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Commodore

When I took over editing the Mainsheet five or so years ago, one of the things I wanted to avoid was the editor, the commodore, the vice commodore, and the rear commodore all commenting" on that time of year when the leaves start to turn, there's a bit of nip in the air..." And then I went and did it in my article last month.



This summer just vanished. Having a three-year-old around makes it fly. Working in manufacturing where you are always trying to "make the month" really does it. Racing season was in ways a bust and in other ways one of my best. My plaque boasted one entry – a second place in the single hand though my crew jelled like never before. Partly, we were in a tough bracket (that old chestnut) and I had to miss at least one race per series due to work or child care.

Whatever the reasons – Wednesday was pushing 90 degrees, today, Saturday, the patio is wet, temperatures are down, and leaves are starting to cover the lawn.

Thank goodness, our club does not stop in the winter! There's a race going on today – soon they'll be passing my

house. There are three more cruises coming up including the second edition of the "Wineseekers Cruise" – a land yacht trip over the mountain and a return to a club favorite, Arabella's.

And club elections! The nomination roster is filling up nicely but there is no rule that we can't have multiple names on there. Refer to last month's article for the positions. Throw your hat in the ring if you like. Talk to any of the commodores. We have a great time as a board. Why not, we're part of a great club.

Yes, fall is here, but that's just another sailing season. Someone once asked, "do you pull your boat out of the water in winter?"

"How would I sail it?" I replied.

Hopefully I'll see you out there on the water this fall. I'll be the warm one in the pilot house! (More on that on the back page.)

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

Are you interested? Serving in the club is a rewarding experience. Drop me a line – kenneth-stjohn@gmail.com. Or talk to Don Kimball, Janice VanRavenswaay, or Eric Nelson

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Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore

Don's Excellent Sailing Adventure #5, The Poseidon Adventure or Don And Debbie do Greece.

This one starts in the early morning hours of September 13th. We meet with Tom and Jenn to share an Uber to the airport. Every vacation has to start with a couple snafu's.

This one is the car that shows up is a standard not an XL. No way will four people with luggage fit. We finally go with two cars. The flights from SEA to JFK then to ATH proved to be long but uneventful. Customs in Athens is a breeze, other than the official broke her visa stamp on my passport. They let me in anyway.

We head for the hotel. The planned Metro train trip is nixed as they are on a one day strike, ahhh Greece. We meet up with Rich and Angie Morales, it will be three cabs to the hotel. A nice thing is the prices are posted. 38 € will get us there. That includes the beautiful view of the Acropolis. Here we are in one of the great birth places of the civilized world.

We are early for our rooms at the hotel, the staff takes our bags. (really need to pack smaller). Our hotel is just three block from the base of the fortress. We are free to wander the streets. Amazingly the sidewalks and curb are made with marble. We also connect with the balance of our crew, Rick and Kaye , Jenn's parents.

We have a couple of days before we meet our ride. This day will be regrouping from our travels. Today we keep it light.

Day two in Athens is the tour day. The others opt to tour the Acropolis, Agora and our sights up the hill. Deb's back is hurting so we will keep it close. We will walk to Handrians Arch and the Olympian Temple. Maybe 1/2 mile. In this ancient city with is narrow winding streets and alley ways my sense of direction is squewd. Our short walk turned into 12,000 steps. Wandering the streets we found many quilt shops and cafes, the names of streets and stores are in place; but in Greek. So we are stand at the intersection looking at signs trying to fix our selves on the map when a hawker across the street say "free directions". We cross to get directions, he asks where we are from. We answer Seattle USA. He says "go Hawks". We have found a friend. Turns out when the consierge marked the you are here spot, he was a bit off. Our new found friend sets us straight. Talk about the Sea Hawks a bit and then head to the hotel. The hawkers in Greece are a refreshing change from what we have experienced in Mexico. They present their wares, you say your interested or not, they say thanks you and you move on



Okay, this month's article is hard to write. It is October and the Tatoosh is basically put away for the winter. However, Brock will be racing her this weekend in the Memorial Single hand race. Meanwhile, I am off to soccer games and planning Girl Scout meetings. If he gets keeps working at it, I might let him drive while I crew....JK.



Another great thing about being a member of CYCT. If you have a slower boat you can still race by crewing on a faster boat for fall and winter races!

Speaking of CYCT members, I occasionally surf the CYCT "Members Only" Facebook page. I am excited to see our members out living their sailing dreams by chartering, cruising & racing boats and having exciting adventures. I want everyone to remember by being a member you too can have an adventures this fall and winter by using reciprocal and going to www.yachtdesinations.org.

As your club officers we are listening to you. Don, Ken and I are excited about occasionally changing up the meeting location. We will post any new meeting locations on the Facebook page and the CYCT website.

I am also planning the speakers for next year. I am in contact with a marketing representative from a major bottom paint company. I am hoping to have an author of a popular cruising book give a presentation. A guest speaker, and family friend who was one of CYCT's founding members and early Commodore may give a presentation on why the club was formed and what it was like. I also would like to know what YOU would like a presentation on or if you know somebody who would like to speak to the club members. Feel free to email jvanraven@yahoo.com with your ideas!

