



# Mainsheet

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## Commodore

It started out so long ago. Some three years or 36 of these articles. Thirty six board meetings give or take and 36 general meetings give or take. Trips to the bank. Picking up mail. Work parties. Auditing books. Arranging speakers. Showing up for Daffodil and opening day. There's a lot that goes into being your club commodore and there's still another year left as past commodore supporting Don Kimball and his team. But I'm done with these article's. No more editor John Coyne badgering me! Not about this article anyway. I Plan to keep writing a back-page article though I might have to change the title.

It's a lot of work, and I don't think I've been a truly great commodore. Gary Ballentine and his team pulled off T-Town during his year. Paul Case came in with an amazing agenda. Me, I came in struggling with a new job I hated and family issues that have dominated Julie's and my life, but we made it through. Both Julie and I and the club.

There have been no milestone initiatives passed, but we've grown our membership, kept racing going, really utilized our dinghy dock and we've helped the CYCT survive another



year as the premier club for sailors in the south end. And by "we", I mean our amazing team. And team is a big deal. This is the first time in my time with the club that we've had a full team.

Eric, who has been such a big part as past commodore. Don who will be a great commodore and who has worked so hard on racing. Janice who has been there picking up things that needed picking up before I even knew it was needed. Then there is Deb as secretary and Angie Morales as cruise chair who both committed to staying on and helping me through (watch out for cruises, vodka, and 2:00 AM!) I'm excited to have new folks like Jeremy Bush on board as long-range planning, Jen Ihlen as social chair, and John Coyne who took a load off of my shoulders as Mainsheet editor. Don't forget Joe Salz who talked us in to a terrific RC, and Steve Wagner, even though he was kind of short on my trophies this year.

And all of the rest of you (when you have to write these articles and your tired you'll start leaving people off as well.

One important thing about all of these volunteers – well, two really. First, they're all VOLUNTEERS! Even folks like Don who give up days and hours to support you. They just do it. Second, most of these people put themselves forward. That is to say, they self nominated. And everyone going up the commodore chairs started out doing something else in club leadership.

Bottom line – I couldn't do anything without all of the

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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

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Club Merchandise:** Jennifer Tenney

**Mainsheet Editor:** John Coyne

**Sunshine:** Julie St. John

**Web Site:** Greg Sandwick

**Floating Asset Chair:** Joe Salz

**Publicity:** Cindy Craig

**Trophies:** Steve Wagner

**Education:** Penny Shen

**Social:** Jennifer Ihlen

**Long Range Planning:** Jeremy Bush

**Seeking Volunteers**

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#### REPRESENTATIVES

**PHRF Handicapper:** Ron Holbrook

**PHRF Director:** Eric Nelson

**PIYA Representative:** Eric Nelson

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## Vice Commodore

It's Christmas Time, you know what that means, WHITE ELEPHANT. Yes be sure to attend December 16th at the Brown's Point Community Center. Watch for the unscrupulous shenanigans of one

\_\_\_\_\_. (It wouldn't be fun if you new who to watch for ). Bring a dish to share. This is always a fun event, we look forward to seeing you their. The Commodores will provide the hot buttered rums.

Don Kimball

CYCT Vice Commodore

SV Cool Kat



## Rear Commodore

I want to wish all our members a happy, healthy and joyous holiday season! I am looking forward to putting the wind back in my sails and continue with new adventures around the sound and beyond.



I strongly encourage all our members to take advantage of what this club has to offer. For one reason or another, you all joined for a reason, whether it is just to race, to cruise, or to make new friends with a common interest. This is your club and it only works when people are together doing what they love to do.

I look forward to a new responsibility next year as are many of the other new board members taking on roles. Congratulations to all the winners of our trophies to be passed out at the Christmas Party on December 16. It will be a great time. Hope to see you there!

