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CYC 8th Annual Benefit Dance for the Community Boating Center

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

Commodore's Corner

Well, it happened, last week I hosted my first CYC "bored" meeting.

Oh boy! It was clear from the beginning that this stone will need some polishing.

I have thus armed myself with some reading material. On Conflict & Consensus (couldn't put it down, a real nail-biter) and who could forget the classic, Roberts Rules of Order. But, as often happens with me, I became more interested in "the finger pointing at the moon, than the moon itself".

Who was 2nd Lieutenant Henry Roberts? It appears he had quite the local connection. His first posting with the Army Corps of Engineers was in 1859 at Camp Pickett on San Juan Island. Camp Pickett was established by Col. George Pickett, commander of Fort Bellingham, where he lived in New Whatcom with his Lummi native wife. George left New Whatcom at the beginning of the Civil War and is now remembered for the fatal Pickett's Charge at the Battle of Gettysburg 1863. After that battle, Pickett's camp was re-named

American Camp. Sorry George.

Back to Henry, following the "Big War" of 1850



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back to Henry, following the Pig War of 1859 in which the only casualty was a Hudson's Bay Company pig shot by an American settler on San Juan Island, both sides placed an outpost on San Juan Island. The dispute nearly caused a real war between Britain and the United States and wasn't settled until 1872 by Kaiser Wilhelm 1.



The British located at picturesque Garrison Bay where they built a blockhouse to be sure, but they also brought their families, planted gardens and led a generally cushy life.

When Henry arrived at Pickett's/American Camp there were 424 soldiers living like prairie dogs in tents on a barren, windswept ridge with no real natural harbor.

Henry's detachment of "sappers" built the redoubts (now known as Roberts' gopher hole) and fortifications for the camp. Very defensible position but it should be noted that Pickett's Camp had the highest suicide rate in the US military at the time.

Although Henry didn't publish his "Roberts Rules" until 1876, I cannot help but think his experience at American Camp pointed out the need for said rules of order.

Whew! It all seems a little too much for me, I am hoping I shall not need to rely on Roberts rules too much.

Don't forget. Next potluck, bring the checkbook. We will be collecting for the Winter Dance, or you may sign up online.

Laurent Martel
2017 Commodore

Membership News

Please help me welcome to the club our newest members:

Dale Montgomery, boat name *Bequia*, a 32' Beneteau First, located at gate 9.

Julie Major and Bill Waltner, boat name *Spirit*, a 36' Catalina, located at gate 9, NW43

This is a great time to order new burgees for your boat, they are \$25.00 each. Let me know if you need/want a new one and I'll mail it out to you.

Reminder that dues were due January 1st. They are \$50.00 and should be sent to PO Box 101, Bellingham, WA 98227.

Happy cruising,
Tracy

-Tracy Olney
2017 CYC Membership Chair

Cruising

Ahoy cruisers! I am your new cruise chair and I'm looking forward to a great season of cruising! We already have a couple of events lined up for the early sailing season. These are back-to-back events so you can jump into the sailing season with both feet!

CYC Matia Cleanup May 19-21

This is an annual kick-off event and a very popular destination. It is about the closest public docking space you can find relative to Bellingham (some very limited anchoring and mooring buoys there as well). This weekend cruise combines sailing, socializing and a half day of light work in support of our state marine parks. The work is easy, a little of trail maintenance and after-winter cleanup, the park ranger meets us and provides tools and supplies. If you have been to Matia before you know it is a beautiful little island and our club helps keep it that way. We will have a potluck on the dock and some other fun activities. Mark your calendar!

Joint CYC-BYC Cruise to the Islander Resort on Lopez Island May 26-28

This event was raved about last year. Boats from the Bellingham Yacht Club and Corinthian Yacht Club will rendezvous at the Islander Resort in Fisherman's Bay on Lopez Island for socializing, eating and island exploration. We need to reserve dock space ahead of time, so the sooner you let me know that you will plan to be going, the better. Mark your calendar!

There will be more information about both of these events as the dates draw nearer.

These May events will start off the cruising season with more cruises being planned for the year. But just so you know—for our club to have a full cruising season schedule we need club members to help host cruises. What does hosting a cruise mean? In most cases, it just means committing to showing up. I hosted a cruise last year and it was fun and rewarding to do so—I just chose a place that I like

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just means committing to showing up a few times a cruise last year and it was fun and returning to do so. I just chose a place that I like to sail to, contacted the Cruising Chair to let him know that I would be there on the appointed day and made sure that I was first in line when the drinks were poured! It is a very easy way to help make our club a successful yacht club with lots of cruise events for club members to choose from.

For more information about 2017 cruises and how to host a cruise, check out the [cruise page on our website](#) and feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our cruising program this year: cruise@cycbellingham.org

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 take a look at the Events & Cruises page.

–Ken Russell
2017 CYC Cruise Chair

Upcoming Events

February 25th EIGHTH ANNUAL BENEFIT DANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER

Most important action for all CYC members to do RIGHT NOW is to RSVP Debra Jones and sign up for the February 25th Dance. It is going to be a fun night dancing to oldies but goodies music by the Replaymentz. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!!!! [Sign up and pay online](#) OR call Debra Jones at (360) 380-3538 to RSVP. Let's make this the most successful fundraiser for the Community Boating Center. Space is limited, so make sure that you order your tickets NOW. Ticket price is \$20 each and \$25 at the door. SPREAD THE WORD AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS.

Coming up CYC Potluck Meeting Speakers:

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March 14th – **Mike Jonas**, Co-founder of the Turn Point Lighthouse Preservation Society - What's happening at the Turn Point Light Station and elsewhere in the San Juan Islands?

We trust there will be many Corinthians in house to tell of the work they have personally done to help restore and preserve this very beautiful light station...and of the fun they had at the annual CYC/TPLPS Work Day Cruise, too.

Also joining us from Lopez Island, will be Marcia de Chadenedes, Manager, of the San Juan Islands National Monument. Turn Point and all other light stations in the San Juan Islands fall under Marcia's jurisdiction. The knowledge Maria has brought to TPLPS has opened many avenues allowing for a more rapid process through the 'red tape' when dealing with federal government and historical requirements.

We sincerely hope you will add June 23rd, 24th and 25th to your CYC Cruising Calendar. Come see the amazing restoration work for yourself and take part in the work still to be done. It's only one day...but a labor of pure love that you will remember for years to come as a day you gave back to preserving our San Juan Islands and boating history.

We look forward to see you March 14th.

April 11th – **Andrea Sturm**, CEO Samson – The Strongest Name In Rope

May 9th – **Meryl Herrett**, Power Squadron – Vessel Safety Inspections

Lesli Beasley (360) 201-1669 or email: lesli@bellinghamrelocate.com

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?

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Need help getting started? Talk to Chuck Dingée.

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February 28: CYC Board meeting

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