Janice VanRavenswaay

S/V

Tatoosh

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Racing

Hey folks this is a brief note. (I used up all my space in the VC spot.) Racing continues. With the Point Series #1 and #2 complete. Next up is the Sailor Memorial Singlehand this Saturday the 7th. Followed by Point #3 and #4. A special thanks to Cyndi and crew for coving for me while I was out.. somewhere. You may see Cool Kat as RC for Saturdays Race. VHF #68. Keep it going! Don Kimball CYCT RC, SY Cool Kat



some. See meet the onsite information person. He get a brief cooks tour and history. We go purchase our tickets (we had arrived prior to opening. At this point Rich and establish an action we would follow through out the sail. We visit the local café for a cappuccino and baklava. Delicious in the open aire café with a great view.

Next up we aweigh anchor to sail a 19nm starboard reach to the island of Kea. On the Se side we anchor in a small bay with a rock island in the center. We join four other boats. The water is crystal clear, we are able to see our anchor set in 16'. Soon the other boats are gone (something we said?). Ashore unreachable only by boat or hiking are the ruins of the Temple of Apollo. Some restoration has been done. For Greece the efforts are muted by their cash strapped society. A short walk up the hill you will find several temples. Adjacent to these ruins are roman bathes and an amptheatre along with a small chapel. A small building is attended to by an old Greek gentleman who has little to say but directs us to scribe our names on an stone and place them with the others in a small shrine. On the beach there's a couple sunbathing. It only takes Deb a moment to note the guy is sans apparel. Ahhh Europe. After the day of exploration and swimming we settle in for a nice evening. The night would be somewhat fitful for us who are aroused by the shifting winds. Morning comes , we are still where we should be. Score one for confidence in our anchor.



Vice Commodore (continued)

That evening Rick and Kaye treat us to an amazing meal on the roof top garden. The view of the lit up Parthenon is stunning. The food, excellent.

It's Saturday, today we will meet SY Poseidon. After checking out of the hotel they have arranged a crew bus to take us to the Marina. We can't get the boat until 5, so we get a driving tour of the sights. Checking out Poseidon is interesting the boat rep is the owners father. He speaks very, very limited english. Of course we know no Greek. Get through it and take possession. Poseidon is a Bavarian Holiday 46. Four cabin lay out. Its late so we decide to provision in the morning. Okay, its Sunday AM. Guess what.. grocery stores are closed on Sundays. Okay we hike to the local minimarts. Enough stuff for a couple of days.. we are outta there. As we are clearing the entrance the harbor master yells they are closing thr marina at 1700. The previous day a unscrupulous ship owner scuttled his freighter causing an oil spill. The beaches are already being cleaned. The boom for the entrance is ready to go. We figure we will be gone over two weeks no worries. First stop is point Sounion and Poseidon's temple. The temple sits on an point above the sea an imposing and prominent structure. This evening Angie, Rich, Deb and myself visit the beach tavernina. Deb discovers Ouzo , for those who know she gets the giggles. A fun and crazy time was had returning to Poseidon. Then next morning Rich and I decide to recon the temple. We find an opening in the fence and off we go to scale the heights through the thistles, brush and rocks. (to be continued). We reach the temple with a few scratches and scrapes but intact. The view is just awe-

We set sail just a short distance to our next port of call. The port of Loutra on the Isle of Kythnos. We are drawn here by the lure of its hot springs. It here we do our first Med mooring. Stern to the quay with the anchor dropped out front. Loutra is a charming little port featuring cafes a small store. We can finally provision. We chose a waterside café for our lunch. Rich discovers Octopus hanging open air and learns of there process of preparation. The owners and staff are absolutely wonderful. Making us comfortable and toying with us as we make our selections. The food is outstanding. After dining we wander the town and find the hot springs running into the bay just a short walk. We are told by the café owner that each visit to the spring takes five year off your. He motions to the young lady waiting tables and exclaims that she is his mother. During our visit here each time we pass this café the proprietor makes sure we stop and relax and always provides water or other want. Indeed a gracious people. Angie starts up a conversation with an elderly lady at the hot springs and finds a new friend , gaining knowledge and history of Loutra and Kythnos. Later that evening after dinner we establish another cruise tradition. Gelato. One we would continue. That evening we shower in the quaint marina show. (quaint as in one shower with the toilet in the shower.) The next morning we bid farewell to Kythnos.

Our next trek is to the island of Mykonos and her port city of the same name. This is again a reach of 44 km. The winds are fair and we make great time. We find a busy port with cruise ships, megayachts and boats of all nationalities. Finding a spot in the marina turns out to be challenging as they require reservations; however, contract information is not published, Ahhh Greece. We do score a spot and do our first Med ties without an anchor. Instead a mooring is provided via a drop line. This adds a degree of difficulty; but we manage with out incident. This will be a two day stop.

