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### Next Meeting: March 8

**Speaker:** Andy Schwenk with NW Rigging.  
He will talk about inspecting your rigging before the sailing season.

### Commodore's Corner

#### Ahoy from the Commodores Couch.

First things first. Thank you to the committee members and all the volunteers that worked to make the 2016 Winter dance a huge success. The Atlantics had people up dancing from the first song and the dance floor stayed packed through out the evening. There was also (to be expected) plenty of tasty snacks to enjoy. Thank you to all again! Lesli's report to follow with all the dollar figures. It was a success.

Once again I'm starting my comments/observations from my couch, looking out at a rainy, windy miserable day. To my benefit I have used the few sunny (non raining) days to work on my to-do list. The K-Lynne got pressure washed, or at least the top layer of green goo and dirt was removed. I also got my radar displaying on my chart plotter again. This was after numerous hours of trying to figure out what I had done wrong when I added AIS to the display. It turned out to be a simple fix in the end. It seems that I had the horizontal dispersion lever crossed with the crevicesite mortis band. All is well that ends well.

Remembering Kaye's and my first sail on our new boat. We choose a sunny spring day with mild winds (for those of you who know me you can guess that the winds were no more than 12 knots). I was beyond excited about taking my new boat out by ourselves for the first time. There was the trepidation of wondering if I had all the skills needed to run the K-Lynne. As it worked out we had a wonderful experience sailing from Fairhaven across the bay to Lummi Island and the back and forth. In the afternoon we heaved -to ( I do not know if there is a past tense of this action) had lunch and admired our beautiful surroundings, especially Mt. Baker in the background. During our sail Kaye ran the boat while I worked the sails, there were the "look at me while you talk to me" and "which way is Port?" comments. At the end of the day I had Kaye cruise into Fairhaven bay, maneuver around anchored boats and pull up to the mooring lines, a couple of times. On the way back into the harbor I mentioned, in passing, that she would have to jump off and tie up the K-Lynne or drive the boat into the slip. I have to mention that Kaye had zero experience running a boat up to this time. I also knew with her bad knees she could not jump off the boat. Well as it worked out, Kaye slowly brought the boat into the slip (with

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more comments like "look at me while you are talking to me or speak louder!" and probably some others that I have left out) and ever since Kaye has run the boat in and out of numerous slips in various ports. We have had wonderful bonding experiences especially while anchoring in crowded harbors. (That is what I call them.)

When this news letter comes out Kaye and I will be in Palm Springs to spend the month of March. This is the fourth year we have gone to that beautiful area in March and the second year that we have spent the month. We have really come to appreciate the warm weather, activities and atmosphere of this area. It is nice to be there but always nice to come back to our home and this area.

Commodore Steve does not spend much time on the couch down there. The very best to all of the Corinthians.

*Steve Clevenger*  
2016 Commodore

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## Membership News

We are pleased to have approved for new membership and introduce to you now the following 3 couples:

- **Rex Williams and Ayumi Takabe**, 26' Columbia named Orca, sponsored by Bill Apt
- **Ken and Janet Henderson**, 39' Gecco named Panta Rei
- **Pete and Tina Smiley**, 24' Windrose named Blue Rose, sponsored by David OConnor

Please help to welcome our new members!

Roster time is upon us and I am looking to renew and possibly procure new sponsorship/ad space in the catalog. Business card sized ads are \$70.00 each and 1/2 page ads are \$120.00. This includes your permanent ad on the website and monthly newsletter, as well as the 2016 roster. If you would like to advertise with us or know someone that would, please contact me at [winepixie@hotmail.com](mailto:winepixie@hotmail.com) or 360-220-6757.

*-Tracy Olney*  
2016 CYC Membership Chair

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## Racing News

### Ahoy CYC Racing Fleet!!! Racing begins on April 14!!!

Some important reminders to take note of...

- If you have not turned in your dues for your CYC Membership please do so immediately if you want to be included in the 2016 Roster.
- There will be a skippers rules discussion on March 17, location TBD.
- Racing dues are due at registration night March 31 in the SYC club house beginning at 6:00. BYOB, pizza will be provided.
- The first race of the 2016 season will be April 14th. (Series 1 Race 1) First preparatory signal at 6:00PM. Current schedule includes four five-race series through August 25th and additional races partnering with other clubs are T.B.A.

May the season bring us sunny, friendly and safe races. Let's hope for better consistent pressure than last year!

Cheers!

