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Commodore

New Traditions

Yacht clubs are all about traditions. The uniforms, the salutes, the reverence for the ensign, the burgee, old ladies in blue sweaters and white pants carrying little rat dogs. But I digress. I make no bones about it – I envy the Tacoma Yacht Club and their wall of commodores and trophies older than Noah's ark. I even renamed us the "Royal Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma" in honor of the "Royal Vic" for our British cruise.

Tradition is part of what makes our clubs so special. Much as with a rose garden though, sometimes you need a new tradition and maybe it's time to toss an old tradition or at least prune it back!

Last weekend Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig hosted the Bad Captain's Nautical Olympics. The fifth annual I might add. Now being the fifth makes it almost tradition to me. I started the BCNOs five years four years ago when desperate for a cruise theme. It's been an entertaining – I hope – series of what is largely a nautical trivia game.

Guess what – Cindy and Bill had not attended the Bad Captain's! Their Olympics was totally different – and that was cool. It was fun to see their twist and we all had a great time.



It is not unusual to hear that once upon a time the year was made up of the crab feed, the salmon bake, the pirate cruise, Penrose, etc. Now it's the Zombie Cruise, the Uncruise, the Bad Captain's, etc. And you know what – it's all good!

For years – as long as I've been a member – we've met at Johnny's in Fife; presumably for the meat loaf. Now some upstart named Jeremy is suggesting we meet, gulp, somewhere else. Know what – that's ok.

Times change. People change. Traditions fade. New ones emerge. I guess if you never let a tradition go you would never have room for a new one. We've even been discussing not giving out notebooks and rethinking the initiation fee. What is the world coming to?

We can consider and entertain a variety of ideas as long as we remember our bylaws and the purpose they set forth:

The purpose of the Club shall be: To promote, advance, and encourage the sport of Corinthian or amateur sailing, particularly yacht racing and cruising; to promote, advance, and encourage safe boating and the science of seamanship and navigation; to provide Club educational, social, mooring, cruising, and racing facilities for its members; to hold and take part in sailboat races and regattas with other yacht clubs and associations, and to cooperate and associate with them; to develop the friendship, sportsmanship and good fellowship of its members and the general public; to make more popular the yachting facilities of the Puget Sound area and to utilize its possibilities; and to take part in and support other outdoor sports in the Pacific Northwest.

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Vice Commodore

Don's Excellent Sailing Adventure
#3—Van Isle 360—The Outside:

This adventure began as I was able to wrangle a crew seat on Ron and Connie's J133 "Constellation". They had a crew position open for the Van Isle 360 "Outside". That would take us from Pt. Hardy on the NE corner of Vancouver Is. Down the west coast to the Straights of Juan de Fuca then the Georgia Straights back to Nanaimo.



Steve Ryan picked me up at my house the morning of August 15th. We that proceeded to Shilshoal Marina where we met up with fellow crew members Robbie, Drew and "Smoke" crew member Evan. That's where the adventure began, we received word that "Constellation" had suffered damage during a severe broach during the Telegraph Cove to Pt. Hardy leg. The heavy A-sail was blown out along with life line stanchion damage. We would make a side trip to Fisheries for parts. Then we travelled north to meet with the Tsawwassen Ferry to Nanaimo. That was uneventful, the border crossing went well. Upon arrival at the ferry terminal the attendant advised us that our reservation had been cancelled, we were two minutes late. Alas we would have to await the next sailing three hours later. We took this opportunity to stretch our legs and get some food. Our departure was in some nasty squally weather with sideways rain. Possibly part our the same system that cause so much grief on Leg#5.. I will leave that tale for others to tell. Suffice it to say Christine and Lisa found it to be VERY wet! Leaving Dukes Pt. we made our way northwards to Port Hardy. Driving in low clouds; dodging deer, we laid the end of the road in Pt. Hardy at 1:00 AM. Only after walking most of the docks did we locate "Constellation". Short nights would begin now as we crashed to be ready for our 9:00 AM start.

