

Leadline



THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF SEATTLE

Bill Buchan Jr.

Awarded Honorary Life Member of CYC

At the Christmas Lunch Bill Buchan Jr. was welcomed into Corinthian Yacht Club's Honorary Life Membership. Bill and Karen were joined by their children and spouses: Carol and Carl Buchan, Mara and Brian Bohman and Brian and Jennifer Ledbetter. As is traditional, mention was made of some of Bill's sailing career in the Star class which began when he was twelve years old and he watched Charlie Ross win the 1948 Star North American Championship held on Puget Sound.

Over the winter of 1948-49, Bill and his father built a Star in the basement of their Madison Park home. That was the first of as many as 60 Stars which Bill has built up to this point in his life. Those early boats were wood which Bill selected from local lumber yards where he selected the lightest cedar he could find, "just short of dry rot" as he said.

One of Bill's early successes in the Star class included finishing 13th in the 1957 Star North Americans with his father as crew. In 1961 Bill won his first Star World Championship with boat #4260. In 1962 he won the North American Championship and in 1970 he won his second Star World Championship with Carl Sutter as his crew. In the 1972 Olympic Trials



Photo by George Trusk

won by CYC member Alan Holt with Dick Gates as crew, Bill finished a close second, Lowell North was third and Dennis Connor was fourth.

In 1980 Bill won the Olympic Trials but that year the United States boycotted the Olympics held in Moscow. In 1984 Steve Erickson, one of his son Carl's friends, talked Bill into another Olympic Trails which they won and subsequently won the Olympic Gold Medal. After the Olympics, his wife Karen said, "Bill gave us Star sailing. That lasted about three weeks." Then Bill and Steve went to Nassau for the 1985 Star World Championship where they topped a fleet of 80 boats to take Gold Star. In that event, Bill was leading the regatta when in the fourth race while in second place on the last windward leg a shroud let go and the mast went over the side.

Our first thought, of course, was, 'There goes the series.' In any other race it wouldn't have been so bad; we were in pretty good shape and could still throw out one race. But another was coming up, back to back, with only one leg left of this race. Very fortunately for us, Basil Kelly's wife happened to be right there in a fast powerboat. She came alongside and asked what she could do to help. A very quick conference determined that there was not time to tow the boat all the way in and back out again. Instead, Steve jumped aboard the powerboat and they roared off to the Creek for our spare mast, which was all rigged and ready for such an emergency. They must have made it to shore in about 10 minutes and made the return trip, against the wind, in maybe 20 minutes, because in just over half an hour they were back with the new mast.

"Meanwhile I had un-rigged the broken spar and cleared away the mess. In 18 knots of breeze, we switched masts and stepped the new one. I was a bit concerned that something might be loose or missing aloft, but everything went together like clockwork. We had the sails up and were sailing around 20 minutes before the start of the next race." Continued Page 6

From the Helm: Joe James



I am proud to assume the role of Commodore for Corinthian Yacht Club while at the same time humbled while assuming this position for our club which has produced and continues to produce so many of the finest sailors in the world. The history of our club is one which makes all of us proud. Corinthian Yacht Club sailors are well represented in regional and world championship regattas. Many of us followed the recent America's Cup with a special interest because some of our members were sailing there. Every evening this winter I have read Scuttlebutt to follow the Barcelona World Race because our own Jonathan McKee is one of the two sailors on board Estrella Damm, an Open 60 foot monohull. Recent news of Jonathan is that his boat suffered irreparable damage and has withdrawn from the race. However both sailors are safe and rejoining their families for the holidays.

As our new Board of Officers and

and directors look forward to 2008, we see that the club is poised for another year to offer the best in racing and cruising for our members thanks to the efforts of the 2007 Board of Directors. Eric Sanderson has been an excellent role model for future commodores. His attention to detail has left the club in excellent shape. Eric will continue to be a significant asset to the club as a member of our risk management team and Junior Staff Commodore.

Our task this year is to continue to improve our very fine racing program on both Lake Washington and Puget Sound. To do this we will focus our efforts in two areas: maintain and improve our race equipment and train additional PRO's and whaler drivers.

Dan Heyl has been working with a host of volunteers to get our equipment ready for racing. Improvements have been made in several areas to replace tired and worn out parts and add new features to enable our race staff to operate our committee boats and whalers safely and efficiently. Currently we have two expert PRO's in Kevin Cunningham and Charley Rathkopf.

However, with the incredible number of events we offer, additional PRO's are needed as back up and replacements when Kevin and Charley are not available or would like to take a well needed break. We are very fortunate to have Leslie Keller, current Treasurer for U.S. Sailing and our regional race officer. Leslie will be offering a race management seminar at our Shilshole clubhouse in February for all those interested in learning the ropes of a PRO. Later this spring, we will offer a whaler training workshop to add more whaler drivers to our overworked staff. Without a good supply of PRO's and whaler drivers we cannot continue to offer all the events we currently have on our schedule.

