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### Commodore's Corner

I've been a little late making my New Year's resolutions this time around, but here goes.

- We're going to use our boat more this year. Last year was a bust, cruising-wise. We only left the dock a couple of times and only for extended weekends. Not enough to justify calling ourselves a cruising family, really. Of course, I did race every week on Rob Galbraith's Dream Time, and I did sail the 'Round the County race -- always fun and no out-of-control storms this year. Near-flat calm at the finish wasn't a thrill, though.

This is the time of the year when we wish we were heading south down the coast to Mexico again. Hanging out with other like-minded folk. Fifty-cent Coronas (Has been a while, hasn't it?). Trying to learn a few more words of Spanish each day. Shielding our skin from that oppressive ultra-violet. Best not think about it any more. Think skiing and snow-covered scenery instead. Brrrr.

- I'm going to clean out some of the clutter on the boat, too. But of course, that implies I should de-clutter the house too, doesn't it? Oh, the garage also. Didn't think about that when I started on this one.
- I resolve to re-think the brightwork again this year. I started to let the cap rails go natural last year. Hope I'm not too late to go back to Cetol® again. I thought I was so clever discovering that was what the Port Hardy commercial fisherman used on their brightwork, only to discover when we returned to Bellingham I was among the last to use it.
- I'm going to finish replacing the rest of the hoses on the boat this year, too. There were one or two less-critical but harder-to-get-at hoses I left for a rainy day. Our boat is now 20 years old and we've



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put a few miles on it. We replaced the standing rigging as a precaution a few years ago and all the lifelines. These tend to be untrustworthy after about 15 years.

Last year I did almost all the fuel, salt water, freshwater, and especially the head/holding tank hoses. The head hoses build up a scale lining over the years and eventually plug up. Salt water seems to have been hard on our salt-water intake hoses also. Our hose replacement efforts began with a search for an elusive air leak in the fuel system between the tank and the Racor primary fuel filter. (I think you call the one on the engine filter secondary in this case.)

Finding the gradually worsening air leak was a two-year saga. Never did figure out where it was. I just progressively replaced the O-rings, fuel-filter top, gaskets, both fuel pumps, all the hoses and clamps, and the leak magically went away. Must have been the hose nearest the tank. I learned a lot more about our boat than I wanted to.

I discovered recently that vinyl-covered lifelines will be illegal on long-distance races in the future because of the possibility of hidden rust. If you are planning to replace your lifelines, check the alternatives.

Mel Davidson

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## Homeport News

Send us your comments about the online CYC newsletter. Are you receiving your copy by e-mail? Do you want to volunteer to write an article or do some editing? Do you have pictures for the Home Port News? E-mail Kathy Sheehan at [editor@cycbellingham.org](mailto:editor@cycbellingham.org).

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## Upcoming Events

(For more info, see [Events & Cruises](#))

**Jan. 11: January meeting and potluck.** Lindsay Taylor, program coordinator of the [Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association](#) will make a presentation about this nonprofit organization in Whatcom County. Get your tickets to the Feb. 5 winter dance at the potluck meeting.

**Jan. 21-30: Seattle Boat Show** at Qwest Field and South Lake Union

**Feb. 5: CYC Winter Dance**

Spread the word! All Bellingham-area boaters are invited to the third annual CYC Winter Dance at Melody Hall from 7 to 11:30 pm Saturday, Feb. 5. Music will be by the classic rock band [The Walrus](#), which includes CYC member and webmaster Chuck Dingée.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and include one drink. Additional beverages will be available for purchase at the dance, but please bring an appetizer to share. Tickets to the dance will cost \$25 if purchased at the door.

Call Debra Jones at 380-3538 to RSVP or e-mail her at [debrajones-accounting@comcast.net](mailto:debrajones-accounting@comcast.net). Contact Lesli Beasley at [lesli@bellinghamrelocate.com](mailto:lesli@bellinghamrelocate.com) for more information about the dance and to volunteer for decorating, ticket-taking, etc.

Invite your friends, especially those who may be interested in CYC membership.

**Feb. 8: Monthly meeting and potluck.** Mike Reed will make a presentation about blue-water cruising down the Oregon coast.

**March 8: Monthly meeting and potluck**

**April 2: Boating for Women by Women** workshop presented by

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"Pray for Sun, Wind, and Sailing Party in the dead of Winter"  
**Sat. February 5th, 2011**  
**At Melody Hall**  
4071 Home Rd., Bellingham, WA  
Directions: Northwest Ave. North, Left on Home Lane, Right on Home Rd.  
(Home Lane is just after Jerry Chamber and before the Large Medical Building)

**Dance to sounds of Walrus**

Time: 7:00 to 11:30 PM  
7:00 to 8:00 PM Social Hour  
8:00 to 11:30 PM Dance

\$20 per person includes: 1 drink ticket  
(additional beer, wine, or soft drinks  
will be available to purchase)  
Please bring a large appetizer to share.  
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Tickets at the door will cost \$25 each.



Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron. Please e-mail Deborah O'Connor at [pinga@oconnor.gs](mailto:pinga@oconnor.gs) for more information.

April 7: **Tentative date for the 2011 pre-season race fleet meeting.**

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## Membership

### CYC Election

Congratulations to our new officers who were elected in December 2010 to board positions for 2011.

*Commodore:* **Mel Davidson**

*Vice Commodore:* **Dave Cahill**

*Administration:* **Laurent Martel**

*Cruise:* **Chris Wilson**

*Membership:* **Sherry Jenkins**

*Race:* **Bill Apt**

*Secretary:* **Bill Gunter**

*Treasurer:* **Bob Jenkins**

*Website/Newsletter:* **Chuck Dingée and Kathy Sheehan**

*Reciprocal Moorage:* **Dan Lehfeldt**

### Cruising Family of the Year

Where did you cruise to last year? Nominations are still being accepted for the CYC 2010 Cruising Trophy. Don't be shy; self-nominations are OK. Send tales of your adventures on the water from last year - and photos -- to the newsletter, and we will forward them on to the CYC board of directors. We'd also like to publish some of the information, so please send by Jan. 25 to [editor@cycbellingham.org](mailto:editor@cycbellingham.org).

### CYC Boat Photos

Show us a picture of your beautiful boat! And show everybody else, too. Vice-Commodore Dave Cahill is developing a slide show of CYC member boats for the CYC web page.

Please e-mail a favorite picture of your boat, with a filename that clearly identifies your boat (davidsonboat.jpg vs boat.jpg or DSC21778.jpg) to [cahilldm@comcast.net](mailto:cahilldm@comcast.net). Send also your name, boat name, the length and manufacturer.

The picture does not have to be of the boat alone. It can include family members, other boats or at events. If you have questions, call Dave at 647-1832.



### Baila's adventures in Chile

Richard Baila, whose sailboat Abrazo was one of only four boats in Marina El Manzano to survive the February 2010 Chilean tsunami with minimal damage, was expected to relaunch his boat on Jan. 4 and set sail for Puerto Montt, about 700 miles from Concepcion. Read [Susan Wickersham's longer report on Baila's saga](#) of repairing and reprovisioning his boat on the CYC Web site.

### Photos from December

[See photos from the December meeting.](#)

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### CYC Cruising

Where would you like to cruise this year? Cruise chairman Chris Wilson is putting together a CYC cruising schedule for 2011 and is looking for hosts. Would you like to host a cruise to Stuart Island and visit the Light House there? Perhaps our group could volunteer to work with the non-profit group that has preserved the light house on Stuart Island?

Other suggested cruises for 2011 include repeats of the Matia Island and Community Boating Center clean-ups, a cruise/ race to Sucia with the Bellingham Yacht Club, and a week-long cruise to the Gulf Islands in Canada.

Contact Chris ([cruise@cycbellingham.org](mailto:cruise@cycbellingham.org)) about any cruises you'd like to host or attend.

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## **RACING News**

The first race of the 2011 season will probably be Thursday, April 14, with the pre-season fleet meeting on April 7. The race committee will have available information about racing rules and safety equipment, including changes to the [PIYA \(Pacific International Yachting Association\)](#) standards, which some of our long-distance races may come under.

Race Committee chairman Bill Apt also hopes to be able to "Name the Race Program" before the start of the season. It's not too late to suggest a name for the "Name the Race Program" contest. Just e-mail your suggestions to [billapt@yahoo.com](mailto:billapt@yahoo.com) or [race@cycbellingham.org](mailto:race@cycbellingham.org). Racers will vote for a winning name for the Thursday race series at our pre-season meeting in April. The winner will get a super deluxe double-cheeseburger from Winn's Drive-In.

Gary Baker has qualified for the [Etchells Worlds 2011 regatta](#) in San Diego this June. Congratulations.

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## **Boater Safety Education Card**

Are any operators of your boat under the age of 35? Washington law now requires operators of vessels with a motor of 15 hp or greater to obtain and carry a Washington Boater Education Card. The law is being phased in through 2014. By 2014, all such motorboat operators who are 59 or younger must obtain the card. [More information.](#)

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## **CYC Board Minutes**

Board minutes are in Adobe PDF format.

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