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Commodore

Bienvinidos from Zipolite in Mexico and the CYCT out station. Your commodore and his staff are constantly working to enrich your CYCT experience as well as the value of your membership. I am here with the secretary, membership chairs and sunshine representative on a scouting mission. Working with past commodore Billy Carter and Soo we have already been able to establish the Calibri Bar as an official out station. Show your membership card and your fifth drink is free!



Truthfully, it is warm and wonderful down here in Mexico and Soo and Billy are excellent hosts and we had the good fortune to come during "Nudista" – the annual nude festival. Don't worry, we will not expose you to a slide show of our vacation photos.

Personally, I could stay here forever but I would miss my CYCT friends and sailing. From where I sit, it's just a big open ocean. Billy tells me I am looking at Antarctica, but I can't see it. And I would miss all the Puget Sound CYCT adventures that are coming up.

In just a few weeks we will be having our Winter Cruise. I really wanted a Summer Olympics for the Bad Captain's so I've dialed up a bit of a different theme this winter. We will

be staying at the dock in front of the Foss Seaport and Rock the Dock bar. This is about 2-1/2 miles from Tye Marina and there's plenty of parking as well. Reservations are not required. For those who show on Friday, February 17th, We can dine at Rock the Dock where there is usually a band and that interesting mix of Bikers and Boaters.

On Saturday afternoon we'll tour the Foss Seaport museum – something I've been wanting to do. We will have a guided tour and depending on how many show, CYCT will subsidize or pay your admission. RSVP is not required, but will certainly help on the tour. That evening, February 18th, I've rented space in the museum where we will have a potluck. Bring a main dish and sand dish to share. And you Toliva Shoal racers – be sure to drop by.

Speaking of Toliva Shoal racers – we are a busy club! Thirty-some races and a cruise almost every month, and I'm not counting Toliva Shoal, LeMans, Whidbey Island Race Week and other nautical events. What I am trying to say is sometimes there are conflicts. Sometimes you may have to choose. Or do your best to fit in both.

Hey, consider it an embarrassment of riches. Such is life in the CYCT.

Now I think it's time to take a dip in the Pacific.

Ken St. John
Commodore
S/V Naughty By Nature

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Vice Commodore

So as it turns out, one of the Vice Commodore's duties is providing guest speakers for the general meetings. February 13th is our next general meeting. Roger and Sue Williams; of the Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Marine Festival Committee, will regale us with the current information on this fun event, plus pictures and a narrative from last year's proceedings. This event has turned out to be the South Sounds Opening Day Ceremony. Last year was well attended by CYCT. Be sure to be present to hear about all the fun.

Next month's speaker will be Charlie Macaulay of PHRF - NW, CYCS and S/V Absolutely. He will be speaking on the new changes to the 2017 RRS. Your Race Committee will not be having a RRS Seminar this April. So this is a "must attend" meeting for all our racers. Guests are welcome.

I expect to see you all at **your** meeting. Oh yeah about some of my other duties... assisting the Race Committee...

Don Kimball
CYCT Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore

As I sit here and enjoy my snow day and sort through my taxes, I begin thinking about our upcoming boat projects and wish list that is forever growing. I'm hoping to get some "boat units" back so we can fund a little bit of our wish list.

A couple of weeks ago, Brock and I went up to the Boat Show with Eric and Aubre Nelson and had a blast. Now, we've been many times before, but this year it was nice to have friends come with us, who are also quite knowledgeable in all things sailboat. I was quite impressed with how many people Eric and Aubre know!

A great advantage to being a part of a sailing club is knowing who to talk to for referrals, and overall general maintenance and repair. I remember one summer Billy teaching me about how to read the currents under the Narrows. I always thought it was based on the tides, but that isn't always the case. Things we would have never thought of because we didn't know any better. Gary and Joy has graciously helped us with any questions we ever have about Tatoosh, even at 7 in the morning when we put oil in the engine for the first time...

