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There is a new Green Can marker, #11, in Rosario Strait (referenced in LNM 8-11-09). It is located at:

48.33.20.120 N

122.45.39.362 W

**September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> is Pitch!**

Sponsored by Mercedes Benz / [Wilson Motors](#), the 36th Annual PITCH Regatta will be hosted by the Bellingham Yacht Club on September 5th and 6th, 2009. Over the years this regatta has proven to be the premier "end of summer" regatta with fair winds and sunshine as the predominant weather pattern, making for great racing. Plan to use PITCH as the platform for your fleet championships or as the finishing event to a fleet or club cruise. This year will feature our "greeter boat" and libations; free moorage in the [Port of Bellingham's Squalicum Marina](#); free burgers and libations at the Friday evening skipper's meeting; Saturday night

barbecue with live entertainment by the *Atlantics*, and a great raffle benefiting the *Youth Sailing Program*. New for this year are discounted hotel rates at the [Hotel Bellwether](#), [Bellingham Best Western Heritage Inn](#) and [Econo Lodge Suites](#) hotels and free storage for cruising gear. Camping accommodations and discount haul outs are provided by [Seaview North Boatyard](#).

### **Please welcome these New Members**

Scott and Monica Stoner from Woodenville, Gulfstar 44 Sailboat named 'Scott Free'

Lupe Flores and Carol Brink from Blaine, 21' Bayliner

Elan Engle and Ashley Nageman own a Seafarer 38 named 'Silver Lining'

Thomas and Barbara Kilpatrick are the new owners of 'Windows on the Bay Catering'

Arnie and Kelly Wong own a Regal 31 named 'Serendipity'

Ned Kohlbauff and Kristen Sierra from Seattle own a Passport 42 named 'Bristol Blue'.

We look forward to seeing you all at the club!

Michele Hurst, Rear Commodore

### **BYC Nomination Membership Meeting is Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Our clubs 84 year history will continue as we meet at 6PM to discuss the club and the nominations of new board members and officers.

### **BYC Meet the Candidates Night is Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Come at 6Pm to meet the candidates and hear about their vision for the future of the club.

### **BYC Election Meeting is Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Our club will meet at 6PM to elect new board members and officers

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

More info MoreThe BYC youth **WHO KILLED WHO, WHO'S GETTING MARRIED, AND HOW DO YOU FIGURE IN?**

Article By John Gargett - BYC Jib sheet Reporter



### Peace and Quiet at Poets Cove

Poets Cove is the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September. If you have not yet made your reservations, go ahead and make them now.

Here are some details:

#### ***Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>***

Time - Depart from Bellingham with a Predicted Log Race.

1700 - Welcome No Host Dock Party; bring your favorite dock dish.

1800 - Announcement of First and Last place winners of Predicted Log Race (Winner gets FREE MOORAGE, last place gets a gift certificate for one night of moorage, both provided by Poets Cove Resort & Spa)

*The Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron has accepted the challenge laid out to them to join us in Poets Cove and our try and beat the BYC in the Predicted Log Race, so...let's give them a race!*

#### ***Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>***

0900 - Dock Side Potluck Breakfast.

1100 - Rain or shine, the Saturna Island Wine and Harvest Festival.

1800 - Pirates of Poets Cove Dinner Theater (In Aurora Room). This is where you will solve a tale of international intrigue and mystery. By the way, Poets Cove has given us a great rate of \$40.00 Canadian for this dinner.

Speaking of the Pirates of Poets Cove, you can read the June Chapter - Piracy, Guemes Island, & Tide Catcher Dreams at the official site -

<http://piratesofpoetscove.wordpress.com/1929/07/01/july-another-month-another-chapter/>

You will want to make sure and read each month up until the last Chapter, September 19<sup>th</sup> - the Chapter we will act out.

#### ***Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>***

Time - Poets Cove Resort & Spa has a great breakfast buffet where we will go on our own schedule before leaving for home.

