



Mainsheet

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Commodore

What Do You Want?

Last Monday at our monthly CYCT board meeting we were joined by Jeremy Bush and Michelle Gaspaire. For those of you who don't know Michelle and Jeremy, they are a couple of our more recent (and younger members). These two actually braved Johnny's twice in one month to share some of their



thoughts and ideas about the club and its future. It was a fairly spirited discussion branching off in a few different directions. Were I not fighting off a bout of stomach flu we might of stepped into the bar and kept on going. Trouble was, I had to keep on going – TMI?

But it got me thinking – what are our thoughts for the future? I'll admit it, I'm pretty much a slow and steady guy. I see my role as maintaining the club's three primary roles of promoting racing, cruising and sailing education and more specifically, maintaining a balance between those three. I try to run most things through the stated purpose of our club listed in the bylaws.

But beyond that – there's lot's of leeway – kind of like you folks with too much jib and a shoal keel!

One thing Jeremy brought up – Johnny's. Now I'll admit that the entry way of Johnny's contains cigarette smoke smells older than I am and everyone knows that the special

on Monday is meatloaf, but it's kind of grown on me. And I know that there are better venues. Jeremy has gone as far to research and compile a list of possibilities.

We talked about what appeals to gen-x'ers, why should folks join as crew, and how do we attract crew and/or make the club more welcoming. A couple of other topics long dear to my heart came up such as "where do we display club trophies and my commodore portrait after my year is done."

I hate to disappoint you, but am not going to answer these questions. What I am going to do is ask you, what are your thoughts regarding the club?

- Is it time for a new meeting place? If so, what is important to you (kid friendly, senior platter, stiff drinks, pull tabs)
- What would you like to see as far as racing, cruising, education?
- What would you think of a two-tiered race pricing (or end of the year rebate) benefitting club members who race?
- What would you like to see in merchandise? Raffle prizes?
- How about social events?
- Would you like more email? Less email? Do you use Facebook? Meet-up groups?

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Vice Commodore

The ides of March are upon us. One of yours VC's banes is making sure we have speakers for the meetings. But things are going well. Penny Shin has stepped up and provided us with an April speaker. Renowned Salish sea sailor and owner of NW Rigging Services ; Andy Schwenk, will be speaking on "updating your sailboat". Andy is a fun and dynamic speaker, I'm sure we will get to enjoy a couple sea stories

For the March meeting we have PHRF NW official and S/V Absolutely 's skipper Charlie McCauley. For those racers among you. This boat is always a challenge on the course. Charlie will be speaking to the changes to the 2017 Racing Rules of Sailing. Your RC will. Not be having a RRS seminar this year, so be sure to attend. All are welcome. See you at the meeting.

Don Kimball
CYCT Vice Commodore
S/V Cool Kat.



Rear Commodore

Can't believe it's March...we have so much in store just around the corner! First, I am hoping that many of you will join us for the kickoff to boating season in both Tacoma and Seattle. The marine Dafodil festival at Tacoma Yacht Club has been a lot of fun... and FREE! This event takes place the third weekend in April. Did I mention you get a GREAT goody bag? All you need to do is register your boat at the TYC website. You can even come by land. The weekend is full of activities throughout! I should have a more detailed schedule in the next article. And if you haven't registered in Seattle...get on it! Seattle can't guarantee dock space, but in the past people have stayed the Travelodge across from University Village if you want to be a part of the fun!



Also, like many of you, Brock and I are preparing Tatoosh for a fun windseekers season starting in April. We have opened a new Challenger class to allow more boats to fly spinnakers without the pressure of a PHRF start. I hope to see a lot of boats on the water, and who knows, Tatoosh might get her kite out of the bag soon. J

Janice VanRavenswaay
S/V Tatoosh

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Racing

Why do we race in the winter? Because of the best winds, is the usual answer. As it appears, not so much this year. Maybe the results of a "nina neutral" season? La nina was surprisingly short. I've read that some expect El nino to reappear. Or is this Mommy natures way of training us for the summer. All the answers are way above my paygrade. It's always interesting watching our sailors rising to the challenge and willing there boat to move in light air. Up next is race three of the Harbor series, the Zenith Harbor race. Your RC will be ready on the start line in Dumas Bay. We look forward to seeing you again.

