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Commodore's Corner

Mel's Tips for Spring Cleaning

Time to start getting the boat ready!

Drain the antifreeze out of the freshwater systems and the head. Time to oil those external parts on the engine and start it up if you haven't during the winter. Check the crankcase oil level and open the saltwater intake seacock first. (I assume you've kept the latter closed for the winter.) Check the batteries. Maybe it's time to change the oil too.

Might be the time to haul it out to check the bottom and repaint it (depending on your schedule). Make sure all the seacocks work and the through-hulls are clear: those pesky little barnacles and mussels sometimes like to hide in there. They certainly have an affinity for our knotmeter paddle-wheel too.

I know I've got to replace some of the rubber hoses on our head this year. They have scale on the insides and ominous looking bubbles on the outside. I got by a few years ago by beating on the outside of the hoses with a rubber hammer on the dock to loosen the scale, but it isn't going to work this year.

I've got an air leak somewhere in the fuel lines between the tank and the electric lift pump also. It dogged us all last season. I replaced the pot-metal top of our Racor filter



The Bellingham High School Showstoppers entertained club members -- and our 2010 commodore -- in December.

housing last year, because it looked a little corroded. Check yours.

We dismantle our charcoal water filter under the galley sink each winter and replace the filter in the spring. One year I forgot to drain it, and a freeze split the housing. If you haven't installed a filter in your galley, consider doing so: it certainly freshens up the tank water for drinking and making tea.

While you're at it, this is a good time to check all the lights. Wiggle the bulbs around a little to make better contact. That includes the masthead light. We have steps up our mast, which makes it a lot easier. If you don't have steps, get someone to haul you up the mast in a bosun's chair with a halyard. Use a second halyard for a safety backup, cleating it off every few feet. If you are afraid of heights, then you need to go up and down a few times at the dock to get over the fear. You may need to go up at sea sometime, and that is not the place to learn how.

If I've left anything out, send your suggestions to the webmaster (editor@cycbellingham.org).

Thursday Racing

Bring the boat out Thursday nights for a little 'round the buoys fun. It is a great excuse to use the boat a little more. You can forget your troubles during the race and watch the birds and the sunset with a beer when the race is over.

Contact Bill Apt if you need help with instruction, crew or maybe even a ride on someone else's boat for a time or two.

See you out there,
Mel Davidson

Upcoming Events

(For more info, see [Events & Cruises](#))

- *April 13:* **CYC Monthly Potluck** and talk by Jim Yalden. Yalden is an old salt from Down Under who now resides in that very nautical town of Sedro-Woolley. He has had extensive blue water experience and will relate his hair-curling exploits for our general meeting.
 - *April 15:* **CYC Thursday Night Racing Series** Begins
 - *April 17:* **Boating for Women by Women** class at SYC
 - *April 17:* **BYC Race to Vendovi**
 - *April 24:* **Painting and Clean-up Day at Bellingham Bay Boating Center**
 - *April 27:* **Deadline for news items for the May 2010 HomePort Newsletter**
 - *May 1:* **Opening Day Swap Meet, BYC parade, and CYC cruise to Chuckanut Bay**
 - *May 11:* **CYC Monthly Potluck**
 - *May 14-15:* **Tentative date for Matia Island Clean-up**
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2010 Cruising Season

Hosts for day, weekend or week-long cruises are needed for 2010. Please contact Bob Plumb for more information or to volunteer to host a cruise.

Cruising schedule and other events are listed on our new [CYC Google Calendar](#), which will be updated periodically. You can even [subscribe to the CYC Google Calendar](#) on your computer or smart phone.

- **Saturday May 1, Opening Day.** Participate in the boat parade and then raft-up in Chuckanut Bay, or if bad weather, a potluck at Gate 9 Visitors Dock
 - **Fri/Sat May 14-15:** Tentative date for Matia Island Clean-Up Cruise
 - **Tues, June 8:** Raft-up at linear moorage in Fairhaven. Potluck or dinghy to dinner in Fairhaven
 - **June 19:** Sucia Cruise, Fossil Bay
 - **Sun, July 4:** Raft-up in Chuckanut Bay, then back to watch the fireworks.
 - **Aug. 14-15:** Double Island and Dinghy Raft-Up
 - **September:** Open
 - **October:** Open
 - **November:** Turkey Cruise to Blakely Island
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Racing News

This year's Thursday night racing season begins April 15 with the usual 18:00 start time in Bellingham Bay. Get your [entry forms](#) along with the [race packets](#). online.

