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The Next Potluck Meeting is January 9th at 6:00

Speaker: Mike Reed will be our speaker and will have a presentation of his circumnavigation around Vancouver Island.

Commodore's Corner

Commy's corner January

Here we are another winter. I went down to check on the boat--all quiet down on gate 9. There's the usual bevy of golden eyes (ducks) who always winter over in the harbor, and that harbor seal pup (a lot bigger now) is still waitin' for Mom's return with dinner. Hmm, seems a little old for that now. One thing missing: there don't seem to be any Canadian geese wintering this year.

I always maintained the policy when I lived aboard of never feeding the migrating waterfowl. They are supposed to migrate! So, migrate! Alas, there are always exceptions. A few years back, there was one Canadian goose in particular that everyone on gate nine fed, including me.

She had a broken wing and couldn't fly, so, of course, we fed her. It didn't take long before two more interloping geese, recognizing a meal ticket, latched on to her and never left her side. Well, you feed one, you fed them all, but what are ya gonna do? Now we had three permanent residents.

This carried on through two winters as I recall, and you are probably wondering how I knew she was a she. You see, I used to have a few clay pots on the dock in which I vainly attempted to grow herbs for my galley. One spring afternoon as I am returning from work, rounding the dock to my boat, there she was, right in the middle of my herb garden! That goose just laid an egg! Oh crap! She watched me step on the boat very warily but wouldn't move. Over the next two weeks, I suppose we reached a compromise, a dock détente. I would feed her in the morning on my way to work, and she made certain that I would not be harvesting any sage for my soup.



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Here is where the story makes a turn, where we give the PG warning. I was walking down the gate 9 ramp late in the day and noticed, washed up on the shore, a dead goose.

There was no mistaking the broken wing. Mom was dead. Oh crap again! What about the egg? What if it hatches? I just cannot picture myself a father figure. Sure enough, the egg was still there. As I am pondering what to do, an interesting thing happened. Our two interloping companions of mother goose began taking care of the egg. They took turns sitting on it hoping to hatch the chick.

They were unsuccessful however and eventually gave up and moved on. I think they migrated. But that left me with the egg. What now? It's not going to hatch. That would be one large omelet. Perhaps I should bring an egg dish to potluck? But no, I finally just said a few words and gave it a burial at sea.

It appears that there are no orphans in the world of Canada Geese.

See you all at potluck,
Laurent

**CYC 9TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DANCE
FOR THE COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER**

"Pray for Sun, Wind and Sailing Party in the Dead of the Winter"

DANCE TO THE ATLANTICS

WHEN: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD 2018
 WHERE: THE ELKS LODGE
 710 SAMISH WAY – BELLINGHAM
 TIME: 7:00-11:30
 SOCIAL HOUR: 7:00-8:00
 DANCE: 8:00-11:30

COST: \$20.00 EACH
 (DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR \$20 2/1)

PRICE AT DOOR \$25.00

Beer, wine & soft drinks will be available for purchase.

PLEASE BRING A LARGE APPETIZER TO SHARE.

Visit the CYC of Bellingham website for Dance DETAILS & PURCHASE TICKETS

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2018 Winter Dance

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY 3RD
for the CYC's 9th Benefit Dance for the COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER
featuring music by the Atlantics.

When: Saturday February 3rd 2017
Where: The Elks Lodge - 710 Samish Way
Time: 7:00 PM - 11:30
Social Hour: 7:00 - 8:00 and dance starts at 8:00 - 11:00
Cost: [Advance Ticket \\$20.00 EACH](#)
NOTE: Deadline to sign up for \$20.00 is February 1st 2018

PRICE AT DOOR WILL BE \$25.00 EACH.
Beer, wine & soft drinks will be available for purchase.
Please bring a large appetizer to share

Linda Benafel has volunteered to take over dance sign-up / payments.

WE DO NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!! I will have a sign-up at our January 9th Potluck.

Racing News

Ahoy CYC Racers and Cruisers!!!

Mark your calendars for the 18th of January from 6:00-8:00 for the 2017 Racing Awards and 2018 Racing Registration!!! If you raced in 2017, want to race in 2018, or just enjoy some semblance of community amidst and amongst the racing crowd, be there!!!

The Local Public House will host our evening with Happy Hour pricing for CYC Racers and a closed venue for our enjoyment including pool, darts, video games and shuffleboard. Bring your spouses and crew and prepare to imbibe, celebrate, and revel in your infinite glory from this past season! A huge thank you to our volunteers for Race Committee and Crew! Namely the Skippers and Race Crew of Islander, HoriZen, Renegade, Jukehy, Natural High and the venerable Falcon that sat out races or full series to allow us to do what we love so much!

Thank you for sailing on Thursdays in our beloved Bellingham Bay! See you all on the 18th of January at 6:00 PM at the Local Public House!!!

Cheers,
Your Thankful Race Chair

- Results from the 2017 CYC Thursday night racing series are posted at: [CYC 2017 Race Results](#).