One of our boat projects this spring is to replace our 42-year-old cushions with something a little more...cushiony. There are several members who recently have done upholstery, and have given me their information. It's nice to see other people's work before I put in about 6 boat units into this project.

So my point is.... use your membership!! We are a group of people who all have a sailboat problem, and we are all here to learn from each other. Attend the general meetings and listen to the speakers, show up at a cruise, either by land or water, and enjoy the after race parties at the docks-my personal favorite. You get what you put into it!

Janice VanRavenswaay
S/V Tatoosh



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Racing

Okay Folks you had your workout in the Harbor Series #1, Quartermaster Harbor. That was a challenge. After a 20-minute postponement on the new start line in Dumas Bay, we were able to get our PHRF, Challenger Class and Windseekers launched. Off they headed toward the entrance to Quartermaster only to be stalled out by light to nonexistent wind. It did make for some pretty photos of yachts with spinnakers set fully reflecting in the quiet waters. We watched as "Slick" worked their magic to take the lead. "Equus" and "Gardylloo" was the duel to watch, both handicapped at 63. On "RC" we decided to pick up the start pin, motored thru the fleet to Manzanita... waited and went to get the Burton mark, then returned to set the shortened course finish at Manzanita. I do believe that watching grass grow or hub caps rust may be faster than watching this fleet struggle to finish. "Slick" did show the way by getting the line honors, finishing first in PHRF. Then we were regaled with a "Equus" - "Gardylloo" tacking duel with "Gardylloo" edging out "Equus". The next was "Wind Wizard" in the Challenger Class finishing just minutes after the PHRF leaders. "Les Chavaux Blanc" timed out to take 2nd in PHRF with "Obsession" getting 3rd. "Shin Dig" gained 1st in the Challenger Class, "Alibi" and "Wind Wizard" timed out at 2nd and 3rd respectively. Special thanks go TTPYC boats "Suddenly" & "Hobbes" for coming down from Des Moines. And "Stay Gold" for venturing out of Gig Harbor. Check out the results at www.cyct.com.

Harbor Series #2; The Ruston Race, was started 10 AM on a damp misty Saturday morning. Twelve boats and crew arrived at the start line, (7) PHRF, (3) Challenger Class and (2) Windseekers. the expected 10-15 kts did not arrive, light air was going to be challenge of the day. The course was planned to be Dumas Bay to the "TYC" permanent buoy near the Point Ruston complex, two laps. The fleet fought the light air and a contrary current with Romeo Charlie trailing. After a couple hours, it became apparent that the two laps course was not to happen. "RC" hoisted the shorten course flag and returned to the Dumas "finish" line. At just after two PM "Gardylloo" arrive to take line honors followed by "Slick" and "Equus" in short order. "Shin Dig" took the Challenger Class. Special commendation to Stephanie Arnold on "Second Wind" for flying her spinnaker for the first time, with her crewmate on the bow with a unique spinnaker pole. Thanks, all for

attending on such a wet day. Next up will be the Southern Sound Toliva Shoal Race then the Zenith Harbor Race on March 4th. Check out the Results at www.cyct.com

"Keep on Racin' ".

Don Kimball
CYCT RC
S/V Cool, Kat



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Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2017 Race Calendar

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



Cruising

Hello all Cruisers and Racers! Are you ready for the 2017 Cruise Season? I'm happy to announce that ALL cruises have hosts. Thank you to those who stepped up to volunteer.

Our first cruise is February 18-19. The Winter Cruise is hosted by the St. John's on the Foss Waterway at 705 Dock St., Tacoma. Moorage is available at the Seaport Dock. Early Friday arrivals either by boat or land yacht on the 17th can enjoy dinner and the band at Rock the Dock. Saturday at 2pm a guided tour of the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum is scheduled with CYCT picking up part or all of the tab. Saturday evening at 6:00 there will be a gathering for a potluck dinner at the Seaport building. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share along with beverages. Sunday morning enjoy a continental breakfast on Naughty By Nature. We hope to see you there for some fun!

