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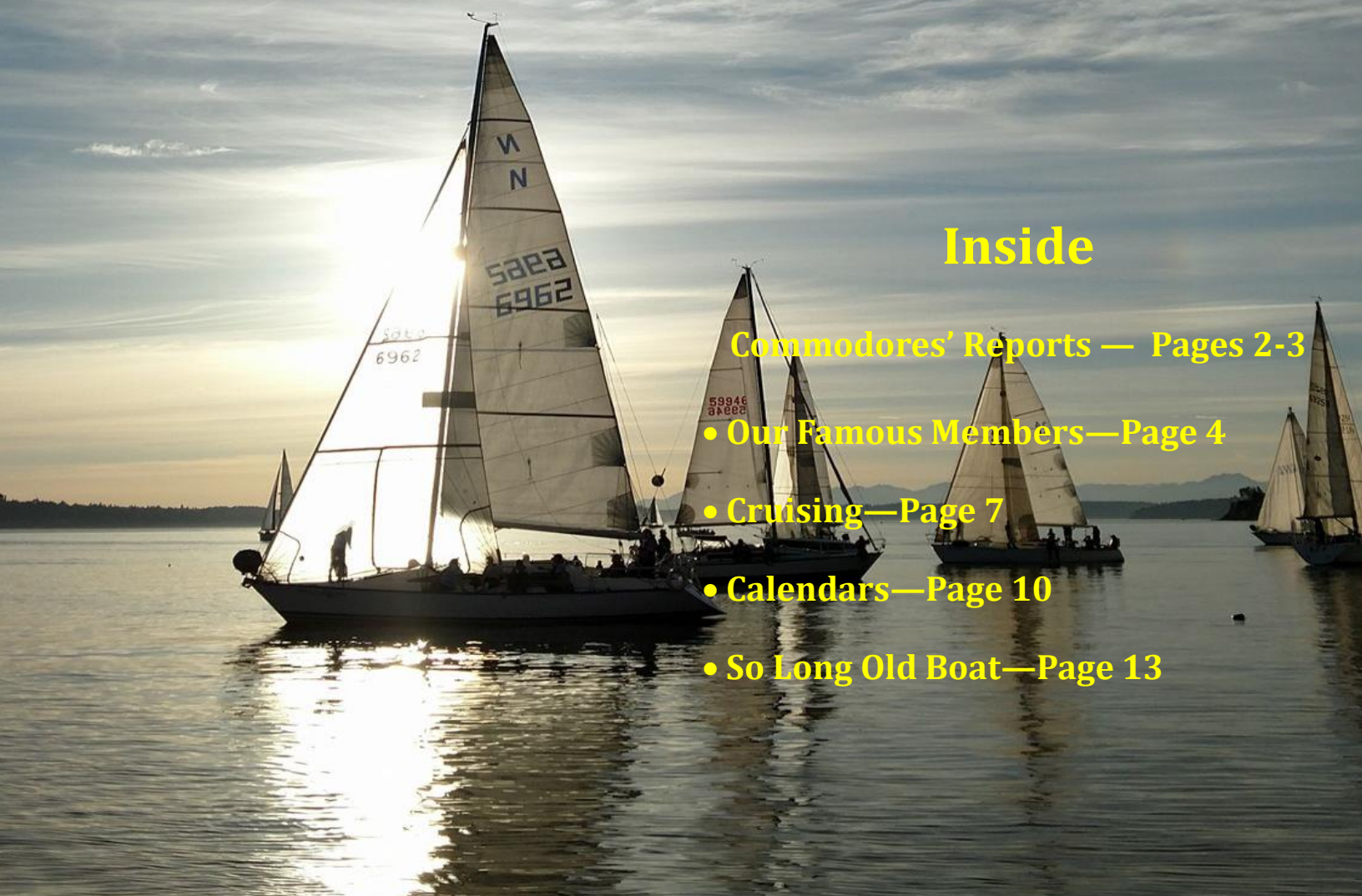
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Commodore

