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Commodore

Here we are at a busy time of the year for CYCT.

Racing brings the Awards Race and beginning of Fall Racing. And a BIG one with Tacoma's 1st Pink Boat Regatta, September 15th. Be sure to join in to make this a success.

Cruising brings the "Cruise to Thea Foss" co-joining with the Awards Race, this promises to be a lot of fun. Followed by Socials September 7th Sock Hop CYCT Picnic at Tyee. Come for the fun. Don't forget the "Crew Cruise" to Arabella's Landing in November. This also co-insides with the GHYC LeMans Race. Business wise, elections are coming. Please be-sure to express your interest in board positions. New bylaw changes are up-coming as well.

The success or failure relies on the membership and your CYCT board, take part and enjoy. Please sure to attend the September 10th General Meeting.

Don Kimball
CYCT Commodore
SY Cool Kat.



Vice Commodore

It's been a great summer hasn't it? I've seen so many pictures of club members from Alaska to California enjoying their time on the water with the wind in their sails. And even though the days are getting a little shorter, and the temperatures are cooling, it is not the end of the line for us. Please continue to monitor your Mainsheet, Facebook and the Website as we still have several more races and cruises just for you!!

This is the time of the year we starting looking ahead to next year's club. You all have a reason you joined, and you continue to stay because there is enjoyment in it for you. We do our best to keep it that way, but we also need your help! Cruises and Races do not run by themselves!! We will start taking nominations for several board positions for both active and crew members that we would love to see the 2019 Board of Trustees filled with new ideas and perspectives. Positions include Rear Commodore, Mainsheet editor, and Floating Assets to name a few. Please talk with your current board, express your interest and put your name on the ballet. Formal nominations will be taken at the October meeting with Elections at the November General Meeting.



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Janice VanRavenswaay

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Rear Commodore

Wow! It's already September. Where has the summer gone? Maybe it will last into October. I just wish a good push of marine air would come blow this smoke away so we can once again see our beautiful mountains and blue skies.

Rich and I have been steadily catching up on household repairs and updates we let slide for the past 4 years. No vacation for us until March 2019 when we embark on our first Star Clipper Cruise. I know many of our friends in the club are going so I'm sure we'll "learn the ropes." Perhaps I will be fortunate enough to take the helm for a bit.

Within a few months we will be in 2019. Have you thought about making a contribution of your time serving our growing club? I wasn't sure I'd be up to the task when I began as Fleet Captain Cruising a hand full of years ago. But with the advise of people who had been in the position and others who helped me get organized I found it immensely rewarding. That is where I got to know the members who went on the cruises. I developed a rapport with them, and yes we all partied. It's about having fun, and when you can impart your willingness to be involved for the good of the club everyone wins! The hardest step is the first I will admit, but we are all friends and there is always someone who can lessen your anxiety with advise from experience. In the near future, a list of position openings will be made available. All I ask is you take a look at them, and if you have questions be sure to ask the current position holder for the details of that position. You can nominate yourself !

A reminder that Pink Boat Regatta-Tacoma is September 15. Please see the flyer in this edition of the Mainsheet. Give generously if you can. Let's all get PINK!

Angie Morales
Rear Commodore
S/V La Gitana



Vice Commodore (continued)

Please watch your email for upcoming proposals to our bylaws. They were written for you to keep us in check, however, over the years many parts have become outdated. So, changes need to happen. We MUST have the approved by YOU!!

Last, Wendy Hinman will be our speaker for September's General Meeting at Johnny's in Fife. If you haven't read one of her books check out her website for more information at www.wendyhinman.com. She's a local sailor with global experience and this is a not to be missed event!

Happy Sailing,
Janice VanRavenswaay
Vice Commodore
S/V Tatoosh
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Racing

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Race Committee!
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article!
(Sorting all the trophies for the
Awards Race took it all out of
them)



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New Members!

Welcome 2 new members to CYCT!

Tim Garchow—S/V Odin. Tim's been around the club for years as a crew member, so welcome him to a full boating membership!

Linda Heino—Welcome Linda!



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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 28	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

Fall Classic!

We are into the cruising home stretch, as it were. Many of us in the club have done our summer cruising or, as in our case, are doing it now.