April 22-23 is the Daffodil Marine Festival at Tacoma Yacht Club. If you plan on having your boat in the Parade, and/or moored in the basin, you must register on the TYC website, under the drop down tab "Daffodil" and click on which registration form applies to you. Slips tend to fill quickly. At last count CYCT has 8 boats registered. Coming by car? Please note that the parking area may or may not be ready, or may have limited spaces available due to on going renovations. There will NOT be RV parking. Plan accordingly.



May 6-7 is Opening Day at Seattle Yacht Club. This is a BIG to do! If you have never been I suggest make plans either by car or bring your boat! By car, parking is a premium. If you can Uber, do so. There are hotels in the area if you wish to make a weekend of it. By boat? You must register on SYC website for either Parade or Dock 0 slip space. Registration opened in early January and Dock 0 space is first come. If you want to be in the parade, fill out the parade form on the website. You will be notified in April if you have been awarded a space in the parade and if you are just wanting a space on Dock 0, non-parade participant.

There are a multitude of decorated boats from many yacht clubs as far away as Canada. This is where you can talk with other yacht club members and be social! It really is fun! Have a self guided tour of the beautiful Seattle Yacht Club Club House. On Saturday, participate in the Parade! Wave to the crowds! Enjoy the flag ceremony, and the Parade Awards Ceremony. I promise you won't be disappointed.

May 27-29 Memorial Day Cruise. Hosts are the Tenney's. Location at Dockton. Details to follow.

Updated Cruise Calendar is now on CYCT website.

So, mark your calendars. This year we are busy, busy. If you have any questions I can be reached at 253-335-4859 (Angie).

Richard & Angie Morales
Fleet Captains Cruising
S/V La Gitana

CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise	Host	Location
Feb 18-19	Winter Cruise	Ken & Julie St. John	Seaport Museum Dock
April 22-23	Daffodil Marine Festival	CYCT Club Sponsored	TYC
May 6-7	SYC Opening Day	Club Sponsored Event	Seattle Yacht Club
June 17-18	5th Annual Bad Captain's Cruise	Ken & Julie St. John (Father's Day)	TBD
July 1-4	Independence Day Cruise	Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig	TBD
August 19-20	3rd Annual Zombie Cruise	McAdams	Des Moines Marina
September 2-4	Labor Day	Fred and Ursula Ahrens	TBD
October 28-29	Windseekers Cruise	Eric and Aubre Nelson	Eastern WA



Meeting Minutes

CYCT General Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017

Recorded by Jennifer Tenney

Commodore Ken St. John called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Greg motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jennifer Tenney seconded.

Guiding Light Award – No nominees

Vice Commodore Report (*Don Kimball*) – TYVM for my 70th b-day surprise party. No report

Rear Commodore (*Janice VanRavensway*) – Need to get reciprocals up to date working on this. Working on Daffodil parade.

Past Commodore (*Eric Nelson*) – Commodores ball on Friday the 20th. Please RSVP. No bar this year – BYOB.

Treasurer (*Bill Jenkins*) – No report

Secretary (*Deb McAdams*) – No report. Working this evening. Minutes taken by Jennifer Tenney.

Membership (*Jen & Tom Tenney*) – Moving binder inserts online. Members will receive password and username shortly. Username will be your yacht club ID number. You will need this to be able to get to login to password protected content. If you want a printed club binder let me know and I can print it for you.

Cruising (*Angie & Rich Morales*) – It's 2017 and a new year. Looking for a host for February. April is Daffodil Maratime Festival on 22 & 23rd and Angie would like help. This year it is an official cruise. Go to their homepage May 6 & 7 SYC. 3-day cruise budget is \$350, 2-day cruises are \$250. Memorial Day cruise is Tenney's and will be a British Themed Cruise. July 4 is open. Bad Captains Cruise is in. Zombie cruise is in. [input cruise schedule here]

Racing (*Don Kimball*) – Racing starts the 21st with the first harbor series race. Skippers meeting is on the 18th at Rock the Dock at 6:00pm. Lots of changes this year. We will have a spinnaker class for Wind Seekers. The start for the longer races has been moved to off of Brown's Point to make it easier for racers from Three Tree Point Yacht Club and Des Moines to join in.

