



# Mainsheet

The Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma Newsletter

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## Commodore

### Tis the Boating Season

It's easy to tell. For one thing, I am burned to a crisp. House upkeep goes down as boat use goes up. Half of the slips at the marina are empty – I mean besides the half that are always empty. Your slip neighbors are gone, you know, the ones you like and you hope they are coming back. Other slips have new folks and you wonder if they are here for the season or for the long term.



Yes, tis the boating season. The last week or so has been a typical flurry of boating activity including a few botched races, exploration in search of crab, a diverted island weekend, a dead cell phone and a new... wait, not allowed to say.

First, for those unaware, Julie and I are temporarily raising a 2-1/2-year-old which pretty much colors ALL we do right now. This has meant few races that Julie can join and once a month no racing for either of us. Wednesday before last was the rare time we could both get out on the course. It would have been a pretty good race too – if I hadn't just nicked the pin at the windward mark. I tried a quick 360 with no sail adjustment just after rounding. Ended up in irons. Some of my crew said we never hit or that no one would notice. Well I noticed and we'd just talked about

rules and sportsmanship. We had a dismal finish. Practiced 360s. Went in and served up hot dogs to the entire dock while folks came to gaze through Wind Wizard's side.

The weekend included multiple trips with that little Toot (aka granddaughter Rylie) to drop and retrieve crab traps, and to that sitting around on various boats enjoying friends. Our club friends are the best!

Last Wednesday's race wasn't a whole lot better. We took a long run up to the line, moderating speed to not be over early and sure to make the mark – unless we got pushed up. Which we did. Didn't see that coming which shows just how much I have to learn about racing. Still, it was a lovely night. Crew member Marianne steered most of the course while I fiddled with sails. Another good night.

Then there was this weekend! A rare break from the Toot. A wife without work. We packed up the boat with kayaks and headed for Blake Island. Grilled on the way there and dropped the hook just in time to watch the sunset. Saturday arrived as it usually does on the hook. Bacon, eggs, coffee and cinnamon rolls.... And a text from my son. His wife is in labor – that was supposed to be next week!

What to do? We went kayaking to Tillicum Village. We learned a bit about landing on the beach in a kayak. My replacement phone will be here tomorrow.

We kayaked back. Ate lunch. We called Bell Harbor looking for a slip. No room at the inn. Trust good old Shilshole though. We made it there by about 5 PM and grilled up some lamb served with liberal applications of wine.

At midnight Julie shook me awake – “we need to go to he

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### 2017 CYCT Officers & Board Members

#### FLAG OFFICERS

**Commodore:** Ken St. John

**Vice Commodore:** Don Kimball

**Rear Commodore:**

Janice VanRavenswaay

#### BOARD POSITIONS

**Recording Secretary:** Deb McAdams

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Rich and Angie Morales

**Fleet Captain-Racing:** Don Kimball

**Past Commodore:** Eric Nelson

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## Vice Commodore



OH CRAP!! Its August Already. The boat list never got any shorter; actually, I added a few things. The weathers been great. How come we haven't got out more? Time is marching on. One of the good things we have done this summer was to volunteer for the recent Sail Ahead Regatta. The Sail Ahead Regatta is an event to bring awareness to the problems of veteran suicides and PTSD. In this event "Cool Kat" and crew gained the opportunity to give back by participating in the regatta. The had a wonderful day cruising Commencement Bay with 2nd Ranger Battalion Veteran Josh, his wife Jennifer with there son Rohan. The weather was great, wind co-operated. Other CYCT member attending were Past Commodore Ken Fine, Cruising Capt's Rich and Angie Morales, Kelly and Brenda Bethards and Chris brought his sailboat and his big orange RIB. I bring this up because the Host of The Ranger Regatta III August 24th. Have asked for volunteer vessels for this event. This will prove to be a lot of fun and give us a chance to show the people who defend us that we care. I will see you there. TYC Thursday August 24 th. For addition information contact Nancy Williams [nan-cyjwilliams9@gmail.com](mailto:nan-cyjwilliams9@gmail.com) . There will be flyers posted as well.

