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The Next Potluck Meeting is Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00

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

Commodore's Corner

Bonne Année tout le monde!

I trust everyone is enjoying the holiday. Quality time with friends and family...well one or the other. Speaking of family, Who would we be without them? Hmmn, let me think about that... Amanda and I are down here helping to "keep Portland weird" (we fit right in). Trying hard to avoid contentious topics of conversation with family like: The price of milk and eggs or how many angels can fit on the end of a pin. I feel like I'm about to fall off the pin myself!

A new year and a new CYC board. Well, almost new.

We will miss retiring board members: Roni Lenore, Linda Benafel and Lesli Beasley. Many thanks and adieu to yu and yu and yu. Joining the board in 2020 will be:

- Education and Programs officer- Andreas Weinrich (member since 2018)
- Madame Secretary- Mary Durbrow (member since 2013)
- Newsletter Editor- Mike Reed (member since forever)

Now for those of you who missed the ham at our year end potluck, too bad. A few changes to the 2020 budget were proposed, seconded and approved by membership in the exciting conclusion of our budget meeting.

1. The education line item was raised to \$2,500. This will allow us to broaden our programs and pay for speakers and offer new classes. (Good luck Andreas, no trips to Hawaii please).
2. There is a new line item: CYC Commodore's memorial grant of \$1,000, created to honor those who came before us.

The definition of this grant has been left deliberately vague. It is for you (our members) to decide the final determination of this gift, but to give you some guidelines: We are looking for some worthy person or organization in the nautical sense, to make a

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charitable contribution within the Salish Sea. It could involve salmon restoration, land conservation, boating awareness, youth sailing involvement (beyond what we already partner with the community boating center).

You are encouraged to present to the board your proposal on how this money should be spent. Give us your best shot!
To be clear, we don't want any half-baked dreams, we want them to be fully cooked.

All proposals must be in writing (an e-mail will suffice) but must include:
Name of charity, contact names and numbers, amount requested and a brief summary of how the money will be spent and why we should support it. Preference will be given to local causes celebres.

The board will consider and narrow down all proposals and present the most worthy to our membership at potluck.

You will be the final arbiters. Should we give the entire amount to one or two worthy charities, or none at all?

Get your proposals to your nearest and dearest board member soon .

Your Commy,
Laurent

Membership News

Ahoy Members! It's that time of year again—membership renewal time! I've already had a couple club members ask if they could send me a check, etc. Please hold off until you receive the OFFICIAL renewal form in the mail along with a stamped return envelope. These will be sent out before the end of the month and due by the end of February. We strongly prefer that you pay using the old fashioned method—paper check. This simplified record keeping for us and also ensures that we receive the member data changes form that we send out. Our dues remain at \$50 as they have for a long time—the best yacht club deal in town! Over 90% of the renewals are received by the deadline but there are always those slackers who send them in late. If we receive your dues late your boat and membership info will not be included in the yearly roster. So please be sure to get your membership form and check in by the deadline. Contact me if you have any questions. All the best for 2020—may all your sailing adventures have fair winds and calm seas!

Ken Russell
membership@cycbellingham.org

Education

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

Community Boating Center Winter indoor Classes

For further information: www.boatingcenter.org

Seabirds of the Salish Sea

Instructors: Pam Borso, Paul Woodcock, Lyle Anderson
February 24, 2020 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Essential Knots for Boaters

Instructor: Deborah O'Connor
March 12, 2020 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Introduction to Coastal Navigation

Instructor: Mike Reed
April 3 & 4, 2020 5:30 to 7:50 p.m.

Tides and Currents

Instructor: Ed Alm
May 1 & 2, 2020 5:30 to 7:50 p.m.

Understanding PNW Weather

Instructor: Bob Jacobsen
May 9, 2020 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron Upcoming Winter Courses

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

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January 7 to February 25, 2020 – Tuesday evenings

