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COMMODORE'S COLUMN...

Greetings everyone! I hope all of you are enjoying the warm sunny days and getting in some long awaited summer boating.

I want to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all members and their families to join me on **Saturday, August 23rd** for the annual **Commodore's Picnic**. The picnic is always held at Inati Bay on Lummi Island, and as part of the event, we will hold the Commodore's Cup race (traditionally a race from Bellingham to Inati Bay). There will be yacht club members anchored at Inati Bay beginning the

22nd and staying until the 24th, so feel free to come for weekend or just the day. It's usually the biggest raft-up of the year and always a lot of fun. The good times are enhanced by the **Dead Pirates' Society**, which runs an annual treasure hunt for the kids (and for the adults too). So come and have fun. Call our fleet captain **Michele Hurst** at (360) 920-1109 for more information or if you need a ride. **Bob Kehoe** will be barbecuing up some tasting food. Please plan to bring your favorite appetizer, side dish or desert along to add to the fare. This is a family outing so bring them along.

As a reminder, we have a couple of upcoming events. Saturday, August 9th will be our first (hopefully annual) Buccaneer's Cruise. This is a family cruise to Inati Bay with a "pirate theme". **Troy Curran** and **Corie Hansen** have done an outstanding job organizing the event so please plan to support their efforts by attending. Also coming up is the annual Crab Fest on Saturday, August 16th in Chuckanut Bay. Contact **Michele Hurst** for more information.

This year's WOW Regatta was a fine success. I want to thank **Dawn Durand** for her efforts in supporting and organizing this event, and all the volunteers including the race committee for putting on a great regatta! Check for results online at www.byc.org.

PITCH plans are progressing well. Mercedes Benz and Wilson Motors are helping us put on one of the Northwest's premier regattas. We need volunteers for PITCH over Labor Day weekend!! Please contact **Jody Erickson** at (360) 223-2119 or **Kathy Brown** at (970) 218-9628 if you can volunteer. We need help doing all types of jobs throughout the weekend.

Don't forget to check the schedule on the BYC website for upcoming cruises, races and

events. Hope to see all of in August!

Terry Tavelli, BYC 2007-2008 Commodore

WINE TASTING PARTY...BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

For those of you who did not attend our second Wine Tasting Party the evening of June 13th, you missed a great event. Our thanks go to **Troy Curran** and **Cory Hansen**, with assistance from **Ray** and **Sally Poorman**, who did an outstanding job organizing the event. Everyone had a fantastic time sampling the delicious local wines and listening to great music. The nominal price of \$10 was well worth it just for the privilege of enjoying jazz provided by Paul Kline, and Mark Kelly (The Brothers 'K') from the Atlantics and there was plenty of food and good wines. Many of those in attendance used the opportunity to take advantage of the great prices and stock up their personal cellars.

2008/09 BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for the 2008/09 year will be held **September 17**. Every year, four of the eight Board Member positions are up for election, as well as those of all flag officers. While any qualified active member can be elected to any flag officer position, it is generally been our tradition, as suggested by our bylaws, that each flag officer moves up in succession to the next position. This is done so that by the time a person reaches Commodore they will have had the experience of having fulfilled the duties of all the flag officer positions and thus are better qualified to lead the Club. As you may recall, this year we added the requirement of having been a member of the Board for at least one year before an active

member is eligible for election to the position of Fleet Captain as that is a an important role with many responsibilities.

Each year, a nominating committee consisting of two Past Commodores and three active members is appointed by the incumbent Commodore to solicit candidates for members of the Board to fill the vacated positions; then the Club's Nominations Meeting is set for the first Wednesday in September, which this year is **September 3**. In addition, the Commodore will be selecting five members for the Teller Committee to assist our Secretary **Jane Sylvester** count the ballots during the election. *If you have any interest in helping on either committee, or would like to run for a vacant position, please contact Commodore **Terry Tavelli** via email at ttavelli@treev.com or by phone at (360) 305-2452.*

A HEADS UP ABOUT TWO UP-COMING CRUISES...

