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The Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma Newsletter

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## Commodore

Here we are in MARCH. It kind of came in like a lamb but has been all over the page. This is the month racing is idle. That doesn't mean nothing is going on. Cyndi Larrison and myself attended the 48\* North's USCG meeting for racing. It's good we attend these meetings. It puts a face on the names of the people we / they interact with. We meet RC's of other clubs. Plus you pick up tidbits of other events.

A nice thing we learned is 48\*North is planning a cruise. The plan is the cruise will be from Anacortes to Anacortes touring the San Juans and Gulf Islands. Planned dates are August 5th - 11th. There will be a meeting for this event at 48\* North ( behind West Marine Shilshole ). On March 13th 6 PM. Cruisers interested attend. The maximum number of boats will be about 30.

Also your CYCT board is now fully staffed with Michael Stanford taking the position of long term planning. He has alot of great ideas. Welcome aboard.

There are a lot of exciting thing going on. Standby for announcements as things gel. Its definitely going to be an exciting year for CYCT and south sound sailing. Go sailing!

Don Kimball

CYCT Commodore

SY Cool Kat



## Vice Commodore

Can't believe Spring is around the corner! Brock was out on the boat doing the oil change this past weekend as we prepare Tatoosh for a season on racing and cruising.

Jen Tenney will be our guest speaker for March. She will walk us through the new layout of the website and show how to access membership rosters, sign up for races and pay for membership dues. I am still working on April and May's speakers.

Mark your calendars for September 10! We will be having Wendy Hinman as our guest speaker. She and her husband have traveled the circumference of the Pacific, and she is an author of two books, Tightwads on the Loose, and Sea Trials. She has also sailed with some our members. Not a meeting to miss!

Daffodil and Opening Day are just around the corner. Boat or no boat, both events are fun to be a part of. There are trivia games, many tasty beverages and parades to be offered, as well as socializing with other boaters/sailors in the Pacific Northwest. Just ask any board member if you would like to participate; we can set you up for fun!



Happy Sailing!

Janice VanRavenswaay

Vice Commodore

S/V Tatoosh

### 2018 CYCT Officers & Board Members

#### FLAG OFFICERS

**Commodore:** Don Kimball

**Vice Commodore:**

Janice VanRavenswaay

**Rear Commodore:** Angie Morales

#### BOARD POSITIONS

**Recording Secretary:** Jen Tenney

**Treasurer:** Bill Jenks

**Membership Chair:** Jeremy Bush

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Ken & Julie St.John

**Fleet Captain-Racing:** Eric Nelson

**Past Commodore:** Ken St.John

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**Long Range Planning**

#### REPRESENTATIVES

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**PHRF Director:** Eric Nelson

**PIYA Representative:** Eric Nelson

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## Rear Commodore

On February 19 Jenn Tenney and I had the pleasure of listening to a few of the women crew who will be testing their limits this June in the Race to Alaska aka R2AK. They are a 9 woman crew known as Team Sail Like A Girl. The race vessel of choice is a Melges 32. Each team member is an integral part of retro fitting the boat needed to compete in this grueling human and wind powered race.



In the last two years of the race only 53% of the teams ever finish. The route will be via the inside passage to Ketchikan, Alaska. There is a cash prize of \$10,000 for the First Place finishers and Second Place is a steak knives set. I'm not kidding.

The race has two stages. Stage One is the "Proving Stage." This is where the stand up paddle boards, canoes, kayaks and other human powered devices leave Port Townsend and hopefully arrive in Victoria, BC. The women's boat will be powered by bike and rowing although they had some difficulties in the design of bikes and paddles but are assured that the designs will work after modifications.

Stage Two is Victoria to Ketchikan. There is no official course other than two ways points at Seymour Narrows and Bella Bella. You are free to go your own way.

These women are remarkable to me in the fact they push themselves to achieve a common goal of competing and are there to help each other meet that goal. If they win great, but just being able to compete is reward enough.

I guess my take-aways would be that they shared a passion for sailing, were not afraid of meeting challenges and helping each other be a successful part of the Team. In a way that's how I view CYCT women. Look around, they are everywhere. Passionate, not afraid to meet challenges and willing to help each other be successful. It's who we are as a club.