Looks like March came in like a lamb and will go out like a lion. The 2018 sailing season is already upon us. This is a busy time of year, Cruising has started. Deb and I took Cool Kat to Dockton for the belated St. Patrick's Day Cruise. In true Irish fashion Jen and Tom Tenney hosted a dinner of Corned beef and cabbage with the necessary libations of Jameson and Guinness. The following morning corned beef hash was served, thank you Greg Sandwick for standing galley duty and serving a delicious breakfast. Ten boats were in attendance with a couple land yachter's visiting. Well done Jen, Tom and Greg.

Cool Kat had fun sailing both to and from Vashon. Debbie was at the helm as Cool Kat topped 7.4 knots returning to Tyee. Deb also did a fine job of ushering Cool Kat into her slip. Way to go Hon. Now for me its back to the chores of shortening the to do list. Funny how it never gets smaller.

Racing; as well, is busy. Race chair returned from his world adventure to discover the he had been "voluntold" for an additional race. That race will be the First Pink Boat Regatta in Ta-

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Vice Commodore

Whaa? Spring already? That means it's Windseekers season! I've been seeing boats getting their new bottom paint and airing out those sails. If you have seen Facebook, we also have some new clothes to sport during your time on the water!

Spring is fun social opportunities on the boat. Daffodil Festival is just around the corner on the 15th. Come by TYC Friday night or Saturday afternoon. Heck, if the weather is nice, come out for a sail and enjoy the parade Sunday at 12:00.

Opening Day at Seattle Yacht is also a great party! Friday afternoon is the Dock 0 party where boaters walk the dock sharing drinks, appetizers and good ole fun! Take the light rail over to Husky Stadium (the parking police are out in full force!) Or, sit in the Mountlake Cut and get the best view of the parade on Saturday, May 5th.

Spring also means planning those summer cruises. Brock and I scouted out the Hood Canal last week and found a few beautiful marinas and resorts to tie up to for a few days...pool and hot tubs included!

Last, our May guest speaker will be members of the San Juan Islands National Monument. You see the lighthouses all over in the region, now come learn a little about their history and maintenance. Hope to see you all there!

Happy Sailing!

Janice VanRavenswaay

Vice Commodore

S/V Tatoosh



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Rear Commodore

I have never been on the Coho Ho Ho/ Baha Ha Ha. I've heard various stories of great times, great crew and great Captains. So when an opportunity came to attend the first Coho Seminar for 2018 I thought, I have to go see what it's all about. The Seminar was held at Fisheries Supply in Seattle and the guest speaker was Skip Anderson of Flagship Maritime. He spoke about Captains, Good, Bad and Ugly. What makes a good captain. Dealing with the many boats which have intentions of making this voyage and people wanting to crew a few things to consider before embarking. Communications, does he or she have radios in working condition. Is the vessel insured properly. Overall condition of the boat. If you have reservations from what you've seen, probably not a good idea to be on that boat.



As far as the Captain goes, some things to watch for. Does he pay attention to surroundings such as fog, marine life, other vessels in the area. Charts, does he have them and are they being used. Unfortunately, these things you won't know until you're actually underway. Everyone should be paying attention inside the lifelines as well. Not every crew member will be experienced in Blue Water sailing. So it's important that the captain know the experience level of the crew. Ask questions of the Captain. Talk to others who have perhaps sailed with him before. In the words of Skip Anderson, "The sea doesn't care about you." and "Your fulfillment on the water hinges on the decisions you make in each moment." "Get your Captains License."

I came away knowing a bit more than when I went in. Is it for me? Probably not yet. I need to be more informed and may do the rest of the seminars. In attendance were people who have done this trek many times and are ready to do it again. There are 12 seminars leading up to the departure on August 10-12 or September 7-9. If you're interested in only attending the seminars the cost is \$199.00. If you want to join the group the cost is \$595.00. This includes all the seminars, Sponsor Discounts, field trips and raft-ups, plus probably a couple parties in Newport, Oregon and San Francisco, and fleet map tracking using Delorme InReach devices. For further information check their homepage www.cohohoho.com.

