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### The Next Potluck Meeting is June 11th at 6:00

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

### Commodore's Corner

#### Where were you on May 18th?

The Falcon and I were at the Matia/ Machia Island (Adopt-an-Island) cruise.

We had finished our work party. It was late in the afternoon. Our crew was taking a much-needed break and preparing for the evening potluck festivities.

We were sitting on my fore deck when I noticed an eagle soaring overhead. We noticed a sea otter scampering across the beach. Everything started happening all at once!

Then I heard someone yelling from the dock, "Killer Whales!" Sure enough, just beyond the mooring buoys at the mouth of the little bay, a pod of Orcas was breaching. It must've been the entire pod as they lingered for a long while. While my crew enjoyed the show, I couldn't help myself as I began to dance. "The curse has ended," I expounded. There were some that may have thought that I was a bit "touched" in my exuberance, but then, if you know me, there would be no doubt.

Perhaps, for the sake of those not present, I should digress.

Two years ago at the Matia Island cruise, I shared my suspicions to our assembled boaters. "My boat is cursed," I said. Not once in the 20 years have I, or anyone in my crew, ever seen Orca from the Falcon. I laid out my evidence. There were the multiple visits to Turn Point on Stuart Island, and all the times we shoulda, woulda, coulda seen 'em, but didn't.

All present thought my theory was quite amusing. Did I mention that midnight confessions are dangerous? Be careful what you admit to on a CYC cruise. It has a funny way of coming back at you, in a haunting sorta way.

It wasn't long after that weekend that strange things began to happen to the Falcon.

One day, as I walked down N dock to my boat, I spotted an Orca pennant flying from my masthead. I didn't put it there. Later, a small, metal, Orca refrigerator magnet appeared hanging from my mizzen. Then, there was the painting of a sailboat "Falcon" painted on the transom surrounded by Orcas. I've been "punked" again!

This has been going on for two years now and the perpetrators have never admitted to the

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crime. I am now thinking: conspiracy! Everyone at that cruise is suspect. A crime much like "Murder on the Orient Express." Me thinks they all have a hand on the knife.

Et tu, Brute?

I suppose it was appropriate then that my curse ended on Matia. I danced my little jig on the foredeck in celebration, hah! You can't punk me now!

Your commy, Laurent

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## Education

### Youth Summer Sailing Scholarships

Do you know a young person who would like to learn how to sail but cannot afford classes?

If so, read on.

Two types of financial assistance are currently available for youth under 18 that will pay their way for summer sailing lessons.

The first is available directly from Bellingham's Community Boating Center. For more information on these scholarships, which have been made available by CYC's financial support, visit their website at:

<https://www.boatingcenter.org/classes/scholarships/>

The second type of scholarship is intended for low income youth and is available through the Sailing Foundation. For more information about eligibility for their scholarships visit their website at:

<https://thesailingfoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

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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](#).

## Membership News

Ahoy! Lots has gone on with membership over the past few months. I will try to make it brief, if that is possible:

### CHANGE TO BYLAWS

The following paragraphs have been approved by the membership for inclusion in the bylaws. You can print them and attach them to the bylaw section in your roster if you want to make it up to date. They will be added to the bylaw section in the 2020 Roster.

Under article V, section 2 (membership applications)

*"no application for membership will be considered without a named CYC sponsor."*

Under article VII (duties of membership)

Create a new- section 13 to read:

*"Duties of a member/sponsor: Our goal is to be welcoming and inclusive.*

*Any club member named as a sponsor must act as mentor to the new member. This may include but not limited to the following duties.*

*Those listed as sponsor on a new member application will be contacted by the board to vouch for the new member when his or her application is being considered.*

*When the membership is approved, the sponsor will also be notified by the board.*

*It is incumbent on the sponsor to assist the new member in acclimating to our club. A phone call, text or E-mail to remind him or her of upcoming potlucks or events.*

*Make sure the new member is introduced and included at potlucks.*

*Check with the new member to ensure they are receiving the newsletters, etc. and notify the board if they are not."*

### NEW MEMBERS

The board approved two new member families at its May meeting:

**The Warner Family:** Nathan and Amanda, and children Zoe, Simon &





**Isla and the Hoylman Family:** Mike and Megan and their children.

Please welcome these new members when you see them at our club events! This brings our membership number up to 107 (a membership can include one or two people or a family).

## **NAME TAGS ARE HERE!**

We have caught up with a back list of member name tags, and they have arrived! If you did not already pick yours up at the last potluck, we have it and will add it to the stash of tags that we put out at each monthly meeting. If you would like to keep your name tag at home, please contact me to arrange to get it by other means.

