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Next Meeting: July 12

Bring something to barbecue and share for this casual get-together. (Meetings in June, July and August are casual BBQs with no speaker.)

Commodore's Corner

Greetings from Birch Bay. Kaye and I are spending more of our weekends out here. The closeness to the water, the sunsets, prowling the beaches at low tide and the ability to have all three grand children all running around is priceless. They are far too active (wild) to have done it on a 34 foot sailboat. I could say some days I feel 12,758 pounds lighter, but with that being said, we miss the boat, or is it the ability to go adventuring in the great area we live in?



Regressing a little--I wanted to join the Corinthian because I knew after just a week of sailing instruction, I needed more knowledge. I wanted to be around like minded people who had more experience than I had. I tried to be a sponge, soaking up as much additional information as possible. No question went unanswered, and everyone I approached had time for me. I see this same thing happening at our meeting now. Newer members, new to sailing, are getting the same help I got. So in my opinion that is one of the things that make this a great club to belong to, the potlucks are another. I would like to see a show of hands of members that have gone home hungry after one of our meetings.

August 20th is a date the BCBC has set aside and asked the club if we are interested in doing a boating on the Bay, morning /afternoon. Maybe we could make this a cruise, with a cruise chair? The great thing is you can commit for as long as you would like.

New read- Annie Proulx's *Barkskins*. You may have read her *Shipping News* or *Brokeback Mountain* she has also written several books of wonderful short stories about the west, cowboys, etc. She, I think, is a great story teller.

I hope everyone had a safe fun Fourth of July. See everyone at our next barbecue gathering.

Steve Clevenger
2016 Commodore

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Membership News

We have a current membership of 98. A few of you have asked how new folks can apply, the answer is to advise them to go to our website at <http://cycbellingham.org> and click on membership. This will send them to the link to download and print the application. Send it to PO Box 101, Bellingham, WA 98227 and include a check for \$70.00 or \$94.00 if they want a burgee. It's that simple.

On a side note, please remember when going out on your boat this busy season and using the POB carts/Clydesdales, to return them immediately after you've unloaded your belongings. Often times we've been down on the docks and had to go looking for these carts and found them abandoned next to empty slips instead of up in the cart area at the top of the ramp. Thank-you.

-Tracy Olney
2016 CYC Membership Chair

Reciprocal Moorage

A reminder that if you are in a reciprocal slip, please put your "Available" sign up when you leave. Also, place a note in your cylinder stating when you will return. I also leave my name and phone #, and the current gate code.

-Neal Bittner
CYC Reciprocity Chair

Racing News

Ahoy, Racers!!!

What a great season so far! Last weeks racing was exhilarating to say the least! Wind out of the south and blowing 15-20. Anyone want to throw a number out on the peak gust?

I want to again thank the captain and crew of S/V's Bequia and Gato for sponsoring series two and a big thank you to Judy Harding and her open ended donation of M/V Running Bear for the remainder of the season when needed. Big sigh and well done to the owners & crew of S/V HoriZen for the last minute scramble and great job last week! Finally thank you to Pam Spencer, her RC crew and S/V Telos that will close out series three! If you can find it in your heart to throw your name (and vessel) in the ring for series four we can see the sun set on another incredible year of CYC Racing...

Contact me with questions and/ or comments at (360) 333-7791. See you on the water!

Your thankful RC Chair,
-Sean Jones

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

2016 Pt Roberts Race

This year marked the re-boot of an old staple BYC race, to Pt Roberts and back. It's one of the few out of the bay that offers a chance to race at night, and was usually in late June, so a chance at good weather, clear skies, and some moon. The course is 63.4 nautical miles, going south from the Outfall buoy, leaving the Viti Rocks buoy to starboard, the Pt Roberts buoy to port, returning around the Viti Rocks buoy, and finishing at the Outfall Buoy. There has been some talk of combining this race into a trifecta with the Northern Century, and Around Whidbey Races. After an uneventful skippers meeting, Vitesse appeared to volunteer as rabbit for the start. Hrvn, Vitesse, Keet, Rubicon and Blade Runner, were there, all familiar Thursday night racers. The wind was 20-22 knots but pretty steady at ssw. The sky was overcast, threatening rain, and we had the dregs of an ebb tide and some southerly current. On Hrvn we set up with a #3 and reef in the main after some struggle.