Fair winds,

Angie Morales

Rear Commodore

S/V La Gitana



## Racing

Okay Race Committee is done. Yep we finished the Harbor Series in light air. Four PHRF finishers and three Windseekers. See results at [cyct.com/racing](http://cyct.com/racing). Race Committee is not done. Romeo Charlie is out of the water. Joe Salz is working to get her ready for a new season. RC is sporting a new pot ( mark ) puller. We are installing windshield wipers and upgrading the electrical. Standby for a work party request.

RC will be launching in time for our April 7th Single hand/ doublehand race. The race will be followed by a CYCT racing 2018 seminar. Watch for announcements and plan to attend. Lets get to racing !

Don Kimball,

CYCT Racing pro tem

SY Cooling Kat



## Race Entry forms and pricing are located on [cyct.com](http://cyct.com)

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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

### Here's to Warmer Weather

Our Winter Cruise started off small in a big way. Friday night it was The Condo and BABs which sounds like a bad Kurt Russell movie. Actually it's the Ballentine's Raven and the newly renamed La Sirena. Speaking of renaming, nearly 30 folks joined us on the deck of Sun Wah as we cast her name to the deep, toasted the four winds, and renamed her "La Sirena" (the Mermaid). After the renaming, 25 of us gathered together at The Harmon for dinner and brews. Then it was back to Raven for more fun. By Saturday evening we had been joined by Tatoosh and Asylum. Getting back home was a short but fun trip as it required docking in 25 kt winds. Thanks for the catch Michael Stanford.



There have been a few changes in the March cruise due to schedule conflict. The date is now March 24th and 25th. The location is Dockton, and the hosts, the Tenneys. Dockton is a quick 6 Nm away. Reservations are not required. Stay tuned for more info on Facebook or at CYCT.com.

Following quickly behind in April is Daffodil Festival at TYC. Register online at <https://fs27.formsite.com/tacomayc/boat/index.html>. Space is limited! Even if you don't bring a boat, there is so much to do, you really should take part. We could still use a host. Contact Ken or Julie St. John.

Thanks to Joy Ballentine for the renaming photos!

Ken and Julie St. John  
S/V La Sirena

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## CYCT 2017 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise/Theme	Host	Location
February 24-25	Winter Cruise	St. Johns	Tacoma—Foss
March 23-25	St. Patrick's Day Cruise	Tenneys	Dockton
April 14-15	Daffodil Festival	Open	TYC
May 4-6	Opening Day	CYCT	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





**Three Tree Point Yacht Club**  
**Introducing a NEW Spring Race!**

- New Pursuit Race (staggered start)
- Saturday, April 21, 2018
- All racers should finish within minutes of each other so all can participate in the AFTER RACE PARTY
- Slips provided for racers on Friday night

Visit: **TTYPC.org** for more details



## Tech Talk

## Websites

American Sailing Association - <https://asa.com/>

Basic Keelboat Sailing - <https://quizlet.com/87346030/asa-101-basic-keelboat-sailing-flash-cards/>

Misc Study Flashcards - <https://www.studystack.com/flashcard-2265613>

A Boater's Guide to the Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats - <https://www.uscgboating.org/images/420.PDF>

## Books

### Sailing Made Easy

#### *The American Sailing Association*

<https://asa.com/textbooks/>

Sailing Made Easy, which Sailing Magazine called “*best in class*” upon its release in 2010, is the most comprehensive education and boating safety learn-to-sail guide to date. It is also the official textbook for the **ASA Basic Keelboat Standard (ASA 101)**. Incorporated in the textbook are useful illustrations and exceptional photographs of complex sailing concepts. The text’s most distinguishing feature is its user friendly “*spreads*” in which instructional topics are self-contained on opposing pages throughout the book. There are also chapter end quizzes and a glossary to help those new to sailing to navigate their way through the ex-

tensive nautical terminology.

