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The Next Potluck Meeting is June 12th at 6:00 PM

Speakers: **Coast Guard Talk and Flare Shoot** (Bring Outdated Flares)

Commodore's Corner

The Falcon was at the joint BYC/CYC cruise to Lopez Island this past weekend. As usual, we were sporting several different national flags from our masthead. I like flags and have quite a collection. It's a carry-over from my years as a wine wholesaler.

However, the flag that I flew on the day we arrived in Lopez always garners the most interest. Several BYCers asked, "What is that flag?" One even googled it and asked, "Why the Basque flag?"

Funny, you should ask...

Your patience shall be rewarded; there is a story here somewhere...

There is not much for a winemaker to do in the summertime. The last vintage is "in barrel" and grapes on the vine haven't reached veraison yet, so winemakers take the opportunity to travel and promote their winery. The idea being to "press the flesh" and thank the restaurateurs and retailers for their patronage. I was often tapped by my boss to entertain a bloke from Australia for a day and a vigneron from France the next.

I soon learned to ask the question, "Would you like to spend the day riding around with me in Ferndale or Blaine or would you rather that I invite four of my best customers and you join us in a "three-hour tour" on my boat in Bellingham Bay?" Not once did I ever have to give them the hard sell.

I always tried to have a flag flying from my masthead with the nationality of the winemaker, thus the extensive collection of ensigns.

One fine afternoon, I'd just entertained a Spanish winemaker on the boat, and Amanda and I had just sent him back to Seattle. We were enjoying our "anchor beer" when I heard a "rap, rap" on my deck, so I popped out to see a diminutive, slightly rotund, dark complexioned man wearing a pencil-thin moustache and a black beret. He unloaded on me a torrent of Spanish (I'd forgotten to pull the Spanish flag down). My Spanish is even worse than my French. I immediately panicked and called for back up, "Amanda!"



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We had quite a long conversation with him. He had spotted my flag from the shore and hoped to have someone to talk to in his language. He was a new immigrant to America and had tried to settle in Idaho. There is a robust community of Basques there, but he just didn't like it. It wasn't the green Spain that he came from; Idaho was just too dry.

He asked if I had a Basque flag, would I fly it? Well, of course I would!

We had several more conversations with him over the next several weeks. It was clear that he wouldn't be settling down in Bellingham. He liked the climate, but there was just not enough of a Spanish community for him. We're not certain when he left town, but one evening Amanda and I returned to the boat (we were living aboard at the time) to find a brown bag stuffed through our open window. Inside was a red Basque beret, a pair of espadrilles and this Basque flag--proudly flown on Lopez Island this past weekend.

Laurent Martel
Your Commy

Cruising

Ahoy Cruisers!

We are entering the eye of the cruising season! June brings good sailing weather with generally clear skies and good wind. CYC's Cruise Chair suggests that you get out there and sail! (If you haven't already.)

This newsletter includes a report on our last joint club cruise to Lopez Island and an announcement for June's CYC cruise to the Turn Point lighthouse on Stuart Island. This is a very popular cruise to an absolutely spectacular destination; you won't want to miss it! Pam Spencer is organizing the cruise (thanks again, Pam!), and you should contact her if you plan to join in the fun.

Earlier this month I sailed to Poet's Cove at Pender Island with friends on their Catalina 47. They were attending an annual rendezvous of the Victoria Chapter of the Bluewater Cruisers Association. It was a very fun gathering with over 40 boats, many of which have completed extended cruises in the Pacific Ocean and even around the world. As you might imagine, there were some very interesting boats there. The BCA is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. If you enjoy learning about extended cruises in spots all around the world, the BCA has a monthly public program with speaker presentations. Their local chapter is in Vancouver, B.C. You can learn more about BWCA at <http://www.bluewatercruising.org> or chat with me at the next potluck, and I will tell you more about them.

Fair winds and calm seas!
Ken Russell

TURNPOINT LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE - STUART ISLAND

June 22-June 24

WORK PARTY SATURDAY JUNE 23RD

Join us for a wonderful day working to help preserve this historic lighthouse on Stuart Island. There has been an amazing effort to preserve and present the history of this lighthouse. If you have never joined the annual work party, it is a must do on your bucket list!!

If we are lucky, and often we are, the orca whales swim up to the point and then cross over to Canada. It is an amazing sight to be able to look down at them as they swim right next to the cliffs of Stuart Island. We always break to watch the whales!

Anchor in Prevost Harbor.

Meet at the Government Dock in Prevost Harbor at 9:00 AM Saturday, June 23rd. Weather permitting, you can anchor in the northwest area of Prevost Harbor to be closer to the dock. (We will be driven to the Turnpoint Lighthouse)

Water will be provided throughout the day

Lunch will be provided (make your own meat and cheese sandwiches, chips, watermelon, grapes, and cookies!)

