



# Mainsheet

**The Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma Newsletter**

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## Commodore

Is Summer here yet?

MAN! Do you think it will ever come? THIS IS THE MONTH its supposed to be here. Summer in the Pac NW arrives July 5th right?

Maybe that's not my real problem, maybe I'm just moping because I'm afraid Summer will arrive and I'll STILL be in the Boatyard!

This haul out maybe I had too many tasks in mind. Pull the mast for a new sheave, VHF antenna, hailer horn. Replace cutlass bearing.

This has become the big issue. A lot more time and energy in this than the other projects. Oh yeah.. paint the bottom.

So far we've reschedule our relaunch once. Missed Sail Ahead and the 4th of July doings. Starting to feel like.

"Here I am stuck in the boatyard again ." ( sung to the tune of CCR's Stuck in Lodi Again ). Still not ready.. wish me luck.

Oh Yeah there's other stuff happening too. A successful Sail Ahead was just completed. Thanks to all who participated.

The Bell Harbor Cruise happened, a Big Thanks you to Ken & Julie St John for pulling of a very fun time.



## Vice Commodore

Happy fourth!! We had a great time at Bell Harbor the last week-end in June. It's always a great place to meet up other cruisers.

Two weeks ago a group of CYCT members participated in the Catalina 37 national championships in Long Beach, California. It was a great time to be had by all. I'm always amazed at the complexity of sailing rules and how to use them to your advantage!



In August, we will have a guest speaker regarding a Star Clipper cruise coming up in March. Brick and I were able to go to Barbados a few years ago and had a blast! I hope you can make it to the meeting to find out more!

Happy Sailing!

Janice VanRavenswaay  
Vice Commodore  
S/V Tatoosh

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### 2018 CYCT Officers & Board Members

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## Rear Commodore

Now that summer is in full swing and as we get ready to cruise our waters have you a ditch bag ready to go in case you need to abandon your vessel in an emergency?

A ditch bag contains key items needed to summon help and survive in a life raft or in the water while waiting for rescue to arrive. It must be kept in an accessible location on board. Be sure your guests know where it is.

The ditch bag is not limited to off shore cruisers. Coastal cruisers should be prepared also. The things to consider for a ditch bag are well, the bag itself. It should be waterproof. There are commercially available bags that are specifically designed for a ditch situation. Make sure it floats. Look for foam buoyancy panels sewn into the sides of the bag. When the bag is loaded with the necessary gear it should not sink. Water resistance: although the bag doesn't need to be waterproof, the water should not enter easily. I would put the items into plastic zip bags and if your bag doesn't float you can cut floatable noodles and stuff them into the bag. . Visibility: the bag should be an easy to see color especially at night. Some ditch bags include reflective tape sewed on to them. You can also purchase the tape and sew it on your bag too if yours doesn't have it. Inner pockets and dividers must be organized and easy to see. Carry straps and tethers which enables you to secure the bag to yourself. Adequate size: the bag should be large enough for gear, food and water for you and guests. The ditch bag should include several ways to contact help like EPIRB, a waterproof VHF with built-in GPS, flares and orange smoke day flares, a first aid kit, knife, and a Mylar rescue blanket to name a few.

I realize every ditch bag contents may contain many more items. The internet is a great source for finding what will work in your bag. So before leaving the dock, have your ditch bag ready to go in case you must go.

Angie Morales  
Rear Commodore  
S/V La Gitana



## Commodore (continued)

*(Continued from page 2)*

Coming up July 28th will be the 2nd Ranger Battalion Regatta. This looks to be huge. To plan to participate.

Then September 15th will be Tacoma's very first Pink Boat Regatta. This is an all hands on deck effort. Check it out and get entered

to make this a big success.

And on going is the Vic-Maui Race with the Pac Cup starting shortly. Of course the remnants of Hurricane Fabio are out there promising

to make the course planning interesting, at the least.

AND hopefully Cool Kat will be back in the water. Let's get to it!

Vacation Musing...

Thoughts on my recent trip to Cabo san Lucas,

Arrive we do to Cabo

The heat is strong but somethings wrong

high clouds hide the sun

Aletta has gone, to the west, the fear is gone

To the south clouds swirl, she approaches  
storm clouds form, a name is given, Bud now approaches  
tightness grips, still he approaches  
hurricane now, a sense of dread, and still he approaches  
warnings are given, some leave early, and yet he approaches

waves pound the beaches, tropical storm now, Bud approaches  
preparations made, now the wind , now the rain, Bud is here

Today we leave, seas calm, clouds are gone

To the south storm clouds again swirl, and now she approaches

Don Kimball  
Commodore CYCT,  
SY Cool Kat





## Be a good Member!



### Have you paid your dues?

Please make sure you've paid your dues to maintain your active membership. Dues may be paid by mailing a check to the club, or by using our new online payment portal. Details can be found on the club website [www.cyct.com](http://www.cyct.com)

Your dues help us keep the club running, so we can do things like put on races, maintain our fabulous clubhouse, and keep up the Corinthian traditions!