## Sailing Fundamentals

*By Gary Jobson*

ISBN-10: 0743273087

[https://www.amazon.com/Sailing-Fundamentals-Gary-Jobson/dp/0743273087/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1518322650&sr=8-1&keywords=sailing+fundamentals](https://www.amazon.com/Sailing-Fundamentals-Gary-Jobson/dp/0743273087/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1518322650&sr=8-1&keywords=sailing+fundamentals)

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## Sailing: A Woman's Guide

*by Doris Colgate*

ISBN-10: 0070067201

[https://www.amazon.com/Sailing-Womans-Guide-Doris-Colgate/dp/0070067201/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1518322917&sr=1-1&keywords=A+Women%E2%80%99s+Guide+to+Sailing](https://www.amazon.com/Sailing-Womans-Guide-Doris-Colgate/dp/0070067201/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1518322917&sr=1-1&keywords=A+Women%E2%80%99s+Guide+to+Sailing)

For women who want a calm, thorough introduction to sailing, Colgate offers the key. She'll teach you the skills and tricks of seasoned women sailors. Contrary to nautical myth, you needn't be an onboard gorilla or a 22-year-old. Mechanical advantage and woman-smart sailing skills will do the job.

The key to becoming confident, comfortable, and in control of your boat is learning how to handle the boat in every situation. *Sailing: A Woman's Guide* makes the elements of this exhilarating sport clear and comprehensible:

Sail handling--make the boat go where *you* want it to go, not where *it* wants to go. Wind and weather--recognize, anticipate, and handle different conditions. Dealing with healing, seasickness, and other challenges. Crewing for others--what to expect, what not to put up with. Navigation and piloting basics, knots, and safety rules. Handle your crew--family or friends--with the confidence of command. Take it to the next level--racing and getting the last knot of speed out of your sails, and cruising the world under sail.

This book is packed with photos, clear instructions and diagrams, and sea advice from other women sailors. Colgate loves sailing, and her years of conducting sailing courses for women give her keen insight into the learning styles that work best for women. Says Colgate: "Go sailing, however you choose to do it. You'll discover a new world--and a new you!"

## Apps

### OpenCPN

*For Android, Windows and Mac (FREE)*

When it comes to navigation, who doesn't love redundancy? Like many cruisers we are running OpenCPN on our laptop. We recently installed it on our and android phone as a backup. Having recently ditched paper charts on our boat, it's nice to have a backup for your backup. OpenCPN does not contain charts so you have to download those separately. Free NOAA charts are available and work with OpenCPN as do CM93 world charts.

### Windfinder

*For Android (FREE)*

We find Windfinder works well for forecasting wind speeds but has been inconsistent for tide data. Good for planning a day-sail and checking current wind conditions at various locations.

### ASA Sailing Challenge App

*iOS & Android (\$3.99)*

A cutting-edge, mobile gaming app designed as a fun learning aid to help illustrate the principles of sailing in a rich interactive and entertaining format. Ideal for those

students studying for their ASA 101 certification or for any old salt looking for a challenge without getting wet!

## BoatBook Sailing Log

*For Android (FREE)*

Sailing Log is a revolutionary automated marine log book and nautical GPS. Compatible for sail and motor boats alike, Sailing Log, by Boatbook, is an electronic logbook which will automatically recognize your voyage upon start and save your sailing trips for you. Sailing Log enables you to get real time data and review your sail performance - before, after and during the sail. Sail swiftly with the best nautical charts, review the sea and ocean conditions, get data on your heading, speed and wind - all in one stand alone and independent professional sailing logbook app. A user friendly design is super intuitive and the app's interface enables a highly professional and fun experience throughout your sail.

## Sailing Flashcards

*iOS and Android (FREE)*

Basic sailboat part identification flash cards as well as some terminology. This app is great for someone new to sailing wanting to learn the basic parts and terminology.

## Start Sailing Flashcards

*iOS and Android (FREE)*

These flashcards have been designed to help you revise important aspects of sailing. Use these cards to guide you through your training. These cards cover tacking, gybing, names for parts of the boat and sail and information on basic ways to control your sailing dinghy.

## Free Nautical Charts

*Android (FREE)*

Marine Ways Boating is the ultimate marine navigation and planning application! In this application you will gain access to: free navigational charts, route planning tools, buoy reports and obstruction information, navigation dashboard, marine map overlays, location sharing over water, view other boats and weather information.