Education (*Penny Chen*) – Absent. No report

Social (*Jennifer Ihlen*) – Absent. No report

Merchandise (*Jennifer Tenney*) – on hand for sale in middle of meeting. Beanie's (\$10), earflap hats (\$15) and fleece blankets (\$15) - order tonight.

Mainsheet (*John Cohyn*) – taking over after the January issue is released. There were some issues with dates for cruising and racing so it was pulled until these can be fixed so there is no confusion. It will be rereleased shortly with corrected dates.

Sunshine (*Julie St. John*) – No report

Website (*Greg Sandwick*) – Lots of new features coming with team of workers.

Historian – *open position*

Long Range Planning – *open position*

Floating Assets (*Joe Salz*) – RC will be put in the water on Jan 18th. No expenses to date this year.

Publicity (*Cindy Craig*) – Tivioli Shoals on the 18th. Andrew Kerr from North Sails will give a talk on cruising at the Boat Show at 1pm on the 1st talk in the north hall. Mountaineers class starts on April 4th and they are looking for members to take students out.

Trophies (*Steve*) – No report

Racing Protests – No report

PHRF (*Eric Nelson*) – Meeting on Saturday.

PHRF Handicapping (*Ron Holbrook*) – Don Kimball has received a new handicap for CoolKat.

Commodore's Report (*Ken St. John*) – Ken read the club purpose to the membership. His goal as Commodore is to work on strengthening our commitment to our purpose. No new business.

Birthdays this month: Ron Holbrook, Greg Sandwick, Joe Salz,



From the Editor

Commodore's Ball (In Pictures)

Hey, Yacht Clubbers! This is my first edition of the Mainsheet, and I'm happy to be your editor! I'm pretty easy-going, and also happy to help you with your articles! If you have something to say, let me know! Also, please understand that we're all busy and I don't have time to chase you down for your articles! You can send your blurbs to jcoyne@live.com, or call/text me at (206) 730-2572 and I'll get them all set up for you. I'm looking forward to working with everyone! Also, please send me your sailing pictures, and of course, pictures of you as members doing interesting things, so I can maybe publish them here!

A little about me - During the day, I work for that little software company up in Redmond, where I help people create cool software in the Retail & Hospitality industry. I'm married, with a couple kids, and a bunch of animals... You'll see pictures of all of them from time to time on my Facebook page. I'm not a boating member, but have crewed with Eric and Aubre on the 'loo for many years! I've also crewed with Brian and Cheryl on Grace-E. I started sailing with CYCT, almost 20 years ago crewing with Ed Jacobs on Wild Thing. <Ba-GAWK> I love racing with CYCT, so I hope to see you all out there!

