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The Next Potluck Meeting is March 14 at 6:00

Speaker: Mike Jonas, Co-founder of the Turn Point Lighthouse Preservation Society:
What's happening at the Turn Point Light Station and elsewhere in the San Juan Islands

Commodore's Corner

One might suggest that February potluck falling on Valentine's Day, an unfortunate occurrence. Then again, the turn out was surprisingly good. I thought so anyways, so those of us gathered at potluck in defiance of the holiday, deserved a little reward.

I made a phone call, called in a favor and we were serenaded by "Double Deuce"--

A barbershop quartet (see photo below) performing a couple romantic medleys in celebration of afore mentioned holiday. There

now, aren't you sorry you missed it?



Our other major event in February: The Winter Dance

This is the ninth year that CYC has held this event; it might behoove us to remember its humble beginnings. The dance was the brainchild of Lesli Beasley to combat the sailors' winter doldrums. She presented her idea to the board (I was administrative officer at the time) and as we couldn't think of any reason not to, gave the go-ahead. We hired Fool's Onion catering to provide vittles (and what a great spread it was!) The Motown Cruisers

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played all night long.

What a great event! We lost a fortune (well, a very small one, anyway)!

We eventually made Winter Dance an annual event but decided we should break even on the project and later we included our friends at the Community Boating Center.

Nine years later the dance has become the CYC's largest fundraising event. All our proceeds after expenses benefit the Community Coating Center. Attendance does vary from year to year depending on the weather and the band, but I think we finally figured out the format! This year was a fairly low turnout yet (75 people), but it should be noted that after the club's expenses and the paddle auction, the CYC will write a check to the CBC for \$3,631.00! Hooray for us!

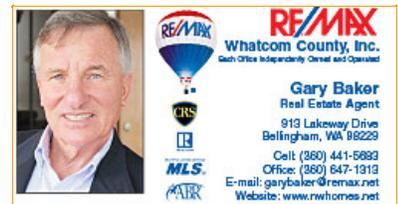
Now, after almost a decade at the helm, Lesli and Deb Jones, who have spearheaded this event from the very first year, would like to hand the baton to another CYC member...any volunteers? Thanks again to Deb, Lesli and her entire crew who made this happening happen.

Moving forward, your CYC board, responding to our members' wishes (as described in the year end surveys) will be looking to add several new activities this year (in addition to the potlucks), which will foster more social interaction and promote our club to the community at large. We will also be searching for more educational programs for our members. An on the water life sling class has been mentioned.

If you have any suggestions on venues and topics please contact any of your board members. Do give us feedback, because I really want to know if anyone reads this damn newsletter!

Your Commy,
Laurent

-Laurent Martel
2017 Commodore



Cruising

The cruise season is shaping up, we have about five events confirmed so far and I am in the process of confirming another four cruises. I will post the completed cruise list to the website later this month.

Our club cruises depend on club members volunteering to "host" a cruise. In most cases, that just means that you promise to participate. To host, you can choose your favorite place to cruise to on a specific date, then when you get there you will have friends to enjoy the venue with! It might be a dock at your favorite San Juan island, a marine state park with mooring buoys and shore amenities, or an anchorage at your favorite cove or beach. Hosting a cruise is a great way to give something back to our club in an easy and enjoyable way. If you are interested in hosting a cruise, please contact me at 738-0623 or cruise@cycbellingham.org.

It's not exactly a cruise, but note that Squalicum Harbor's Opening Day will be the first weekend in May, May 6-7. I don't know exactly what is planned at this point in time but it is always a fun weekend down at the harbor with a swap meet, vendors and usually a club potluck. Mark your calendars!

Fair winds!

-Ken Russell
2017 CYC Cruise Chair

Racing News

Ahoy Racers!!!

With just more than a month before the first race of our CYC 2017 Racing Season I hope your vessels and your competitive spirits are all ready for another great year of Thursday Night PHRF Racing! There will be a pre-season skippers meeting 3/30, location TBD to discuss possible changes to our course diagram, long distance racing interest and fielding of questions and input from CYC Racers on how we can make the season better for everyone.

Cheers,
Your Race Committee.

- Results and some photos from the 2016 CYC Thursday night racing series are posted at: [CYC 2016 Race Results](#).

-Sean Jones
CYC Race Chair

Events

2017 CYC Dance Report

February 25th the CYC held our 8th Annual Benefit Dance for the Community Boating Center. It was a fun event. We had 76 attend the dance this year and everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of the Replayzmentz Band.

Thanks to an anonymous CBC donor matching the total donations from the Paddle Auction the CBC made a total of \$3,150.

I would like to thank the Dance committee and all of the CYC & CBC volunteers that made this dance possible.



Coming up CYC Potluck Meeting Speakers:

March 14th – Mike Jonas, Board President of Turn Point Lighthouse Preservation Society to return with an up-to date message and video of what's happening at the Light Station on Stuart Island. For many years, the Corinthians have been hands-on-involved in the restoration and maintenance of the Light Station. The Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham has been recognized annually by TPLPS in their publications and by the San Juan Islands National Monument. The Corinthian's have also been recognized at the national level with Certificates of Appreciation from the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of the Interior.

April 11th – Andrea Sturm, CEO Samson – The Strongest Name In Rope

May 9th – Meryl Herrett, Power Squadron – Vessel Safety Inspections

–Lesli Beasley

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.

March 2017

March 14: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

March 28: CYC Board meeting

March 30: CYC Racing pre-season skippers meeting, location TBD

April 2017

April 11: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

April 13: CYC Racing season begins, Bellingham Bay

April 25: CYC Board meeting

Flotsam and Jetsam

Bellingham Community Boating Center

The Bellingham Community Boating Center is searching for an Executive Director, you can view the job posting at this URL: <http://www.boatingcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ExecDirectorCBC.pdf>

U.S. Power Squadron Courses

The Bellingham Chapter of the U.S. Power Squadron has several upcoming events that members may be interested in:

- **Introduction to Boating Skills & Safety**, first class is Monday, beginning April 3
- **Sail class**, first class is Tuesday, beginning April 4

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these courses you can register at the Bellingham Technical College website in the Continuing and Community Education section. Select "Take A Class" and look for the USPS classes in the Marine department or call 360-752-8350.

The USPS is also hosting a marine flare demonstration and training on Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 AM at the Blaine Harbor Marina. Afternoon dockside workshops will also be available.

CYC Board Minutes

Board minutes are in Adobe PDF format.

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