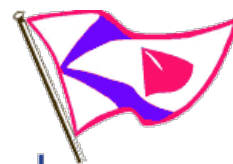


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The Next Potluck Meeting is May 14th at 6:00

Speakers: DeLayne Brink and Vicki Brighton sharing their trip to Alaska.

Commodore's Corner

The CYC Thursday night races have begun! This year we have 33 boats signed up. I think this is a record. Of course, not that many show up for the first series. Something to do with the weather?

We all know the precision of weather forecasting in Bellingham: "Well, if you can see Lummi Island, it's going to rain.... If you can't see it, it's raining."

It was one of those nights. Our committee boat was preparing to get underway to start the races. It was pouring rain; no horizon was visible. The kind of weather you will never see me sailing in. I'm proud of my reputation as a fair-weather sailor. But, we headed out to set the course anyway. Fortunately, Rick allowed us use of his boat with a fully enclosed cockpit. "Your committee thanks you, sir."

We dropped anchor. Confident in my belief that no sane person would wish to sail in these conditions, we began taking wagers as to how many racers would show. I lost.

Twelve racers arrived at the starting line; their crews were all dolled up in their finest foul-weather gear!

Alas for them, no wind either. We decided to postpone the start for 15 minutes in the vain hope that the weather gods might choose to sneeze in our direction. Sean, our race chair, then sounded out the weather update on the VHF: "CYC fleet, this is your committee boat. We have rain, visibility nil, wind: 0.0 knots out of the SSE, gusting to 0.0 knots...and did I mention the rain?" Then we waited. The racers looked miserable bobbing next to the start line. Fifteen minutes later, repeat as before: postpone the start, and yet, no one wanted to retire. We eventually called the race.

One might begin to admire the dedication and tenacity of our 12 hopeful racers. Then again, one might come up with other adjectives to describe such irrational behavior.

Your commy, Laurent

Farewell—

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Mel Davidson, former commodore and long-

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time member of CYC Bellingham.

Our sincere condolences to his wife Barbara and family. Barbara posted this on Facebook: Now, today, May 12, 2019, I have to inform you that Mel died peacefully this morning. A celebration of his life will be planned later. It is generally believed that he roared away in a sports car to the dock and then sailed away for his current adventure. Best wishes to you all, B

Racing News

2019 Racing Season is in full swing!

The dates for CYC's 2019 Racing Season are as follows:

- Series 1-4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2
- Series 2-5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6
- Series 3-6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11
- Series 4-7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15
- Series 5-8/22, 8/29*, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19

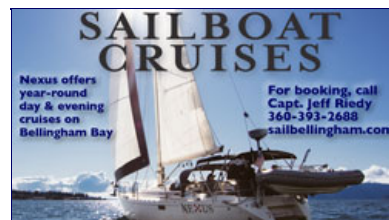
Here's to another safe, friendly, and windy CYC Racing Season!

Cheers!

Your Race Committee and Race Chair

**-Slow Pitch will be included in Series 5 as well as scored separately for the perpetual "slug" trophy.*

- Results from the 2019 CYC Thursday night racing series are being posted at: [CYC 2019 Race Results](#).



Cruising and Reciprocity

Matia Clean Up Cruise. May 17-19

Our first official CYCB cruise is coming up soon. The Matia Cruise has 9 boats signed up to attend a great weekend of boating, island maintenance, fellowship, food and fun! Please contact Laurent Martel if you would like to attend. Saturday night will be a potluck on the dock following our work day. Other activities are in the works and will be announced prior to the cruise.

Memorial Day Cruise to Fisherman's Bay

Join us Memorial Day weekend (May 24-27) on beautiful Lopez Island for our 4th annual joint cruise with the Bellingham Yacht Club. It's a great way to celebrate the unofficial start of summer!

Here's the plan for the weekend:

- Friday night - enjoy live music at the resort.
- Saturday morning/afternoon - free time. Or go fishing for the seafood feast!
- Saturday evening - join us for a spectacular seafood feast on the dock.
- Sunday morning/afternoon - free time.
- Sunday evening - join us in the party room for Poker followed by a pot luck dinner.

To RSVP, email Vickie Olson at_olsonvj@aol.com to let us know you're coming and then call the marina at (360)468-2233 to reserve your slip. (Be sure to tell them you're with the CYC/BYC group.)

Looking forward to it!
Vickie and Chris Olson

I am excited to announce that we have added a cruise in September to Garrison Bay. Anne Slater and Stuart Stebbings have graciously volunteered to host the cruise on September 21-22.