As we look forward to our club's activities in 2008, the Monday Lunch speakers' program is an area where we have seen significant growth. Bob Miller put together a great speaker's program in 2007. Herb Holley has accepted the chair for Monday Lunch after several years under the guidance of Murray Field. Look at our web site for future speakers and come join us when you have the opportunity. Thank you for reading this column. I welcome your suggestions and ideas..

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Heart of CYC Campaign Exceeds Goals!!!

By Wayne Balsiger

You did it!!! Heart of CYC Campaign Does 'Horizon Job' as Campaign raises over \$336,188

The Heart of CYC Capital Campaign finished with 111% of the goal, raising \$336,188 including \$4,800 of in-kind donations. Many thanks to the 140 CYC club member families who have given very generous from the heart.

It is inspirational to see what club members are willing to do to support the needs of the club. I am gratified the campaign blew past the aggressive goal by 10%. Thank you to everyone who donated. You all deserve three cheers!

At the start of November, the campaign was at \$284K when Foss Miller added another \$5k to the campaign. This inspired Wayne Balsiger Campaign Chair, that the goal could be reached by the annual meeting on November 13, just 1 week later.

Wayne secured another \$1.7K and Commodore Eric Sanderson secured a \$10K donation from a Leschi Sailor so at the start of the annual meeting we were \$1.4K short of our goal of \$302K. By the end of the evening we were at \$311K thanks to 12 additional pledges.

In December, Commodore Eric Sanderson secured another



Star Sailors were large donators to the Heart of CYC Campaign

\$20K anonymous donation from a Shilshole sailor for a whaler named after Fleet Captain James Miller. The final \$500 is from Staff Commodore Marty Seelig who pledged at the Christmas Lunch. Thanks to all who recently pledged and put us over our goal.

Thanks to all who helped either write the original brochure, or help gather donations. Special thanks to Jay Winberg and Commodore Eric Sanderson who have both helped raise many tens of thousands of dollars. I am sure others have asked for donations and these efforts paid off handsomely. Thanks to the donors of in-kind donations. And thanks to the Commodores during this period: Jim Lyle, Pat Schirmer, Allan Johnson and Eric Sanderson.

So what started in November 2004 with many Platinum pledges ends with more Platinum pledges!!! We raised \$50,000 in the final two months of the campaign. Work begins soon on the plaque to commemorate donors.

Wayne Balsiger, Heart of CYC Campaign Chair and Staff Commodore.

(Editor's Note: Wayne Balsiger did a terrific job with this campaign. He asked for your heart with his, and did so with perseverance and pleasantness. Way to Go Wayne!)

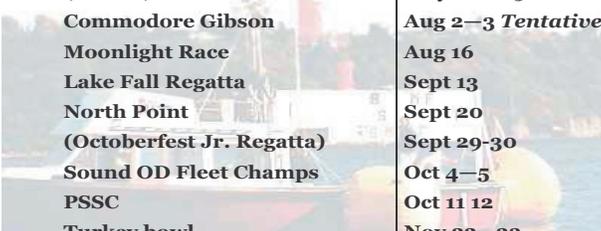




Weekend Regattas

Sailing at its best!

2	Windjammer Regatta	Feb. 10, 23
0	CSS Blakely Rock Light Race	Mar. 1
0	CSS Possession Point Race	Mar. 8
0	One Design Spring Week-ends	Mar. 9, 16
0	CSS Pulley Point Race	Mar. 29
0	Spring Frostbite	April 5-6
0	PSSR	April 12-13
0	Nelson Point	April 19
0	Lake Spring Regatta	April 26
0	Summer Solstice OD Regatta (J-Fest)	June 7-8
0	(Catalina Days)	June 14-15
0	Jack & Jill (WIRW)	July 12
0	Commodore Gibson	July 20-25
0	Moonlight Race	Aug 2-3 <i>Tentative</i>
0	Lake Fall Regatta	Aug 16
0	North Point	Sept 13
0	(Octoberfest Jr. Regatta)	Sept 20
0	Sound OD Fleet Champs	Sept 29-30
0	PSSC	Oct 4-5
0	Turkey bowl	Oct 11 12
0		Nov 22-23



() CYC Support by providing Race Committee and Equipment



Weeknight Lake Racing

Sailing at its best!