After the start at 10:05, Hrvn and Vitesse went right immediately and headed for the slot between Lummi and Eliza islands. Blade Runner and Rubicon appeared to go down the east side of the bay, while Keet took a more middle course. Hrvn, closely followed by Vitesse got around Viti rocks near noon, popped our kite and reached off towards Pt Roberts. The wind had come west a bit, warmed up, and was still in the 18-20 knot range for an hour or so, before dropping to 12-14. The sun was out sporadically as well. We looked to have a bit of an issue making Village Pt., but ended up lifted and had more than enough room. Most of the way up, we were on a nice solid reach with steady wind, but mildly adverse current up to a knot or so. The only real strategic choice was whether to go east, west, or over Alden Bank, as it sits squarely on the rhumb line. We turned down a bit and skirted the east side, while everyone else reached harder and went west. We had a steady reach and only really hit bad current (2 plus knots pushing us east) near the Pt Roberts buoy itself, turning the mark at about 3 pm, followed by Vitesse, Blade Runner, Keet, and Rubicon, as far as I could observe. We were almost close enough to the buoy to leave a six pack for the last boat. Once headed south we had some last bits of positive current, and went strongly east off towards Birch Bay. For a while we were pointing at a course of 120 degrees, but only making 103 and thought we

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might have to short tack along the shore. We picked up some nice lifts that carried us past the refinery and dock complex at Cherry Point on one long tack from the mark. We tacked out, south of Cherry Pt. and swung over to the middle of the channel, and then tacked back in to attack Point Migley, and follow the nw Lummi shore down to Village Pt. We still had neutral current and the occasional positive southerly until well down past Lummi rocks. We stayed out in the channel seeing no bad current, until we were close to Sinclair Island, then turned in towards Viti Rocks and the mark for home. There we ran into a big wind hole, as did everyone else apparently! We did about 15 tacks in an hour, 4 times as many as we had the whole day until that point and found ourselves on the same compass course but opposite tacks several times. Finally the breeze steadied up, we got some easterly current push, and were able to turn the corner. We headed up into the slot again, reset the kite and had a good long reach doing 9 and 10 knots in the evening sun right up to finish at the outfall buoy, arriving just before sunset. A pretty spectacular day in the Salish Sea ! Vitesse was about 30 minutes behind us, with Keet, Blade Runner and Rubicon finishing in that order several hours back.

—Todd Koetje

Cruising

9 boats from CYC and 15 boats from BYC went to the Lopez Islander Resort in Fisherman Bay for the Memorial Day weekend joint cruise. We hope to have a report on it in the next newsletter.

I received this email from Judith Harding

Art and I are two oldsters who bought a boat on a whim... a 36 ft. Grenoble 1965 wooden cruiser, single screw. Neither of us knows how operate it so we are making the following appeal:

1. Would any experienced skippers like to cruise the bay or even San Juans with us? We provide great food and drinks! And fill your tanks of course!
2. Would anyone like to take us anywhere (especially Corinthian events) on their boat? We would cover gas and provide food and drink. We are very easy to get along with!

Spencer Spit Cruise Report

July 2-4

We enjoyed beautiful, windy weather for the Spencer Spit cruise over the 4th of July weekend! Spencer Spit is a state park with a picturesque sand bar that extends out from the northeast shore of Lopez Island. It was homesteaded in the late 1800s and eventually sold to the Spencers who lived on the property for 50 years. State Parks bought the property in 1967. The shallow sandy bottom makes for excellent anchoring but there are also park mooring buoys available.

We met at the end of the spit where there is a replica of a cabin built in the early 20th century as a guest house by the Spencers. Eight boats participated, most arriving in time for happy hour on Saturday and the rest before the potluck on Sunday. The food and drinks were excellent, exceeded only by the conversation and camaraderie. On July 4th some boats returned to their home ports and a few went on to Fisherman Bay on the west side of Lopez to view the big fireworks show that night.

Participating boats included: *At Last* (Delayne Brink & Vicki Brighton), *Sapphire* (Sylvia & Dennis Holstrom), *Bluefin* (Kim & Neal Bittner), *Night Heron* (Deb Dempsey & Mary Durbrow), *Telos* (Pam Spencer & Kathy Sheehan), *Orca* (Rex & Ayumi Dakabe Williams), *Keet* (Keturah Witter & Brian Lawrence & friends), and *Liberty* (Ken Russell & Deb Bryant), there was also a reported sighting of *Igmú* (Ron & Linda Battle). See photos.

—Ken Russell





Check out the [CYC cruising schedule](#).

–Ron Battle
CYC Cruise Chair

Upcoming Events

Troy Olney, Treasurer will present the budget to the club at our September meeting. I am in the process of getting a speaker for our September and November meetings. We will not have a speaker at the October meeting. The October meeting is a business meeting reviewing the budget and voting.

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.

July 2016

July 2-4: Spencer Spit Cruise, Lopez Island

July 12: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

July 26: CYC Board meeting

August 2016

August 5-7: Anacortes Arts Festival Cruise

August 9: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

August 23: CYC Board meeting

Flotsam and Jetsam

CYC Facebook Page: The board has decided to institute a Corinthian Yacht Club Facebook page for our club. This page is now up and running. Please use this page for anything club related, like posting pictures from cruising or racing. If you are going out cruising, and want to let others know where you will be, or if your slip will be available, sailing items for sale, or any other innumerable ideas. Find us at: www.facebook.com/CycBellingham (thanks to Neal Bittner)

CYC Board Minutes

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