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Commodore

Greetings all, here we are at the "Dog Days" of Summer. Its been very warm. Cool Kat finally got out of the yard. Now were at the berth finishing projects. At this reading we will have attended the Ranger Regatta at TYC. Taking out members and families of the 2nd Ranger Battalion. Looks to be a light air affair. With a ton of fun.



This has been a year of sailing achievements. 2018's R2AK was crushed by "Sail Like a Girl". They completed the 750 mile course in 6 days 13+ hours, the crew of six Puget Sound Ladies walked away with the \$10,000 dollar first prize. Per their pre-race agreement the winnings are to be donated to the "Pinkboat Regatta". Considering the work and commitment involved in the teams effort they get only the highest KUDOS. well done, indeed.

Coming up September 15th is Tacoma's first "Pinkboat Regatta". The joint effort of TYC and CYCT and "Pinkboat Regatta" promises to make this a great South Sound Event. However; This will only be a success if our sailors get involved. The cause is worthy, and our opportunity to give back. LET's GET OUT and SAIL PINKBOAT!

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Vice Commodore

Here we are, the end of the summer! Where did the time go? It's been a busy one for club with much more to do in the coming weeks...CYCT annual Picnic at Tyee, the Awards Race (always a fun one), and the Labor Day cruise. Boat owners, look for ways for your crew to participate in the Awards race/cruise this year. The more the merrier!!



We have some great speakers lined up for the next couple of general meetings that you don't want to miss. In August, Beth Elwood from Star Clipper cruises will be sharing information about an upcoming group cruise to St. Maarten in March. These cruises are coordinated by the wonderful Vaneva O'Hara and is also a fund raiser for the club. We had the privilege to go to Barbados with 6 other CYCT couples a few years ago and we are currently rolling our pennies to make sure we don't miss out on this sail! Star Clippers are unique sailing vessels (they motor sail but sails are always out) with amazing food, intimate port calls and its all the more fun with friends! And let's be honest, we all need some vitamins C and Sea in March after a doom and gloom PNW winter.

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Rear Commodore

I have been on a two week vacation in Central New York visiting family and friends I haven't seen since I was a little girl. It felt great to reconnect after many years and can't wait to return.

My brother and sister-in-law live on Owasco Lake in Auburn, New York. It is part of the Finger Lakes which well, resemble fingers when looking on a map. Small sailboats and Lasers are sparse but I did see a few actually sailing. The main boats are pontoon, as well as various power boats. The lake is about 177 feet at its deepest point. Its 11 miles long and 1.3 miles wide. It is fed by natural spring water which comes via the Owasco Inlet.

There is a private yacht club called Owasco Yacht Club which began in the 1800's and was used exclusively by the well-to-do especially in the summer months. Now there is an added golf course.

I also visited Niagara Falls, New York, specifically American Falls which is the second largest falls of the three, and is on the American side which borders Canada. Bridal Veil Falls being the smallest, and Horseshoe Falls which is the largest. The falls are located on the Niagara River which drains into Lake Erie and into Lake Ontario. The falls have also been the source of hydro-electric power since the 19th century

New York State has a rich history as does my hometown of Auburn, New York. Harriet Tubman who was an abolitionist, political activist, a Union spy, a nurse, and women's suffrage supporter, and most notably known for the Underground Railroad. She has a small home in Auburn which is on the National Historic Registry thanks to Hillary Clinton and the people of Auburn who made it possible.

William H. Seward has a home in Auburn too, which is also on the National Historic Registry. He served as New York state senator, governor of New York, a presidential candidate and then Secretary of State under President Lincoln and Andrew Johnson.

I hope everyone is having a great summer on our beautiful waters. Be safe and sane out there.

Angie Morales
Rear Commodore
S/V La Gitana



Commodore (continued)

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Other notable events. CYCT's own Karl Halfinger skippering his J35, Shearwater have taken first in there Division in the 2018 Pacific Cup. Finishing some 10 hours ahead of their competition. Very well done in one of the more challenging Pac Cup's in recent memory. Another notable was the First to finish. The French double-handed Beneteau 30 foiling monohull was unrated (Pac Cup is trying to figure out how to rate them.

This is the fun time of year for cruising. WARM! Cool Kat will be heading to the San Juan Island. Hope to see you up there. Let's go!

Don Kimball
CYCT Commodore
S/V Kool Kat

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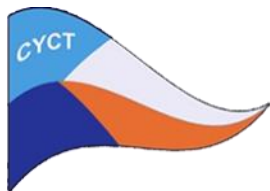
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Membership

New members, new location, and club events!

