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Commodore

So much to say, so much going on. First, this coming general meeting, it's our annual elections. Not only do we elect next year's club officers, but we nominate and elect recipients of our perpetual trophies. Up for election are:

- Commodore – Don Kimball
- Vice Commodore – Janice VanRavenswaay
- Rear Commodore – Angie Morales
- Recording Secretary – Jennifer Tenney
- Membership Chair – Jeremy Bush
- Fleet Captains Cruising – Ken and Julie St. John
- Fleet Captain Racing – Eric Nelson



OK – not a lot of choice but come and give your support anyway – and the perpetual trophies are a real way to honor your fellow sailors.

Speaking of honoring your fellow sailors, Don Kimball's Commodore's Ball is scheduled for January 27th at the Tacoma Yacht Club. There will be dancing to club favorite,

The Tropics. The rest is to be determined. Be sure to mark your calendar for the one night a year CYCT dress-up.

Unless that is, the night where we all put on our festive Christmas sweaters. Remember the annual club pot luck and general meeting, December 16th at the Browns Point Improvement Center.

I hope people have had a great season on their boats. Since bringing Sun Wah home, we have been away from the dock exactly once. I'm told that it is entirely possible to single hand this behemoth. It's the single plus handling that worries me. It's just too large to handle along with a three-year-old. It is actually possible to lose her on the boat. Still, that hasn't stopped us from entertaining a number of folks from the club on her – which we love. Unfortunately, sometime a bit over a week ago, we entertained an uninvited guest who helped themselves to about \$1700 of equipment and my boat guitar. Thankfully there was no vandalism. Still, the sense of invasion is real, my sense of security is damaged and I miss being surrounded by my (vigilant) friends on Tyee II.

We've had to increase our security a bit. No more hidden key. In fact, there are no keys readily available on the boat. I also attacked what I thought was a weak point – the Lewmar hatches. There are four hatches into the pilot house large enough for someone to enter by. Some of the latches have a plastic catch to prevent opening from outside but many do not. So I came up with a solution requiring about

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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

Treasurer: Bill Jenks

Membership Chairs:

Tom and Jennifer Tenney

Fleet Captains-Cruising:

Rich and Angie Morales

Fleet Captain-Racing: Don Kimball

Past Commodore: Eric Nelson

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Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore

Don's Excellent Sailing Adventure
#6 The Baja Ha Ha.....
NOT!...

Sooo.. life stepped in with work stuff and I had to cancel the Ha Ha adventure. For work????!!! Yeah I know, totally wrong. Right! Right now I should be about a day NW of Bahia Tortuga sailing in warm air and blue seas. ENOUGH! Don't want to think about it. What I will think about is what a fantastic year it has been for me. Started with the Oregon Offshore. Sailing in blustery southwesterlys. Chute Up , 40 knot gusts, flying along two fingers on the tiller. Then Swiftsure, the long course with all the fog. Got to see the Northern Lights and we took a first in our division. THEN I lucked out and scored a ride on *Constellation* for the Van Isle "outside". Wow what a lot of fun that was. Big waves, big wind. Challenging light winds and currents for the final leg to Nanaimo. AND THEN The Coho Ho Ho down the coast to San Francisco on Silver Wings. Straight shot from Neah Bay to SFO. More big waves and wind. What a blast. AND FINALLY .. Greece aboard SY Poseidon for two weeks. Lots of sailing, new things at each port of call. OKAY, OKAY I'll quit pouting about the HA HA. It's been a GREAT Year. Thank you to all who help make it happen. Thank you Joey for filling in for me on short notice aboard *Silver Wings*. We look forward to hearing about your Excellent Sailing Adventure. Press on for your dreams.

Don Kimball

Vice Commodore CYCT

SY Cool Kat



Fall has arrived! And although I love pumpkin scones and soccer games/practices with the girls, I don't love the dark and the wet that comes with it. That also means my time on the boat becomes limited as I dream of warmer, sunnier days.