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Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2017 Race Calendar

Saturday

October 7

Sailor's Memorial Single-hand

Saturday

October 21

Point Series #3

Saturday

November 4

Point Series #4





Cruising

Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island is where the Labor Day Cruise was held. There were 12

boats in the raft-up. Our hosts, Fred and Ursula Ahrens greeted all of us with hors d'oeuvres

and wines.

The weather was perfect. Blue sky and mild temperatures and lots of good conversations on many of the boats. Commodore St. John and his Lil' Toot in tow came by ferry and were treated to a dinghy ride by Rich Morales to the raft-up of boats. There were guests of the Morales,' Paul and Lydia McLean, who are the new owners of Arabesque. It was their first voyage and they did a fine job.

Sunday, brought another fine day and some in the group took a complimentary dinghy ride to the Public Dock by Rich Morales and strolled the main street going in and out of the cute shops. A few of us even stopped at Mora Iced Creamery for delicious ice cream and Valerie had a crepe or was it a waffle?? Anyhow, it looked delicious.

Mid afternoon was the Dinghy Race. Rich Morales was designated the Safety Patrol and photographer. He made sure to capture each participant in all their glory rounding the buoy and on to victory. Thanks to all who braved the race and no overboards into the drink happened. The Chicken remains with Jenn Tenney. Winners were Jeremy Bush and Janet Wenderoth. They took the least amount of time to finish the race.



Wild Oats hosted a delicious dinner of salmon, wines and sides were provided by all attendees. It was Chris Wenderoth's birthday so Janet had a cake and everyone sang Happy Birthday. After dinner game was emceed by Fred. How well do you know Puget Sound History? I failed terribly. But we all had a great time. Jeremy Bush won. Humm, I see a pattern here. Congratulations anyway Jeremy.

Afterwards, some folks retired to their boats and then there were those who played Cards Against Humanity aboard La Gitana. It was an education. Thank you to Fred and Ursula for being amazing hosts.

Fair Winds,

Rich and Angie Morales

Fleet Captains Cruising

S/V La Gitana

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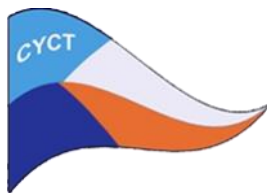
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CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise	Host	Location
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



Wineseekers Cruise 2017

October 27 – October 29

Yakima Valley, WA

Come one – come all. This year’s Wineseekers cruise is going to be a big step from last year’s event in Woodinville. “How” – you might ask? Well, here is the skinny

Accommodations – arranged through the Best Western in Prosser. Contact Eric direct by e-mail for the link to the special savings for CYCT members (about 10% each night). Rooms are blocked until October 5th, so apply early. If we have enough interest, I can increase the rooms..... But act FAST

So, last year we have (3) fine winery visits... and that was good for a starter, but this time, we are going big or going home. “Really?” you might ask – well, heck yes is the answer. How can I be certain?

HERE’S HOW..... a total of (7) establishments over two days, with the visits on Sunday being on the way home..... Where? Well, let’s start the list with the following:

Tapteil Vineyards	Benton City, WA	11:30AM Saturday	www.tapteil.com
Kiona Vineyards	Benton City, WA	1:30 PM Saturday	www.kionawine.com
Alexandria Nichole	Prosser, WA	3:30 PM Saturday	www.alexandrianicolecellars.com
Kestrel	Prosser, WA	4:30 PM Saturday	www.kestrelwines.com
To Be Confirmed #1	Waiting on confirmation Located in Prosser, WA – and a club favorite..		
To Be Confirmed #2	Waiting on confirmation Located in Zillah, WA – Confirmation coming		
Treveri Cellars	Yakima, WA	3:30PM Sunday	www.trevericellars.com

Is anyone worried about the drive, well, let me try to put your mind at ease. It is about a 3.5 Hour drive from the intersection of Highway 18 and I-90 to Prosser. The drive from there to the exit ramp in Prosser is all on Interstate Highways. It could snow in the pass, but even then, it should be good. Our trip back, if leaving the last tasting at 3:30 in Yakima should be about 3 hours to home. Or, in boating terms, about the same delivery from Seattle to Tacoma on a Sunday. But I would suggest carpooling – saves on gas, saves on the environment, and makes the convoy home a bit shorter.....

Food and other fun to be determined – but have you ever spent a grand evening in Prosser? Could be a hoot. Hotel has a pool and continental breakfast as part of the deal, and is located with easy access to other food and entertainment destinations...



Vice Commodore (still going)

The marina is some distance from old town. Water taxis are available at little cost. Mykonos city will be the largest of our island visits. Its noted as the city of windmills seen on many post cards. Once again with many shops and cafes. Wandering the roads and alley ways is great fun with many surprising sites. Including a flamingo strutting up one of the small byways (narrows to 3'). The other delight of this visit is the ferry ride to the neighboring island of Delos. On Delos stands the ruins of a town that has the ruins of a town of some 30,000 people. This is the birthplace of Apollo. We spend many hours roaming its streets and museum. This is a must see if you have the opportunity to visit these isles. Our stay ends too early as we must depart for the next Island on our itinerary, Naxos.