*-Sean Jones*  
CYC Race Chair

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## Cruising

### 2016 CYC Cruise Schedule

Please consider hosting one or more cruises during the season. Dates and hosts for confirmed cruises are listed below, with the mode of moorage (anchor, dock, mooring buoy, etc.) indicated in parentheses. To make the other locations a go, we need hosts! Contact Capt. Ron to learn more.

#### Confirmed Cruises

- Matia Cleanup (M/D), May 13-15, hosts: Joe & Priscilla Sulham
- Lopez Islander Resort joint BYC-CYC cruise (A/D), May 27-30, hosts needed!
- Turn Point Cleanup, Stuart Island (A/M), June 24-26, Chairperson Pam Spencer
- Spencer Spit Lopez (A/M), July 2-4, hosts needed!
- Anacortes Arts Festival (D), Aug. 5-7, hosts needed!
- Montague Harbour Galiano (A/D/M), Sept. TBD, hosts Tracy & Troy Olney

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- Blakely Island Turkey Cruise (D), Oct. 28-30, hosts Tracy & Troy Olney

#### Proposed cruises without hosts or dates

- Rosario Resort, Orcas Island and Beyond (A/D/M)
- Oktoberfest, Sept
- Round the County Race (M)
- Aleck Bay, Lopez Island (A)
- Clark Island (M)
- Deer Harbor, Orcas Island (A/D)
- Eagle Harbor, Cypress Island (A/M)
- Garrison Bay, San Juan Island (A)
- Obstruction Pass Park (A/M)
- Pleasant Cove, Chuckanut Bay (A)
- Prevost Harbor, Stuart Island (A/M)
- Vendovi Island (D)
- West Sound, Orcas Island (A/D/M)
- Whirlwind Cruise: Jones Island-Deer Harbor-West Sound (A/D/M)

#### Fall in the Gulf Islands (Week to 10 Days)

- Port Browning: port of entry and provisioning (A/D)
- Montague Harbor (A/D)
- Wallace Island (A/D)
- Pirates Cove, De Courcy Island (A)
- Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island (A/D)
- Portland Island, North Cove (A)

(A =Anchor, D=Dock or Marina, R=Reciprocal, M=Mooring Buoy)

#### Hosting A CYC Cruise:

First and foremost you must select a cruise that sparks your interest, whether a favorite destination to share with other CYC members or a location that you have always wanted to visit but until now have not done so. Second, you determine dates that suit your schedule. Third, you decide what activities, if any, you wish to explore such as hiking, dining, shopping, beach combing, etc. and whether or not there will be any pot lucks or BBQs. Once these tasks are decided you can send an email to all members by sending it to the cruise chair and/or webmaster who will forward it to the membership. Then you coordinate the trip with members so that you have a destination, phone numbers, boat names (radio contact), MMSI numbers, and any other necessities. Then you sail together or converge at your planned destination and have a wonderful time exploring the area!

Photographs and a paragraph or two in the next newsletter are always a welcome addition. Please remember that your back yard (San Juan and Gulf Islands) contains some of the best cruising grounds in the world. Get out there and enjoy your boat and your fellow CYC members. Valuable information about local cruising can be found in San Juan Islands, a Boater's Guidebook by Shawn Breeding and Heather Bansmer, 2013.

Contact your Cruise Chairperson for any additional information: Ron Battle (360) 319-7478 or email: [cruise@cycbellingham.org](mailto:cruise@cycbellingham.org)

*-Ron Battle  
CYC Cruise Chair*

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## Reciprocal Moorage

Remember that your CYC Membership entitles you to a 10% discount at both Redden and LFS. You need to show your card when you make your purchase. Redden applies the discount to everything, whereas LFS is more selective. For a double bonus, buy something for your wife with the savings.

If you are using Seaview, or Colony Wharf boat yards, remember to thank them for their donations that they give to us every year. Seems like that whenever we ask, they are happy to donate a haul out. In fact, when you come to the meeting, you will have the opportunity to bid on a haul out, and the proceeds will go to the Community Boating Center.

Slips MW47 and MW48 are available, and although they are not "official" CYC slips, they are adjacent to our other slips. Note MW48 is an upwind slip, starboard tie.

I encourage everyone to have a dockside note card taped to a window with the following information:

#### **Your boat name**

**For emergencies regarding this vessel please contact:**

**Your name: Xxx Xxxxx, Phone #: XXX-XXXX**

**Alt name: Xxx Xxxxx, Phone #: XXX-XXXX**

**Harbormaster: 676 2542**

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Did you know that our club pays an annual subscription fee of \$100 to use the Yacht Destinations website? And yet, only 14 of our members have completed the free registration. This site is the go to site if you want to ascertain which of the 117 clubs we have reciprocal privileges with, as well as all of their contact information. What are you waiting for? Sign up today!