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## CYCT in Action!

I saved a life

I heard about an event organized by <http://sailahead.org/> and hosted by TYC.

The plan was for me to show up get some service members on the water, show them a good time, and share my love of sailing.

During the pre-event scramble there were speeches given, three stood out to me, the first two by parents of "Sailahead Mates", and the third by an Army Ranger, friend of a "mate". A Sailahead Mate is a Service member past or present that has committed suicide. The goal of Sailahead is to prevent these suicides, 20-35 suicides a DAY.

The last speech given before we headed down to the boats changed my feelings of the day and made me realize that I could make a difference in someone's life, it made me realize what it meant for them that I was there.

So we went sailing, in beautiful Western Washington weather, overcast, a high of 70, and winds of 15-20 knots. A day I would describe as a perfect sailing day. We were on the water for about 3 hours, one minor sailing emergency, one moderate one. Everyone made it back to the dock safely. While I was on my way to my car and saying my goodbyes to new friends I was stopped. I was stopped and told that one of the veterans on the water today said "I will not become a Mate."

In other words "i will not commit suicide."

I am not even sure if I ever met this Veteran, but just by being at the event and helping get people on the water I helped save his life.

Greg Sandwick  
Race Committee  
CYCT

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

### 1000: ARRIVE AT TYC

ENJOY COFFEE, MIMOSAS, AND BREAKFAST SNACKS. RECIEVE BOAT ASSIGNMENTS AND MEET YOUR SKIPPER.

### 1050: LOAD BOATS

### 1100: DEPART TYC

### 1200: REACH DESTINATION

KAYAKS, PADDLEBOARDS, JET SKIS, SMALL BOATS, AND A GIANT FLOATING ISLAND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ENJOY BY ALL. GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN BEVERAGES AND SNACKS, SMALL COOLERS ARE RECOMMENDED.

### 1300: LUNCH TIME

### 1800: RETURN TO TYC

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

**TACOMA YACHT CLUB  
& 2ND RANGER  
BATTALION**

DATE:

**SATURDAY, JULY 28  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

LOCATION:

**5401 YACHT CLUB DRIVE  
TACOMA, WA**

CONTACT:

**S5 OFFICE FOR  
REGISTRATION AND  
DETAILS**



## Racing



Race Committee is off running the rest of our race season! Oh, and our Committee chair is also busy with his newborn boy... coming soon to a racecourse near you!



Here, we see the little tyke and mom cheering on the Gardylloo Travelin' Road show as they show Long Beach Race Week how to do it, T-Town style... Start em' early!

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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—CANCELLED
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

### The Lights Were Bright!

Yes, the lights were bright at the “Bright Lights, Big City” cruise. Despite the distance and the competing Sail Ahead event at TYC (sorry – these events are planned months ahead and sometimes there are conflicts.) We had 10 boats in all including Discovery, La Sirena, Red Splash, Raven, Tatoosh, Wild Duck, Wind Up, Wind Wizard, as well as guest boats Dulcinea (Aaron St. John) and Kenny G (Liz and Bill Howard, friends of the McAdams.) Bell Harbor seems to invite the guests and the dock was overflowing with them. Discovery, Red Splash, Tatoosh and La Sirena all hosted some.



Food? There was plenty. Friday night, a dozen of us squeezed around a group of tables at Kell’s Irish Pub on Post Alley in Pike Place market for Pasties, Irish Stew and maybe a Guinness or two. Saturday night dinner was the traditional St. John steak dinner with an abundance of delicious pot luck sides and desserts. Plenty of guests joined as well as land yachters George and Valarie McKay and Mike Stanford. Sunday morning was a bit drizzly, so folks gathered on La Sirena for sausage, eggs, and pastries.

Then suddenly – it was time to go – so we high tailed it out of the marina and headed for home. All that is except Soo and Billy Carter who watched the M’s eke out a 1-0 win over the Royals.

Except for un-sponsored cruises to Quatermaster Harbor for July 4th and Poulsbo in August for the Cruiser’s Rendezvous, you’re free until Labor Day for the end of the Wednesday night races, award bash and cruise. Other upcoming cruises are listed below.

