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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Tenant Partnership

Your Board has been going through the process of finding the best "fit" for our tenant space previously leased to Emerald Bay Events. We did have several well qualified parties who were interested but when all was said and done we chose **Tom and Barb Kilpatrick** with their "Window on the Bay" catering and event concept. There were several positive aspects to their proposal. The Kilpatricks have successfully owned several restaurants and currently own and operate Hilltop Restaurant and Catering located on the Guide towards Lynden. I used to work in the Cordata neighborhood and still live in the county towards Lynden. For several years I drove to and from work past the Hilltop restaurant and remember that there were always customer cars in their parking lot. They are also boaters who most recently owned a Monk designed vessel.

Let's do everything we can to ensure they are successful. Please welcome Tom and Barb Kilpatrick and crew of Windows on the Bay, Bellingham's newest and exquisite catering and

event venue. Windows on the Bay will begin operation July 1st.

Mark Boat

First of all I want to thank **Troy Curran** for all the work and effort he has put into maintenance and repair of our mark boats this and last season.

Many of you have seen the new mark boat. The aluminum mark boat was damaged beyond repair by heavy seas and pounding early this season. The marine surveyor for our insurance company recommended it not return to the water. For replacement we looked at several used vessels. After, I believe a thousand emails back and forth, the general consensus was that we needed a mark boat with the following attributes; deep vee hull for rough sea conditions and sea worthiness, cover for the workers, a warm and dry space to put a wet and cold child or adult, sufficiently large work platform for raising and lowering marks, payload capacity to carry the grill and supplies to Inati for events, access to the bow to work the anchor; reliability and cost efficient to purchase and run.

We looked at several used vessels, Grady White, Whaler etc. which met our criteria. Asking prices for the used boats were in the upper teen to mid 20's price range, and they were 10 to 20 years old. With any of these older vessels comes significant repair and maintenance costs and loss of use potential. Maintenance costs of \$500 to \$1,000 per year over the next 10 years could be \$5,000 to \$10,000. If the older engine failed, the cost of a new engine could easily be an additional \$13,000. Older vessels also come with older 2 stroke engines which are fuel hogs and do not meet current EPA emission requirements. When the proposal for a new, but deeply discounted vessel came forward it just made long range sense considering the negative attributes of a used vessel; loss of use potential, possibly \$10,000 in repairs over a 10 year life, possible \$13,000 purchase cost of a replacement engine and the stigma of running a smelly, EPA emission deficient old 2 stroke.

The new boat meets every criterion for a mark boat. This vessel was deeply discounted because it was one of three remaining units the manufacturer needed to sell before it began production of a new model line. It comes with a 10 year hull warranty. The engine is brand new and low emission oil injected two-stroke which meets EPA emission requirements. It is also an engine model known for its reliability. Canvas was already installed and the trailer is new and robust. The club added about \$10,000 to the settlement from the old mark boat and purchased what you see docked in front of the club. We wouldn't have chosen this vessel if it weren't deeply discounted but the deal was just too good to pass up. When it came time to choose a vessel we thought the better way to go was with a new boat which would give us many years of reliable and low cost service.

Sailing Forum

I would like to have a sailing forum some time later this year. **Mick Corcoran** has worked very hard this year to format a racing program and I want this to continue. I would also like to come up with ways which would make it easy for boat owners to start racing or feel comfortable racing occasionally with their non-racer friends.

Until next month-Enjoy your boating experience, enjoy the club environment and please be safe.

Terry Robertson
Commodore

'WINDOWS ON THE BAY' OPENING IN SQUALICUM HARBOR AT BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB FACILITY

Windows on the Bay, an event center for social and business gatherings, is opening July 1 in one of Bellingham's most desirable waterfront locations, the Bellingham Yacht Club facility in Squalicum Harbor.

Windows on the Bay is a new venture headed by Tom and Barb Kilpatrick, owners of Bellingham's Hilltop Restaurant & Catering.

"We'll be offering a wide choice of cuisines that will match the elegant interior and exquisite view of the marina, islands and sunsets," Tom Kilpatrick said.