- <http://yachtdestinations.org>

## Upcoming Events

The speaker for the March potluck is going to be Andy Schwenk from NW Rigging. His talk is going to be YOU & YOUR BOAT. Andy is going to tell you what issues on boats that he looks for and what you should be checking on your boat. His number one concern is safety on boats.

We will also have a short auction at the pot luck to auction off the three items that Seaview donated to us for proceeds to go to the CBC. The items are the following:

- 1 Haul out
- 1 \$250 Chip for Seaview labor
- 1 \$100 Chip for Seaview labor

Tracy offered to run the auction, so bring your check books!

### Dance Report:

The dance was a complete SUCCESS! We had a record attendance of 135 attend the dance. The Paddle Auction brought in \$2,590. With the auction donations and the attendance we were able to raise a total of \$4,188.00 to give to the CBC after expenses. They were so grateful for all of our hard work and the money that we raised.

I personally want to thank my committee and all of the volunteers for their wonderful help and support in making the dance a huge success.

*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.*

### March 2016

**March 8: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse** - Andy Schwenk with NW Rigging.

**March 17: Skippers racing rules discussion**, location TBD.

**March 22: CYC Board meeting**

**March 31: Racing registration night in the SYC club house beginning at 6:00.** BYOB, pizza will be provided. Racing dues are due.

### April 2016

**April 12: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse**

**April 14: The first race of the 2016 season.** (Series 1 Race 1) First preparatory signal at 6:00PM.

**April 26: CYC Board meeting**

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## Flotsam and Jetsam

### New Weather Buoy in the Bay

A new buoy collecting all sorts of data has been installed in the bay. Wind speed and gusts are some of the information collected and provided *in real time*, but wind direction is not currently available. *This is an great resource for Bellingham Bay sailors!*

Data can be viewed here:

[NVS Data Explorer](#)

Read more about it here:

[Bellingham Herald Article](#)

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## Classified

- 44 lb CQR Anchor \$295
- Boom Spar, aluminum off of 40 ft Sabre, \$950.

360-201-0865, Denny

Do you have boat items or services that you want to sell to or buy from other members? Why not list them in the next CYC newsletter? Send your request for items/services you have to offer or wish to acquire to the newsletter editor and they will be listed in the next

## Cruising Recipes

### My sustainable sandwich, by Commodore Steve.

I have not seen a cruising recipe submitted lately so thought it was time to share my recipe for a sustainable sandwich. The peanut butter and cheese sandwich.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 - slices of bread (I prefer a wheat multi-grain or a fresh french bread). I love that crunch of the crust.
- 1 - jar of peanut butter (I prefer Jiff creamy style) You do not need the whole jar, but let's not be caught short.
- 1 - cube of "pliable butter", there is nothing worse then trying to make a sandwich using hard butter. You can't spread it, it leaves chunks of butter here and there plus it tears holes in the bread and this causes the filling to run out.
- 1 - Block of cheese (I prefer Tillamook medium cheddar, and once again you do not need the whole block but for safety reasons it is easier to hold on to).

Concocting the sandwich:

1. Spread the "pliable butter" over both pieces of the bread. I've found out you should butter only one side on each slice of bread.....(trial and error) The butter should cover the complete surface of the bread, right up to the crust boarders.
2. Apply the peanut butter a knife or spatula works best. The peanut butter should cover the butter completely, on both slices of bread. Do not skimp. A generous amount is what I like to see. The peanut butter should be enough so that after you take a bite you have to use your tongue to pry it off the roof of your mouth. Think thick!
3. OK, now for the cheese, and remember this is a sustainable sandwich. I like to cut two slices, the width of the block at least ¼ inch thick. ( you can put them on either slice of bread, your choice.) I have experimented with thinner slices of cheese but end up the the same amount as I would have cutting two thicker slices. Save your self some time and get to eating the sandwich.

Alright, we are ready for one of the most important parts, put the slice of bread *without* the cheese on it on the slice with the cheese. Alignment is not critical but important.

Two final insights after having eaten several of these sandwiches:

1. Wrap the sandwich in a paper towel, if not the peanut butter squirts out the sides and gets all over.....experience talking.
2. Keep a bottle of water close at hand. At times your bites do not go all the way down to your stomach and get caught in your throat, this feels like you are choking and can't breath, so wash it down with the water.....once again experience talking...

Enjoy!

Please send me your favorite cruising recipes! [editor@cycbellingham.org](mailto:editor@cycbellingham.org)

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