We cap off the summer cruising and racing with the Awards Race/Labor Day Cruise sponsored by Jeremy Bush and Stephanie Arnold. By the time that you read this, you may be there! Next up is the third annual Wineseekers cruise to Central Washington sponsored by Eric and Aubrey Nelson. This is followed by the Crews Cruise scheduled for November 17th and 18th in Gig Harbor sponsored by John Coyne & Tim Garchow. Of course, we cap off the year with the Un Cruise at Tyee.

It's not too early to start thinking about next year. Cruising begins as early as February. If you think you'd like to sponsor a cruise, let Ken and Julie know!

And don't forget to 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 26-28	Wine Seekers	Nelsons	Over the Mountains
November 17-18	Crew Cruise	John Coyne & Tim Garchow	Gig Harbor—Arabella's
December 31	UnCruise	Morales'	Tyee

Join us September 8th, 2018 for the CYCT Soc Hop Picnic!

Location: CYCT Clubhouse

Time: 2PM—??

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and some other goodies provided by the Club!

We'll have a Cocktail to "Share", but please BYOB!

We're asking for people to bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert... because you all are awesome!

Any questions, contact Jen Ihlen!





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.

Eric Nelson

“If you can’t be the winner, be the show”

By Matt Thomas, CYCT Historian

THE RACER

There is probably no one in our club more at home racing sailboats than Eric Nelson. On race day, you will see Eric standing at the helm of Gardyloo, laughing and joking, un-phased by whatever chaos is ensuing around him. Or, he’s skippering Romeo Charlie, setting challenging race courses and yelling encouragement to the participants. As a racer, Eric consistently performs at the highest level and does so with gusto. As Eric says, “If you can’t be the winner, be the show.”

Eric’s parents were early members of the CYCT. They introduced Eric to sailboat racing as a child. Now, Eric is doing the same, introducing his own son, Talisker, to sailing. Talisker participated in his first sailboat race at six weeks of age. Like his dad, Talisker is at home racing; he slept like a baby during his entire first race.

EARLY YEARS

When Eric was about ten years old, he started sailing with his father and a neighbor. Soon, Eric’s parents bought their own boat, which was an O’Day 27. Eric remembered that, back in those days, they would sometimes have to sail through clouds of steam when Asarco dumped slag in Commencement Bay.

Eric’s parents soon enrolled Eric in sailing lessons. The classes were held at a boatyard on the Ruston side of Commencement Bay near where the sewer outfall buoy is. Eric went screaming and crying to that first lesson. (Eric jokes that he must have known how much money he would spend on sailing). However, by the second lesson, Eric was hooked and could not get enough of sailing.

At that time, the CYCT had a junior sailing program in which about 30 kids participated. The junior sailor races were held near the permanent green buoy at Hylebos Waterway. Eric and the rest of the CYCT junior sailors also competed in the Seattle Yacht Club McCurdie Cup. Eric recalls that they got stomped. Eric and about 8-12 of the CYCT junior racers even went to Chelan to participate in a regatta. Eric sailed in an El Toro and also a Laser.

Eventually, Eric had to leave for college at Washington State University. But, even in the Palouse, Eric found a way to race. There was a Thistle fleet in Lewiston, Idaho. So, Eric would go to Lewiston where he and one or two crew members raced at Snake Island State Park in Eric’s Thistle.

WINDSEEKERS AND GARDYLOO

When Eric returned to Tacoma after completing college, he competed in Windseeker races as crew on a Crown 34. He also raced in the Duck Dodge in Seattle and raced in Kirkland. Eric raced out of State as well, racing to Hawaii twice, rounding Vancouver Island, and racing in California and in Utah.

Over the years, Eric became a part owner of an Olson 30 and later an Express 37. Eventually, Eric went on to own the legendary (or as Eric says, maybe the infamous - depending on who you ask) Henderson 30 named Gardyloo.

Eric consistently led the fleet in Gardyloo. No matter the wind, Gardyloo went through race courses like a hot knife through butter. Eventually, Eric took Gardyloo on the road to test her and her crew’s abilities in unfamiliar places.