Your editor,

John Coyne

Crew Member—S/V Gardyloo



**Check out more pictures on
the CYCT Facebook Page!**



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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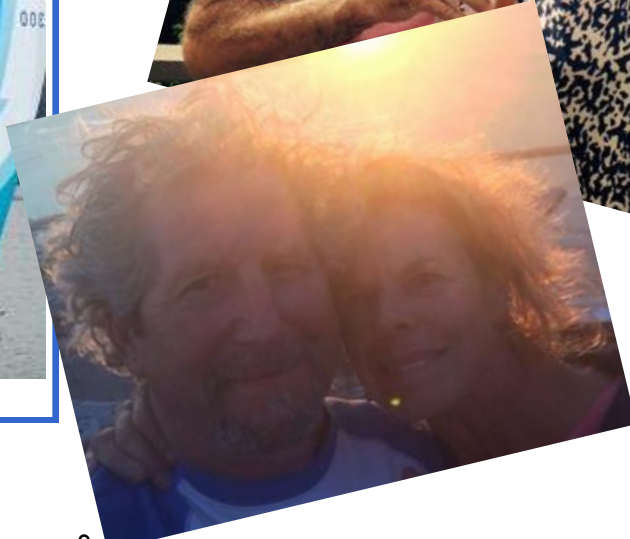
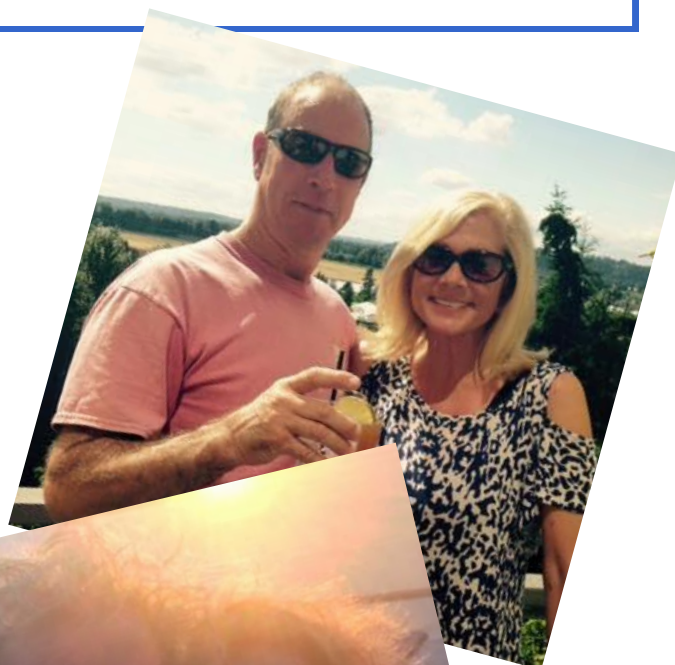
Dennis and Becky Flannigan

S/V Kokomo



After 10 years of dreaming we are off. Follow along as we move about the globe fixing our boat in different cultures and exotic places.

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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
26	27 7 PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)	28				

March 2017

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

Sunshine



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

Julie St. John
S/V Naughty By Nature
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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

Dan Walker	February 20
Bev Thomas	February 21
Pierre Michel	February 22
John Ott	February 22
Terry Michel	February 22



On The Cover

New Racing Techniques

Photo by
Don Kimball

Saw it on facebook



Jennifer Madsen Tenney in **Colibri, Zipolite.**

February 3 at 10:45am · Facebook Groups for Android

We have a quorum! Note the sign... they'll even let us come back.



Like Comment

Angie Morales and 5 others

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Jennifer Ihlen Kevin's Awesome!! Love the paint job they did!! Have fun 😊

Like · Reply · 1 · February 3 at 12:00pm



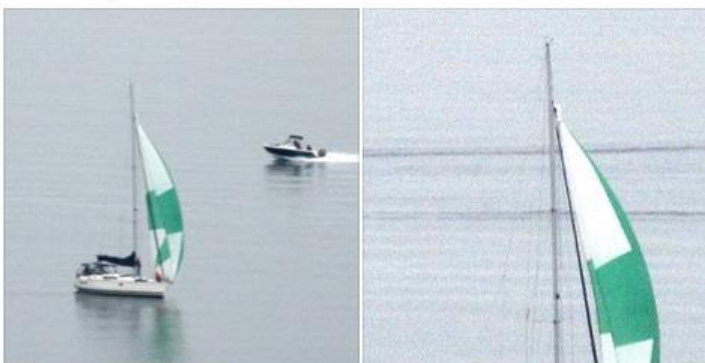
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Steve Ryan

January 28 at 1:02pm

Seems Gary and Joy are having fun with their chute! Right now.....



Like Comment

Michelle Gaspaire, Jennifer Madsen Tenney and 12 others

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Angie Morales I like it!!

Like · Reply · January 28 at 3:35pm



Joy Ballentine And a whale, it was a great day!