Janice VanRavenswaay

Rear Commodore

S/V Tatoosh

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## Racing

Well CYCT's season is over, time to hibernate. NOPE! Not so fast. If you sailed the TYC Winter Vashon and made it to the northend, you saw your own Romeo Charlie and crew manning the line. As it was we would be the finish line. A struggling light air start and contrary currents made the challenge to get past Point Richmond. On the North Mark we bided our time constantly peering to the south, looking for the first sails to appear. Then through the gloom, SAIL HO, a lone boat emerges. Then the mist and rain lighten to give us view of twenty five boat; spinnaker flying, charging towards the finish. Cross Fire takes line honors with multiple blast from the horn. Heading up to cross the "quirky" finish line she heels way over to show us her bottom, keel and rudder. Nice a..... we comment. Next to finish is Mist. Then comes the onslaught for RC crew. Twenty some boats finishing in a short period of time. Given we were definitely the favored end, we got to say HI up close. The fleet thins out, finally got to sip that beer. WHEW. Great finish.

A toughly sailed race, testing the skills of all. Thank you for coming out for this 40th TYC Winter Vashon. Thank you Tacoma Yacht Club for an excellent, well run event.

Notables for CYCT were Constellation 3rd in PHRF 2, GraceE 1st in PHRF 4, Slick takes 3rd in PHRF 7 and finally a special congrats to Second Wind, Stephanie and crew taking 1st in the Commodore FS Class. Up next will be the TTPYC's Duwamish Head race January 6th.

Don Kimball,

CYCT Race Chair

SV Cool Kat



## Commodore (continued)

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people whose names are on the inside cover of The Mainsheet. Next year's team looks pretty strong as well. Besides being past commodore, Julie and I will be back as cruise chairs.

There are a few more events coming up in my "Reign of Benign Neglect". First, Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas potluck. You don't want to miss that. Then there is the Un Cruise on New Year's Eve. Will we freeze or will we drown? No matter, it's always fun! Finally – and mark your calendars – Don Kimball's Commodore's Ball is January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Invitations will be out soon.

Let me wrap up with this: Our club is run by volunteers, say thank you. Your enjoyment and sense of belonging does increase as you volunteer yourself and take part in club activities. And finally, imagine our region without CYCT racing and encourage non-members who race to imagine the same thing and then join CYCT in support.

I've enjoyed serving you all and look forward to continuing in other capacities.

Ken St. John

Commodore CYCT

S/V Sun Wah (at least until the documentation comes through!)

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# Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2018 Race Calendar

Thank you members and Race  
Committee for a FANTASTIC  
2017 of sailing with CYCT!

2018 Race Calendar Coming Soon!



## Cruising

The Wacky Commodores Cruise and Chowder Cook Off along with the LeMans Race took place November 18-19. Earlier arrivals for the Saturday race on Friday, were invited to a Pre-Race dinner at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club. Those not racing chose to dine at El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant.



There were 14 boats for this cruise! I'm very sure it's the largest gathering this year, so thanks for supporting your club.

I won't go into the LeMans Race details. I will leave it to those in the know. If you haven't seen the pictures on Face Book of the Race please take a look and give a shout out to Julie St. John for those pictures.

Saturday evening potluck and famed Chowder Cook-Off was the order of the evening. There were 6 entries. All were very tasty and it was difficult to vote which was the best. When all the votes were tabulated a clear winner was announced. Please congratulate Deb McAdams for taking home First Place. The parade of Wacky Costumes was next. First Place went to Don Kimball as a Flower Child?? Congratulations to him. There was supposed to be a viewing of the movie Airplane, but technical difficulties with the projec-

tor made that impossible. So the next best thing was to play a game similar to Family Feud. Women against men. I think everyone enjoyed that game. The winners were the men. The fun times continued aboard La Gitana well into the early morning, 3am to be exact. Don Taco was in fine form while Rich kept our whistles wet with Hurricane drinks.

Sunday morning our hosts the Ballentine's, prepared breakfasts with build your own omelettes, hash browns, sausages, donuts, Mimosas and coffee. Delicious! Thank you Gary and Joy for a well attended cruise and hosting.

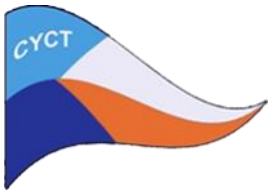
Our last cruise is December 31 The UnCruise (New Years Eve) at the Club House, Tyee 2. 7pm till midnight. The Grill will be up if you want to grill something. Bring a side dish or dessert. BYOB, dress for the weather, bring a comfy chair and blankets to sit by the fire pit. If you would like to bring your boat to Tyee Marina, please call the office at 253-383-5321. There is a fee.

