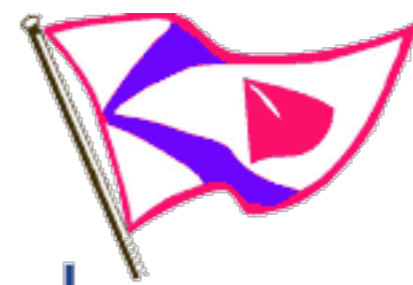


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Speaker: Bob Hollingsworth

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Commodore's Corner

I have always been of the belief as best described by W.C.Fields: "I would never wish to be a member of any organization that would have me as a member!" And with that philosophy, I joined the Corinthian Yacht Club. Now, they have chosen me as their Commodore....what does that say about our club?

A new boat owner (and live aboard) I desperately needed to learn, and quickly, so I canvassed all three clubs in Bellingham and joined this organization in the year 2000.

The attractions for me were a more casual atmosphere and the practical information provided by the presenters at potluck....oh, and the members too.

Now, as your new Commodore, I have been forced to do something (that I have avoided for 15 years) against all my principles: I read the by-laws! Front to back! Really, and you know I have to admit, I learned something. I especially liked Article II, which laid out the purpose of the club. You should check it out.

I interpret our purpose as described in Article II as: racing, cruising and community outreach.

My goal for this year is to ensure all three functions receive equal weight and attention, so that at the end of the year, I can hand off a viable and vibrant racing and cruising club to my successor.

I would like to personally thank past commodore Dan Lehfeldt who has coached me in the



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vice-commodore position this last year and to our most recent past commodore, Steve Clevenger whom I will be continuously peppering with questions throughout the coming year.

Also, Steve, I will miss your posts in Commodore's corner, especially your final one. I really didn't know about sailors' hairstyles of the 18th century. I mean pickled eel skin and hair condoms! Really?

Remember folks. Club dues are due in January (racers too) so don't be late, or you won't get your name in that most coveted publication: the CYC roster!

Laurent Martel
2017 Commodore

P.S. Does this mean I get initials after my name?!

Membership News

Please help me in welcoming our newest members, Vickie and Chris Olson. They have a 33 ft Caliber named "Real Time". Chris and Vickie were at our last potluck and will be great additions to the club.

Reminder that your 2017 membership fees are now due. Please send your \$50.00 and the survey that was sent to you to: PO Box 101, Bellingham, WA 98227. Please do not send your dues to my home address.

If you have changes that need to be made to the roster regarding your address, phone, boat name, location etc. please e-mail me at winepixie@hotmail.com.

Thank-you,
Tracy

-Tracy Olney
2016 CYC Membership Chair

Racing News

Ahoy and Happy New Year, Racers!!!

Your Race Committee Team is looking forward to the 2017 season and have set the date for a combined Awards Night for 2016 and Registration for 2017.

Mark your calendars for January 19th at 6:00 PM.

Bring a beverage of choice and/ or dish of choice to share and be prepared to enjoy yourselves, complete your registration form, pay your dues for the 2017 racing season and have a q and a with your new Commodore.

CYC Membership dues can be collected on Awards Night and there have been some changes to how we will structure the dues this year. The 2017 Pricing is as follows.

Member dues: \$50.00
Racing Season/ members: \$45.00
Racing Season/ non-members: \$75.00
Single Series/ members: \$15.00
Single Series/ non-members: \$25.00

***Please note that the NFS fleet will pay the racing season fees for the 2017 season.
***First time Racers with registration form completed and receipt of skippers packet prior to Race or Series will pay no fee for race or series.

If you are inclined, you can complete your [2017 Racing Registration](#) on the CYC website.

We look forward to seeing you on the 19th,

- Results and some photos from the 2016 CYC Thursday night racing series are posted at: [CYC 2016 Race Results](#).

-Sean Jones
CYC Race Chair

Cruising

Ahoy! I am honored to be your CYC Cruising Chair for 2017.

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Last year, after several years as club members, Deb and I decided to step up and host a cruise for our first time. It was easy to do and we had a great time! It was a good feeling to contribute to the club. Then, when the cruising chair position opened up this year we decided to go all in to organize this year's cruises and help other club members host cruises.

I am looking forward to a new year with lots of great cruising opportunities—to tried and true destinations as well as some new destinations. As with all the rest of our club activities, the cruising calendar depends on club members volunteering to host a cruise.

