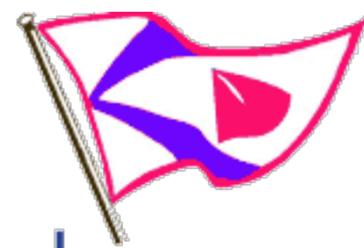


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The Next Potluck Meeting is Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00

Speakers: Jason and Shawn from Pacific Marine Yacht Systems discussing solar power

Commodore's Corner

Chance encounters ??

Year before last, Amanda and I arrived in Florence, Italy and checked into a pensione. It was rather late when we arrived but we decided to go down to an outdoor café for a slice of pizza and a beer. In the evening twilight, I noticed a couple sauntering toward us along the renaissance arcades.

I had to do a double take. They looked way familiar, way too familiar, but I couldn't place them. There are no Uncle Vinnies in my family, who could I possibly know here? As they came closer, I noticed he was giving me the same vacant 2000 yard "out of context" stare that I was giving him...Who are they? Then it hit me. The Sea Rose! NW33! It's Glen and Christine, our CYC neighbors on Gate 9! They joined us for a beverage and we had a pleasant time, sharing travel notes.

I mean, what are the chances?

A couple weeks ago we had 6" snow and 20 degrees in Bellingham. Oh boy! I was really anticipating potluck. I really enjoy playing bumper cars in the snow! I had no intention to cancel, but calling around I realized that many of our members were out of town (durn those snow birds) and so with the conditions present our attendance would likely be in single digits. It just wasn't fair to our speaker. No one wants to present to an empty house. So, I made the tough decision to cancel.

Heck with it! If you can't beat 'em, join 'em! Some friends of mine had rented a house in Kona, so I left the snow behind and caught a flight to the Big Island. As the song goes:



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"I'm going someplace warm".

So, whom do you suppose we just happened to bump into while in Kailua-Kona?

Why it's the Sea Rose! Glen and Christine! So we joined them at "On the Rocks", one of Kona's watering holes, for a beveragewait, just a minute! Are you following me? Hmmm, I'm beginning to get suspicious... am I being Stalked? A CYC conspiracy?

No, I am not paranoid....they really are after me!

Mahalo,
Your Commy,
Laurent



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Education

CYC members have expressed interest in Boating Education for our club. Below are quality Education opportunities available throughout the winter here in the Bellingham area. Check them out at the web-sites listed for the Community Boating Center, the Bellingham Sailing Power Squadron, CYC Seattle and Bellingham Parks and Recreation.

Community Boating Center

Winter indoor Class schedule is being revised,

For further information: www.boatingcenter.org/classes/adult-lessons/indoor-classes

1. Seabirds of the Salish Sea
Instructors: Pam Borso, Paul Woodcock, Lyle Anderson
2. Essential Knots for Boaters
Instructor: Deborah O'Connor
3. Introduction to Coastal Navigation
Instructor: Mike Reed
4. Tides and Currents
Instructor: Ed Alm
5. Understanding PNW Weather
Instructor: Bob Jacobsen

Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron

Upcoming Winter Courses

For Further information: <http://boatingisfun.org>

Weather

In-depth instruction about the weather we experience in our local waters
February 3 to March 23, 2020 – Monday evenings - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cruising and Cruise Planning

Designed for mariners who plan to cruise in our local waters and into British Columbia
March 27 to May 1, 2020 – Friday evenings

CYC Seattle: Fridays in February Series

- Family Cruising in Artic and Beyond – Feb 7th
- Old Favorites and New Anchorages in the San Juan and Gulf Islands – Feb 14th
- The Single Girl's guide to Cruising the Inside Passage – Feb 21st
- The Van Isle 360 race – Feb 28th
- Presentations are at CYC Seattle starting at 7:00 p.m. Contact CYC Seattle for further information.

Bellingham Parks and Recreation

For information and registration: www.cob.org/services/recreation or https://apm.activecommunities.com/bellingham/active_search/5744?

Travelogue series: Circumnavigating Vancouver Island at 65 – 7:00 p.m. Feb 20th
UHURU 65 Degrees South or How I learned to Sail – 7:00 p.m. Feb 6th
Mike Kirkland

Membership News

Ahoy Members! You should have received your 2020 dues renewal form (with SASE!) by now. The January 30 deadline for returning your dues check will have passed by the time you are reading this. As of January 28, we have received 40 responses and 110 renewal notices that we sent out. Please send in your dues if you have not already done so.

