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Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham



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Coming Up: Spencer Spit Cruise

Come one, come all to the September 12 cruise to Spencer Spit. We'll have a blindfold dinghy race at 2PM with prizes for first place overall, first place Masters (both crew over 60) and first place Juniors (both under 12), one prize per boat limit. Bring a blindfold and a pair of oars. We'll begin a potluck gathering about 5PM probably at a boat raft since shore facilities are limited.

We expect to arrive early Friday afternoon anchoring on the North side unless the weather suggests we go to the South side. Watch your wind vane. Try to let us know if you plan to come, but if you are not able to, come anyway. If you let us know your expected sailing time, we'll circulate it by e-mail.

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It Happened This Summer . . .

CYC Community Sailing Day: Is it a Tradition Yet?

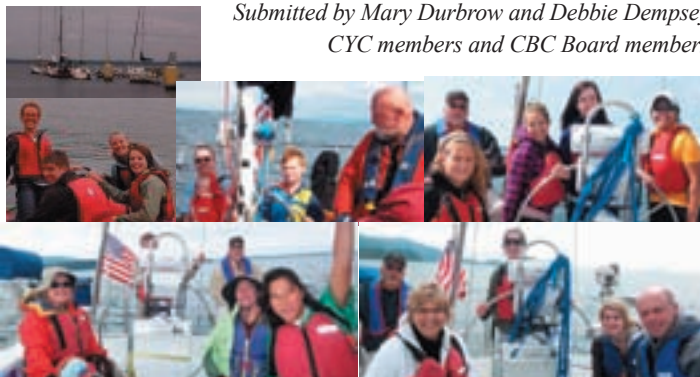
The CYC Community Sailing Day at the Community Boating Center August 15 was a huge success, judging by the smiles and comments of 135 participants. This year, CYC members Dave and Wendy Barrett (Amphora), Kay and Steve Clevenger (K Lynne), Mike and Paula Jacobsen (True Love II), Bob Cooper (Lady Ann), Dave Klingbiel (Merlin), Mike and Karen Reed (Islander) and Debbie Dempsey (Puffin) shared their passion for sailing with their community.

Participants represented all age groups, most of whom were new to sailing and were discovering the Community Boating Center and/or the CYC for the first time. A few were eager repeaters from last year, and some families used the opportunity to entertain visiting friends and relatives. But for some, it was a dream come true – they never had an opportunity to sail and thought they never would. Particularly memorable is the enthusiasm of a man who had retired just days before the event after 40 years of working as a nurse. He finally had time to pursue his dream of sailing on Bellingham Bay and so enjoyed the experience that he signed up for sailing lessons!

In addition to being a great day on the water, the Community Sailing Day generates good will locally for both the Corinthian Yacht Club and the Community Boating Center while fulfilling the mission of both organizations. It increases local awareness about the Community Boating Center programs and creates opportunity for volunteers. It also interested some participants in joining the CYC. With some creativity, Community Sailing Day could become a significant fundraiser for CBC's training fleet.

Does two years of the CYC Community Sailing Day qualify as a new tradition for Bellingham? Maybe not.....but let's ask the question again next year!

*Submitted by Mary Durbrow and Debbie Dempsey
CYC members and CBC Board members*



2009 Styrofoam Regatta

This year's event was a great success. We had 20+ entries including 4 entries from kids on the dock. It was fun watching the parents and kids spend the morning constructing their boats. Next year Sandy Point Yacht Club would like to be included. They had a great time cheering and watching this event.

The race started with a lite breeze coming from the East and blowing towards the beach. It was a slow start with boats drifting in all directions. About half way through the race, the wind did a complete 180 and started blowing moderately from the West. The boats that were first were now last and the boats that were last ended up first! As the race continued, the rules required that the dinghies that support their boats could not use their motors; so consequently, the Styrofoam sailboats were going faster than the support boats which made for quite a sight. Some of the boats ended up in Mud Bay and some were even heading towards Matia! Finally all boats were recovered. The awards were given out at the potluck.

