



# The Jib Sheet

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## COMMODORE'S COLUMN:

Wow - what an evening!! I hope everybody had a wonderful time at the "Grand Opening". It's been a lot of work for everyone, but I believe it was well worth the effort. We have a club to be proud of; I believe it's the best one in the Northwest. I want to thank all the volunteers and donors for your contribution. You should be proud of what you have accomplished. Now comes the time to enjoy the club with friends and fellow boaters. When I made announcements I unfortunately left someone off the Grand Opening Committee. Gerri Rae Kersey was an integral part of the committee, so please be sure and tell her "thank you" for a wonderful evening.

Now that Opening Day is here, it's time to get out on the water and enjoy what this great area has to offer. Let's not forget the challenge I made to everyone to get one new member by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Now that you've seen what the club is like it should make your job easier. So get busy! I hope to see you on the water.

Pete Foti,  
Commodore

## MEMBER RECOGNITION:

This month I would like to recognize someone who has worked on the remodel daily, including Sundays, except for a short vacation. Joe Coons has worked extremely hard on a lot of aspects of the remodel, including fundraising, club history, and the remodel bulletins that you all enjoyed. His wife Judy also had a part in all the work. Since the remodel is done, Joe has not quit. Now he is working on all the documentation for all the equipment so that we will know how everything works, and who to call if something doesn't. So, be sure to tell Joe and Judy "Thank You" for all their hard work.

Pete Foti,  
Commodore

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Opening Day of boating is here and gone. I am sure everyone had a wonderful time bringing in the 2010 Boating Season! Everyone is ready for warm weather and sunshine. Special thanks to all those that helped make our Opening Day of Boating a big success. We

are so lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers, Thank you! As the season gets under way, please be looking for our first Raft up in Inati Bay that should be lots of fun. I am so ready for Crab season, and I hope you are too. Here is to a very safe and sunny boating season 2010.

Fair Winds ~ Calm Seas in 2010

Jody K. Erickson,  
BYC Fleet Captain

### **YOUTH FLEET:**

***More Great News!*** Thanks to the efforts of seven volunteers, the new BYC youth sailing docks at Zuanich Point are nearly done. BYC members **Craig Henderson, Alex Marr, Wayne Kelsoe, Randy Nulle, Arnie Ahlen, and Steve Kersey**, plus dock construction specialist **Troy Talbot** worked the better part of a day attaching the docks to the Zuanich Point pier. The next and hopefully last, major dock work party will be in May, and involves installing dock boxes and other important accessories to make the docks ready for the BYC youth sailors. Thanks to all of the volunteers who worked over the last year on building the docks!

Maintenance on the BYC's youth sailboats also is underway. Thanks to BYC members **Mike Allsop, Craig Henderson, Katie Stackpole**, and a small but dedicated group of youth sailors for helping maintain our fleet of boats. ***Please contact Steve Kersey at 360-671-7275 if you are available to help work on the BYC's boats.***

***In Recognition of Mike Allsop:*** The BYC board unanimously voted last month to establish a 2010 needs-based youth sailing scholarship in the name of Mike Allsop. This scholarship will allow a family facing financial hardship to have one of their kids take BYC youth sailing classes, and race on Bellingham Bay this summer. ***On behalf of all BYC members and youth sailors everywhere, thank you Mike for your support of youth sailing!***

***Registration for BYC youth sailing classes is officially open.*** During the last two years, word-of-mouth advertising about the BYC youth sailing program led kids from California, Florida, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania to register for BYC classes. Now the word-of-mouth has gone international. ***This month, kids from Sydney, Australia, and Moscow, Russia have registered for BYC youth sailing classes.*** I was told the Russian student learned about the BYC's classes because someone at a Bellingham bus stop mentioned the program to a family member of the student. ***Please do your part to spread the word about the BYC's youth sailing classes - it's the best way to promote the program!***

***New Summer Class For 2010:*** In response to demand for more advanced level sailing classes, the BYC is offering a *new* Bellingham Bay dinghy (small boat) racing clinic the first week of summer sailing classes (June 21 - 25). This class is specially designed for returning BYC youth sailors and members of the new Whatcom Community High School Sailing Team who want to race on Bellingham Bay next summer.

***Fewer Basic Sailing Classes:*** The addition of the new racing clinic reduces the number of basic sailing classes the BYC usually offers from five classes to four. The reduction in basic sailing classes will cause the number of basic sailing class enrollments during 2010 to drop to 48 kids instead of last year's enrollment of 60 students (a 20% reduction!). **I encourage anyone who wants their child or grandchild to take BYC sailing classes this summer to register them as early as possible.**

### **2010 Bellingham Yacht Club Community Youth Sailing Class Information:**

Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC) community youth sailing classes are open to students ages 9 - 18. The BYC's classes feature low student-to-instructor ratios, and are taught on Bellingham Bay by *U.S. Sailing* certified instructors. All classes are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. *Membership in the BYC is not required to attend classes.* Cost is \$189 per week (\$169 class cost plus \$20 non refundable registration fee per class), and includes instruction, boat use, and instructional materials. Students must demonstrate swimming ability to class instructors. For more information, visit [www.byc.org](http://www.byc.org), or contact **Steven Kersey**, 360-671-7275, [kevets1@earthlink.net](mailto:kevets1@earthlink.net), or **Katie Stackpole**, 425-346-8110.

