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Upcoming Events

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- **October 23:** Oktoberfest SAIL and Feast, hosted by Bruce Henninger
- **October 30-31:** Turkey Cruise to Blakely Island, hosted by Dave & Deb Jones 380-3538

On the water and on the docks

Reciprocal Moorage

One of the many benefits of membership in CYC is free or nearly free moorage at more than 60 yacht clubs in the Puget Sound, Alaska and elsewhere. Using the "reciprocal" privileges for just one night in Friday Harbor will almost pay your annual membership dues.

Have you taken advantage of that benefit lately?

Gawain and Deborah O'Connor (SV Pinga) sailed to Vancouver, BC, in October 2009 and enjoyed the hospitality of several Canadian yacht clubs.

The O'Connors enjoyed Sunday brunch at [False Creek Yacht Club](#) near Granville Market, [West Vancouver Yacht Club](#) on the scenic west shore of the city, and the [Vancouver Rowing Club](#).

"Our favorite was the Vancouver Rowing Club where they let us stay for two days free," Deborah says. "Teams of rowers actually did show up and we watched them prepare and do what they do." The Vancouver Rowing Club is located in Coal Harbor in Stanley Park, with a beautiful view of the city, day and night, easy walking access to Stanley Park or into town and tasty pub food by the fireplace.

"We were treated very nicely there, and that always makes a difference." Deborah says.

Deborah and Gawain also used their reciprocal privileges at Point Roberts on the way back where their club hosts invited them to use the upstairs lounge upstairs.

Chuck Dingée and Kathy

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Sheehan (SV HoriZEN) spent a Sunday night at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (<http://www.rvyc.bc.ca/>) this past July after motoring for four hours in a thick fog and found the facilities fit for a king.



Find out how to navigate around the docks at Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Canada before you go. Some of the dock space is for these little guys!

They arrived in Cadboro Bay, just north of Oak Bay, without calling ahead and found a wedding reception in progress on the lawn. They weren't sure of the depths in the marina and around a breakwater protecting it but couldn't reach anyone by phone. A RVYC member aboard a moored boat directed them to a slip of someone he knew was out cruising. Once on shore, the bartending staff checked them in while serving the wedding guests and directed the visiting sailors to the newly remodeled shower facilities (no coins needed) and private bar for yacht club members.

The Royal Victoria Yacht Club is near the University of Victoria, and the bus to downtown Victoria stops every 15 or 20 minutes. Chuck and Kathy had a snack in the comfortable, well-appointed clubhouse and then took the bus to a favorite sushi restaurant and an Irish bar near the Victoria waterfront where public moorage will set you back \$60 or so.

The following day, the staff in the yacht club office offered a booklet with the club's history and a schematic of the marina showing shallow areas to stay away from.

Kay and Steve Clevenger coordinate the reciprocal moorage for CYC and have a few tips for CYC members who want to visit other yacht clubs.

- Check the CYC roster for a list of all yacht clubs participating in the reciprocal moorage problem
- Call ahead for reservations by phone or radio; slip availability is not guaranteed and most clubs have limits on how long you may stay (The RVYC had signs posted on empty slips warning visitors not to enter, but Chuck and Kathy found that didn't apply to reciprocal yachts.)
- Check in with the harbormaster or clubhouse staff or follow posted instructions on the dock to find an open slip
- Carry your current membership card
- Fly the CYC burgee during your stay
- Send a thank-you note to the reciprocating club when you return home
- Allow your own slip to be used by visiting boats while you are away

Do you have a favorite place where you've enjoyed reciprocal moorage? Write to editor@cycbellingham.org.

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Reciprocal moorage in Friday Harbor is at the end of "F" dock, courtesy of the San Juan Island Yacht Club. There is room for six visiting boats; rafting up three deep is required. Electricity hook-up is sometimes available for the inner boat only.