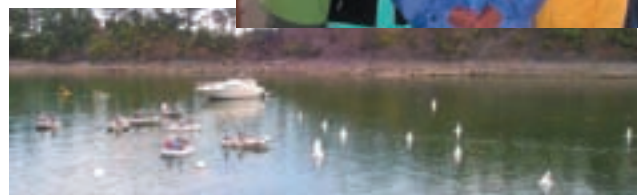
Winners were as follows:

Men: 1st Place--Gawain O'Connor (this was his first time competing)
2nd Place--Dan Leheldt

Women: 1st Place--Sylvia Holstrom
2nd Place--Sharon Wells

Best Decorated: Peter Brill--guest

The Race Committee: Pete and Pat Lamb, & Larry and Barbee Folenius



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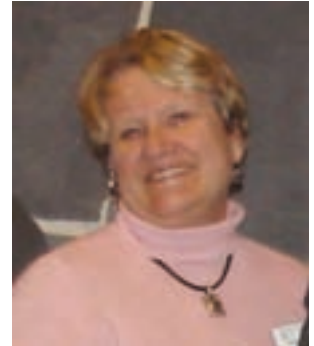


Commodore's View

September 3, 2009

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year when we begin to say goodbye to summer. The racing season is winding down and many of you are capturing those last wonderful opportunities for cruising before the winter weather arrives. From talking with many of you, it seems that your summer has been blessed with great weather and good times on the water.



In addition to a speaker, our September meeting will include a brief presentation of the 2009-10 proposed budget. An article and copy of the budget is also included in this newsletter for your review. As per CYC by-laws, we will present information about the budget and answer clarifying questions to help members understand what is being proposed. In the interest of time and out of respect for our speaker, we will not debate the pros/cons of the budget during this meeting. BUT, the Board does want your input and comments. We will provide comment cards and other opportunities for members to share their thoughts prior to bringing the final draft to the membership for approval at the October general meeting. If you are unable to attend the September 15th meeting, feel free to talk to or e-mail any Board member with your thoughts.

I especially want to recognize the Board for their diligent, thoughtful approach in developing the budget. Every existing budget line was analyzed to ensure your money was being spent in the most cost-effective ways possible. In a climate of increasing costs, our goal was to maintain membership dues at current levels. We are happy to say that we've been successful in doing so! But we are proposing a few changes in the way we are doing "business" in order to decrease our costs and "live within our means". This work began in April and included two Board meetings during the summer months. The budget and changes we will present to you are the result of much discussion and intentional decisions made in what the Board believes to be the best interests of the club. I've never seen such a committed and sometimes contentious group of folks! It's been a great privilege to work alongside them these past months.

I hope to see many of you at the September 15th potluck and general meeting!

With smiles,

Commodore Wendy

Executive Board Meeting Report September 1st, 2009

In Attendance: Wendy Barrett, Dave Barrett, Ray Gobush, Lynn Gobush, Kaye Clevenger (for Steve), Laurent Martel, Larry Folenius

Absent: Bob Cooper, David Cunningham

Standing Reports:

Treasurer - budget has been submitted to Mike Reed for inclusion in the newsletter. Receipts from Community Boating Center publicity for Community Boating Day were submitted to Bob for reimbursement.

Administrative - Lou Herrick USCG Auxiliary will give presentation at the Sept. meeting.

Membership - New members, Michael Chadd and Janice Osake were approved for the next membership year. Ray announced that membership renewal will be available through the newsletter.

Reciprocity - Kaye reported that Steve is looking into enhancing reciprocity through e-mail and the club website. We will need to get a "g-mail" account attached to the club.

Cruise - reports on Community Boating Day and Big Brothers, Big Sisters were given.

Old Business:

Sept. general meeting the 2009-2010 proposed budget will be presented at the September meeting.

- program/budget/presentation of changes?
- review/summary of changes & actions

Revisited subscription of print newsletter vs. electronic

Membership renewal fees remain the same.

New membership fees will reflect nametag and burgee for initial membership only.

