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The Next Potluck Meeting is April 9 at 6:00 PM

Speakers: Ken Russell and Alan Crabtree.

Sailing to the Broughton Islands

Join us for a presentation on sailing to the Broughton Archipelago of British Columbia. Ken Russell and Alan Crabtree sailed their 34 foot vessel from Vancouver, B.C. to the Broughton Islands in August and September of 2018. See pictures of their trip, the routes they chose and hear about the harrowing and sublime adventures that they encountered

Commodore's Corner

Nothing says spring better than going to your local fish market and finding the first slab of freshly caught halibut. The "flat white guy" is back! Just never mind that it's \$25 a pound. It's always that price and for a good reason. It's one of the few fisheries resources that are managed well. It seems that the governing body that oversees the industry is run by a bunch of crusty old Scandinavian fishermen from Ballard who grant new commercial halibut licenses rarely and are quick to slice their own catch quotas each year thus maintaining the wild stock.

When I was about 7 years old, my dad took me to visit his old fishing buddy, Johnny (last name unknown), down on his boat near the Ballard locks. This was back when Ballard was a true Scandinavian neighborhood and haircuts were always \$4...a dollar a side.

My dad and Johnny both worked the cannery boats in Bristol Bay in the early 30's. I'd heard all the stories, and now I was grown up enough to meet the old halibut fisherman.

We arrived at his boat, and Johnny was there to invite us aboard. It was a massive boat, but I have no idea what it was, I was 7, OK? Johnny was blond, blue-eyed (well one was blue, the other was glass) a true Ballardian of Norwegian descent. Up until that moment, I believed that my dad was the tallest man alive. I had to face it; now he was the second tallest as Johnny towered over both of us. I confess, I found the glass eye a bit distracting. It didn't matter which way he turned, that glass eye was always watching me.

We moved into the galley as Johnny offered us a cup of coffee. Every horizontal space, table, bench seats, countertops were all piled high with greasy machine parts, tools and papers. He quickly cleared a couple seats for us while explaining that he was preparing for



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his departure for Alaska in two weeks, thus, the mess. He then turned his attention to serving us. The sink was piled even higher than the counters with dishes that appeared to be a science experiment gone wrong. He rummaged in the sink for a few mugs, examined them carefully before wiping out the insides with his grease stained hands... good enough... and poured the coffee.

Dad and Johnny reminisced for quite some time about SE Alaska as I peered dubiously into my cup. There was a lovely silvery, oily sheen floating on my coffee. I'd been told that I had to be polite, so I drank it anyway. After coffee time, it was time to tour the boat. The rest of the boat was just as tidy as the galley had been. I was now convinced that there was no way this boat would be ready to leave in two months. let alone two weeks!

Finally, we moved to the engine room, and, to my complete amazement, the massive diesel engine gleamed with fresh paint and polished metal. It was spotless, not a drop of grease or oil out of place! There was a narrow catwalk on either side of the engine, barely wide enough to put your foot, and we moved along beside the engine, as I brought up the rear.

As I teetered up next to Johnny, he turned to me (I'm certain his glass eye winked at me), and he said: "Well son, when you are underway, you never want to come down here with your shirttails hanging out."

Johnny lived up to what we had all believed were simply tall tales my dad had invented.

However, it was a good ten years before I could look into a cup of coffee again.

Your commy, Laurent

Farewell—

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Dan Stuart, Race Committee Chairman of the Bellingham Corinthian Yacht Club in 2013 and 2014. Dan and his wife Julie joined the club in 2011 sailing an Erickson 28, Jewel. Soon after joining CYC, Dan became a regular volunteer on the race committee boat. As the only officially trained principal race officer among the other volunteers, Dan was a welcome addition, bringing an even temperament, dedication, and a wicked sense of humor to the demanding tasks of managing the race program and directing operations aboard the committee boat on race nights.

Those who had the good fortune of knowing him miss Dan's intelligence, generosity, skill, good humor, and warm smiles. Fair winds and smooth waters to you our dear friend.

(Please see [Flotsam and Jetsom](#) below for volunteer info to help clean up Dan's boat for sale.)

Recognition—

The CYC salutes Todd Koetje.

We thank Todd Koetje for spearheading the effort to provide aid to our local coast guard during the recent government shutdown. He marshaled the Rotarians, Power Squadron, BYC and CYC using the Zervas Law Offices as a drop-point to deliver several truckloads of groceries and several thousand dollars in gift certificates to the local station. We appreciate his time, energy and thoughtfulness in organizing this project.

Racing News

2019 Racing Season is here!

CYC Racers will again enjoy a full 5 series of 5 races each bringing us quite near racing half of 2019. Better said, we will be racing nearly vernal to autumnal equinox!!! Whoa...mind blown...

