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### The Next Potluck Meetings are July 9th and August 15th at 6:00

*Speakers:* No Speaker. However, bring something to grill and a side dish to share.

### Commodore's Corner

#### Crab bait:

Unlike secretive mushroomers who would just as soon kill you as divulge their best hunting sites, crabbers are only too willing to tell you where to drop your crab pots and at what depth. Most importantly, they are convinced that they have found the best way to bait their pots. Some will say fish heads, others prefer chicken parts and bones, and then there are those who swear a tin of cat food liberally pierced with a knife is the best crab bait.

*All wrong!*

I have accidentally stumbled across the absolute world's best crab bait, 100% effective, guaranteed to catch those wily crustaceans: Norwegian children. No, no, no, this is not Hansel & Gretel re-told. There are no ovens. But, I am quite serious. Norwegian children (preferably 12 and under) will catch Dungeness every time!

It happened this way:

A very good friend of mine, who happens to be a Norwegian immigrant, had her entire extended family descend on her for a long visit in Bellingham. Asked if I could take them all sailing, I responded, "And let's treat them to a traditional PNW crab fest!"

There were nine of us when we set out from Squalicum Harbor that day including three Norski children. We cruised over to Chuckanut Bay, dropped four pots, raised canvas and then sailed around Eliza Island. We returned about three hours later to retrieve our catch.

Skunked! There were no keepers, hardly any females either. It was by far the worst crabbin' day that I've ever experienced.

"Sorry kids, looks like it'll be hot dogs tonight."

We were dejectedly putting away our gear when out of nowhere, an old codger in an 18-ft. runabout pulled up next to us and in his gravelly voice declared, "Hey, that's quite a crabbin' crew you got there. You're going to need these." He then threw into my cockpit, three 2-pound dungys! Before we even had time to thank our aged benefactor (or figure out that he was likely the same person that poached our pots to begin with), he sped off.



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Thank you oh masked man.

We sailed back to Squalicum and tied up at Gate 9 round about 7:00 pm. The dock at that hour was alive with all the other crabbers who had returned and were cooking up their day's catch on the dock. I always have a few things to do, securing the boat and putting it to sleep but the kids were restless so we sent them on ahead. "Run along kids, we'll meet you at the top of the gate."

It seems that they had other ideas like letting all who would listen know how incompetent their skipper was. Everyone on Gate 9 commiserated. Do they all know me that well? "Oh, you had a bad crabbin day? Here take one of ours. Here, take two!"

When the kids reached the top of the gate, they had scored four more crab!

We feasted that night on seven dungys, none of which had we caught ourselves!

I've now perfected the technique. You don't need any expensive gear. Don't bother investing in crab pots, weighted line and floats. You don't even need to leave the slip. Just get your Norwegian children, hang out on the dock until everyone is back with their catch. Then get out your stopwatch, and at precisely 7:00 pm say, "Ok kids, ready, set, go!"

Your commy, Laurent

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## Racing News

### 2019 Racing Season is in full swing!

- Results from the 2019 CYC Thursday night racing series are being posted at: [CYC 2019 Race Results](#).

The dates for CYC's 2019 Racing Season are as follows:

- Series 1-4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2
- Series 2-5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6
- Series 3-6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11
- Series 4-7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15
- Series 5-8/22, 8/29\*, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19

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## Membership News

Ahoy! Hopefully you are out cruising in this beautiful weather when you read this. We have two new memberships. If you see them at one of our summer BBQs or out on the water give them a big AHOY and get to know them!

Eric Sorensen & Beth DeWeese: Sponsored by David O'Connor. They live in Pullman, WA but their boat is a Yankee Dolphin moored in Squalicum Harbor. Eric is planning to do some light racing and cruising. Eric has a long history of sailboat racing and being involved in the boating community. He has published several newspaper articles in the Seattle Times on sailing.

Dan Birch & Laurie Rink: Sponsored by Peter Hallett. They live in Colorado but are boat partners with Peter and sail in the San Juans. Their boat is a Catalina 36 named Skoal. They plan to attend the July BBQ; introduce yourself to them if you are there!

Welcome to our new members! This brings our membership number up to 109.

Ken Russell  
[membership@cycbellingham.org](mailto:membership@cycbellingham.org)

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## Cruising and Reciprocity

We've had some great cruises already this year. Thank you to those who have hosted. Next stop the Anacortes Arts Festival on Aug 2-4 and hosted by Bruce & Cindy Henninger.