Don Kimball, CYCT VC, S/V Cool Kat

# WANTED

**Sailors interested in a crew position for a  
Coho Ho-Ho delivery to San Francisco in  
Mid-August!**

**Possible Baja Ha-Ha Opportunity as well.**

**Contact Don Kimball for information!**



## Rear Commodore



The great thing about being in our club is the ability to meet new people, and learn from their expertise, talents and ideas. In our club we have our Flag Officers: Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer. However, there are quite a lot of other talent that join our board meetings that are making contributions of time and knowledge with the interest of enjoying sailing!

At tonight's board meeting, besides the above mentioned, we had Matt Thomas. He is desperately looking for photos of club events and trying to put our club history on some sort of display digitally. We don't have a glamorous clubhouse to hang 70 years of Commodores, but our history shouldn't be lost due to a lack of space. If you have anything to share, please reach out to him!

Jeremy Bush came into the club with the interest in getting sailors on the water. He's looking for a new place to meet (honestly....who REALLY loves the meatloaf, right?) He's also started up a meetup group with 100 members who share our passion for being on the water.

Penny Shen has worked with many different people to offer some unique learning experiences-from engine repair to first aid on the water, she is helping all of us become more well rounded.

There are many other important jobs as well; Membership, Social, Cruising, Racing, that make having a club membership enjoyable.

As we enter the back half of 2017 we will be looking for new people to share their talents, ideas and expertise. What are you passionate about? What would you like others to benefit from? You're a member because you like to race, cruise, and/or be social. Anyone can help us keep our traditions strong while bringing in new ideas and perspectives.

Janice VanRavenswaay

Rear Commodore

S/V Tatoosh



## Racing

Well race fans here we are in the Dog Days of Summer. The weather is nice, the winds.. not so much. We just completed The Summer Windseeker Series. Also The Three Hour Tour #3. This one went very well. Twelve boats showed up. Winds were very light but consistent. After starting Romeo Charlie trail the fleets progress. After all had rounded the infamous Madrona mark, we pull the mark and needed to get to Thea Foss Waterway as the leader were pressing. Typically we would use the Ruston Sewer outflow bouy as the turning mark; however, on this day the National Waterskiing Championships were being conducted along Point Ruston. To stay clear of there course we set a temporary mark off Katie Downs. A witness at the restaurant told us how the customer shifted to the deck and windows to view the passing yachts. That's twice in one week we were at Restaurant Row. All finished with in the time limit. A nice post race break was taken at Rock the Dock. This year there will be a fourth race in the 3 hour tour series. That will be The Awards Race on September 9th.

The Windseeker Race of August 9th will be Hosted by none other the Mr Charles Queen. He has graciously stepped forward to conduct that race in the absence of Cyndi and myself. I will be somewhere off the west coast enroute to San Francisco. ( See Dons Excellent Sailing Adventure 34 next month. ) Cyndi has work obiligations out of stae. We will see you for the August 16th race. For Chuck's effort "Gypsy Queen" will be scored a tied for first in the race he is emceeing. Thank you very much Chuck! Later this season we will be asking for skipper to help for a couple of the Pont Series race. Let us know if you can help. We will get you check out on RC. Stand by for more on this for next year. Let's Go Racing.

Don Kimball CYCT RC

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## Commodore (Continued)

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hospital." No Uber available so we took a ride in a cab that wanted to be a Prius rally car. Up to Swedish on the hill. Labor crisis averted my son handed me his keys and said, "go sleep at our house." Which we did.

After a huge breakfast in Georgetown, we headed back to Swedish where – sorry, I am not cleared to report this part – ending in me bringing the boat home alone Sunday afternoon while Julie hitched a ride in a car.

Yes, tis the boating season.

Ken St. John  
Commodore  
S/V Naughty By Nature

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# Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2017 Race Calendar

<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 16</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>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 30</b>	<b>Windseekers - Late Summer Series</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 9</b>	<b>Windseekers 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>





## Cruising

I have put myself on a mission of sorts to see what goes on "behind the scenes" on the Race Committee boat. I didn't really have any expectations so being an unknown for me and only seeing the Race Committee Boat from afar as a race participant, I felt it was time for me to take the plunge.



At first I only observed while Cindi Larrison, the "Voice of RC, explained how to get the marks inflated. Then it was hands on getting those over sized balloons into the boat and positioned just so, in hopes they would not be blown out into the bay.