Coming up we are planning a work party for the annual washing, cleaning and waxing of Romeo Charlie. Watch for dates and times for this event. This could be a fun time.

Lastly, I must remind the fleet to do our best in sharing the water with our neighbors. I understand that our competitive drive may press us to push the envelope of right away. I would urge our skippers to put themselves in the position of a Puget Sound Pilot on the bridge of one of the many we encounter. He is restricted and limited to his options. It is up to us to show our clear intentions to stand clear. The COLREGS require there adherence to the vessel traffic schemes. In the traffic lane they do have total right of way. Let's play nice. LET'S GET TO RACING!

Don Kimball
CYCT RC



S/V Cool, Kat



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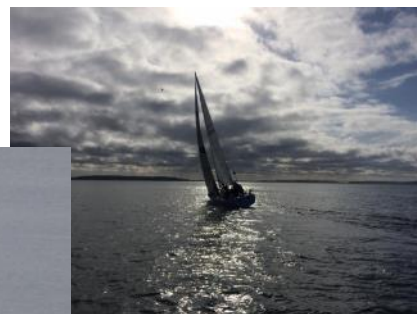
This is not meant to be a survey but just a request to you as a member, to tell me and the board what you are looking for. Send them to me at kennethstjohn@gmail.com.

And a few other notes:

Thanks to those who joined me at the winter cruise a few weeks back. A small group of us braved some big wind for the short journey to the dock and the Foss Waterway Seaport museum where we dined at Rock the Dock on Friday and toured the museum and had an intimate potluck at the museum on Saturday. And as always, there was a lot of "hanging out on boats."

For those of you who missed it, Daffodil festival at the Tacoma Yacht Club is just around the corner. I count ten boats as registered! This is a fun, fun weekend. Why not make it 11! Go to http://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil_2017.aspx and sign up!

Ken St. John
Commodore CYCT
S/V Naughty By Nature





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

Winter Cruise was held February 18-19 at the Seaport Museum. Early arrivers on Friday came to enjoy a dinner at Rock the Dock. Four boats braved the winds and rain to the Seaport Dock.

Saturday afternoon a special guided tour was promised in the Seaport Museum. Sponsored by our CYCT Club, a nice sized group took advantage of the tour. If you haven't taken the tour you should. Tacoma's waterfront history is interesting. And, never under estimate the determination of a woman. If it weren't for Thea Foss, the waterfront might not be as successful as she made it. Want to know more? Take the tour.

An evening potluck was held inside the Museum. A fine array of dishes were displayed and consumed! After which we all piled onto Naughty By Nature for wine, after all it was National Wine Day. Don Taco was in true form and did not disappoint. Fun was had by all. Sorry for the popcorn mess DT.

Sunday, a continental breakfast of eggs, bacon, muffins, fruit, coffee and orange juice was prepared by our host Ken St. John. Delicious! A fine ending to a successful cruise!

We wish to extend our thanks to our hosts the St. John's. Always stepping up to fill the Cruise Calendar.

Next cruise is Daffodil Marine Festival, April 22-23 at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Please go to tacomayachtclub.org for

details. Select Daffodil 2017 and all the information is there.

May 5-7 is Opening Day of Boating. Please go to SeattleYachtClub.org for information.

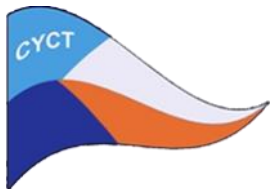
May 27-29 Memorial Day Cruise. Hosts are the Tenney's at Dockton. Details to follow.

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*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Our Commodore, Ken St John.

Guests- The Williams from TYC to talk about Daffodil Fest

Motion was made by Joe Salz and seconded by Eric Nelson to approve the January General Meeting minutes as posted in the Mainsheet.