2	Tuesday Night Spring Series	April 8, 15, 22, 29 May 6
0	Interim Series	May 13, 20, 27 June 3, 10
0	Summer Series	June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 29 <i>No race July 22 WIRW</i>
0	Fall Series	Aug 5, 12, 19, 26, Sept 2, 9
2	Wednesday Night Spring Series	April 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7
0	Interim Series	May 14, 21, 28 June 4, 11
0	Summer Series	June 18, 25 July 2, 9, 16, 30 <i>No race July 23 WIRW</i>
0	Fall Series	Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 Sept 3, 10



Weeknight Sound Racing

Sailing at its best!

2	Wednesday Night Spring Series	April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
0	Interim Series	May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4
0	Summer Series	June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16 <i>No race July 23 WIRW</i>
0	Fall Series	July 30, Aug 6, 13, 15, 20, 27, Sept 3
2	Thursday Night Spring Series	April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1
0	Interim Series	May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5
0	Summer Series	June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17 <i>No race July 24 WIRW</i>
0	Fall Series	July 31, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28, Sept 4

Friday Sailfest in August - August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29




Sailing at its best!

Sailing Fleets & Affiliates Lake Washington & Puget Sound

- Potentially 1000 one-design starts a year!
- CYC voted most active club by U.S. Sailing 2001.
- Approximately 34 different race series and regattas a year.
- Approximately 27 different one design fleets actively participate in race events each year.
- PHRF and IRC racing.
- An active cruising calendar and ongoing educational program for members.
- Reciprocal moorage privileges.
- Great friendships and world class memories!

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BASIC RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Saturday ~ February 23, 2008

Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle Seattle, Washington

THE SEMINAR AND WHO IT'S FOR

This seminar is sponsored by the US SAILING Race Management Committee and US SAILING Area L. It is designed for people with some race committee experience, and newcomers, who wish to become certified under US SAILING's race officer certification program as a US SAILING Club Race Officer.

LOCATION AND SEMINAR SCOPE

The program will be presented at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle in Seattle, Washington, and will begin at 0800 and end at 1730. The topics to be covered include race committee objectives, competition formats, sailing instructions, race committee jobs, race committee equipment, race day preparations, setting the course, starts, during the race, finishing, post-race responsibilities, and scoring.

YOUR INSTRUCTORS

The principal instructor for this seminar will be Leslie Keller. Leslie is a US SAILING Regional Race Officer and the Area H Race Officer. She will be assisted by Skip Anderson, a USCG-licensing instructor and Club Race Officer.

HOW TO PREPARE & WHAT TO EXPECT

At the seminar, you will need your own copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") and you will be given a copy of Join the Race Committee Team. To prepare for the seminar you should try to answer the Study Questions, available on the US SAILING web site under Basic Seminar Study Questions. The Club Race Officer Certification Test will be given at the end of the seminar and is optional. However, to be certified as a US SAILING Club Race Officer under US SAILING's race officer certification program, you must complete the basic seminar and pass the test. You will also need to have your own copy of the current US SAILING Race Management Handbook and meet the program's other criteria. An application for certification will be provided to each participant in this seminar.

SEMINAR FEES

The fees for this seminar are as follows: \$50 for US SAILING members \$75 for non-members Seminar fees cover continental breakfast, refreshments for an afternoon break, lunch, all seminar materials, your own copy of Join the Race Committee Team, instruction, and administration of the test.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration using the US SAILING Online Registration System is required. On the US SAILING web site (www.ussailing.org) click on the calendar. Then search for the seminar by clicking on "Select a specific category", then "Race Admin Education – Race Officer"; then "All Future Events" and "Search". Locate this seminar, click "Register Online", and follow the directions. For more information, contact Leslie Keller at LesKeller@aol.com.

Bill Buchan Jr. *by Joe James, Cont. from P1.*

Twenty minutes! With most of that time required for getting organized, calming down their nerves and planning the start, that left about five minutes for tuning the rig, something that takes most experienced Star sailors like five hours. And all this in choppy seas with the boat bouncing all over the place. Asked whether stepping the mast was the worst part of the ordeal, Bill said, "Not at all. The worst was worrying whether Basil and Steve could get back in time. It was a great relief when they appeared with the mast. We knew we still had a job to do, but we knew how to do it."

They were popular winners. At the prize presentation Bill made a short heartfelt speech in which he tried to express how much the Star Class has meant to him for 25 years. One of the younger skippers afterward remarked, "I'm so glad it was Bill who had the chance to say those words. We youngsters win once in a while, which is all very well, but when Bill Buchan in his modest way talks about Stars and World's Championships it really goes deep and touches us all."