In early February we will begin working on the 2010 CYC Roster. If we have not received your 2020 dues your membership information will not appear in the roster. Please check the 2019 Roster to make sure that your member information is correct. Many people have changed addresses, phone numbers or boat location over the past year and forget to let me know that their info has changed. Also, if your boat location is missing (marina, gate, slip) please let me know, it is very helpful to know where your boat is located.

Dreaming of sailing...
Ken Russell
membership@cycbellingham.org

Racing News

Happy New Year!

I trust everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends over the holidays.

We are poised and excited for our 2020 CYC Thursday Night Racing Season. Thank you to all the skippers and crew that competed this season and thank you for attending our awards night, what a great turnout!

Stay tuned for our skippers meeting invite and discussion on changes and ideas for your Race Committee.

Hope our boats and crew are happy and healthy going into the upcoming season. Your Race Committee and Race Chair look forward to yet another amazing season of CYC Thursday Night Racing!!!

Cheers!!!
Sean Jones

- Results from the 2019 CYC Thursday night racing series are posted at: [CYC 2019 Race Results](#).
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Treasurer's Report

This is a busy few months for me, as the bulk of the income for the Club comes in and is accounted for, Please remember to send in your renewal soon.

–Jon Martin
CYC Treasurer

Cruising and Reciprocity

The 2020 cruise schedule is being put together. Our cruises are a great way to get to know other club members and have a great time. My goal is to have a cruise each month from May to October. There are currently hosts for the Matia Clean up cruise, the Lopez Island Fishermans Bay cruise and the Stewart Turn Point Lighthouse cruise. Tracy and Troy Olney have done a terrific job of hosting the Lopez Island cruise, but have decided last year was their last. This has been the most popular cruise of the year. Please consider being a host this year.

Greg Hartgraves

Reciprocity

- We currently have 8 - 30' and 9 - 36' reciprocal slips occupied by club members.
- We are in the process of updating the CYC reciprocity sign on the Gate 9 guest dock. The sign has become rather faded and we would like to clearly indicate where the reciprocal moorage is located.
- The port will be re-installing the reciprocity tubes at the MW reciprocal slips. These were located on the old dock boxes that were replaced over the summer.
- Reciprocity has been renewed for 2020 with ~110 clubs. You can find a list of reciprocal clubs and information on their reciprocal arrangements at www.yachtdestinations.org. Please remember that some clubs require proof of insurance at a minimum.

Events

February 11th Jason Reid and Shawn Clarke from Pacific Marine Yacht Systems are going to give a presentation on Solar System Boats (works for RV's too). Jason will be discussing the components involved, installation considerations, sizing a system, what to expect from the system output wise, costs involved. According to him "It's simple and it's 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.

Programs

Greetings members,

This is Andreas Weinrich, one of the new board members. I took on Lesli Beasley's role as Education and Programs Chair. I'm excited to serve you in this position and am dedicated to helping us create/coordinate interesting topics for our potluck presentations as well as educational opportunities that matter to us.

Please reach out to me if you would like to see a specific topic presented or have suggestions for workshops. You can get a hold of me via phone/text or email (812) 322-6433, andreas@deep-peace.net.

I'm grateful for Mike Kirkland and Mike Reed who've been helping me with education topics and presenters. Mike Kirkland has been compiling boating related educational events in the area that we will post here monthly.

On our February 11th potluck, Jason Reid and Shawn Clarke from Pacific Marine Yacht Systems are going to give a presentation on Solar Systems for Boats (works for RV's too).

Also at our February potluck, we will have a list of class topics on a poster board that we will let members vote on with colored dots. That way, we can prioritize topics that matter to us the most.

On our March 10th potluck, Mike Reed will give a brief introduction to basic anchoring techniques, followed by a panel discussion on anchoring. Our members Barbara Davidson, Delayne Brink, Deb Dempsey and Mike will discuss their best anchoring practices and invite members to ask lots of questions.

Again, please mark your calendars for Saturday April 18, 2020 for our 12th Annual Dance at the Majestic and the WALRUS is playing. We want to make it a successful fundraiser for the Community Boating Center.

Last, after I did a "Sail Trim for Cruisers" seminar at the Seattle Boat Show, I found a Sail Trim Simulator app (<https://northu.com/sailtrimsimulator/>) for upwind sailing that works on smart phones as well as desktop/laptop computers. It's well done and fun to play with and really helps getting the ropes of sail trim. Racers will appreciate this app, too.