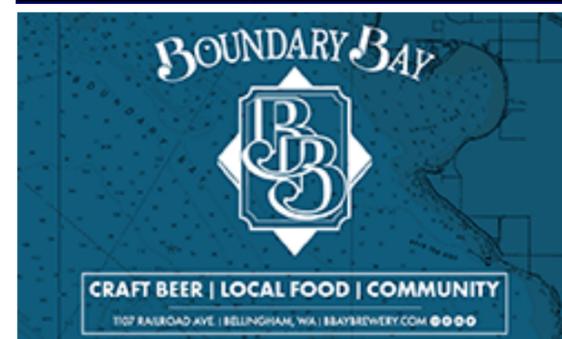
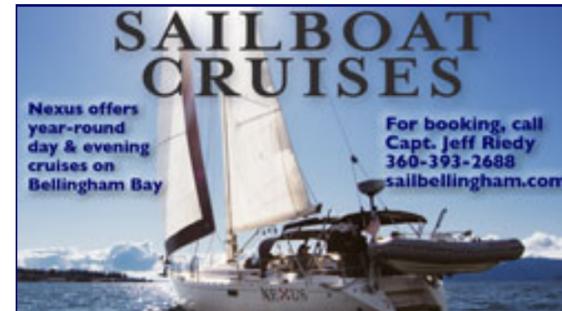
The dates for CYC's 2019 Racing Season are as follows:

- Series 1-4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2
- Series 2-5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6
- Series 3-6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11
- Series 4-7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15
- Series 5-8/22, 8/29*, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19

Here's to another safe, friendly, and windy CYC Racing Season!

Cheers!

Your Race Committee and Race Chair



*-Slow Pitch will be included in Series 5 as well as scored separately for the perpetual "slug" trophy.

- Results from the 2019 CYC Thursday night racing series are being posted at:
[CYC 2019 Race Results.](#)

Membership News

There is still time to renew your membership if you have not done that! Contact me immediately if you need to renew:
membership@cycbellingham.org

It's been a busy couple of months for membership duties. As I write this in late March the new Roster is at the printer. If all goes well, we hope to be able to distribute the 2019 Roster and Membership cards at the next potluck. Be there to get yours! I am also going to process a large batch of name tags. If you know that you are without a name tag and have not already contacted me about it, please do so immediately at the email address above.

It is never too late or too early to update your club information including the obvious things like phone and address but also boat name and dock location. You can check your current information in the Roster. I would like to get more complete information on boat locations; many are missing or just indicated by "Squalicum Harbor" or "Gate 9." It is nice to have the finger and slip number included so you can find other club boats when you are down at the docks. If your gate and slip number is not included in the club roster, send me an email letting me know the gate and slip location. I will update your information in the new roster.

Spring is here; get out there and sail!

Ken Russell

membership@cycbellingham.org

Education

Community Boating Center's classes are posted for both Youth and Adults.

<https://www.boatingcenter.org/classes/>

Cruising and Reciprocity

Our first CYC cruise for 2019 is coming up on May 17-19. It is the Matia cleanup cruise, and it is a great opportunity for our club to perform service for the boating community. The following weekend (May 24-27) is the Lopez cruise which is a joint BYC/CYC cruise hosted again this year by Vickie and Chris Olson. Watch for information on these cruises later this month or early May.

We would like to have cruises in July and September. If you would like to be a cruise host please contact me at
cruise@cycbellingham.org

Matia Cruise 2018



2019 CYC Bellingham Scheduled Cruises:

May 4-5 Opening Day (harbor event) Squalicum Harbor

May 11 CYC 10th Annual Benefit Dance at The Majestic for the Community Boating Center

May 17-19 Matia Cleanup TBD

May 24-27 Lopez Islander Resort-BYC/CYC Joint Cruise - Vickie & Chris Olson

June 21-23 Stewart Island, Turn Point Lighthouse - Pam Spencer

July 13 Community Boating Center 'A Day on the Bay' - Mike Reed

July TBD

August 2-4 Anacortes Art Festival - Bruce & Cindy Henninger

September TBD

October 25-27 Blakely Island, Turkey Fry - Tracy & Troy Olney

RECIPROCITY

Bellingham CYC has renewed our reciprocal moorage agreements with more than 100 yacht clubs for 2019. You can find up to date information on the yacht clubs and their reciprocal arrangements at Yacht Destination (<http://www.yachtdestinations.org/>). It is important to closely look at the reciprocity details for the club that you will be visiting. Each may have special requirements or limitations. For instance, Maple Bay Yacht Club requires proof of \$1 million liability insurance. In this case, it would be essential that you have an up to date copy of your yacht insurance on the boat verifying at least \$1 million of liability insurance. A bit of preplanning will help avoid unwanted surprises.

Greg Hartgraves

Events

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Speakers NEEDED. Please call Lesli Beasley if you would like to share a cruise that you have taken or know someone who would be an interesting speaker.