Every year Brock and I go through several steps to prepare our boat for the off season. The bedding and towels come off. Any food leftover also get pulled. The gas tank gets topped off, something with an extra diesel additive. (Brock's department, not mine!) Sometimes we pull the jib sail off the roller furling, just to protect it from coming undone in the strong winter winds. And although we don't check on it as much as we should this time of the year, we know we have done all we can to ride out the winter blues. We especially appreciate our friends who will let us know if they see something that needs our attention.

So while the boat hibernates in her slip, we still enjoy being part of a yacht club. I am going to Yakima for the Wineseekers Cruise. We will most likely land yacht to Arabella's because of soccer games. Also, we enjoy jumping on Gardyloo to get our fix of wind in the sails for the fall and winter races.

Come out and enjoy each other even without a boat! The Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th at the Brown's Point Improvement Club. And don't miss our premiere event of welcoming Don Kimball as Commodore happening on January 27th at Tacoma Yacht Club.

Janice VanRavenswaay

Rear Commodore

S/V Tatoosh



Racing

Well folks, It's November. This Saturday will be the final race for the 2017 CYCT program. It's been an interesting year. Starting out with squall at the start and ending with challenging light air races. The Race Committee is not sitting idle. SARC is happening to establish the upcoming years racing calendar. Permits are being applied for. You will see Romeo Charlie at the north end of Vashon Island for the Winter Vashon. This is just a part of efforts to broaden interclub relationships. These efforts will continue into 2018. The Harbor Series will again have a Dumas Bay Start line to allow our TTPYC friends to join in. I look forward to seeing you on the start lines of the GHYC LeMans and the South Sound Series. Let's keep on Racing.

Don Kimball

CYCT RC

SY Cool Kat.



She's watching on as I test the dry fit pieces. The overall length before screwing together is 16".

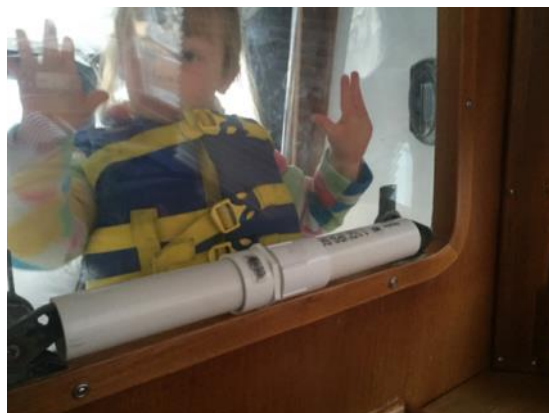
Once aligned – the halves are screwed together, and the latches are essentially locked.



I think this was 2" pipe. After testing it out I went back and bought 1-1/2" pipe. After confirming it all worked, I glued it all together.

Feel free to try on your boat – just leave the Good Old Boat article to me!

Ken St. John
Commodore, CYCT
S/V Sun Wah



Commodore (continued)

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\$17 of one of my favorite building materials – PVC pipe.

The idea was to be able to slip a piece of pipe over each handle and then screw the pieces together making it impossible to rotate the handles from inside OR outside. Works like a charm.



It's a little difficult to see what is going on here, but while I am readying the test unit, Rylie, a three-year-old, is actually able to open the latches from the outside! Not so secure.



Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2017 Race Calendar

Thank you members and Race
Committee for a FANTASTIC year
of sailing with CYCT!
See you in 2018!



Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma

**Proudly presents the 2017
Wacky Commodores Ball
and Chowder Cookoff.**

**Arabella's Landing
Marina. 253-851-1793**

November 17-18 and 19th.

