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Next Meeting: Dec. 13

Holiday Potluck! Bring a dish to share and we will be sharing our favorite 2016 sailing adventures. Also, please bring a holiday ornament to exchange and/or cookies if you want to participate in the Cookie Exchange.

Commodore's Corner

December is the twelfth and last month of the Julian and Georgian Calendars. It is the seventh and last month to have 31 days.

December contains the Winter Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, the day with the fewest daylight hours, and the Summer Solstice in the Southern Hemisphere, the day with the most daylight hours (excluding the polar regions in both cases). December in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of June in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa. In the Northern Hemisphere the beginning of the astronomical winter is traditionally the 21st of December, or the date of the solstice.

And just in case you were wondering, December in the United States is "National Fruit Cake Month"...go figure.

To me December is also a month of celebrating, sharing, family, friends and renewing ones faith. There is a lot going on in this month.

It also marks the end of another CYC year, the out with the old and in with the new. I think the returning CYC Board members and the addition of Bruce Henninger will serve the club very well.

The December general meeting will feature a cookie exchange and/or an ornament exchange. Do one or both. If you are bringing cookies, baked or bought, one to four dozen.

I want to thank the CYC Board that worked with me and made my year run smoothly. I would like to thank all the CYC members for allowing me to serve as Commodore.

In closing: Dressing Up.

Sailors once wore their hair in queues worked up in two ways; laid up into rattails, or platted in four-strand square sinnets. The final touch called for a pickled eelskin chosen from the brine cask. The sailor carefully rolled the eelskin back (as a condom is rolled)

2016 CYC Officers and Board Members

Commodore - **Steve Clevenger**
Vice-Commodore - **Laurent Martel**
Secretary - **Priscilla Sulham**
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then worked it up over his queue and seized it. For dress occasions he finished it off with a red ribbon tied in a bow.

-Steve

PS. Still looking for a member to be Newsletter Editor. Great position for someone interested in seeing how the club runs and for starting to get involved. There will be lots of help getting started in this position.

Steve Clevenger
2016 Commodore

Membership News

2017 membership dues of \$50.00, are due January 1st. Reminders will be in the mail, along with a short survey, by the first week of December. Please send your checks to PO Box 101, Bellingham, WA 98227 or, if it's easier, you can drop off your payments to Unity HR at 2400 Meridian St., Bellingham WA 98225. This is Troy's office. We do not accept credit card payments for dues. If you have changes that need to be made to the roster, please send them in with your payment or e-mail me at winepixie@hotmail.com.

Have a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!

Cheers,
Tracy

-Tracy Olney
2016 CYC Membership Chair

Flotsam and Jetsam

Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron Announces its January 2017 Classes at Bellingham Technical College:

- Boater Education Card \$110
- Marine Electrical Systems \$100
- Weather Course \$125

To register or learn more: Website: www.boatingisfun.org Information: education@boatingisfun.org

Please read the [2016 Appeal Letter from the Community Boating Center \(PDF\)](#) and consider donating!

EPA Provides Additional Time for Input on Preliminary Decision Re: Sewage Pump-Out Facilities for Puget Sound Vessels

(Seattle – December 7, 2016) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is extending the public comment period on a preliminary affirmative decision that adequate sewage pump-out facilities are available for recreational and commercial vessels to support the Washington Department of Ecology's proposed "No-Discharge Zone" for Puget Sound.

EPA's preliminary determination was published in the Federal Register on November 7, 2016, with a 30-day public comment period. In response to stakeholder requests, additional time to submit comments is being provided, with comments due by December 23, 2016.

Ecology has proposed to establish a "No-Discharge Zone" for Puget Sound which would prohibit the discharge of vessel sewage - both treated and untreated - into Puget Sound waters. Ecology's petition concluded that there is sufficient need for establishing a No-Discharge Zone to protect water quality and the related ecological, economic, and recreational benefits provided by Puget Sound.

Under Section 312(f)(3) of the Clean Water Act, EPA's role in the No-Discharge Zone process is to determine whether adequate pump-out facilities for recreational and commercial vessels are reasonably available. EPA is seeking comments from the public, tribes, and industry stakeholders on its preliminary affirmative decision. The decision was based on information that the Department of Ecology included in its petition package and a supplemental submission.

Those interested in commenting on EPA's preliminary determination are asked to visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov and follow the instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments can't be edited or withdrawn.

Commenters are asked to not submit Confidential Business Information or any other information or material whose disclosure is restricted by law. Any multimedia (audio, video, etc.) comments must be accompanied by a written comment. For additional submission



methods, the full EPA comment policy and general guidance on making effective public comments, please visit:
<http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets> .

- More about the [Department of Ecology's petition](#).
- More about [EPA's Preliminary Affirmative Determination](#) and to provide comments.

Upcoming Events

CYC 8th Annual Benefit Dance for the Community Boating Center

- **SAVE THIS DATE:** Saturday February 25, 2017
- **BAND:** Dance to the Replayzmentz
- **WHERE:** Elks Club 7:00 – 11:30
- **COST:** \$20
- **RSVP: Debra Jones – 380-3538**

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.

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December 13: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

December 27: CYC Board meeting

CYC Board Minutes

Board minutes are in Adobe PDF format.

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Steve Clevenger, Chuck Dingée, Tracy Olney, Lesli Beasley.

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