

Sink the Dinghy and Launch a Career for a Person in Need:

**Calling all BYC Members to Participate
in a unique and wonderful opportunity to establish the
The Bellingham Yacht Club permanent Scholarship Fund
at the Bellingham Technical College for students in maritime industry.**



From fisheries to welding, BTC is preparing many deserving students for new careers associated with our beloved maritime world. Unfortunately, many people, after recovering from hardship or losing a job, need scholarship funds to restart their lives on a firm foundation through learning a new trade. We were proud to have answered this call two years ago when, through Sink the Dinghy, BYC provided a BTC scholarship for a deserving candidate from the Lighthouse Mission. Tragically, our candidate passed away before he could fulfill his dreams. But the good news is that the \$8335 unused portion of the scholarship can be applied towards a \$25,000 goal which is the minimum to establish a permanent scholarship fund at BTC. The Sink the Dinghy Committee has met several times with BTC Foundation Director Brad Tuninga to set up the proposal (and how the foundation will manage it) and presented this to the BYC Board for their acceptance last June.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for BYC to give back to our community in a way that will keep giving throughout the years to come. It is our hope that we can make up the difference to establish this scholarship this year and then, in the years to come, BYC members can choose to give more in honor of a special occasion: an anniversary, winning a race, honoring a loved one, buying the boat you've always dreamed of, selling the old boat to get there! While Sink the Dinghy will reach out to help others in future years as we have done before, the BYC Scholarship at BTC will be an ongoing part of our Club that we can give to at any time for any reason over the years to come. It is a great way for others to know that the BYC is a contributing member of our city.



Our Chaplain, Bishop Kevin, invites you to join him in giving generously this Holiday Season to Sink the Dinghy and Launch a Career for a Person in Need. St. Brendan's Anglican Church vestry has unanimously voted to be a partner in this effort and Bishop Kevin will present a check for \$1,000 to Sink the Dinghy at Fridays at 5 November 16th as well as a check from the Allens. Another BYC member is considering a memorial gift to honor a loved one. Whether it be loose change in the pocket or a thoughtful gift to support this great outreach from our Yacht Club... this Holiday Season let's Sink the Dinghy and Launch a Career for a Person in Need.

(Sink the Dinghy originated years ago to challenge us to think of and care for others during BYC Holiday season gatherings through filling up a dinghy with enough donations to sink it. The proceeds have gone to worthy recipients such as fishing and military families that have suffered loss, care giving organizations, and other deserving people as well.)