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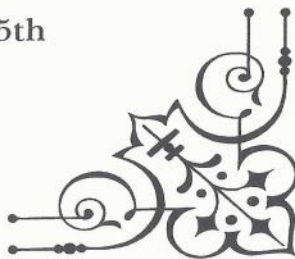
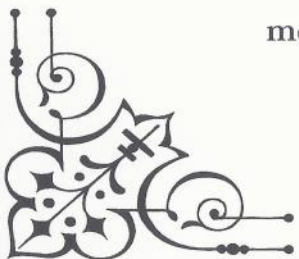
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Commodore



WELCOME to the New Year!

It looks to be a good one for CYCT. Exciting things are happening in Racing (welcome your new Fleet Racing Captain Eric Nelson). New Cruising Captains (thank you Ken and Julie) will have a fun agenda for us all. We have a full board and committees, shy a coupe committee positions. The club is all about participation. We are looking for more depth on Race Committee. Floating assets will be open in a few months.

The success of our programs are for you the membership and by you. We can urge those benefitting from our programs to join the club and support CYCT. This would particularly apply to racers. Membership is everyone's job. An assist in docking a kind word can go a long way. Let's have fun! Get going! Happy New Year.

Don Kimball CYCT Commodore

SY Cool Kat



Vice Commodore



Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a restful, memorable holiday season. Brock and I were able to get away for a few days to learn more about sailing in the San Juans in Friday Harbor. We hope to venture that direction sometime this summer with Ta-toosh.

I've had the club a lot on my mind lately. As I move up in the ranks I begin to think about what I believe in and what mark I want to leave with CYCT. My thoughts instantly go to relationships. I started with a new chiropractor lately, and since then I've received 2 letters in the mail, one with a treat. Gestures that say hey, you can go anywhere, but you chose me and thank you. So I wonder, why did you choose CYCT?

I gave Brock a CYCT membership as a birthday present years ago. We had a boat but were at a stage to use it more or to sell it. At the first meeting I was very intimidated (if you know me I am very shy until I know someone well). Gary and Joy Ballentine instantly pulled us in and invited us to race with them in April (we had NEVER raced before!). It wasn't until that summer when we felt comfortable enough to go to a cruise. Having formed relationships that first year really made us feel welcomed and wanting to be a part of things.

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Janice VanRavenswaay

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Vice Commodore (Continued)

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Truthfully, we are a member of another club in the region where we have struggled feeling welcome and are trying to be more involved. We are close to dumping our association to it because of the lack of relationships.

I know this doesn't apply to some of you, but I know there are members out there who send in their check then, what next? How can I help to make your membership valuable to you? What type of events would you be interested in attending and/or hosting? Once upon a time there was Fun on Friday races in the summer with trophies and ribbons. We are outdoor people; does a group ski or hike or kayak trip sound fun? There is a group of women sparking up women's sailing again and meeting once a month. Not everything has to be on a boat!

Janice VanRavenswaay

Vice Commodore

S/V Tatoosh



Rear Commodore

Welcome to 2018!

I am very happy to represent CYCT as Rear Commodore. My time as Fleet Captain Cruising which spanned 4 years gave me an opportunity to meet a lot of you. I appreciate all who hosted cruises. I know I leave that position in very capable hands and that you will support Ken and Julie St. John as we begin the 2018 cruise season.

I asked a wise man recently "What do I write about?" I had no clue. His answer was simple,

"It's okay to not know stuff but it's not okay to stop learning. Write about your learning experiences" Wow, a light bulb went off. That's it!

So I will try my best not to bore you but rather be an inspiration to those who don't have a lot of sailing experience. There may be someone thinking they can't do it but know I was once in a very similar place. Just look around at the experience our club members have. Years and years. So really, one is never alone. It begins with a small step. I would also say to our members take someone new under your wings (sails). You could be that difference in their sailing life.

I would encourage everyone to come join your fellow members in the General Meetings held on the second Monday of the month. A lot of club information is talked about and monthly speakers in the boating world impart their knowledge. Not to mention you are dining with your new found friends.