Port Hardy to Winter Harbour Leg #6, VI360. Thirty one boats would exit the docks for the 9:00AM start. A light breeze filled in from the north. Things were hectic on the start line as all the yachts jockeyed for position for a single start. The wind remained light as we made our way out past Duval Pt. and west out the channel between Nigel and Hope Islands and Vancouver Is. We struggled as the wind went flat. Sail change were made to eke out what we could in the nonwind conditions. Finally approaching Bull Harbor on Hope we get air. Several boats appear to be in a holding pattern. I learn the this is one of the great challenges of Leg #6. The infamous Nahwitti Bar. The Nahwitti Bar is an area between Hope Is and Cape Scott that

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shoals to some 60'. It has a nasty reputation for big waves (10-12') and severe currents. As we arrive we can see a holding pattern of several boats tacking back and forth looking for a lane through the

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Rear Commodore

As I write my article, Brock and I are driving back from 3 days of racing (and paying respects to the Mouse Kingdom with the girls) in Long Beach, CA with Eric and Aubre Nelson, John Coyne and the Gardyloo crew. We sailed in the Catalina 37 fleet, with sustained 15 knot breeze with gusts into the 20s. Great conditions that kept our 8 man crew very busy!



Becoming a part of this club continues to impact our lives in ways we couldn't imagine. The most recent weekend resulted in a significant amount of bruises, but that is sailboat racing. Just a few years ago sitting on the low side of a boat was nerve racking enough for me. I look back at one evening with the women's group on Radiant panicking about a squall coming through and Cheryl White wanting me to sit on the low side to grind. Fast forward to double handing the foredeck with rails in the water while hoisting and dropping sails into a windward mark.

May I just say...I have a whole new respect for the foredeck crew! They make the magic happen as long as you watch where you stand and move fast enough!!

Had Brock and I made the decision to sell our old boat Lycian a few years ago over joining the club, I'm not sure exactly what we would have been doing this weekend. Brock would have been watching a nascar race wishing he could be part of a race crew. I would be reading books about other peoples adventures.

We are excited to pass down this passion for sailing to our children too, as Brooke will be attending junior sailing with our friends at Tacoma Yacht Club. As for Julia, don't be surprised to see her on the bow with her Disney bubbles and Moana dress at an upcoming cruise!

Janice VanRavenswaay

Rear Commodore

S/V Tatoosh

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Vice Commodore (continued)

currents. We make one lap in the pattern and go for it. The winds are better and have shifted SW so we continue windward towards Winter Harbor. Rounding Cape Scott we change course to SSE to lay the finish line off the Light House on Kains Is. The scenery is spectacular with virgin wilderness, sea otters even Dahl Porpoise . We finished; I believe, 4th. However a start line protest cost us 20% time penalty that makes us 8th. Winter Harbor could fit your cliché of a small remote fishing village. Weathered buildings on the waterfront and small commercial and sport fishing fleet. The village population grows from a low of 8-12 people to a crowd of 400 with the arrival of fishermen and the sailors of the VI360. The General Store is open and well stocked for our arrival. The village mounts a BBQ for the sailors. Good food , lots of beer and great people. Rested after our layday we head out for another early 9:00 AM Start.

