

# Mainsheet

The Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma Newsletter

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## Commodore

2017. This is my year! Commodore, yeah. Janice Van-Ravenswaay keeps bugging me, "what is your legacy going to be?"

My legacy? I plan to do every yacht clubby thing that I can do and do you know the best part? I want you all to come along with me! After all, if you're not going to do yacht clubby things, why be in a yacht club?

Well CYCT certainly offers up a full calendar of yacht clubby things to do. In fact, we are eight days into the new year and already we are filling up the calendar. Just yesterday a number of our sailors headed up to Des Moines to freeze their butts off and to take part in the Three Tree Point Yacht Club's Duwamish Head Race.

Our first club race is on the 21st. We have 27 races scheduled for this year. Not sure if anyone else comes close in the south end. We are also working with clubs like the TYC and the Three Tree Point club to further promote racing.

We also have a full cruise calendar slated for the year. My own labor of love—the Bad Captains Nautical Olympics will



be backed for it's 5th year. This year it will be a summer Olympics. We might mix it in with the Wine, Wind and Song (read: steak) cruise and maybe even a "Master and Commander viewing party.

Other favorites like the Zombie cruise, the Wineseekers cuisse, and the un-cruise will be back as well. And there are opportunities for new cruises. Speak to Angie Morales. Sponsoring is easy and fun.

The last couple of years we've seen a renewed interest in the club participation in Daffodil festival at the Tacoma Yacht Club and Opening Day at the Seattle Yacht Club. These are two totally different, but amazingly fun events. So much so that we've made both sponsored cruises. You owe it to yourself to sign up. And even if your boat can't make it, there is no reason that you can't.

We've also lined up several of our cruises with Saturday races. We'll keep the cruise venues close to the course so that you can strut your stuff on the water and then join the club for some cruise in fun.

As much fun as all of our planned events are—keep your eyes on our Facebook page for those spontaneous, unplanned events that pop up. I hear from a lot of people who "don't Facebook". Look, I don't want to know if you are at the gym or what you ate for dinner either, but many of us post when we are looking for club company at a restaurant or maybe on the hook for the evening somewhere. And with the Boat Show just weeks away, I'll pick a night and see how many club members we can get there at the same time.

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### 2016 CYCT Officers & Board Members

#### FLAG OFFICERS

**Commodore:** Ken St. John

**Vice Commodore:** Don Kimball

**Rear Commodore:** Janice Van-Ravenswaay

#### BOARD POSITIONS

**Recording Secretary:** Deb McAdams

**Treasurer:** Bill Jenks

**Membership Chairs:** Tom and Jennifer Tenney

**Fleet Captains-Cruising:**

Rich and Angie Morales

**Fleet Captain-Racing:** Don Kimball

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**Club Merchandise:** Jennifer Tenney

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**Sunshine:** Julie St. John

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**Publicity:** Cindy Craig

**Trophies:** Steve Wagner

**Education:** Penny Shen

**Social:** Jennifer Ihlen

#### Seeking Volunteers

**Long Range Planning:**

**Historian:**

#### REPRESENTATIVES

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**PHRF Director:** Eric Nelson

**PIYA Representative:** Eric Nelson

#### MAINSHEET

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So that's what I plan to do. I have a great team to help me do it.

Eric Nelson remains on the board for one more year as Past Commodore. He's done a lot of work trying to form relationships with other clubs and building up our club dinghy dock.

Don Kimball steps up to Vice Commodore. He's got his hands full wrangling up speakers and serving another year as Race Captain.

Janice VanRavenswaay has begun her journey up the chairs as Rear Commodore. Janice along with Brock has served as membership and cruise director. She'll do a great job.

Debbie McAdams returns as secretary. She kept Eric in line. Let's see if she can do it with me!

Bill Jenks is our new treasurer. Great to see Bill get involved. He's a business owner, proud owner of a Catalina 42, and often seen hanging out with Cindy Craig.

Speaking of Cindy Craig—Cindy is back doing publicity. She's becoming a celebrity with her Facebook page to support all things sailboat racing.

Angela and Rich Morales will keep our cruise calendar filled for another year. And Jennifer Tenney will continue on in merchandise.

As if Merchandise wasn't enough, Jen and husband Tom Tenney are our new membership chairs. I hope that they are really busy in 2017.