Please join me in welcoming our newest members! We have one new addition to the fleet, and several new crew members. Tim Garchow has joined us with his new Beneteau America 46, Odin!

Our new crew members are:

Geneva Goldwood - Mountaineers sailing, crew on Asylum, sponsored by Jeremy Bush

Dawn Heino - Member of Tacoma Women's Sailing Association, sponsored by Gene Brown

Mike Matzen - Crew on Red Splash, sponsored by Deb McAdams

Marianna Swart - Crew on AFK/Constellation/Naughty by Nature, sponsored by Jen Tenney

Feel free to reach out to our new members and welcome to the club!

Potential New Location:

The club has been researching new locations for the general and board meetings. We have narrowed down our finalists, and are currently in negotiations. We are incredibly excited about our prospects and the future of the club.

We are seeking a location that will provide the club with a home, a place for our perpetual trophies, a central location, and a gathering space for the club even outside of normal club activities. We are working on getting exclusive club member benefits that will be an ongoing benefit to both the club and our potential meeting location. Stay tuned! We anticipate making an announcement in the next two months.

Crew looking for boats:

As most of you know, we have been using a meetup group to place willing crew on boats for racing. This has been a huge success. Since the group was launched last year, we have placed over 100 people on boats. My goal is simply to get as many people on the water as possible, but we are running out of spots!

If you know of any skippers looking for crew, please put me in touch with them. I highly encourage any skippers who want to get on the water, but have been missing crew, to take advantage of these willing participants. When we don't have enough spots, I recommend people head to the skippers meeting.

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Vice Commodore (continued)

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September's general meeting may be held at Tyee this year. I am waiting to hear back from the speaker, Wendy Hinman to confirm whether that change will happen or not. Stay tuned on Facebook and email if that happens.

Finally, we are seeking some new board members for the upcoming year. This is a good time to talk with current board members to express your interest or just find out what each position does. We can't run without you! Please consider donating some time to your club so that we can continue to grow and provide excellent racing and cruising adventures.

Happy Sailing!

Janice VanRavenswaay
Vice Commodore
S/V Tatoosh

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Racing

Racing has been pretty good, with wind most of the time, or at least enough to get us around the course. But alas, summer is quickly coming to a conclusion, and so are our Wednesday Night races... there are three left on the schedule, so try to get out to celebrate Wednesdays and all of that hard work you all have put in for the first three days of the week....

We are also coming up on the Vashon Challenge on August 18th. Our yearly single / double hand race around the dreaded Vashon Island. IF you have not entered, do so quickly so we know you will be there.

We will complete our Summer of Fun 2018 with the Windseekers Awards Race on September 1. This corresponds with one of our CYCT cruises to Dock street, so race the day away, enjoy the cruise for the rest of the weekend. Come on, it might just be fun.

September brings us our first Point Series Race of the year on September 22nd. This is the first race of the series and folks, the weather is still pretty darn nice. I challenge everyone who is racing Windseekers to come out and enjoy your boat on this one....

On a few other notes:

1. Thanks for keeping the protest numbers down this year (He says - quickly thinking he will jinx it). It always much more fun when everyone follows the rules...
2. Thank you to all of those who have assisted on the race committee this summer
3. We have not had any takers this year for the Challenger Class. This class was brought about for people that wanted to step up their game and possibly move towards the PHRF start. I am currently debating if we keep it or not for next year, so anyone's input (Constructive input) is welcomed
4. It is also that time of year when we start thinking about next years racing plans. Anyone have an idea for a new race? Want to see something change? Let me know. I'm taking comments until October 1st.

Thanks all - have a great end of summer.

PS - I know this is not the section for this, but the Wineseekers Cruise to Eastern Washington and wine country is October 26, 27, and 28... More details to follow at next month.....

Eric Nelson
Racing Chair, CYCT
S/V Gardyloo



Membership (continued)

Here is a huge thank you to all of the boats that have found spots on their boats over the last two summers. We have truly made a lasting impact on the Tacoma racing scene. Hopefully over time, it will pay off with these crew branching out into getting their own boats and growing the racing scene even further. In fact, this year alone, two new boats have starting racing from offshoots of other programs. Jim Leising on Jam Session came from Dulcinea, and Jake Nix on Rhumbera was crew on Asylum. Let's welcome them to the race course (but keep our distance). They are new after all :)

Jeremy Bush
Membership Chair, CYCT
S/V Asylum

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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 29	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



**2018
Pink Boat Regatta®**

Tacoma Regatta – September 15th, Tacoma Yacht Club, Tacoma, WA

Information about “The Pink Boat Regatta”

The Pink Boat Regatta is a registered 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting breast cancer research and prevention through sailing

and racing. 100% of all net proceeds from our regatta and events go directly to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF). The Pink Boat Regatta has donated over \$464,000 in just six years!