Winter Harbor to Ucluelet Leg #7. VI360. This is the longest leg. Some 138 miles down the wild west coast of Vancouver Is. We start SW in string winds and waves. Once again a beat. The skipper has given us a great start, at times we are looking at the bow of a TP52. Tacking SW towards Brookes Peninsula the wind increases the waves get bigger. Abeam Brookes Peninsula dropping off a big a crewmember falls from the windward side of the cockpit and crashes his back onto a leeward winch. It is very apparent that he is injured. Lisa takes him below to make an assessment of his injury. Lisa reports that the injury is a cracked or broken ribs. We have no option but to Retire and return to Winter Harbor to provide medical care. (for you hardcores.. we only considered duct tape and stowing in a locked for only 30 seconds or so). Joke.. As we jibe off the wind the speed is good and the ride way more comfortable. We are able to reach our shore team in Port Hardy, so they can return to pick up our crewmate. Our ground crew Connie, Ed and Sue Pinkham met as at the dock. At this point is a great time to point out how great it is having Lisa aboard. Lisa is a natural born care giver. She makes sure the crew takes care of its self and tended too. Just a joy and pleasure to crew with. When the SHTF first in to aid and assist. Lisa YOU ROCK! Once the crewmate is on his way "Constellation" departs for Ucluelet. Motoring now we head for one of the jewels of the west side of Vancouver Is. Twenty or so miles south of Winter Harbor is Klaskish inlet We enter though a pass just over a boatlength wide with low cliffs on each side. Inside is a sheltered holes perfect for a nights rest. It takes a couple times to get the anchor to set. Well set it was as holding was tested by some strong gust during the night. During the the fleet now south of Brookes experienced 35 – 40 knot gust. In the morning we aweighed anchor and continued our journey southbound to Ucluelet As we rounded Brookes the wind wend light again, still on the nose. Under motor we would arrive at the finish line with the fleet. Navigating in to the harbor can be a bit hair. Having people who have been there before is huge. We docked around 1 AM. With two lay days in Ucluelet we had time for laundry, arranging the boat and repairs., some more than others. A racer rafted to us did a major clean up as one of the crew suffered badly Mal de Mer. To his credit, he was doing the clean up. The town welcomes the VI360 fleet with open arms. Each visit a couple of

grades from the school visits the fleet brings gifts for their assigned boats. In turn the yacht crew bestow gifts for the guest and a full ships tour. Later that afternoon the sailors enjoy a fabulous salmon feed.

Ucluelet to Victoria Leg #8 VI360. This turned out to be one of

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the most challenging starts. As our Skipper Ron put it. "Have never seen waves this big on a start line" . The start was another 9 AM start. Eight foot waves with short intervals plowed in to the bows. Lisa was once again to get wet, while levitated trying to tread on the jib. Winds were once again strong (20 – 25). After clearing the point we set the medium A-sail only to have it hang up on a jib atten and tear. Down it came and below to repair the tear. Even with a #3 and main it was a great ride seeing 10 + on the knot meter. Later on thanks to great repair work by Robbie and Dana we were able to get her up and rolling. This was by far the best leg. Running down wind . I think I heard 14 knots. (later speaking with a crew from the TP52, he said they were able to maintain 22 kts for 5 minutes surfing on wave sets). While this leg was the most fun, we ended up sixth. We arrive in Victoria just before 1 AM (of course.. the bars close at !.). Victoria is always a great place to spend time.

Victoria – Nanaimo Leg #9 VI360. The final leg of VI360 2017 started off Clover Point in light wind. Good enough to get going. Many option were discussed. Which pass to use, do we do Boundry Pass to get to the good wind in the Straights of Georgia? With the start we picked our way thru the rocks and small passes of the Trial and Discovery Islands. Things went well until just north of Spencer Spit the wind died, we were on the flood drifting the right direction until we got caught in a powerful eddy. As we were spun around five times near the rocks. We watched as competitor escaped and following boat got nearer. Finally we broke free. Now we check our breakout options to the Straights. Two and a half hours before Active Pass slams shut. All are focused on getting thru the pass. We tread our way staying in the river avoiding the ever approaching BC Ferries. Finally we make it. In to the freshing breeze of the Georgia Straights. Tacking our way north. Night falls and we are still miles away. Then we see the lights of Nanaimo and boats stuck short of the finish. Our efforts are redoubled, the wind picks up and soon we are reaching at 8.5 knots, galloping to the finish. Van Isle 360 2017 ends near 1 AM (again). We finish 3rd. We are fourth overall. Not too bad considering what happened and what did not happen. We sack out at 2:30 am to get up to catch the 7 AM ferry.

What a great time it was. Thanks to Constellations Skipper, Crew and Land support team. Excellent Sailing Adventure #3. Check.. Done.

Don Kimball
CYCT Vice Commodore
S/V Cool Kat.