It's not too early to begin thinking and planning for the Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Marine Festival & Parade April 13-15. This year's theme is "Traditions in Bloom". Please visit their web page at www.tacomayachtclub.org for upcoming details and registration.

May 4-6 is Opening Day at Seattle Yacht Club. This year's theme is "Ocean Crossings" Registration for Dock 0 begins January 1 as stated on the web site. But it can be later that week. Keep checking at www.seattleyachtclub.org.

I look forward to seeing you out on the water.

Fair winds,

Angie Morales

Rear Commodore

S/V La Gitana

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Racing

Who is ready to get out on the race course.....

Welcome to 2018, where we as the Race Committee look to build on our past success and move towards the future. To that end, let's start off with a few small details for 2018. The race schedule for CYCT, as well as the entry form for 2018 are included in this Newsletter! You will see we have a full schedule of races that we hope, will meet everyone's expectations (Disclaimer - we do not control the weather....) We have dingle and double handed races, distance races, Wednesday night racing, and a couple of new things tossed in.



It all starts with our Harbor Series on January 20th, which will run through February. After that, we come back together in early April for our Single/Double handed race on April 7th.

In addition, on April 7th, we will be holding an **Introduction to CYCT Racing** get together later that day. This will allow us to go over general information about our sailing program, rules discussion, how to file a protest (For general information - not that I want anyone to need to do that....) and how we run races. This will be open to EVERYONE and we will be providing some snacks and drinks to get us through the program. I encourage owners and crew to attend.... More details to follow in February.

April 11th comes around and start our Windseekers Wednesday Nights that will run for the next 20+ weeks. Also during that time, for a bit of fun, we also have our Three Hour Tour series, one each in June, July, and August. To cap off a summer of fun, we have the Vashon Challenge and then our Awards Race September 1st.

We are looking to start a new tradition for CYCT's racing program with the introduction of Grudge Match 2018 over the weekend of May 19th and 20th. Everyone of us racing has that one boat we want to beat - and now is the time to challenge them to two days of racing - just your boat against theirs. This is a new format, so we are creating something from scratch here that we hope will be a fun and challenging way to obtain some bragging rights over your archrival. Note that due to the format of this regatta, there is limited space.

Fall will come, and we will again have our Point Series and Sailors Memorial Single Hand Race to cap off what we are hoping is a successful year of racing for not only CYCT, but also our participants.

All told, that will be 34 race starts and one two day regatta. That will be a lot of work, so I am asking now for volunteers. I ask that every boat that will be racing over the next year volunteer either yourself or one of your crew for just one race to help out. It is a commitment, but not only does it help the committee, but allows the volunteer to see how races are run, participate in the RC activities on race day, and ultimately leads to a better understanding of racing.

We are always looking for your input. Feel free to send me any questions or comments about the races or issues you have seen during a race (Either about those racing or the race management).

Finally, I want to thank Don for his guidance over the last two years as Race Chair and send out a special thanks to both Cyndi and Greg for their time volunteering for race committee. Without these three people, we would not have a race program - plain and simple. I am looking forward to working with all of them.

See you all out there...

Eric Nelson

Race Committee Chair

S/V Gardyloo

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Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2018 Race Calendar

Saturday	January 20	Quartermaster Harbor - Harbor Series #1
Saturday	February 3	Pt Ruston - Harbor Series #2
Saturday	February 24	Zenith Harbor - Harbor Series #3
Saturday	April 7	Spring Single / Double Handed Race
Saturday	April 7	CYCT Race Seminar
Wednesday	April 11	Spring Series #1
Wednesday	April 18	Spring Series ##2
Wednesday	April 25	Spring Series #3
Wednesday	May 2	Spring Series #4
Wednesday	May 9	Spring Series #5
Wednesday	May 16	Late Spring Series #1
Saturday/Sunday	May 19-20	Grudge Match 2018
Wednesday	May 23	Late Spring Series #2
Wednesday	May 30	Late Spring Series #3
Wednesday	June 6	Late Spring Series #4
Wednesday	June 13	Late Spring Series #5
Wednesday	June 20	Summer Series #1
Saturday	June 23	Manzanita Margarita - Three Hr Tour #1
Wednesday	June 27	Summer Series #2
Wednesday	July 11	Summer Series #3
Saturday	July 14	Ruston Classic - Three Hr Tour #2
Wednesday	July 18	Summer Series #4
Wednesday	July 25	Summer Series #5
Wednesday	August 1	Late Summer Series #1
Saturday	August 4	RC Delight - Three Hr Tour #3
Wednesday	August 8	Late Summer Series #2
Wednesday	August 15	Late Summer Series #3
Saturday	August 18	Vashon Challenge
Wednesday	August 22	Late Summer Series #4
Wednesday	August 20	Late Summer Series #5
Saturday	September 1	CYCT Awards Race - Stand Alone
Saturday	September 22	Point Robinson - Point Series #1
Saturday	October 6	Point Defiance - Point Series #2
Saturday	October 13	Memorial Single Hand
Saturday	October 20	Neil Point - Point Series #3
Saturday	November 3	Browns Point - Point Series #4



