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The Next Potluck Meeting is at 6:00 PM

We are having our usual Summer Potluck on September 11th at 6:00 PM. Bring something to share and your own meat to throw on the BBQ. No speaker this time.

Commodore's Corner

This is your Commodore speaking, playing "captain" hooky again.

Amanda and I are in the heart of provincial France; English is rarely spoken.

We are in Cahors, the home of Malbec. We are navigating up the river Lot. All the locks are manual. With hand cranking all the shutes and gates, I am definitely getting my aerobics. But, we've learned the secret. When we spy another boat heading our direction, we get right behind them. That way, we are in position to follow them into the lock (they will accommodate two boats), thus halving the work load. The beauty of it is that, after three days, we know all the other boaters on the river. Tonight we are moored at St Cirq Lapopie (Ron and Linda Battle's favorite). Next to us (stern tie, of course) are the Spaniards with their two kids and their Newfoundland named Wally. There are two boats filled with Germans, with whom we shared several locks together. Their two teenaged daughters didn't hurt the eyes while sharing lock duties. Then we have the Polish contingent who own their own Chateau BnB but like canal barging to get away from their guests. There is a boat of Brits (they didn't know about Brexit), and then there are the Belgians who have two very large and friendly dogs. There is even another boat of Americans (shucks, there goes the neighborhood) hailing from Ohio and Missouri. Why we even encountered a boat of Frenchmen. Sorta make you feel "international."



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See you all at October potluck

This is your "commy" Laurent

On location in Cahors signing off

Laurent Martel

Your Commy

Cruising

Ahoy Cruisers

This newsletter blurb is being written in Echo Bay on the west side of Gilford Island in what is referred to as the Broughton Islands. This general area is at the south end of Queen Charlotte Strait east of the north end of Vancouver Island. This is an extraordinarily beautiful place with thousands of islands all covered by dense temperate rain forests. We are on our 20th day out and we have enjoyed spectacular scenery and have had some very interesting boating experiences. I hope some of our club members get a chance to make it up this way sometime in the future to experience this remarkable sailing area. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you when I return.

September Cruise:

So far, no club members have volunteered to host a September Cruise. 8-(But if you plan to be out on the water on any particular weekend in September and would like to be sociable, please send me an email telling me the dates and your destination. I will relay the message to other club members so you can have good company and share the enjoyment with other club members!

Reminder--Blakely Island Turkey Fry Cruise Date Change:

Yes, we are already talking about the last cruise of the season. This cruise is one of the most popular and one of the funnest cruises of the year. It is hosted by Tracy and Troy Olney who always make it a weekend to remember. Please make a note that the dates for this cruise have changed from October 20-22 (as printed in the club roster) to October 26-28.

Fair winds and cool breezes to you all!

Ken Russell

Racing News

Ahoy CYC Racers!

It is hard to believe there are only two races left to round out our 2018 CYC racing season. It has been a glorious 23 weeks so far and September 20th will culminate our 25 straight weeks of CYC racing, nearly half the year!

A huge thank you to our race committee volunteers, they deserve high praise!

I will send an end of season thank you to all the RC volunteers and we will schedule our our awards night in late October or early November at

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Thank you to all of the racers, Crew and Skippers alike that participated in another amazing year of CYC Racing!

See you on the water everyone!

Cheers!

-Sean Jones

CYC Race Chair

- Results from the 2018 CYC Thursday night racing series are being posted at: [CYC 2018 Race Results](#).

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.

September 2018

September 11: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

September 25: CYC Board Meeting

October 2018

October 9: CYC potluck, SYC Clubhouse

October 26-28: Blakely Island Turkey Cruise, Hosts: Tracy and Troy Olney

Cruising Recipes

Asparagus with Wasabi Mayonnaise

This is a delicious appetizer, easy and quick to prepare.

Ingredients

- 3 lbs of Asparagus (I used 2 lbs)
- 1 cup of mayonnaise
- 4 tsp soy sauce
- 1 1/2 tsp sugar
- 2 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp wasabi paste

Preparation

Blanch asparagus in 2 batches in a large saucepan of boiling salted water 1 minute. Transfer to a colander and rinse under cold running water to stop cooking. Drain well and pat dry.

Whisk together mayonnaise, soy sauce, sugar, lemon juice, and wasabi paste until sugar is dissolved.

Flotsam and Jetsam

At last month's potluck Kathy Sheehan, our Vice, had us all writing limericks. There many guffaws and groans while writing and even more when we read them aloud. We didn't want you to miss out.

There once was a couple named Kelly
Who got stuck belly to belly
Because in their haste
They used paste
Instead of petroleum jelly

The couple was married on Sucia
The bouquet was yellow and fuchsia
The groom lost his pants
He left it to chance
They are laughing their way to Saint Lucia

There once was a man from Amador
The yacht club asked him to be commodore
He picked up his glass
And left in a flash
He waved as he went out the door

There are things you can do to your boat
In order to stay afloat
Bring lots of drinking
Remember the Twinkies
And never sail into a moat

There once was a pair who would sail
In search of the great orca whale
They took a chance

There once was a boat that sank
It should've been built like a tank
The owners took classes

And had a last dance
In a stinkpot, how could they fail

There once was a pink skirted sailor
He had a really great tailor
Who fitted him with a green shirt
He such a really big flirt
In his crimson Boston Whaler

But fell on their asses
Now they can't pay back the bank

There once was a sailor named Bates
Who was dancing the mambo on skates
He fell on his Cutlass
Which rendered him nutless
And practically useless on dates

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