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IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

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CLUB SCRUB - APRIL 19

The Spring Club Scrub is scheduled for April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We have our usual tasks of general cleaning and organizing. In addition, we will clean and move our outdoor furniture to the deck and repair the Junior's dinghy dock including replacing damaged decking and securing deck sections to eliminate tripping hazards. If anybody has surplus 2 x 6 or wider decking materials in usable six foot lengths, it would be a great help. Around 12:30 the pizza will arrive, so plan to stay for lunch. See you there!

NEW MEMBER REPORT

The Officers and Trustees welcome Jerry and Janet Norman as non-resident members from Brookings, Oregon. They plan on spending their summer cruising the San Juan and Gulf Islands in a 40' Nordhavn.

Please join us in welcoming Jerry & Janet into the club!

Michele Bodke, Membership Secretary

COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Spring is in the air with boat owners everywhere busy working on projects to ready their boats for the coming summer boating season. In spite of that, a few members found time to help with the second round of painting of the pipes for the fire protection system. The lounge area now has two coats on it and the pipes pretty well blend in. I don't have everyone's name that helped out, but thank you to everyone who did help. Thanks to **Wayne and Trudy Kelsoe** for organizing the painting party supplies and volunteers. Also thanks to **Larry Jones, Dick Johnson, Mike Allsop, Larry Jones, Alex Marr, Al Callery, Mike Werner** and a couple of others I probably missed for their hard work. We all managed to get most of the paint on the pipes and not on the carpet. We will be doing another painting party at some time in the not too distant future to apply the second coat to the rest of the public areas.

Speaking of the sprinkler system, it is finally complete, tested, pressurized and wired to the fire department...all that remains is to finish the paperwork for the insurance company raters. Hopefully we will see a reduction in our insurance premium. Wayne Kelsoe can finally relax a little until Club Scrub time.

I am sure everyone has heard of the Dead Pirate's Society and many of you may wonder what they are all about. The founding fathers Dick Johnson, Tim Mumford, Rich Veach and Jason Watson formed the Society as a social group whose primary function is to assist the Bellingham Yacht Club. At our last meeting the founding fathers approached me with a request that I relay their mission statement to the BYC Board of Directors. I thought I would share it with all BYC members as the Dead Pirate's Society does a lot to help the club out. Their mission statement reads...

"The Dead Pirate's Society shall, at the request of the Bellingham Yacht Club, clean, mow and secure the Inati Bay outstation and assist in the Opening Day festivities and the Commodore's Picnic."

In addition, they help with cooking for many club functions and help manage the reciprocal dock and boat parking for our large events like PITCH and the Dale Jepsen Bellingham Bay One-Design Regatta. So next time you see one of them wearing their distinctive black shirts, give them a thanks for all the work they do to help make the club run more smoothly.

Plan now to attend the Opening Day ceremonies on May 3, 2008. This year's theme is

"Mardi Gras Madness in May" which promises to be fun for all. Look for invitations in the mail. **Michele Hurst** is busy with the planning of the event and could use some volunteers to help.

Wilson Motors and Mercedes Benz have graciously offered once again to be the primary sponsors for this year's PITCH regatta. Our thanks go to Past Commodore **Rick Wilson** for his continued sponsorship and support, without which PITCH would not enjoy the success it has had in the past years. (Below is a photo of Rick accepting a thank you plaque from Commodore Tavelli for Wilson Motors sponsorship of PITCH, 2007.)



Terry Tavelli, BYC 2007-2008 Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers... but what do March snow flurries bring? I'm hoping it's the promise of warmer weather to come!

The cruising schedule kicks off this weekend with the Past Commodore's cruise. Hosted by Past Commodore **Al Callery**, all members are welcome to join in! The location will be the Blakely Harbor Marina. More information can be found in Steve Moore's e-mail flyer or by contacting Al Callery directly at cattspaw@cssnw.net. All of our Coast Guard Marine Permits are now approved, so the spring racing can continue as planned. The full calendar of events (both racing and cruising) is now posted on the BYC website in either a PDF format or the new Google calendar. A special thanks to **PC Ray and Sally Poorman** for getting all of this up and running. In Junior news, Trustee **Steve Kersey** has been hard at work getting the Junior fleet ready to sail this summer. The Opening Day of Boating is fast approaching! Commodore **Tavelli** has declared this year's theme to be *Mardi Gras Madness*, so start gathering your strings of

beads and thinking of great ways to decorate your boat for the parade!

As always, volunteers for any of our activities are happily accepted and very much appreciated. Whether it's helping out with race committee, organizing a cruise, or helping out on one of our "special events" committees, we'll find a place for you to help! Just send me an email and we'll get you started.