#### ***Other Details***

Poets Cove is offering us free electricity for the weekend for boaters, a special room rate for the rooms and cabins, helping with prizes, and making a great price for us for the Dinner Theater (\$40.00).

***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 10 left? slips and # 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. If all the rooms are full, then ask to be on a wait list.

3. Read the Pirates of Poets Cove (<http://piratesofpoetscove.wordpress.com/>) Chapters will continue to be posted except the last one - September 19<sup>th</sup>, because you are the chapter. Questions? Call John or Patricia Gargett (360) 656-5700 or via email [john@gargett.com](mailto:john@gargett.com)

## **BYC YOUTH SAILING REPORT:**

**Program Status:** The BYC's summer sailing program has received more than 135 student enrollment registrations. About 95% of this year's available registrations have been filled. 2009 BYC Youth Sailing revenue is nearly \$23,000, and continues to grow.

### **2009 Class Schedule - Only Two More Classes Are Left Before The End of Summer:**

Space is limited! Please contact Steven Kersey at 360-510-6452 if you want to enroll your child or grandchild in one of the remaining BYC sailing classes.

**Intermediate Sailing:** *Prerequisite: BYC basic sailing or equivalent.*

Session 4: August 24 - 28.

**Advanced Sailing:** *Prerequisite: BYC intermediate sailing or equivalent.*

Session 2: August 31 - September 4.

### **Upcoming BYC Youth Sailing Events - Mark Your Calendar:**

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** BYC youth sailors and their families are invited to a fun-filled evening celebrating the 2009 sailing season at Windows On The Bay (next to the BYC's upstairs lounge). Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the festivities continue until 7:30. Attire is casual dress/semi-formal. Prizes and awards will be given to BYC youth sailors. BBQ burgers and drinks will be provided courtesy of the BYC youth sailing program. Party attendees are asked to bring a potluck side dish or desert. Admission is by donation to the BYC youth sailing program. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to Calla Ward via e-mail at [wardc20@gmail.com](mailto:wardc20@gmail.com), or call her at 425-770-7099.

**Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>:** BYC youth sailors can help the BYC run Bellingham's biggest annual sailing event: the two day PITCH regatta. Racing sailboats from as far away as Portland, OR, and southern British Columbia will arrive at Squilicum Harbor the afternoon of Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. BYC youth sailors are invited to help visiting boats dock at the harbor starting

at 3:00 pm, and sell raffle tickets to PITCH contestants from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. All raffle ticket proceeds benefit the BYC youth sailing program. BYC youth sailing students helping dock boats and sell raffle tickets get a free BBQ dinner at the BYC Friday night! Please RSVP to Steven Kersey, BYC Youth Fleet Captain, by Wednesday, September 2nd, at [kevets1@earthlink.net](mailto:kevets1@earthlink.net), or 360-510-6452.

### **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>:**

**10:00 am - Noon:** The 36<sup>th</sup> annual PITCH sailboat regatta begins Saturday morning, and the Bellingham Sea Scouts have invited up to 25 BYC youth sailors to watch the racing action on Bellingham Bay from aboard the Sea Scout Vessel *Discovery*. PITCH is a major northwest regatta, and this is a great opportunity to see some of the biggest, and best racing sailboats in our area compete. The *Discovery* will leave the dock promptly at 10:00 am. Please RSVP to Steven Kersey by Wednesday, September 2nd, at [kevets1@earthlink.net](mailto:kevets1@earthlink.net), or 360-510-6452.

**5:00 pm - 8:00 pm:** The PITCH weekend fun continues at the BYC with a party Saturday night for regatta contestants. BYC youth sailors are invited to help sell raffle tickets to PITCH contestants, and enjoy a free BBQ dinner at the club. All raffle ticket proceeds benefit the BYC youth sailing program. Please RSVP to Steven Kersey by Wednesday, September 2nd, at [kevets1@earthlink.net](mailto:kevets1@earthlink.net), or 360-510-6452.

