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The Next Potluck Meeting is March 13th at 6:00

Linda & Chris Benafel are going to do a presentation on their cruise to the Princess Louisa Inlet.

Commodore's Corner

Happy Chinese New Year!

Our CYC year began with a most successful race awards night at "The Local" home of Menace Brewing on Railroad Ave. We signed up 11 boats for 2018 races, organized committee boats for 4 series and gave out awards and really cool, personalized CYC burgees. First, second and third overall. (The Falcon might even sign up to race this year if we could get one of those burgees!) It shouldn't be too difficult for me. The Falcon will be in its own class...furniture class.

The CYC winter Dance came off without a hitch. Eighty-seven folks came out to dance all night long to the sounds of the Atlantics. We had a re-cap of the event at the potluck Tuesday. It was also our opportunity to introduce the new director of the community boating center, Don Hunger.

February 8th and I am happy and relieved to report that we have a complete slate of officers (or nearly complete) for the CYC board. I wish to thank those of you who courageously returned my phone calls when I was beating the proverbial bushes to fill out our chair positions. Even if it was merely to say that you couldn't serve this year, the calls



were appreciated.

One of our goals as a board this year is to find ways (without reinventing the wheel) to engage our membership and make it easy and painless to serve your club.

"Membership has its priviledges," but what we often overlook is that "Membership also has its responsibilities." Or to put it another way: "ask not what your club can do for you, ask what you can do"....and you know the rest.

Please consider this next year when you receive that phone call.

As for me, I have no doubt at all about my responsibilities as your Commodore.

My job is to take out the garbage and sweep the floor.

Your Commy,
Laurent

Cruising



Ahoy Cruisers! Over the last month I have been putting together the 2018 CYC cruise calendar. Thanks to all those club members who have volunteered to host cruises. It would be wonderful if one more club member could volunteer to host a cruise late this summer. It is easy to host and really helps the club. Please contact me at cruise@cycbellingham.org to let me know that you are interested in hosting a cruise—it is easy! I will post the cruise schedule on the CYC website in the next week or so and send out a message letting CYC members know it is there.

Our first cruise will be early this year; the annual Matia Island cruise is scheduled for April 27-29. Mark your calendar! Neal and Kim Bittner will host the cruise. This is a dock cruise where we meet with the Park Ranger and help with some light trail and facility maintenance on the island followed by a potluck on the dock. This is always a popular and fun cruise that is a short cruise from the harbor. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or suggestions about CYC cruises this season, contact me at the above email address. See you on the water!

—Ken Russell
CYC Cruise Chair

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Reciprocal Moorage

A while back Neal Bittner asked if I would consider taking over the role as Reciprocity Chair for the club. After considering the suggestion for some time, I agreed. When you see Neal please thank him for his years of service to CYC and managing reciprocal moorage.

For those of you who don't know who I am, I thought I'd provide a short introduction and a picture. Kathy and I relocated to Bellingham in May 2016 for her ministry at Garden Street UMC. Before our arrival, we purchased Kaye and Steve Clevenger's boat, a Catalina 34 named K-Lynne. We have since renamed her Blue Skies and are located at Squalicum Harbor Marina gate 9 NW dock. We love the boat, the NW sailing and the Bellingham community.

Over the past 30+ years we have lived and sailed in Florida; Bothell, WA; and South Dakota (yes, there can be good sailing in SD on the Mighty Mo). We have owned a Luger 21, Hunter 23, Fuji 32, Tartan 28, Mutineer 15 and now the Catalina 34. While living in Bothell, we kept our Fuji 32 ketch, Windshadow (<http://windshadow-fuji32.tripod.com>), at Shilshole Bay Marina in Seattle and were members of the Eagle Harbor Yacht Club on Bainbridge Island. Kathy and I have enjoyed getting to know the community of boaters at CYC Bellingham, and I am looking forward to serving as the Reciprocity Chair.

Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham currently has arrangements with 112 yacht clubs for reciprocity. Please visit the Yacht Destinations website for information on all the participating clubs.

–Greg Hartgraves
CYC Reciprocity Chair



Events

Please call Lesli if you have ideas and or requests for speakers for the new year. (360) 201-1669 or email: lesli@bellinghamrelocate.com

–Lesli Beasley (360) 201-1669
CYC Administration Officer

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.

February 2018

February 3: 9th Annual Winter Dance, Elks Lodge

February 13: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

February 27: CYC Board meeting

March 2018

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March 27: CYC Board meeting

Cruising Recipes

This is a divine Mushroom Soup from Anthony Bourdain. It is a wonderful first course to serve company.

Mushroom Soup

Ingredients:

6 tablespoons butter (I use 4 Tbsp)
1 small onion, thinly sliced
12 ounces button mushrooms

4 cups light chicken stock or broth
 1 sprig of flat parsley
 salt-and-pepper
 2 ounces of high-quality Sherry

Cooking Instructions:

In the medium saucepan, melt 2 tablespoons of butter over medium heat and add the onion. Cook until the onion is soft and translucent, then add the mushrooms and the remaining butter. Let the mixture sweat for about eight minutes, taking care that the onion doesn't take on any brown color. Stir in the chicken stock and the parsley and bring to a boil. Immediately reduce the heat and simmer for about an hour.