I would like to take this opportunity to say this is our last time as Fleet Captains of Cruising. Rich and I have enjoyed volunteering. Thank you for your support in making our cruises fun and memorable. Without volunteers stepping up to host cruises, our Cruising program would be non-existent. We will see you at the Christmas Party on December 16 at Brown's Point Improvement Club.

Fair Winds,  
Rich and Angie Morales  
Fleet Captains Cruising  
S/Y LA GITANA

## CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise	Host	Location
December 16	CYCT Christmas Party	CYCT Club	Brown's Pt. Improvement
December 31	UnCruise New Year's Eve Party	CYCT	CYCT Clubhouse



# Meeting Minutes

## CYCT General Meeting Minutes 2017

Month: November

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

Guests- Sue, a friend Michael Stanford, Michelle Miles a friend of Adrian De Luna

A motion to approve the minutes from the October General Meeting was made by Don Kimball and seconded by Greg Sandwick with one correction, I gave short shrift to Skip Broadhead on his racing accomplishments. After 9 years of trying he and his crew on Integrity won First Place in the Southern Sound Series Commodore's Class by taking a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Winter Vashon, a 1<sup>st</sup> in Duwamish Head, a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Toliva Shoals and a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Islands race. Great job!

Shining Light Award: Nominees- no new nominees

### Reports

\_\_\_ Vice Commodore: Don Kimball- no report

\_\_\_ Rear Commodore: Janice Vanravenswaay- no report

\_\_\_ Past Commodore: Eric Nelson- All the boats have been relocated to Eric's garage. Will put out a list of parts and missing stuff for the Opti's and Lasers.

\_\_\_ Treasurer: Bill Jenks- In Hawaii, Email sent and it's on the website for Board members. We still have money in checking and savings.

\_\_\_ Secretary: Debbie McAdams- - I will need someone to fill in for me for the November board meeting. Jen Tenney will fill in for me. Thank you, Jen!

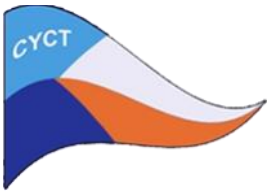
\_\_\_ Membership Chair: Jen Tenney— new members still in the air heading this way.

\_\_\_ Fleet Captain Cruising: Angie and Rich Morales: This weekend is the Wacky Commodore's Cruise and Clam Chowder Cook-off at Arabella's Landing in Gig Harbor hosted by Gary and Joy Ballentine. Early arrivals on Friday, Clam Chowder Cook-off on Saturday with games and costumes and possibly a movie. Bring muffin tins for chowder tasting. Dinner will be at 7, cocktails at 6 Breakfast at 9. Prizes for costumes and chowders.

\_\_\_ Fleet Captain Racing: Don Kimball- CYCT races are done for the year, but the Gig Harbor LeMans Race is also this weekend. Don Kimball will race his own boat for a change. For the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the race, he will go "old school" and dinghy from the shore to the boat, hoist anchor and go. Romeo Charlie will be mark boat at top of Vashon for the Winter Vashon.

\_\_\_ Education: Penny Shen – not present, no report

\_\_\_ Social: Jennifer Ihlen- Saturday, December 16 is the Christmas Party. Social and cocktail hour starting at 5, dinner at 6. Turkey and ham provided by the club bring potluck items to fill in the menu and BYOB. Bring non-perishable items for donation to the food bank. There will be a twist on the White Elephant gift ex-



# Meeting Minutes

change. Hot Buttered Rum provided by the board.

\_\_\_ Club Merchandise: Jen Tenney- Earrings and patches are here.

\_\_\_ Mainsheet: John Coyne- not present, but the Mainsheet is out.

\_\_\_ Sunshine: Julie St. John- no report.

\_\_\_ Webmaster: Greg Sandwick- Members directory is now on line. Your email address is your user name and your password was emailed to you. Or you can just click "Lost Password" and follow the prompts. Then you get a ton of content on the member tab. 3 different security paths, Board members, crewmembers and active members. Home page will be one single compact page. Working on getting capability to pay dues on line. And working on a way to tabulate results of races.

\_\_\_ Historian- Matt Thomas- no report

\_\_\_ Long Range Planning (Future Planning): Jeremy Bush— no report yet.

