



start to the New Year. We sur-

vived the Un-cruise to bring in

drink.. we did not burn down the

club house. Our first race of the

2018. Nobody went in to the

year, Quartermaster Harbor,

Commodore



went very well; with nice wind and finishes for all. Our neighbor TTPYC pulled off an exceptional Duwamish Head race, once again good wind with most of the fleet finishing in daylight. Rare indeed. Then Ken and Julie St. John hosted a most excellent Commodore's Ball for Deb and I. What a great time. The centerpieces were fantastic! I really enjoyed "Cool Kat" at sea with full sails in the Commodore's table center piece. Our thanks to Julie and her crew for putting together this wonderful event. And hey I even managed to get

get better at that.

So here we go! Onward into a New Year. Few have a few projects to complete. New efforts are being staged. We want to grow our fleet along with active members and new crew members. Racing will be adding some new twist to freshen things

through my first meeting, somewhat un-scathed. I do expect to

up. Cruising is looking forward to another fun filled year. Now is the time to step-up, get involved and participate in your club. You will find it enhances your sailing experience.

LET'S GO CYCT. Don Kimball CYCT Commodore SY Cool Kat



Vice Commodore

Wow! February already! To start, Congratulations to Commodore Don Kimball. The Commodore's Ball was a great event and thank you to all that came out to support him (and YOUR club!). Ken and Julie did an amazing job putting this together. Events like the Commodore's Ball, Opening Day, cruises and races are ways



that we, as club members build relationships. Not only within CYCT, but the sailing community as a whole.

Being a school teacher, I live with the philosophy that you should be able to learn something new every day. I know being out on a boat every time I take away something new, whether its figuring out which side the spinnaker will go up on a mark rounding, to how to get a jellyfish out of your intake. I also learn a lot about people. Random factoid that some of you might know about me....I hate being on the low side of a boat, especially my own...unless I'm at the helm. Now, I have been put through the test on this many, many times, and have gotten much better, but it did stop me from racing for a few years.

On those long runs you get a chance to talk with your crewmates and begin to understand their passion for sailing, and find people who can help you when you need it.

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Vice Commodore (Continued)

(from page 1)

I'm excited about speakers I am lining up this year to share their experiences. The Flannigan's are anxious to share about "Life after Cruising." I have spoken to and confirming dates with Jan and Skip Anderson, Wendy Hinman (author of *Tightwads on the Loose*) and sailors from Clipper Around the World. Keep your eyes out on Facebook for specific dates.

Happy Sailing!
Janice VanRavenswaay
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mine! - JC



Rear Commodore

Nothing gives me the "deer in the headlights" look like when our esteemed editor of the Mainsheet send those of us who haven't sent in our articles a friendly reminder that they're due. After all, it's the 26th. I have officially ruined my on time performance of getting in my article way ahead of time. I have been consumed decorating cookies for the Commo-



dore's ball, which was so much fun. Congratulations to Don Kimball. Now I'm wondering what I'm going to write for the Mainsheet.

This year, I have set a goal for myself to understand racing, and learn how to set, as well as trim the sails. On our boats the former Arabesque and now LaGitana, I am the driver. Rich and our sometimes crew fuss with the sails. I had my first lesson aboard Second Wind. With Jen Tenney as Skipper and an able bodied crew, we motored from TYC to Dumas Bay for the first Harbor Series race to Quartermaster Harbor.

I have to admit, I was a little bit nervous, because I don't handle any sails on our boat. This is why I felt the need to learn. Please bear with me here. I'm really gearing this article to those who cruise and don't really take an active part in the workings of their boats. Maybe you're content in cruising around, watching the scenery and having your better half do all of the work. That's OK. Racing affords us the opportunity to know our boats and equipment, in the environment during the race. But what if something happens and you're required to act? Murphy's law applies to boats too. You see, learning the finer points of how sails work in relation to wind, speed, direction, and being able to help if called upon is very important. I can tell you this, I need a lot of practice, as I tried to be helpful with controlling the Mainsheet, which resulted in a few accidental gybes, just to keep things interesting. But hey, it's all good. I'm here to have fun and learn. It's a learning process, and having a capable mentor is always good too. Thanks, Jen Tenney!

So don't be shy. Our club has many sailors with years of experience, who are willing to help you be a better sailor and be a benefit on your own boat.