Cruising

Cruising 2018 Style

Hello fellow cruisers and welcome to 2018! 2017 went out in style at the annual Un-Cruise, hosted by outgoing cruise captains, Rich and Angie Morales.

Now it's Ken and Julie's turn in the barrel. And while we may not be the most technical of racers – we know how to cruise and 2017 is bringing us a dozen opportunities to do so.

Hopefully you will choose to cruise with us or even host a cruise. We have everything from the laid back "Winter Cruise", to the pomp and circumstance of Opening Day at SYC. There's the wackiness of Daffodil Festival at TYC and the return of the always popular Penrose Raft up.

Come to as many cruises as possible. Never hosted? Give it a shot. Julie and I are happy to help. Below is our tentative 2018 cruise calendar. Some dates are set in stone (Daffodil, Opening Day, Memorial Day.) Some have some flexibility. Be a super cruiser and attend all 12!

Hope to see you there.

Ken and Julie St. John

S/V La Sirena



CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise/Theme	Host	Location
February 17-18	Winter Cruise	St. Johns	Tacoma—Foss
March 24-25	?	Open	?
April 14-15	Daffodil Festival	Open	TYC
May 26-28	Memorial Day	Tenneys	Penrose Pt. Raft Up
June 30-July 1	?	Open	?
August	Annual Picnic		
September 1-3	Labor Day	Open	?
October	?	Open	?
November 17-18	?	Open	Gig Harbor—Arabella's
December 31	UnCruise	Open	Tyee



Crew Corner

Hi There CYCT! I'm going to be starting a new article for this year, entitled "Crew Corner". This column can be authored by any crew member of CYCT, and is designed to make sure our loyal crew members are getting information as well.

For those who don't know me—I'm John Coyne, and in addition to being the Main-sheet Editor, I'm also a crew member aboard S/V Gardyloo. Eric and Aubre are nice enough to have let me sail with them for the last 7 years, and I'm sort of one of their "family". (We crew aboard Gardyloo are more like derelict step-children, but we have fun)

I was also fortunate enough to have been voted CYCT's 2017 Crew member of the year, and I was very honored to have been given that designation by the voting members of CYCT! Thank you again!

I've been sailing off and on for the last 20 or so years. I used to sail with Ed Jacobs on Wild Thing, and then took a little hiatus while my kids were young. I just shipped my youngest off to WSU, (Go Cougs!) and even managed to get him into sailing before he left! :-)

For Crew—Since we don't actually have boats ourselves, it's our job to help out both with our skippers, and with the rest of the YC. This year, Eric Nelson is our Race Chair, and he's going to need help with organizing the Race Committee for each event. I'd like to ask all crew members who would like to learn more about how racing is scored, judged, etc., to reach out to Eric, or you can contact me, so we can get some help lined up. It's a lot of work to put on a race, and we're asking that people volunteer for at least one race per season. Don't worry if you don't know how, that's something we'll teach! Great experience for those of you who look to owning and maybe racing your own boats at some point. Think about it, and let Eric or I know.