Cheers,
Andreas Weinrich

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 2019

February 11: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

March 2020

March 10: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

March 24: CYC Board Meeting

Kathy Sheehan (Vice Commodore)

Vice-for-Life Kathy Sheehan has worked all her adult life as an editor and newspaper reporter while following the passion for sailing she developed while growing up in the Boston area. She holds a US Merchant Mariner Credential that allows her to work as a captain of any power or sailing vessel, up to 100 tons. She is also certified as an ASA sailing instructor with a TSA-issued NEXUS card and "Transportation Worker Identification Credential" (TWIC). Sailing destinations have included Cape Cod, the Chesapeake Bay, the Jersey Shore, several Caribbean islands, Panama, the Galapagos Islands and the Salish Sea. She has sailed on everything from a windsurfing board to a tallship. Capt. Kathy and her mate, Chuck Dingee, no longer have a sailboat in Bellingham but enjoy cruising and racing on friends' boats. Kathy, who previously served as the CYC newsletter editor, now posts messages and photos on the CYC Facebook page (along with Neal Bittner).



Laurent Martel (Commodore)

When Mike asked us (the board) for a paragraph about ourselves, I decided to simplify my job history. So, here goes:

Maintenance for the Outward Bound school in Keremeos B.C., Bellman for Inn at Otter Crest, Newport Oregon, followed by waiter/bartender for Canlis, Hilton Hotel, and Woodstove restaurants in Portland, Oregon. Oh yes, male model for Temple Abroad newscaster for the Voice of the Daily American in Rome, Italy. Bar Manager for Stock Country Club, London, England. Not quite chronological but almost, is: Log boomer, for Carmac Timber Co. and Maitre'D for Rosario Resort, Orcas Island. Wine steward at McCormick's Fish House and wine sales rep for Western Washington Beverage, Seattle, finally, wine sales rep for Noble Wines in Bellingham. Currently retired and longest serving Commodore for CYC Bellingham. In conclusion, if there were ever good reasons for limits, I believe I personify them....The proof? I just cannot hold a job!

Notes from the recent CYC Board meeting

In brief, the board discussed updates for the CYC dance, PC grant applications and next steps, the CYC reciprocity signage, potential sponsorships for the roster and website, options for CYC "swag", progress on membership renewals, reviewed the treasurer report and heard some exciting possibilities for CYC's educational programs. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday February 25, 7 pm. All members are welcome!

Mary Dubrow
Secretary



Editor's Notes

Now that you've renewed your membership, or at least are thinking about renewing, give some thought how you might be able to help CYC continue to be a vibrant club. For instance, if your primary reason for joining was to access reciprocity, then how about a short article for the newsletter about your experience(s) using reciprocity. If you feel like a volunteer to bring a racing novice out for a race or two. Or if your reason was for the side you may want to consider offering to help with the race committee once and a while or offer to help with our upcoming dance. There are many reasons why we all have joined and probably even more ways in which you can help the club continue to be successful. Please make volunteering to help CYC a new year's resolution for your self.

Fair Winds and Smooth Seas, Mike Reed

Cruising Recipes

I love fish soups, stews and chowders anytime, but they are especially good during our rainy winters when we like to stay inside and cozy. I have made this satisfying chowder many times, and it always tastes good. If you can't find fish stock, you can substitute clam juice, or even a good, flavorful vegetable stock.

Smoky Fish Chowder

by MELISSA CLARK

Time: 40 minutes

Yield: 3 to 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

3 ounces bacon (about 3 to 4 slices), diced
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 medium leeks, white and light- green parts, thinly sliced
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, more as needed
1/4 teaspoon hot smoked paprika
1/4 cup dry white vermouth or white wine
2 cups fish stock, store-bought or homemade
1/2 pound fingerling potatoes, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
3 thyme sprigs
2 cups whole milk
10 ounces flaky white fish, such as flounder or cod, cut into 2-inch chunks

DIRECTIONS

1. In a heavy pot over medium-high heat, brown bacon until crisp, about 5 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer bacon to a paper-towel-lined plate to drain.
2. Spoon off all but 2 tablespoons of bacon fat from the pot. Add butter and let melt. Add leeks and a pinch of salt; cook, stirring frequently, until leeks are soft, about 5 minutes. Stir in paprika; cook 1 minute. Pour in vermouth and simmer until almost completely evaporated, about 2 minutes. Stir in stock, 1 cup water, potatoes, thyme and remaining salt. Simmer until potatoes are tender, about 25 minutes.
3. Add milk and cooked bacon to pot; bring to a simmer. Add fish and cook until just opaque, 2 to 4 minutes. Use a fork to break into large pieces. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary. Remove thyme. Serve immediately.

Linda Benafel

CYC Board Minutes

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