Fair winds,

Angie Morales

Rear Commodore

S/V La Gitana



Racing

Well, the first race is in the books. The Quartermaster Harbor Race went off on time and had all boats complete the course well within the time limit. A total of 16 boats spread over our three classes saw a day where the winds held, rain held off for the most part, and everyone getting



home. Although Gardyloo and Jeopardy paced the field around to finish 1st and 2nd across the line, it was Greg Larsen's Cal 20 that took home the first overall on corrected time for PHRF., followed by Cherokee and Slick rounding out the top three overall.....

Blue Jay took first in the Challenger Class followed by Hobbes and Second Wind. IN the Windseekers class, Sheet Music led Bailey across the line.

As many of the PHRF racers have noticed (and commented), we have not broken the PHRF stat into individual classes. This will be done, after the next race. Our experience is that we have a tendency to get more boats out for the second and third races of the series and if that was to happen, it could alter how the classes are divided. So stay tuned, it will happen, you just are going to have to wait another week.

We have (2) races coming up this month, which will bring the Harbor series to a quick close. Get out on the course on February 3rd and 24th and be a part of the racing program. We are looking forward to seeing you out there.

Going forward, and like we have said before, we are always looking for volunteers to aid in race committee. For the next race, a crewmember from Gardyloo will be volunteering. My hope is that another boat will volunteer one person for Feb 24th. This is vital to the club to allow for some of those who volunteer on a very regular basis to have help and also train others for RC Work to spread the load.

The one way we keep our entry fees where they are is that we are not working with paid committee. Cyndi, Greg, and even our Commodore and past race chair Don Kimball have shouldered the bulk of the work while we all play. It is time to show them the best appreciation we can and help them out. So, if you look over the race schedule and see that your boat can lend a helping hand - let me know and we will pencil them in. All I ask is one volunteer from each club boat over the span of the year.... Let's see if we can make this happen

After February, our race program takes a little break for the Month of March, where I expect our club to be well represented in Center Sound series in Seattle and at the South Sound Series finale at the Gig harbor Islands Race. Then, we are off to the races with the Single Double Hand in early April, followed by...... drum roll please......... Wednesday night racing.... YES, SPRING IS THAT FREAKING CLOSE FOLKS - YOU CAN ALL MAKE IT.....

Also, in March, details on our Racing Information program in early April will be sent out and I hope that turnout will be good. Until then - Enjoy February racing at CYCT, good luck to those racing in the South Sound Series, and be safe out there....

Eric Nelson

Fleet Captain, Racing

S/V Gardyloo

Race Entry forms and pricing are located on cyct.com





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



February 24 and 25

Dock Street Marina by the Museum of Glass

- . Show up after Saturday's race for a big renaming ceremony
- . Dinner at The Harmon with the club providing appetizers
- Breakfast on the host boat

 Call Dock Street to reserve (253) 250-1906

 Early (Snow) birds arrive on the 23rd



Cruising

And We're Off!

Ahoy cruisers. Hopefully you've made it to the boat show and purchased some of those needed cruising supplies. True to form, Mrs. S and I spent about \$80 on entry, parking, and food and \$6.99 on a laminated map of the San Juan Islands (and no, it isn't the placemat!)

We also spoke with the director of Dock Street Marina and secured our first cruise location of the year. For those who haven't been to this gem right inside of our home town, Dock Street has great amenities and is within walking distance of lots of great eateries and other



entertainment. Marina schedules forced us to move it back two weeks making it possible for you to enjoy a Harbor Series race and then retire to the company of your yacht club friends. Events will include a renaming ceremony and a get together at the Harmon. And while there are no promises – this cruise is routinely blessed with excellent weather. Call Dock Street to reserve. Tell them you are with CYCT. (253) 250-1906 And as always – land yachts are welcome.

A gander below will show you that the calendar is full and almost every cruise has a sponsor – every cruise except Daffodil that is. Daffodil Festival at the Tacoma Yacht Club is a great opportunity for a first cruise to sponsor as what to do, where to go, and details like that are largely taken care of. Talk to Ken and Julie if you are interested.