Elections\nominating committee - it was decided that the nominating committee should be comprised of non-Board members. Ray, Dave and Larry will make contact with potential committee members. Our goal would be to have a report from the nominating committee at the October Board meeting. Having a slate of nominees identified to present at the October general meeting would be ideal.

New Business:

CYC-CBC grant. Looked at the possibility of partnering with CBC in writing a grant for the purpose of purchasing a small fleet of sailing boats.

Meeting adjourned 8:00

CYC Enters 21st Century!

The CYC Board hopes, as a matter of policy, to move to email distribution of printed matter, whenever it seems feasible.

This move is made with the idea of maximizing our print budget, simplifying distribution and cutting down on paper usage.

-Lynn Gobush

A Chance to Help Our Club

The arrival of the September newsletter heralds the beginning of a busy time for the CYC board. After the budget is approved (see article elsewhere in this newsletter) the process of developing next year's board begins. The CYC By Laws call for the formation of a nominating committee for the purpose of identifying potential members whose names will be submitted as candidates to serve on the 2009 board. This committee will research and contact potential candidates in an effort to create a slate of officers for club approval.

While recently this "committee" was an informal effort by board members to generate the slate, in years past the committee was appointed by the board but worked independently. This year our board has decided to return to the more formal process of selecting a nominating committee and tasking it with the process.

Here is an opportunity for those of you past active members who have not had an opportunity recently to participate in club activities to do so. This committee would benefit greatly from those of you who have sat on past boards (especially Past Commodores) and are familiar with the responsibilities of the various positions. Knowing all or even most of our membership is not a critical requirement to participation on this committee. If this sounds like a good opportunity for you to help ensure our club's successful future then please get in touch with our present commodore Wendy Barrett (wendybarr@comcast.net).

September General Meeting

Lou Herrick will be the speaker at the September general meeting and the topic will revolve around hazardous spills and how they affect you.

Lou has been with the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary since 2002 and is the Training Officer for Flotilla 19, based in Blaine, WA. He holds qualifications as a Coast Guard Pollution Investigator and Assistant Pollution Response Specialist, and focuses his attention on Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

A graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, MA with a degree in Engineering, Lou has lived aboard his 35ft CHB trawler for the last ten years and enjoys cruising the San Juan and Gulf Islands.

It looks to be a very informative evening. See you there.

Board Proposes Reduced Budget for '09 -'10

The board has proposed a reduced budget for the coming budget year which runs from October to September. Several high expense items have been cut back and the number of dues paying members has been reduced by one in order to be fairly conservative.

One of the big expense items is the printing of the monthly newsletter, which averages about \$290 per month. To reduce this expense the Newsletter will be offered as a digital copy and will be included in your annual dues. A posted hard copy will still be offered to those members who would like one **but at an additional charge to the normal dues**. This is expected to save about \$1800 per year in printing and postage.

Another large expense last year was the Winter Dance. Expenses exceeded income by about \$1400 which had not been budgeted for. This year the dance will be managed as a break even item so that the club does not have to "chip in" to cover cost over runs.

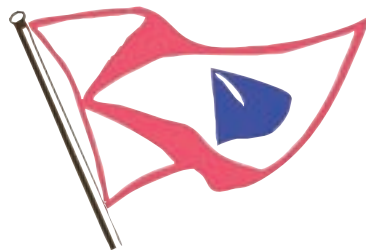
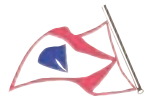
Income is now budgeted at \$9,210 and expenses at \$8,670, resulting in a surplus of \$740.

A copy of the draft budget is included in the mailing of this Newsletter and will be brought to a vote by members at the October meeting.

Please feel free to contact the club treasurer, Bob Cooper, at 360-961-4398 or bxxcooper@aol.com if you have any questions or comments.