**NEW! Bellingham Bay Dinghy Racing Clinic:** *Prerequisite: BYC Intermediate Sailing or equivalent.* The racing clinic is specially designed for returning BYC youth sailors, and members of the Whatcom Community High School Sailing Team who want to race sailboats on Bellingham Bay this summer. Limit 12 students per class.

Session 1: June 21 - 25

**Basic Sailing:** *No boating experience required.* This class combines informative on-shore, and on-the-water instruction with plenty of fun and games. Limit 12 students per class.

Session 1: June 28 - July 2

Session 2: July 5 - July 9

Session 3: July 26 - July 30

Session 4: August 16 - August 20

**Intermediate Sailing:** *Prerequisite: BYC Basic Sailing or equivalent.* Intermediate sailing helps student's master sailing in a bigger range of wind and wave conditions, and introduces them to sailboat racing on Bellingham Bay. Limit 15 students per class.

Session 1: July 12 - 16

Session 2: August 2 - August 6

Session 3: August 23 - August 27

**Advanced Sailing:** *Prerequisite: BYC Intermediate Sailing or equivalent.* This racing focused class further develops student's sailing abilities, and prepares them to compete on the new Whatcom Community High School Sailing team, or at the collegiate level. Limit 15 students per class.

Session 1: July 19 - July 23

*McCurdy Cup Team Racing Preparation*

Session 2: August 9 - August 13

Session 3: August 30 - September 3 *BYC Mini Race Week*

### BYC Youth Sailing Upcoming Events and News:

**May 1 - Boating Season Opening Day Celebration at the BYC:** Opening Day is one of the biggest boating events of the year, and BYC youth sailors are invited join the fun. Youth sailing program activities begin with the BYC's opening day ceremony at noon. After the ceremony, BYC youth sailors are invited to participate in the opening day parade on Bellingham Bay by cruising aboard **Troy and Cori Curran's** sailboat *Typhoon*. After the parade, youth sailors will have the opportunity to race remote controlled model sailboats in Squilicum Harbor courtesy of **Will Lesh** and his company Tippecanoe Boats. **Cost: FREE**

**May 15 & 16 - Jr. Ski-To-Sea Regatta:** The annual Jr. Ski-to Sea regatta will be the Whatcom Community High School Sailing Team's first competition on Bellingham Bay. The regatta is open to all sailors, and features racing using Lasers, Bytes, Open Bics, and International Optimist dinghies. *A fund raising event for the BYC's youth sailing program will be held Saturday night at Windows on the Bay.* For more information on Jr. Ski-To-Sea, and the Saturday night youth sailing fund raising event, contact **Teresa Orem-Werner** by e-mailing her at [teresawerner@rocketmail.com](mailto:teresawerner@rocketmail.com)

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday BYC Youth Sailing Classes:** BYC instructors **Katie Stackpole** and **Calla Ward** will be teaching youth sailing classes on Bellingham Bay during three Saturdays in June. These classes are designed for returning BYC students who want to get an early start on the summer sailing season. All three classes will be from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The cost for all three classes is \$139 per student. Individual class sessions can be purchase for \$50 per student. For more information, e-mail **Katie Stackpole** at [katiebury19@yahoo.com](mailto:katiebury19@yahoo.com).

**The Whatcom Community High School Sailing Team** is having a great first season. The team is sponsored by the BYC. They have had many successful practices, and competed in several regattas. BYC members **John Van Haalen, Troy and Cori Curran, and Dick and Lily Grimshaw** along with new BYC members and high school team coaches **Mallory Abston, Katie Stackpole, and Scott Wilson** have been instrumental in the team's success. Thanks to

everyone, especially team-member parents, who have helped the high school sailing team!

**Please Help The BYC Find More Sailboats.** The BYC needs to acquire one or two good used Laser class sailboats preferably with Laser radial rigs. Please contact **Steven Kersey** by sending him an e-mail to [kevets1@earthlink.net](mailto:kevets1@earthlink.net) if you know of any good used Lasers available for purchase or donation to the BYC.