Happy Cruising

Ken and Julie St. John S/V La Sirena

CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise/Theme	Host	Location	
February 24-25	Winter Cruise	St. Johns	Tacoma—Foss	
March 10-11		Jenks/Craig	Blake Island	
April 14-15	Daffodil Festival	Open	TYC	
May 4-6	Opening Day	СҮСТ	Seattle Yacht Club	
May 26-28	Memorial Day	Tenneys	Penrose Pt. Raft Up	
June 30-July 1	Father's Day	Pinkhams	Bell Harbor	
August	Annual Summer Picnic			
September 1-3	Labor Day	Stephane Arnold and Jeremy Bush	TBD	
October	Wine Seekers	Nelsons	Over the Mountains	
November 17-18	Crew Cruise	Coynes	Gig Harbor—Arabella's	
December 31	UnCruise	Morales'	Tyee	

CYCT HISTORY PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 2018

RON HOLBROOK, COMMODORE 1999

By Matt Thomas, CYCT Historian

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Ron Holbrook and his wife, Connie, about Ron's time as Commodore of the Corinthian Yacht of Tacoma (CYCT). We also discussed club cruising and racing history.

Ron first sailed in Windseeker races from 1977 to 1980 in his San Juan 24. Upon returning to Tacoma in 1993, he joined the Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma (CYCT) and in 1999 he served as Commodore of the CYCT. Ron found it to be the easiest of the officer positions he had held in the club. Ron also served as Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Cruise Chair, and Race Chair (twice).

CRUISING

Ron and Connie have fond memories of the many CYCT cruises they have attended. During the 1990s and earlier, there was generally no budget for cruises, except for the Dockton Crab Feed and Salmon Feed Cruise, and there were no theme cruises. However, there was a mystery cruise at which the club cruisers followed clues, sailing from place to place until they reached the destination. The salmon bake cruise was in October when the Quartermaster Yacht Club allowed the CYCT to use their slips. There was also a cruise to Long Branch where Kathy and Ken Raab would invite everyone to come to their Long Branch cabin for breakfast.

RACING

When Ron was Commodore, the Tacoma Yacht Club and Gig Harbor Yacht Club sponsored more races. In addition, the Tacoma Area Racing Council (TARC) organized area sailboat races. TARC was composed of the CYCT, Tacoma, Gig Harbor, and Quarter-master Yacht Clubs. Ron's wife, Connie, was President of TARC in 1998.

Ron recalled that in late 90s, Windseeker racing was separate from the CYCT and also the Tacoma Area Racing Council (TARC). The

Windseekers held their races every Wednesday during the summer months and nearly every Saturday during the other months. Participation was good with around 30 or more boats on Wednesdays and a few less on Saturdays. The entry fee was a dollar.

There was no Romeo Charlie race committee boat. Instead, as Ron described, the races were very informal with a moving starting line. The racers formed a line between a racing Windseeker starter boat (often Larry King's Catalina) and the end of the Tyee barges. Once the start time arrived, all the boats including the committee boat started racing.

The finish line was also by the barges. The first boat to finish had to stay to record the order of the finishers. This meant at times that the winner had a long wait, as they could not leave until the last boat had finished. This led to some jockeying at the end of the race, since no one wanted to be first.

The courses were also set differently. Rather than using temporary marks to set the course, the course was defined by permanent buoys and navigation markers.

In addition, there were only a few rules: port/starboard, don't hit anyone, and be courteous.

Everyone was rated equal. No one raced using PHRF handicaps like today. Instead, all the boats were grouped in classes depending on finishing results; the faster boats moved up the class list and slower boats moved down it. Spinnakers were allowed, but Ron recalled that was a change from earlier years.

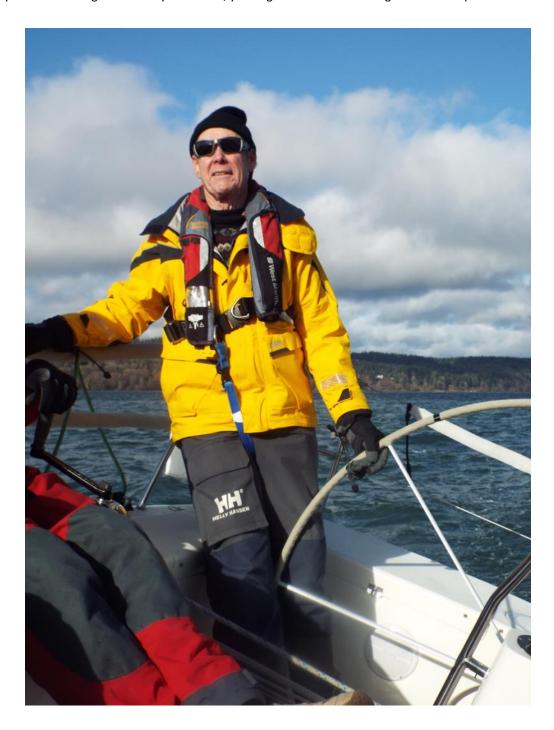
The awards race was a little different. Once a year, the Windseekers raced to Gig Harbor, tied up to the Tides Tavern, and each boat was given \$20 for food and drinks. Small award plaques were given out.