If you would like to be a cruise host please contact me at cruise@cycbellingham.org

2019 CYC Bellingham Scheduled Cruises:

- May 4-5 Opening Day (harbor event) Squalicum Harbor
- May 11 CYC 10th Annual Benefit Dance at The Majestic for the Community Boating Center
- May 17-19 Matia Cleanup TBD
- May 24-27 Lopez Islander Resort-BYC/CYC Joint Cruise - Vickie & Chris Olson
- June 21-23 Stewart Island, Turn Point Lighthouse - Pam Spencer
- July 13 Community Boating Center 'A Day on the Bay' - Mike Reed
- July TBD
- August 2-4 Anacortes Art Festival - Bruce & Cindy Henninger
- September 21-22. Garrison Bay - Anne Slater & Stuart Stebbings
- October 25-27 Blakely Island, Turkey Fry - Tracy & Troy Olney

RECIPROCITY

Bellingham CYC has renewed our reciprocal moorage agreements with more than 100 yacht clubs for 2019. You can find up to date information on the yacht clubs and their reciprocal arrangements at Yacht Destination (<http://www.yachtdestinations.org/>). It is important to closely look at the reciprocity details for the club that you will be visiting. Each may have special requirements or limitations. For instance, Maple Bay Yacht Club requires proof of \$1 million liability insurance. In this case, it would be essential that you have an up to date copy of your yacht insurance on the boat verifying at least \$1 million of liability insurance. A bit of preplanning will help avoid unwanted surprises.

FYI: Reciprocal Moorage for Friday Harbor is now \$15/night instead of free.

Greg Hartgraves

Events

The 2019 Spring Dance was a huge success! We will have a full report next month!



At the next potluck, May 14th, look forward to DeLayne Brink and Vicki Brighton sharing a presentation that highlights their 4 ½ month sailing adventure to Alaska in 2017. Topics will include communities: past and present, scenery, as well as sailing hazards and challenges. Hope to see you there!

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.

May 2019

May 4: Opening Day, Squalicum Harbor

May 11: CYC Spring Dance, The Majestic

May 14: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

May 18-19: CYC Matia Cleanup Cruise

May 24-27: CYC-BYC Joint Cruise to Lopez

May 28: CYC Board Meeting, Commodore's House

June 2019

June 11: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

June 21-23 Stewart Island, Turn Point Lighthouse

Cruising Recipes

This dish is easy to prepare and tasty. I made it for my film night friends, and they loved it.

Baja Fish Tacos

Ingredients

1. Pickled Red Onion:

- 1 large red onion, halved lengthways, thinly sliced
- 2 small green jalapeños
- 2/3 cup rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 heaped teaspoon sea salt

2. Baja Cream:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons lime juice, plus extra to taste
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lime zest
- Pinch of sea salt

3. Baja Cabbage Slaw:

- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 3/4 teaspoon lime juice
- 2 drops jalapeño Tabasco sauce
- 1/2 small head green cabbage, thinly sliced
- Sea salt and ground black pepper

4. Marinated Fish:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder, or to taste
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves, chopped
- 1 green jalapeño, chopped
- 1 lb flaky white fish filets
- Sea salt and ground black pepper
- Corn tortillas, for serving

Preparation

1. Pickled Red Onion:

- To make the pickled red onion, place the onion and jalapeño in a heatproof medium bowl. In a small saucepan, combine the vinegar, lime juice and salt. Bring to the boil over high heat, stirring until the salt dissolves, then pour over the onion and jalapeño. Allow to stand at room temperature for at least 1 hour before using. (Leftovers will keep up to 1 week in the fridge.)

2. Baja Cream:

- To make the Baja cream, whisk the mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, lime zest and salt in a small bowl, then taste for seasoning and lime juice.

3. Baja Cabbage Slaw:

- To make the cabbage slaw, mix together the mayonnaise, lime juice and Tabasco in a bowl. Toss the cabbage with the mayonnaise mixture, season to taste and refrigerate.

4. Marinated Fish:

- To marinate the fish, mix the olive oil, chili powder, oregano, cumin, coriander and jalapeño in a non-reactive dish. Add the fish and marinate for 20 minutes.
- When ready to cook the fish, heat a non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Remove the fish from the marinade, place in the hot pan and season with salt.
- Cook the fish for 4 minutes, then turn over, season again with salt and cook for another 2 minutes or until just cooked through, depending on the thickness.
- Remove the pan from the heat and flake the fish with a fork, scraping up and mixing in any marinade that has stuck to the bottom.

5. Assembly:

- Heat the tortillas according to the directions on the packet. To assemble the tacos, place a heaped spoon of the fish onto the center of a warm tortilla. Top with the pickled onion and jalapeño, Baja cream

Flotsam and Jetsam

CYC Newsletter editor needed for August, September and October. I will be traveling in France and Spain during those months, and I need someone to cover for me. Ken Russell wrote up detailed directions for how to do this. I would also give you a quick tutorial. Email: lbenafel@gmail.com or call: (360)647-7161.

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