The Oak Harbor cruise has been changed to instead go to LaConner. The new dates are August 1,2 & 3rd. It's not to late to make your appointment. You can call the LaConner Marina @ 360-466-3118. Mention the BYC Cruise and try to get on F dock. This is a fun place to visit along with several fine restaurants.

Also because our Poets Cove leaders John & Patti Gargett are going over on Thursday the 18th we have concluded that we don't want them to have too much fun without us, so we and several other boats are going over on Thursday as well. I called Poet's Cove and talked to Devon and he said no problem with adding Thursday. If you want to change and add one more day please do so. If you haven't signed up yet give it a try. Call 1-866-888-2683 and tell them you are with the BYC and sign up.

If you need more info on the LaConner cruise contact Bob Simica robeshimi@aol.com. For Poet's Cove contact John Gargett, john@gargett.com. Hope to see you at both cruises. *Chuck McCord, info@chuckmccord.com cell: 360-739-3640*

ELEVENTH ANNUAL W.O.W.

What an awesome time was had by over 60 women racing on July 12th in the *Women On The Water Regatta* on Bellingham Bay! Nine boats crossed the start/finish line six times with an average of 8-10 knots of steady breeze and an expertly set course and score keeping by the race committee Mick Corcoran, Ray Poorman Terry Tavelli and Tierney Owens aboard *Sunstar*. Lots of laughter, sunny skies and only a couple of screams of "starboard!!!!" made for a memorable day and a confidence builder for the skippers and their teams. Hamburgers were supplied by BYC at 5 pm (thanks to Dick Johnson and his crew) and awards and incredible prizes followed sponsored by West Marine, LFS, Chrysalis Spa, ZaZen Salon & Spa, Jody Bergsma Gallery, Nauti Girl Active Wear, Dawn Durand/Windermere, Anthony's Restaurant and Gail Storm. A special thanks to Bill Apt for his awesome photography & personal CD's of photos which he made for each boat.

Start making plans for WOW 2009 and another great regatta. Results, Skippers and boats were:

PHRF 1: 1st: Dawn Durand, *Jamoca*; 2nd: Emily Doreen, *Hravn*.

PHRF 2: 1st: Sally Poorman, *Amore*; 2nd: Michele Bodtke, *Spartan*; 3rd: Cathy Holland, *Blackfoot*; 4th: Christy Sundholm, *Hesitation Zero*.

PHRF 3: 1st: Katie Bury, *TA2*; 2nd: Sarah Johnson, *Syndicat*; 3rd: Kathy Smoth, *Uno Mas*.

A LATE REPORT: *LIGHT SCOUT* TOPS ETHELLES REGATTA

Light Scout (CAN 973) sailed by Kirk Palmer out of Royal Victoria Yacht Club posted an impressive string of finishes including 4 bullets to take top honors at the annual Bellingham Etchells Spring Regatta hosted by BYC on June 7-8.

Following *Light Scout* in the results were *Five-Five-Two* sailed by Tom Malone and *Voodoo* sailed by Randy Nulle.

11 boats competed in the 10 race regatta, including boats from Seattle and Victoria. The wind filled in from the southwest at 10+ knots on both days making for ideal conditions. Racing was tight in this competitive fleet with aggressive starts and lots of boat-for-boat action.

Michele Bodtke and her race management crew set solid courses and kept the racing moving with 5 races each day.

The Etchells class has more than 1600 members racing in 11 countries. There are 26 active fleets in the US. The Bellingham fleet races every Wednesday during the BYC season.

Complete Results:

1. *Light Scout* Kirk Palmer , RVYC
2. *Five-Five-Two* Malone-Pedlow-Cooper, BYC
3. *Voodoo* Randy Nulle, BYC
4. *Callipygian*, Dave Steffan, BYC
5. *Attitude* Pete Ambrose, BYC
6. *Slo-Mo-Shun* Gary Baker, BYC
7. *Beauzeau* Roloson-New-Atwood, BYC
8. *USA 1169* Tom Hughes, SYC
9. *Shameless* Jon Knowles, BYC
10. *Foibles* Bill Green, BYC
11. *Flash* Elan Engel, BYC

...*Michele Hurst, Fleet Captain*

NEW JIB SHEET EDITORS TAKE OVER...