## Marine Navigator Lite

*iOS & Android (FREE)*

An offline navigator using raster navigational charts (RNC's) to plot your position in real time. This way you can navigate with true copies of official paper charts on your mobile device. This lite version of the Marine Navigator provides the following basic navigation functions: \* real time positioning (instantly shows vessel's position and course on the chart) \* display of navigational data (position, speed over ground, course over ground) \* distance and bearing calculation Marine Navigator Lite doesn't come with pre-installed nautical charts. Instead it is able to import BSB/KAP raster navigational charts (see menu->help for instructions). RNC's are available for free at various internet sites.

## Best Knots - Animated Knots

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# CYCT Board Meeting

*Recorded by Greg Sandwick*

*Jan 29, 2108*

6:48 pm Call to order

Motion to approve mins: Ken StJohn, Bill Jenks

## Reports

**Vice:** Denny in Feb, Jen website in March, AND MORE!

R/C Crew discussion, what is needed/wanted for Crew rotation

**Rear Commodore:** no report

**Past Commodore:** No

**Treasure:** \$200 in the hole last year, too early for info this year, Signature card updates

**Secretary:** no report

**Membership:** Tim Garshaw 2018 dues, Facebook private group access for Jeremy

Facebook use in general (number of pages)

**Cruising:** Cal is nearly full

Opening Day

Feb 24-25 Winter Cruise Tacoma Dock St John

march 10-11 Jenkins/Craig Blake Island

April 13-15 Daffodil OPEN TYC

may First Weekend Opening Day SYC

May 26-28 Memorial Day Penrose Tenneys

June 30-July 1 fathers day Pinkham Bellharbor

Aug SUMMER PICNIC

Sept 1-3 Labor day Arnorld & Bush

Oct Wine Seekers Nelson Wine country

Nov 17-18 Crew Coyne Arabellas

Dec31 Uncruise

**Racing:** N/R

**Education:** N/R

**Webmaster:** I will be giving the program at the Feb general meeting including handouts. Jen is now web master with

Greg's help.

**Merchandise:** Stock items wanted, T shirt, Sweatshirt ¾ zip, logo ideas (est 1974 under burgee), Hoodie logo on back with, Color ideas (Club colors recommended), Club Cleat handle mug,

**Mainsheet:** Suggest Jan Anderson membership trade for photos. Move to Old

**Sunshine:** Deb sent card to Stopka & Ursula

**Historian:** in the next mainsheet, an Article about Holbrook, still looking for past Commodores to interview

**Long Range Planning:** Johnny's Dock is being sold, suggest Mike Stanford as LRP replacement. Skippers meeting talked about. Lie & Charlie's dream. 7 Seas on 21<sup>st</sup>, still trying Johnny's Dock.

**Floating Assets:** RC is in the water, getting hauled out on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Wipers, and repairs, Pot puller. Vice asking about letting club members use RC for non races. Kindly shot down

**Publication:** NW Maritime Trade Assoc Grant application to be submitted new members on the water(\$1000) for 16 mountaineers members. Second concerning a pilot for 2018 Racing live MOB drill with Divers in the water one fore racers & one for double handing. add a survival suit. Power Squad instructors. \$80/hr per diver.

**Trophies:** N/R Flags suggested as replacements for wall hangers.

**Eric nelson:** N/R

**PHRF handicaper:** N/R

**Commodore:** Opening Day 100 feet of dock space, Deal with it. Med tie or BAB med ties & others raft.

New memberships push. Look at Racing Meetup group continues. On website Crew notes how to get to the meeting Race nights. Tyee will open gates if asked. IF ASKED.

## Old Business

What is it. Ladder for Dock, Eric resolve Dingy sales

## New Business

- 1) Register Club for Daffy & flowers \$60/box for 500 flowers how many to get for BAB Don to deal with Registering club & R/C
- 2) 2018 budget questions Last years move forward, cruise attendance makes problems
- 3) Unwritten guidelines, recip, 2 nights per boat per year?? Janice looking at yacht Dest website.
- 4) news article about Windseekers **Tacoma News Tribune** Cindy has this
- 5) Tacoma boats raised \$20kfor Pink boat, Sept 15 possible race + poker run, community event, Pink boat type event in Tacoma,
- 6) This summer Ranger regatta type event Rich Morales in charge, Adrian DeLuna