There's a lot to be said of Sail Flow. Yeah it does lie, and frequently. Seems there's a song I recall....and Sail Flow lies.... But I digress. If you think that the marks are just placed anywhere, think again. Sail Flow is a main factor in seeing which direction the winds are coming from at the time of mark placements, but also being able to think ahead if the winds change. Depth is another concern when placing the marks. Think about hauling up over 100ft of line and rode with an anchor at the end. No windless here. Thanks to Don Kimball and Rich Morales for being the "strong men."

Once the marks have been set, it's important to notify Vessel Traffic that Windseekers Race will be taking place and then to notify them once the race is finished. There is quite a bit of action going on inside this little boat. One must monitor 3 radios- Channels 16, 14 and 68. Imagine if you will, three different conversations coming in all at once. Vessel Traffic saying something, race boats checking in and coming by RC to check in, and perhaps the Coast Guard. I have begun to realize that three people are best

suited to make orchestrated sense of a race dance.

I soon discovered that being the person to write down the boats names and occasionally their sail numbers is a lot harder than I expected. See in your minds a washing machine, and the boat being tossed around. Now try writing legibly those names, numbers and eventually the mid-times and finish names and times. If you are prone to being queasy, this is not for you. But it's not always that way I'm assured.

Flags, let's talk about the Race Flags. I'm still very new to this and even though the poles have what each flag means, you must be sure to follow the sequence clock/timer. Not a good time to be talking on radios. Once the course and start times have been announced hopefully all boats are watching the flags and listening for their start time horn. PHRF, Challenger Class, and Windseekers go through this sequence. So it's a dance of flags.

After all the boats are on their way, RC can take a short break to have a snack and refreshments and are most agreeable to gifts of food or refreshments from racers. The watch person has binoculars in hand, (thanks Rich and Don) watching the boats and paying special attention to the boats coming to either the half way point mark noting the boat name and time if they have another round to go, and also documenting all the finishing boats names and times. He/she calls out that information, the second person calls out the name of the boat and time which is then recorded on the Race Sheet by the third person. Let me tell you, it can be "organized chaos" when more that one boat is crossing the finish.

Next comes retrieving the marks, deflating them and putting the RC boat to bed. Another close to a successful Windseekers Race.

I would encourage our membership to spend a time or two on RC to better understand the inner workings. Remember, RC is all volunteer. If we don't have volunteers, CYCT has no Windseekers. Besides, it really can be fun. Try it!

Fair winds,  
Angie Morales  
Fleet Captain Cruising  
S/V La Gitana

## CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise	Host	Location
August 5	CYCT Picnic	Jen Ihlen and Eli Stopka	Dockton
August 19-20	3rd Annual Zombie Cruise	Don and Debbie McAdams	DesMoines Marina
September 2-4	Labor Day Weekend Cruise	Fred and Ursula Ahrens	TBD
October 28-29	Windseekers Cruise	Eric and Aubre Nelson	Eastern Washington
November 18-19	Wacky Commodore's Cruise/LeMans	Gary and Joy Ballentine	Arabella's Landing
December 16	CYCT Christmas Party	CYCT Club	Brown's Pt. Improvement
December 31	UnCruise New Year's Eve Party	CYCT	TBD



# THE THIRD ANNUAL ZOMBIE CRUISE!

AUGUST 19-20 at Des Moines Marina

There are spaces reserved for 10 boats, so call, text or Facebook Deb or Don McAdams to hold your spot.

Best costume contest, scavenger hunt and zombie trivia contests.

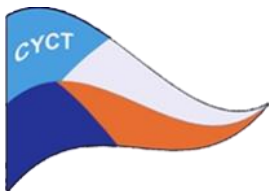
Pulled pork provided, bring your favorite sides, salads or desserts and beverage of choice.

Debbie- 253-640-7429

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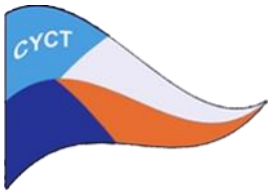




# Summer 2017 in Pictures







# Meeting Minutes

## CYCT General Meeting Minutes 2017

Month: July

The meeting was called to order @7:26 pm by our Commodore, Ken St. John.

There were no new Guests present at this meeting.

**\*\*\* Shining Light Award:** Both Nominees were “approved”

Nominated by Don Kimball, and seconded – “**Lisa Cochran**” for all her nursing knowledge & attention to Steve Ryan, when he got injured on Constellation in the Van Isle’s Race.