Corinthian Yacht Club - Draft Budget 2009-2010				
Worksheet				
		Year End	Draft Budget	
		Projection 09	2009 - 2010	Comments
Income				
	Advertising	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	Same as 09 results
	Dues	\$ 3,370.00	\$ 3,300.00	Loss of one member
	Newsletter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	New item
	Name Tags	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00	Reduced from 09 results
	Burgees	\$ 80.00	\$ 50.00	Reduced from 09 results
	Education	\$ -	\$ 200.00	Break even item
	Race Fees	\$ 930.00	\$ 900.00	Slight reduction from 09 results
	Stewardship & Swap Meet	\$ -	\$ 500.00	New item
	Winter Dance	\$ 2,362.00	\$ 2,300.00	Break even item
	Advance from savings	\$ -	\$ 800.00	Covers dance advance payments
	Total Income	\$ 8,132.00	\$ 9,410.00	
Expenses				
Administrative				
	Legal & Bank Fees	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	Same as 09 results
	Meeting Facilities	\$ 990.00	\$ 990.00	Same as 09 results
	Meeting Supplies & Stationary	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00	Slight reduction
	Memorials & Gifts	\$ 145.00	\$ 150.00	Slight increase
	Board Discretionary	\$ -	\$ 70.00	Removed Officers Shirts.
	Perpetual Trophies	\$ 140.00	\$ 50.00	Slight reduction
	PO Box Rental	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	Same as 09 results
	Storage	\$ 297.90	\$ -	No storage rental in 2010
	Insurance: Beach & Meetings	\$ 480.00	\$ 500.00	Same as 09 results
	Christmas Party	\$ -	\$ 100.00	leave in???
	Stewardship	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Same as 2010 income
	Opening Day Activities	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00	Better opening day effort
	Cruises and Events	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	Same as 2009 budget
	Winter Dance	\$ 3,746.05	\$ 3,100.00	Expenses plus savings loan payment
	Education	\$ -	\$ 200.00	Expenses for education event
Membership				
	Mailing	\$ 214.64	\$ 130.00	Less postage in 2010
	Roster Printing	\$ 240.71	\$ 150.00	Only one cc per household
	Membership Cards		\$ -	Have adequate stock
Newsletter				
	Administrative	\$ -	\$ 20.00	Same as 2009 results
	Mailing Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	Less postage in 2010
	Printing	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 900.00	less cc's in 2010
	Website	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.00	Enhanced website
Racing				
	Printing & Postage	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	Same as 2009
	Supplies & Equipment	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	Same as 2009
	Trophies	\$ -	\$ -	None needed ???
	Committee Boat	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	Need small amount
	Insurance	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Same as 2009
	PIYA Dues	\$ 175.00	\$ -	Drop membership ?
	US Sailing Dues	\$ 125.00	\$ -	Drop membership ?
Reciprocal				
	Printing & Mailing	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Same as 2009
	Signs and Slips Information		\$ -	Same as 2009
Ship Stores				
	Burgees		\$ -	Adequate stock on hand
	Name Tags	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00	slight decrease from 2009
	BBCBC	\$ 60.00	\$ -	Now under Stewardship
	Total Expenses	\$ 11,339.30	\$ 8,670.00	
	Net results	\$ (3,207.30)	\$ 740.00	

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CYC Events Calendar

Spencer Spit Cruise Sept 12-13
September General Meeting Sept 15
October Board Meeting Oct. 6
October General Meeting Oct 20
Bay Sail & OctoberfestTBA

Do you like to write?

Can you proofread?

And/or are you interested in helping to *publish* this newsletter?

Due to the resignation of a couple of our members from the newsletter committee we are in need of additional members to help contribute to the production of the newsletter.

If you have a desire to see your writing published as articles in the CYC newsletter here's your chance. In addition, we need someone who has proofreading experience to review a draft PDF of each newsletter to help identify errors.

The editor/publisher (Mike Reed) could also utilize the help of a computer graphics person to help put together monthly editions. A working knowledge of InDesign and/or Word would be important for this person to have.

And for those of you who don't feel creative, the newsletter Committee could use your help to pick up the printed newsletter at the printer (southside Bellingham), apply the mailing labels and stamps before getting it to the post office for mailing.

Should you be interested in any of these positions please contact Mike Reed at 360.733.4252 or losreeds@comcast.net

Mike Reed, Editor/Publisher