Naxos is 20 km south, once again with fair winds and following seas. One of the highlights we view as we approach the breakwater. Apollos Arce stand on a promontory guarding the harbor entrance. In and above the town stands the fortress. Another ancient city having once ruled the region during the age of Apollo. The marina is lined by the town and quay which adds to the hustle and bustle of this town. This will be another visit of roaming back alleys exploring. We also find one of the best market store to date. A great spot to re-provision. This is another great place for our cappuccino recon and a couple gelato stops. Next up is a sail 35 nm SW to the isle of Sifnos.

Sifnos is on our agenda for one reason. Great food. Once again we have a fast passage with following and beam winds. The marina at Platis Gialos is one of the newest we will find. The village is very small home of Greek fishermen with a few visiting yachts. Once again a Med tie with mooring line. The Harbor Master is accommodating and friendly. He points out the taverna we are looking for. We find the evening fare at the restaurant not to disappoint. The meal is outstanding. The market here is small, but, we are able to fill a few needs. But alas no ice! We will have to rough it. Its during this time we see the weather predicted to take a turn for the worst with a possible return of the "Meltines". These winds are strong winds that come from a high over the northern Aegean over Yugoslavia and flow to a low over Turkey. These can be very strong (40 -50 knot range) and can cause Harbor Masters to close ports for departure. We decide to not visit the island of Serifos. We will visit Milos then proceed northward towards Athens where lesser winds are predicted. But first there is time for Milos.

Milos is a short run of 12 nm south of Sifnos. With information gained from a neighboring yacht at Platis Gialos we go to the uninhabited isle of Polyagios just NW of Milos. In a small turquoise bay sheltered by a small isle we anchor. The bay is pristine with the crystal clear waters we have grown to expect. The island turns out to have residents. Goats own this isle. This is another spot you can swim to shore in the cool but not cold waters (75°). Rich has noted at line around the prop, so he ask for a knife. The serrated

blade is extremely sharp and in the wave action he cuts his finger and thumb. The cut looks to be deep. We get him out of the water for first aid. We are able to stop the bleeding and bind the wound with strips found in the first aid kit. Yep we stopped the bleed, but the finger tip is turning blue. Not good. A quick relief cut of the bandage strips and the finger returns to its normal color. Rich's swimming is done. We do launch the dink and go ashore to explore a couple old buildings we saw coming in. This also changes plans as we feel it necessary to get some proper medical attention. The next morning we're up early and motor to nearby Milos town where medical facilities are available.

Arriving in port Rich and Angie get a taxi to the local Doctors clinic. Milos is the home of the Venus de Milo. Found on the southern coast. Another town to explore and enjoy.

Rich and Angie return after a short time sporting new stitches and tails of Greek Medical care. We enjoy the towns offering including the best "super market" yet to be found. Well provisioned and ice we will be up early for a 6 AM departure for the island Idras some 60 nm north.

Our sail north is one of sail and motor sailing. Under sail we manage up to 8.4 kts on the wind. As we approach Idras and her main port, we are not encouraged with the descriptions of the anchorage/mooring situation. So we opt to continue north to Poros. It is here we find a small cove with room for one yacht. Anchoring was tough as it took a couple times to hold. But after a 68 nm passage we are rewarded by a sailors dream. A small beach bar awaits us. After a recon mission ashore the three of us on the mission opt if it fits for sailors (whatever that is.) We bring the rest of the crew ashore for recreation. A couple grew impatient and swam in. The afternoon was indeed very pleasant. Returning to Poseidon we enjoy a nice meal and pleasant evening. During the night the wind increases with waves coming directly in to the cove. As day broke we decided we'd had enough pulled anchor and escaped the now foreboding bay. We motored out in to a stiff breeze to round the cape and enter a protected anchorage to enjoy breakfast and decide our next course.

Next we would visit the port of Egina of the Island of Aigina. Aigina is typically the first stop for yachts cruising the area. For us it would be the last. Egina is a large city with one of the largest marinas. As we approached we called for a space for the night. The marina advised they were full, but could accommodate as is we could clear the slip by 0730. We of course accepted. We were placed in a spot reserved for an inter island ferry. By evening there would be four yachts moored. We found a restaurant not serving just Greek cuisine (we were ready for something else by then.) Enjoyed a nice meal then visited the water from for some shopping and of course gelato. Up again early to make for our early departure. We were standing by as those in front of us weren't quite the early risers we were. We did get to watch the spectacle of boats recovering crossed anchors. Quite the show. We were able to find another spot as the harbor emptied of visiting yachts. So now we could visit the island town. Surprisingly we were able to find stores we had not seen. At a marina store I was able to find a winch handle I had lost the first day (oops). Our home marina was 18 nm away so it was time to go. This area of water proved to be very busy with ferry traffic, deep draft marine traffic and other yachts. This would also be our worst weather. Our course would take us hard on the wind