Ken Russell

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

## **Cruising and Reciprocity**

### **Matia Island Clean-Up Cruise**

A total of 8 boats (Falcon, Thanx, Island Therapy, Blue Fin, Blue Skies, With You at Last, Igmu, and Free) rafted to the newly constructed Matia Island dock on the weekend of May 17-19 for the annual CYC Bellingham work party clean-up. The cruise theme was on the Hermit of Matia, and we had the CYC's own expert on all things 'Hermit of Matia', Nancy Hart. Nancy provided a history of Alvin Smith, the self-titled 'Hermit of Matia.'

The 19 participants cut back vegetation, raked, mowed and did dock repair to make the trails and camping areas look great on Saturday. Ranger Steve provided a new 'adopt a park' sign with the full Corinthian Yacht Club of BELLINGHAM name on the sign (see picture).



After completing the clean-up, a beautiful blue skied afternoon provided a great opportunity for relaxing on the dock/beach or walking the island. For those adventurous, there was a Hermit of Matia themed puzzle hunt. Those who participated were able to solve a variety of puzzles leading them to the hermit's stash of fruit preserves (rumored to have life extending properties). Following an exciting game of jungle bocce ball, the day was capped off by a potluck with an incredible spread of food and great conversation.

Laurent and Greg







## Memorial Day Cruise Report

The CYC cruisers had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend at Fisherman's Bay. Saturday started out rainy but cleared up just in time for our dockside seafood potluck where we feasted on fresh oysters and shrimp. Sunday was beautiful with lots of activity happening during the day and culminating with poker and another potluck in the evening. Thanks to everyone who made the trek and made this such a fun weekend. Special thanks to Troy Olney and crew for the delicious shrimp!

Vickie and Chris Olson







## Events

### Mel Davidson

A celebration of the life of former Commodore Mel Davidson will be held from 5-8 pm Thursday, June 20 at the Cruise Terminal.

### **THE 2019 SPRING CYC 10th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER WAS A TOTAL SUCCESS!!!!**

We had 131 attend the dance this year. We had the largest turnout ever, and the WALRUS was a HUGE DRAW. We had 43 people buy \$25 tickets at the door. Boundary Bay Brewery gave us a pony keg, and this was the first year that we drained the keg. The bar brought in \$949, (less the whole sale cost of the wine provided by Laurent Martel). The CBC provided DONATED PIZZA from LOCAL RESTAURANTS.

The CYC dance proceeds after expenses was \$1,197.00. The Paddle Auction brought in \$1,490, and the Silent Auction brought in \$2,963 which brings this year's total to \$5,650.00 for the CBC. The CBC was so thrilled with the fundraiser!!!!

I want to thank all of our volunteers and the CBC staff and volunteers who worked hard with us to make the dance a total success. The Majestic Hall was a perfect venue and the Walrus kept everyone out on the dance floor to the very end.

Cheers,  
Lesli Beasley, Dance Chair

*We thank our CYC Fundraising Dance sponsors for their generous support.*





**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.*

**June 2019**

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

**June 21-23 Stuart Island, Turn Point Lighthouse**

## **Cruising Recipes**

At the Matia Island Clean-Up cruise potluck, there were many wonderful dishes to be had. However, I swooned over Linda Battle's dessert contribution, and I had to share it with all our CYC members. Treat yourself, your friends, and your family.

### **Rhubarb Custard Bars**

The shortbread-like crust and rhubarb and custard layers inspire people to find rhubarb they can use to fix a batch for themselves. — Shari Roach, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 25 min. Bake: 50 min. + chilling YIELD: 3 dozen.

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup cold butter

#### **FILLING:**

- 2 cups sugar
- 7 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 3 large eggs, room temperature, beaten
- 5 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed and drained

#### **TOPPING:**

- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

#### **Directions**

1. In a bowl, combine the flour and sugar; cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, for filling, combine sugar and flour in a bowl. Whisk in cream and eggs. Stir in the rhubarb. Pour over crust. Bake at 350° until custard is set, 40-45 minutes. Cool.
3. For topping, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth; fold in whipped cream. Spread over top. Cover and chill. Cut into bars. Store in the refrigerator.

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## **Flotsam and Jetsam**

### **Current App**

If you use the Canadian Hydraulic book accompanied by the annual update for currents, check out this app. PNW Current Atlas

It does everything the book does, but in electronic format, and displays nicely on an iPad. No internet connection needed. It's a little spendy at \$20, but once you try it for free for 3 days, I think you'll love it.

Neal Bittner

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9 JUN 2019

*Linda Benafel, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingée, Vickie and Chris Olson, Greg Hartgraves, Neal Bittner, Lesli Beasley.*

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