-Sean Jones
CYC Race Chair

Cruising

January 2018 Cruise Report

Ahoy cruisers and Happy New Year! I hope you are looking forward to a new year of boating in our remarkably beautiful Salish Sea (and perhaps sailing to points beyond!). January is when we begin planning the new year's cruise schedule; we try to plan for at least one cruise per month during the sailing season.

Club cruises generally work best when club members volunteer to "host" a cruise. What does that mean? In most cases, it just means that the host(s) have made a commitment to attend the cruise and perhaps write a short summary about it for the newsletter after the event. Some hosts do more—the gold standard is usually set by the Olney's hosting of the annual Turkey Fry cruise in October. But most cruises are simple get-togethers at an anchorage or dock to which members sail. Once there, they may have a potluck dinner or perhaps just rendezvous to explore a port town or island.

We generally try to line up cruise hosts at the beginning of the year, but this can be problematic. It is often difficult for club members to predict if they will be available on a given weekend six months or more hence. So, this year we will change things up a bit. A few members have already volunteered to host a cruise this season. For those months when we do not have hosts, we will schedule the cruise and coordinate by email prior to leaving, host or no host.

The success of our cruising calendar is dependent on club members participating and volunteering, and there is a way you can help out even before the season starts: email me and let me know where your favorite cruise destination is! If I hear from you. I will plug that in as one of our destinations this season!

Email me your favorite cruise destination at: cruise@cycbellingham.org

'Tis the season to dream about sailing!

-Ken Russell

CYC Cruise Chair

Events
January 9, 2018 Potluck Speaker:

Mike Reed will be our speaker and will have a presentation of his circumnavigation around Vancouver Island. (Ken Russell joined Mike for part of the cruise). You won't want to miss Mike's Presentation.

February 13th 2018 Potluck Speaker:

We will have a presentation by the Community Boating Center's (CBC) new Executive Director, Don Hunger. It will be exciting to hear all about the new programs and updates of this important organization for our community. It's amazing to see how many families are able to experience being out on the water; many of whom might not otherwise have had this wonderful experience. Our club has adapted the CBC by donating the profits from the CYC Winter Dance every year for the past seven years. It is a win-win situation; our members get to have fun and boogie all night; PLUS make money for the CBC.

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.

January 2018

January 9: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

January 18: CYC Race Awards, The Local Public House

January 23: CYC Board meeting

February 2018

February 3: 9th Annual Winter Dance, Elks Lodge

February 13: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

February 27: CYC Board meeting

Cruising Recipes

I like this basic recipe for cruising because it is easy to make, and you can alter so many different ways.

Couscous with Apricots:

- 1 1/2 cups couscous
- 2 cups hot chicken stock
- 10 dried apricots, chopped
- 2 scallions, sliced thin, green parts only
- 1 orange, juiced
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves, for garnish

Put the couscous in a medium bowl; pour the hot stock over it and stir to combine. Cover and let sit for 10 to 15 minutes. Uncover and fluff with a fork. Add the apricots, scallions, and orange juice; drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss gently to combine. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

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

Flotsam and Jetsam

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.

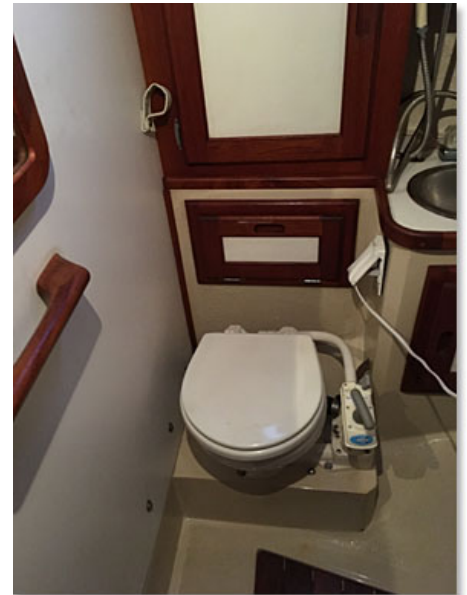
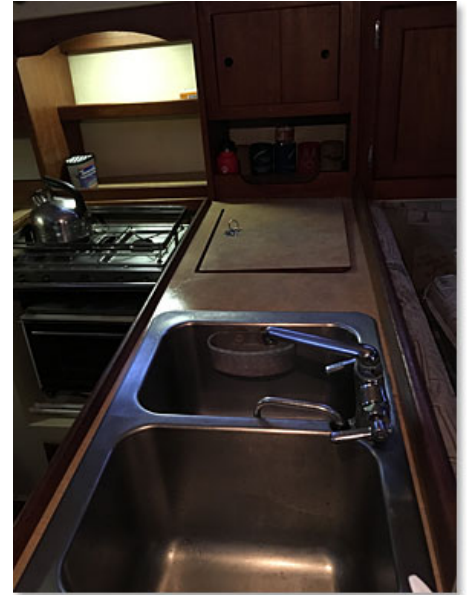
A new headstay, Hood roller-furler and three halyards were installed during a major upgrade and maintenance project in 2016.

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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