Eventually, the CYCT took over running the Windseeker races. There were a couple of catalysts for this change. First, Larry King retired and moved to Olympia. Then, around 2006, there was a tragic death of a Gig Harbor sailor in the January Quartermaster race. From then on, the Coast Guard required that a formal committee/rescue boat be on station for all races.

Once the CYCT took over, the Windseekers and the program evolved over the years to what it is today, with more formality and rules, including a PHRF class. Ron felt it was much safer.

Ron recalled that in the 1990s, several of the CYCT club boats participated in offshore races. Ron named four of the CYCT club sailors who participated in the Pacific Cup during the 1990s: Hooligan (Tom Saul), Mystic (Gene Brown), Vanidis (Terry Andersen), and One Flew Blue (Jerry Murphy).

Ron and Connie still love sailing, both racing and cruising. They now sail in their J-133 named Constellation. They participate in Windseeker and PHRF races and they also do the longer races like Swiftsure, Winter Vashon, and Van Isle. They recently cruised to Alaska. And, if you're out sailing on a Sunday afternoon, you might see them returning from a short pleasure sail.





Jennifer Tenney

CYCT Women's Sailing has been socially active all along with 'planning meetings' at the spa and Fireball Seminars but it's time we get back to our mission of learning about sailing and nautical things and promoting women's endeavors in our sport. With this mission in mind, a group of ladies (Angie Morales, Jennifer Tenney, Janice VanRaavensway, Debbie Kimball, Deb McAdams, Dana Bachellerie-Gage and Margie Blunt) met on La Gitana early December to talk about where we wanted to go in 2018 and to come up with a plan. Hence, the second Sunday of EVERY month we will be holding a Lunch & Learn from noon until 4:00 PM at the CYCT Clubhouse on Tyee 2. The idea is each person brings a dish to share and we will each lunch from noon until 1. From 1:00 to 2:00PM we listen to a talk and at 2:00 until 4:00pm we will head down to the boats for some hands on experience. We have opened this up to all ladies, young and young at heart, who belong to a sailing club in the PNW. In addition to the monthly lunch an learns we will host a Quarterly Jibe Hoe's cruise, the first of which will be on Saturday and Sunday March 24th & 25th at the TYC outstation in Gig Harbor. Of course we will still have the odd Fireball Seminar and 'Planning Meeting' but this year we will fill the time in between learning and teaching all things sailing and getting women more involved and more knowledgeable and less intimidated in the passion of sailing.

Our first meeting kicked off in January with a field trip to Ladies Day at the Big Seattle Boat Show. We (Angie Morales, Julie St. John, Deb McAdams, Penny Shen, Stephanie Arnold and her daughter Melissa and Jennifer Tenney) wandered through the boats on display at Bell Harbor Marina before boarding the 1930's Point Ruston Ferry for Wine and Lunch. We then took the shuttle to the vendor booths and classes at Century Link where one of our first stops was to get our 'Women Who Sail' burgees. We tried on gloves, looked at sails, perused books, talked to authors and met up with Debbie Kimball who joined us after her work day. We participated in 2 wonderful classes taught by maritime Instructor Carolyn 'Ace' Spragg, one on docking and another on anchoring. I had had the pleasure of seeing Ace speak at the Women's Sailing Seminar down in Olympia and she was as humorous, honest, insightful and informative as ever. As we exited the show we stopped by to have a group photo taken and now are sporting a 'magazine cover of our own making'. The evening ended

with a sumptuous dinner at Wally's in Des Moines on the drive home. If you couldn't make it we missed you and you missed a wonderful day with a fantastic group of ladies.

Let's get the word out so invite other ladies you know and we'll look forward to seeing you on February 11th at Tyee 2 for Lunch & Learn where we'll go through the ASA 101 course material.







Crew Corner



Tech Talk

Happy February, CYCT... brrrrrr...