The Big Wave

The small group of CYC members who attended the September potluck heard retired boat builder Richard Baila's dramatic story of surviving the Feb. 27 earthquake in Chile and the tsunami that destroyed the Marina El Manzano where his 35-foot sailboat, Abrazo, was moored. Baila, who brought pictures of the devastation, had been sailing the high seas since September 2008 and landed in Concepcion, Chile's second largest city, on Dec. 27, 2009.

He was asleep in his 14th-floor apartment in Concepcion when the magnitude 8.8 earthquake hit. It would be several days before he could make his way to the marina in nearby Talcahuano.

Abrazo was only slightly damaged after rubbing against a large concrete pontoon, which was swept along the marina waters but landed safely before the harbor's breakwater.

Baila gave his presentation before heading back to Chile to work on Abrazo.

Photos by Richard Baila and also the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



Turn Point Lighthouse

The next CYC potluck and meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 12. Margaret and Michael Jonas will talk about the Turn Point Lighthouse on Stuart Island and the non-profit Turn Point Lighthouse Preservation Society. The lighthouse, which marks a critical turn on the shipping route to Canada and the inside passage to Alaska, was commissioned in 1893. The light has been automated since 1974, and neither the Coast Guard nor the Bureau of Land Management, which now manages the site, staffs the lighthouse. Sitting on a high bluff, the Turn Point Lighthouse is a spectacular place from which to see orcas.

As usual, bring a potluck dish and be prepared to swap lies about this summer's cruises.

Port Selects New Director

The Port of Bellingham's Board of Commissioners has selected Charlie Sheldon to be the new executive director. Sheldon has been with the Port of Seattle since 1990, most recently in charge of special projects as part of the Executive Team. He was the managing director of the Seaport Division for seven years. He also was heavily involved with the SEATAC third runway project while he was the director of the Capital Improvement Program in the Aviation Division. He has a BA from Yale University in Connecticut and an MS from the University of Massachusetts.

Zodiac Seeks New Mast

The schooner Zodiac is encouraging donations for a "[Raise the Mast](#)" fund after it was dismasted while sailing on the northwest side of Lummi Island on Saturday, Sept. 25. Only one crew member and one passenger sustained minor injuries when the mast and most of the rigging went into the water over the starboard side, missing the helm and salon roof.

Although the wind was gusting up to 38 knots in Bellingham Bay for a race by BYC and CYC boats that day, the area where Zodiac was sailing under full sail was experiencing only moderate winds. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Gate Codes to be Changed

It's that time of year again. Squalicum Harbor is expected to change the gate codes the weekend of Nov 6-7. To get the new code, call the Squalicum Harbor Office at 676-2542. You will need to identify yourself and give the staff your account or slip number.

The Harbor office asks that you do not share your code with people who do not have boats in the harbor.

CYC Cruises

Blakely Island Turkey Cruise, Oct. 30-31

For a great cruise to finish the cruising season, don't miss the Blakely Island Turkey Cruise. Hosts Deb and Dave Jones will provide the deep-fried turkey and stuffing for the dinner at 4 pm Saturday, Oct. 30. All you have to do is reserve your spot at the Blakely Island Marina by contacting Deb or Dave (380-3538 or dave.jones1@comcast.net) by Oct. 23, bring a side dish to share, and head out for this one last trip. For more information, <http://cycbellingham.org/events.html>

Oktoberfest SAIL and Feast, Oct. 23

Join sailors from Squalicum Yacht club and Corinthian Yacht Club for a day sail on the bay followed by an Oktoberfest-themed potluck at Squalicum Yacht Club, Saturday, Oct. 23. Did someone say something about beer?

Skippers meeting will be at 1 pm at the fish tank by Bayside Restaurant. Potluck will start at 6 pm. RSVP to cruise hosts Bruce and Cindy Henninger (733 4097) or Bill and Cheryl Gunter (392-8944).