Here's a big change—John Coyne, crew on Gardyloo will be taking on the Mainsheet after this month. I'm extremely proud of what we've done with the Mainsheet but I also know that it is time for a fresh set of eyes. Send your articles and announcements to John and let's help him do a great job.

Of course, my own Miss Sunshine, Julie St. John with continue in that role for another year.

Penny Shen who took on education and bought us a diesel workshop is staying on for 2017. This is the area of the club where I think we can really grow.

Other welcome returnees are Joe Salz who has done an amazing job with floating assets, Steve Wagner who makes sure we get rewarded for great racing and Greg Sandwick returning as webmaster after a few years absence.

Finally, Jennifer Ihlen is coming on board as Social Chair.

There are still openings for a historian and long range planning. Let me know if this piques your interest.

Finally, maybe there is something you want to see happen and there isn't a position (charitable outreach, liaison to other clubs, or women's sailing leader.) Bring it to the board. We will listen.

This will be a great year if you choose to make it so. I look forward to having you join me to do yacht clubby things! Start by buying your tickets and attending the Commodore's ball on January 20th. Hope to see you there.

Ken St. John  
Commodore  
S/V Naughty By Nature

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## Vice Commodore



## Rear

Reflection is what we do this time of year. What was good, what was not. Those goals we met, those that remain on our agenda.

The goals of our Corinthian Yacht Club come a long way to being met. They do fall into the category of continuing. The goals on Past Commodore Paul Case were completed by Past Commodore Eric Nelson. So it is as it should be.

We as sailors follow that same process. Where do we want to go, what must we do to get there? This brings me to how I view my past year to where I want to be in the future. Club wise I believe we had a excellent racing program last year. But to be improved.

As Rear Commodore the year went very well; however, their are things to complete.

For myself last year was exceptional. I enjoyed the honor of sailing to San Francisco on board Respite with Chris and Janet Wenderoth and again later San Diego to Cabo San Lucas. WOW! WHAT a blast. Sailing with Don McAdams and Tom O'Hara was fantastic. I can't wait for the next opportunity.

All this is to say 'keep chasing that goal'. It is achievable, just don't lose focus.

Fair winds my friends.

Don Kimball  
Vice Commodore  
S/V Kool Cat



New Year's Eve 2016 marked our second anniversary with Tatoosh. We were so excited to get a bigger boat and not be the "little fish" of the club. Well, two years later, we still feel a little like the "little fish" as our club continues to grow both in boat size and in numbers. I couldn't be more honored to represent a fine group of sailors that I call friends as your Rear Commodore.

We joined CYCT in January of 2011 because we had owned a sailboat and had NO IDEA what to do with it. At our induction meeting, Gary and Joy Ballentine invited us on their boat and our journey to racing and cruising began. When we bought Tatoosh, Brock informed me that "the boat MUST RACE, and oh by the way...I can't be there so you are in charge!" Taking the helm has given me more confidence to be on the water than ever before. This past summer, I was invited to be part of the Gardyloo crew to gain more experience with racing in bigger regattas like Long Beach Race Week and Whidbey Island Race Week. Each race gives me more insight on how to be a better sailor.

Of course, I also love our cruises. We make a point to attend whether by boat or by water. All our cruises end up somewhere that everyone can participate! One of my favorites that I hope to see come back is our raft out at Penrose Point in south sound. These cruises are where we got the best knowledge about our boat and the great friendships that have evolved.

This year, I would like to get our Women's Sailing back onto the water! This won't take much, just a few women who feel confident in taking out others out on their boats. In the past we have had an all women's cruise to Gig Harbor and have participated in some Windseekers races. As we approach Spring I will start to rally support and go sailing!

I have some very large shoes to fill behind the former and current commodores of our club, and please join me in supporting Ken St. John as he will be an outstanding leader to our little club. Our annual membership dues have more than payed for themselves in the knowledge, skill and expertise we have gained over the years. This is why I am proud to be a Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma member.

Janice VanRavenswaay  
Rear Commodore  
S/V Tatoosh





## Racing

Well sailors it is almost time for CYCT Racing.

We have quite a few changes in store for the 2017 season. Our Harbor Series dates have been changed to be staged two weeks removed from the Southern Sound Series. This gives the SSS Races a respite of a weekend between those races and ours.

