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### The Next Potluck Meeting is January 8 at 6:00 PM

Speaker: A fun activity instead

### Commodore's Corner

#### Greetings from the poop deck!

It's a brand-new year and let's try not to F@\*+ it up.

You will have already received your CYC renewal (if not, contact me or Ken) and for the very first time in recorded history, you may renew membership AND sign up for racing (at least the four-race series planned for 2019) all at the same time! All with one check! What a novel concept! It was a light-bulb moment. "Duh, why haven't we thought of this before?"

So, don't procrastinate, fill out the form (don't forget to check all the boxes) and write the check. We're good to go for another year of cruising, racing and a whole lot of fun and conviviality.

Please, do fill out the checklist on the renewal form. We ask this for several reasons:

1. It won't happen without you.
2. It helps the board design more activities to better serve our membership.
3. It will give you a voice in the direction our club takes.
4. And, it won't happen without you!

So, think about your goals and interests (any resolutions out there?) for the coming year. Is there a program you would like to see? A class or presentation you would like to attend? Just check the "other" box and let us know.

To digress just a bit (I know you have never heard this before), the CYC is an all-volunteer organization (loosely speaking), and it won't happen without you! (Am I being redundant?) Sure, we could charge \$300 or \$500 annually and hire someone to do everything for us, but where is the fun in that? I would hazard a guess that our club membership rates are the most reasonable in the entire Salish sea! We can only do it with your participation.

So, what role do you see for yourself? Where can you make a contribution to the greater good? I was a working stiff, too. I know the difficulties of balancing job and family.

As James Joyce might have said: "Work is the bane of the drinking classes" .... or is that my dyslexia speaking? Anyway, I would put it to you that we can all donate an afternoon here or there. Help set up the winter/spring dance, volunteer for a Community Boating

Center work party. Do you have a favorite island? Host a cruise.

Contact your nearest CYC board member in your area of interest: "I have an idea." Then do it! It's what gives this club personality.

Your Commy,  
Laurent



### 2019 CYC Officers and Board Members

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## Membership News

### January 30 deadline for 2019 club dues!

Ahoy Members! This is your new Membership Chair reminding you that we need to have your 2019 membership dues by the end of January--that's when the boat sails away! Along with your check you MUST also include the information slip that was mailed to you along with a stamped return envelope (how convenient!). Be sure to complete all of the questions including any changes to your contact information, boat location, etc.--VERY IMPORTANT! It is a good idea to check your listing in the 2018 Roster to see if the information there is still accurate.

-Ken Russell

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## Education

### Education Committee Report: Please take our CYC Education Survey

CYC members' most requested club activity is for more boating education. Mike Reed and I are hoping to develop a more robust education program for the club. We need club members' input on the kind of education activities that YOU would like to participate in.

#### PLEASE TAKE THE CYC BOATER EDUCATION SURVEY

Member responses will be compiled and reported to the membership. In the coming year we hope to provide activities for the most requested areas. We are looking for other club members to help us plan for boating education activities, please contact us if you would like to help with this effort.

-Ken Russell

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Winter 2019: Tuesday evenings, January 8th - February 26th

Spring 2019: Tuesday evenings, April 2nd - May 21st

Cost \$110 - To Register: [Bellingham Technical College \(BTC\)](#)

Select "Take A Class" and look for our classes in the Marine department or call 360-752-8350 and ask for BTC Item #4560

Presented by experienced sailors and boaters of the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron for all types of watercraft including Kayaks, PWC's, Power and Sail Vessels.

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## Cruising

### 2019 Cruise Chair needed!

Ahoy Cruisers! We are all cruising in our dreams at this time of year!

After two years of club cruise planning I am moving from the Cruise Chair position to the Membership Chair. We are looking for a new Cruise Chair to take my place--this hallowed position could be yours! No experience necessary! This job is important because without a Cruise Chair our yacht club will have no cruises, and what kind of a yacht club would that be???

This board position does not require much work—a few hours in March lining up cruise plans for the sailing season and only an hour or two a month for the rest of the year. You do not need to be an experienced sailor to do this job, in fact it could be done by someone with little or no cruising experience. I am happy to explain and help with the process for a newbie. Although not a lot of work, this is a very important position and we really need someone to step up and volunteer. If you do step up and volunteer for Cruise Chair, you will

receive accolades and honors that you can hardly imagine!

-Ken Russell

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## Events

We have Steve Chambers, Business Developer for Mustang Survival speaking at our February 11th Potluck.

*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](#).*

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## **January 2019**

**January 8: CYC potluck**, SYC Clubhouse

**January 22: CYC Board Meeting**, Commodore's House

## **February 2019**

**February 12: CYC potluck**, SYC Clubhouse

**February 26: CYC Board Meeting**, Commodore's House

## **Cruising Recipes**

This Ina Garten recipe is one that I have made often. It's easy to prepare and great for company.

### **CHICKEN WITH GOAT CHEESE & BASIL**

Serves 4 to 6

#### **Ingredients**

- 6 boneless chicken breasts, skin on
- 8 to 10 ounces garlic-and-herb goat cheese, such as Montrachet
- 6 large fresh basil leaves
- Good olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### **Preparation**

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. Place the chicken breasts on a sheet pan. Loosen the skin from the meat with your fingers, leaving one side attached.
3. Cut the goat cheese into 1/2-inch- thick slices and place 1 or 2 slices plus a large basil leaf under the skin of each chicken breast. Pull the skin over as much of the meat as possible so the chicken won't dry out.
4. With your fingers, rub each piece with olive oil, and sprinkle them very generously with salt and pepper.
5. Bake the chicken for 35 to 40 minutes, until the skin is lightly browned and the chicken is just cooked through. Serve hot or at room temperature.

You might have to ask your butcher for boneless chicken breasts with the skin on.

To make this ahead, assemble the chicken breasts and refrigerate. Bake just before serving.

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### **CYC Board Minutes**

Board minutes are in Adobe PDF format.

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*Linda Benafel, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingée, Ken Russell.*

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