Windows on the Bay, located at 2625 Harbor Loop Drive, is available for events of 50-200 people, depending on seating arrangements. Wedding receptions, holiday parties, business meetings with food service, family celebrations and fundraisers are ideal events for the venue, Kilpatrick said. Alcohol beverages are available to clients with a banquet permit, allowing them to control cost and selection without high mark-ups, he added.

"We welcome Windows on the Bay as our new neighbors on the waterfront and are excited about Tom and Barb's newest endeavor," said Terry Robertson, commodore of the Bellingham Yacht Club. "Event participants will enjoy fine dining in a beautifully appointed venue with stunning views from this rare marina vantage point."

To make event reservations or gain a tour of Windows on the Bay, visit www.windowsonthebay.us or call (360) 220-0731.

MEDIA NOTE: The Windows on the Bay website is not expected to be launched until close to July 1.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK:

I'm playing catch-up this month since I was absent from the last two board meetings, so please welcome the following new members, voted in at the April, May and June meetings:

From the April meeting of the Board:

Dick and Marion Conley own a 32' boat named Reunion and join us as intermediate members.

Tracy Prescott and Janet Barral join the club as non-resident members and own a 40' boat called Fathom.

Rick Steidley is currently 'between boats' and joins as a full active member.

Manutea "Tia" Bittner is also 'between boats' and joins as an intermediate member. Most of us have probably seen Tia behind the bar at our larger events.

From the May meeting of the Board:

John Neal joins as a full active member and owns a 24' Grady White.

From the June meeting of the Board:

Bart and Vicki Griffith join as active members from Bellingham and own a 43' Mason named Denali.

Mark Santosuosso and Katy Day also join us from Bellingham and own a Spencer 42 named Virginia.

Michele Hurst
Rear Commodore

2009 BUCCANEERS CRUISE

Article By John Gargett - BYC Jib sheet Reporter



Our Fleet Captain Troy Curran has just announced the dates. The Buccaneers Cruise will be August 14, 15 & 16.

Fleet Captain Troy Curran and **Cori Hanson** have planned another great weekend for the 2nd Annual Buccaneers Cruise over at Inati Bay. For the hundred or so who showed up last year, you already know that it was a great day of family fun. Troy and Cori are planning even more fun this year. There will be costumes, swashbuckling, and sword fights (ok, they are only blowup swords, but still fun.) There will be Lads and Lassies. Pieces of Eight, Booty and Doubloons may be found. Scallywags and Seadogs will be plentiful. This will indeed be a great day of family fun, so plan now on attending this weekend of some of the old traditions of the early days of buccaneers.

By the way, how many of you know the origin of the word Buccaneer? According to Wikipedia, the term buccaneer derives from the Arawak (Native Indians of the Caribbean) word buccan, a wooden frame for smoking meat, hence the French word boucane and the name boucanier for French hunters who used such frames to smoke meat from feral cattle and pigs on Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic.) English colonists anglicized the word

boucanier to buccaneer. Now what other trivia can you bring to the Buccaneers Cruise?

For more information please contact Troy Curran or Cori Hansen.

2009 COMMODORES PICNIC WILL BE AUGUST 29TH, BUT YOU CAN STAY FOR THE WEEKEND

Article By John Gargett - BYC Jib sheet Reporter



Inati Bay has been the site of the Commodore's Picnic since 1983 when the BYC leased Inati Bay on the east shore of Lummi Island for the use of members. Every year there are two events that stand out for the Commodore, the Installation of Officers and the Commodore's Picnic. Installation because everyone wishes you well, pledges support and offers suggestions for you at the start of your year. The Commodore's Picnic is at the end of your year and it is the time when the Commodore is honored by the membership for his or her year of service, as well as when the Commodore thanks the membership for all they have done for the club.

As always, this year's picnic will be a fun day, and another family day. In years past we have had sailing races from the club to the bay, one year the local kayak club even raced the sail boaters (kayaks won). Another year we had dinghy races. Of course everyone arrives there to find Bob Kehoe doing his famous salmon barbecue. Add to this the food, fun and games that go on every year and you have all the makings of another great Commodores Picnic.