**Come join us for some
whacky fun. Reservations
need to be made before
November 7th. We currently
have 8 slips reserved. Prizes
for Dress, Chowder and
more. See you there.**





Cruising

The Wacky Commodore's AND Chowder cookoff AND LeMans Race will all take place November 18-19. Early Friday arrivals are welcome at Arabella's Landing in lovely Gig Harbor. To make slip reservations please call (253) 851-1793 and say you are with CYCT. The hosts, Gary and Joy Ballentine want to remind you as an option, dress in your wackiest costume. I'm sure there will be a best costume award, some fun games, and perhaps a movie. Let's not forget the Chowder cookoff. So get those recipes out and let's have some great eats! Don't forget to bring a cupcake tin to sample the chowders, side dishes to share, and your choice of beverage to drink. Hope to see you there!



The last cruise of the year is the UnCruise (New Year's Eve) on December 31st. It's held at the Clubhouse, Tyee Marina. (Tyee 2) Everyone bring food and drink to share. The grill will be up for anyone wanting to use it. Plan on being there around 7PM. The fire pit will be ablaze. Dress accordingly for the weather and bring a comfy chair to sit in. We can always use help setting up, and with Take down. For those who moor away and want to bring your boat, you can always call Tyee Marina's office (253) 383-5321, to see if they have slips available, for a fee.

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Fair Winds,

Rich and Angie Morales

Fleet Captains, Cruising

S/V La Gitana

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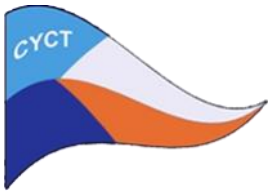
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CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise	Host	Location
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
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Meeting Minutes

CYCT General Meeting Minutes 2017

Month: October

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

Guests- Angie's brother Matt from central New York. Jeremy has Liz, a new potential crewmember from Asylum. Adrian De Luna who has been accepted as a crewmember needs to be inducted.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September General Meeting was made by Gene Band seconded by Greg Sandwick.

Shining Light Award: Nominees- The crew of Romeo Charlie, Don Kimball and Cyndi Larrison rescued a power boater who was broken down and pinned against the Tyee breakwater and towed him to Chinook. And Don was also the nurse for Rich Morales when he cut his hand in Greece while trying to remove a line from a fouled prop. Awarded.

Reports

___ Vice Commodore: Don Kimball- Don just returned from a glorious trip to Greece along with his wife Debbie, Tom and Jen Tenney, Angie and Rich Morales and Jen's parents Rick and Kaye Madsen. Our scheduled speakers got stuck in Seattle, so the speakers tonight will be Grecian crew from Poseidon. They had a lot of fun.

___ Rear Commodore: Janice Vanravenswaay- no report

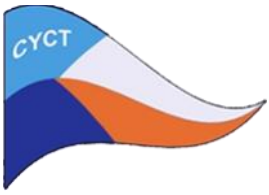
___ Past Commodore: Eric Nelson- Thanks to Jeremy Bush and Brian White for sailing in Park City, Utah in the Elliott 6 meter. Had a lot of fun.

___ Treasurer: Bill Jenks- Report emailed to the Commodores and Secretary and is available to the membership upon request. We have money in both checking and savings accounts. Having difficulty getting bills in a timely fashion.

___ Secretary: Debbie McAdams- - Thank you to Ken St John for filling in for me at the September board meeting.

___ Membership Chair: Jennifer Tenney— New members Adrian De Luna from Slick who also has a C&C 32 and Liz Dwyer, who started crewing with Jeremy Bush on Shenanigans and followed him to Asylum were Inducted tonight. Check the website in the "Members Only" section. You will soon be able to access the binder content including other member's information about their boats, phone numbers and more and keep your information current. Use your email address as the login; the password was emailed to you. Check your spam folders if you don't see it or ask for it to be emailed again, or click "lost password" and follow the prompts.