For more information, [Events and Cruises](#)

Double Island Dinghy Drift, Aug. 21-22

Four boats (Tapoketa II, Pinga, Bon Accord and Bacchus II) shared great food and stories about the crabs that got away behind Double Island in West Sound (Orcas Island), Aug. 21-22. Bob and Susan Plumb aboard Bacchus II hosted the cruise. Bruce Henninger (Tapoketa II) powered the dinghy drift with his 15-hp outboard, and Barbara Davidson took photos, which are posted at [Kathy Sheehan's Gallery](#)

Matia Island Cruise, May 14-15

The May cruise/work party to Matia Island was a huge success. In total, 8 boats, 18 adults, 5 children and two dogs participated in CYC's annual event.

Our park ranger had reserved the dock for Friday and Saturday evenings, May 14 and 15. For those who could make it on Friday, which included the vessels Moonlight, Falcon, Look Far, Sunshine, Wandering Star and Islander, the cruise began early with a relaxed Friday evening gathering on the dock. Saturday morning brought Manana in time for the work party, with Pinga arriving later.

We had Rolfe Cove and the island pretty much to ourselves the entire weekend. Six boats rafted to the dock and one boat used the buoy. Other non-member boats that came through the cove over the weekend honored our efforts and left the one buoy open in case other CYC members might arrive.



See [Debra Jones' photos of the Matia Island cruise](#). If you have more photos from this CYC event, you are welcome to upload them to this online gallery via the [Upload button](#).

Real Work, Lots of Fun

We were able to clear the trails and campsites with rakes and weed whackers, and we used a chainsaw to clear a couple of fallen trees. The four accessible beaches were cleaned of flotsam, jetsam and all the beach glass that could be found. A restroom door was painted and black PVC rub rails were attached to the dock pilings to prevent wear.

One of the last jobs was putting a new sign at the top of the dock acknowledging the adoption of Matia by Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham.

As always Saturday evening brought great food and many laughs. And, with three wine stewards in attendance, we had a nice sampling of several good grapes.

Many thanks to Dan and Donna Lefeldt for coordinating this event and to BP for work gloves. Thanks also to all those who so diligently put the gloves to use.

And so began the cruising season for CYC. We will look forward to seeing you on a cruise this year. The next one is at Sucia, June 19-20.

--Mike Reed, Islander

Overview of Matia Island

- Matia Island State Park is a 145-acre marine park with 20,676 feet of saltwater shoreline.
- The island is also part of the San Juan National Wildlife Refuge.
- Five acres at Rolfe Cove, with 680 feet of public waterfront, are available to boaters as a marine park.
- A one-mile trail goes from the campground across Matia to the south end cove. The trail loops back on the southwest side.
- Matia was named "Isle de Mata" by Spaniard Francisco Eliza in his discovery cruise in 1791. Matia has several meanings in Spanish having to do with lush plant growth. It also means "no protection."
- Matia is correctly pronounced Ma-TEE-ah, but is more often called May-sha by the locals.

Sources:

- [Matia Island \(Parks.com\)](#)
- [Matia Island \(Washington State Parks\)](#)
- [Matia Island \(48 North\)](#)

Racing News

Thanks to all the racers who made our 2010 season a resounding success. We had 43 boats registered by the end of the season. It hardly seems possible that the summer and another 27 races are now history. It went by way too fast.

Plans are now under way for our awards presentations at the November potluck, Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 6 pm at the Squalicum Yacht Club. Awards will be presented to at least 28 boats and there will be a special recognition for the 12 skippers who provided Race Committee boats (in addition to their automatic second place for each night they volunteered).

The trophies will reflect a boat's final placements in each series as well as in the Vendovi race. The "Slow Pitch" boats would have received trophies if there had been any finishers on Sept. 2, but our first annual Slow Pitch was true to its name and so slow that no one finished.

We will also recognize the top boat of the year and bestow a few other special awards. There will be one perpetual racing trophy awarded for the best performance for the entire season: the top banana, the best of the bunch. Two cruising perpetual trophies will also be awarded.