Jeremy , was also nominated for rescuing Jenn Tenney, when she fell off the Laser into the bay without a PDF.

**\*\* Angie** suggested we need to have a ladder at the Dinghy Dock for just such incidents!

The Chicken Award was **unanimously** awarded to Jen Tenney, for falling off the laser into the Bay.

### Reports:

\_\_ **Vice Commodore: Don Kimball** - No Report

\_\_ **Rear Commodore: Janice Vanravensway** -- Asked for volunteers to help with cleaning out the club House \* She also mentioned about getting letters typed up for getting reciprocal mooring at various marina’s.

\_\_ **Past Commodore: Eric Nelson** - Eric, Aubrey, Janice, Brock & others went to California for Race Week and did really well representing the PNW – enjoyed great days of racing.

\_\_ **Treasurer: Bill Jenks** - Stated we have \$32,300. in Checking & \$4,200.00 in Savings.

\_\_ **Secretary: Debbie McAdams** - No Report – Gone to Whidbey Race week

\_\_ **Membership Chair: Jennifer & Tom Tenney** - Also gone to Whidbey Race week.

\_\_ **Fleet Captain Cruising: Angie & Rich Morales** - Could not make the July 4<sup>th</sup> Cruise to Brownsville,

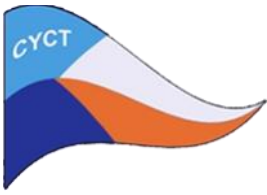
Due to a medical appt. previously made. But a great time was had by all w/ Cindi & Bill hosting. They did a great job of planning yummy breakfast of champagne & orange juice – delicious muffins & yogurt & fruit. They held fun dingy races in the bay & 3 legged races too. Beautiful fireworks at the Bremerton bridge on July 1<sup>st</sup> and then on July 3<sup>rd</sup> more fireworks in Poulsbo. We had 8 boats participating – Dana showed up on Mayhem, and Ken & Julie drove over and shared their catch of fresh Crab for our dinner meal. –

The next Cruise Angie reminded everyone is Aug.19/20<sup>th</sup> in DesMoines – Hosted by Deb & Don McAdams. The Theme being “Zombie Land or your favorite Ghoul”!! Can’t wait to see all the creative costumes that show up.

**Fleet Captain Racing: Don Kimball** – A big thank you to Cindi /Angie/ Rich for running last Wednesday Race night ... while Don was doing the Van Isle’s Race. On Saturday’s Race – “Rustin Classic 3 hour tour #2 “ - 4 PHRF Finishers - 2 Windseekers HOC’s - Phoenix & Raven only Finishers.

\_\_ **Education: Penny Shen** -- No Report, not present.

\_\_ **Social: Jennifer Ihlen** - Jenny spoke about the upcoming Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Picnic@ Dockton – the theme being **Flappers & Gangsters**.



# Meeting Minutes

- \_\_\_ **Club Merchandise: Jenn Tenney** - No Report – not present.
- \_\_\_ **Main Sheet: John Coyne** – No Report – not present.
- \_\_\_ **Sunshine: Julie St. John** – Life's been a bit crazy with a very active granddaughter .... Enough said.... ;o )
- \_\_\_ **Webmaster: Greg Sandwich** - No Report.
- \_\_\_ **Historian: Matt Thomas** - Still asking if anyone has some really old pictures from the club from years ago.
- \_\_\_ **Long Range Planning: Jeremy Bush** - No Report - not present.
- \_\_\_ **Floating Assets: Joe Salz** - No Report – not present
- \_\_\_ **Publicity: Cindy Craig** - No Report – not present
- \_\_\_ **Women's Sailing: Dana** mentioned a planning meeting to happen in the next couple of weeks.
- \_\_\_ **Trophies: Steve Wagner**: No Report – not present
- \_\_\_ **Racing Protests: Eric Nelson** – 1 Protest – “Turbo” filed by Gypsy Queen.
- \_\_\_ **PHRF Director: Eric Nelson** - No Report.
- \_\_\_ **PHRF Handicappers: Ron Holbrook** - No Report.
- \_\_\_ **NW Boating Council: Ron Holbrook** - No Report.
- \_\_\_ **Dinghies: Eric Nelson** – No Report.
- \_\_\_ **Commodore: Ken St John** - Shared he's working w/Don Kimball on getting together a Nominating committee and as there are several Chairs that need to be filled next year:
  - Secretary**
  - Cruise**
  - Race Chair committee**
  - Rear Commodore**
- \_\_\_ **Dinghy Dock :**
- Old Business:** none
- New Business:** Kelly & Brenda joined our Raft up in Brownsville – flying Cyct burgee.
- Don Kimball - suggested using “Battle Flags” with printed award sheet for Trophies
- \_\_\_ **Speakers:** No Speakers for our Summer meetings.