Shining Light Award: Nominees- none

Reports

___ Vice Commodore: Don Kimball- no report

___ Rear Commodore: Janice Vanravenswaay- no report, but Girl Scout cookies are coming.

___ Past Commodore: Eric Nelson- no report

___ Treasurer: Bill Jenks—Checking account balance and savings accounts have positive balances.

___ Secretary: Debbie McAdams- a big thank you to Jen Tenney for taking notes for me last month when I had to work.

___ Membership Chair: Jennifer and Tom Tenney—We have two new members to give their membership packets to, but they are not present.

___ Fleet Captain Cruising: Angie and Rich Morales: not present, but there is a cruise this weekend to The Foss Waterway Seaport this weekend. Friday night for early arrivals there will be dinner and music at Rock the Dock, Saturday we'll tour the museum at 2 pm and potluck that night in a room at the museum at 6 pm breakfast on Sunday morning on Naughty by Nature.

___ Fleet Captain Racing: Don Kimball- 2/3 of the Harbor Series races are done. Light air racing so far. Don and crew will change the scoring system to use a variable multiplier for light vs. heavy air. The final race in the series will be March 3.

___ Education: Penny Shen – practiced man overboard yesterday with Dulcinea and crew. They did well, rescued the victim every time. She would like to set up a double-handed rescue practice and she is looking for an instructor to assist. Suggestions for additional classes are for rigging and boating first aid. Jeremy Bush, Shindig, has tension gauges available for a tensioning class.

___ Social: Jennifer Ihlen- not present

___ Club Merchandise: Jen Tenney- no report

___ Mainsheet: John Coyne- send him stuff by email or phone. He sent out Mainsheet by email, but many returned as undeliverable. He's working with Greg Sandwick to get it on the website. Get articles in by the 25th of the month for a publishing date of the first of the month.

___ Sunshine: Julie St. John- plenty of sunshine in Zipolite!

___ Webmaster: Greg Sandwick- Teamwork with Jen Tenney and some things have been updated with more to come.

___ Historian- Open

___ Long Range Planning: open

___ Floating Assets: Joe Salz— Still under budget! Work party TBA to get RC cleaned up and prettified. Possibly at Joe's house or perhaps at Clubhouse and clean both at once. Will need some volunteers.

___ Publicity: Cindy Craig- working, no report

___ Women's Sailing: Get your tickets early for the South Sound Women's Boating Seminar May 20 at the Olympia Yacht Club. They go fast.

___ Trophies: Steve Wagner- no report

___ Racing Protests: Eric Nelson— no report

___ PHRF Director: Eric Nelson— setting up open houses in next couple weeks to meet with PHRF members and others who might want to race and hoping to increase the amount of PHRF members.

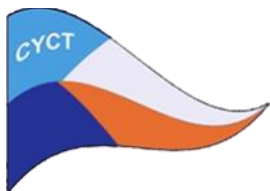
___ PHRF Handicapper: Ron Holbrook— not present, no report

___ NW Boating Council: Ron Holbrook— not present, no report

___ Dinghies: Eric Nelson-

___ Commodore's Report: Ken St John— vacation complete, re-did new member induction speech to tighten it up and wants to do the same for the perpetual trophies. Working with Cindy Craig and The Mountaineers sailing branch and others to get more value added for CYCT membership

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Meeting Minutes

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___ Old Business— no

___ New Business— no

___ Birthdays announced-

___ BREAK-

___ Raffle- and the winners are...

Red wine- Steve Wagner

Amber Ale Beer- Steve again, redraw- Eric Nelson

Vodka- Eric- redraw-Jeremy Bush

Fireapple- Debbie Kimball

White wine- Julie St John

Spiced Rum- Eric Nelson

Watermelon flavored vodka- Eric Nelson- redraw- guy c Steve and Kit

Hotopia 6 pack IPA- Debbie Kimball

White wine- Steve Wagner

Red wine- Joy Ballentine

What?!?, McAdams were shut out? I demand a recount. (DM, Sec)

___ Speaker: Daffodil Marine Festival- Roger and Sue Williams- South Sound's Opening Day. This year's theme is "Daffodil Paradise." Much construction happening, so there is limited parking and no RV parking this year. Please carpool, Uber, boat, swim... however else you can get there without a car. The Silver Cloud Hotel will have rooms available. On line registration only. If you want to bring your boat, you must register. March 31 is the deadline to register and to order daffodils. Friday night is a hula show featuring the Commodore's from all the yacht clubs. And Commodore's placement in the contest determines your trivia placement. Hawaiian reggae band. Saturday afternoon is the trivia contest, a combination of music and places. Round 3 is a tie-breaker will be combo. Saturday night music is Solstice. The Marine Parade is on Sunday. Prizes awarded for best dressed team, most spirited team and best bribes awarded by judges.