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Potluck on the beach at 6 pm

What to bring:

- work gloves
- sun screen
- hats
- camera

Let me know if you are able to join us! Please RSVP with the name of your boat, number of people, and your cell number.

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Memorial Day Cruise Report

We had a great time at Fisherman's Bay over Memorial Day weekend with the BYC. We had 23 boats, and the weather was great (albeit a little breezy, but it made for some great sailing there and back). It was great having our illustrious Commodore Martel in attendance as well! Being a long weekend, we enjoyed all the free time to go fishing, kayaking, visiting the Farmer's Market, and just hanging out. We had over 60 people at Saturday night's potluck which featured sliced ham and a game of 5 card poker mashup with prizes for the high and low hand. Many people left on Sunday, but we still had around 30 people for our Seafood Feast on the dock including fresh caught lingcod (thanks Troy) and shrimp as well as a cocktail special we call "Island Dreams." Thanks to everyone who attended! We had great time hanging out with you.

Vickie and Chris Olson



Racing News

Ahoy, Racers!

With a great first series of CYC Thursday Night Racing behind us and 3/5's through the second, the amazing weather and wind so far continues with a few wet and light exceptions.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Matt Luxon, S/V Gato and crew for Series 1 and Bob Jenkins and S/V Windshift for Series 2!

We have 17 races ahead of our CYC Thursday Night Program, and we look forward to seeing you out there.

May the warm weather persist, the winds stay steady, and the blessings of our beautiful Bellingham Bay never wane...

Cheers!
–Sean Jones
CYC Race Chair

- Results from the 2018 CYC Thursday night racing series are being posted at: [CYC 2018 Race Results](#).

Events

You won't want to miss our June 12th Potluck. After we have finished eating, Jon Martin has arranged to have members of the Coast Guard give a talk about how they would like to be contacted in various situations such as emergent or less-than-emergent situations, using VHF and cell phones. We will then have an opportunity to talk about using flares and other devices.

Next we will head over to the breakwater area and Corinthian members can shoot off their flare guns and ignite a hand held flare. Mike Reed will also have his boat out in the bay, and he will shoot off various types of flares, including standard 12 gauge flares along with a 25 gauge flare, and a SOLAS parachute signal rocket. He will demonstrate the new non-incendiary signal device. Mike will also have a personal strobe light such as one might attach to a life vest. People can get an idea of what it looks like from shore when one is trying to signal using flares and a rescue light.

Members are encouraged to bring their flare gun and expired flares for personal use, along with eye and hearing protection. A half dozen or so safety glasses will be provided as well as some foam ear plugs. The Coast Guard personnel are also invited to share our meal, so bring a few extra helpings with you for the potluck. This is meant to be a fun and interactive evening that is designed to increase your confidence in contacting the Coast Guard or other boaters if the need were to ever arise.

Thank you Jon for arranging such a wonderful event for our members. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OUTDATED FLARES.

–Lesli Beasley (360) 201-1669
CYC Administration Officer

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 2018

June 9: Man Overboard Class

June 12: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

June 22-24: Turn Point Lighthouse Cruise

July 2018

July 10: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

Cruising Recipes

While in Princess Louisa Inlet last year, I offered these grilled flatbreads as an appetizer on several occasions. You can vary your toppings according to your taste and what is available. One night, I made a variation using canned artichoke hearts.

Radicchio, Goat's Brie and Fig Jam

- Flatbreads (1 per person as a meal, less as an appetizer)
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- Head(s) radicchio sliced in half lengthwise
- Fig jam
- Goat's Brie
- Microgreens (optional)

Preheat barbecue to medium. Brush radicchio with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill until it begins to wilt, approximately 3 minutes on each side. Remove outer layer and chop roughly.

Grill flatbread on both sides, approximately 2 minutes per side.

Top flatbread with a thin layer of fig jam and pieces of goat's brie. Close the barbecue and grill until cheese has melted, approximately 3 minutes. Remove the pizza from the barbecue and top with radicchio and microgreens, if using.

Prosciutto, Parmesan and Arugula

- Flatbreads (1 per person as a meal, less as an appetizer)
- Mozzarella cheese, grated
- Parmesan cheese, Sliced into shards
- Prosciutto
- Arugula

Preheat barbecue to medium. Grill flatbread on both sides, approximately 2 minutes per side.

Top flatbread with mozzarella cheese and parmesan cheese and grill with the barbecue closed until the mozzarella has melted, approximately 3 minutes. Remove the pizza from the barbecue and top with slices of prosciutto and arugula.

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