\_\_\_ Floating Assets: Joe Salz— RC to come out of the water after Dec 2 race, then hauled out for 3 months.

\_\_\_ Publicity: Cindy Craig- not present, no report

\_\_\_ Women's Sailing: No photos from the spa day, but working on getting out sailing. We had a great time at McLendon's Ladies Night.

\_\_\_ Trophies: Steve Wagner- A couple more perpetual trophies were brought back. Still need the rest to be brought to Steve or the clubhouse.

\_\_\_ Racing Protests: Eric Nelson- no report

\_\_\_ PHRF Director: Eric Nelson— no report

\_\_\_ PHRF Handicapper: Tom Tenney- at work. 2 boats that will need rated, Second Wind and AFK.

\_\_\_ NW Boating Council:

\_\_\_ Commodore's Report: Ken St John— The Commodore's Ball is January 27 at TYC. The Tropics will be playing again. RSVP for dressing up, dining and dancing to welcome Don Kimball as new Commodore.

\_\_\_ Dinghy dock-

\_\_\_ Old Business—The rescue ladder for dinghy dock will happen.

\_\_\_ New Business—Elections tonight.

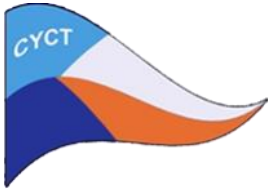
Break

Raffle – And the winners are...

Bottle of Pinot Grigio won by Steve Wagner

Chardonnay was won by Adrian's guest Michelle Miles





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Jolly Roger Beer was won by Steve Wagoner

Zinfandel won by Don McAdams

Pinot Grigio won by Ed Pinkham

Chili Chocolate Kahlua was won by Carol Broadhead and traded for the Chardonnay above

Quilters Beer won by Julie St John

Gary Ballentine won a Finnelli's gift set with 2 glasses

\_\_\_Speaker: No speaker tonight due to club elections. One award is not on the ballot it is given by points only.

Nominees for perpetual trophies were made and voted on and the winners will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Don McAdams and seconded by Sue Pinkham. The meeting was adjourned at 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie McAdams

Recording Secretary

S/V Red Splash



## Members Abroad

Keep track of our non-resident  
members as they live the life we only  
dream of!

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S/V Suzanne



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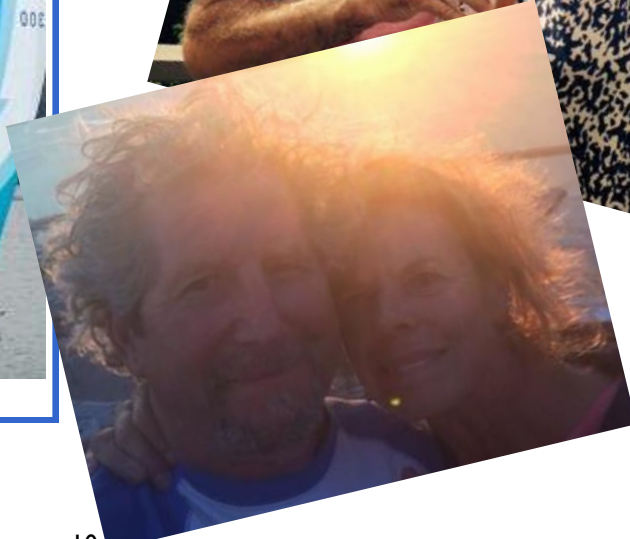
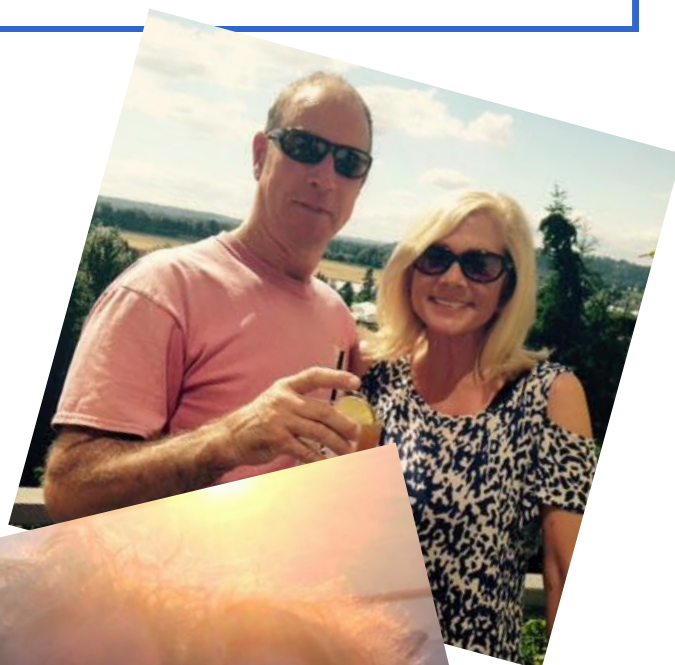
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 7 PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	12	13	14	15	16 CYCT Christmas Potluck
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 UnCruise CYCT Club-house						