Joe Carpenter and **Jim Langei** are the new co-editors of the *Jib Sheet* effective with the September, 2008 issue. Both Members volunteered for the post after my plea for a replacement after eight years appeared in the July issue, and I met with them early in mid July to review the processes involved.

I want to thank both of these Members for coming forward, and for their enthusiasm! I know that all BYC-ers will try to give them the help they need by submitting stories on time each month.

A special thank-you is due our loyal advertisers who defray most of the *Jib Sheet's* cost. They have been really supportive of our Club.

Finally, thanks to all the folks who have helped me so much over the years I served as your *Jib Sheet* editor. I intend to submit articles from time to time in the months to come!

...*Joe Coons*

BUCCANEER CRUISE AUGUST 8-10

Troy Curran is organizing the *First Annual Buccaneer's Cruise* on Saturday August 9, 2008. It will be at Inati Bay, with **kids' activities, a treasure hunt, grub, grog, and prizes for the best pirates' and wenches' costumes. Music and dancing from 3:30 - 8PM** will be supplied by *The Atlantics*, our great local band! For details, contact Troy at 220-1385. **And be sure to get that pirate costume ready!**

POET'S COVE CRUISE, SEPT. 19-21

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

AN OPPORTUNITY, PERHAPS?

"I am writing this letter on behalf of my friend Eric Shutler, who is in Iraq..

Eric has had a Wooden Sailboat in storage at the Landings at Colony Wharf for eight years or more. This boat at been on blocks and is deteriorating. He would like to find someone that would take the boat off his hands and perhaps get a tax donation for it... as he is in Iraq and will not be re-building this excellent craft, but hates to see it just demolished.

The boat is a Classic Wooden Herreshoff 28 foot sailboat that has been modified to 30' It was built, according to Eric, in 1969. I personally have not seen the rig, but understand it is in a state of deterioration just from sitting on the blocks outside. The craft has an 8.5' beam and has a full keel. When in usable shape, sleeps 4, with a cabin, and kitchenette. The engine was removed and never replaced as Eric had planned. The boat had two masts. It was all wood, double oak planked hull and Honduras Mahogany Interior.

We are interested in a donation or maybe to give this boat for a tax deduction and maybe a project for some club or for the wood and parts.

If you are interested, please contact me as I am handling Mr. Shutler's stateside business for him while he is in Iraq."

Earl Perry, eperry@tx.rr.com, 3031 C Mahanna Springs, Dallas, Texas 75235 (972) 658-8602. Eric Shutler's email is Shutler1@aol.com

PC STEVE MOORE NEEDS YOUR HELP AT FRIDAYS AT FIVE

Steve needs help getting the Friday at 5 host scheduling in place. As a F@5 host, one, two, or more Members provide a theme and key dishes for a Friday at Five. Some folks do it simply, with modest offerings, others do more elaborate serving, but everyone always appreciates what is served and the hosts can have some fun reciprocating for all the nice times Fridays at Five bring us and our guests.

Past Commodore Steve urges you to pick a first or third (or fifth, when there is one) Friday and volunteer to be a host. Call him at 201-8999 or email steve@mooreandcompany.com for more details and ideas...and take your turn providing the fun. THANKS!