___ Fleet Captain Cruising: Angie and Rich Morales: Winesekers Cruise to Eastern Washington is coming up October 28-29. Eric and Aubrey Nelson will host. Nov 17- 18-19 is the Wacky Commodore's Cruise at Arabel-la's Landing in Gig Harbor. Gary and Joy Ballentine will host. Bring your favorite Clam Chowder and a side or



Meeting Minutes

dessert. 8 slips reserved. Make reservations with Arabella's before 11/8. The Gig Harbor Le Mans Race is that same weekend so you'll already be there. And last but not least, the Un-Cruise Dec 31 at Tyee II. Bonfire will be going and more.

___ Fleet Captain Racing: Don Kimball- Racing continued while Don was gone, Thanks to Chuck Q and crew and Cyndi and Greg. The next race in the Point series is coming up. Getting calendar set up for next year.

___ Education: Penny Shen – looking to redo the diesel class. Winch maintenance was suggested as another topic to look at.

___ Social: Jennifer Ihlen- Not present. The Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec 16 at Brown's Point Improvement Club. The Commodore's Ball is January 27 at Tacoma Yacht Club.

___ Club Merchandise: Jen Tenney- no report

___ Mainsheet: John Coyne- not present, but Mainsheet is out. Great article from Don Kimball!

___ Sunshine: Julie St. John- no cards sent this month.

___ Webmaster: Greg Sandwick- He will walk you through "Members Only" access if you would like extra help.

___ Historian- Matt Thomas- Interviewed Ron and Connie Holbrook recently. He will write an article for the Mainsheet and add it to the "History" on the website.

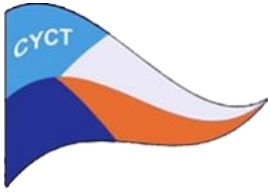
___ Long Range Planning: Jeremy Bush— (Future Planning) – He is looking at potential new meeting locations. He has identified several locations with considerations for parking, size, waterfront, under 21 and ease of access and put together an RFP to see which one can give us a great deal for potential clubhouse. The Board will go on a fact-finding mission to check out the top contenders.

___ Floating Assets: Joe Salz— Romeo Charlie was going very slowly, the rubber gasket in the prop disintegrated. He took it to Sound Prop for repair and a spare prop was purchased. \$214 for the bill. Anyone who serves on the Committee Boat needs to be sure water comes out all the time when it is running. Currently it is not shooting water. Joe will troubleshoot it. If something goes wrong with it, please be sure to let Joe know. Total spent \$960.06 vs. \$6000 on old RC boat. If anyone knows of covered storage for when RC is out of the water, let Joe or a board member know.

___ Publicity: Cindy Craig- yesterday was NW Harvest Race. It was on the FB racing page. 300+ people are now on the FB Eric, Stephanie and Cindy will go to SARC Nov 1. Any other ideas for publicity? Jeremy suggested a budget for publicity.

___ Women's Sailing: nothing at this time.

___ Trophies: Steve Wagner- Giving out more trophies, many to Skip Broadhead on Integrity. Then a bunch went to Slick with Adrian and more trophies went to Ron Holbrook and Constellation. Grace E. had no rep present to collect theirs.



Meeting Minutes

___ Racing Protests: Eric Nelson- one more protest still to be resolved

___ PHRF Director: Eric Nelson— Annual meeting this month

___ PHRF Handicapper: Tom Tenney- still needs letterhead stationary. Ron will be able to mentor through the end of the year.

___ NW Boating Council:

___ Commodore's Report: Ken St John— They have a new boat. Sun Wah will be changing her name to La Sirena; she's a Seahorse Mandarin 52. And she is a very pretty girl!

___ Dinghy dock-

___ Old Business—rescue ladder for dinghy dock? Jen Tenney Memorial rescue ladder. Ken has it on his To Do list.

___ New Business—Don Kimball- Margaret at TYC is looking for donations for their Youth Sailing program. A motion was made to support TYC's junior programs. \$500 suggested and to donate the remaining boats. Did talk to the Sea Scouts but they have nowhere to store them. Jen suggesting to also donate the left over money from the raffle to their Junior Programs. Will table boat talks for the board meeting. Motion by Don Kimball to donate \$500 to TYC Juniors Jen seconded, carried. Janice Vanravenswaay mentioned Octoberfest 6 pm at TYC, Friday the 13th, make reservations if you plan to go. Band, prizes, etc. bottomless beer all night.