Racing



From the Editor's Desk

Hey all, Racing continues at a furious pace. Van Isle 360 was just completed. Congrats to Ron & Connie's "Constellation" for their 4th overall finish. Not a small feat considering all the trials and tribulations. My sincere thanks for permitting me to crew.



Other CYCT notables racing were Tom O'Hara on "White Cloud" 3rd Overall and Laura Crews on "Equus". TransPac 2017 is underway at this writing. Of course America's Cup is done, with USA being DONE, Congrats to the Kiwi's, well done. Locally Three Hour Tour #1 was completed amongst the Tall Ships Festival in Tacoma and the Windseekers Summer Series is in progress. Thank you Cyndi Larison and Rich Morales for covering for me while I was out playing. The July 5th Windseeker Race was cancelled and rescheduled due to the proximity to the 4th. In its place a Commencement Bay Raft-up occurred. Eight boats showed up for the Taco feed. Thanks to Anj and crew on Windsong for providing "short order cooks".

I have asked for volunteers to assist the Race Committee. A few have stepped forward. (Mostly the Ladies). One Skipper has come forward to run a series. That boat will relieve a ties for 1st place for the races he covers. We are open to all suggestions.

NOW! THERE'S RACING TO BE DONE! LET'S SAIL!

Don Kimball CYCT RC

One of the benefits of editing the Mainsheet is that I pretty much get to do what I want. (With Ken's permission, though). June 23—25 2017 the "Gardlyoo Travelin' Road Show", which is our alter-ego, traveled to the great state of California to compete in Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week. We have done this for several years now, under the skilled leadership of Past Commodore Eric Nelson. We represented CYCT in good form, and had a FANTASTIC time. Lots of great sailing, and not too many bumps and bruises this year, netted us a 6th in Class (Catalina 37 Class), out of 9 boats this year. Considering that we were 4 people lighter on the boat that we have been in past years, I'll take that! Several people learned a bunch of new stuff about sailing that weekend, and we even brought John Hoag of the Seattle Shrek fame, to rock it on the foredeck for us. A great time was had by all, and I'm sure the Road Show will saddle up again next year!

Here's a couple pictures for your enjoyment

(we're boat #2, teal kite)

Fair Winds,

John Coyne

Mainsheet Editor

Crew, S/V Gardlyoo

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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

Be sure to check the May Mainsheet and CYCT website for the Calendar with remaining cruises for the year.

Fair winds,
Rich and Angie Morales
Fleet Captains Cruising

June 17-18 the Tyee to Tyee Tall Ships Cruise in Tacoma had a great turnout. Many CYCT members showed up on Friday the 16th as early arrivers for a get together on La Gitana.

Saturday, June 17th the First of the 3 Hour Tour Race was run. While those that participated in that race others were free to visit the Foss Waterway to tour the Tall Ships visiting this year.



Saturday night Ken and Julie St. John hosted the fabulous BBQ of burgers, sausages, and veggie kabobs for the hungry masses. There were plenty of sides to finish out the delicious dishes on hand.

A couple of Lazars were set up for those who wanted to venture out into the Marina. There were brave souls who wanted the challenge and then as luck would have it, someone slipped off one of the lazars (Jenn Tenney), and went for a cold dunk. Can you say "Chicken"??. Yep she will be the new recipient of the beautiful chicken. Look forward for the chicken call and walk soon. A perfect bonfire rounded out the evening at the CYCT Clubhouse fire pit.



Sunday a breakfast was prepared by Hosts Commodore Ken St. John along with his Sunshine, the L&G Mrs. St. John. If you went hungry it was your own fault.

Our next cruise will be July 1-4. Hosts are Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig at Brownsville Marina. The main CYCT meal will be on July 3rd. More information coming soon.



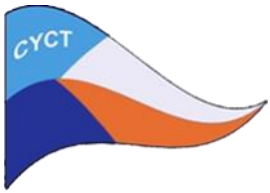
August 19-20 Third Annual Zombie Cruise at Des Moines Marina. Host are the McAdams. Details to follow soon.

CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise	Host	Location
May 6-7	SYC Opening Day	Club Sponsored Event	Seattle Yacht Club
May 26 - 29	Memorial Day Cruise	Tom and Jenn Tenney	Dockton
June 17-18	Tall Ships Cruise	Ken & Julie St. John	Tyee
July 1-4	Independence Day Cruise	Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig	Brownsville Marina
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

Racing and Cruising—CYCT June and July 2017





Meeting Minutes

CYCT General Meeting Minutes 2017

Month: June

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

Guests- Paul Grove who sails with Christine Nelson on Slick, new crewmember. Caroline Brumfield, AJ's (new crew member on Asylum) wife. Motion was made by Jen Tenney and seconded by Matt Thomas to approve the May General Meeting minutes as published in the Mainsheet.

Shining Light Award: Nominees- Nomination by Don Kimball –Matt Thomas with his dog Fido who together motored over to help a guy who jumped off his boat and could not get back on board. He was able to climb up Matt's ladder to safety.

Reports

___ Vice Commodore: Don Kimball- Next year is rapidly approaching. We need to start looking at filling positions, Secretary, Cruising, PHRF, Race Chair, and more. Getting involved helps you feel like you are getting more bang for your buck.

___ Rear Commodore: Janice Vanravenswaay- no report

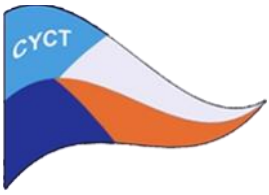
___ Past Commodore: Eric Nelson- no report

___ Treasurer: Bill Jenks- We have money in the bank.

___ Secretary: Debbie McAdams- I will need someone to fill in for me at next month's general meeting while I am at Whidbey Island Race Week. Debbie Kimball volunteered to do it. Thanks, Debbie!

___ Membership Chair: Jennifer and Tom Tenney— Printing out membership cards. Pay your dues and she'll get it to you. AJ and Caroline Brumfield, new crew here and Scott and Phyllis Radford, new active members on Glory Days, will be doing the Baja Haha this year.

___ Fleet Captain Cruising: Angie and Rich Morales: Memorial Day Cruise was lots of fun. A British theme and hosted by the Tenneys. High tea and fancy hat contests went with really good British food, Yes, really- Scotch eggs, Bangers and Mash, Shepherds Pie, pimento cheese sandwiches and cucumber sandwiches! This weekend is the Tall Ships Festival, Father's Day, and a race. Get your boat over to Tyee II if you're not already moored there and do what you like during the day then meet back in the evening to Hang Out On Boats\$20 + proof of insurance gets you an overnight stay at Tyee. Hamburgers provided on Saturday night. Sunday morning breakfast provided. 4th of July- Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig will host at the Brownsville Marina. They will have a flyer out soon as well as post it on CYCT Facebook page. They will have the Bad Captains Summer Olympics with music by Gabe Calhoun. And Poulsbo has fireworks on July 3rd. Aug 19-20 is the 3rd annual Zombie Cruise hosted by the McAdams, wear your zombie costumes or your favorite monster costumes, fun and games will be provided. . Labor Day Sept 3-5 hosted by Fred and Ursula Ahrens in Eagle Harbor. Oct 28-29 "Wine-Seekers Uncruise" drive over to eastern Washington for wine tastings hosted by Eric and Aubrey Nelson. Nov 18-19 Wacky Commodores Cruise- Gary and Joy Ballentine will host at Arabella's Landing in Gig



Meeting Minutes

Harbor. Saturday, Dec 16 is the Christmas party at Browns Point Improvement Club. Reservations are made. New Year's Eve Uncruise is at Tyee II on Dec 31. Commodore's Ball is in January.

___ Fleet Captain Racing: Don Kimball- This Saturday is the Manzanita Margarita race. Finish is supposed to be at the Foss Waterway but with the Tall Ships Festival we may have to move it. Cyndi Larisson and Rich Morales will run the race. A Windseekers race is scheduled for July 5, but Don will cancel it and reschedule it for the end of August. He will also reschedule the Labor Day Awards race to the following week.