So mark your calendars and come help celebrate **Commodore Terry Robertson's** great year of service to our club as he is honored into Past Commodore status with the ceremonial smoking of the cigar with other Past Commodore's.

For more information please contact Fleet Captain Troy Curran or Commodore Terry Robertson

2009 WOMEN ON THE WATER (WOW) REGATTA

Article By John Gargett - BYC Jib sheet Reporter



Women on the Water is an annual regatta supporting women in sailing. This year the Race will be August 1st in Bellingham Bay. All boats must be driven by women, with a predominantly female crew. Some years men are allowed to participate in the regatta, although they are generally required to dress as the opposite sex. Seriously, there are a few rules - the Skipper must be female and no more than 1/3 of the crew can be male. For clarification, if you have a 9 person crew (or more), there can only be 3 males. If your crew size is 6-8 no more than 2 males and boats with 3-5 then you can only have one male.

The Women on the Water 2009 Regatta will be governed by the International Yacht Racing rules and sailing instructions will be handed out at the Skippers meeting 9:00 am at the BYC. 2625 Harbor Loop, Bellingham, WA 98225. The start time for the race is 1000, and Last Minute On-Site Registration will start at 0800 at the Bellingham Yacht Club.

2009 Sponsors include: **Dawn Durand**, Windermere Real Estate, and The Tide Catcher. There will be prizes at the end of the regatta as well as a drawing! The after race events include the Mr. Wow pageant and shouldn't be missed as male regatta participants show off their elegant attire for the day!

For further information, please contact Dawn Durand 360-739-3380



THE 5th ANNUAL CRUISE TO POET'S COVE—SEPTEMBER 18, 19, & 20th

Article By John Gargett - BYC Jib sheet Reporter



Famous Smugglers of The San Juan Islands

You all ready know about the cruise to Poets Cove for the 18th, 19th and 20th of September. If you have not yet made your reservations, you need to now. Here are some details:

Friday the 18th

Time - Depart from Bellingham with a Predicted Log Race.

1700 - Welcome No Host Dock Party; bring your favorite dock dish.

1800 - Announcement of First and Last place winners of Predicted Log Race (Winner gets FREE MOORAGE, last place gets a gift certificate for one night of moorage, both provided by Poets Cove Resort & Spa).

The Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron has accepted the challenge laid out to them to join us in Poets Cove and our try and beat the BYC in the Predicted Log Race, so...let's give them a race!

Saturday the 19th

0900 - Dock Side Potluck Breakfast.

1100 - Rain or shine, the Saturna Island Wine and Harvest Festival.

1800 - Pirates of Poets Cove Dinner Theater (In Aurora Room). This is where you will solve a tale of international intrigue and mystery. Speaking of the Pirates of Poets Cove, you can read the June Chapter - Piracy, Guemes Island, & Tide Catcher Dreams at the official site - <http://piratesofpoetscove.wordpress.com/1939/06/01/june-another-month-another-chapter/> and you will want to make sure and read each month up until the last Chapter, September 19th - the Chapter we will act out.

Sunday the 20th

Time - Poets Cove Resort & Spa has a great breakfast buffet where we will go on our own schedule before leaving for home.

Other Details

Poets Cove is offering us free electricity for the weekend for boaters, a special room rate for the rooms and cabins, helping with prizes, and making a great price for us for the Dinner Theater.

So in preparation for September, here are three things you need to do:

1. Mark your calendar for September 18, 19 and 20, 2009 for Poets Cove.
2. Make your reservation (We have ~~25~~ 12 left? slips and ~~12~~ 1 left? rooms in the Lodge) - you can make your reservation with Tara or Caroline in the Marina for the boat moorage, but make sure you tell them it is for the BYC Cruise. For the rooms in the Lodge (or Cottage) you must call the front desk and tell her you are booking for the Bellingham Yacht Club. If you do not, you are not going to get the rate. If all the rooms are full, then ask to be on a wait list.
3. Read the Pirates of Poets Cove (<http://piratesofpoetscove.wordpress.com/>) Chapters will continue to be posted except the last one - September 19th, because you are the chapter.