Vice Commodore (almost there)



in 25 -35 knots. The passage would be around 4 hours but we were constantly a wash by waves and spray. I early on discovered by light weather water repellent jacket was NOT. Soaked and constantly wiping salt water from my eyes was the order of the day. I would be the deck guy as I had brought my harness and tether. Finally we arrive at our marina only to discover an oil boom across the entrance. Calls to the Harbor Master and owner were of no avail. We decided to go anchor to access our situation. The next marina we anchored off of was open. But these marinas are private. Finally we are told there is a spot so we aweigh anchor and go in. The only spot we can see open is too shallow the people tell us. So we go out a gain to anchor. As I drop the hook I can hear it bouncing off rocks on the bottom. Then it hooks and we are stopped. After further conversations we are told to go to the slip that was too shallow earlier. Now it is okay. BUT we can not get the anchor up. After several tries we see the anchor has dropped into a hole in the rock. We are stuck. Finally we decide to wait until morning and call a diver. Next morning a diver comes and frees us. We enter the marina. So ends the Poseidon Adventure. Remember it can be an ordeal or an adventure.. its all about attitude. This was a great adventure. We did have another day in Athens. I will leave that for others to tell. FOR ME? Next up Don's Excellent Sailing Adventure #6. The Baja Ha Ha.

Don Kimball Vice Commodore CYCT. SY Cool Kat.



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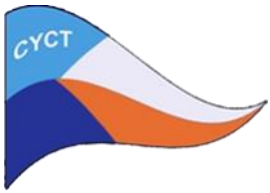
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Meeting Minutes

CYCT General Meeting Minutes 2017

Month: September

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

Guests- Nick has a Spencer 42 in Foss Harbor, and Jake Nix who crews on Asylum.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August General Meeting was made by Jen Tenney and seconded by Soo Carter.

Shining Light Award: Nominees- none

Reports

___ Vice Commodore: Don Kimball- Guest Speaker Rachel Wold who will talk about NANOOS, Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems.

___ Rear Commodore: Janice Vanravenswaay- no report, replenished forks and a few things in the clubhouse for future cruises.

___ Past Commodore: Eric Nelson- no report

___ Treasurer: Bill Jenks- Financial reports emailed, \$35K up about \$10K.

___ Secretary: Debbie McAdams- - Thank you to Joy Ballentine in advance for doing board meeting minutes for me for the September board meeting.

___ Membership Chair: Jennifer Tenney— We have two new crewmembers tonight. Ken Whitney, crew on Maria Christina and Jake Nix , crew on Asylum. Both were inducted.

___ Fleet Captain Cruising: Angie and Rich Morales: We just had the Labor Day Cruise to Eagle Harbor. There were plenty of activities, sightseeing and shopping in Winslow, dinghy races, a swim around the raft-up and more. Jeremy Bush won the dinghy race; male division and Janet Wenderoth won for the women. Much fun was had by all. Wineseekers is coming up Oct 28 in eastern Washington. Eric and Aubrey Nelson to host. Hotel has rooms available at a discount until Oct 4, so ask Eric for more details about the hotel. The Ruptured Chicken awarded to..... Jen Tenney with a little help from Chuck Queen and Jeremy Bush. As Jen was getting into Chuck's laser, it flipped over and Jeremy dove in to give a hand. Little did they know that Jen was a cold-water rescue lifeguard in another life. Great job doing the Call of the Ruptured Chicken by Rich Morales as a demonstration.

___ Fleet Captain Racing: Don Kimball- Windseekers is over for the summer and the awards were given out at the Awards Race. Point series up next starting Sept 16 and 30 and finishing #3 on Oct 21. Cyndi Larrison to be Race Committee while Don is out sailing and Chuck Queen will do the November race while Cyndi is gone. We need a racing chair for next year!! Start line for the Point Series is in Dumas Bay so Des Moines racers can participate. We will be mark boat for Winter and Summer Vashon races.

___ Education: Penny Shen – not present, no report.

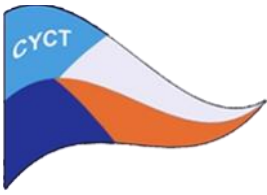
___ Social: Jennifer Ihlen- Dec 16 at 5:00 at the Brown's Point Improvement Club is the Christmas Party. Bring a white elephant gift for a gift exchange with a new twist this year. More to come as it gets closer. Thanks for all the picnic attendees! A new bar has been set.

___ Club Merchandise: Jen Tenney- no report

___ Mainsheet: John Coyne- not present, no report

___ Sunshine: Julie St. John- Back to work again. Let her know of who may need a card.

___ Webmaster: Greg Sandwick- user name and password emailed to members. Please keep your own information updated. TO access membership roster go to CYCT.com click on membership tab, user name and password, copy user name and "lost Password". Another email will come and let you change your password. User name is the same as your email address. Check in your spam folder, too. Change your password to something you can remember. Pass-



Meeting Minutes

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___ Historian- Matt Thomas- Sent out 7 questions to select past commodores to get interviews and put the information on the website.