When George Trusk congratulated Bill on becoming a CYC Honorary Life Member, he said one of the reasons he was happy to join this group because his mother Irene Buchan had also been a CYC Honorary Life member. At Monday lunch Bill said, "You can only be a little better than the people you compete against." As an aside, that is why we belong to CYC. If you can only be a little bit better than the people you compete against, then to become very good you must compete against good sailors. The Buchan family have made all of us at CYC proud.

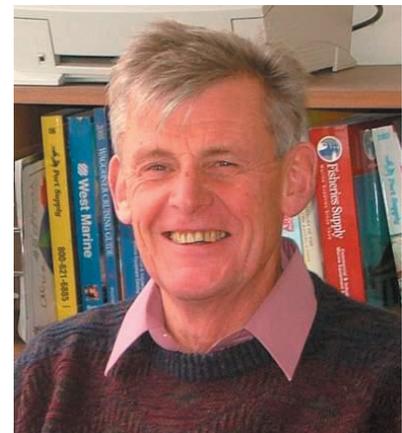


Photo by George Trusk
Bill Buchan Jr. accepts his Honorary Life Membership from Commodore-Elect Joe James

CHARLES FAWCETT PLANNED RETIREMENT

Charles Fawcett has been our club manager since December of 2004. Recently he informed us that he plans to leave this position by the end of April 2008. Charles will be missed by all of us. Working together with Pattie Heyl as his assistant manager, he has kept a close watch on our clubhouses and racing and cruising activities for the past three years. When a problem has arisen, Charles was usually the first one to explore the options available to solve the problem. An avid Snipe skipper, he has a keen interest in our racing program on the lake where he is now the CYC lake fleet captain. Charles has also learned to operate our whalers where he has filled in when needed to set race marks.

Charles' plans for his retirement include a variety of activities: part time work for his daughter's accounting business, travel including cruising here and abroad, continuing to teach sailing at the Center for Wooden Boats and volunteering his services both ashore and afloat for CYC. We all wish Charles well and are happy that his future plans will keep him in touch with us.



CLUB MANAGER SEARCH

With the planned retirement of Charles Fawcett as our Club Manager, we have formed a committee to find the best possible replacement for this important position. committee members are Joe James, Bruce Sherman, Jamie Thomas, Karen Kast and Charles Fawcett. We are looking for a person with good customer and public relations skills, a working knowledge of computers and record keeping, knowledge of sailboat racing, and day-to-day problem solving and decision making in an environment where limited supervision is required. Applicants should contact Joe James to receive a detailed job description which will be sent by email. Joe's email is <james_12081@msn.com> and his home phone number is 425-746-1218. Resumes should be sent to Joe James, 15105 SE 20th Street, Bellevue WA 98007.



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Upcoming CYC Events

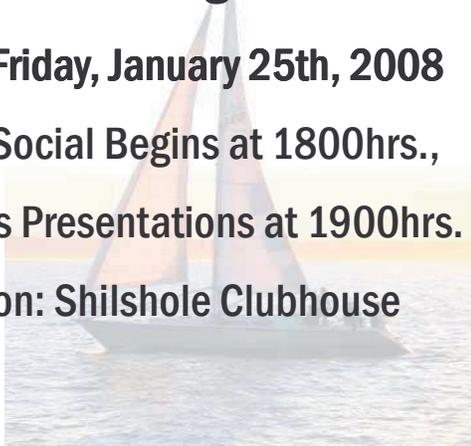
• Annual Awards Night

Date: Friday, January 25th, 2008

Time: Social Begins at 1800hrs.,

Awards Presentations at 1900hrs.

Location: Shilshole Clubhouse



Please join your fellow members in honoring CYC's most outstanding and successful sailors of the year. The Club's permanent trophies have the names of the winners engraved on them to memorialize the honors received. These trophies are given for two types of awards: Discretionary & Performance.

• Annual CYC Open House

(Open to Public)

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2008

Time: 1100hrs- 1600hrs.

Location: Shilshole Clubhouse



- *Meet & Talk with Fleet and Club Representatives.*
- *Local racing fleet boats will be on display outside the clubhouse.*
- *Membership applications will be accepted all day. Reduced Initiation fee on S2 membership.*
- *Find out about crewing on boats.*

January, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Club Closed	2	3	4	5
6 S-Laser	7 CC- Monday Lunch	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 S- Monday Lunch	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 S-Monday Lunch	22	23	24	25 Annual Awards night -S 1800	26
27	28 S- Monday Lunch	29	30	31		

Code: L=Leschi, S=Shilshole, CC=College Club, Closed indicates that the clubhouse is reserved for a private function. SLB=Sound Large Boats, SOD=Sound One-design Boats, PSFC= Puget Sound Fleet Council Meeting (Big Boats), PSODFC= Puget Sound One-design Fleet Council Meeting (One-design boats). SWSA=Seattle Women Sailing Association

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