Fair winds,

Angie Morales

Rear Commodore

S/V La Gitana



Commodore (continued)

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coma. This shared event will happen thru the efforts of Cindy Craig. Her energy and drive will make this a huge success. The event will be via the co-operation of CYCT, TYC and PBR. This is expected to occur September 15. CYCT will manage the Sail Regatta portion with TYC doing the duties for a Powerboat Poker Run. Look for the Flyer and upcoming announcements. The club will be looking for volunteers to make this all come together. We have been considering methods of giving back to the community. This will be the opportunity to do just that. Let's have all hands on Deck to make this a great event.

Else where in racing we will have a new race offered this year. Mid May will be our First Grudge Match Race. Go challenge that other boat (come-on you know who that is) and sign up for a weekend of fun.

Up coming at the Seattle Yacht Club we will attend a meeting promoting a region wide Rookie Rally. This event is to introduce sailing to the yearning masses longing to get on the water. Standby for more on this.

Next up will be the Marine Daffodil Parade at TYC. Plan to come by and help install some (3,500) Daffy's on La Serena for the Parade. This is a fun weekend event with lots of events. April 13-15th. Plan to attend.

Our General Meeting is April 9th. Come and hear about all the goings on and welcome our new members. REMEMBER! April 1st through June 15th is our annual membership drive. Get Aboard!

Don Kimball

CYCT Commodore

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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



IT'S SEATTLE OPENING DAY OF BOATING SEASON!!

The 5 W's

Who: All Members; Crew and Active

What: Join CYCT boats by participating in SYC Opening Day Activities.

When: May 4-6

Where: SYC (Portage Bay / Mountlake)

Why: To promote, advance, and encourage the sport of Corinthian or amateur sailing, particularly yacht racing and cruising with other yacht clubs and associations, and to cooperate and associate with them

CYCT ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, MAY 4: DOCK ZERO PARTY STARTS LATE AFTERNOON.

PLEASE PROVIDE AN APPETIZER TO SHARE WITH CLUB

SATURDAY, MAY 5: CYCT HOSTS A TACO BAR WITH MARGARITAS IN CELEBRATION OF CINCO DE MAYO. AKA "TACO ON THE DOCKO" TIME: AFTER THE BOAT PARADE

SUNDAY, MAY 6: CYCT HOSTS BREAKFAST MUFFINS BEFORE HEADING TO THE LOCKS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SEATTLE OPENING DAY OF BOATING SEASON WWW.SEATTLEYACHTCLUB.ORG

Any additional Questions to Vice Commodore Janice VanRavenswaay
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Cruising

Green Was the Theme

The March cruise had a bit of the Irish for the St. Patrick's theme hosted by the Tenney's. Nine boats and a few land yachters braved the cold, but mostly clear, skies to make the short trip to Dockton County Park in Quartermaster Harbor. Attendees donned their green for a potluck dinner centered around a delicious corned beef. The after dinner "hanging around on boats" featured Jamison's Irish Whiskey and Guinness draft in a can. How do they do it?

Sunday morning was only "really cold", up a notch or two from freezing. Attendees packed the newly returned to service Wind Wizard for corned beef hash whipped up by Greg Sandwich and washed down with coffee and a bit of Irish Cream. By noon it was time for most of us to head home, sorry for the weekend to be over. Thanks to Jen and Tom Tenney for a terrific time. Attending were Wind Wizard, Red Splash, Bailey, Sk'ana, Sound Spirit, La Gitana, Kool Cat, French Kiss, and La Sirena.