___ Long Range Planning: Jeremy Bush—What is our official non-profit status? The Meet up group got over 50 people out on boats. There is a fee for the group, so it needs to be a budget item next year. Eleven 1st in class and 3rd over all in The Pink Boat Regatta. 26 boats raised over \$25.

___ Floating Assets: Joe Salz— via Don Kimball- The battery that was problematic to start with now needs replaced. Joe will make sure it gets done.

___ Publicity: Cindy Craig- not present, no report

___ Women's Sailing: Women have been out sailing this year 3 boats from Tacoma in The Pink Boat Regatta, Jumping Jack, Eleven and Miss Mayhem raced and had a great time. And see above=--- Women's Planning meeting on either 18 or 19th.

___ Trophies: Steve Wagner- will have Vashon Challenge beer mugs and plaques for Windseekers.

___ Racing Protests: Eric Nelson-Busy summer on the protest front. Will do a how to on filing protests. He is tracking those who continue to foul people. Rules are to keep everyone safe and they apply to Windseekers also. You are your own umpires, play nice. If you accidentally foul someone, do the right thing and do your 360's to exonerate yourself. New rules are coming out this year, get yourself a new book and be prepared for next year.

___ PHRF Director: Eric Nelson— no report

___ PHRF Handicapper: Tom Tenney- no report. Need a letter on letterhead to let PHRF know Tom is the new guy.

___ NW Boating Council:

___ Commodore's Report: Ken St John— Nominations needed for Rear Commodore, secretary, race chair, membership chair, cruise chair, merch, and more. Nominate yourself or if you have someone else in mind, get their permission and then nominate them. The best way to get to know people and move your organization forward is to get involved. Contact Don Kimball, Ken St John or Eric Nelson. Ken and Julie are moving up to a new-to-them boat, a 52 foot center cockpit.

___ Dinghy dock- got weeded. It needs a rescue/swim ladder. Ken will get the one installed.

___ Old Business—none

___ New Business— Dan White- went to Herb Weston's funeral, Herb and Betty Weston are former members, he was a former police officer, they owned Sula and after a years long fitting out process sailed her to Mexico, Tahiti and Australia and New Zealand. Last summer 10 Walker Bays out on the water with kids. Many kids got to go out and sail. Jeremy- an education idea- Winch maintenance. Talk to Penny and /or Janice.

Break

Raffle

Chardonnay won by Carol McKinnon

3 pack of Strongbow Cider won by Elise Sandwick

Atomic Belgium beer won by Steve Wagoner

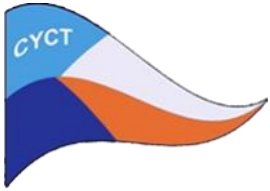
Cozy Sweater beer won by Eric Nelson

Riesling won by our speaker Rachel Wold

Peppermint Schnapps won by Dana Bachellerie-Gage

Strongbow Cider won by Don Kimball

Peachberry cobbler vodka won by Fred Ahrens



Meeting Minutes

Ale was won by Julie St John

Chocolate Shot red wine won by Gary and Joy Ballentine

Ensign Red whiskey won by Cyndi Lassiter

___ Speaker: Rachel Wold from NANOOS Visualization Systems, a great boaters app. You can use it for planning a safe trip. They do lots of education and outreach with ocean observation by themselves and their partners that anyone can use for free. Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems – They use buoys in Puget Sound and off-shore and monitor water temperatures, currents, wind speeds and much more. Constant data of weather and ocean temps and currents. Nanoos.org. Tons of very useful data including charts. Zoom in and out. Single clicks to do route finding and way more. Send feedback for what you like about the system and what doesn't work so well. An addition suggested was for VFH channels for how to contact marinas and bridges including phone numbers and bridge heights as well. Some are updated hourly or every other hour. Working on getting more data from Canada, but funded nationally and it can get a little tricky. Perhaps add warning icon for when barometer drops, wind comes up and weather changes for the worse. Open CPN app a charting app, free, GPS navigation etc. Monthly newsletters if you would like to sign up for it.

rwold@uw.edu

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mike Stafford and seconded by Valerie McKay.

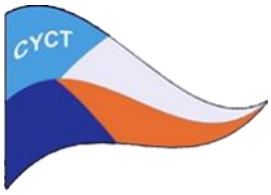
The meeting was adjourned at 2059.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie McAdams

Recording Secretary

S/V Red Splash



International Cruising!

Cruising the Cyclades
By Jennifer Tenney

As summer ended and fall begins in the Pacific Northwest, 6 CYCT members, Don and Debbie Kimball, Rich and Angie Morales and Tom and Jen Tenney, along with Jen's parents, Rick and Kaye Madsen, boarded an airplane bound for Athens, Greece and headed off to sail the Cyclades- pronounced 'Kicklades'.