SUMMER OF OUR DISCONTENT

Eric describes the Puget Sound as a beautiful place to play on the water. However, one drizzly, cold day, Eric and his crew thought, “We don’t have to do this.” Eric had a trailer for Gardyloo. They asked themselves, “Why not race in warm places?” That very day, on the inside of a Tecate beer box, they mapped out their season. They would do the Delta Ditch, Tahoe, Santa Cruz to Monterrey, Double Dam on the Columbia, and a Memorial Day race in Richmond. Eric called it “the summer of our discontent.”

It was a team effort. Eric's crew of eight contributed to the costs for fuel, entry fees, and storage. Everyone arranged their schedules, so Gardyloo would have crew for all the races.

ON DRY LAND, BUT NOT FOR LONG

Following the summer of their discontent, it was time for a break. Eric felt like they had done it all. He and Aubre sold Gardyloo. They devoted themselves to life on land. However, this hiatus did not last long.

By the following year, they were ready to buy another sailboat. This time, they wanted something in which they could cruise and race. They found the boat, a 38 foot IMX, made in Denmark. She was christened "Gardyloo II."

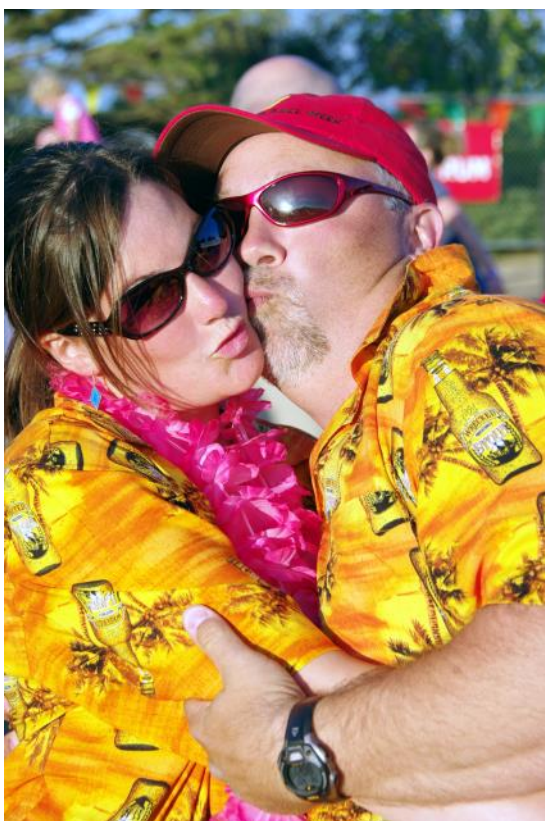
COMMODORE NELSON

Eric's dad was a member of the CYCT at the inception of the club. Years later, in 2016, Eric's parents were there at the Commodore's Ball to watch Eric become Commodore.

Thinking back, Eric says that his year as commodore seems like a blur now. They tried everything the club had: Cruises, races, and other items that they tried to mix in.

Eric recalls how much he enjoyed the Daffodil and Opening Day cruises - especially arriving with the club and heading back to Tacoma from Seattle. "It is just a damn fine group of people to hang out with."

Eric's advice to CYCT members is to volunteer and get to know more of the members. "It is a great way to spend your day with others with the same likes."





When orcas are nearby:



Operating a dual-frequency depth sounder, fish finder, or other underwater transducer? Switch it to the 200-kHz setting.

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NOAA's recent research shows that our endangered southern resident orcas are particularly sensitive to the underwater noise generated at the 50-kHz frequency. Boats emitting this frequency interfere with the orcas' ability to find and catch salmon.

Governor Inslee's Southern Resident Orca Task Force is asking boaters who are near orcas to avoid using 50-kHz depth sounders.



Slow down. Leave no wake.

When orcas are near, boaters are asked to observe a no-wake zone.

Governor Inslee's Southern Resident Orca Task Force is asking operators of small vessels and commercial whale-watching vessels to leave no wake when within sight of orcas, and when it's safe to do so. This will reduce the loud spikes in underwater noise that happen when boats suddenly change speeds. It will also give orcas better conditions to find and chase salmon and will help reduce the chance of colliding with the orcas.