How the race works

Each boat entered in the Regatta raises funds for their boat by selling buoys for \$100 each. Each buoy “sold” increases their race-day buoy

count toward their total score. This creates a unique and competitive fundraising environment. Buoy sales have been our largest

fundraising source to date. The Tacoma Regatta will feature a powerboat “Poker-Run” for even more opportunities to raise money for your boat!

How can you help?

REGISTER YOUR BOAT! **Registration fee is \$150 and you can register your boat directly on the website: www.pinkboatregatta.org**

Friends, families, crews, volunteers and even businesses can lend their support to their favorite boat and help you “win” the regatta by buying buoys. If you have a connection to any of the registered boats, buy as many buoys as you can to help drive you to the top of the buoy count by the end of the day!

There is no minimum fee that you have to raise in order to participate in the regatta. *Most boats have raised \$500 as a minimum.*

Regatta Event Details

Saturday, September 15th – Racing will be held from 1pm – 3pm. Event day details/agenda will be sent to skippers soon!

Awards party immediately following the regatta at the Tacoma Yacht Club – 5pm until 9pm. TYC will be providing food and a cash bar will be available.

Free moorage available at TYC for registered boats.



Cruising

Hot August Nights!

We've had a bit of time off from club cruises as this time in summer gets quite busy. We did have the unofficial cruise to Quartermaster Harbor for the Fourth of July fireworks sort of sponsored by the MacAdams. Attending were Red Splash, Wild Duck, La Sirena, Discovery, Asylum, and one additional boat whose name escapes me. The St. Johns have also been to Gig Harbor, Tramp Harbor, and Blake Island. Other club members have been to the San Juans, Whidbey Island Race Week and the South Sound.



Club Cruising resumes with the Labor Cruise sponsored by Jeremy Bush. Dates for the Wineseekers cruise have been nailed down – mark your calendars for October 26, 27, and 28th. And don't forget the Crews Cruise scheduled for November 17th and 18th in Gig Harbor sponsored by the Coynes.

Follow Facebook, the Mainsheet and CYCT.com for more information.

Happy Cruising

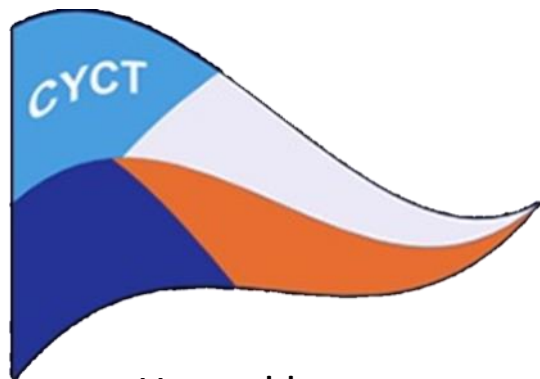
Happy Cruising

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	Tacoma—Foss
October	Wine Seekers	Nelsons	Over the Mountains
November 17-18	Crew Cruise	Coynes	Gig Harbor—Arabella's
December 31	UnCruise	Morales'	Tyee



Hosted by:

Stephanie Arnold

And

Jeremy Bush

Labor Day Cruise 2018!

The Cruise this year falls on the same weekend as the Awards Race, so we want to involve the entire club in the activities. Should be fun for all!

We will do a local cruise, so as many of our crew members as possible can participate, as well as the racing and cruising members.

What a better time to get everyone together over a long summer weekend where you can experience everything

We will (unofficially) start the cruise on Friday, August 31st at the Foss Waterway Seaport. We'll have a captain and crew potluck dinner and dock party. Good times will be had by all!

Saturday morning, we encourage as many boats as possible to have their crew meet at the docks and depart from the Seaport for the Awards Race. When we Return, we'll officially kick the cruise off with the Awards dinner, to start the weekend!

Events to Include:

- Dinghy Armada to Johnny's Dock for Brunch on Sunday
- Friendly sailing dinghy competition on Foss Waterway
- Dinner and Dancing with a LIVE BAND! (Band TBD)
- Other things planned (Surprise!)