We spent 14 days on a 1999 Bavaria '46 Holiday named the S/Y Poseidon sailing the islands of the original Coryathians. From Kea to Kythnos, from Mykonos to Milos and so much more in between, we sailed Aegean seas with fair winds and sunshine, we explored ancient ruins, we dropped anchor in secret coves with azure waters to swim and we wandered alleyways in small villages with white stucco buildings and bright blue roofs and shutters.

This was truly the trip of a lifetime and so wonderful to share it with our CY CT club members and our dearest friends.

Stay tuned for a longer article in November and a general meeting presentation some time in the future.





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



[www.sailblogs.com/
member/channing/](http://www.sailblogs.com/member/channing/)

Chris and Janet Wenderoth

S/V Respite



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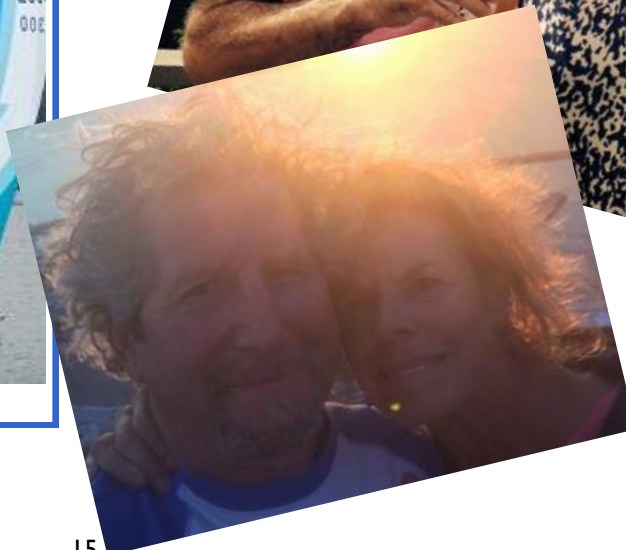
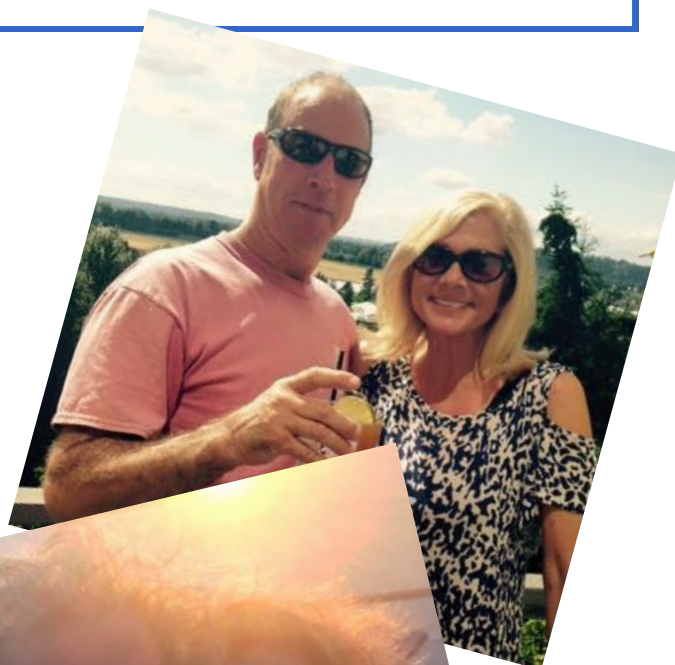
Dennis and Becky Flannigan

S/V Kokomo



After 10 years of dream-
ing we are off. Follow
along as we move
about the globe fixing
our boat in different cul-
tures and exotic places.

[http://
www.kokomosailing.com/](http://www.kokomosailing.com/)



October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Sailors Memorial Single-Hand
8	9 7 PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Point Series Race #3
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Windseekers Cruise
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November 2017

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

Photo by Ken St. John

Check CYCT.com for additional information on meetings and races

Sunshine



The Sunshine committee is here to send a thoughtful word, should someone need cheering up, or if you happen to know if someone's under the weather. Drop a line!

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Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

John Coyne	October 4
Tom Saul	October 4
Debbie Simmons	October 13
Barbara Saul	October 14
Terry Paine	October 18
David Iverson	October 21
Dick Seward	October 26



On The Cover

Dog Days in Greece

Photo by Jen Tenney

Saw it on Facebook



Eric Nelson is with **Jeremy Bush** and **Brian White**.
 September 30 at 5:11pm · Park City, UT

Rollin in style with my homies on the Elliott 6M in Park City, Utah. Representing CYCT the best we can

Like
 Comment

John Coyne how did you guys do?
 Like · Reply · September 30 at 5:22pm
 Steve Ryan replied · 3 Replies

Jennifer Madsen Tenney is drinking ouzo with **Angie Morales** and 4 others at Βολιώτικο Τσιπουράδικο Ψυρρή.
 October 1 at 9:44am · Athens, Greece
 And ouzo!



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- 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).
- **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).

Post your items for sale here! Contact
jmainsheet@cyct.com for posting!