Our next cruise is coming up quickly! We'll be gathering at the Tacoma Yacht Club on April 13-15 for the annual Daffodil Festival weekend. Eight boats are signed up for the weekend. It may be too late to register your boat but there is no reason not to attend the festivities. For an idea of what is going on, check out http://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil_2018. This is a no host event, but that doesn't mean there won't be club activities. Plan to drop by at about 10:00 Saturday morning to help decorate La Sirena and join us to cheer on the team for the trivia contest. A light lunch will be provided to those riding La Sirena in the boat parade. Give us a heads up if you are attending the parade on board La Sirena.

Finally, mark your calendars for the May opening day event and the Memorial Day Cruise to Penrose Point state park. This raft up is a club favorite and it's been a few years. Don't miss it. Hosts are Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig.



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 23-25	St. Patrick's Day Cruise	Tenneys	Dockton
April 14-15	Daffodil Festival	No Host	Tacoma Yacht Club
May 4-6	Opening Day	VanRavensways	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





Members Abroad

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

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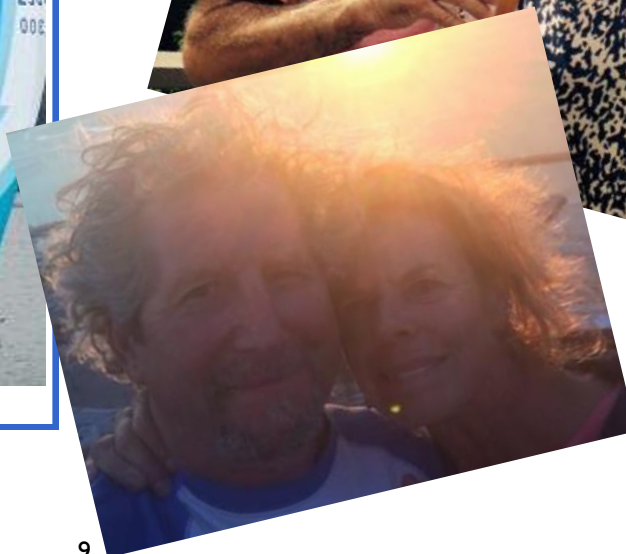
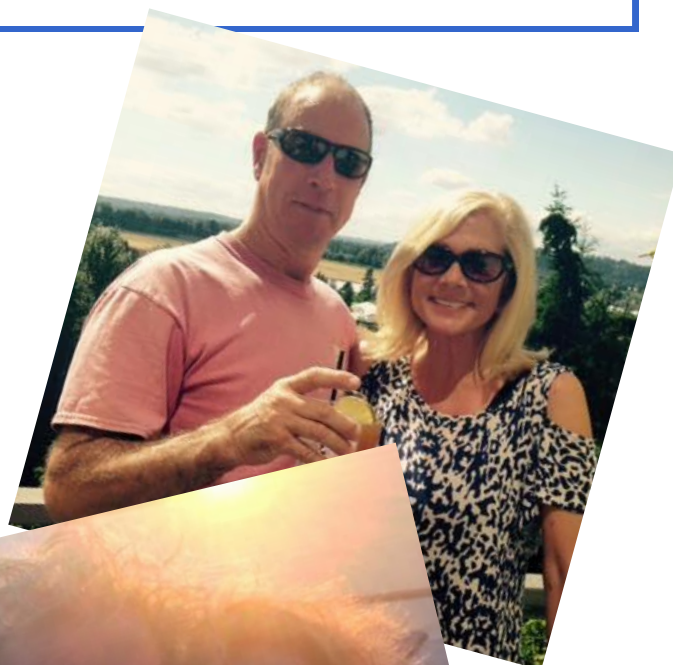
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Spring Single/ Double Handed CYCT Race Seminar
8 Women's Sailing Lunch&Learn	9 7PM General Meeting (Johnny's)	10	11 Spring Series #1	12	13 TYC Daffodil Festival	14 TYC Daffodil Festival
15 TYC Daffodil Festival	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)					

