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### The Next Potluck Meeting is March 13th at 6:00

Linda & Chris Benafel are going to do a presentation on their cruise to the Princess Louisa Inlet.

### Commodore's Corner

#### Almost Spring!

It's time to shake that mantle of winter and start working on the boat. I've got a project list half a mile long. I am spending a lot more time down on Gate 9 NW. I've really come to appreciate my upwind, end slip. You must understand. My first slip on Gate 9 was mid-way down the arm on a downwind slip. Although my boat is listed as 36' with my davits and bowsprit, she is a 40 footer. This made ingress and egress a bit of a challenge on a windy day. It was like having to use a shoehorn every time you put on your shoes. It was actually good practice for me, and I am thankful none of my neighbors knew how green I was at the time. The worst of it was waking up in the morning and looking out my window. I had a great view of the hull of a Bayliner.



So, how did I score such prime real estate, clean living? Not likely. Chalk it off to plain dumb luck by default.

One day, out of nowhere, Denny asked me if I would entertain the notion of swapping slips. Hell yes! A little too slow a response, so I just said yes before Denny told me why he wanted to trade away that choice location. It appeared that the third time the Sapphire got T-boned by a yahoo behind the wheel of a motor launch coming out of Lake Union Boats was enough for Denny and Sylvia. This tale made me pause, but then "what the hay;" I'll take the view. Besides, my hull, 14 layers of hand laid glass, 3/4" thick, will stop a cannonball! Tell them to bring it! I'll just hang a dozen fenders on my open side and paint a bull's eye on my hull. They'll never be able to hit me.

It was a good theory.

It was a bright, sunny, spring afternoon, and I was inspired. "I'm gonna make paella!"

Well, it seemed a good idea at the time. We're all aware of the challenges of cooking on-board. For an involved recipe like paella, I had to make sure everything I would need was laid out in order because once I began, there would be no way to get into my fridge or pantry. Ready, set, go! There I was happily toasting my rice when I just happened to look out my hatchway. Shee\*t! A 30ft sloop bearing down on a collision course! "I'm gonna get

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T-boned!"

I raced out on deck and grabbed my pike pole. The skipper of the boat (he was solo) had his pike at the ready. We parried and pushed; our hulls kissed, but fortunately the sloop had lost speed by then. Crisis averted! I grabbed his lines and secured his boat. The skipper apologized profusely saying that he was coming out of Gate 8 making the turn when his engine died. He then poked his head into his engine compartment to assess the damage.

He turned to me and said: "I smell something burning." "Oh Sh\*t, my rice!!!"

Too late! It was a complete loss, burned to a cinder. There was nothing to be done for it. So, I pulled a cork, poured a glass of wine for me and my new friend, and we toasted our good fortune. No damage to either boat.

The only casualty that day was my paella.

Laurent Martel  
Your Commy

Hey sailors! Spring is just around the corner, and so is our annual Matia clean up cruise. It's early this year, April 27-29, with the work day on the 28th. This is a popular cruise, with limited space, so rsvp now. We already have 3 boats signed up! We will once again have a nautical themed white elephant gift exchange.

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## Racing News

### Ahoy CYC Racers!!!

Welcome to March, the month where spring is sprung, and the flaming ball of gas in the sky lingers longer as the days near the racing season.

On that note...Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

We are officially one month away from the 2018 CYC Racing Season and the Skippers Meeting is scheduled for March 22nd at 6:00 pm. Location is The Local Public House as we apparently were well behaved and hereby invited to return.

CYC Racing will begin a week earlier this season to accommodate 5 full series of 5 races each bringing us quite near racing half of 2018.

The dates for 2108 Racing are as follows:

- Series 1-4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3
- Series 2-5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7
- Series 3-6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12
- Series 4-7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16
- Series 5-8/23, 8/30\*, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20

\*-Slow Pitch will be included in Series 5 as well as scored separately.

I trust you all had an enjoyable winter, and I look forward to seeing everyone on the 22nd. I encourage you to bring your crew and your Race Entry Form if you haven't turned one in already.

Here's to another safe, friendly, and windy CYC Racing Season!

Cheers!  
Your Race Chair

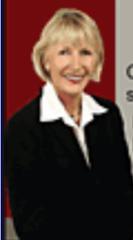
- Results from the 2017 CYC Thursday night racing series are posted at: [CYC 2017 Race Results](#).