For those who are new to sailing and the sailing lifestyle, you may be asking yourselves "Well, what gear do I need to do this thing?" I'm here to tell you, it's not all about Bermuda shorts and Tommy Bahamas - I'll be writing a future article that covers the basics, and shows you some online places you can get your gear. You don't have to have the top of the line gear, but it's



important to have the RIGHT gear, or your experiences will be cold and miserable at times... a (semi) dry crew member is a happy crew member!

Even though crew members are non-voting members of CYCT, it's important that our voting members hear from us. Join us at meetings each month! (I'm guilty of always having some damn thing that conflicts with the general meeting. I'm working to make that better this year) The meetings are posted on the calendar, and we'd love to see you there!

If you have ideas for things you'd like to hear about, please let me know. My email is jcoyne@live.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Also— please let me know if any of you would like to write an article for this feature. Articles are due the 25th of each month!

Fair Winds!

John Coyne

Crew Member

S/V Gardyloo



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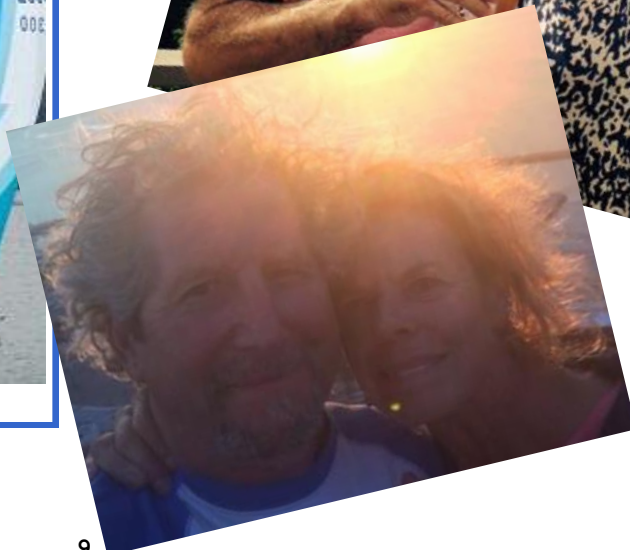
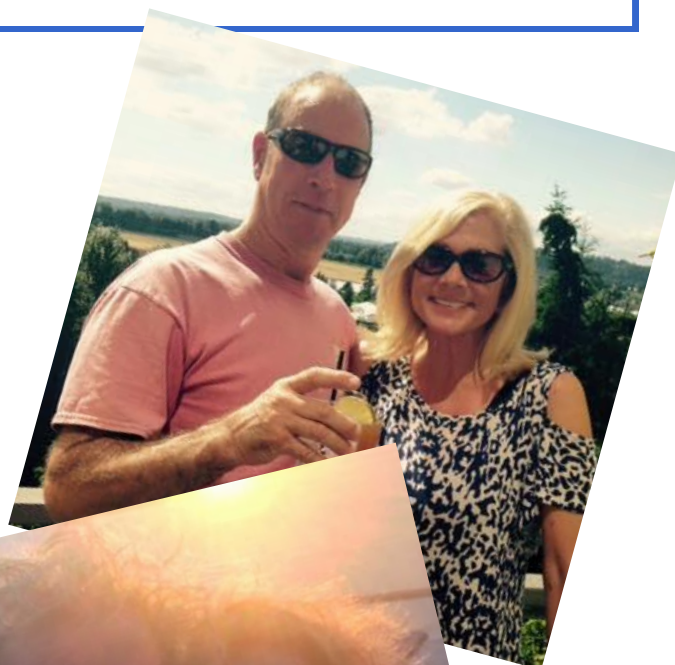
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January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 7PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Quartermaster H. Harbor Series #1
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 7PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)	30	31			

February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Pt. Ruston Harbor Series #2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 7PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	13	14	15	16	17 February Cruise Foss Waterway
18 February Cruise Foss Waterway	19	20	21	22	23	24 Zenith Harbor Harbor Series #3
25	26 7PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)	27	28			

Check CYCT.com for additional information on meetings and races

Sunshine



Julie has handed the reins of the Sunshine committee over to Deb McAdams for 2018. If you know of anyone who needs a little brightness to their day, or someone who is in need of some CYCT Cheer, please let her know.