Questions? Call John or Patricia Gargett (360) 656-5700 or via email john@gargett.com

BYC YOUTH SAILING REPORT:

Program Status:

The BYC's youth sailing program achieved an important milestone in June by receiving its 100th enrollment before the start of classes. Current 2009 youth sailing revenue is about \$17,000. Students from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, California, and the Seattle area are taking BYC classes this summer along with a group of five kids from Anacortes.

A majority of the BYC's summer sailing classes are full, or nearly full. Please contact Steven Kersey at 360-969-0092 as soon as possible if you want to enroll your child or grandchild in a BYC summer sailing class.

2009 Class Schedule:

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 (Class Full - Closed)
- Session 2: June 29 - July 3 (Class Full - Closed)
- Session 3: July 13 - 17 (Class Full - Closed)
- Session 4: August 3 - 7 (Class Full - Closed)
- 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 (Class Full - Closed)
- 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.

BYC Instructor in Training Program: Students completing intermediate level sailing classes can help teach BYC sailing classes through the instructor in training program. Additional information on the BYC's instructor in training program is available from Calla Ward at 425-770-7099.

Tuesday Night Dinghy Races:

BYC sponsored Tuesday dinghy races on Bellingham Bay are underway. Current and former BYC youth sailing students are invited to join the fun and race on Bellingham Bay. Please contact Steven Kersey at 360-969-0092 for more information on Tuesday night youth sailboat racing.

High School Sailing Teams:

Did you know that Bellingham is one of the largest communities in western Washington without a high school level sailing team? The BYC youth sailing program is working to start high school level sailing teams in Whatcom County. If you know of a high school student in Whatcom County interested in racing sailboats, then please have them send an e-mail to youthsailing@byc.org.

Community Outreach:

The BYC youth sailing program has started a community outreach program to help disadvantaged kids to learn sailing. Scholarships are an important part of the outreach program. The first two students in the outreach program will take basic sailing this summer thanks to generous scholarship donations from BYC members Margaret Travis and Virginia Jepson. Please consider donating to the BYC's youth sailing outreach program so that more kids can learn sailing. Information on the outreach program is available from Steven Kersey at 360-969-0092.

New Youth Sailing Docks:

After many months, Craig Henderson has received final approval for construction of new youth sailing docks. His efforts are greatly appreciated by the youth sailing community. Thank you Craig for your hard work!

Thanks also to the following people and businesses for supporting the BYC's youth sailing program: **Margaret and Steve Travis, Virginia Jepson, Missy Steffen, Craig Henderson, Terry Tavelli, Dick and Meng Grimshaw, Troy Curran, Mike Endsley, Steve Hayward, Teresa and Mike Werner, Charlie Rinker, Wayne Kelsoe, Bob Snowball, Tim Mumford, Larry Jones, Allen Hamilton, Dean Headstrom, Gary Baker, John Pedlow, Jonathan Knowles, Mary Davis, Gerri Rea Kersey, Jake Tiedemann, Katie Stackpile, Calla Ward,** and the entire Tuesday night race committee crew. Blue Seas Systems, Builder's Alliance, Bullfrog Boats, Custom Embroidery, FedEx/Kinko's, The Port of Bellingham, Sampson Rope, Seaview North Boat Yard, Specialty Signs, Top-To-Bottom Diving, and West Marine.

Steven Kersey

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- [BYC Website Homepage](#)
- [Local Notice to Mariners 13th District](#)
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THIS MONTH'S CALENDARS

(Non-BYC races not shown)

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
August Sailing Races & Events			
8/1	Saturday	WOW (Women on the Water)	Bellingham Bay
8/4	Tuesday	Dingy Mid Summer Series #3	Bellingham Bay
8/5	Wednesday	Hot August Nights Series 1, 2	Bellingham Bay
8/11	Tuesday	Dingy Mid Summer Series #4	Bellingham Bay
8/12	Wednesday	Hot August Nights Series 3, 4	Bellingham Bay
8/15-16	Sat/Sun	Buccaneer's Cruise, Crab Fest, Commodore's Picnic/Cup Race	Inati Bay
8/18	Tuesday	Hot August Nights Series 5	Bellingham Bay
8/25	Tuesday	Hot August Nights Series 6	Bellingham Bay

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