Racing for 2018 is in full swing, and let me tell you, it can get pretty dang cold out there. As I mentioned last month, I will give some "nuggets" of wisdom from an experienced crew member from time to time. Now to find some wisdom! HA!

SO... let's talk gear. Since it's winter, and since I was complaining about cold, Let's

talk staying warm. For the new folks... layers are your friend. Rather than go out and spend a boatload (heh) of money on a set of foulies that are heavily insulated, it's generally better to buy the driest foulies possible, and then use layers to stay warm.

For foulies—Sure, you can buy Helly Hansen, and they're super nice, let me tell you, but they also come with a fairly hefty price tag. I'm a big fan of Henry Lloyd. Solid, dry foulies, that take a beating. I have a set that are coming up on 9 years old, and they look and feel like they did brand new. They key—take care of them. When you wear them and they get the salt water on them, wash them as soon as you get home! Don't put them on the heavy duty cycle, and don't use a standard Tide pod. (Even though they apparently taste good?) Use a gentle soap, and just a little bit. I use Woolite gentle cycle soap, and I only but about 1/4 of a capful in there. I also spin low, and tumble dry with very low heat, or no heat at all. Some people say to not wash/dry foulies, but it's always worked very well for me.

For a heavier set, I use Musto. I picked up a set of the BR1's at West Marine, and they didn't set me back all that much money. Super warm "offshore" jacket, for those super cold days.

But I mentioned layers. So some people go for things like Under-Armor, or Smartwool, but I tend to go with the REI house brand. Nice, warm and far less expensive than the name brands. I have a lightweight set, and a medium weight set. Nice and toasty in there, for sure. I also pack an extra set in the gear bag, so if I do get them wet, I can go below and change out after the race.

Till Next time, Fair Winds!

John Coyne

Crew Member, S/V Gardyloo

In 2018 I have officially committed to being the webmaster, and as such have also committed to doing a Mainsheet article each month where I will provide a tutorial regarding some aspect of using the CYCT website and maybe a few other useful tidbits related to apps that I find useful. That said, the most useful pages on our web site now sit in a password protected area, and to get there you must be a paying club member, crew, active, life or member abroad and you must have an email address.

When you join or renew your membership you should have been provided a login and password. For most of you your login is also your email address and a password was generated by the system. However, the system generates secure passwords which unfortunately are almost impossible to remember so there is a way to request your password be reset and then you can log in and set it in your profile to something you are more likely to remember.

A few things to remember are, Passwords are case sensitive so if you put in capital letters they MUST be capital letters and lower case MUST be lower case. When you receive your email, saying your password has been reset, you MUST use the link in the email to access the reset page and the password that appears in that page must be copied EXACTLY as it is printed. Finally your user name CAN NOT CHANGE even if your email does without removing you from the system and reentering you.

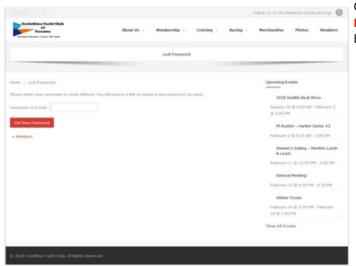
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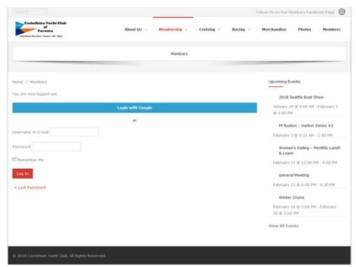
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2. The login page will load. Click on the red "Forgot Password" link just below the login button



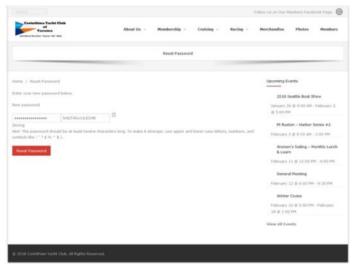
3. The "Lost password" page will load. Enter your email address in the test box and click the red enter button.



- 4. An email will be sent to the address we have for you on file. This may take some time, but if you do not see it within half an hour, check your junk/spam folder.
- 5. Open the email and click on the link provided at the bottom of the email to reset your password.



6. The link will take you to the 'Reset Password' page with a password already loaded into the box. Copy this password and copy it to your clipboard (hold down the Ctl + C keys in Windows or Cmd + C on Mac). DO NOT REMOVE OR DELTE THE TEXT IN EITHER TEXT BOX ON THIS PAGE! Click the red 'Reset Password' button at the bottom of the page .