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BARTENDING SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Bartender(s)	Captain of the Watch
Thu 07/31/08		Mark Johnson mjhighrisk@yahoo.com	
Fri 08/01/08	F@5	Pete/Jamie Foti westcoastmarine@comcast.net & Jon Seestrom Jon.Seestrom@wecu.com	Pete Foti westcoastmarine@comcast.net
Sat 08/02/08		Jim Langei jim.langei@wecu.com & Sterling Taylor	
Thu 08/07/08		Arne Ahlen arneanna@comcast.net	
Fri 08/08/08		Geoff Chamness geoff@performance-yachts.com	Geoff Chamness geoff@performance-yachts.com
Sat 08/09/08		Dick Grimshaw r.grimshaw@comcast.net	
Thu 08/14/08		John Gargett john@gargett.com & Patti Gargett pattwhite@mac.com	
Fri 08/15/08	F@5	Terry Tavelli terry.tavelli@metavante.com & Wayne/Trudy Kelsoe sslverbirdwa@comcast.net	Wayne Kelsoe sslverbirdwa@comcast.net
Sat 08/16/08		Sarah Tario skeatingd@comcast.net	
Thu 08/21/08	Board	Joe Bartlett jamocajoe@hotmail.com & Dawn Durand dawn@dawndurand.com	
Fri 08/22/08		Michele Hurst micheleh@spie.org & Neil Bennett neil@osc-voc.com	Michele Hurst micheleh@spie.org
Sat 08/23/08		Richard Veach tooweather@comcast.net	
Thu 08/28/08		John/Teresa VanHaalen vhaalen@comcast.net	
Fri 08/29/08	F@5	Jane Sylvester SailingADream@yahoo.com & Gerri Kersey gerrirea@yahoo.com	Steve Kersey kevets1@earthlink.net
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Thu 09/04/08		Don/Pat Dangelmaier dondee@shaw.ca	
Fri 09/05/08	PITCH	HIRED	Carol Veach tooweather@comcast.net
Sat 09/06/08	PITCH	HIRED	
Thu 09/11/08	W & K	Larry Jones jshari2@aol.com	
Fri 09/12/08		Bob/Darlene Wagner bobndarlene@yahoo.com	Randy Nulle rnulle@samsonrope.com
Sat 09/13/08		Steve/Hope Hanson steven.hanson@comcast.net	
Thu 09/18/08	Board	Jack Delay jack.07@island-reflections.com	
Fri 09/19/08	F@5	Sally Poorman mermaid@zeninternet.com & Ray Poorman rpoorman@cssnw.com & Gina Saettone skippergee@yahoo.com	Terry Tavelli terry.tavelli@metavante.com
Sat 09/20/08		Roger Schjelderup toptobottom2@qwest.net	
Thu 09/25/08		Mike Poulos byclaserfleet@yahoo.com	
Fri 09/26/08		Al/Karen Callery catspaw@cssnw.net	Al Callery catspaw@cssnw.net
Sat 09/27/08		Jerry Writer jerry@sanjuanelectronics.com	

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THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

AUGUST Business, Social & Cruising			
8/1-8/3	Fri-Sun	LaConner Cruise	Bob Simica, 715-3387
8/1, 15, 29	Fri	Fridays at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
8/8-8/10	Fri-Sun	Inati Bay Buccaneer Cruise	Troy Curran, 220-1385
8/16	Sat	Chuckanut Bay Crab Fest	Steve Moore, 201-8999
8/21	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
8/23	Sat	Commodore's Picnic @ Inati Bay	Terry Tavelli 305-2452
AUGUST Sailing Races & Events			
8/5, 12, 19, 26	Tues	Perspiration Races 1-4	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
8/6, 13, 20	Weds	Hot August Nights 2-4	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
8/8-8/10	Fri-Sun	Buccaneer Cruise to Inati B	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
8/16	Sat	Chuckanut Bay Crab Fest	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
8/23	Sat	Commodore's Picnic	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
8/27	Weds	PITCH Tune-Up	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
8/30-8/31	Sat-Sun	PITCH	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
<i>Non-BYC races not shown: See the Yearbook/Roster Section 1B-10</i>			

SEPTEMBER Business, Social & Cruising			
9/3	WEDS	NOMINATING MEETING	Terry Tavelli, 305-2452
9/5, 9/19	Fri	Friday at Five	Steve Moore, 201-8999
9/17	WEDS	CLUB ELECTIONS	Terry Tavelli, 305-2452
9/18	Thurs	Board Meeting	6PM at Club. Terry Tavelli 305-2452
9/19-9/21	Fri-Sun	Poet's Cove Cruise	John Gargett 676-5700
SEPTEMBER Sailing Races & Events			
9/2,9/9	Tues	Perspiration #5, 6	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
9/13	Sat	Governor's Point LD Race	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
9/16	Tues	BB One Design Tune-Up	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
9/20-9/21	Sat-Sun	B'ham Bay One Design Reg.	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
9/27	Sat	Marmetta Cup	Jeff Vernon 739-4888
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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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