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DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!!! Our 10th Annual CYC Fundraiser Dance for Community Boating Center on Saturday May 11th. Tickets are available to purchase online now. Invite your friends and fill a table of eight.

Order advance tickets on line

We will be having the Paddle Auction again this year, PLUS a Silent Auction to help raise more money for the Community Boating Center. We want to be as creative as possible to offer fun events to bid on. Laurent Martel is offering a Sunset Wine Tasting Cruise. Please call Lesli Beasley (360) 201-1669 if you would like to offer an item for the Silent Auction.

Also, please call Lesli if you would like to help volunteer on the dance.

Let's make this dance a huge success!!!!

Thank You,
Lesli

Do you have a computer or mobile device to keep your appointments and weekly schedule? Do you want to add CYC events to that electronic calendar?

Cruising schedule and other CYC events are listed on the [CYC Google Calendar](#), which is updated periodically. You can [subscribe to the CYC Google Calendar](#) on your computer or smart phone or see the [Events & Cruises](#) page.

Need help getting started? Talk to Chuck Dingée.

March 2019

March 12: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

March 14: Racers Skippers Meeting, The Local

March 26: CYC Board Meeting, Commodore's House

April 2019

April 9: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

May 2019

May 4: Opening Day, Squalicum Harbor

May 11: CYC Spring Dance, The Majestic

May 14: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

May 18-19: CYC Matia Cleanup Cruise

May 28: CYC Board Meeting, Commodore's House

Cruising Recipes

Grilling Time! With the warming weather, I have been firing up the grill. This following recipe makes a delicious combo.

Grilled Salmon with Orzo, Feta, and Red Wine Vinaigrette Serves 4

Ingredients

1. Orzo
 - 1 1/2 cups orzo
 - 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 - 3 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
 - 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
 - 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 2 ounces fresh baby spinach (about 3 cups not packed)
 - 1 1/2 cups grape tomatoes, cut in half
 - 1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted (see Kitchen Note)
 - 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves
 - 1 cup crumbled feta cheese (4 ounces)
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives, for garnish
2. Salmon
 - Four 5-ounce skinless salmon fillets
 - Olive oil, for coating the fish
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper



Preparation

1. Prepare an outdoor grill for medium- high cooking over direct heat.
2. Meanwhile, make the orzo salad: Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the orzo and cook, stirring often, for about 8 minutes, or until just tender. Drain the orzo in a sieve and set aside.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk the vinegar, shallots, and garlic together. Gradually whisk in the olive oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
4. In a large bowl, toss the warm orzo, spinach, tomatoes, pine nuts, and basil with the vinaigrette. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside at room temperature.
5. To cook the salmon: Coat the salmon with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Oil the cooking grate. Place the salmon on the grill with the top right corner of each fillet facing the 2-o'clock position and cook for 4 minutes, without moving the salmon. (This will help give the salmon a good sear of nice grill marks and help it release from the grate.) Using a thin metal spatula, starting at the corner of each fillet nearest you, flip the fillets over. Grill for about 2 minutes, or until the fish is opaque with a slightly rosy center when flaked in the thickest part with the tip of a small knife. Remove from the grill.
6. Mound the salad in the center of a large serving platter or four dinner plates. Sprinkle with the feta cheese. Top with the salmon, sprinkle with the chives, and serve.

Flotsam and Jetsam



For Sale

Doyle StackPack, in excellent condition, three years old, functions as designed, Navy Captain color, fits a 10-foot boom (on a Yankee 30). \$450. Jon Martin, 360-303-9202

Volunteers Needed:

After a long battle with cancer, CYC Member Dan Stuart passed away recently leaving his wife Julie with their boat, an Erickson 28, in need of much cleaning. Julie has expressed a desire to sell their Erickson by early summer. Since Dan gave so much of his time to CYC in the role of Race Committee and Race Chair it is only fitting that we CYC members give back to Julie. Here's how we can help out: s/v Jewell (their boat) is in need of some serious cleaning. The following list will give you an idea of what needs to be done to bring Jewell up to a respectable condition for sale.

If you can help please email or text Mike Reed (nwislander@comcast.net, 360.296.0182) with the task you'd like to help with and when you would be available to do it.

s/v Jewell: Cleaning Project

Exterior

- Scrub decks and cockpit
- Clean Dodger with 10% Clorox and water
- Clean Running rigging

Interior

- Sort items onboard for trash, leave on board or sell individually
- Cleaning: vacuum, dust, oil wood

Mechanical

- Check water tank(s); drain and refill?
- Check electrical: batteries, electronics
- Check engine: filters, fuel, run engine
- Inventory gear
- Hang Sails
- Clean dinghy

CYC Board Minutes

Board minutes are in Adobe PDF format.

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