

# BELLVIEWS

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## A New Format for Bellviews!

*By Lt Robert J. Miller, AP, Publications Chair*

Yes, we have a new trial format for our squadron's newsletter and (again) are in search for an editor to carry on Bellviews. The Bridge started a search for my replacement early this calendar year and was turned down by several prospects. The most common refrains included *"The magazine format is too large and complex for my skill set; I don't know how to use MS Publisher and don't want to suffer through a big learning curve; There is lots of stuff in the magazine that I don't have time to research and write."* Ted Wilder agreed to take on the magazine format of Bellviews in June and produced two editions. Unfortunately, his real-life work load increased recently and Ted had to drop Bellviews, much to his dismay.

The Bridge agreed to try a new format – that of a simple newsletter, and to reduce the amount of content to the minimum required to ensure good communication to the members of BSPS. In light of this decision, I have created this trial newsletter for the new and simplified Bellviews. By reducing the page count to four pages (equivalent to eight in the old booklet format) and by using MS Word instead of MS Publisher, the new editor doesn't need to be experienced in page layout techniques. Also, removing the optional material (Cruise Log, Tech Tips, For Sale) and paid advertisements has significantly reduced the time and effort needed to produce the newsletter.

I hope that this new format is tempting enough for a member to step forward and take on the editorship job of Bellviews. If not, I am afraid that this will be the last issue of Bellviews for some time. Calm Seas and Fair Winds. ❖

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## Dinner Meeting Information

October's dinner meeting has a presentation by local developer Kemper Freeman. He will talk about the growth and developmental history of Bellevue from a small community specializing in growing strawberries and blueberries to the regional financial and technical metropolitan core it is today. Mr. Freeman is a leader in the development of the modern multi-use high density urban core we see developing today and will compare it to the suburb sprawl concept of the past decades.

**Reservations are required and must be made no later than September 28.**

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**Beef or Salmon \$16.00  
04 October 2006, 18:00, MBYC**

## From the Commander

*By Cdr Sally N. Stuart, JN*

Bellviews, the official magazine of Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron, is urgently in need of a new editor. After eight years of publishing Bellviews, our award winning editor, Lt. Robert J. Miller, AP, decided it was time to turn the magazine over to a new editor. Ted Wilder enthusiastically volunteered and was excited about taking over and trying out some creative ideas. But sadly, Ted discovered that due to the time involved in producing Bellviews and circumstances beyond his control, he had to resign.

When it was obvious that the September issue was not going to arrive in your mailbox at the usual time, we turned to Bob Miller for help. Bob graciously agreed to take over the October issue while we search for a new editor. Unless we have a new editor, this issue may be the last Bellviews that you receive.

As you can see, this issue of the Bellviews has a new look. Bob has downsized and reformatted Bellviews so it can easily be done in MS Word and printed in a manner to facilitate quick turnaround. He said he would tutor and hold the hands of the new editor.

I would like to think there is a squadron member in search of a project who is willing to volunteer for this position. The editor is not responsible for writing articles, although creativity is not discouraged. Bridge officers and other members provide the content. The editor's responsibility is to put the content into a format that can be printed and assembled for mailing. The new editor has the option of leaving Bellviews in this simplified format or can be innovative and develop a new look for Bellviews.

So please, contact Lt/C Lonnie Butler, AP, [lonnie410@verizon.net](mailto:lonnie410@verizon.net) and tell him you have always wanted to be an editor and you accept the position as editor for Bellviews. Thank you. ❖

## Sea Belles Soundings

*By President Lucy B. Worl, S*

The Sea Belles are off to a rollicking year. During the September dinner meeting we swore in several new Sea Belles and want to remind you that it is never too late to join in the fun. We have had our first board meeting and have great things planned for you in coming months.

Do you smell the home made cookies and pies? Look at the cute hand-crafted crab napkin holders! What's up? It's the Sea Belles annual Bake and Craft Sale being held during the hospitality hour of the October 4, 2006 Squadron dinner meeting! We invite all BSPS and Sea Belles members to contribute (and purchase) food and crafts for this squadron fundraiser. Pickles, pies, cookies, cakes, chocolates, jellies and lovingly created craft items will be on offer. Bring your contributions priced in 50 cent increments and we will do the rest!

Our traditional Squadron Holiday Gala will be held on December 2, 2006 at Meydenbauer Yacht Club. This is not a fundraiser; it is a memory maker! It will be a lovely party with sing along holiday songs, live dinner and dance music, a sumptuous meal by Virginia (Chef of MBYC), liquid refreshment, and exquisite décor for your enjoyment. Even Santa wouldn't miss this party, so put on your finest duds and be there!

The Crabs are calling you to the Annual Crab Feed which will be held on Jan 27, 2007. There will be the traditional competition to see who gets first place in the buffet line. Hint: coordinated costumes and table decorations are the way to catch the judges' eyes.