The proposed 2010 schedule is four series of five races each through Aug. 26, plus a long-distance race to Vendovi Island on Saturday, July 17. All the dates are on the new [CYC Google Calendar](#), which will be updated periodically. You can even [subscribe to the CYC Google Calendar](#) on your computer or smart phone.

Ready for sailing? The cost for racing will be \$45 for all 21 races or \$15 for a single series.

And this year, we hope to have the race results posted on the Web site weekly.

Preparing for the new season of friendly racing "has been very much a group effort," says Apt, who is being assisted by **Sean Jones** (Coast Guard permits), **Todd Koetje** (race calculations), **Jose Bartlett** (scheduling and general planning), **Gary Baker** (committee boat for first series), and **Randy Nulle** (committee boat for second series).

Apt says he is still looking for two or three more people to crew the committee boat, and committee boats are needed for the third and fourth series.

At a meeting April 1, racers tentatively agreed to have three starts at each race and to meet up after each race at Cascade Pizza on Meridian Street in the Fountain District to "swap lies."

Cooperation With BYC

In a spirit of cooperation with the Bellingham Yacht Club, CYC is inviting all BYC boats that have not previously raced on Thursdays with the CYC, to race in our Thursday night series free of charge. In exchange, CYC members who have paid the full series fee may participate in the BYC long-distance races for free. (For scoring purposes, you'll need a current PHRF certificate and insurance waiver.) The BYC races are to Vendovi April 17; Around Lummi May 8; Point Roberts June 19; Governor's Point Sept. 11; Marmetta Cup Sept. 25; and Jack Island Oct. 16.



Thursday night racing is a family affair for sailors of all ages, abilities and appetites.

Contact Bill Apt with questions about racing this year: 360 961-0242.

Seen and Heard at the March Potluck Meeting

BOATING CENTER: Mike Callaizakis, executive director of the [Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center](#), made a presentation about the non-profit center in Fairhaven and thanked club members for their support of the organization, especially two years of spring cleanups and community sailing days. Mike is organizing another spring cleanup, another community sailing day in August, several fundraising events and numerous classes and educational programs. Contact him at mike@sailpaddlerow.org or at (360) 714-8891 to volunteer for one of these events. Upcoming activities include a work party on April 24 (NOTE: The date has been changed), a sea-chantey event the evening of April 24 at the Firehouse Performing Arts Center, and Opening Day on May 1.

IRISH DANCERS: Kaleigh Jeffers, Candice Corrigan and Gabrielle Corrigan, who are competing in the Irish Step Dancing World Championships in Scotland March 28-April 4, provided Irish step-dancing entertainment for our March potluck.

CYC WINTER DANCE: This year's winter dance was a fabulous success. ([See photos.](#))

HOME PORT LEARNING CENTER UPDATE: Laurent reported that club members had collectively donated about \$580 to the financially struggling [Home Port Learning Center](#) whose director made a presentation at our monthly potluck meeting recently.

CYC CALENDAR: A [Google calendar for the CYC](#), which you can [subscribe to on your computer and/or smart phone](#), is available for CYC members.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE: Sherry Jenkins has formed a Telephone Committee whose members will phone CYC members with timely information on occasions such as when a meeting location changes or someone decides to organize an impromptu cruise. These notices often go out on e-mail, but not everyone checks their e-mail regularly. No one has to call more than five or six people when needed. Contact Sherry Jenkins at 738-8440 or sinkns@comcast.net if you can help.

WOMEN'S CLASS: The Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron is sponsoring an all-day ["Boating for Women by Women"](#) class on Saturday, April 17. The cost is \$35 (\$40 at the door) and includes lunch and program materials provided at the Squalicum Yacht Club.