\*\* Motion to adjourn the meeting was made & seconded by Debbie Kimball at about 8:55

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Kimball ( for Debbie McAdams – Recording Secretary.)





## 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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S/V Respite



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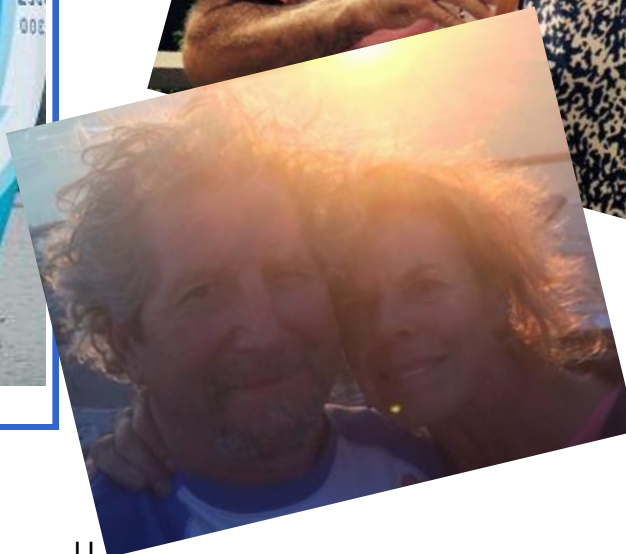
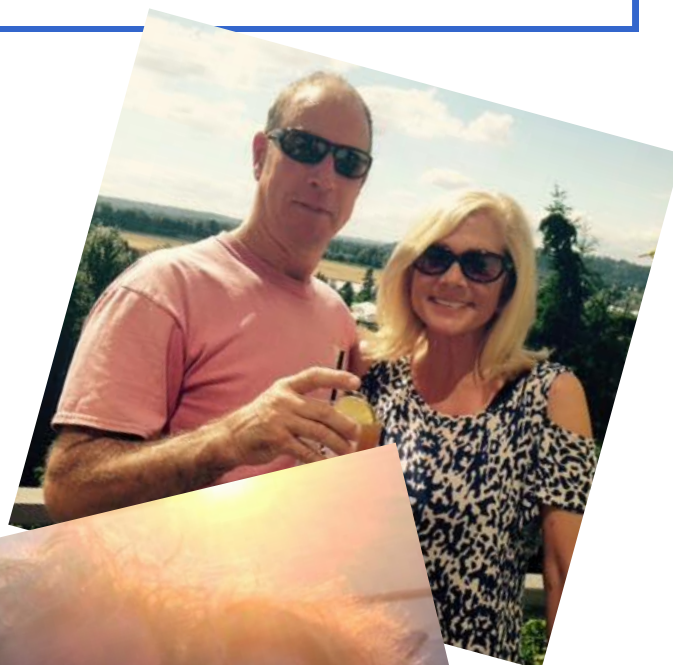
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S/V Kokomo



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# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 WINDSEEKERS Late Summer Series	3	4	5 CYCT Picnic
6	7	8	9 WINDSEEKERS Late Summer Series	10	11	12
13	14 7 PM General Meeting The Clubhouse @ Tyee Marina	15	16 WINDSEEKERS Late Summer Series	17	18	19 CYCT VASHON CHALLENGE 3rd Annual Zombie Cruise
20 3rd Annual Zombie Cruise	21	22	23 WINDSEEKERS Late Summer Series	24	25	26
27	28 7 PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)	29	30 WINDSEEKERS Late Summer Series	31		

# September 2017

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

Photo by Ken St. John

Check [CYCT.com](http://CYCT.com) for additional information on meetings and races



# Sunshine



The Sunshine Committee (me) has rather fallen down on her job this past month. My life has become rather complicated having full custody of a precious, but very active, 2 year old. I will be taking the rest of the summer off from sending cards and hope to resume in September. Thank you for all of your support and understanding.

