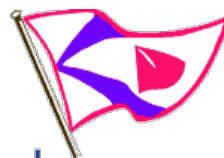


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## Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham



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**Next Meeting:** Our next Potluck Meeting is 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 13. This is our 3rd Summer BBQ Potluck and the grills will be hot! Bring a protein to cremate and a small side.

**Speakers:** No presentation, just a few announcements and the stories we tell.

### Commodore's Corner

#### Committee Boat

The Falcon recently finished its stint as committee boat for race series III (of V this year).

It is the 3rd year that we have served as a Committee Boat Captain, and I have a confession, this is fun!

Oh sure, there is about 30 minutes of uncertainty and second-guessing as we drop our hook in the middle of the bay and select a race course. This is followed by 15 minutes of complete chaos as the countdowns begin for the 3 race classes starting five minutes apart — this flag up, that one down, sound horn, and repeat. All our attentions are focused on getting the racers off on time with no delays or false starts.

Stressful, to say the least and a caution to all racers: Please! Once the countdowns have begun at 5:59pm, don't be cruising by the committee boat to ask what the course is. It is announced on channel 69 at 5:50pm. Get a radio! I get cranky when you interrupt my countdowns so be advised. Failure to heed this warning may result in your finish time being a bit fuzzy to unreadable.

As I was saying, after 15 minutes of unadulterated hell, is a beautiful sight watching 20 boats heeled over, jockeying for position as they cross the start line and head for the upwind mark.

That's when our hardworking committee crew gets down to what is truly important: smoked salmon and canapés, wine, and the latest IPA while we watch the show.

It's a magnificent sight to see all these boats and spinnakers flying on the downwind leg. Rounding the halfway mark, precision is critical as they pull in their balloons, simultaneously raising their jibs for the upwind leg. The racers are really working hard now. Ahhh yes! Time for that second glass of wine.

My last Thursday as committee boat captain happened to coincide with the opening day of crabbing. The race nearly over, we spied one of our club members returning to port after checking his pots. The Olney's asked to raft next to us while they cooked up their catch. It

was a very successful crabbin' day (surprisingly, no Norwegian



### 2019 CYC Officers and Board Members

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children were involved).

The race now over, we joined Tracy and Troy, diving into a pile of fresh Dungeness and washed it all down with copious quantities of Cabernet and Merlot. (Why yes, you may serve red wine and seafood, under parental supervision. The secret is to forget the lemon). Delicious!)

I know you just can't wait to sign on as committee crew. We have one more race series this year. Call race chair, Sean Jones, and he will set you up.

As for next year, I am starting the list now. While I cannot guarantee a crab feast every Thursday, you just never know.

Do you want to take a chance and miss out? Don't wait! Call now, operators are standing by. He who hesitates may end up on the waiting list. Tsk, tsk. And did I mention....It's a lotta fun!

Your commy, Laurent



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## Education

*From the Power Squadron website:*

### America's Boating Course is being offered again this September at BTC

The course covers boating safety regulations, safety equipment and procedures for small and large power boats, sail boats, personal watercraft and non-powered watercraft. Included is an introduction to navigation in local tidal waters. An excellent course for beginning boaters and those just considering a vessel purchase. The course fulfills requirements for The Washington State Boater Education Card and Recognized by most insurance companies for lowering rates.

Cost \$110 - To Register go to <https://www.btc.edu/>, click "Take a Class" and look for BTC item #4560 in the Marine department, or call 360-752-8350.

This class is presented by experienced sailors and boaters of the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron for all types of watercraft including Kayaks, PWC's, Power and Sail Vessels. It includes an optional 4-hour boat excursion reinforcing classroom lessons. Contact the Squadron Education Officer for more information at [boatingisfun.org](http://boatingisfun.org).

Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron teaches this course in partnership with Bellingham Technical College. Participants also earn college credit and after completing the course and passing the final exam, are eligible for no-cost 6-month membership in the Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron.