Special Thanks to Terry Tavelli and Ray Poorman for helping update the BYC's youth sailing registration system while they were busy working on the BYC's lounge renovation. THANK YOU Terry and Ray! Also, thanks to Sally Poorman and Kathy Pace Brown for helping promote the BYC youth sailing program, and Amy Kashiwa for organizing several great family nights at the BYC. Lastly, special thanks also to my wife Gerri Rea for providing invaluable assistance running the entire youth sailing program. THANK YOU GERRI!

Steve Kersey,  
BYC Youth Fleet Captain

### **PACIFIC RIM YACHT CHALLENGE 2010:**

The Pacific Rim Yacht Challenge 2010 Team Bellingham has been selected to participate in the PacRim challenge to be held in beautiful Victoria, BC June 6-12, 2010. The event is hosted by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

The Team members are:

Racers - Vance Edwards, Alex Marr, Steve Racich, Joe Bartlett, Brian Lawrence, Jonathan Knowles, and Terry Tavelli

Ambassadors - Al and Karen Callery, Dawn Durand, Ken and Char Malseed, and John and Patti Gargett.

The PacRim challenge is held every two years and presented by a Sister City of Bellingham. In addition, individuals from Canada and New Zealand participate.

The racers compete against sailors from Australia, Japan, Russia, New Zealand and Canada. In addition, non-racing Ambassadors from each country attend cultural events throughout the region. Racers and Ambassadors are home stayed with host families from Victoria.

The Team Bellingham will represent Bellingham Sister City and Bellingham Yacht Club at this event that gives participants a wonderful opportunity to make lifelong friends with people from different countries and different cultures.

Meredith Ross,  
PacRim committee

## **May 1, 2010; OPENING DAY OF BOATING:**

The theme of this year's Opening Day of Boating is "*Bygone Days of Moonshiners, Rumrunners, and Teetotalers*". Prohibition here we come!

### Schedule for Opening Day:

10:30-11:30	BYC Reception
12:00-1:00	Opening Day Ceremony/ Blessing of the Fleet
1:30	Boats Away.....
2:30	Parade Awards

## **FROM OUR MEMBER, MARGIE GLENN:**

Glyn was so excited to be a new member of the yacht club, and then all of a sudden, his life took a horrible turn for the worst. He really felt he had a couple of yrs. left to live, not just 6 wks.

His cousin (Walter Herald Glenn II) wrote the following tribute to him, would you share it with our fellow members. He would so appreciate it.

Thank you;

Glyn W Glenn our fellow Marine, (serving in Korea under Chesty Puller, Decorated for his bravery).

Born May 9th, 1933 in Glendale, California Died, March 31, 2010 in Seattle at the VA Hospital from cancer. He had recently moved to Washington State to live on a motor schooner which he renamed PanaKeia after the motor sailor he chartered in the Mediterranean in 1979. Some of you have read his memoir about those times.

Glyn was a decorated marine from the Korean War and had numerous adventures during his life. He was 77. His wife of the last seven years, Margie, said it was a blessing he went fast because he was in great pain the last few days. Here is the introduction to his book, Panakeia or A Little Bit of Freedom he wrote in 2001 has yet to be published.

" It had been an exceptionally chilly winter in Monaco and to top it off, it had been raining for the past five miserable days. Too nasty to do anything on deck. We were all getting bloody tired of it, my crew and I. It was no weather to be sailing--the sea gods could be unforgiving at this time of year on the Mediterranean. However, we had a timetable to follow, and a long trip ahead of us.

It was February, 1979 and I was already 46 years old. I'd spent a good part of the past 20 years in what you might call glamorous professions--first a stint in the apparel industry, designing and turning out ladies' casual wear; then as hair dresser to the Stars in Hollywood; followed by culinary school in Switzerland, and finally working as food and beverage director

at a five-star hotel in Monaco. I bought a yacht, the Panakeia, in Holland and sailed her down to Monaco, and for the past year I'd been living on her in the harbor while I worked at the hotel. Weekends I'd sail her--usually with one lady friend or another--and take out charter parties. But after a year of this, I was really getting burned out by corporate life--or something. Call it the mid-life crisis of a man who's gone from profession to profession, leaving--one ex-wife and a failed marriage along the way, and who suspects there's still something out there he'd like to do. I was ready for a change.

I decided to go into chartering full-time. Why?

Just think about the few freedoms we have left in this confusing age. Politicians keep passing more and more laws in a system that isn't working for the people. I figured I could either go start a colony on Mars or go to sea. I chose the sea. And so I'm dedicating this one-year aboard my yacht Panakeia to those who sit at their big desks and wonder if there isn't something else out there. There is!

We on Panakeia were just about ready for the next voyage. It was still winter, but Mike, our agent, already had us booked for charter parties through a good part of the summer, all out of Rhodes, Greece. We needed to get there in time. And we wanted to explore a little of the Greek islands and rocky coastlands so we'd know where to take our clients. We had about 2500 miles of wintery Mediterranean between us and Rhodes. I was allowing us a month to get there. I was never good in school. But still, Tennyson's poem Ulysses speaks for me. It tells about an aging hero whose dangers are past, and there's nothing left but to stay home and be happy. But he gets damned tired of doing nothing and decides to set forth once more in quest of new adventures.."