Nomination night. Nominee must be willing to serve. And the nominees are:

Commodore- Don Kimball, Vice Commodore-Janice Vanravenswaay, Rear Commodore- Angie Morales, Jen Tenney –Secretary, Bill Jenks- Treasurer, Jeremy Bush- Membership, Ken and Julie St John- Cruising, Racing- Eric Nelson stepped up and will be the new Race Chair. Open to more nominations to serve or more than one



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dream of!

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S/V Suzanne



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S/V Respite



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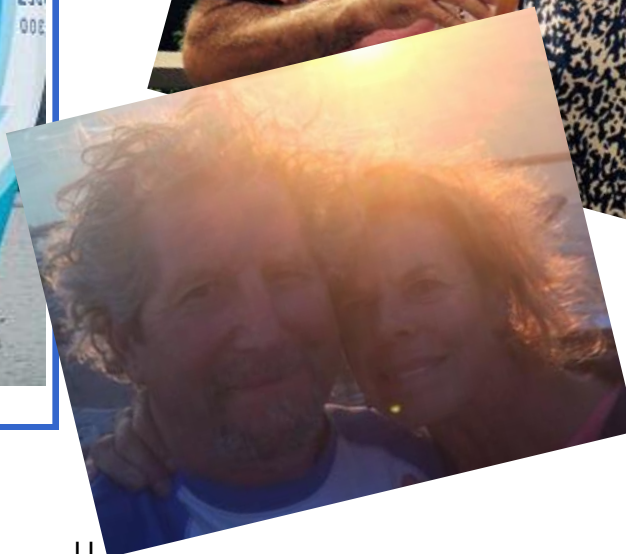
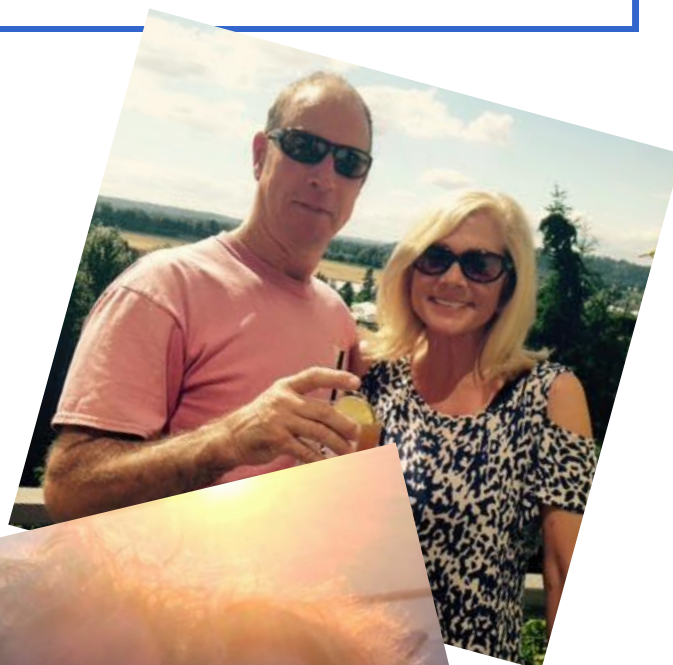
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November 2017

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		

December 2017

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

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!

Julie St. John
S/V Naughty By Nature
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juliesgarden@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Mark Anderson	November 14
Roger Anderson	November 23
Ken Fine	November 19
Arlene Harris	November 11
Vaneve O'Hara	November 12
Peggy Salz	November 6
Janet Wenderoth	November 29



On The Cover

Can we have Summer Back?