Our next Sea Belles Board meeting is scheduled for November 15 at 1900. The location is as yet unknown. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there. ❖

# Calendar

## September 2006

- 19 Navigation and Engine Maintenance classes begin, Bellevue High School
- 23 Operations Training, home of LD Brown
- 26 Casual Lunch, Noble Court Restaurant, Bellevue
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting, Fire Station 22, Kirkland
- 28 Instructor Development class begins, Bellevue High School
- 28 Squadron Boating course begins, Bellevue High School
- 30 ABC Class begins, Boater's World, Bellevue
- 30 Leadership Development, home of LD Brown
- 30 Sea Belles Board Meeting, tba

## October 2006

- 04 Dinner Meeting, Sea Belles Bake and Crafts Sale, Program "Bellevue History – Kemper Freeman, Jr.", MBYC
- 06-08 **Rendezvous:** "Soup Pot Cook-off", Joint competition with Bremerton squadron, Port Orchard Marina, Hosts: Karl and Dortha Lang
- 06-08 D32 Fall Council and Conference, Coos Bay
- 10 Casual Lunch, Noble Court Restaurant, Bellevue
- 11 GPS Seminar, Boater's World, Bellevue
- 19 Skipper Saver class begins, Bellevue High School
- 13-14 D/16 Fall Council/Conference, Columbia Bend squadron
- 25-28 CPS Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Vancouver Marriot Pinnacle
- 24 Casual Lunch, Noble Court Restaurant, Bellevue
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting, Fire Station 22, Kirkland
- 30 Seamanship class begins, Bellevue High School

## November 2006

- 01 Dinner Meeting, Program "Alaska Travels with Dvorak and Young", MBYC
- 06 Piloting and Junior Navigation classes begin, Bellevue High School
- 07 Casual Lunch, Noble Court Restaurant, Bellevue
- 15 Sea Belles Board Meeting, tba
- 18 NORVAN Squadron Crab Feast/Auction, Lynn Valley Recreation Centre, North Vancouver, BC
- 21 Casual Lunch, Noble Court Restaurant, Bellevue
- 18 ABC Class begins, Boater's World, Bellevue
- 29 Executive Committee Meeting, Fire Station 22, Kirkland

## December 2006

- 02 Sea Belles Holiday Gala/Dinner Dance, MBYC
- 06 GPS Seminar, Boater's World, Bellevue
- 12 Casual Lunch, Noble Court Restaurant, Bellevue
- none Casual Lunch, Noble Court Restaurant, Bellevue
- none Executive Committee Meeting

# Educational Kudos

*By Lt/C David J. Greene, JN*

Our Executive Officer, Lt/C Chris Brown, SN, has earned the esteemed educational level of Senior Navigator. This means that Chris has passed all of the advanced grades and elective courses of USPS.

Also, the Educational Proficiency Award for passing three elective courses as well as completing the Seamanship, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting grades were awarded to Cecil Stiles, Richard Piel, and George Robertson. Well done, to all! ❖

## Rendezvous – Soup Pot

*By P/C Karl Lang, SN*

The squadron's final rendezvous for the cruising season is the **World Famous Soup Pot Rendezvous** at Port Orchard Marina on October 6–8. This is a joint rendezvous with the Bremerton squadron and features a cook-off between the squadrons. Details are posted on the squadron's web site at <http://www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/Rendezvous/Rendezvous.htm> ❖

## Member Involvement Notes

*Lt Mike L. Heinrich, P, Member Involvement Chair*

Please feel free to phone me at 425-885-1127 or e-mail me at [mikelheinrich@aol.com](mailto:mikelheinrich@aol.com) for more information on the following squadron activities:

- Monthly dinner – cocktails, steak or salmon dinner, outside speaker, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, first Wednesday of most months.
- Rendezvous – close out the squadron's boating season by attending the fantastic Soup Pot Rendezvous described above.
- Fresh baked goods, preserves and jellies? The Sea Belles Bake Sale during the October dinner meeting is the place.

- Elegant Dining and Dancing is the ticket during the squadron's Holiday Gala on December 2. This is definitely a "bring your friends" affair and you get to dress up in your fancy holiday clothes
- Fresh Dungeness Crab will be served at the fun-filled Sea Belles Crab Feed on January 27. Join friends from our Canadian sister squadron, North Vancouver, at this annual bash during the Seattle Boat Show. ❖

### Editor Needed – You Can Do This!

The squadron needs you take on the editorship of Bellviews. This new abbreviated format uses standard features of MS Word and took less than two hours to create this month. You receive short notices from members of the Bridge and only need to drop them into the Word document. The Calendar is supplied by the Publications Chair. Printing is done over the internet to our printer and the mailing is done by Patsy and Andy Zamelis. Address labels are prepared by the Database Chair. So, all you have to do is to spend less than four hours a month, ten times a year. Piece of cake.

Contact Lt/Cdr Lonnie Butler, 425-827-3740.

## Norvan Crab Feast/Auction

*P/C Gus Decock, N*

Norvan is holding its annual crab feast and auction on November 18, 2006, at the Lynn Valley Recreational Center in North Vancouver, BC. This event is attended by many members of Bellevue and hotel reservations can be made at the Lonsdale Quay Hotel by phoning 1-800-836-6111 and mention "Norvan Power Squadron" for a special rate. Reservations for the Crab Feast can be made by phoning Marsha Cullimore at 604-987-5601 or by e-mail at [CullimoreCM@shaw.ca](mailto:CullimoreCM@shaw.ca). More information at <http://www.norvan-cps.org/Indexes/whatsupindex.htm> ❖

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