7. The Login Page will load again. Enter your username/email address and paste the password you copied to your clipboard in step 6 by clicking inside the password box and holding down the Ctl + v keys in Windows or Cmd + v keys on Mac. Click the red 'Login' button at the bottom of the page and you should be logged in with a new password set. You will know you are logged in because the Members welcome page will be loaded.

So now you are able to login... that's good, but that password is impossible to remember, so let's change it to something you CAN remember...

Change your Password on your Profile page:

- 1. You MUST be logged in as a member to access your profile page. Once you are logged in you access your profile by navigating to Members -> Your Profile
- 2. Scroll down the page to the 'Account Management' section and click the orange 'Generate Password' button.
- 3. The system will generate a new suggested password which will appear in the box.
- 4. Using the back space button inside the box remove this suggestion and enter a password of your own choosing.
- 5. Your password MUST be at least 8 characters and a combination of upper and lower case letters and numbers.
- 6. Once your password is strong enough, verbiage just below the password you enter will let you know. If you wish to choose a weak password you may click the text box below your password entry that says 'Confirm use of weak password'

7 Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click the orange 'Update Profile' button.

There you go!

Jen Tenney

S/V Wind Wizard

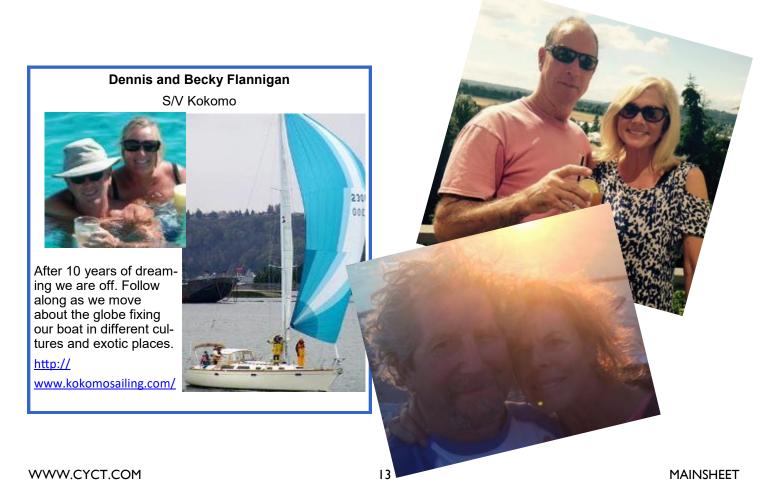


Members Abroad

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







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 Women's Sailing Lunch & Learn 12-4	12 7PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 February Cruise Foss Waterway Zenith Harbor Harbor Series #3
25 February Cruise Foss Waterway	26 _{7PM Board} Meeting (Johnny's)	27	28			

March 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Blake Is Cruise (Jenks/Craig)
11 Blake Is Cruise Women's Sailing Monthly Lunch & Learn	12 _{7PM General} Meeting (Johnny's)	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 JibeHo's (CYCT Women's Sailing cruise)
25 _{JibeHo's (CYCT} Women's Sailing cruise)	26 _{7 PM Board} Meeting (Johnny's)	27	28	29	30	31

Sunshine



I sent a card to Mark Stopka for his heart attack and surgery and to Ursula Ahrens for her ongoing health issues.

Please let me know if you know anyone who needs a little sunshine. You can contact me at ddmac22@msn.com.

Deb McAdams S/V Red Splash ddmac22@msn.com

Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

February 15 **Margie Blunt** February 4 **Rob Crone** February 22 **Pierre Michael** February 22 **Terry Michael** February 22 John Ott February 7 **Bev Ott** February 21 **Bev Thomas** February 20 **Dan Walker**



On The Cover
Hail to the Chief
Photo by
Don Kimball

Saw it on Facebook









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 mainsheet@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 mainsheet@cyct.com for posting!

SHOVING OFF

Too Many Boats - An Admiral Again

I know people don't believe me when I say it – I came to drinking late in life. Really! I was 36. It was years after that that the Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John and I really gave wine a try. We were on a Triumph car club trip to central Washington wine country And for our friends, it was a chance to try and shape our palettes. We started with the sweet whites. Rieslings, late harvest



wines the starter wines. Over time, we began to develop our own tastes. Still the sweet whites for the L and G, while I've landed on reds – especially Cabernets. It's a personal thing. As time went on, I realized that the \$20 and \$30 bottles of award winning wines I would buy when visiting a winery never really satisfied me like a \$6.99 bottle of good old Hogue. I've discovered what I like – and thank goodness, it's cheap!