**BYC Youth Sailors At The McCurdy Cup - IT WAS GREAT!** The weekend of August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, a group of 12 BYC's youth sailors competed in the Seattle Yacht Club's McCurdy Cup team-racing regatta. The BYC's youth sailing instructors, Calla Ward and Katie Stackpole, worked very hard to get the BYC's team ready for the event including many weeknight and weekend practice sessions. According to Katie and Calla, the BYC team had the most team spirit at the McCurdy Cup. The families of the BYC's youth sailors enjoyed their weekend onshore and were a great cheering section for our team.

**Remembering Brett Allsop:** The families attending the McCurdy Cup included Brett Allsop, and his children Aspen and Riley. Riley is a very active and well-liked BYC youth sailor. His grandfather is BYC trustee Mike Allsop. Sadly, Brett tragically died in an auto accident two days after the McCurdy Cup. The entire BYC family expresses their condolences to the Allsop family.

**High School Sailing Teams:** The BYC youth sailing program is starting high school level sailing teams in Whatcom County. If you know of a high school student in Whatcom County interested in racing sailboats, then please have them send an e-mail to [youthsailing@byc.org](mailto:youthsailing@byc.org).

**Community Outreach:** The BYC youth sailing program has started a community outreach program to help disadvantaged kids learn sailing. Scholarships are an important part of the



outreach program. Please consider donating to the BYC's youth sailing outreach program so that more kids can learn sailing. Information on the outreach program is available from Steven Kersey at 360-510-6452.

**Thanks also to the following people and businesses for supporting the BYC's youth sailing program:** *Tom Kirkpatrick, Margaret and Steve Travis, Virginia Jepson, Mike Endsley, Missy Steffen, Terry Tavelli, Dick Grimshaw, Craig Henderson, Tom Ashton, Roger Schjelderup, Andy and Kathy Brown, Troy Curran, Steve Hayward, Bob Snowball, Tim Mumford, Gerri Rea Kersey, Katie Stackpole, Calla Ward, and the entire Tuesday night race committee crew. Window's On the Bay/Hilltop Restaurant, Blue Seas Systems, Builder's Alliance, Bullfrog Boats, Custom Embroidery, The Port of Bellingham, Sampson Rope, San Juan Sailing, Top-To-Bottom Diving, and West Marine.*

**Steven Kersey**  
**BYC Youth Fleet Captain**

## Saving Lives at the Dock

Article By Angie Butterfield - BYC Jib sheet Guest Reporter

Bruce and I are non-resident members of Bellingham Yacht Club, so we have not met most of you, but we think of you often. We keep track of all the happenings of the club by reading the Jib Sheet, and the Friday 5@5 notices. We are full-time, live-aboard cruisers, who do not have a home port, a "place we go back to", etc., but are generally always going somewhere or planning to go somewhere else. Consequently, we are always on the water, at anchor or tied up to a dock for a brief period of time. Maybe it is because we are always on the water, that we have been instrumental in the saving of lives - at the dock. Our first experience was a year ago last May, when we were tied to the dock in Port Angeles, after just coming up the coast from San Francisco Bay, California. You can read about in our blog at [www.mvdesertventure.com](http://www.mvdesertventure.com) under the heading Boat Angels. In July, of this summer, I was by myself aboard our motor yacht in the Bremerton Marina, when I heard a woman friend calling my name from three slips away on an early morning. You can read the details of that rescue at [www.mvdesertvendure.com](http://www.mvdesertvendure.com) under the heading I'm Home Today - Bremerton. You can also read Katherine's story at <http://katherine-artandmusic.blogspot.com/>. I can assure you of a couple things regarding rescuing a person. It is a highly charged emotional experience, which you hope to never experience, but would never ignore. It is really a life changing experience. All of a sudden the water front takes on a whole different picture. I find myself "on duty" constantly lately - fearing another such experience. Friends say they can't decide if it would be best to have me on the same dock - in case, or whether to avoid the docks and avoid the experience. To be honest, I wonder the same!

