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OPENING DAY HAS COME, IT'S GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

And what a day it was. The hard work, and play, was clearly evident. And John Gargett has posted some of the memories of the day at <http://gallery.me.com/johngargett#100066> In addition to these photos, John also produced a DVD of the day. It will be at the club starting Friday the 29th and if you would like a copy of the DVD, please contact John directly. (john@gargett.com or 360-656-5700)

Finally, if you also have photos that you would like to share with the club, here is the best way - post your photos to your favorite on-line photo gallery and send the link for the photo gallery to John Gargett. He will then make it available to the entire club through the BYC Website. Alternatively, if you provide John with a CD/DVD he can upload them for you.

John Gargett, Past Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Boating season is finally here! I want to thank everyone for a fantastic Opening Boating Day 2009.

Thanks to Missy Stefan, Jane Sylvester and all the other volunteers who made the opening ceremonies such a wonderful event. Although my public speaking skills leave something to be desired, all their efforts really made the ceremonies a classy and memorable affair.

Thanks to NW Explorations for the use of "Northern Song" as the review boat for the parade. Our theme "Margaritaville" made for some colorful and fun decorations for the boats; and to add to the fun, we even had our ever-vigilant Coast Guard boarding boats during the parade for inspections. Congrats to Jim Langei on a spotless boating safety check. We will have to remember that for next year.

Thanks to the "Dead Pirate's Society" for a great dock party. Great food, friends and Jimmy Buffett, what a combination! Everyone had a great time and stayed safe. Again, thanks to all the volunteers and participants that made Opening Boating Day 2009 such a success.

BYC YOUTH FLEET NEWS:

Registration is now open for the BYC's summer 2009 youth sailing classes. Classes will fill quickly so don't wait to register your child or grandchild for the BYC's summer sailing program.

Each BYC youth sailing class is Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 4:00, and features low student to instructor ratios. Sessions can be combined to create multi-week learning experiences. The cost for a single-session enrollment is \$169. Discounts for enrolling a student in two or more sessions are available. The enrollment fee covers instruction, boat usage and materials. Students enrolled in BYC youth sailing classes must demonstrate basic swimming ability to class instructors.

Basic Sailing: No sailing or boating experience required. Learn to sail a basic boat in fair weather conditions through a combination of on-shore instruction, on the water practice, and plenty of fun and games.

- Session 1: June 22 - 26
- Session 2: June 29 - July 3
- Session 3: July 13 - 17
- Session 4: August 3 - 7
- Session 5: August 17 - 21

Intermediate Sailing: Prerequisite: BYC basic sailing or equivalent. We'll help you take sailing to the next level. Students hone their sailing skills and develop an ability to sail in more varied conditions. This class features more time on the water, fun and games, and an introduction to sailboat racing.

- Session 1: July 6 - 10

- Session 2: July 20 - 24
- Session 3: August 10 - 14
- Session 4: August 24 - 28

NEW! Advanced Sailing. Prerequisite: BYC intermediate sailing or equivalent. This hands-on class further increases sailing abilities and prepares students for high school and collegiate team level sailboat racing.

- Session 1: July 27 - 31
- Session 2: August 31 - September 4

To register a child in a BYC youth sailing class, or for additional information on the 2009 program, visit BYC.org/youth, or call Steven Kersey, BYC Youth Fleet Captain at 360-969-0092.

Note: The BYC's youth sailing program gladly accepts donations of youth-sized US Coast Guard approved life jackets and sailing wet/dry suits. The program also seeks additional Laser class sailboats and equipment. If you would like to donate good used items to the BYC's youth sailing program, please call Steven Kersey at 360-969-0092.

Steven Kersey,
BYC Youth Fleet Captain

NEW MEMBER POLICY:

Volunteer members are the life blood of the Bellingham Yacht Club. In order to ensure new members feel more welcome and to encourage participation in Club activities, the Membership Committee has presented the following changes to the BYC Policy Section of the Member Yearbook to the Board, and the Board has adopted the new policies and procedures as set forth below.

To SECTION IV, MEMBERSHIP POLICIES & PROCEDURES, we have added the following subsection:

C. New Members

1. The Rear Commodore will act as Membership Committee co-chairperson along with one Active or Senior member of the club. The Rear Commodore's duties will be to oversee the committee in order to ensure consistent communication with new members.

2. Sponsorships - Sponsors will assume an active role by taking responsibility for new members for their first year of membership. The goal is to ensure new members feel welcome, get to know other members and become involved in one or more of the various committees. Specific sponsorship responsibilities will be added to the New Member Application so sponsors are reminded of them when they sign the application.

3. Name Badges - Badge colors will be changed to reflect membership status. New member badges, except non-resident members, will be silver with black lettering. Upon completing one year of membership, the new member will receive a gold badge with black

lettering. Non-resident member badges will be blue with white lettering. A quantity of "Host" badges (white badge with blue Lettering) will be available in the badge area for sponsors and anyone else wishing to act as a host during club functions.

4. Communication - Upon Board acceptance of a new member, the Rear Commodore is responsible for the initial contact to welcome the new member. The Membership Committee is then responsible for quarterly follow-up calls to ensure the member's needs are being met.

5. Jib Sheet and Web Site - The Jib Sheet and BYC Web Site will be enhanced to spotlight new members and provide more information about them.

6. Recognition - New members and one-year members will be recognized on a regular basis either at Friday's at Five or in a separate membership event. This recognition will include a ceremony to present their permanent name badge at their one-year anniversary.

7. New Member Social - At the discretion of the Rear Commodore, there will be a new member social event held twice a year.

Pete Foti
Vice Commodore

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE BYC WEBSITE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES:

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

THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

(Non-BYC races not shown)

June Sailing Races & Events			
6/2	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #1	Bellingham Bay
6/3	Wednesday	Summer Series #1	Bellingham Bay
6/6	Saturday	Ski to Sea Regatta	Bellingham Bay
6/9	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #2	Bellingham Bay
6/10	Wednesday	Summer Series #2	Bellingham Bay
6/16	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #3	Bellingham Bay
6/17	Wednesday	Summer Series #3	Bellingham Bay
6/20-21	Sat/Sun	Point Roberts Overnight	Point Roberts
6/23	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #4	Bellingham Bay
6/24	Wednesday	Summer Series #4	Bellingham Bay
6/30	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #5	Bellingham Bay
July Sailing Races & Events			
7/1	Wednesday	Doldrums Series #1	Bellingham Bay
7/7	Tuesday	Dingy Wave Rider Series #6	Bellingham Bay
7/8	Wednesday	Doldrums Series #2	Bellingham Bay

7/15	Wednesday	Moore Invitational	
7/21	Tuesday	Dingy Mid Summer Series #1	Bellingham Bay
7/22	Wednesday	Doldrums Series #3	Bellingham Bay
7/25	Saturday	Jack and Jill	
7/28	Tuesday	Dingy Mid Summer Series #2	Bellingham Bay
7/29	Wednesday	Doldrums Series #4	Bellingham Bay

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