Additionally the courses have been modified with additional marks in order to facilitate course changes due to conditions on race day. Our starts will be in Dumas Bay to encourage participants from our sister south sound clubs.

Our Windseeker Racing is adding a non-PHRF spinnaker class; so aspiring skippers and crews can hone their flying sail skills. In the works is the possibility of a rating system for the Windseeker class.

My thanks goes to Past Commodore Nelson. His assistance has been huge in our efforts. A very special thanks to your Race Committee; Cyndi Larrison, Mark Anderson, Greg Sandwick and of course, Joe Salz. We are continually in search of new talent to add to our depth.

The first race of the year is the Quartermaster Harbor race on January 21th. The skippers meeting for the series will be held at the Rock the Dock Pub at 6:00 PM, January 16th. Consult [www.cyct.com](http://www.cyct.com) for sailing instructions. We look forward to seeing you all on the 16th.

LET's go RACING!

Don Kimball  
Race Captain  
S/V Kool Cat



## Cruising

### HOSTING A CRUISE? WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The budget for a Two (2) day cruise is \$250.00. The budget for a Three (3) day cruise is \$350.00. The budgets include marina reservation deposits, prizes for games, goodie bags, protein for a main meal. Encourage cruisers to bring side dishes. Be sure to include a continental breakfast. Save all receipts and turn them into the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Choose a cruise date from the Cruise Calendar and call Angie with your cruise selection. Theme cruises can be fun, but not required. Pirate, Mardi Gras, Casino, Chili Cook-Off, Hawaiian to name a few have been successful. If a holiday is in the month you choose, building on that can be fun.

Please call marinas for reservations and availabilities. A deposit may be required. Rafting up is fun and is the least expensive. Check the Club House for party supplies and decorations.

Design a flyer with your Cruise details and email it at least one month in advance for the Mainsheet publication. Send them to Ken St. John's email [kennethstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:kennethstjohn@gmail.com).

See you on the water!

Rich & Angie Morales (253-335-4859)  
Fleet Captains Cruising  
S/V La Gitana



### 2017 CRUISE CALENDAR

February 18-19 Winter cruise—Open

April 22-23 Daffodil Marine Festival

May 6-7 Opening Day-SYC

May 27-29 Memorial Day, Tom and Jennifer Tenney hosts, Dockton

June 17-18 5th Annual Bad Captains Cruise St Johns hosts., Location TBD

July 1-4 Independence Day—Open

August 19-20 3rd Annual Zombie Cruise, McAdams Hosts, Location TBD

September 2-4 Labor Day/ Windseekers Awards Race

October 28-29 Wineseekeers Cruise, Eric and Aubrey Nelson hosts, Eastern Washington

November 18-19 Wacky Commodores Cruise/LeMans Race

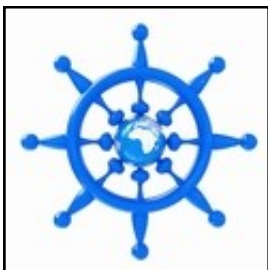
December 31 Un-Cruise New Years Eve at Clubhouse Tyee Two No Host



# Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma

January 2017

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 21</b>	<b>Harbor Series #1</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 4</b>	<b>Harbor Series #2</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>Harbor Series #3</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 12</b>	<b>Windseekers - Early Spring Series</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>Spring Single-hand</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>Windseekers - Early Spring Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>Windseekers - Early Spring Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>Windseekers - Early Spring Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>Windseekers - Early Spring Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>Windseekers - Spring Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>Windseekers - Spring Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>Windseekers - Spring Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>Windseekers - Spring Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>Windseekers - Spring Series</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>Three Hour Tour #1</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>Windseekers - Summer Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 28</b>	<b>Windseekers - Summer Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 5</b>	<b>Windseekers - Summer Series</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 8</b>	<b>Three Hour Tour #2</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>Windseekers - Summer Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 19</b>	<b>Windseekers - Summer Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>Windseekers - Summer Series</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>Three Hour Tour #3</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 2</b>	<b>Windseekers - Late Summer Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 9</b>	<b>Windseekers - Late Summer Series</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 26</b>	<b>Windseekers - Late Summer Series</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 19</b>	<b>Vashon Challenge</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 23</b>	<b>Windseekers - Late Summer Series</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 2</b>	<b>Windseeker's Awards Race</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<b>Point Series #1</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 30</b>	<b>Point Series #2</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 7</b>	<b>Sailor's Memorial Single-hand</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 21</b>	<b>Point Series #3</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>Point Series #4</b>



## Members Abroad

Keep track of our non-resident  
members as they live the life we only  
dream of!