Sailboats are somewhat the same for us as wine. We came to them later in life. Started on a "starter boat" El Toro, graduated to a trailer sailor Cal 21, then a somewhat cruisable Cal 2-27, followed by our beloved Catalina 38, Naughty By Nature. Like with wine, along the way you develop your own taste.

We had no special love for the El Toro and the Cal 21 would kindly be called "spartan". We didn't know what we were doing with them and we didn't spend any extra time on them – ok – you couldn't on an El Toro!

The Cal 2-27, Sirena Gorda, changed that for us. We enjoyed being on her – and here's an extra piece of information - while I didn't grow up sailing, I grew up camping and RVing from as early as I can remember. Being on Sirena Gorda was like being on a favorite travel trailer but with water all around. We loved the woodwork and the homey glow of the lights as the stars rose above.

This nostalgia for our RV past informed our selection for boating future. While I like to race and have learned so much about it, having a boat finished similar to a bathtub (sorry folks) in order to save weight, go fast, and win just isn't worth it to me. It may be to you – and cool.

Something else I enjoyed RVing was a sense of independence – I could fix most anything and tolerate a wide range of conditions. Such is our desire in sailing. A boat that takes six to eight to sail? That just won't do it for me.

So how do I take what I know and what I've learned and end up with a BAB (yes for my son who asked – that is a Big Ass Boat"?

It wasn't really the plan. I've read the Pardy's – "go small, go now!" I religiously read Cap'n Fatty Goodlander – three times around the globe on a Hughes 38, not so different than a Catalina 38. How did we get so carried away?

Well first, the Pardy's have no engine, no children, and from what I can tell, poop in a bucket. We wanted something more. The Goodlanders are always on the move in generally sunny climes.

When we hatched the plan to live aboard, we knew that there would be long periods at the dock in the "sunny" northwest.

Pooping in a bucket wouldn't cut it! Neither would removing a stacking three slat boards every time we got in or out of the boat. Moving something every time you wanted to use the stove – then moving it again to get into the fridge. No!

And the time was going to come when we wanted just a little separation. Naughty has one room that can be closed up – the head!

And some things we learned from our RV days. Beware the uncomfortable couch (settee you sailors) and the awkward bed. Mrs. S does not need to see what she sees when I climb out of bed.

So add eight to ten feet to fit that all in.

Something else learned from RVs and boats. With age comes style – and problems! My folks always owned old, used RVs that we tailored and fixed to our family's needs. That is a two edged sword. Julie and I have only owned brand new RVs and maintenance and repair were minimal and comfort high. With the next boat – we opted to look for newer.

In the 40-50 foot boat range we found newer Beneteaus, Catalinas and Hunters and older, Taiwanese build boats. The former were sleek, with modern conveniences, and typically in decent shape though some not up to the rigors of living aboard. The latter – a forest of teak often requiring a mountain of We focused on the newer, production boats. A couple of Beneteaus in the 46-47 foot range we liked. My favorite would have been reasonably comfortable AND competitive. Remember those RV rules though – I felt like I was falling off of the couch. I spend a lot of time there! I couldn't stand in

the master berth. I still had to crawl across the bed. And spending night after night on a rainy dock in 400 square feet – wasn't my dream.

Frustrated I turned to power boats in my daily Yachtworld review. Enter Sun Wah, listed as a "motor sailor" she had swinging doors, a walk around bed, and deep, sculpted couches. And something I didn't mention earlier – easy access to the engine and steering. The Naughty boat requires a contortionist.

But she was BIG, she has this strange, European wiring, and she was expensive. We looked at more boats. We made a low offer that was rejected. We looked at more boats.

And we bought Sun Wah, a boat capable of going anywhere in the world – which is farther that we'll ever go. She has that classic teak, but many modern features. She is a well thought out, custom built, world sail cruiser. She has been lovingly cared for and now she is ours.



Of course, never one to do things the easy or smart way, we still have the Naughty boat. She is listed finally. But, once again, we are admirals. We have two sailboats, two dinghies, t outboards and two kayaks.



It's time to sell Naughty and make Sun Wah our own.

Next month, Out with your dirt and in with ours.

Ken St. John

S/V Sun Wah