May 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Spring Series #4	3	4 SYC Opening Day	5 SYC Opening Day
6 SYC Opening Day	7	8	9 Spring Series #5	10	11	12
13	14 General Meeting (Johnny's)	15	16 Late Spring Series #1	17	18	19 Grudge Match 2018 Challenge
20 Grudge Match 2018 Challenge	21	22	23 Late Spring Series #2	24	25	26 Memorial Day Cruise (Penrose Pt)
27 Memorial Day Cruise (Penrose Pt)	28 Memorial Day Cruise (Penrose Pt)	29 Board Meeting	30 Late Spring Series #3	31		

Check CYCT.com for additional information on meetings and races

Sunshine



This month, March, has been a busy one for sunshine. I sent a card to Ursula Ahrens for her sprained thumb and ongoing skin cancer issues, to Elise Sandwick to keep up the good work with her ongoing cancer treatment, to Chuck (and Kelsey) Queen for Kelsey getting accepted into pre-nursing training, to Gary and Joy Ballentine to congratulate them on the birth of their first granddaughter, and to Carol MacKinnon for her ongoing cancer battle.

If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine in their lives, be sure to let me know. And, just FYI, you can also send cards of your own to any of our members.

ddmac22@msn.com or at (253) 640.7429

Deb McAdams, S/V Red Splash

Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Carol McKinnon	April 24th
Debbie Favero	April 16th
Don McAdams	April 19th
Deb McAdams	April 17th
Gloria Patterson	April 9th
Sarah Sandwick	April 17th
Jeff Serex	April 11th
Stef Thordarson	April 2nd
Lubos Vesely	April 30th
Brian White	April 29th



On The Cover
Come on, Wind!
Photo by
Julie St. John

Saw it on Facebook



Ken St John
 March 28 at 9:03pm

It's true - big boats are expensive. New power cord and adapter - \$300!

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Julie St John Inquiring minds want to know.
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Gary Ballentine If all fixes were only \$305.00.....
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Tom Tenney
 March 28 at 7:25pm

From this past weekend in Dockton, 9 boats, good showing!

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Basic Rules

- You must be a CYCT member or sponsored by a CYCT member to post an item.
- Each month the CYCT posting member must submit their items for sale before the 25th of the month (send your post to jmainsheet@cyct.com).
- **Items must be submitted each month or they will not be reposted.**
- You are responsible to sell your item so you must include your contact information (items without contact information will not be posted).



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Posted by Liz Dwyer, S/V Asylum

SHOVING OFF

So Long Old Boat

We've been dancing around this issue since I started our account of moving up to a true, live aboard, floating mansion. Something has to go. As it is, I've paid six months of double moorage. Two of those months in very expensive Shilshole Marina. And the Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John keeps reminding me that every payday she gives up \$250 to the 401K loan that helped purchase La Sirena, our Seahorse Mandarin 52.

Naughty By Nature needed to be sold and apparently, she wasn't going to sell herself.

Now I like to think of myself as a bit of a horse trader. I have bought and sold guitars, classic car parts, and small boat stuff for years. I got into sailing by selling a guitar I bought for \$600 for \$1400. More often I don't make money but maybe improve what I have. I know my prices, I strive to be fair and give each party a good deal. I like this stuff.

Selling houses, cars, boats? No thank you. The stakes are higher. The uncertainties bigger. It makes my tummy ooky!

So Naughty sat. She waited. Her shore power cord got knocked lose. Meanwhile, we were trying to get familiar with a big, cold (for the winter at least) new boat. While Naughty sat, were busy dealing with a truism of owning large objects like homes, RVs and boats. They don't like to be left alone. During a year of inactivity, Sun Wah, now La Sirena, had developed a host of gremlins, most of them electrical. (In actuality, she is still plagued, I should just wear my multimeter around my neck.)

