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### COMMODORE'S COLUMN:

My position as commodore requires me to put my compliance hat on for this month's article. This month's article is not going to be "all flowers and light".

#### *Smoking*

I am asking for all club members who smoke to follow a few simple guidelines so that those of us who do not smoke may enjoy the club with you.

1. Smoking inside the building is never ok-**ever!**
2. Washington state law requires smoking to be done at least 25 feet from any door or window. If you want to smoke on the front porch, please go down to the east end of the ramp.
3. Finding butts on the ground at the entrance, in the flower beds or flower pots is not a very welcoming practice. Please use the outside ashtrays to throw away cigarette butts.

#### *Wednesday Night Racing*

I first want to say that 95% of the skippers and their crew are quality people who appreciate the racing program and provide morale and volunteer support of the racing program.

Now, I hear we had a rather intense session after Wednesday night racing and, as a general rule for several years now, the race committee has suffered remarks, a time or two of yelling at the Signals boat and basic unthankfulness of a few unhappy sailors. The racing program is a coop program. The race packet fee goes toward racing expense and does not cover anyone's wages. Your race committee are U.S. Sailing certified and volunteer their time and assets so that you can race your boat. If you think you can do a better job I am sure the race committee can find a place for you.

Skippers are responsible for the actions of their crew, on and off the water. We will be taking steps to ensure the few misbehaving sailors do not ruin the season for the rest of us. To start with, I strongly encourage any member of the race committee who suffers inappropriate remarks, yelling at the committee, on or off the water, to DNF the boat the crew or skipper was racing on that evening. A skipper could find themselves out for the season for continuation of this behavior.

Protest rules mandate a protest to be hailed "immediately" on the race course. By failing to protest "immediately" you lose your right to protest. There is no provision to determine fault or rights at the bar after the race. Please leave the racing on the race course.

Terry Robertson,  
Commodore  
2008-2009

## **BYC YOUTH FLEET NEWS:**

Registration is now open for the BYC's summer 2009 youth sailing 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.org/youth](http://BYC.org/youth), 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.

Steven Kersey,  
BYC Youth Fleet Captain

## **ETCHELLS FLEET OPENING DAY EVENTS:**

### *Etchells Fleet 16 Boat Display*

Time: 8:00 AM-Sundown

Location: Front of Yacht Club (prefer last years location, to the right of main clubhouse entrance)

Description:

Get a close up look at the Etchells 22 Sailboat. There will be a poster board display on the Etchells Class and the Bellingham Bay Etchells Fleet 16, Brochures and listing of local boats for sail or charter. The Fleet 16 Officers and Members will be present to show the boat and answers questions.

### *North Sails Tuning Clinic for Etchells*

When: 12:00 Noon or when the Opening Ceremonies Complete

Description:

Jeff Madragali of North Sails Seattle, World Champion Sailboat Racer and Olympic Bronze Medalist will be giving a Tuning Clinic on the Etchells. The clinic will include a 2 hour hands on presentation dockside followed with some demonstrations on the water (reservations will be required for on the water). Jeff will also be available to answer any other

turning or sails related questions. (OPEN to Public and anyone interested in Etchells Racing).

## **NEWS FROM BUILDING & HOUSE:**

Thanks to everyone who came to the Spring Club Scrub 2009 and cleaned, arranged, organized and painted. Participants who signed in on Saturday:

Arne	Ahlen	Judy	Griffin	Trudy	Kelsoe
Maya	Allsop	Dick	Grimshaw	Wayne	Kelsoe
Mike	Allsop	Monica	Hayward	Cassie Rae	Kersey
Bart	Bodtke	Steve	Hayward	Gerri Rae	Kersey
Michele	Bodtke	Michele	Hurst	Steve	Kersey
Andy	Brown	Dick	Johnson	Michael	Kleps
Kathy	Brown	Barbara	Johnson	Lisa	McCardle
Mary	Burns	Steve	Johnson	Rob	McCardle
Al	Callery	Larry	Jones	Steve	Moore
Mike	Crawford	Don	Jorgenson	Rick	Steidley
Bill	Griffin	Mary	Jorgenson	Marian	Welsh
Jim	Langei	Judy	Roloson	Michael	Welsh

Special thanks to Bob and Carol Snowball who are working on the landscaping out front.