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Weather

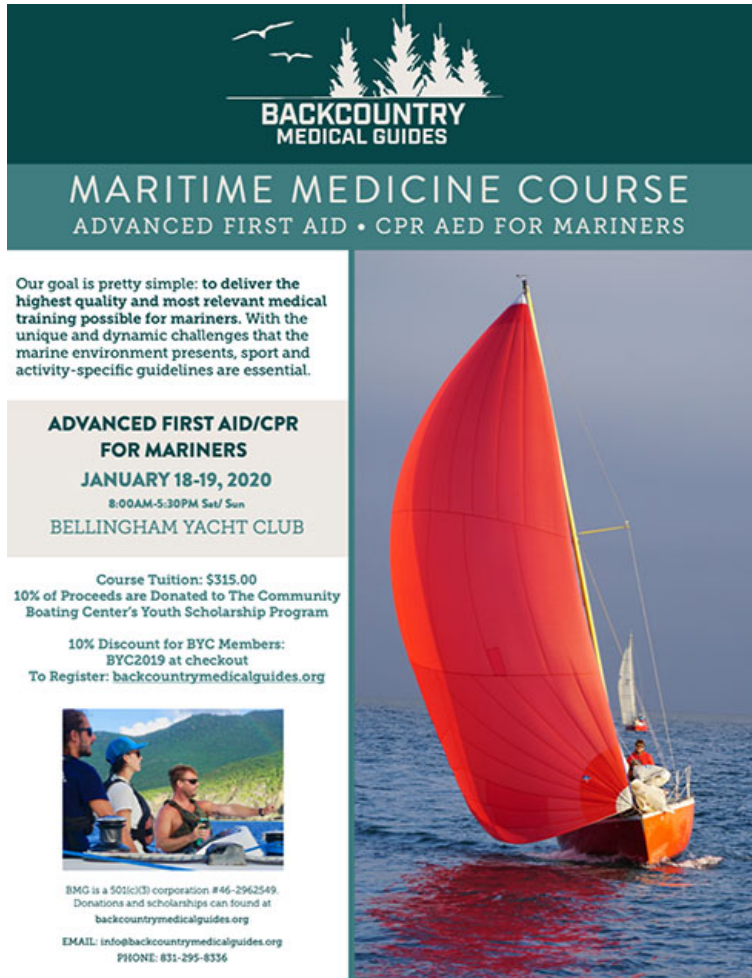
In-depth instruction about the weather we experience in our local waters

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



The poster features a dark green header with the Backcountry Medical Guides logo, which includes silhouettes of trees and birds. Below the header, the text reads 'MARITIME MEDICINE COURSE' and 'ADVANCED FIRST AID • CPR AED FOR MARINERS'. A central image shows a sailboat with a large red sail on the water. To the left of the sailboat, there is a text box with details about the course, including the date (January 18-19, 2020), location (Bellingham Yacht Club), and contact information. At the bottom left, there is a small inset photo of three people on a boat and contact details for Backcountry Medical Guides.

Our goal is pretty simple: to deliver the highest quality and most relevant medical training possible for mariners. With the unique and dynamic challenges that the marine environment presents, sport and activity-specific guidelines are essential.

ADVANCED FIRST AID/CPR FOR MARINERS
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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 last 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](#).

Treasurer's Report

Some big changes for the 2020 budget are planned. First is that \$2,500 has been set aside for education activities in 2020. Education activities is what members have been asking for and now potential activities should be well funded...so get your ideas in soon so we can get activities on the books. There is now a Commodore's Grant budgeted for \$1,000. Make your wishes known as to what local activity or group you'd like to see this go to. (We will still be granting the Community Boating Center \$1,500 for youth activities in 2020). Another big change is that the club is going to spend down the \$8,000 that is in savings, while maintaining a six-month reserve in the Club checking account. Look for a new CYC reciprocal sign on the guest dock, and we've also budgeted for a club projector. And the best for last – still only \$50 per year – the best club deal in the Northwest (maybe even North America!).

–Jon Martin
CYC Treasurer

Cruising and Reciprocity

Happy New Year CYC Bellingham! We're sailing into a new decade and it's time to start putting together the cruise schedule for 2020. I anticipate that we will have a great list of cruising opportunities throughout the cruising season. Please consider hosting a cruise this year to a destination of your choice. I will be contacting the hosts from last year to determine their continued interest in hosting. Please say yes. If you would like to host a cruise please contact me at cruise@cycbellingham.org.

I'd also like to suggest that if you are planning a trip out on the water and are looking for some boat buddy(s) for all or part of your trip, let me know. We can post an announcement by the news letter, Facebook or through an email.

Greg Hartgraves

Reciprocity

It is time to renew our reciprocal arrangements with yacht clubs. CYC Bellingham has reciprocity with >100 yacht clubs. Most are about the Salish Sea, but we also have reciprocity with clubs in California, Oregon and Hawaii. You can find the list of clubs and information on their reciprocity at www.yachtdestinations.org.

If you have had relatively recent experiences with visiting any of our reciprocal yacht clubs, I would like you to share those experiences. This information is important for our club members to know where you have had a good experience and where your experience may not have been so good. Not only is your feedback helpful to others in planning their trips, but it very well may lead to terminating a poor reciprocal arrangement.

