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We have a lot of good things happening right now and many opportunities in the near future. You can be a part of this by serving as a board member. If you think you have what it takes to continue to move this 84 year old boating organization in the right direction, step up so you can leave your legacy with the Bellingham Yacht Club. Nominations will be accepted by the Nomination Committee very soon.

Membership Meeting

We are calling a membership meeting for September 2, 2009. Meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm in the Bellingham Yacht Club then ending at 7:00 pm.

Election Meeting

The election meeting will be held on September 16, 2009 in the club beginning at 6:00 pm. The polls will close at 7:00 pm then ballots will be counted.

Key Dates for Election Process

- August 5 - Appointment of Nominating Committee
- August 12 - Nominating Committee meets

- August 26 - Announcement of Candidates
- September 2 - Nomination Membership Meeting
- September 9 - Meet the Candidates Night
- September 16 - Election Night

Terry Robertson
Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I hope everyone is having great summer and enjoying the fabulous weather.

I would like to remind everyone that the 2nd Annual Buccaneer Cruise in Inati Bay is August 14-16, 2009. Get your pirate costumes ready and prepare yourselves for a great time.

There will be prizes for the best Male and Female costumes (provided by West Marine) and fun for everyone.

Schedule of events:

- Friday August 14 - Chuck and Joe from the Walrus will play 6:00 PM
- Saturday August 15 - First treasure hunt clues will be given out 11:00 AM
- Saturday August 15 - Piñata for the kids, treats and games starting at 2:00 PM
- Saturday August 15 - Beverages, BBQ, Crab and fixing provided starting at 4:00 PM
- Saturday August 15 - Music and dancing by the Atlantics from 3:30-8:00 PM.
- Movie after dark - weather permitting.

Hope to see everyone there!

Troy Curran,
Fleet Captain fleetcaptain@byc.org

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

This month Suegali has said his goodbye to David; will he return for his attack on the cruise ship? Derek has proposed to Marie, and they have set their wedding date for October 3rd. But will there be a wedding? What has become of Adam and his plans for the bombing of the train?

For those of you who want to read the story from beginning to now, you can just click on the chapters listed on the right column. They are in order, and you can get to the Pirates of Poets Cove by going to the home page for the site: [The Pirates of Poet's Cove](#)

BYC YOUTH SAILING REPORT:

Program Status:

The BYC's summer sailing program has received more than 125 student enrollment registrations. About 90% of this year's available registrations have been filled, and the remaining open registrations are filling-up fast. Please contact Steven Kersey at 360-969-0092 if you want to enroll your child or grandchild in a BYC summer sailing class.

Good News:

Revenue for the 2009 BYC Youth Sailing program has increased strongly compared to last year and now exceeds \$21,000. The program likely will be profitable this year even in the midst of a major economic downturn.

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 (Class Full - Closed)

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 (Class Full - Closed)
- Session 3: August 10 - 14 (Class Full - Closed)
- 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. The BYC's current group of highly capable instructors in training includes Lily Grimshaw, Amber Curran, and Hanna Birdsong. 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 night 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.

Report From the BYC's Sailing Instructors:

The number of youth sailors racing on Tuesday nights is growing fast, and we have two regattas planned for them this summer. The third annual Bellingham Junior Sailing Regatta is scheduled for the end of August, and will be held at WWU's Lake Whatcom facility. It will be fully staffed by Western Washington University sailors who will be doing on the water coaching. On August 15th and 16th, about ten of the BYC's youth sailors will be traveling to Seattle for the McCurdy Cup team-racing regatta held by the Seattle Yacht Club. This group of kids has been practicing racing Sunday afternoons on Lake Whatcom for more than a month, and they are eager to compete in Seattle.

The instructor in training program is developing seasoned sailors who provide valuable assistance to myself, and my fellow instructor Katie Stackpole. They help rig boats, demonstrate sailing, coach students, and set race courses. The past month has been a great success for the BYC's youth sailing program. Thank you to all the BYC members who have helped the youth sailing program grow and become successful. Thanks also to my co-instructor Katie who is constantly brainstorming with me about how we can improve the program. Please feel free to come down to the BYC's youth sailing docks and see what our program is all about. Calla Ward, BYC Youth Sailing Instructor/Intern Manager.

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 learn sailing. Scholarships are an important part of the outreach program. 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:

Construction of new youth sailing docks is about to begin. The new docks will allow the BYC to teach more kids sailing in a bigger variety of boats. The docks were made possible by a

generous donation from BYC member **Kim Alfreds**, and the leadership of **Craig Henderson**. Thank you Kim and Craig for supporting the BYC's youth sailing program!

Thanks also to the following people and businesses for supporting the BYC's youth sailing program: **Margaret and Steve Travis, Virginia Jepson, Mike Endsley, Missy Steffen, Terry Tavelli, Dick Grimshaw, Andy and Kathy Brown, Troy Curran, Richard and Carol Veech, Steve Hayward, Wayne Kelsoe, Bob Snowball, Tim Mumford, Gerri Rea Kersey, Katie Stackpole, Calla Ward**, and the entire Tuesday night race committee crew. Blue Seas Systems, Builder's Alliance, Bullfrog Boats, Custom Embroidery, The Port of Bellingham, Sampson Rope, San Juan Sailing, Top-To-Bottom Diving, and West Marine.

Steven Kersey
BYC Youth Fleet Captain

WHO KILLED WHO, WHO'S GETTING MARRIED, AND HOW DO YOU FIGURE IN?

Article By John Gargett - BYC Jib sheet Reporter



Peace and Quiet at Poets Cove

Poets Cove is the 18th, 19th and 20th of September. If you have not yet made your reservations, go ahead and make them 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. By the way, Poets Cove has given us a great rate of \$40.00 Canadian for this dinner.

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/1929/07/01/july-another-month-another-chapter/>

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 (\$40.00).

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~~ 10 left? slips and # 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

"C" Stories

This is a new column where BYC members anonymously contribute a story on an experience they have had on their boat or someone else's. Perhaps sharing our most embarrassing moments on our boats can both provide a laugh and a learning experience for others too. Contributions may be made to either of our editors and are always strictly confidential.

#1 Always mark your 'Crab Catch Card' immediately after you have collected your crab. You cannot re-bait your pot if you are going to continue crabbing or start the boat to leave. The fine

is over \$100 and the judge is unable to reduce it regardless of your excuse.

#2 Give serious consideration to always lowering your sails and starting your engine when pulling up to your crab pot. Or at least not trying to do it when 'single handing' your boat.

#3 Never get let your boat drift over the crab pot rope. Getting it out from under your keel or rudder may be very challenging. This is especially true when considering **#2** above.

Jib Sheet Editor's

AUGUST F@5 IS OPEN AT THIS TIME FOR A HOST:

If you're interested in hosting, contact Steve Moore: steve@mooreandcompany.com

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)

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	Inati Bay
8/18	Tuesday	Hot August Nights Series 5	Bellingham Bay
8/22	Saturday	Commodore's Picnic/Cup Race	Inati Bay
8/25	Tuesday	Hot August Nights Series 6	Bellingham Bay
September Sailing Races & Events			
9/2	Wednesday	Pitch tune up	Bellingham Bay
9/2	Wednesday	Sailing fleet meeting	8 pm BYC
9/5	Saturday	PITCH	Bellingham Bay
9/6	Sunday	PITCH	Bellingham Bay
9/12	Saturday	Governor's Point	Chuckanut
9/19-20	Saturday	Dale Jepson Bellingham Bay One Design	Bellingham Bay
9/26	Saturday	Marmetta Cup	

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