*... Come my friends,  
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.  
Push off, and sitting well in order smite  
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds  
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths  
Of all the western stars, until I die.  
It may be that the gulfs will wash us down;  
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles ....*

That sounded good to me. And if weighing a safe anchor to sail unfamiliar shores seems a little unconventional in this day and age, just chalk it up to a man who never quite fit into the established system--who grew up dyslexic in a time when no one knew much about dyslexia--who, as a consequence, could make no sense of reading at school--who was called everything from "liar" and "cheater" to "gang leader" because he wasn't like the other kids--whose father traveled to unexpected places and taught him to ride a spirited Mexican army horse--who, at sixteen years old, found himself, all by himself, piloting a ship to Panama, Belize and Cuba--who served a stint in the Marines in Korea, which I'd rather forget. .. "

We think he's reached the Happy Isles.  
Semper Fi!

### **EIGHT BELLS RING FOR TWO BYC PAST COMMODORES:**

Earl Williams, Commodore of our Club during 1987-88, died on April 16 in Paso Robles, California where he had lived since his retirement as General Manager of the local J.C. Penney store here in Bellingham. Earl, who took office just as the BYC had its largest money-losing year in many decades, was then forced to go to the Membership requesting approval of a drastic change in the dues, doubling Active Member dues from \$150 to \$300. His finance committee, realizing that the increase would be bitterly opposed by senior citizen members, at the same time established the new "Senior" membership classification that we still have. Because the seniors' dues were unchanged, the proposal got the support it needed. Earl, always a cheerful, pleasant man, always worried thereafter that "I'll be remembered as the man who raised the dues." That may be true for a few, but most of us who knew him will always remember his pleasant, friendly demeanor. Here in Bellingham, Earl was on the hospital board, active in SCORE, the Masons, Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, and more. Early is survived by his wife, Naomi and his son, daughter, and ten grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Robert W. Hutton, Commodore in 1954-55, died on January 5 in Seattle. He was an extraordinary businessman, after a stint just out of college with Seafirst Bank, then starting Bellingham Builders Supply here before joining Lone Star Industries, where he rose to be CEO. Bob was a serious sailor, skippering his boats, all named *Tatoosh*, in a number of racing events including representing the US in the Sardinia Cup in 1980. He brought to this Club extraordinary business skills (he was an MBA) and with his love of boating, he carried the Club successfully through his year at the helm. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, and their children Anne and Tom, and four grandchildren.

### **SPRING AND THINGS ARE GREEN!**

Here's a tip of the Officers' cap to Carol Snowball!! Carol virtually single-handedly takes care of the now-beautiful flower beds on the North and East sides of our Clubhouse. Some of the plants she buys, some she grows from shoots of her own garden's plants, but all of them regularly get her loving, gentle, green-thumb care here at our Club. We all owe Carol our thanks, just as we do for her husband Bob, who is nearly always the Race Committee boat driver. In this case, the Snowballs are always going uphill to new heights!

Thank you,  
Carol and Bob.



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**THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS**

(Non-BYC races not shown)

<b>April Events:</b>	<b>Day:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
5/1	Saturday	Opening Day	Everywhere
5/4	Tuesday	Pitch Pole	
5/5	Wednesday	Spring Series	Bellingham Bay
5/7	Friday	F@5	BYC Lounge
5/8	Saturday	Around Lummi Race	Around Lummi
5/11	Tuesday	Pitch Pole	
5/12	Wednesday	Spring Series	Bellingham Bay
5/15-16	Sat/Sun	Ski to Sea Sailing Regatta	
5/18	Tuesday	Pitch Pole	
5/19	Wednesday	Spring Series	Bellingham Bay
5/20	Thursday	Board Meeting	BYC
5/21	Friday	F@5	BYC Lounge

5/22-23	Sat/Sun	Inati Bay Raft-up	Inati Bay
5/25	Tuesday	Pitch Pole	
5/26	Wednesday	Spring Series	Bellingham Bay
5/28-30	Fri-Sun	Swift Sure	
<b>June Events:</b>	<b>Day:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
Please refer to the <a href="http://BYC.ORG">BYC.ORG</a> for future <a href="#">EVENTS</a>			

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Immediate Past Commodore *Terry Robertson*; Secretary *Jody Erickson*. Trustees, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustees: *John Van Haalen, Jonathan Knowles, Gerri Rae Kersey, Dick Grimshaw*; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustees: *John Gargett, Jane Sylvester, Missy Steffen, Mike Allsop*

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