## Racing News

### 2019 Racing Season is over the hump!

#### Ahoy, Racers!

We are over the half-way hump of our 2019 CYC Thursday Night Racing Season and have enjoyed amazing nights of heavy, moderate, light, and no wind as is typical for Bellingham Bay.

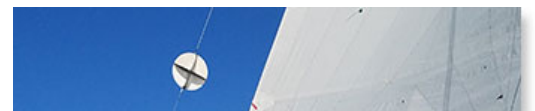
Great competition, amazing camaraderie, and a plethora of exciting stories from all of the fleets seem to be a Thursday night consensus.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and participation on the night of the Mel Davidson Memorial, June 20th. You truly moved Barbara and the celebratory crowd and gave a solid and well deserved tribute to an amazing man who contributed greatly to our amazing club and community.

Thank you also for supporting our CYC Racing Program, and know that your Race Chair and Race Committee truly appreciates your commitment to keeping Thursday nights fun, friendly, and enjoyable for all of us!

Cheers!

Your humble Race Committee Chair,  
Sean Jones



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

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



## Cruising and Reciprocity

Please keep in mind that there are two great cruises coming up in September, one to Garrison Bay, and the other to Rosario.

|               |                            |                                |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sept 13-15    | Rosario Resort             | Ron & Linda Battle             |
| Sept 21-22    | Garrison Bay               | Anne Slater & Stuart Stebbings |
| October 25-27 | Blakely Island, Turkey Fry | Tracy & Troy Olney             |

Greg Hartgraves

## Events

### Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron is offering free Vessel Safety Checks!

*From their website:* A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the United States Power Squadrons or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will also make recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater.

This is not boarding or a law enforcement issue. No citations will be given as a result of this encounter. We will supply you with a copy of our evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass will be able to display our distinctive VSC decal. Look for us on your dock during special events!

Locate a Vessel Safety Examiner near you for a FREE Safety Check, or contact the Vessel Safety Examiners of the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron.

*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.*

### **August 2019**

**August 2-4 Anacortes Art Festival Cruise, Hosted by Bruce Heninger**

**August 13: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse**

### **September 2019**

**September 10: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse**

**September 13-15: Rosario Resort Cruise, Hosted by Ron & Linda Battle**

**September 21-22: Garrison Bay Cruise, Hosted by Anne Slater & Stuart Stebbings**

**September 24: CYC Board Meeting**

## Cruising Recipes

### Cowboy Caviar

This is a cross between a bean salad and salsa and is YUMMY. We served it on the Baja Cruise this past spring, and it is one of many recipes that crewmates requested – something about the cilantro, lime and red wine vinegar mixed with all those great summer veggies.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 3 Roma tomatoes seeds removed, diced
- 2 ripe avocados diced
- 1/3 cup red onion diced
- 1 15 oz can black beans rinsed and drained
- 1 15 oz can black eyed peas rinsed and drained
- 1 1/2 cups frozen sweet corn thawed (I just usually toss it in the salad frozen unless I plan on eating it immediately, it thaws quite quickly)
- 1 bell pepper diced (I used half a green and half a red, but color doesn't matter)
- 1 jalapeno pepper seeds removed, diced into very small pieces
- ½ cup Cilantro finely chopped

#### DRESSING

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons lime juice, fresh preferred
- 2 Tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Tortilla chips for serving

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine tomatoes, avocado, onion, black beans, black eyed peas, corn, pepper, jalapeno pepper, and cilantro in a large bowl. Toss/stir well so that ingredients are well-combined.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together olive oil, lime juice, red wine vinegar, sugar, salt, pepper, and garlic powder.
3. Pour dressing over other ingredients and stir/toss very well.
4. Keep refrigerated. If not serving immediately. Toss/stir well before serving.

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### CYC Board Minutes

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*Roni Lenore, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingée, Greg Hartgraves, Sean Jones, Lesli Beasley.*

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