Deb McAdams
S/V Red Splash
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Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Fred Ahrens	January 15
Stephanie Arnold	January 22
Bob Crews	January 10
Ron Holbrook	January 13
Kurt Kulesza	January 19
Colleen Morrison	January 4
Joe Salz	January 13
Greg Sandwick	January 28



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Jennifer Madsen Tenney is with Angie Morales and 8 others at **Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma**.
December 31, 2017 at 8:32pm · Tacoma

If you aren't here you should be! Great bon fire, food, great fun and great friends. This is how we roll on New Years eve at CYCT.

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Angie Morales, Dana Bachellerie-Gage and 8 others · Seen by 67

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Aloha Carr Carter Looks familiar. Keep warm my friends. Feliz Ano Nuevo!
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Deb McAdams It was a very fun time and whichever side faced the fire stayed warm. Lol!
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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).
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For those who have followed this column for the last five or so years, today marks a change. No more “The View From the Rear – Musings of a Casual Racer”. It’s not that I’m no longer casual. And it’s hard to say if the view will be from the rear or the front as I’ll likely be racing on other’s boats. Today we begin a chronical of the journey from land dweller to live aboard. For both of my regular readers. I’m going to retrace a few steps, but soon we’ll be in fresh territory. Today I give you:



SHOVING OFF

I Love it When a Plan Comes Together

The text startled me coming at 8:45 (middle of the night for me) and deep into the fourth showing of Frozen this week.

“Oh S#*T!” – It was from the HR manager at work. “Huh!” I articulated. “The president is no longer with our company. We request you to accept the position of General Manager.”

The text, forwarded by HR and intended for me was from our Taiwanese parent company in somewhat broken English. This simplifying my life and easing my way out of full time work was not going quite as planned. For the last few years, I’d been scheming on how to get out of the five day a week seven to four grind I’d been in for more than 30 years. In fact, the summer of 1974 was the last time I really hadn’t had to set an alarm clock.

Now I am aware that here in the good old US of A we’ve been working to extend careers and not shorten them, but I don’t want to work until I’m 67, or 65, or even 62-1/2. One thing having cancer taught me – I am not going to live forever! Realizing I have two sisters older than my mom ever was and watching a beloved brother in law die at 70 while still living (OK – he loved his job) – well I just don’t want to do that.

No - there are things I want to do that you can’t do with four weeks of vacation that you can only take one or two weeks at a time. Sail around Vancouver island? Forget it. Sail to Mexico or Hawaii - no way. Alaska – are you kidding!

Another thing – the six months I spent as a Ride the Ducks Captain are the best six months of employment I’ve ever had. I worked so hard and had so much fun!

So why not? Why not pack it in, drive a duck part of the year. Winter in the Sea of Cortez. Why not? One word, MORTGAGE. OK, two words, mortgage and medical insurance. Alright, that’s three words. But those are the barriers. Our savings are good. Jobs like being a duck captain are very flexible. Just have to deal with the mortgage and insurance. The lovely and gracious Mrs. S has the insurance covered working four days every two weeks, but the mortgage?

Move on to a boat!

Yes! That is the solution – move on to a boat. The flexibility to move occasionally without changing our home. Water-front property at a basement apartment price. The ability to hang out on a dock (our favoritest place) all the time. Why not?

The L and G Mrs. S. That’s why not.

My old boss used to say “someday you’re going to tell me you’re moving on to a boat.”

“That’ll be the day I tell you I’m getting divorced,” I would reply.

Imagine my surprise when the L and G said “Let’s do it.” There’s a reason we’ve been together 40 some years.

We ran the numbers. I made spread sheets. We talked what ifs. The wheels have been set in motion. “Let’s do it.”

Until that text. General Manager? I’d told them, “I’m 58, I want to work a couple more years.” (The Taiwanese don’t know that they aren’t supposed to ask your age.” I told them I was looking for advancement ten years ago, not now. Still I reasoned, if not me, who? I’m no Lee Iacocca, but our facility is seriously lacking in bench strength. And, the L and G mused, there’s sure to be a raise to help us get going faster.

So the plan is coming together Rather we are making the plan as we go. But we are committed to

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Next month, I’m an Admiral – Again!

Ken St. John

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