-Sean Jones  
CYC Race Chair

## Cruising

Ahoy Cruisers! Not much has changed since my cruise blurb last month. However, the grass is starting to grow and Daylight Savings

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Time switches on this month! We must be getting close to the start of sailing season!

## Reminders:

The CYC 2018 cruise schedule is posted on our website, <http://cycbellingham.org>

First cruise of the year is scheduled for April 27-29 for the Matia Island Cleanup. Hosted by Neal and Kim Bittner. This is always a easy and fun cruise.

The Port's Opening Day is scheduled for May 5-6

It would be great to find some cruise hosts for later in the summer, September and October. If you are willing to step up and support the club in this way, please contact me at [cruise@cycbellingham.org](mailto:cruise@cycbellingham.org). Hosting a cruise is easy and fun.

That's it for this month. Wash the winter grime off the deck, flush the anti-freeze from the head and get ready for cruising!

*-Ken Russell  
CYC Cruise Chair*

## Events

Linda & Chris Benafel are going to be the presenters for the March 13th Potluck. They are going to share their Princess Louisa Inlet Cruise. It should be a great presentation and lots of good information.

Please call Lesli if you have ideas and or requests for speakers for the new year. (360) 201-1669 or email: [lesli@bellinghamrelocate.com](mailto:lesli@bellinghamrelocate.com)

*-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.*

### **March 2018**

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

**March 22: 2018 CYC Racers Skippers Meeting, The Local Public House**

**March 27: CYC Board meeting**

### **April 2018**

**April 5: CYC Racing Series begins, Bellingham Bay**

**April 10: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse**

**April 24: CYC Board meeting**

**April 27-29: Matia Island Clean-up Cruise**

## Cruising Recipes

### Shrimp Salad

Serves 2

¼ head shredded iceberg lettuce  
2 boiled potatoes, peeled and sliced  
1 Tbsp capers  
2 anchovy filets, chopped  
10 large cooked shrimp  
2 Tbsp oil  
1 tsp wine vinegar

2 Tbsp mayonnaise  
¼ tsp salt and ¼ tsp pepper

Gently combine first five ingredients. Mix the oil, wine vinegar, mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Pour over salad and gently toss. Serve with a baguette and a chilled white wine.

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## Flotsam and Jetsam

### Catalina 36 for sale in Bellingham

It's time to part with our roomy, dependable, fast cruiser.

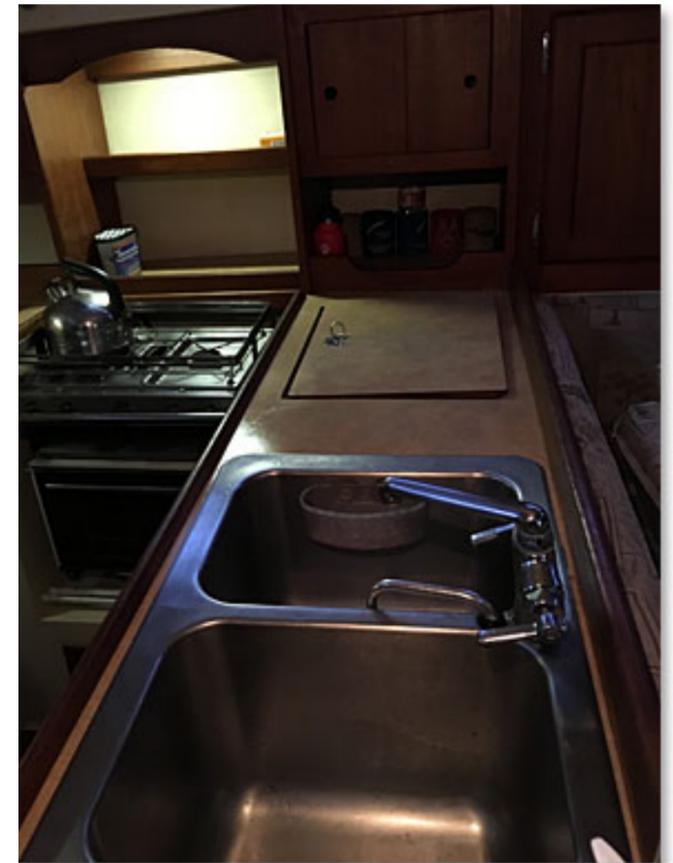
This 1983 Catalina has given us nearly 10 years of cruising pleasure and informal racing in the San Juan and Gulf Islands. She has a mainsail and 150% jib with foam luff and UV protection (both new in 2013), plus a 25HP Universal diesel engine with 3500 hours on it.

