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## Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham



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### Next Meeting: November 10

Guest speaker: Joe Sulham on Cruising from Bellingham to Port Hardy

### Commodore's Corner

Hello sailors! I've decided to hijack the Commodores Column this month to communicate some pertinent issues that are important to our club. The first issue is the election of new officers for 2016. The nomination board has presented the following list of nominees to the board, and now to the membership. We will vote on the nominees, and any nominees identified from the general membership, at the November potluck. The nominees as it stands now are as follows: Commodore-Steve Clevenger, Vice Commodore-Laurent Martel, Secretary-Priscilla Sulham, Treasurer-Troy Olney, Membership-Tracy Olney, Administrative Officer-Leslie Beasley, Reciprocity-Neal Bittner, Cruise Director-Ron Battle, Race Chair-Still open for nomination. If anyone else is interested in running for these positions, you will be added to the list of nominees.



Another important issue to the club is the rescheduling of the fiscal year as spelled out in our bylaws. Currently our bylaws state the fiscal year runs from October to September. Our Treasurer Troy Olney announced at the last potluck we will be changing the fiscal year to January 1 to December 31st for accountability reasons. In order to do this we need to change the bylaws, which requires a membership vote. So we will vote on that as well at the November potluck.

Another major change will be in how we pay for our membership dues. In the past we have offered a discount for those members that pay before November 1st. With the new fiscal year accountability, we will now pay for the upcoming year by January 1st, a flat fee of \$50.00. Any new member approved after November 1st, will only pay for the upcoming year.

And racers, you will see a new registration form that will make it easier to register and track the racing portion of our club. Also a committee is being formed to update our SI's (sailing instructions), so they reflect the clubs values and direction. And we are still looking for a Race Chair type person to sit on the board and represent the racers.

Square payments will be discontinued as accounting for those payments became unclear and muddy. Checks or cash are greatly appreciated.

### 2015 CYC Officers and Board Members

Commodore - Dan Lehfeldt  
Vice-Commodore - Steve Clevenger  
Secretary - Nancy Hart  
Treasurer - Troy Olney  
Administrative Officer - Leslie Beasley  
Membership Chair - Keturah Witter  
Race Chair - Tom Anderson  
Cruise Chair - Ron Battle & Chris Yoho  
Reciprocity - Neal Bittner  
Past Commodore - Bill Apt

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We will be printing out some newsletter copies to be available at the potluck for those who don't have e-mail, but still are interested in the newsletter.

I have mentioned the November potluck several times, our speaker this month will be Joe Sulham. He and Priscilla are relatively new members and will talk about one of their many cruises. I believe this one will be Bellingham to Port Hardy.

All these changes are to try and streamline our clubs business interests and make running the club easier. As far as I am concerned, they are all good changes and I welcome them. If you have input, either good or otherwise, please let one of the board members know, or call or e-mail me. My cell is 306-303-8666, my e-mail is in the roster. I want to encourage everyone to read the Board minutes and be aware of the clubs direction. Fair winds!

*Dan Lehfeltd*  
2015 Commodore

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## Membership News

As Dan mentioned in the Commodore's Corner, we are updating the way we renew memberships. We will not begin to ask for membership renewals until after the New Year, and the "early registration" will be eliminated. The flat fee for membership renewals will be \$50 by cash or check only. Also, any new members approved after November 1st will remain in good standing for the following year.

We have had an outstanding year for membership, with 32 new members joining (as singles and couples), bringing us to a total of 176 active members in 2015! It's been great to meet all of the new members, and here's to many more seasons of cruising, racing and fellowship!

*-Keturah Witter*  
CYC Membership Chair

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## Racing News

The recent awards banquet went well and there was a good turnout. There was interest by several people to be on next year's racing committee but we still need a committee chair. Tom is willing to chair the first series and will work to recruit a new chair for next year. Racing Sailing Instructions will be reviewed this year. Bill Apt volunteered to serve on that committee. We need two or more additional volunteers. A meeting date will be decided on soon.

*-Tom Anderson*  
CYC Race Chair  
M/V Independence

- Results from the CYC Thursday night racing series are posted at: [CYC 2015 Race Results](#).

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## Cruising

### Blakely Island Cruise and Turkey Fry

The weather was not our friend this year, but that did not affect our adventurous spirit or determination. LOL arrived on Thursday afternoon, with the majority of our group sliding in throughout Friday – WineKnot, Manana, Sapphire, At Last, Moonlight, Islander and Sensation. Saturday proved to be the most brutal wind and only Shockwave made it over. Needless to say we were all ready to party after our harrowing maritime experiences. We had 25 people in all, eating turkey and all the other delicious Thanksgiving themed dishes. We played some fun "identity crisis" or "getting to know all about you" games, but our favorite was the blind two fist cocktail contest. With DeLayne and Vicki Brink taking top honors. Something about having 8 people blindfolded taking direction from their 8 partners on what to grab, add, mix and blend to create the perfect cocktail, was hilarious! We played cards, ate dessert and danced well into the night. A great time was had by all.

Blakely Island is going through more changes in Care Takers, with Kristen and Ben not returning next year. So, upon arrival we had our work cut out for us. Luckily the Apts and Reeds got a good start on things before we arrived, moving tables and sweeping the pavilion. It was all hands on deck to put the walls and windows in place, bring in the picnic tables, hang the lights and most importantly building an extension to the malfunctioning fireplace chimney. Thanks to Troy and Dan for fixing the problem and now the chimney drafts properly so we can eat without getting smoke inhalation.

Most of us returned home Sunday through truly angry seas. We were all very grateful to be back on land after crossing Bellingham Channel between Vendovi and Sinclair Island with 4 to 6 foot swells and nasty tide rips. Winds blowing about 30 to 40 knots. Most of the vessels sailed home, some motor sailed to punch thru more quickly, but all of us checked on each other as we crossed, and eventually landed back at Squalicum Harbor. A trip to remember! Thank-you to everyone for making it such a memorable cruise.

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-Tracy Olney  
Wine Knot





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## Upcoming Events

*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.*

### November

November 10: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

November 24: CYC Board meeting

### December

December 8: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

December 22: CYC Board meeting

**Save the date:** February 20th for the Winter Dance and Auction to be held at the Elks lodge

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## Classified

### Sail for sale!

135 Genoa for Catalina 30 by Leading Edge Sails in San Mateo, CA  
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\$200 (or offer, would like to find it a good home)  
Contact Brian at 360-296-3783

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 which to acquire to the newsletter editor and it will be listed in the next newsletter! Personal items only, no business solicitations, please. Contact: [editor@cycbellingham.org](mailto:editor@cycbellingham.org)

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## Flotsam and Jetsam

Blaine and Squalicum gate codes were changed on November 2nd!

## CYC Board Minutes

Board minutes are in Adobe PDF format.

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*Tom Anderson, Chuck Dingée, Ken Russell, Keturah Witter, Tracy Olney and Dan Lehfeltd.*

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