# 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

Beverly Channing	December 2
Jack Harris	December 10
Don Kimball	December 10
Donette Parry	December 31
Marilyn Thoradson	December 19
Brock VanRavensway	December 26
Janet Wedenroth	December 29
Jennifer Wheeler	December 30



**On The Cover**  
Foggy Tyee  
Photo by Don Kimball

## Saw it on Facebook



Kirk Parker and Paul Case commented on this photo.



**Julie St John**

November 19 at 4:12pm



Like Comment

Angie Morales, Rebecca Anderson and Deb McAdams Seen by 24



Kirk Parker Still waters run... .. slowly.

Like · Reply · November 21 at 8:30pm



Paul Case Top speed for the day was 2.5.!

Like · Reply · November 22 at 7:53am

Kirk Parker replied · 1 Reply



Write a comment...



**Jennifer Madsen Tenney** created a private event for the group. \*\*\*

November 21 at 7:58pm

DEC  
16

**CYCT Christmas Party**

Dec 16 - Dec 17 · Browns Point Improvement Club ...

Jennifer and 8 friends going

Going

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# The View From the Rear

(Musings of a Casual Racer)



## The View From the Settee

Perhaps that's the new title of this article. Musings of a former racer. No, I'm not ready to go that far. I do love racing. It's just not and has never been my primary focus in sailing. I've always loved the freedom of travelling without the need for fuel or roads and the ability to drop the hook and be totally self-sufficient. That's what brought us to purchase the BAB (Big Ass Boat), the house (according to Gary and Joy), Sun Wah according to her Australian registration and the letters on the side, or La Sirena whenever we get the paperwork.

Whatever you call her – we'll settle on Sun Wah for now – she must be the definition of self-sufficient. Forget shore power. There's the alternator, the batteries – lots of big batteries, the solar panel and the diesel generator.

After this last weekend though, I wonder, have I gone too far? Sold my soul so to speak? This last weekend I replaced the crummy little 21" tv with a 32" tv and a dvd! The Naughty Boat had books! Sun Wah – well Sun Wah has a three-year-old, and the ability to dial up Shrek or Bob the Builder or Paddington Bear comes in handy from time to time.

And Master and Commander, the Big Lebowski, and the entire box set of Band of Brothers are pretty enticing to yours truly. Yes, the view from the settee is pretty sweet. And just wait until we get that 38" in the master berth.

But I digress. Really, we continue to work towards what we think will make a comfortable place for us to live and travel. There's a new propane stove on the way – electric just doesn't work for us. We're well on the way to making our sanitation fully compliant for live aboard status and we're getting our navigation dialed in for long distance travel.



Some day soon we hope to get out with a few capable friends and hoist all of those big sails. Not quite ready to single hand this baby. Still, we've spent a number of nights aboard already and had who knows how many guest aboard at the Arabella's cruise.

Yes, the view from the settee is sweet (and from the pilot house even better), but the lovely and gracious Mrs. St. John and I haven't totally resigned ourselves to tv and popcorn oblivion. The other feature installed last weekend was the trust kerosene lamp on the bulkhead. You see, For the L and G and I, paradise is swinging off of the hook, the glow of the kerosene lamp, and a good book. And when that fails, I have new charts of distant places (thanks Bill Jenks), what I call "dream books".

I can fall asleep on the settee just like on the naughty boat. The only difference is, on Sun Wah, it's a lot farther to walk to bed!

Need to get that tv in the master soon!

Ken St. John

S/V Sun Wah