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### The Next Potluck Meeting is June 13 at 6:00

Summer meetings do not have speakers. Outdoor BBQs will be available so bring something to BBQ and a side dish to share.

### Commodore's Corner

Last week was my first time starting the Thursday night races. It was a cluster! It helps if everyone is using the same start time, two postponements and 20 minutes later, we succeeded in getting the racers on their way.

I promise, we will get better at this.

Please note "Horatio" blowing his horn. (photo)

Some of our members have questioned me about that silly backhanded salute that I have adopted. As Plato once remarked: "there is nothing new under the sun" and I have to confess....I stole it. I was watching a documentary about the Women's Air Service Pilots from WWII. The WASPs. Its kinda Rosie the Riveter type story. During the peak B-17 bomber production in 1943, 22, B-17's were coming off the assembly line at Boeing field in Seattle every day. The Army Air Corps had to get these planes to the front, but couldn't spare any pilots to do the job. The pilots were getting shot down as fast as they could train them. The result was that any woman with a pilot's license had a job once the Air Corps fears that women couldn't handle the controls of the B-17 were alleviated.

Teams of WASP's would pick up the planes coming off the assembly line in Seattle and fly them across the country and sometimes, all the way to England! Toward the end of this film, a company of WASPS were assembled for a group photo and when the photographers were done (but with the cameras still rolling) on cue, all 75 women snapped to attention and gave this peculiar backhanded salute.

I laughed so hard I nearly fell off my chair. And that's the rest of the story.

—Laurent Martel  
2017 Commodore

### All CYC members! Mark your calendar!

Saturday, August 12

#### Experience Sailing on Bellingham Bay

Hosted by the Community Boating Center and the Corinthian Yacht Club Bellingham

The CYC will join CBC in hosting this event again this year.

### 2017 CYC Officers and Board Members

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The CYC will promote the event as a cruise.

The Boating Center has received a grant to advertise and promote the event as:

"Experience Sailing on Bellingham Bay"

What makes Bellingham unique? The water. What better way to promote our club and the Boating Center then by reaching out to our community and offer a sailing experience to neophytes or those who are simply between boats.

I have volunteered my boat in past years and observed that the attendees I have given rides have been uniformly thrilled, excited and appreciative of the experience.

The Community Boating Center will provide:

- Insurance umbrella for all attendees (participants will sign a waiver form).
- Liability insurance for all our boats
- Life preservers for all participants
- Ferry participants to and from our boats
- Promotion and advertising

We Corinthians provide the experience:

- We meet in Fairhaven 10:30- 12 noon (Skippers may determine their own timeframe)
- Skippers will predetermine crew size (from 2- 6 participants).
- Skippers will provide 2 to 3 hour cruises
- Ideally, each boat to provide 2 sailings
- Any extras (i.e. appetizers, beverages) are up to the skipper.  
(Grog upon request, keelhauling is frowned upon).

The plan: we finish our cruises about 4:30 to 5pm and return to gate 9 where we will then pull out the barbi and potluck on the dock.

I would like to have the BBQ open to all employees of the Boating Center. They may join us after closing up the shop or perhaps return sail with us to gate 9?

Questions and /or sign up with me,  
Laurent Martel  
360 815 3980



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## Cruising

### Cruise Report for June

We had a very successful Matia cruise, read Neal's report below (too many participating boats to list!).

Our other May cruise is underway as I write this note, a joint cruise (no, not that kind of joint!) with the BYC to Lopez Islander Resort hosted by Chris and Vickie Olson. Check next month's newsletter for a report on that cruise.

Our June cruise is planned for June 23-25 to Stuart Island. This is a work party cruise to spiff up the historic Turn Point Lighthouse. Terry & Kerry Thalhofer and Pam Spencer are hosting the cruise. Everyone who has attended this cruise in the past has raved about it. The work is light and the views are spectacular, it is common to see Orcas from the shoreline. This is a private island where there is normally no access. If you attended the March potluck meeting you heard Mike Jonas, Co-founder of the Turn Point Lighthouse Preservation Society, talk about the history of the Turn Point Lighthouse and the society's work to restore it. This is a great cruise to join in on!

### Matia 2017 Cruise Report

Fun times.  
Hard work.  
Sunshine.

Our cruise had 23 CYC "very hard working" volunteers. We may have even out numbered the Pigeon Guillemots.

The most difficult part of the weekend was docking at Matia; OH, how we praised the current. Our original boat parking schematic went without a hitch. (Only 16 changes). We too, went with the flow.

We shared boat talk, "tall tails", amazing food, a couple beverages, and lots of laughs. Our work consisted of mowing, trail maintenance, and ivy pulling, ALWAYS ivy pulling.

When Ranger Steve returned on Monday, he walked the trail and stated, "It's park-like and beautiful." We had a great team !! A team, we are proud to be a part of.

Saturday evening included: more laughs, the best pot luck dishes, EVER. The party concluded with a marine white elephant gift exchange. Gifts were opened, stolen, exchanged, & stolen again, all to a lot giggles & dessert.

Kim and I extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came, and made it such a special weekend.

See you in 2018.  
Neal and Kim



*Flyover photo taken Saturday afternoon by Ken Russell with his son, Jack, piloting the plane.*

### **"Anacortes Art Festival" Cruise August 4/5/6 2017**

Hosted by Bruce & Cindy Henninger

This is a great cruise to a beautiful marina. The Art Festival is one of the best in the state with something for everyone's interest. Three separate stages with a variety of music genres. Many food vendors, plus the great eateries in town!

Limited space available- \$1.35 per ft. up to 50'

Email Bruce to get your moorage soon! Boat name, overall length, nights (Fri, Sat) [Capbruce@aol.com](mailto:Capbruce@aol.com) Cell 360 319 6827  
[Anacortesartfestival.com](http://Anacortesartfestival.com)

*-Ken Russell  
2017 CYC Cruise Chair*

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### **Reciprocal Moorage**

With boating season in full swing, a few reminders about our reciprocity privileges.

Sign up at [Yacht Destinations](http://YachtDestinations.com), and use the website for the most current listings of reciprocal locations. Remember to fly your burgee, and when you return home, a short thank you note to the club is always appreciated. If you are in one of our reciprocal slips, remember to post your sign, and leave a note in your cylindrical container containing information about when you will return. Have fun out there, it's amazing!

*-Neal Bittner  
CYC Reciprocity Chair*

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### **Events**

*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.

## June 2017

**June 13: CYC potluck**, SYC Clubhouse

**June 27: CYC Board meeting**

**June 23-25: Turn Point Lighthouse Cruise** (Hosted by Terry & Kerry Thalhofer and Pam Spencer)

## July 2017

**July 1-2: Spencer Spit Cruise**

**July 11: CYC potluck**, SYC Clubhouse

**July 25: CYC Board meeting**

## Flotsam and Jetsam

The Samish Nation is involved in a marine cleanup effort in the San Juan archipelago. When you are beachcombing, if you come across creosoted driftwood, please contact Todd Woodard, Director Samish Natural Resources at [twoodard@samishtribe.nsn.us](mailto:twoodard@samishtribe.nsn.us). They will come and remove those creosoted pieces.

### For Sale:

J36, Orca, located at gate 9, NW dock is for sale. Asking price, \$38,000. Contact: Lee and Mary Dallas (360) 220-0295 or (360) 220-0294

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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, Neal Bittner, Bruce Henninger.*

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