And Naughty sat. "I should just drop by and check on things", I'd tell myself. Turn on some heat? Empty the dehumidifier? But I didn't. By time I'd finished whatever I was doing on La Sirena and trekked back to my truck, driving one dock down the marina and walking to the end of another dock just seemed like too much bother.



Maybe it was just too hard to go and see her, like an old girlfriend. Maybe I felt guilty? "It's not you Naughty, it's me." Perhaps I was angry – look across the marina from La Sirena and see Naughty sitting there, costing me \$400 a month.

Enough was enough. Naughty must be sold. Arrangements were made. A broker employed. I wanted her where people would see her. Shilshole, a sailing club, people walking the docks looking to move from renting to buying. On a cold, February Saturday, I went to take Naughty on one last trip five hours North to Shilshole.

Remember that truism about boats? They don't like to be left alone. Naughty had developed spots – green, fuzzy, mold spots on almost every surface. A whole lot of scrubbing needed to happen before I left. Then, she didn't want to run! Water in the float bowl. Drain it and bleed the system – at least I'd brought my tools. Off we went – to find out that the autopilot wouldn't hold. "Drive not connected" it said. Probably just low battery after not being plugged in. Should resolve itself I told myself. I had some work to do underway and having to steer sure complicated things. Rough seas didn't help. Still, naughty faithfully made this journey.

A fuel top off on arrival and I tucked her into her temporary, \$800 a month slip. The broker and I looked Naughty over. We looked at the comps. The price fell. My heart sank a little. Still, I told him, "sell her in months, not years."

It was more like weeks! Naughty sold the next weekend at the broker/sailing club's open house. Things moved fast. The survey was scheduled and then pulled forward three weeks. There were issues! Blisters on her bottom – hey, I said there were. Soft forward deck – you'd have soft spots too at her age. WATER IN THE FUEL – remember that truism? (By the way, I always top the fuel tank off at the end of the season – except this last one. And – wait for it – the autopilot wasn't working.

The buyer stewed for a week. The broker talked to him. I talked to him. Finally, a counter offer was made. The price fell. My



heart sank a little more. "He wants that much off AND I fix the auto and polish the fuel?" "Or" I told myself, "play hardball, say no, walk away." And pay a few months more moorage for maybe the same result.

A deal was made. He could polish the fuel if he wanted – I was fortunate to find the fault in the autopilot in 15 minutes. It was a cash deal. It was up to the title company now.

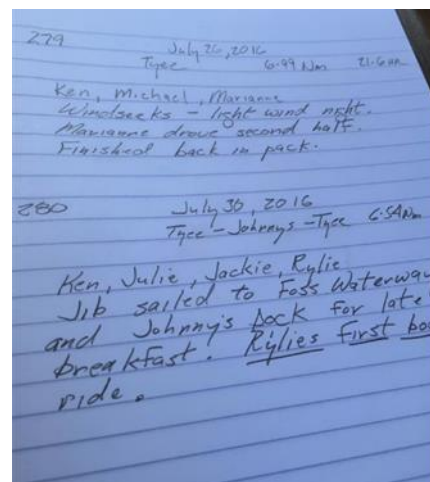
Emotionally? I'd said goodbye to Naughty inside a while back. She had been a great boat. Easy to sail and single hand. I'd never feared to take her anywhere. So many good memories. So many miles, nights aboard, guests aboard. The cruises. The races. Yes, I'd



said goodbye last fall. And frankly, she did not endear me with little mold stunt. The autopilot trick did not impress me. That bit with the fuel? Not funny. And did I mention she was rejecting varnish less than a year old.

It's human, and apparently boat nature, to throw in a few barbs on parting. Still, we loved Naughty. Always will. We wish the new owners – a young family – the best of luck and good times with her. I still have a few items to give them and some tricks to show. The lovely and gracious Mrs. S provided a package of photos of Naughty in pleasing settings to give to them. Photos. And as she handed me the photos – she cried.

Ken St. John
S/V La Sirena



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