Rea Kersey.

Steven Kersey,  
BYC Youth Fleet Captain

## **FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Happy year ahead. Sailing/Cruising information coming soon.

Troy Curran,  
Fleet Captain [fleetcaptain@byc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@byc.org)

## **BYC WEB SITE AND COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES:**

Are you a member of a BYC committee or coordinating an event at the club? Would you like to attract more attention to your event, or cruise, or just want to share a great story or pictures of your cruise or race?

The BYC website attracts over 10,000 visits per month from club members, visitors, and people interested in boating. Help us keep the site current; if you have any info on an event, past or present, you can help. Any BYC member can post events or stories on the site, it's easy to use, and all web based so you don't need to know graphics or how to edit html. If you would like to help out, please email Ray Poorman at [rpoorman@cssnw.com](mailto:rpoorman@cssnw.com). If there is enough interest we will hold a small class and demo at the club to get you acquainted.



Do you or someone you know race or participate in the junior or laser fleets? Stay current with email updates from our yahoo groups for BYC & non BYC members and crew, subscribe via the BYC website, or send an email to Ray for an invite, help us grow our events!

Ray Poorman  
Past Commodore & Associate Web/Internet Lackey

## NEWS FROM BUILDING & HOUSE

### New Awning over Lower Entry

Thanks to Tim Mumford and his crew at Squalicum Marine for the new awning over the lower entry door. Not only did Tim offer us the best price for the canvas work, but he and his crew removed the old frame, painted the wall behind it and reinstalled the new awning.

### Sprinklers

The last item on the sprinkler installation list is finally done. The fire department wanted us to label the standpipes and the shut off valve outside. That is now done. After all we have spent on the sprinklers in time and money, we are enjoying insurance discounts that will pay us back the cost over the life of the improvement.

### Club Scrub

This year's spring Club Scrub will be April 18. We are all busy with spring chores, but we want to get the club ready for opening day. We will do the usual spring chores with bringing up the tables and chairs to the deck and giving everything a general cleaning. A list will be sent out via e-mail before the event. Anyone with suggestions for this springs work can e-mail them to [wkelsoe@blueseas.com](mailto:wkelsoe@blueseas.com) or [mnmallsop@yahoo.com](mailto:mnmallsop@yahoo.com) so we can work them into the plan.

Wayne Kelsoe,  
Building & House Chair

## MURDER BY MOONLIGHT

**MURDER BY MOONLIGHT**  
Radio Mystery Theatre

Saturday, April 25  
4:30 pm • Tickets \$15

Bellingham Theatre Guild  
16001st, Bellingham, WA

Tickets available at:  
Sterling Health Plans  
1002 Bakerway Rd, Suite 201  
Bellingham, WA  
(360) 592-9800  
Or online at [www.sterlingtheatre.org](http://www.sterlingtheatre.org)

Checks can be made out to "Sink the Dinghy"

Door prices. Doors open at 5:00 pm.  
Social Hour from 5:00 - 4:15 pm with appetizers.  
Wine available for purchase.

Sponsored by:  
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Gary and Diane Turner (S/V Promesa) are now directing the cast of Bellingham Yacht Club members (as well as other community players) for "*Murder by Moonlight*", a radio mystery theater. "*Murder by Moonlight*" is a play Diane wrote for a Yacht Club in California and she is bringing her experience to the Bellingham Yacht Club as a fund raiser for our 2009 "Sink the Dinghy". The production will be held at the Bellingham Theater Guild on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and is in part sponsored by Sterling Insurance, Peace Health, Creative Mortgage Solutions, Fairhaven International, Option Care and others to make this a fun event. Just as a teaser, here is an introduction:

*"On a moonlit night, Mick Moody, Reporter for the Havenville*

*Herald is on the docks waiting for a big story. A fishing vessel will be unloading some cargo and it is believed to be something other than fish. Gina Lovelace, a beautiful singer at the Kit Kat Club is waiting for the ship the "Lustful Lady" to arrive on the same docks on the same moonlit night.*

*On that very night much to their surprise, a body is found on the docks...by Mick's sidekick and cub reporter, Eddie McFee.*

*Who is the killer? Does the entire cast have a motive? Only the Whisperer knows. Yes, the Whisperer who walks by night and can enter the very hearts of those who live in Havenville."*

Tickets are now on sale on the Sink the Dinghy web site ([www.sinkthedinghy.org](http://www.sinkthedinghy.org)). They are only \$15.00 each and that includes appetizers. Wine and coffee will be available for purchase as well.

So mark your calendars, order your tickets and come and enjoy an evening of fun at the Bellingham Theater Guild with your BYC Players, then join the cast for the party at the BYC that evening. If you have any questions, you can contact Diane Turner. You can reach her at Northwest Retirement Magazine, 877-685-4239 or via email [nwretirement1@aol.com](mailto:nwretirement1@aol.com).

## **BLUE GAVEL MEETING APRIL 23**

Past Commodore and Blue Gavel President Steve Ross says "third time will be the charm" as he hopes to hold the first Blue Gavel meeting of the year on April 23rd at BYC.

## **REMEMBER TO CHECK THE BYC WEBSITE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES**

[BYC Website Homepage](#)

## **THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS**

(Non-BYC races not shown)

<b>April Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
4/1	Wednesday	Numb Bum Series #1	Bellingham Bay
4/8	Wednesday	Numb Bum Series #2	Bellingham Bay
4/11	Saturday	Vendovi Island	Around Vendovi
4/15	Wednesday	Numb Bum Series #3	Bellingham Bay
4/18	Saturday	Club Scrub	BYC
4/21	Tuesday	Pitch Pole Series #1	Bellingham Bay
4/22	Wednesday	Numb Bum Series #4	Bellingham Bay
4/23	Thursday	Blue Gavel Meeting	BYC
4/28	Tuesday	Pitch Pole Series #2	Bellingham Bay
4/29	Wednesday	Numb Bum Series #5	Bellingham Bay
<b>May Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
5/2	Saturday	Opening Day	Everywhere on the water
5/5	Tuesday	Pitch Pole Series #3	Bellingham Bay
5/6	Wednesday	Spring Series #1	Bellingham Bay
5/9	Saturday	Around Lummi Race	Around Lummi
5/12	Tuesday	Pitch Pole Series #4	Bellingham Bay

5/13	Wednesday	Spring Series #2	Bellingham Bay
5/19	Tuesday	Pitch Pole Series #5	Bellingham Bay
5/20	Wednesday	Spring Series #3	Bellingham Bay
5/26	Tuesday	Pitch Pole Series #6	Bellingham Bay
5/27	Wednesday	Spring Series #4	Bellingham Bay
5/30	Saturday	Etchells Regatta	Bellingham Bay
5/31	Sunday	Etchells Regatta	Bellingham Bay

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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