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	Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig	Penrose Pt. Raft Up
June 30-July 1	Bright Lights, Big City Cruise	St. Johns	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





# Month in Pictures







## 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



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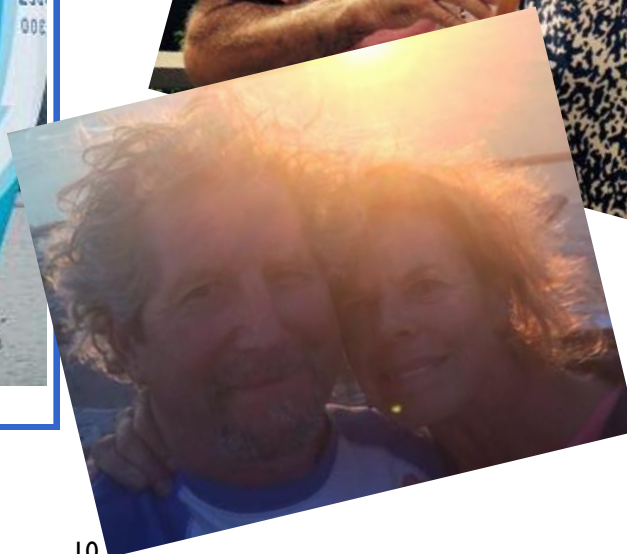
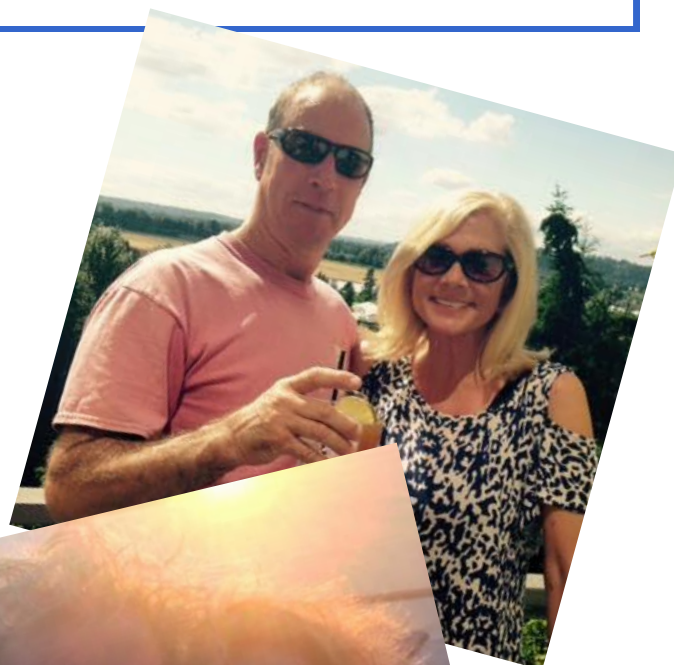
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# July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Bright Lights, Big City Cruise (Bell Harbor)	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9 General Meeting (Tyee)	10	11 Summer Series #3	12	13	14 Ruston Classic 3hr Tour #2
15	16	17	18 Summer Series #4	19	20	21
22	23 Board Meeting	24	25 Summer Series #5	26	27	28 Ranger Cruise
29	30	31				

# August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Late Summer Series #1	2	3	4 RC Delight 3hr Tour #3
5	6	7	8 Late Summer Series #2	9	10	11
12	13 General Meeting (Tyee)	14	15 Late Summer Series #3	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Late Summer Series #4	23	24	25
26	27 Board Meeting	28	29 Late Summer Series #5	30	31	

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



# Sunshine



This has been a light month for sending cards. One went to Fred and Ursula Ahrens for congratulations on their brand new Grandson!

And they doubled my workload by welcoming a brand new granddaughter as well! Congratulations!

If you need or know of someone who needs a card for something wonderful or some support, give me a call - if I can't answer, please leave me a message- send me an email or drop me a message on Facebook messenger.

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253-640-7429 or Deb McAdams on Facebook

Deb McAdams, S/V Red Splash

## Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Joy Ballentine	July 23
Jeremy Bush	July 19
Cindy Craig	July 21
Cyndi Larson	July 27
Rich Morales	July 18
Todd Murray	July 31
Christine Nelson	July 31
Cindy Chao	July 15
Chuck Welter	July 23



**On The Cover**

**"Runnin'"**

**By**

**Joey Soller  
(Asylum Crew)**

## Saw it on Facebook



**Jennifer Madsen Tenney**  
 June 11 at 4:38 PM

Not receiving your Mainsheet? You might need to update your email address. We have a growing list of emails that are bouncing so login to the Members Only section of the web site and update your profile with your current information.

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Write a comment...

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**Penny Shen is with Deb McAdams.**  
 June 10 at 6:30 PM

Big Thanks to Dan Walker gave us a great lesson for the winches maintenance, we did both non-self tailing and self tailing lewmar winches, everyone got to worked on some part of that. It was really fun! Ken said he still have 5 other winches needs to be done, anyone interested in continuing the seminar next couple weeks can call Ken St John!! 😊

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**Deb McAdams** It was a good day. Thanks to Penny for arranging it and Dan for instructing and Ken for having us clutter up his boat.



### 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).

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## SHOVING OFF

The author is taking July off. I'll be back in August with a letter to the owner of Seahorse Yachts!



Ken St. John  
S/V La Sirena