___ Education: Penny Shen – not present no report

___ Social: Jennifer Ihlen- The Summer Picnic is Aug 5 at Dockton at 2 pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Looking into when crab season is to schedule a crab feed.

___ Club Merchandise: Jen Tenney- will start carrying merchandise at August general meeting. Will be out of town for the July General meeting.

___ Mainsheet: John Coyne- not present. The Mainsheet is out.

___ Sunshine: Julie St. John- Cheryl White had back surgery and is doing well. Ken and Julie's 38th anniversary is this Thursday.

___ Webmaster: Greg Sandwick- no report

___ Historian- Matt Thomas- Collecting photos of members from past years, former Commodore's in uniform with a blurb about your reign, club activities – cruises and races, Bowling parties, roller skating parties, skiing parties, etc with a little blurb about who, what and where. Include your name and contact info so they can be returned to you.

___ Long Range Planning: Jeremy Bush—The Meet Up group is getting people out on boats! More than 30 so far. The next series is posted. When you get people you want to keep coming back it's up to you to keep in contact with them. Talking about not going back to Johnny's for General meetings and are looking for another spot for them.

___ Floating Assets: Joe Salz— GPS chart plotter is not working, \$200 at auto zone should fix that.

___ Publicity: Cindy Craig- not present, no report.

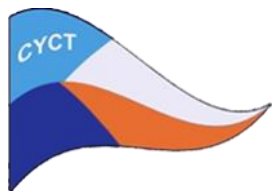
___ Women's Sailing: We should plan a planning meeting. Went to Olympia Seminar. Deb McAdams won big- \$100 gift certificate for services at Swantown Marine, a canvas toolbar loaded with boat repair goodies, and a case of red wine. Get your tickets early for next year.

___ Trophies: Steve Wagner- not present, no report

___ Racing Protests: Eric Nelson-no report

___ PHRF Director: Eric Nelson— no report

___ PHRF Handicapper: Ron Holbrook— no report



Meeting Minutes

___ NW Boating Council: Ron Holbrook— no report

___ Dinghies: Eric Nelson- no report

___ Commodore's Report: Ken St John—A new kayak rack is now on the dinghy dock \$5 moorage for kayaks and \$10 for lasers payable to CYCT. In talks with the Foss Waterway Seaport about getting discounts for and possible use of the Seaport for a clubhouse. Still need a lot more talking. It would be nice to have a spot to put trophies etc. Also in talks with the Mountaineers to get discounted memberships for CYCT members.

Dinghy dock-

___ Old Business—none

___ New Business--none

___ Speaker: No speaker for the summer meetings.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Don McAdams and seconded by Jen Tenney. The meeting was adjourned at 1958.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie McAdams