**Bev and Lew Channing**

S/V Suzanne



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**Chris and Janet Wenderoth**

S/V Respite



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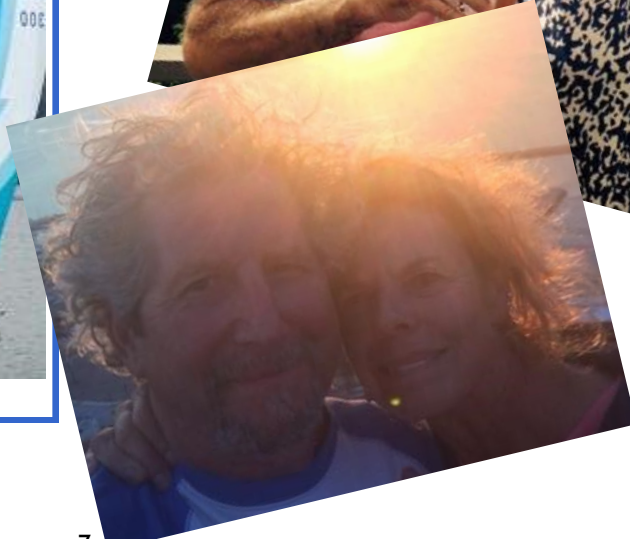
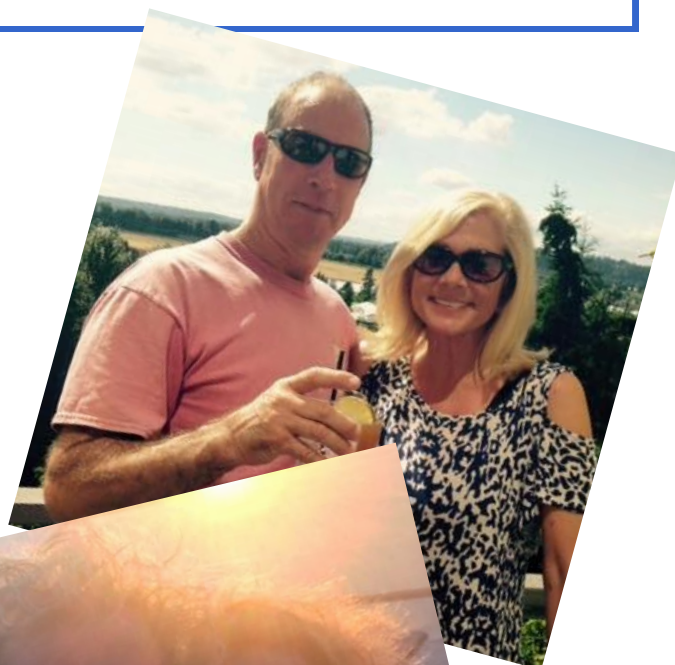
**Dennis and Becky Flannigan**

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*Friday  
January 20, 2016*

*Celebrating the Installation of*

*Commodore  
Ken St. John*

*Browns Point Improvement Club  
201 Tulalip St NE, Tacoma, WA 98422*

*6:00PM Social Hour  
7:00PM - Dinner  
8:00PM to 10:00PM Dancing to "The Tropics"*

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 7 PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Commodore's Ball BPIC	21 Harbor Series Race #1
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 7 PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)	31				

# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 RACE Harbor Series # 2
12	13 7 PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	14	15	16	17	18 Winter Cruise
19 Winter Cruise	20	21	22	23	24	25 RACE Harbor Series # 3
26	27 7 PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)	28				

# Sunshine



Please contact Julie regarding members who could use a little "sunshine".

Julie St. John  
S/V Naughty By Nature  
[juliesgarden@gmail.com](mailto:juliesgarden@gmail.com)  
253-632-3273

## FUN TIMES

CYCT has a Facebook page open only to members of the CYCT! To join, search for the group "Corinthian Yacht Club Tacoma" and request membership.

### Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Bob Crews	January 10
Ron Holbrook	January 13
Joe Salz	January 13
Fred Ahrens	January 15
Greg Sandwick	January 28



On The Cover

Photo by  
Jennifer Tenney

## Saw it on facebook



**Steve Ryan** with Eric Nelson and 7 others.

December 17, 2016 at 9:21pm

Fun times at the CYCT 2016 Christmas Party!



Like



Comment



Julie St John, Billy Carter and 10 others

Seen by 60



**Ken St John** Thanks for the photos Steve! Great fun.

Like · Reply · December 18, 2016 at 7:39am



**Aloha Carr Carter** So good to see our friends. Always a fav party of mine. Hope to see more. Pics.

Like · Reply · December 18, 2016 at 8:03am



**Angie Morales**

January 5 at 12:30pm

**Daffodil Maritime Festival 2017 Registration is OPEN**



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### Basic Rules

- You must be a CYCT member or sponsored by a CYCT member to post an item.
- Each month the CYCT posting member must submit their items for sale before the last week of each month (send your post to [kennethstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:kennethstjohn@gmail.com) ).
- Items must be submitted each month or they will not be reposted.
- You are responsible to sell your item so you must include your contact information (items without contact information will not be posted).

### FOR SALE

12 ft. 3.5 inch Aluminum Spinnaker pole, in good shape; from our J29, Slick. \$125.

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### For Sale

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**253-250-1346**



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New Rigging and Roller Furling  
Contact Rich Morales:  
RICHARD MORALES  
[r\\_d\\_morales@msn.com](mailto:r_d_morales@msn.com)



## Secretary

Minutes were not recorded at the Christmas pot luck however the winners of Perpetual Trophies were announced:

- ✎ Cruiser of the Year: Arabesque, Rich and Angie Morales
- ✎ Family of the Year: The Kimballs, Don and Debbie
- ✎ Boat of the Year: Naughty By Nature, Ken and Julie St. John
- ✎ USYRA Sportsman: Eric Nelson
- ✎ Sue Edwards Spirit: Cindy Craig
- ✎ Club Racer of the Year: Chuck Queen
- ✎ Outstanding Crew Member: Greg Sandwick

Respectfully Submitted by  
Debbie McAdams  
Recording Secretary  
*S/V Red Splash*

## The View From the Rear

(Musings of a Casual Racer)

### Keeping Warm

Since man began boating he has had one constant struggle. Keeping warm! OK, maybe not the Polynesians on their balsa rafts and Hawaiians on their dug out canoes. But those Vikings knew what I was talking about.



Of course the Vikings had lots of fur, but that's no longer cool. They also had wenchers. No, not winches, wenchers. I am not permitted to call the lovely and gracious Mrs. St. John a wench which is perhaps why, instead of transmitting heat to me in a chilly v-berth, she actually transmits cold. Forget giving me the cold shoulder. She gives me the cold everything!

I suppose the fact that our boats sit two thirds into a 50° soup doesn't help matters. Nor does our cold, damp Pacific air. Nothing drives the coldness of a boat home like the annual un-cruise. Nothing demonstrates the L and G Mrs.

S's ability to transfer the cold like the un-cruise. Three years ago on a particularly chilly un-cruise, every time I would about fall asleep, Mrs. S would let out a cold shudder to rouse me back to chilly wakefulness. Gee thanks.

Now I know that there are some of you who have furnaces on your boat. Your dues should be raised. We had a cruise to Dockton several years ago where it was so cold, I broke a bag of ice in the cockpit on Friday and it was still ice come Sunday afternoon. Still I remember sitting on the Crone's Honeydew where Rob didn't turn down the heat until Gary Ballentine and I had stripped down to t-shirts.

Rob and Caroline realized that this was un-natural and sold Honeydew and bought a boat without a furnace. Gary and Joy sold Tatoosh and bought a boat with a furnace. I splurged and bought a #30 hose so that I can hook up my Little Buddy™ to a bulk propane tank being slightly warmer, slightly longer for slightly less money.

And so it goes. Long johns. Earflap hats. Balaclavas. Hand warmers. Hot coffee. Wool socks.

Boats are cold. That's the way it is. That is why next month I will be in.....

MEXICO!

Ken St. John  
S/V Naughty By Nature