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### The Next Potluck Meeting is Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00

**Program:** We are going to have the Show Stoppers from Bellingham High School. If you have not heard these talented singers you will be blown away. They will be singing Holiday Songs and Show Tunes, PLUS dancing. These students sing to different groups in our community to raise donations for them to go to state. They are truly amazing and are directed by Mrs. Short.

### Commodore's Corner

#### Turkey Day!

Decked out in my finest fowl weather gear, and armed with roasted Brussel sprouts, my offering for the Blakely Island Turkey fry, no really! They're very good! I was on my way down to Thanx on gate 9 to join Don & Lesli Beasley when I got the news.

Blakely Island cruise- cancelled! Aw shucks, figures.

Thanksgiving has always been problematic for me.

Now don't get me wrong. Troy and Tracy Olney made the right call. Our forward scouts (Greg and Kathy Hartgraves) had spent the previous night in Eagle Harbor and reported 35mph gusts in Rosario Strait. They had a rockin' good cruise back to Squalicum. Fortunately, a CYC greeting party (Mike, Don and Lesli) awaited them at the dock. No matter, it is always good to have back up plans. We all met instead at the Squalicum boat house, fried them turkeys and had a fabulous feast, all 28 of us.

As previously mentioned, Thanksgiving?...problematic.

Growing up in a small college town, I am no stranger of large parties at Thanksgiving. My parents were masterful at picking up strays over the holidays. Dad was a professor at the U and while most of the students went home, there were always some visiting professors and exchange students with nowhere to go. Mom relished cooking for large groups. The result was that I never knew with whom I would be sharing my turkey.

I recall one turkey day, Mom and Dad holding court at the head of the table.

I was sitting opposite a Swedish exchange student who was conversing with my sister, down at the other end of the table a couple of Japanese exchange students were teaching my brother a few words in their language. But for a 12-year-old, it was rather intimidating.

### 2019 CYC Officers and Board Members

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**BELLINGHAM SAILS**

When there are conversations around me in three languages, how do I ask for the potatoes? Secondi anyone? (Curiously enough, my sister did spend time in Sweden and got married in Stockholm. My brother did learn Japanese and spent five years in Tokyo as a translator.) Me? I moved to Bellingham.

Years after Dad retired, my folks never lost their knack of attracting holiday orphans.

There was, however, one notable Thanksgiving. I sat down at the table and looked around, something was dreadfully wrong! "Mom, Dad!" I chastised, "Is this the first vestige of senility? Are you losing it? This is the first Thanksgiving, in the 50 that I can remember, that I know everyone at the table!!"

Your Commy,  
Laurent

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## Board Vacancies

### Events Chair:

I want to thank everyone who has helped me with my duty of providing speakers at our Potluck Meetings and education. So many members gave great ideas for our speakers and or presented a program themselves. I've served two terms, and I feel that it's time to step down and let the club benefit from having a new Administrative Board Member to take over my position. I've enjoyed my four years and learned a lot and met such wonderful people. Please call me if you are interested or have any questions. It's a great way to get more involved with the CYC.

### Dance Chair:

I am not going to chair the dance this coming year, but I will be assisting the Dance Committee. If you are interested, please email or call me.  
Lesli Beasley

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## Membership News

Hoppy Holly Daze sailors! For the December membership report is the calm before the storm—nothing to report for the last month of the year except for our impending membership renewal period next month. Keep your checkbooks handy for the \$50 membership that will be due January 31. That's the best sailing deal there is in the sailing community! I will send out reminder notices in early January along with a SASE and update note. Please do not send us a check without the update slip that will be sent to you; that helps us keep our records in order. The membership chair wishes you a happy holiday season until then and hopes that you get sailing toys that you have been dreaming about!

Ken Russell  
[membership@cycbellingham.org](mailto:membership@cycbellingham.org)

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## Racing News

### Racing Awards

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

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January 14th Jason Reid and Shawn Clarke from Pacific Marine Yacht Systems are going to give a presentation on Solar System Boats. Jason said, "It's simple, complicated." It should be very interesting and educational for us!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday April 18, 2020 for our 12th Annual Dance at the Majestic Hall and the WALRUS is playing. We want to make it a successful fundraiser for the Community Boating Center. PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE DANCE COMMITTEE. (360) 201-1669

*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 2019**

**December 7: Lighted Boat Parade**, Bellingham Bay

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

## **January 2020**

**January 14: CYC potluck**, SYC Clubhouse

**January 28: CYC Board Meeting**

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## **Cruising Recipes**

*This is an easy, elegant dessert. Although the recipe serves six in champagne flutes, I served it in four goblets.*

### **Panna Cotta Parfaits with Raspberry Compote**

- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin
- 2 cups whipping cream, divided
- 3/4 cup sugar, divided
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2-pint containers raspberries
- 1 1/2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar

Place water in very small saucepan; sprinkle gelatin over. Let stand until gelatin softens, about 10 minutes. Combine 1/2 cup cream and 1/2 cup sugar in medium saucepan. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Pour into large bowl. Whisk in 1 1/2 cups cream, the cream and vanilla just until mixed. Stir gelatin mixture over very low heat until gelatin dissolves; whisk into cream mixture. Place 1/2 cup raspberry in each of 6 Champagne flutes. Add cream mixture, dividing evenly. Chill until panna cotta sets, about 3 hours. Toss remaining raspberries, 1/4 cup sugar, and vinegar in bowl; spoon over parfaits.

Linda Benafel

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## **CYC Board Minutes**

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*Linda Benafel, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingée, Ken Russell, Lesli Beasley.*

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