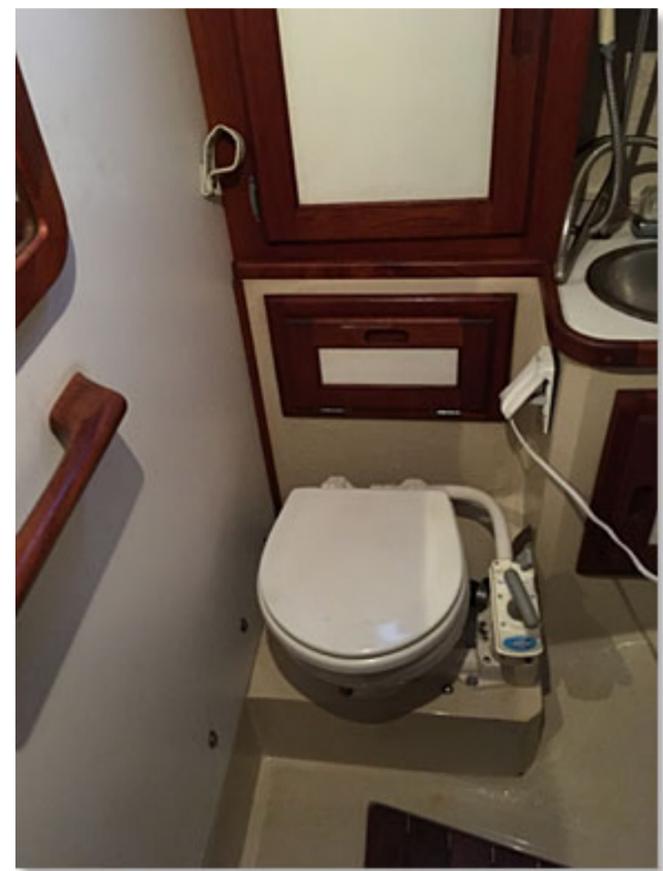
A new headstay, Hood roller-furler and three halyards were installed during a major upgrade and maintenance project in 2016.

She is loaded with navigation and safety equipment: a Garmin GPS, Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radio, two regular hand-held VHF radios, Ritchie compass, a barometer, a reliable depth sounder, knot meter, radar reflector, and life sling.

On deck, there is a small teak table and drink holders in the cockpit and ample room for six or eight passengers. She has four Lewmar winches, including two for the jib sheets that are self tailing, and a 15-kg Bruce anchor with 20 feet of chain and 200 feet of line. Fore and aft lockers each contain a spare anchor, and a swim ladder is off the stern rail.

Step inside the cabin to find a smartly appointed salon with generous standing headroom, full galley and head, and accommodations for up to six adults plus two children.





#### **Features of this Catalina 36 for sale include:**

**Galley** has two deep stainless-steel sinks and a hot-water heater (fed by three water tanks), a refrigerator/freezer, Plastimo Neptune propane oven with two top burners, and lots and lots of cabinets, drawers and storage space.

**Navigation station:** Chart table and full electric panel with battery charger.

**Main salon:** Natural light streams in from six curtained windows and a deck hatch during the day. Dining table drops down to make a double bed; small game table drops down to make a small single berth; propane Dickinson Newport cabin heater; and Blaupunkt AM-FM radio with CD player. An inverter behind the upholstered cushions allows you to charge your cellphones.

**V-berth:** Extra long bunk for you and your matey to wrinkle the sheets, a hanging closet, cabinets, lots of shelf space, and a privacy door closing off the main cabin.

**Aft berth:** One double and one single bed with small closet and a window into the cockpit.

**Head:** Small sink, shower with sump pump, hand-pumped Jabsco toilet connected to a holding tank, and more storage.

**Miscellaneous:** This Catalina has fiberglass hull #82 from the first year that Catalina began selling 36-foot models. She has the standard rig with a lead fin keel. She has a 33-gallon fuel tank, two power cords, marine barbecue, 3 water tanks, bosun's chair, 5 fenders. Two of three batteries were new in 2013.



Survey report from 2016 available.

Be ready for February and spring sailing! 50% partnership may be considered.

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*Linda Benafel, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingée, Lesli Beasley, Sean Jones, Ken Russell.*

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