Hosting a cruise is easy and you don't need a lot of cruising experience to do it. It is a great way to meet other club members and learn more about sailing. I invite you to host a cruise as one of your New Year's resolutions, I know you will enjoy the experience! Please contact me at cruise@cycbellingham.org if you are interested.

–Ken Russell
CYC Cruise Chair

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The most important update for all club members is to RSVP Debra Jones at (360) 380-3538 or email at: debrajones-accounting@comcast.net to attend The CYC 8th ANNUAL BENEFIT DANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER on February 25th at the Elks Club. DON'T MISS OUT ON THE PARTY OF THE YEAR and dance your booties off to the music with the Replayzmentz.

Coming up speakers:

January 10th – Bob Hollingsworth making a presentation about his World Class French Canal Venture.

Here is an excellent family boating trip thru the Canal du Midi which is a UNESCO world heritage site built in the 17th century by an incredible French visionary named Paul Riquet. During this presentation we'll have the opportunity to tour this magnificent endeavor from Narbonne to Toulouse "essentially the Mediterranean to the Atlantic" with three generations by Bellingham Yacht Club member Captain 'ol Fox Hollingsworth. You will have a first-hand view of incredible French culture, cuisine, fine wines at low dollar, mind boggling engineering marvels before the days of steam power, and the warm and friendly reception by French citizens and fellow canal boaters all up and down the line. The 'ol Captain has arranged with his fellow captains to ship a cask of fine Bordeaux wine thru the Panama via a three-masted barque with an ETA in Bellingham Bay of early Tuesday January 10th. Every CYC member who is on hand for this presentation on Tuesday will have the opportunity to hoist a glass of this Bordeaux wine when we broach the cask. Shame on ya if you're not at the Squalicum Yacht Club to hoist a glass with us. Cheers and full ahead! Bob Hollingsworth

February 14th – Linda Benafel – 1st Time Princess Louisa Inlet Charter with a San Juan Sailing Flotilla.

March 14th – NEED A SPEAKER

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

Please call or email me if you have ideas for speakers that our members would want to have at our meetings, i.e. sailing adventures, educational, etc.

Thank you,

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?

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.

January 2017

January 10: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

January 19: CYC 2016 Race Awards, SYC Clubhouse

January 24: CYC Board meeting

February 2017

February 14: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

Reciprocal Moorage

Happy New Year! Here are two New Year's resolutions that even a non-resolutioner like myself can embrace:

Before you cruise, check out the site Yachtdestinations.org for the most up to date information regarding the clubs that we enjoy reciprocal privileges with. There you will find far more information than we have room for in our printed membership book.

How about downloading podcasts on your favorite subject, sailing? The January issue of 48 Degrees North has good descriptions of available podcasts starting on page 49. <https://48north.com/the-magazine/> The subjects are innumerable, from cruising in far away places, diesel mechanics, to sail trim. Why not try them all to see which ones you like?

I suggest that we consider unofficially adopting, and then flying the Bellingham flag on our boats. The symbolism is as follows:

A blue half circle on the left of the flag, representing Bellingham Bay to the west, when the flag is flown horizontally.

- Two white, four-sided stars inside the half circle, representing Lummi Nation and the Nooksack Indian Tribe.
- Three wavy white lines between the stars, representing noisy waters, "which is the translation of the word Whatcom, that comes to us from the Nooksack people" and refers to the mouth of Whatcom Creek.
- And lastly, four green stripes, in two shades, representing the four cities that joined to become Bellingham: Whatcom, Sehome, Bellingham and Fairhaven.

People hoping to get their hands on a flag have a few ways to do so.

There are flag stickers, patches, and other items for sale at a variety of places such as Penny Lane Antique Mall, Hardware Sales, Novato Shop & Studio, Third Planet, The Comics Place, and The Lucky Monkey.

People also can buy flags and patches online at BellinghamFlag.bigcartel.com and find information at BellinghamFlag.com.

See you at the meeting

-Neal Bittner
CYC Reciprocity Chair

Flotsam and Jetsam

Vancouver International Boat Show: Western Canada's largest annual boat show, January 18-22, will host more than 250 exhibitors. The Vancouver Boat Show's has two locations – an indoor venue at BC Place and a Floating Show at Granville Island. Free shuttle buses and water ferries will operate continuously between BC Place and Granville Island. Visit at www.VancouverBoatShow.ca

Seattle Boat Show: January 27-February 4, 2017: The Seattle Boat Show has two locations - CenturyLink Field Event Center and South Lake Union. There will be a shuttle between the two locations. Visit at www.seattleboatshow.com/.

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