Like · Reply · 3 · January 28 at 5:37pm



Write a comment...



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).
- 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).

\$15. West Marine Battery Combiner. Great for the boat that has two banks of batteries, and a charger that is a single bank unit. Contact Steve Ryan at 206-794-1428



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Contact Rich Morales:

The View From the Rear

(Musings of a Casual Racer)

Traveling at the Speed of Sail

As I write this, the lovely and gracious Mrs. St. John and I are winging our way south on our annual sojourn to Mexico. Instead of going it alone, we are traveling with the McAdams and Tenneys on our way to join Billy and Soo Carter. We flew out of Vancouver, British Columbia and our trip will take a little more than six hours to travel the 3,241 miles. Billy and Son did the trip in Van Francis taking some 18 days.



Before leaving I heard the same question that I hear every time I travel to Mexico; "Are you taking your boat."

"No" I explain. "Traveling at an average speed of about six knots just doesn't make week-long trip to Mexico a realistic alternative."

Let's face it. Sailboat travel is not quick way to travel. Short of a wagon train, nearly every other form of transportation is blindingly fast. In my cycling days I could average 18 miles an hour and my little 150 cc scooter does 50 easily.

No, sailing is not for those in a hurry and that is it's beauty and its bane.

Sometimes sailing can go soooooo sloooooow. A few years ago I wrote about one of the Fall races that the Lovely and Gracious Mrs. S and I sailed in which we travelled about six nautical miles in six hours. I thought that that was slow but a few weekends ago we watched the first harbor series race sail by our hose in Dash Point while I watched an entire movie and did several loads of laundry. They were going that slow!

I've never been in a traffic jam while sailing, if you ignore the occasional cluster at race starts and marks. I mean, I've never been on my way home from a cruise and turned to the L & G Mrs. S and said, "you know, we'd be home faster if we could get around these damned boats in front of us. And I've certainly never thought "I wish I was going faster when I hit that dock."

Some times sailing forces us to slow down. I like to read a book underway (doing a look around with every page turn. We listen to music. We watch bald eagles soar and dolphin swim. If I get bored I begin to polish and wax things. I tidy up the log. For people like me who are always on the go, being forced to relax is not a bad thing.

And sailing has a way of going slow seem so fast. Several years ago I decided to go single handing (after the L & G refused to go out at all.) That 15 knots inside the marina turned out to be more like 30+ knots outside the marina. Even with a 90% jib flying I was doing 7-1/2 knots. For the first time I understood the value of having sea-room. The shore came up so fast and taking single handed, even with

that small jib, was a chore. finally going home required using a winch to furl the jib and then turning into the wind and motoring at two knots back to the marina (and receiving a drenching over the bow every third wave.)

The speed record for the Naughty boat is about 13-1/2 knots going through the Narrows. And listen you speed demons, a Catalina 38 is not a planing boat. As amazing as that seemed, hitting over ten knots, by knot meter, not by GPS is by far the most amazing speed feat I've done. This was in the last single-hand race.

You know a reef may have been in order.

I know, there are always sailors yearning to go faster. Heck. I am. A new sail will be on the way soon and I'm not buying that to just look good. But at the end of the day, it's a sailboat. Powered by the wind I move eight tons! I sail an average 90 days a year and burn an average of 100 gallons of diesel a year. And that's a big reason why I sail. I burn in a month what a trawler might burn in an hour.

Within easy walking distance of my house is Browns Point where George Vancouver picnicked with his crew while exploring Puget Sound. I often think about what that was like knowing the fickle winds in our part of the sound. They had no "auxiliary" engine to turn to and our tides can be punishing. Add to that a ship that can't point much more than 80 degrees off the wind - that is one slow trip!

Nope. Sailing is not fast. Not in a classic keel boat it's not. But it's the way I travel. And one of these years maybe I will sail to Zipolite. As it is, we'll be landing soon so time to pack it up. Until then - sail slow or go home!

Ken St. John
S/V Naughty By Nature