See you on the water!

Michele Hurst, Fleet Captain, fleetcaptain@byc.org

NEWS FROM BUILDING & HOUSE

The sprinkler system installation is completed, tested and functional at this time. We had successful work days to insulate around the wet pipes in the attic and painting the pipes in the lounge, Commodore's room and downstairs. We have completed the pipes in the lounge however the Commodore's room and downstairs need a second coat of paint.

Thanks go to the many volunteers who have helped to make the projects possible: **Hal Rogers** for assisting with a conduit run for the installation of the sprinkler system; **Tom Ashton, Al Callery, Larry Jones, Alex Marr, and Gary Smith** for their help with the pipe insulation work in February; **Arne Ahlen, Mike Allsop, Tom and Jamie Ashton, Larry Jones, Alex Marr, Dick Johnson, Trudy Kelsoe, and Terry Tavelli** for their help painting pipes on March 8th.

We have a number of projects for improvements ahead of us in addition to the normal Club Scrub. Watch for e-mail announcements of scheduled improvement projects.

Wayne Kelsoe, Building & House Chair

JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of several BYC members, the Junior Sailing program is off to a good start this spring. During early March, a junior fleet planning meeting was held and many good ideas for improving the BYC's sailing program were discussed. Thanks to **Arne Ahlen, Kim Alfreds, Bill Apt, Jamie and Brennan Ashton and Commodore Terry Tavelli** for attending this meeting. A work party also was held in March to get the junior sailing docks organized and ready for maintenance during the upcoming Club Scrub. Thanks to **Arne Ahlen, Dick Grimshaw, Steve Hayward and Jim and Ian Langei** for their efforts at the work party. A special thank you goes to Commodore Tavelli for the extra time he has dedicated to the junior program this spring and to **Bob Kehoe** for his generous donation of vital equipment to the junior fleet.

Steve Kersey, Junior Fleet Captain

OPENING DAY, MAY 3

Mark your calendars now for Opening Day of the Boating season, Saturday, May 3. As stated by others above, the theme is *Mardi Gras Madness in May*. The Members Only champagne reception will begin at 11:00 with the Opening Day ceremonies at noon. The ceremony and boat parade are open to everyone. Watch for more information during the month.

A SPRINGTIME SUGGESTION...

I have a retirement sideline writing boat manuals, and each year I am reminded about chain marking. Here's a marking arrangement that has great merit:

Instead of paint or tags or wire ties, mark all-chain rodes by simply weaving light polypropylene line through every other link in the chain. I have used it on my boat 1995-2007 (when I sold it), and never had to replace it, even with two trips to Alaska!

Use about a 3-foot length of rope for each mark; on 1/4-inch chain, I'd use 3/16ths or 1/8 rope woven (not three-strand); on larger chains/windlasses, I used 1/4". You can get polypropylene in yellow, black, green, and sometimes red and blue, but usually folks only use two colors --- any will do. You don't have to tie it on in any way, it will stay in the links with an inch or two protruding free at each end. The weaving will reduce the length by 25-30% so a 3' length will cover about 24" of chain. Remember, for each length of the polypropylene, you weave every-other link so the line is on only opposite sides of the chain, not all four sides. Advantages: It's self-cleaning and gets washed by the washdown, doesn't wear out, is highly visible, is easy to install, keeps its color and requires no paint or cleanup and doesn't matter if the chain is rust free or clean when installing.

Most folks will use one color at 50-foot marks, another at 100-foot marks, and an extra-long length near the end.

Joe Coons

"PASSPORT TO THE WATER: STORIES OF BELLINGHAM BAY"

What: Join local author Clyde Ford and the staff from People for Puget Sound aboard the 65' motor vessel, *The Snow Goose*, for an unforgettable evening. Participate in a roundtable discussion regarding the health of Bellingham Bay, and listen to award-winning author Clyde Ford. Clyde is a much sought after public speaker, who currently lives in Bellingham, Washington where he writes and enjoys cruising the waters of the Inside Passage aboard his single engine biodiesel trawler. Those of you who have not read a Clyde Ford book are missing a real treat. Regardless of whether you have read any of his books about the area, this is a chance for you to get to meet Clyde Ford and listen to him speak.

When: Sunday, April 6th 1-3:30 p.m.

Cost: Pre-registration is required...tickets are \$30 per person, with light refreshments included.

For More Information: Contact Britta Escheté at 360-336-1931. "Passport to the Water" is co-sponsored by People for Puget Sound, Community Food Co-op, the Snow Goose, and Clyde Ford.

