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Commodore's Corner



Wow! This has been a great year (if you don't count June's rain).

The racing season couldn't have been much better, thanks in large part to Bill Apt's stewardship. We had 40-odd boats registered; some from other clubs, but some of those folks also joined our club for the good of the order. The weather was mostly great and the competition was close. I crewed on Rob and Kari Galbraith's "Dreamtime" for almost the whole season.

Racing pretty much paid its own way this year, but I like Bill's approach of keeping the race packet charges to a minimum for both our members and non-members in order to entice more people to race with us. We seem to have the largest fleet on Bellingham Bay

now, which makes the Thursday night sailing much more interesting.

I realize the race packet cost is a minor part of owning a boat, but I think it is a bit like the cost of parking meters. I know the cost is small, but my Scottish blood rebels at putting bigger coins in the meter.

On Nov. 6 and 7 we got to do it once more in the Around the County Race. Virtually every year I've sailed in this weekend race, we have gotten a real blow at least one day. I can recall losing three spinnakers (not all on Rob's boat) to gusty conditions. Am I bad luck? Not too bad anyway: we didn't break anything this year. Glorious weather the second day and a great spinnaker reach across the top from Turn Point to Patos.

My impression is the cruising was good also, though Barbara and I did not use our boat as much as we had hoped. Caught up on some maintenance this year, though: I replaced almost all the hoses on the boat. Re-plumbing the head was not a lot of fun.

Check your fuel, water and waste hoses closely for aging and chafing. I had been chasing a progressively worsening air leak in our fuel system for two years now and have finally appeared to have fixed it. One of the hoses

2010 CYC Officers and Board Members

Commodore - **Mel Davidson**
Secretary - **Bob Jenkins**
Treasurer - **Bob Cooper**
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had visible cracks from 20 year of service even though not exposed to sunlight.

Our wastewater hoses from the head are the thick, black wire-wound exhaust hose type. Some had suspicious bulges probably caused by rusting of the wire windings and pressure build-ups causing separation of the laminations. An exploding head hose could spoil your day.

The board worked well this year: you owe them your congratulations. Problems, if any, are due to the Commodore's inexperience and cruiseheimer's disease. We seem to have a good list of volunteers for next year too.

Plan for the December party with a gift exchange, and look for the date of the Winter Dance in January or February. We didn't make it this year but intend to next.

With Barbara's help, it has been fun,
—Mel Davidson

Homeport News

Send us your views on the online CYC newsletter. The club has saved lots of money on printing and postage this year by converting to an online only format. Are you receiving your copy by e-mail? Want to volunteer to write or edit the newsletter? Send comments to editor@cycbellingham.org.

Upcoming Events

(For more info, see [Events & Cruises](#))

Nov. 9: CYC Monthly potluck and business meeting. Racing awards to be presented. Nominations for board and offices. Vote on budget for 2011.

Nov. 30: Renew your annual CYC membership by this date and save \$5 off your dues. Dues for 2011 are payable Jan. 1, 2011. Mail the form that you received to Ray Gobush by Nov. 30 and pay only \$45. Dues will cost you \$50 after that. Contact Ray if you did not receive your membership renewal notice.

Dec 3-4: The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting the annual Lighted Boat Parade to be held Dec. 3 and 4 in conjunction with the Port of Bellingham's Holiday Festival.

The boat parade is open to all area boaters. BYC will award prizes for the best decorated boat and host a soup dinner after Saturday's parade. For more information: [Bellingham Yacht Club](#).

Dec. 14: CYC holiday party and gift exchange.

On the water and on the docks

RACING News

The CYC racing awards will be presented at the November potluck, 6 pm Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Squaticum Yacht Club. Awards will be presented to at least 28 boats, including top boat of the year and a special recognition for the 12 skippers who provided Race Committee boats.

The awards list will be printed in the December Newsletter. Next year, we hope to have an official name for our weekly race on the bay, similar to how Lake Union has the Duck Dodge and Everett has the "Log Dodge." Bill Apt is sponsoring a "Name the Race Program" contest to come up with a name that reflects the spirit of our fun and slightly irreverent racing.

Please email your suggestions billapt@yahoo.com and we will vote for a winner at our pre-season meeting in the spring. The winner will get a super deluxe double-cheeseburger from Winn's Drive-In.

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Mike Reed's Islander flies by HoriZEN on the downwind leg of an August race.

[See results of individual races this year.](#)

Cruising

Cindy and Bruce Henninger hosted the Oktoberfest day sail and feast Oct. 23 for a half dozen boats that braved the calms and the gusts of Bellingham Bay.

Deb and Dave Jones put on a fabulous Turkey Fry cruise at Blakely Island Oct 30-31. We had 24 people aboard nine boats: Manana, Sapphire, Tapocketa Too, Shockwave, At Last, K-Lynne, Lady Ann, Bon Accord and HoriZEN.

In addition to the community meal, we played poker and cribbage, donned a few costumes, and tried to keep warm by the fireplace. Nice sail back to Bellingham, too.



[See, post, or download more pictures from the Turkey Fry Cruise.](#)

CYC Board Minutes

September 28, 2010

Board Members Present: Mel Davidson, Dave Cahill, Bill Apt, Steve Clevenger, Bob Cooper, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingee, Bob Jenkins

Member Present: None

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes of last meeting: The August 2010 board meeting minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report: The September financial statements were reviewed and approved. There was no financial activity for September. The club made about \$2,500 during 2010.

Membership: Richard Baile's and Mike Matthews' applications for membership were approved by the board.

Administrative: The speaker at the September meeting was Richard Baile who spoke about sailing the Pacific and gave a first hand account of the recent Chilean earthquake.

The October program will be about the Stuart Island lighthouse Preservation Society. The November program will be an awards ceremony for this years racing program. The December program will be the holiday party, with a possible gift exchange activity.

Race: Trophy costs for next years racing program will be about twice this year's expense or around \$400.

Bill is planning to present the 2010 trophies at the November general meeting. We will plan on using the SYC clubhouse for the meeting. Bill will award the "Top Banana" award for the overall best boat. This award will be a perpetual trophy awarded annually to an outstanding boat.

The Slo-PITCH race will be held again next year.

Bill would like to have a name for our racing series and would like to have a naming contest with a prize for the winner.

Dan Stewart will be on the race committee for next year's racing season. He also plans to join the CYC. Bill wants to continue next year as the Race Committee Chair.

Cruise: Bruce Henninger has agreed to co-sponsor an Oktoberfest cruise in October. Bob J will send the information to Chuck to be distributed to club members via email and also posted on the CYC website.

The Blakely Island Turkey Fry cruise is scheduled as the November cruise.

Website/Newsletter: The website is up to date.

Reciprocal: Nothing new to report for reciprocal.

Old Business: The BBBC day on the bay was cancelled due to lack of community interest.

An election slate for next year's officers will be prepared for the upcoming general meeting. Bob J will ask Sherry to send the list of people who expressed interest in participating to the board.

New Business: The board reviewed the proposed 2011 budget and suggested several changes/additions. The board then approved the preliminary budget to be distributed to members at the October general meeting.

A membership application will be included on the back of the race packet next year.

Do we need to modify our insurance coverage to be covered for liability risk at events like the winter dance? Mel will check this with Marty Haines.

The club should look into spending more on education opportunities for our members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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