Please forgive me if I have left anyone out. We have made great progress and look forward to the spring/summer seasons at BYC.

Mike Allsop,  
Wayne Kelsoe,  
Building & House Chair

## ***Pirates of Poets Cove***



April marked the sixth month and therefore sixth chapter of the Pirates of Poets Cove. If you are planning to come to Poets Cove this year, or even if you are not, you probably should read it. The ideas for the story started with the Bellingham Yacht Club cruise last year. One of our members told a story about three local guys and from there, the idea was hatched to

write a book with a chapter each month leading up to our 5th Annual Cruise to Poets Cove scheduled for September 18, 19 and 20. Anyway, from there it has been fun to try writing a story having never done it.

See, three kids from South Pender Island get recruited to be smugglers from Canada into the US. The smuggling ring is run by a Somali Pirate whose nephew lives on Pender. They smuggle stuff by using BYC member boats. Unknown to the head Pirate, another shadow group is planning a big event about the same time he is going to carry out his own big event. The head Pirate is smuggling drugs from Canada and guns into Canada. The other guy is living in Fairhaven frequenting BYC businesses, but he is falling in love with a girl who is a member of the Club. One of the three kids is also falling in love with a girl at the Poets Cove Marina. Sound confusing? Not if you read the first six chapters, then keep reading the next six Chapters, and lastly come to Poets Cove this year to participate in the final dinner theater where you will help solve the crime that is about to happen.

So, call Poets Cove, make a reservation, and we will see you there! Oh, and on the way over you can participate in the Predicted Log Race, the winner of which will get free moorage for the weekend. If you have any questions, you can call the cruise masters, John and Patricia Gargett (360) 656-5700 or via email the author [john@gargett.com](mailto:john@gargett.com).

*Thank You Diane and Gary Turner!*



For those who attended Murder by Moonlight you already know what a great job Gary and Diane Turner did in producing the event with the motley crew shown above. If you could not attend, you missed a great show. Over half the cast and crew were from our Club. Probably none would win a Tony, but everyone had great fun.

And the crowd (around 220 attended), also had great fun. But seriously, in addition to Gary and Diane, the cast and crew would like to express their appreciation to the members of the Bellingham Yacht Club for their support. The Club was much more than the location of the play - it was the hub and center of the planning, rehearsing, rehearsing, rehearsing and finally opening night. The BYC provided the venue, the sound system, support (thanks Dick Johnson) and patience while rehearsals continued for eight weeks. Without the support of the Club the

play would not have happened.

So thanks to your support, the proceeds of the event will be going to this years 2009 Sink the Dinghy, and it will be a significant contribution, all made possible by the work of Diane and Gary Turner. So next time you see Diane and Gary at the club, say thank you to two members who donated so much and made the Bellingham Yacht Club Murder by Moonlight Radio Mystery Theater a Club success, a community success, and a successful start to the 2009 Sink the Dinghy. Better yet, buy them a drink. They earned it.

**PAST COMMODORE'S CRUISE APRIL 24-26, 2009, BLAKELY ISLAND.**



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

- [BYC Website Homepage](#)
- [Local Notice to Mariners 13th District](#)
- [US Powerboating](#)
- [Lat/Long distance calculator](#)

**THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS**

(Non-BYC races not shown)

<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
<b>June Sailing Races &amp; Events</b>			
6/2	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #1	Bellingham Bay
6/3	Wednesday	Summer Series #1	Bellingham Bay
6/6	Saturday	Ski to Sea Regatta	Bellingham Bay
6/9	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #2	Bellingham Bay
6/10	Wednesday	Summer Series #2	Bellingham Bay
6/16	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #3	Bellingham Bay
6/17	Wednesday	Summer Series #3	Bellingham Bay
6/20-21	Sat/Sun	Point Roberts Overnight	Point Roberts
6/23	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #4	Bellingham Bay
6/24	Wednesday	Summer Series #4	Bellingham Bay
6/30	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #5	Bellingham Bay

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