MARK BOAT TRAINING CLASS

This year we will again be offering a Mark Boat training class in order to certify more operators in the care and safety of our Mark Boat. It is currently in the shop for repairs, and thus we haven't set a date as of yet, but watch for notification in an email blast.

POET'S COVE CRUISE, SEPTEMBER 19-21

While it seems far, far away, our Poet's Cove Cruise is set up with Poet's Cove and again, by popular demand, it is the same weekend as the Saturna Island Wine Festival. One of the great things about this cruise is that the hotel is a great place to stay if you do not have a boat. But if you want to stay in the Lodge this year, you should make reservations now because there are only a few rooms left! Either call 1-888-512-7638 or email reservations@poetscove.com For boaters, the marina has set aside 12 slips but you need to call them directly to make a reservation. Tell them you are coming with the BYC. You may call toll free at 1-866-888 2683 or email marina@poetscove.com.

John Gargett

RECREATIONAL BOATER WATER DISCHARGE

The BYC is a supporting member of the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW) and member BJ Ursin represents us at its meetings. He has filed the following report.

There is a potentially serious problem brewing for recreational boaters. As you recall, last year a U.S. District Court ruling nullified EPA Regulation 40 under the Clean Water Act exempting effluent discharge incidental to the normal operation of vessels. The ruling is the result of a lawsuit to halt the introduction of invasive species from ballast water from commercial ships. Unfortunately the ruling did not differentiate between large commercial vessels such as cargo ships and supertankers, and small recreational boats. *Therefore, EPA Regulation 40 will also apply to all of us recreational boaters, and will require small boat owners (that's us!) to acquire EPA permits to cover washing, gray water, and bilge water discharge.*

Under the court order, the EPA must establish new regulations and a permit process to enable the normal discharge from recreational boats by September, 2008. The permit process and enforcement would be worked out between the EPA and the states.

Senate Bill S. 2766 has just been introduced. It is the Clean Boating Act of 2008 and it would fully and permanently restore a 35 year permit exemption for recreational boat incidental discharges, such as weather deck run-off and engine coolant water, but also work to protect the health of the nation's waterways. This important bill preserves recreational boating and the boating industry, taking a balanced approach that recognizes that pleasure boat discharges are completely different from land-based industrial facilities and commercial ships.

If this Bill does not pass, there will be significant problems for both manufacturers and the public. There are 13 million registered boats in the US and 74 million boaters, contributing to a \$37 billion a year industry. Under the court order, the EPA will have to devise new regulations and establish permit requirements for the normal discharge of every recreational boat by September, 2008. EPA has already started working on a rulemaking project in order to meet the court deadline.

Please write your U.S. Senators and ask them to pass **S. 2766** in the Senate to preserve the exemption for recreational boaters from the Clean Water Act NPDES permit rules. [NPDES stands for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System].

THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

APRIL Business, Social & Cruising			
4/4, 4/18	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
4/17	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
4/19	Sat	Club Scrub	Wayne Kelsoe, 738-3095
Cruising	Various	SEE BYC.ORG CALENDAR	
APRIL Sailing Races & Events			
4/2, 9, 16, 23	Weds	Numb Bum Series 1-4	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
4/30	Weds	Spring Series #1	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
<i>Non-BYC races not shown: See the Yearbook/Roster Section 1B-10</i>			

MAY Business, Social & Cruising			
5/2, 5/16	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
5/3	Saturday	OPENING DAY!!!	Michele Hurst 671-5797
5/15	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
Cruising	Various	SEE BYC.ORG CALENDAR	
MAY Sailing Races & Events			
5/7, 5/14, 5/21	Weds	Spring Series #2, 3, 4	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
5/10	Sat	Around Lummi Race	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
5/28	Weds	Summer Series #1	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
<i>Non-BYC races not shown: See the Yearbook/Roster Section 1B-10</i>			

NAME BADGES... DO YOU HAVE YOURS?

The Club would like all members to own (and wear!) their name badges at all Club functions. If you do not yet have one, and are interested, please send an e-mail to Roberta McCord (saltychuck@aol.com). Thank you!

2007-2008 BYC Officers and Board

Commodore Terry Tavelli; Vice Commodore Terry Robertson; Rear Commodore Pete Foti; Fleet Captain Michele Hurst; Past Commodore Al Callery; Secretary Jane Sylvester. Trustees, 1st Year: Troy Curran, Wayne Kelsoe, Randy Nulle and Jerry Writer. Trustees, 2nd Year: Michele Bodke, Geoff Chamness, Steve Kersey and Carol Veach.

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