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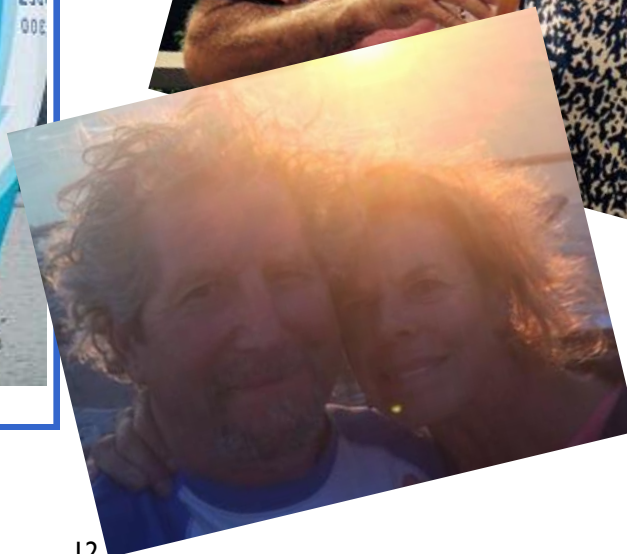
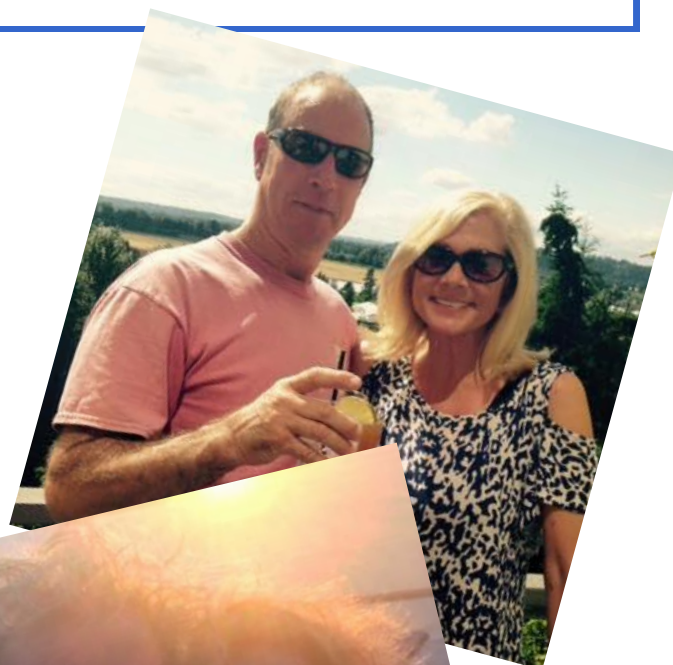
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July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 July 4th Cruise TBD
2 July 4th Cruise TBD	3 July 4th Cruise TBD	4	5 WINDSEEKERS Summer Series	6	7	8 3-Hour Tour Series Race #2
9	10 7 PM General Meeting	11	12 WINDSEEKERS Summer Series	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 WINDSEEKERS Summer Series	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 WINDSEEKERS Late Summer Series	27	28	29 3-Hour Tour Series Race #3
30	31 7 PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)					

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 WINDSEEKERS Late Summer Series	3	4	5
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 2nd Annual Zombie Cruise XXX
20 2nd Annual Zombie Cruise XXX	21	22	23 WINDSEEKERS Late Summer Series	24	25	26
27	28 7 PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)	29	30	31		

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Check CYCT.com for additional information on meetings and races

Sunshine

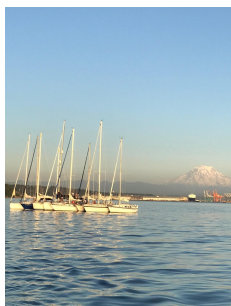


Please let me know if you think someone could use a little cheering up with a card!

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Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Cindy Chao	July 15
Rich Morales	July 18
Jeremy Bush	July 19
Tom O'Hara	July 20
Cindy Craig	July 21
Joy Ballentine	July 23
Chuck Welter	July 23
Cyndi Larrison	July 27
Todd Murray	July 31
Christine Nelson	July 31



On The Cover

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The View From the Rear

(Musings of a Casual Racer)

The End Is Near

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O'Brian books. This series follows the namesake character at much the same progression as the Aubrey/Maturin series with Hornblower beginning as a young midshipman and rising through the ranks in the same Napoleonic wars. But where Aubrey is a courageous and gregarious leader who can botch the most common proverb (a bird in the hand waits for no man) and is loved and respected by those who sail under him. Hornblower is an introverted polyglot who frets over every action, becomes seasick at anchor, confides in no one and is loved and respected by those who sail under him. Aubrey is the life of the party and Hornblower is the nervous guy in the corner.

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Afterword - I wrote this article several years ago and published it on the Three Sheets Northwest web site. It received a bunch of responses of sympathy and recommendation. I sat Captain Aubrey aside for a few years, coming back about six months ago. I re-read a couple of books and now have only one left. Sigh. I've also read all of the Hornblower novels. Since then I've started on the Bolitho novels. Kind of Master and Commander light. A few other series as well. Maybe my current favorite is Dewey Lamdin's "Alan Lewrie" novels. Kind of a bad boy Jack Aubrey with all of the sex and no pixilation!