Julie St. John  
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## Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

<b>Ursula Ahrens</b>	<b>August 4</b>
<b>Terry Anderson</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Becky Flanagan</b>	<b>August 26</b>
<b>Connie Holbrook</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Steve Ryan</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>Gary Sandwick</b>	<b>August 1</b>
<b>Michael Stanford</b>	<b>August 10</b>
<b>Jen Tenney</b>	<b>August 4</b>



### On The Cover

Wonderful  
Wednesdays

Photo by Joey  
Soller (crew on  
Asylum)

## Saw it on Facebook



**Chuck Queen**  
 July 16 at 5:13pm · Tacoma

Just a nice shot of Gardyloo from Windsday night.

Like
 Comment

You, Michelle Gaspaire, Jennifer Madsen Tenney and 7 others

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Write a comment...

**Cindy Craig** with Donald Kimball and Bill Jenks.  
 July 4 at 9:10pm · Brownsville

Thanks to all who joined Bill and me for our first CYCT hosted cruise! We hope you enjoyed our journey and stay in Brownsville, our group trip aboard Eleven to see fireworks in Bremerton on Saturday, the Bad Captains Olympics on Sunday... Thanks to Jeremy and Joy and Gary Ballentine for offering up their dinghies...! And we appreciate Janice and Brock and Julie and Ken who went the distance to join us! 😊 Not many pics but here's a few...

Like
 Comment

Jeremy Bush, Jennifer Madsen Tenney and 19 others

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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 25th of the month (send your post to [jmainsheet@cyct.com](mailto:jmainsheet@cyct.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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# The View From the Rear

(Musings of a Casual Racer)

## You Can't Learn it All Out of a Book

"You can't learn it all out of a book."

I used to hear that all of the time during my college years when I worked in a grocery store. The manager constantly teased me with those words. And he's right.

You can't learn it all out of a book. But you can learn a lot. Also, it can give you a head start on learning.

I was thinking about those words last week when I freed RC's anchor. I'd heard the previous Wednesday that the anchor was stuck fast to the bottom and unable to free it, the crew had attached the line to an orange buoy. The next morning I had gone out to drop a crab pot before work and seeing the buoy though "I'll give it a try!"

It was stuck. I mean really stuck! I tied the line to the cleat on the boat and went in circles. I wrapped the line on my primary winch and hulled until the boat heeled. I finally left it there and headed for work.

That afternoon, after checking my empty crab pot, I stopped at the orange buoy to try something I had "learned out of a book." I attached my two 50-foot lines I keep for the locks together. To them I attached my biggest, heaviest carabiner. We pulled the anchor line tight and dropped that carabiner down the line until it would drop no more. From there we wrapped the line with the carabiner around the cleat and started to motor off.

We never even felt a strain. We were motoring along at two knots and decided "it must be free." And it was. I couldn't believe a little Danforth could hold so fast. Most importantly, I learned it out of a book.

You can learn a lot out of a book. Also, it's a great way to pass a winter evening or down time on the hook. I have a copy of the Annapolis Guide to Sailing as well as Nigel Calder's book on boat maintenance on board the Naughty boat. There is always something new in there. I have another book called Plain Sailing that I review regularly and one on docking. All good for passing the time.

One thing though – you can't learn it all out of a book. Especially things like docking and sail trim. You've got to practice them. I was talking with a friend yesterday who spends his time on other friends classic motor yachts. He has the same book on docking but he doesn't get the helm time to practice what he reads about. That makes it tough.



So there's a pattern here – read about it, try it. If you're lucky you have someone who can watch and advise while you try it. That was something great about being a duck captain, time on the water with someone advising you as you practice what you've studied.

Yesterday, before leaving Shilshole marina, I stopped to top up the diesel. Some dinghy captain had parked his inflatable perfectly to provide a couple of 45 foot slips. That makes it tough when you're on your own in a 38 footer. Good time to use that back and fill. I get a lot of comments when I move the boat sideways into a spot using this technique. They say "you make that look easy." Well, I learned it out of a book. Then I practiced it – really. (And sometimes it all goes south, like at a club event or any other crowded dock.)

So no – you can't learn it all out of a book. But you can learn a lot. Try it.

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