We Really want to bring in a large crowd, and show everyone what this club is all about!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



LABOR DAY



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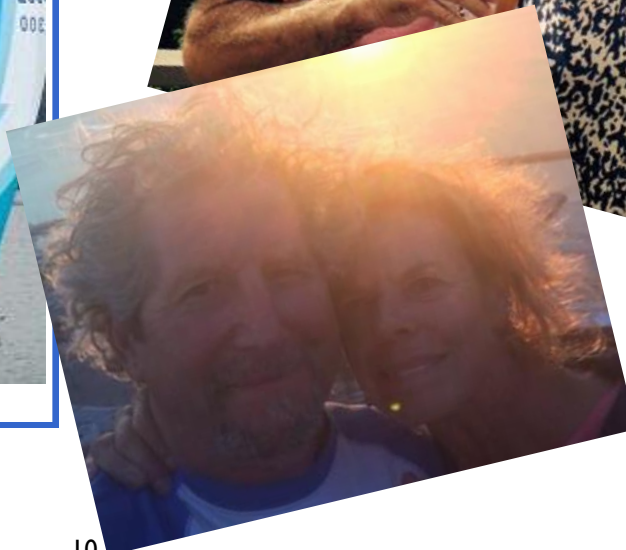
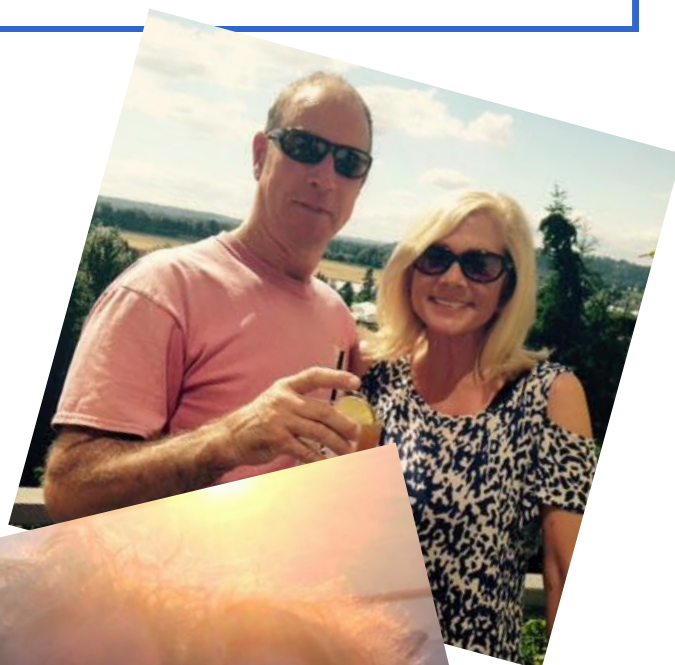
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August 2018

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	

September 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Labor Day Cruise (Foss) Awards Race
2 Labor Day Cruise (Foss)	3 Labor Day Cruise (Foss)	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 General Meeting (Tyee)	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Pt Robinson (Point series #1)
23	24 Board Meeting	25	26	27	28	29
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Check CYCT.com for additional information on meetings and races

Sunshine



I sent cards to Adrian De Luna for his broken foot, to Ursula Ahrens for her arm surgery, to Lisa Corkum following a car accident, to Penny Shen for the death of her father and to Don Kimball on his retirement! (Lucky Don!)

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.

ddmac22@msn.com

253-640-7429 or Deb McAdams on Facebook

Deb McAdams, S/V Red Splash

Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Mark Anderson	August 7
Terry Anderson	August 24
Darla Halverson	August 16
Scott Radford	August 23
Steve Ryan	August 5
Gary Sandwick	August 1
Michael Stanford	August 10
Ursula Ahrens	August 4
Jen Tenney	August 4
Becky Flannigan	August 26
Connie Holbrook	August 24
Patty Fuller	August 23



On The Cover
"Peek A Boo"
 By
Brock Van-Ravensway

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Ken St John
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Eric Nelson's giant jungle gym?

Angie Morales, Donald Kimball and 4 others
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Deb McAdams Connor would be way too interested in climbing that one.

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- You must be a CYCT member or sponsored by a CYCT member to post an item.
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- **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

This Thing is Getting Real!

I know, I know – I’m supposed to be writing a letter to the founder of Seahorse yachts and tell him what a marvel La Sirena is. But I’ve been busy. Why? Well number one, it’s summer, and you only get so many summers in this life, something this thing called cancer brought my attention to a bit over seven years ago. We don’t waste summer! We get away every chance we get, even if “getting away” just means sleeping on the boat. And that brings us to the title of this month’s article – *this thing* – living on a boat – *is getting real*.

La Sirena was bought with the intent to live aboard. That’s a big leap! 28 of our 39 married years have been in our current house and our previous house. The kids didn’t grow up here but there are still a lot of memories here. We’ve toyed with the idea of renting the house out but hey, we aren’t land lords and have no desire to be.