**South Sound Sailing Society
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Hey Ladies!

The 2017 Women's Boating Seminar is coming up! May 20th, 2017 at Olympia Yacht Club.

This year it is a 2 day Event— check it out at www.ssssclub.com/wbs.htm

Some great hands on demonstrations and workshops:

Navigation Essentials, Understanding weather on the water, Docking your boat, Marine 12V Systems and more!

Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2803493

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S/V Suzanne



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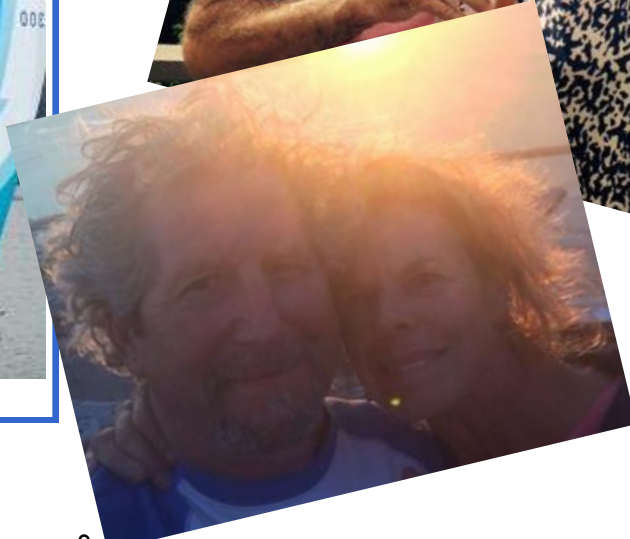
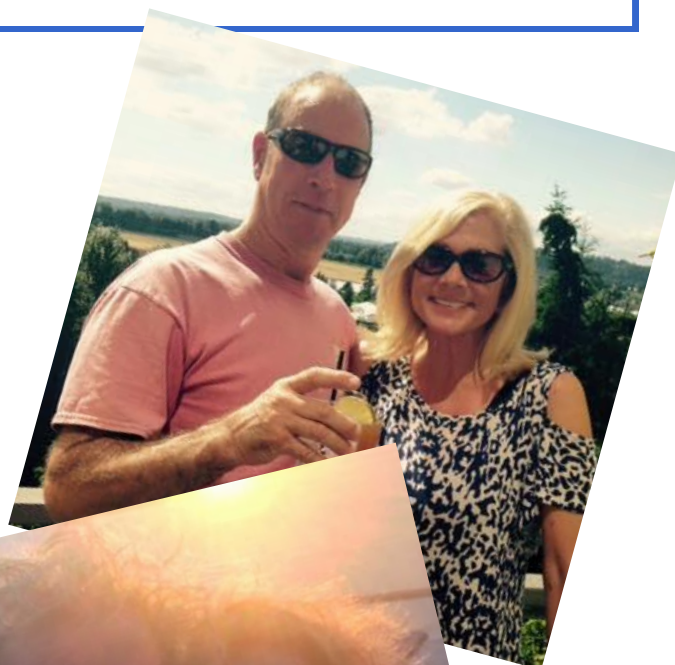
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March 2017

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	

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 7 PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	11	12 WINDSEEKERS Early Spring Series	13	14	15 Spring Single-Hand Race
16	17	18	19 WINDSEEKERS Early Spring Series	20	21	22 Daffodil Festival Cruise @ TYC
23 Daffodil Festival Cruise @ TYC	24 7 PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)	25	26 WINDSEEKERS Early Spring Series	27	28	29
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Sunshine



The sunshine committee sent two cards this month. One to Kit Ryan who had to have a second surgery on her hip to correct a complication from the first surgery. Get Better soon Kit.