Greg Hartgraves

Events

January 14th 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). 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.

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.

January 2020

January 14: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

January 28: CYC Board Meeting

February 2019

February 11: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

Board Members Bios

Greg Hartgraves (Cruise & Reciprocity Chairs)

Kathy and I relocated to Bellingham in May 2016 for her ministry at Garden Street UMC. I am a semi-retired Ph.D. organic chemist who

keeps busy doing college ministry. Before our arrival in Bellingham, we purchased a Catalina 34 from the previous CYC Commodore, Steve Clevenger. Our boat is located at Squalicum Harbor Marina gate 9 NW dock. We love the boat, the NW sailing and the Bellingham community.

Over the past 30+ years we have lived and sailed in Florida; Bothell, WA; and South Dakota. Yes, there can be good sailing in SD on the Missouri River (often with a herd of cows cooling themselves in the water). We have owned a Luger 21 (FL lakes), Hunter 23 (Lake Washington), Fuji 32 (Shilshole Bay), Tartan 28 (Lake Francis Case), Mutineer 15 (Lake Mitchell) and now the Catalina 34 (S/V Blue Skies). While living in Bothell we kept our Fuji 32 ketch Windshadow (<http://windshadow-fuji32.tripod.com>) at Shilshole Bay Marina in Seattle and were members of the Eagle Harbor Yacht Club on Bainbridge Island. Our sailing in the Puget Sound has taken us from the south sound through the Canadian Gulf Islands. Kathy and I have enjoyed getting to know the community of boaters at CYC Bellingham and I have enjoyed serving as your Cruise & Reciprocity Chair.



Jon Martin (Treasurer)

I grew up in Southern California, where my Dad built me an El Toro when I was in 6th grade. I sailed that throughout college, until someone stole it...in high school I'd hang around the Channel Islands Yacht Club to crew during a race. At the time, a ride on a Cal 28 or Catalina 30 was a big deal to me on a big boat...after college I moved to the Northwest, working in Walla Walla for 25 years in non-profit affordable housing programs. After 20 years of not sailing, I bought a Montgomery 15, followed by a Catalina 27 which I sailed out of the Walla Walla Yacht Club on the Columbia River. I brought the Catalina 27 over to Bellingham, where I continued to work in affordable housing programs at the Opportunity Council for the last 15 years. I "semi-retired" last year, and am looking forward to spending more time sailing my Yankee 30 in the CYC races and then on a longer cruise this summer, without a hard timeline when I need to be back to go to work!



Editor's Notes

With the roll-out of the January newsletter I am returning to the role of Editor. It is my goal to get as much Club related information to you as soon possible so that you will be in the know and have a good amount of time to work with it. In each edition I will be introducing you to a couple of our Board members.

If there is anything that you would like to see featured in future editions please let me know.

And above all, if you have read this edition to this point please respond via email to: editor@cycbellingham.org and let me know that you read it and what you think of it, It is important to me.

Fair Winds and Smooth Seas, Mike Reed

Cruising Recipes

Chicken Ragout

This recipe is based on a Hungarian soup that I have made for many years. The original soup was made with either chicken giblets or veal knuckles. Now I just use the breast from a roasted chicken. It's much easier to find.

- Shred the entire breast of a roasted chicken
- 3 Tbs. butter
- 1 green pepper
- 1 small tomato, cut up
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 Tbs. all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbs. minced parsley
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon salt or to taste
- 6 to 8 mushrooms, sliced

Sauté cut vegetables in melted butter. When golden brown, add onion and cook until transparent.

Add flour to onions and vegetables and stir. Add mushrooms, parsley, broth, and salt to taste. Simmer gently until vegetables are tender. Add chicken.

Add butter dumplings the last 10 minutes of cooking.

Butter Dumplings

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbs. butter, melted
- 1 Tbs. finely chopped parsley
- 1 Tbs. cream of wheat

Combine all ingredients. Let stand 30 minutes. Dip spoon into boiling soup, then cut off small piece of the dough (about almond size). Dip spoon into soup and dough will come off.

When all dumplings are in the pot, lower heat to simmering. Let dumplings rise to the surface, cover and simmer 2 to 3 minutes.

Linda Benafel

CYC Board Minutes

Board minutes are in Adobe PDF format.

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Mike Reed, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingée, Ken Russell, Greg Hartgraves, Sean Jones, Andreas Weinrich, Jon Martin, Linda Benafel.

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