Also I would like to announce the "Name the Race Program" contest for CYC racing. Lake Union has the Duck Dodge. I now hear that Everett has the "Log Dodge." In the spirit of our fun and slightly irreverent racing, and reflecting our unique location here in the "City of Subdued Excitement," what name comes to mind for our Thursday night series?

Please email your suggestions to me (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.

For results of individual races this year: [CYC 2010 Racing](#)

- Bill Apt

Book Club for Racers

The Bellingham Yacht Club invites CYC members to a 6-week-long Sailboat Racing Book Club, beginning at 7 pm Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the BYC building.

Members will read and discuss "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing through 2012" by Dave Perry, all-American sailor and champion racer, coach, teacher and author. This book contains the complete text of the ISAF Racing Rules



[Pictures from Thursday, Aug. 5](#)

of Sailing and US SAILING Prescriptions.

There is no charge for attendance. To register and get more info, contact Jon Knowles, FleetCaptain@EtchellsFleet16.org or jon@latitude48north.com or 303-5465.

Round the County Race

The annual Round the County race is Nov 6-7 this year. Hosted by the Orcas Island Yacht Club and the Friday Harbor Sailing Club, the two-day race starts at Lydia Shoal in Rosario Strait, just east of Obstruction Pass.

Some 70 boats compete in the 35-mile race. More information: [Round the County Race](#)

FOR SALE:

Alcohol stove for sale. See Kathy Sheehan

CYC Board Minutes

August 31, 2010

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

Members Present: Kaye Clevenger, Sherry Jenkins

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes of last meeting: The May/June 2010 board meeting minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report: The August financial statements were submitted by email and approved.

A question was asked about a budgeted line item on the report related to web site of \$550. Chuck indicated that it was for the purchase of software in a previous year and would not be repeated this year.

Membership: No report this month.

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

The October program will be about the Stuart Island lighthouse.

The November program will be an awards ceremony for this years racing program.

Laurent raised a question as to whether the club should have an official policy on fundraising by speakers at the general meetings. The decision was made that we will not support donation requests during the meetings; rather speakers will be asked to provide an address to which members can send donations if they choose to donate. Chuck suggested that we should also post these addresses on the web site. It was decided to no longer support "passing the hat" at the end of each evening's presentation.

Race: The 2010 racing season ended with 44 boats registered for Thursday night racing.

Bill would like to set up a reserve fund for racing with the excess income from this year's program to help fund next years program. The board recommended that this be accomplished through the upcoming budget process rather than setting up a reserve.

The board decided to acknowledge participation in the racing program by having an awards ceremony as the presentation segment of the November general meeting. Bill will determine if this will require a larger venue than the typical general meeting and investigate renting the Squalicum Boathouse if more space is needed in November. Rental for the Boathouse is currently \$220 per month.

Additional funds are needed for more award plaques for racers and for recognizing committee boat volunteers. Bill also suggested buying a small trophy for the Slow Pitch race to be used as a perpetual trophy.

Cruise: At this time there is no sponsor for a September cruise

Bruce Henninger has agreed to co-sponsor an Oktoberfest cruise in October.

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

Website/Newsletter: The cost of our website hosting service is currently \$60 per year. Chuck would like to move the website to a local hosting service with more capabilities. The incremental costs would be negligible. Chuck will look into making this happen.

Reciprocal: The 30 foot reciprocal slip on M west dock is no longer available. An end tie slip on "O" dock off of Gate 9 may become available as a CYC reciprocal slip. This has not yet been finalized.

Old Business: Contributing to the costs of the BYC Inati Bay lease was raised. Should CYC pitch in to help defray the rising costs of this lease? Should we suggest having all three area yacht clubs share in these costs and have shared access to Inati Bay? The Board agreed to have Bill look into this possibility.

Kaye was having difficulties finding enough volunteers to participate in the Bellingham CBC Day on the Bay cruise. Sherry volunteered to work on finding more volunteers. A total of eight boats were eventually signed up to give rides but the event was cancelled by the CBC due to lack of response to advertising for the event.

New Business: An election slate needs to be prepared for presentation to members at the October general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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