The second was to Deb McAdams who is used to getting cards by now. She had gall bladder surgery. All went well. Don't forget to contact me if someone needs a little cheering up or perhaps a congratulations.

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

Soo Carter	March 10
Elise Sandwick	March 13
Fred Creitz	March 18
Genevieve Hovey	March 20
Karl Haflinger	March 24
Lisa Corkum	March 26
Alan Fowler	March 29



On The Cover

Show 'em how it's done OSU

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Cheryl White

S/V Grace-E

Saw it on facebook



Jennifer Madsen Tenney

February 18 at 8:41pm · Facebook Groups for Android



Like Comment

Aubre Lawless Nelson, Billy Carter and 4 others

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Angie Morales Choo choo!

Like Reply February 19 at 11:17am



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 25th of the month (send your post to jcoyne@live.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).

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253-250-1346



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New Rigging and Roller Furling

Contact RICHARD MORALES
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The View From the Rear

(Musings of a Casual Racer)

On Getting High

Thank goodness boats are built close to the ground. Well not the ground so much, but mine is at about sea level on deck. I just don't like getting high. Oh it was easier when I was younger. When I was a kid



I'd do it just for fun. Climb the "ghost" tree out my back window. Climb the cedar tree in the front yard. It didn't seem like such a big deal. Sure there was the day I had to wait for mom to come home from work and get me down, but it wasn't the high that bugged me, it was the getting down.

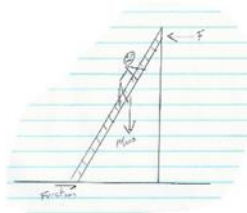
When I was in high school I did it for money. First as a carpenter working for my father and later painting my sister's house. I won't say I liked being high, it was just what you had to do as a "man" doing a "man's job." Somewhere in my early twenties, being high began to lose all appeal. My lack of tolerance for being high was made clear to me on a group camping trip to Silver Falls in Oregon. I had climbed what I thought to be incredibly high into a tree and was surveying the adjacent field. Suddenly my friend Dan came bounding by me on the tree and continued up another 30 feet or more. At that height he was causing the tree to sway so much that 30 feet below it was scaring the bajepers out of me!

Maybe, just maybe, I was scared of being high. And ladders, well ladders, I'm not real big on those at all. I own three, but that is just a homeowner/adulating necessity. And extension ladders are the worst – when extended. You climb and they bounce and bounce. Engineering school did not help this. In engineering school you do countless "free body diagrams". It's a way to sketch out a grouping of forces isolating them and visualizing their impact. The classic – man on a ladder! I cannot help but visualize this diagram every time I climb a ladder. If the force caused by the mass of the man on the ladder overcomes the friction of the ground against the ladder wanting to slide – man comes down.

My mass has not gotten smaller!

All I can say is "thank the lord my house has a flat roof and is only one story tall at the back."

And thank the Lord my boat is nearly sea level, nearly everywhere. There's just this one place..... Oh



the Cal 21 was easy. Need to work on the mast. Take it down and lay it out. Sirena Gorda, our Cal 2-27 we owned for almost four years. It had a burned out mast head tri-color when we bought it – and when we sold it. Once I thought I could put a short extension ladder against the mast supported by a halyard and then go up. I couldn't.

And we come to Naughty By Nature – 56+ feet of lofty majesty. One of the taller sticks around. Shortly after buying her it was pointed out that one of the spreaders was off. I did the logical thing and hired "Something Special". "Good to test them out before I really needed something.

But it kind of ate at me that I just wasn't going to get high on this boat. I bought myself a bosun's chair. A good one! I carried that chair for two years as the green on the bottom of the spreaders spread. I waited probably another year for the time when I was both stone cold sober and felt actually willing to try the assent.

Finally, summer before last, at Longbranch on a club outing, a group of hearty club members hauled me up the stick. Armed with Windex, a rag, a knife and a roll of rigging tape I cleaned the spreaders and taped the boots. No need to go to the top. Nothing wrong up there. I even took pictures. And you know, it wasn't that bad. In fact, next time I need to get high on the boat – I think I'll buy Brock a beer and send him up!

Ken St. John
S/V Naughty By Nature