### 2019 CYC Bellingham Scheduled Cruises:

- August 2-4 Anacortes Art Festival Bruce & Cindy Henninger
- Sept 13-15 Rosario Resort Ron & Linda Battle
- Sept 21-22 Garrison Bay Anne Slater & Stuart Stebbings
- October 25-27 Blakely Island, Turkey Fry Tracy & Troy Olney

## RECIPROCITY

This week CYC Bellingham has had the pleasure of hosting Helen and Ian on their Catalina 320. They are using a CYC Bellingham reciprocal slip provided by Fletcher & Cally. Helen and Ian live in Victoria and belong to the Nanaimo Yacht Club. I know that many of our club members have taken advantage of reciprocity with the Nanaimo Yacht Club, and it is nice to be able to return the favor.

If you are in a CYC Bellingham reciprocal slip (you know who you are), please remember to make the slip available for reciprocity when



leaving for a trip. Post the AVAILABLE sign at the end of the dock, fill out the vacancy form ( [cycvacancynotice.pdf](#) ) and place in the dock box tube.

Bellingham CYC has renewed our reciprocal moorage agreements with more than 100 yacht clubs for 2019. You can find up-to-date information on the yacht clubs and their reciprocal arrangements at Yacht Destination (<http://www.yachtdestinations.org/>).

It is important to closely look at the reciprocity details for the club that you will be visiting. Each may have special requirements or limitations. For instance, Maple Bay Yacht Club requires proof of \$2 million liability insurance (note that they have increased the limit from \$1 to \$2 million). In this case, it would be essential that you have an up-to-date copy of your yacht insurance on the boat verifying at least \$2 million of liability insurance. A bit of preplanning will help avoid unwanted surprises.

Greg Hartgraves

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## Events

### Remembering Mel Davidson



On Thursday night June 20th, well over one hundred of Mel and Barbara's friends gathered at the Bellingham Ferry Terminal to honor and remember Mel's life. As we arrived, a bagpiper greeted us, providing us with a remembrance of Mel's love for that magical instrument.

Barb along with her son and daughter gave us an idea of what family life in the Davidson family was like as they moved around the world preparing Mel for his career in higher education. Having retired as a tenured physics professor at WWU, several of his colleagues spoke of Mel's activism in the early days of desktop computing

While taking an intermission to enjoy a picnic meal, we enjoyed several of Mel's favorite foods including bangers and mash along with peanut butter and marmalade sandwiches. As we ate, CYC's own Chuck Dingee along with several others provided the gathering with music Mel was known to enjoy. As the music stopped briefly, the first of the Thursday night racers came into view at a mark just off the end of the Ferry Terminal dock (thanks to Greg Moran from the Community Boating Center for helping to set it). Guests jumped up, cameras in hand, to capture the colorful racers. Mel had for so long been active as both a skipper of his own earlier boats and then a crew on Rob Galbraith's boat.

Most of us knew Mel in the times that he and Barb owned and extensively cruised their Crealock 34, Bon Accord. They sailed not only on the West Coast but through the Panama Canal onto the Caribbean and up the eastern seaboard. Coleen Davies (past CYC member) added as she read from an early CYC newsletter about why Mel and Barb had been selected as the Cruising Family of the Year. Mel and Barb have been members since CYC's inception in 1986 with Mel having served as Commodore in 2010 and 2011.

Fair Winds, Smooth Seas and a Snug Harbor Mel as you sail on in the next world.

Mike Reed

### Administrative Officer Report - Lesli Beasley

Our next CYC Potluck will be June 11th at 6:00 PM. Bring something to grill and a side dish to share. There will not be speakers for the June, July and August Potlucks.

I am in the process of lining up speakers for the Fall, Winter and Spring Potlucks. Please call me if you have a speaker that you would like or any ideas.

Thank you,  
Lesli

*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 2019

July 9: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

## August 2019

August 2-4 Anacortes Art Festival Cruise, Hosted by Bruce Henninger

August 13: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

## Cruising Recipes

This month's recipe was in the New York Times about 20 years ago. I cut it out and have been making it ever since. Serve it with a hot baguette and a crisp Chardonnay, and you are in business.

### Shrimp Salad

- 1/4 head of lettuce, shredded
- 2 boiled potatoes, cubed
- 1 tablespoon capers
- 2 anchovy fillets, chopped
- 10 large shrimp, cooked
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 teaspoon wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper

### Cooking Instructions

Whisk together the oil, wine vinegar, mayonnaise, and salt-and-pepper in a small bowl and set aside.

Toss together the shredded lettuce, potatoes, capers, anchovy fillets, and the shrimp. Add the dressing and toss thoroughly.

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8 JUL 2019

*Linda Benafel, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingée, Greg Hartgraves, Mike Reed, Ken Russell, Lesli Beasley.*

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