PACRIM REGATTA: The Pacific Rim Regatta, organized by the BYC, will be June 6-11 to Victoria.

LOST DISH: Did anyone find Deborah O's white plastic Tupperware-like dish after the delicious potluck? Contact her at ddo@oconnor.gs

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: The monthly potluck meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at the Squalicum Yacht Club, behind the Bellingham Yacht Club. Directions are posted on the Web. The next meeting is at 6 pm April 13.

CYC Board Minutes

February 23, 2010

Board Members Present: Mel Davidson, Dave Cahill, Bill Apt, Ray Gobush, Laurent Martel, Bob Cooper, Chuck Dingee, Kaye Clevenger, Steve Clevenger, Bob Jenkins

Member Present: Leslie Beasley, Sherry Jenkins

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes of last meeting: January minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report: Bob reported that there was not much activity this month except for the dance. Bob asked about income from advertising in the roster and the newsletter. In the past the fee has been \$65 per advertiser to place ads in both the newsletter and the club roster, which will be kept the same for this year. It would be nice if we could get more advertisers. Several board members will check with possible additional advertisers. Ray will postpone publishing the roster until the next meeting (3/9) to see if more advertisers can be obtained.

Signature cards for the bank account need to be updated for new officers. Officers with signature authority will include Mel, Dave, Bob C. and Kaye. Bob will coordinate time and place for getting this done.

Tax statement will go out next month.

Donations of \$355 were collected for Homeport from club members. The club will add \$250 as agreed and Bob will write check to Homeport for \$605.

Membership: Ray and Bob have differing numbers on total current membership. They will reconcile by email.

Administrative: The speaker for the March 9th meeting will be Michael from BBCBC. We also may have an Irish step dance group for entertainment at the March meeting. The April speaker may be a presentation on racing by Bill Apt.

Chuck would like a list of speakers for upcoming meeting to post on the web site.

Race Committee: Complete race results for the 2009 season are not available at this time due to computer issues. 2009 awards may need to be based on partial results. A notice about the delay will be posted on the web site. Todd Koetje has agreed to compile results for the upcoming season.

Bill will send race information to Ray including a date for the racing meeting by the next general club meeting for inclusion in this year's roster. Bill has ordered the award plaques from the vendor. Twice as many plaques can be provided for an additional \$30. This would cover both this year's and next year's awards. Total cost of the awards with engraving is \$243.

Cruise: A tentative cruise schedule for 2010 was received from Susan Plumb. Events are still needed for April, September and October. The schedule will be posted on the web site.

Laurent will try to contact someone at the State of Washington about the Matia Island clean-up. He has an old phone number that he will try. This could be the April cruise.

Website/Newsletter: The website needs to be moved to a different server which will cost about \$100 per year which is included in this year's budget. Chuck is considering a local host, openaccess.org for the site.

Chuck presented several ideas for the new web site including a gmail calendar, email lists and/or managed email lists, and a blog in a "member's only" section of the website. Chuck will do a write up on possible options.

A need was identified for a backup administrator. Several people have expressed interest in helping out with this task. Sherry will send names to Chuck.

Reciprocal: Steve has started getting reciprocity letters from other yacht clubs and he is getting ready to send the CYC letter out. CYC should consider offering incentives for people to visit Bellingham. Steve will present some options to the club.

Winter Dance: Everything is on schedule for the dance. There are 71 paid attendees so

far. Debra Jones is calling the unpaid RSVPs. Melody Hall has not yet been paid for renting the hall. A check will be issued. Boundary Bay is donating beer for the party.

Old Business: None

New Business: Barbara and Mel have emptied the storage closet at the Squaticum Boat House and have rented a small closet at SYC for meeting paraphernalia. There were several items that were too large to be stored at the SYC clubhouse and storage space need to be found for these items. Mel will offer the shelves, coolers and pictures to SYC. Sherry and Bob Jenkins offered to store any additional large items.

Sherry asked the board if a phone tree should be set up.

This year's budget did not include funds for a hardcopy newsletter. Chuck was asked if it would be possible to add some way to print a simple form of newsletter to the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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