After an hour, remove the parsley and discard. Let the soup cool for a few minutes, then transfer to the blender and carefully blend on high speed until smooth. Do this in stages, with the blender lid firmly held down. When blended, return the mix to the pot, season with salt and pepper, and bring up to a simmer again. Add the Sherry, mix well, and serve immediately. I drizzle a little truffle oil on the top.

For a wild mushroom soup, simply replace some of the button mushrooms with a few dry porcini or morels, which have been soaked until soft, drained, and squeezed. Not too many; the dried mushrooms will have a much stronger taste, and you don't want to overwhelm the soup. Pan sear, on high heat, a single small, pretty, fresh chanterelle or morel for each portion, and then slice into a cute fan and float on the top of each bowl.

Please send me your favorite cruising recipes! editor@cycbellingham.org

Flotsam and Jetsam

Check out this cool weather website that I read about last month. It's called Nanoos from the Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems.

[Welcome to NANOOS, the Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems.](#)

Catalina 36 for sale in Bellingham

It's time to part with our roomy, dependable, fast cruiser.

This 1983 Catalina has given us nearly 10 years of cruising pleasure and informal racing in the San Juan and Gulf Islands. She has a mainsail and 150% jib with foam luff and UV protection (both new in 2013), plus a 25HP Universal diesel engine with 3500 hours on it.

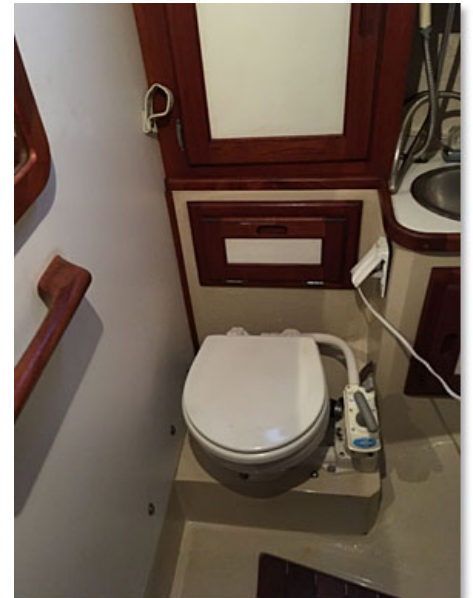
A new headstay, Hood roller-furler and three halyards were installed during a major upgrade and maintenance project in 2016.

She is loaded with navigation and safety equipment: a Garmin GPS, Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radio, two regular hand-held VHF radios, Ritchie compass, a barometer, a reliable depth sounder, knot meter, radar reflector, and life sling.

On deck, there is a small teak table and drink holders in the cockpit and ample room for six or eight passengers. She has four Lewmar winches, including two for the jib sheets that are self tailing, and a 15-kg Bruce anchor with 20 feet of chain and 200 feet of line. Fore and aft lockers each contain a spare anchor, and a swim ladder is off the stern rail.

Step inside the cabin to find a smartly appointed salon with generous standing headroom, full galley and head, and accommodations for up to six adults plus two children.





Features of this Catalina 36 for sale include:

Galley has two deep stainless-steel sinks and a hot-water heater (fed by three water tanks), a refrigerator/freezer, Plastimo Neptune propane oven with two top burners, and lots and lots of cabinets, drawers and storage space.

Navigation station: Chart table and full electric panel with battery charger.

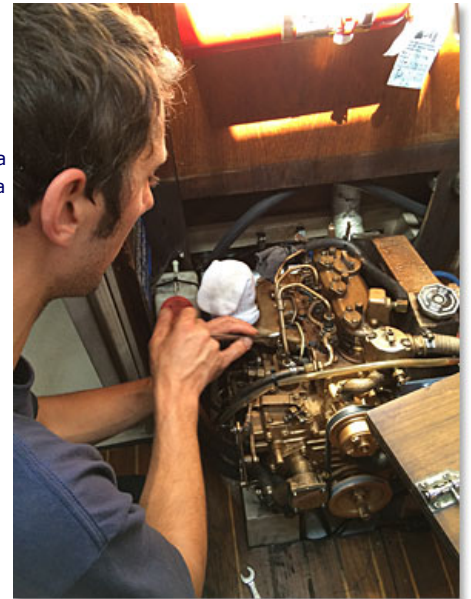
Main salon: Natural light streams in from six curtained windows and a deck hatch during the day. Dining table drops down to make a double bed; small game table drops down to make a small single berth; propane Dickinson Newport cabin heater; and Blaupunkt AM-FM radio with CD player. An inverter behind the upholstered cushions allows you to charge your cellphones.

V-berth: Extra long bunk for you and your matey to wrinkle the sheets, a hanging closet, cabinets, lots of shelf space, and a privacy door closing off the main cabin.

Aft berth: One double and one single bed with small closet and a window into the cockpit.

Head: Small sink, shower with sump pump, hand-pumped Jabsco toilet connected to a holding tank, and more storage.

Miscellaneous: This Catalina has fiberglass hull #82 from the first year that Catalina began selling 36-foot models. She has the standard rig with a lead fin keel. She has a 33-gallon fuel tank, two power cords, marine barbecue, 3 water tanks, bosun's chair, 5 fenders. Two of three batteries were new in 2013.



Survey report from 2016 available.

Be ready for February and spring sailing! 50% partnership may be considered.

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