It is after two such incidents that I feel compelled to send out a Serious Recommendation: To all cruisers and boaters - I know you have a man-over-board plan. If not - get one! I am just not

certain you think about what happens if a person falls in the water at the dock. Think about it and get a plan! It is highly unlikely that a person can be rescued with the help of one person - unless a rescue ladder is RIGHT THERE. Pay attention to what is going on around you. When you come into a marina - check out where the rescue ladders are located, what channel to hail the marina, and any other Emergency Info that is available. Don't YOU be the person to fall in. IF you hear a call or yelling (sometimes rather weak) [assume for help], NEVER ignore the call. Find out what is going on. The minute you realize someone is in the water, grab a line, a personal floatation device (PFD) and run for the person. IF you have a portable boarding ladder of some kind, take it with you. It would be your best bet to save the person on your own. Once you have secured the person (if necessary tie them to the dock! You don't know how long they have been in the water or their ability to hang on by themselves.) get on the VHF. Call the local marina, or the Coast Guard, or dial 911. Yell, if you see others about, just get the attention of as many as possible, as someone will also call for assistance and/or come to your assistance. Since the writing of my last blog, I had several responses of similar events. Most required multiple people to help get the person out of the water. Be assured that the person in the water will be able to do little to nothing to help you or them. The shock of falling in, the water temperatures, and their very health or state of being (consider they were drinking, too) will all impact them. If you are lucky, like I was, Katherine was able to hold on as long as it took, but that is all and it was close. A friend fell in at the dock in the Delta of California and it took six men to get her out of the water. Friends just wrote in that their large dog fell in. It took three adults to get him back on the dock. These things happen more than you can know. Please. Think about it. Have a plan. ALWAYS answer a call of distress.

Bruce and I wish you all safe boating and docking, and fond lasting memories on the water. Please feel free check in (or subscribe to our blog).

Warmest Regards,

Angie and Bruce Butterfield

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### **"C" Stories: "Cracking the Whip in Inati Bay"**

Anchoring in Inati Bay is about as easy as it gets right? Of course you have to get over the idea that due to the shallow nature of the bay you cannot go anything close to the 5:1 minimum scope we would all prefer. Still, very safe from the currents and normal South, South East wind we are normally dealing with in the area. Now what about being there in February when a sudden North Easter begins to blow at 20 Knots. This is 'cracking the whip!' Sure, your bow is facing out, but your stern is going back and forth like a whip. The easy solution is to tie a stern line to the shore...unless you chose not to bring your dingy. It was a long night with hardly any sleep for these sailors and keeping a pile of dry clothes ready when the boat was washed ashore didn't give them any piece of mind. The good news is they had a monster of a 'Fortress Anchor' (Aluminum Danforth) and 25 feet of chain. The lesson here is to always tie a stern line when in Inati bay and have at dingy, even if it is an inflatable stowable.

**September F@5 IS OPEN AT THIS TIME FOR A HOST:**

If you're interested in hosting, contact Steve Moore: [steve@mooreandcompany.com](mailto:steve@mooreandcompany.com)

**COMMODORE'S BALL UPDATE:**

The annual Bellingham Yacht Club Commodore's Ball will be held on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Days of Wine & Roses". It will be a 'Glamorous Evening', think Hollywood in the 1960's. We'll enjoy live music from "The Tropics". The Attire will be Semi-Formal to Formal.

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

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

**THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS**

(Non-BYC races not shown)

September Sailing Races & Events			
9/2	Wednesday	Pitch tune up	Bellingham Bay
9/2	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Nomination 6PM BYC
9/2	Wednesday	Sailing fleet meeting	8 pm BYC
9/5	Saturday	PITCH	Bellingham Bay
9/6	Sunday	PITCH	Bellingham Bay
9/9	Wednesday	Meeting the Candidates Night	6PM BYC
9/12	Saturday	Governor's Point	Chuckanut
9/16	Wednesday	Election Night	6PM BYC
9/19-20	Saturday	Dale Jepson One Design	Bellingham Bay
9/26	Saturday	Marmetta Cup	
October Sailing Races & Events			



## 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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