Still – it has been tough to really commit.

But, we love being on the boat and we get tired of having to go home and keep up what are basically two homes. And, I think something big happened at our Bell Harbor weekend that really made the decision easier. What happened? We figured out the heat! I mean, let’s face it. Living on a boat where you’re struggling to get the temperature UP to 60° would be no fun. The heat on the boat shuts itself off every 30-45 minutes. The little buddy heater is dangerous. The space heater needs to run non-stop. Turn the clock back before the Bell Harbor cruise about a month or so. Our salt-water deck pump quit. The pump that pumps water up front so that I can wash off the anchor chain. So I went to sort things out. There’s a big pump motor on the work shop floor and the DC panel has a salt water pump switch as does the AC panel – what’s that all about? I grabbed my trusty multi-meter. Took apart the shaky connection at the big pump on the floor. I turned both switches on. 220 Volts in the line! OK – the pump motor is on the AC panel. I reconnected the wires, much less shaky this time. Nothing! No pumping. I took out the capacitor (an electrical do-hicky that helps the motor start)– and I decided it looked pretty bad – and I ordered a new one. \$8 – thank you Amazon.

Then I parted the coats hanging in the back of the shop. There’s the deck pump. This pump I was messing with was for the reverse cycle air conditioning, which, at that time, we’d never used. I checked that pump with the trusty meter. Dead! Rusted out! I ordered a new one. \$98 – thank you Amazon. Raw water problem solved.

Back to Bell Harbor – the night before Bell Harbor, we anchored at Blake Island. Being an early riser, I went into the shop to putz around the next morning. I saw the new capacitor sitting on the bench and installed it. When we reached Bell Harbor I plugged in (it needs AC remember) and switched on the pump. Nothing. Then, in a moment of inspiration or something, I turned on the air conditioning and switched it to heat (it’s basically a heat pump.) And it heated! Glorious heat! 115° at the vent. Julie was out on the dock and pointed out that we were pumping a lot of water overboard, and we might drain the tanks! I pointed out that it was salt water and the chance of draining that tank was slim.

And – WE HAD HEAT! Real heat. With heat, we could live aboard. (By the way – the AC works great as well.)

Which brings us to this thing getting real.

We have a storage unit at the marina. We have boxes piled in that garage. Our basement sofa which unfortunately, seemed to double as the auxiliary cat litter box, has been dragged to the dump. My daughter has the basement tv. My son has my church pew where I dressed in the morning. Another daughter has dibs on the piano.

I’ve pressure washed the house. Touched up the trim. Pulled out the stinky laminate in the utility room and painted the floor.

We’re getting ready to go on the market.

Can we do this?

I hope so. My mindset is changing. Many decisions have a whole new nuance. Last weekend I took my son’s family (by boat) to the Gig Harbor art fair. Did I buy anything? Nope – no room! It seems as if with everything I look at now, the question is, “do I need that? Where would I put it?” Can I trade things for freedom? Can I choose experiences over things and a home?

This is getting real. The experiment is begun. The market is good.

We’re doing this!

Books are being sorted. For the first time ever, I am giving up tools (not all mind you.) I’m shredding and shredding papers.

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SHOVING OFF

This Thing is Getting Real!

(the saga continues)



It has been more than a week since I started writing this article – I lead a busy life! In that time, more and more things have been packed. The Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John and I have had some real heart to hearts about this. Is it scary? Yep. Is it risky? You bet. Are there plusses and minuses? Sure there are. Are we going for it? We are.

The market has dipped a little – the time to sell is now. One last call to the marina to double check. Yes, we can live aboard. Papers are signed. When we come back from vacation in early September, we might be home without leaving the boat. It's very possible the house will be sold.

I haven't totally wrapped my head around the whole idea.

There are details to work out. What will happen with my laundry? Laundromat or laundry service? What about TV – photo is starting. And internet? How much longer do we work? My work is going well. When it's going well I don't mind work. I sure don't mind the money. It's the time I want. Can I work part time or remote?

And one other big change coming. Rylie, my Toot, my constant companion will soon be moving back with her mommy where she belongs. She's lived with us for nearly four years. Gulp. Big changes for both all of us.



Editors Note

I know that we're all busy and that summer time makes us even busier with lots of vacationing going on, etc. Those of you who are writing articles for the Mainsheet, please get me your articles no later than the 25th of the month. PLEASE. It takes several hours to format and prep the newsletter, and I'm also busy with a job, family, etc. so every day you delay, potentially causes a delay on this end. I appreciate your support!