Motion to close 8:31pm Ken St. John, Jeremy Bush 2nd



## Members Abroad

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

**Bev and Lew Channing**

S/V Suzanne



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

**Chris and Janet Wenderoth**

S/V Respite



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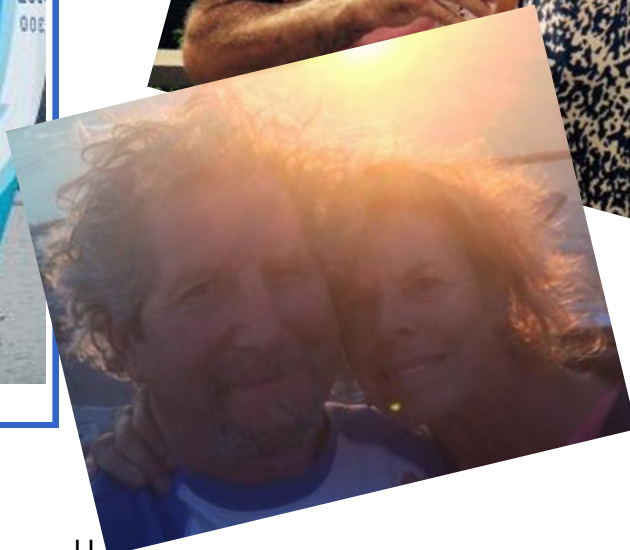
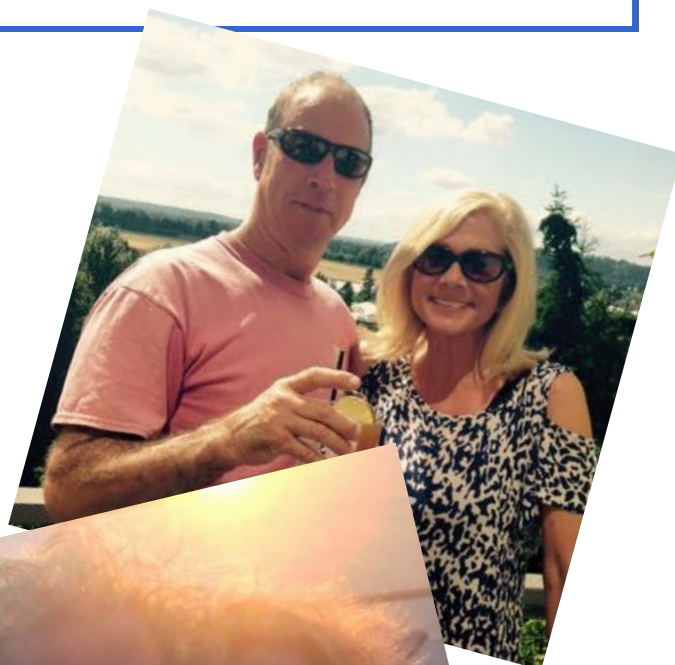
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S/V Kokomo



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# March 2018

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

# April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Spring Single/ Double Handed CYCT Race Seminar
8 Women's Sailing Lunch&Learn	9 7PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	10	11 Spring Series #1	12	13 TYC Daffodil Festival	14 TYC Daffodil Festival
15 TYC Daffodil Festival	16	17	18 Spring Series #2	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Spring Series #3	26	27	28
29	30 7 PM Board Meeting (Johnny's)					

Check [CYCT.com](http://CYCT.com) for additional information on meetings and races

# Sunshine



I sent a card to Denny and Becky Flannagan for the passing of Denny's father Randy.

I also sent a card to Ed Pinkham on his recent hospitalization.

Please let me know if you know anyone who needs a little sunshine. You can contact me at [ddmac22@msn.com](mailto:ddmac22@msn.com) or at (253) 640.7429

Deb McAdams  
S/V Red Splash

## Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Soo Carter	March 10
Lisa Corkum	March 26
Alan Dowler	March 29
Michelle Gaspaire	March 14
Karl Haflinger	March 24
Susan Pinkham	March 27
Elise Sandwick	March 13
Teresa Sedmak	March 14
Tom Tenney	March 22



**On The Cover**  
Cruising in the Winter  
Photo by  
Jeremy Bush

## Saw it on Facebook



**Jeremy Bush**

Yesterday at 7:52pm · Tacoma

Important work being done. Scouting meeting locations.