Photo by Julie St. John

Saw it on Facebook



Jennifer Madsen Tenney is attending Amocat Live! Monthly Music Showcase with Tom Tenney and 6 others at Tacoma Brewing Co..

18 hrs · Tacoma

Great evening... great music, great friends, great fun.



Like



Comment



Angie Morales, Dana Bachellerie-Gage and 2 others

Seen by 47



Stephanie Heitz Arnold Looks like fun

Like · Reply · 18 hrs



Kirk Parker replied · 1 Reply



Kirk Parker Valerie, where were you?

Like · Reply · 14 hrs



Write a comment...





Basic Rules

- You must be a CYCT member or sponsored by a CYCT member to post an item.
- Each month the CYCT posting member must submit their items for sale before the 25th of the month (send your post to 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)



Would You Believe

It's a miracle that you all are reading this. I believe that another 30 minutes and myself and my partner, the Lascivious and Gullible Ms. St. John would have been dead. I'd only met The L and G Ms. S a week prior and had convinced her to sail to Gig Harbor with me on my 52 foot boat, Pair A Ds which I had named after her.

Expecting the voyage to last no more than an hour and a half, I'd loaded the boat with about 15 tons of Ho Hos, Butterfingers, Campbells soup and Gin. Barely had we left Tyee we were assaulted with what could only be the remnants of Hurricane Harvey. Hurricanes aren't common here in Washington State but this one raged on for several days and included a water spout which had me so dizzy I did not know which way to turn the key rendering the motor useless.

I wanted to call for help using the cell phone but by now the constant exposure to salt water had so wrinkled my fingertips that the security device on my phone refused to recognize them. Denied this access to communication, I turned to the trusted VHF. I tried repeatedly to hail someone on the Wx channel reasoning that, as it was in constant use, that rather monotone man would surely respond with help, but no joy there.

Meanwhile, we were drifting farther and farther away from Gig Harbor. We tried to sail but we were soon discouraged by the constant need to tack, jibe, and trim. We knew this would soon tire us and so left the sails furled safely in their cozy homes on the boom and forestay.

More than once we passed in easy distance of marinas; Des Moines, Shilshole, Edmonds, but we weren't carrying the burgee (it still being on the old boat) and therefore, had no way to obtain reciprocal moorage. Yes, we were short on limes but the Gin and Ho Hos were holding out and we continued on.

The one thing that really scared us was the seals. They may look like lab puppies until you get twenty to thirty of them acting in a coordinated effort to launch one of their member onto the deck of the boat. They were at it for hours and a couple of times got really close. We finally realized what it was that they were after and tossed over the remaining twelve cases of Butterfingers.

Maybe things were getting desperate after all. I dug out a box of the kids fireworks and we lit a couple of sparklers but no one saw or responded. I also tried a couple of those charcoal snakes, but again. Nothing. Turning to technology I took two of the empty soup cans, poked holes in the end and joined them with twine. Stretching the twine tight, the cans were surprisingly effective for communication. For the next several days we put out distress calls on them. The L and G heard them clearly but apparently, no one else.

Finally, after weeks, maybe months or years adrift and approaching the feared Straights of Juan De Puka, we accidentally collided with two fishermen in a Zodiac. They offered us assistance, but the L and G was put off by their rugged good looks. Also, they did serious damage to the really thick fiberglass hull of the Pair A Ds. I tossed empty Gin bottles at them until they cast us free while promising to get us real help.

Imagine our relief the next morning when the Port Townsend ferry stopped and offered assistance. And us, no more than seventeen minutes from certain death.

And if you don't believe God was watching over us – the ferry was eastbound and our fare was free.

Ken St. John
S/V Pair A Ds

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2017/10/31/they-told-a-dramatic-story-of-surviving-months-lost-at-sea-now-the-two-american-sailors-are-defending-it/?utm_term=.e816d2056643