The View From the Rear

(Musings of a Casual Racer)



That New Boat Smell

Last month I danced around it – the Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John and I were working on a new boat purchase. I didn't want to say too much because I didn't want to "queer the deal" as the say in old gangster movies.

Well the deal got done. I don't know if my unceasing badgering of the bank, broker, and title company had anything to do with that, but a week and a half ago, we took possession of our new boat.

And as has been my experience, the delivery home is the stuff that makes legends. My first sailboat, and El Toro came home in the back of a pickup. Not much story there. The second, Selma, a Cal 21, came home on a trailer. (Sure, it probably wasn't licensed and the lights didn't work.) The stories really begin with Sirena Gorda, our Cal 2-27. We picked her up on a Friday evening in Fisherman's Terminal. I drilled a chunk of 2x4 to use as a tiller and we went straight into the locks (and we'd never been there before!) After a night at Shilshole, son Aaron, son-in-law Andy, and I sailed and motored her home.

The Naughty boat was in Victoria, BC when we picked her up. Just getting to her involved driving, a ferry, a bus ride, and a lift from the broker. We took possession off shore of Lime Kiln lighthouse, imported her through Friday Harbor, and hit a rock on Shaw Island the first full day we owned her. We made it home safe and sound though and she's been a marvelous boat ever since.

But we've been talking about living aboard. And for us, living aboard means room – lots of room. Enter Sun Wah, a 1992 Seahorse Mandarin 52. She's literally a unique boat. Number one of six or seven, we are the third owners. Mark and Debbie Nelson, who turned her over to us, have toured all over Asia and Alaska on her living aboard five years in Hong Kong harbor.

And no surprise – the delivery was an adventure!

As I alluded, we'd started the purchase process a month or more before our planned vacation. We usually take two weeks to go to the islands but two weeks with an almost three-year-old when be no vacation for anyone. Well that first week came and went. The L and G Mrs. S. was off but I worked. We did take one day off to visit with the Nelsons on Sun Wah – INVALUABLE – but no vacation. We'd hoped and hoped to close that week. No dice!

The following Monday, week two, the title company told me that they were "cautiously optimistic". I told them, "I don't care, my truck is packed, we're headed to La Conner." When we got to La Conner at two that afternoon, I was afraid nothing would happen as the underwrites went home at 5:00 Eastern Time!

No matter, Rylie needed to "go potty" and I had the gate code to the marina and knew where the key for the boat was.



We were on board when Laura from the bank called to say that the documents were in to come and sign. And sign we did – it might be a while before ownership transferred. We just smiled and waved good bye and went back to enjoy a bottle of wine left by Mark and Deb.

Tuesday began with us motoring north through the Swinomish channel to beat the RR bridge closure. With no plan we ended up in Indian Cove on Shaw Island – home of the rock that hit us on Naughty. Smarter this time, we avoided it. While motoring to Friday Harbor, we received a call from the title company telling us that the boat was ours. I didn't tell her where we were.

And we set to learning the new boat. We set the anchor multiple times. Docked multiple times. Started to sort out the shore power, solar power, battery power, engine power, generator power. Again, that time with Mark – so im-

portant.

All in all, a good run. OK, we forgot to open the engine water one day. Quickly remedied. Check list made. Hawse pipe pulled loose (look it up). We were able to get by and I've already talked to my machinist about a backing plate.

And then there was that day in Spieden Channel! We'd come out of Garrison Bay and Roche Harbor. I was going to go Harrow Strait but at the last moment opted to visit Friday Harbor again. We were motoring against the current and with little wind when then engine overheated. Yes, water was open and I was watching the gauges, but there was the alarm. We shut her down and I went below to find steam spilling out. In went a gallon of anti-freeze. In went two gallons of water. Out went the L and G's call for assistance. The rocks coming closer I came back on deck to rig and set the Genoa. I had photos of how to run the rigging – but no time for that! I got a sail up and it turned us. By now we also had an offshore Zodiac standing by to assist.



Back down below I thought I heard water dripping out. By now a TowBoat US had tied on. Opening the other side of the engine bay it was immediately apparent that the intake hose had failed – thankfully, right at the end. I grabbed the hacksaw – right where Mark said it was – cut off the end and rejoined it – and started the engine. Down came the gauges. Disaster averted.

I came back above to talk to the tow boat captain and sign his papers. I was wiping steam from my glasses and probably still oozing steam when the captain, an incredibly positive guy, said, “nothing like that new boat smell!”

My purchase in Friday Harbor that day? Two more gallons of anti-freeze. We motored to the south end of Lopez that night, Seattle the next day. The Gig Harbor. Then home. Another story.



She will be a good boat! Sun Wah will soon be La Sirena (the mermaid). Yes, there will be a ceremony. We are on the outer reaches of Tyee III. Drop by and visit.

Oh – I have a wonderful Catalina 38 for sale!

Ken St. John

~~S/V Naughty By Nature~~

S/V Sun Wah

Photos – Mark and Deb on Sun Wah, The L and G at the helm, Rylie and Sun Wah at Roche Harbor