Like

Comment



Jennifer Madsen Tenney, Terri Benward Benz and 4 others

Seen by 54

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Terri Benward Benz Bar hoping for a new yacht club hangout! Johnny's, Seven Seas and then the Swiss!

Thank you Angie and Rico for comping me for your ride! 🍷🍷🍷

Like · Reply · 22h



Terri Benward Benz replied · 1 Reply



Kirk Parker Wait: so the sale of Johnny's includes \*closing\* the restaurants???

Like · Reply · 8h



Kirk Parker replied · 6 Replies · 7 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](mailto: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  
[mainsheet@cyct.com](mailto:mainsheet@cyct.com) for posting!



## SHOVING OFF



### Out With Your Dirt and in With Ours

Let me start out by saying, previous owners Mark and Debbie Nelson are wonderful and clean people. But we all leave something behind, dirt, what have you, something personal that the next person doesn't want. Now as Sun Wah, La Sirena had been the Nelson's home full time for many years and half time the last few. And home is in Sydney, Australia. Knowing this I generously suggested that they leave anything behind that they didn't need. It took several times stating this before I think they realized I was serious. I said I would use what I needed and dispose of the rest.

Well now we are dealing with that. They left a lot of good stuff. Wine glasses, cookware, linens, spare parts and tool, tools, tools. Lots has come off of the boat with much remaining. Dishes stayed and half the cookware. Then we added the Naughty Boats nesting cookware and flatware. Of course, when we really move on board, almost all of the pots and pans will be replaced with our 30-year-old Farber ware. Joy Ballentine and the Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John spent a rainy day emptying the galley drawers, taking out numerous Rubbermaid containers, and scrubbing. (scrubbing had to be repeated after I enlarged the hole in the granite countertop for a new stove. DUST EVERYWHERE!)

Lots and lots of PFDs came off – legal in Hong Kong, not so much here. On went our USCG approve PFDs. All of the extinguishers (including engine room) had to be replaced. To old or too Chinese to satisfy insurance. A lot of the off shore energy items came off – we will replace or re-stow in the future, but off shore is a few years away. I usually have a method to my madness on boats and RVs and with an abundance of storage, I am still working out that madness. May not need all five wash buckets.

The nav station is another work in progress. I have a lifetime supply of pencils. May rethink that. I have two chart drawers and want to lad with my small collection of local chart books, my Canadian charts that came with Naughty and the British Columbia chart books (dream books) courtesy of Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig. And then there are the keys! Where do they all go. I'll keep working on this one.

And when we talk dirt! There's the forward head. La Sirena has vacuflush toilets. These are great, low odor, and stingy on water. AND – I've replaced seals, then the motor, and latest, duckbill valves. S\$&T! I mean literally! Especially the duckbill valves. I'm sure the pros have a way to do this that doesn't involve sticking your finger in a rubber sphincter releasing a stream of – well not consciousness – something worse. And true to form, I did everything two to four times before I got it right! There was a lot of scrubbing after this one. I imagine I'll go back and scrub it all again in the very near future.

Then there is the elephant in the room. The tool room that is. Most know that La Sirena boast a workshop. It also provides access to the engine, engine and generator though hulls, battery switches, and wealth of spares. Add to that, six six gallon water jugs. Finally, there are Mark Nelson's tools, the original owners tools and my tools. Then, there are the extra tools – Mark's tool box, a step stool/tool box, and my "extra" tool bag under a floor board. I mean, how many ball peen hammers do I need. And I could have given every guest at the renaming a screw driver and never had touched the good ones. I have a socket set, screw driver box, electrical box. Stop the madness!

I have great plans for the shop. But first, I think I need to pull out every tool and lay it out and then limit myself to maybe one or two spares. Until that time – well, we'll sit a few inches lower in the water.

Last but not least is the storage in the master berth. The L and G still has lines to remove – I mean, we just don't need that many. Me, I have more storage on board than in the house. I'm trying to get at least a change of clothes permanently on board. I've got shoes, skivvies, sweater and robe. So, I'm working it. And in the "remove" category, there are the two Australian soccer shirts that Mark left for me – size medium! You know, he did meet me.

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