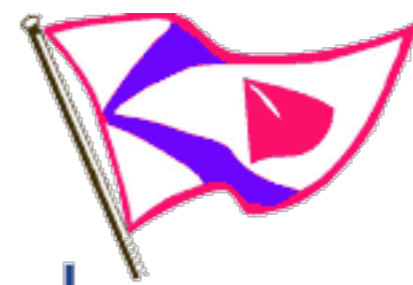


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Next Meeting: December 8

Event: Wine Tasting with Laurent Martel

Commodore's Corner

Hello fellow mariners! Thanksgiving is off the stern quarter and Christmas is dead ahead. It's hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. I guess it does that when you stay busy.

I wanted to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as Commodore this year. It has taught me things about the club and about myself I didn't know. I learned that our club, as many clubs are, consists of many diversified interests brought together by the love of the sea and sailing in our beautiful local waters. I learned that each of these interests are needed to make the club as successful as it is. These interests include cruising, racing, community service, reach-out, fundraising, education, and just having good old fashioned fun with friends. Not everyone in the club has all these interests, we as sailors tend to gravitate towards those interests that mirror our own. As a club we learned this year that the racing program is getting too large for a single person to run it effectively. As a result a committee of dedicated sailors has been formed to monitor and execute the racing program to make it more accountable and efficient. I think this is a good effort to move the racing program further and provide a better experience for those racers. As a club we learned our budget needs work to provide accountability for the many varied interests we have and made adjustments to accommodate that.

We elected a new board for 2016 and I look forward to working with that board to make this club as good as it can be. I thank those who volunteer their time and services to the clubs endeavors, without you many things and events would never happen.

As I look back at the year, I remember the laughs, the absolutely great food, the even better friends, the hard work, the Orcas, the sunsets, the storms, the fair winds, all shared with someone from this club. What a great club! Thank you for a great year!

Dan Lehfelddt
2015 Commodore

Membership News

Club dues reminder: A reminder to pay your club dues will be sent out in January and

2015 CYC Officers and Board Members

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there will not be an early bird discount as in the past. This change was voted on and approved at the last meeting. Please pay dues with (preferably) a check or by cash.

–Keturah Witter
CYC Membership Chair

Cruising

No cruises in December; maybe next year! An interesting cruise this winter might be to Friday Harbor to celebrate with the racers for the **Anacortes Yacht Club Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race** in February.

Tired of buying Current Atlas Lookup Tables each year? Here is a free 2016 version, slightly different formatting, for non-commercial use:

http://downloads.borsboom.io/current-atlas-tables/tables/current_atlas_jdf_sog_tables_2016.pdf

I found this on the Anacortes Yacht Club site:

<http://anacortesyachtclub.org/cruising/current-atlas-reference/>

For you techie cruisers, Signal K is an open source software movement to open up the NMEA data for the rest of us! Our boat electronics use NMEA data extensively but the system is proprietary and too expensive for small developers. By using an approved Signal K/NMEA hardware gateway, we will have a standardized programmer's interface to the NMEA data and be able to share it over the internet, by Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, satellite, serial ports, etc. This opens up huge possibilities for interesting apps and new marine applications using inexpensive computer tablets for display! Folks, this is a game-changer!

For more info: Practical Sailor December 2015 pg 19-21,

<http://signalk.org/>

<http://ikommunicate.com/>

Navigation tip from the *Waggoner Cruising Guide*. Tom and Barbara Wilson on Toba have a good system to keep them out of trouble: "We agree where we are, or we stop the boat until we do." Sage advice from an experienced cruising couple. Reminds me of this year when Linda and I were returning from Doe Bay Resort and were traveling north of Sinclair Island. Linda came out of the salon and asked me "Do you know where you are?", I said "I think so!" Within 2 minutes we promptly ran aground on Boulder Reef! The centerboard on my catamaran kicked up and we were on our way but it was an unsettling experience to say the least. In my defense, I was only one buoy off before making my fateful turn! Remember, there are two kinds of sailors: those that have run aground and those that are about to . . .

Land cruises. Other yachting clubs schedule land cruises to keep members engaged during the off season. How about this winter we read *The Log from the Sea of Cortez* by John Steinbeck and then do a land cruise to Port Townsend to see the boat they were on: "Western Flyer", now being restored.

–Ron Battle
CYC Cruise Chair

Racing News

I thank every one of the racers and volunteers who participated and helped make our 2015 race season a great success!! Don't rest too much this winter, the 2016 season is not far away and it is going to be even better with Sean Jones as your new race chair. Sean is going to have a great staff of volunteers with years of knowledge and experience in racing. Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year!

PHRF-NW news: The Chief Handicapper has asked us to inform members and prospective members of some changes coming with the new year. First, and most easy seen probably, the dues have increased to \$60 for the year. PHRF-NW has been running in a deficit for several years and has been drawing down reserves. The dues increase is to restore a balanced yearly budget. Second, the organization is fairly aggressively pursuing "harmonization" with PHRF-BC. Various ideas are floating around, and discussions have begun at the directors' level to promote cooperation and ultimately perhaps reconciliation and merger of the two systems. We'll see, but there is more progress this year than ever before. Third, the present Chief handicapper is retiring and BYC's Neil Bennett is poised to take his place. A local boy made good!

–Tom Anderson
CYC Race Chair
M/V Independence

- Results from the CYC Thursday night racing series are posted at: [CYC 2015 Race Results](#).

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–Neal Bittner
CYC Reciprocity Chair



**CYC 7TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DANCE
FOR THE COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER**

"Pray for Sun, Wind and Sailing Party in the Dead of the Winter"

DANCE TO THE ATLANTICS

WHEN: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH 2016
**WHERE: THE ELKS LODGE
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TIME: 7:00-11:30
SOCIAL HOUR: 7:00-8:00
DANCE: 8:00-11:30

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email at:
debrajones-accounting@comcast.net

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE PARTY OF THE YEAR!!!!

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE: February 20th CYC Winter Dance with music by the Atlantics. This is a benefit for the Community Boating Center. See details on the CYC Website:

http://cycbellingham.org/2016CYC_DanceFlyer.pdf

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.

December 2015

December 8: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

December 22: CYC Board meeting

January 2016

January 12: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

January 26: CYC Board meeting

Classified

Do you have boat items or services that you want to sell to or buy from other members? Why not list them in the next CYC newsletter? Send your request for items/services you have to offer or wish to acquire to the newsletter editor and they will be listed in the next newsletter. Personal items only, no business solicitations, please. Contact: editor@cycbellingham.org

SLIP AVAILABLE: My slip is now available thru April 1, 2016. Its location is Gate 9 M/W 54. It's only the second finger pier out to the right. It's a lee tie for the those winter storms so your boat is not leaning into the dock, nose in (shore side of pier). I sail my Etchells into it and it's easy. It's a 30 FT. SLIP. Would prefer to sub-lease to April 1, but I'm willing to lease it on a month to month basis in case you want to move out sooner. Gary Baker 360-441-5683

Flotsam and Jetsam

November Potluck Presentation by Joe Sulham: At the November potluck, Joe Sulham gave an entertaining and informative presentation on "The Inside Passage to Port Hardy" Several attendees asked for the link to Joe's online information about this passage. Here's a link to the blog spot page that contains links and information that he used during his presentation at the November 10th potluck: <http://cycbyc.blogspot.com>

CYC Board Minutes

Board minutes are in Adobe PDF format.

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Tom Anderson, Chuck Dingée, Ken Russell, Keturah Witter, Neil Bittner, Ron Battle, and Dan Lehfeldt.

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