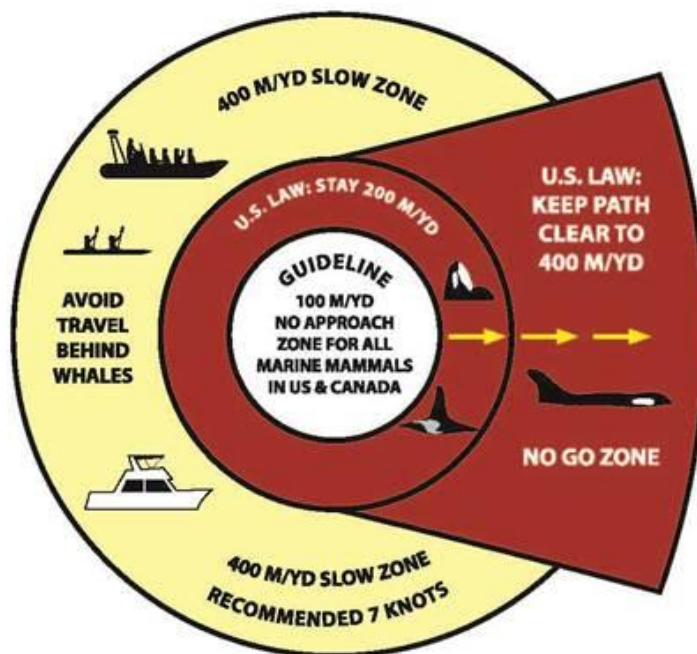
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September 2018

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 Soc Hop (Clubhouse)
9	10 General Meeting (Johnny's)	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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October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Pt Defiance (Point series #2)
7	8 General Meeting (Johnny's)	9	10	11	12	13 Memorial Single Hand
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Board Meeting	23	24	25	26 Wine Seekers Cruise (Eastern WA)	27 Wine Seekers Cruise (Eastern WA)
28 Wine Seekers Cruise (Eastern WA)	29	30	31			

Check CYCT.com for additional information on meetings and races

Sunshine



August was a slow month for Sunshine. I didn't send out any cards.

If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine, let me know you can text me at 253-640-7429 or send me an email at ddmac22@msn.com or tell me when you see me in person.

Deb McAdams
S/V Red Splash

Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Paul Case	September 18
Lew Channing	September 20
Denny Flannigan	September 12
Marvin Fritts	September 22
Mary Nye Meyers	September 29
Mel Serosky	September 29
Jo Seward	September 16
Scott Spear	September 11
Chris Wenderoth	September 3
Daniel White	September 6



On The Cover
"Sunset Run"
By
Cheryl White

Saw it on Facebook



Cindy Craig shared a link.
August 29 at 8:02 AM

Hey sailing friends!

Thank you to all those who have registered for Tacoma Pink Boat!! This event can't happen without you!

We're doing an end of the month push to increase participation. More boats, more fun! Between now and the end the month (just three short days!) the Tacoma race fee is 50% off! Please use the promo code PBCYCT18 when you register at <https://pinkboatregatta.org/tacoma/>... See More



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2 Comments Seen by 2



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Comment



Jeremy Bush Asylum has registered! How do people sponsor the buoys? Also how many times would you think we would round them? Small course? Big course?

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Cindy Craig Whoop, whoop —awesome. It depends how much wind we have and how fast you go 😊

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Bill Jenks shared a post.
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Cindy Craig shared a link.
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50% race fee for Tacoma Pink Boat Regatta!

Thank you to everyone who have registered thus far for the Tacoma Pink Boat Regatta!! ❤️

Between now and the end the ...

See More



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).

contact mainsheet@cyct.com

SHOVING OFF

This Thing is Getting Real!



I'm not sure that there is anything less fun to do than move. In thirty-nine years the Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John and I have had five homes. Until moving into our current home, each home was larger than the previous. Also, with each move prior to the last, our family was expanding. Moving a lot of stuff into a bigger space is not so tough. Oh yes, it's back breaking work, but mentally, you put things in boxes. Rent the largest truck you can, pick it up, put it down. Now moving into a smaller space – that takes a bit more thought.

It's something to do with "stuff". Stuff can become sacred. We become very fond of our stuff. Some people go crazy over their stuff. There are TV shows about crazy people with stuff. When it is time to part with stuff, it can become traumatic.

About ten years ago, we moved The L and G's mom and dad three times in a two-year period. They had lived in the same home for 50 years and L and G's mom likes her stuff. In fact, with every move – into a smaller home – she bought more stuff. And WE – Mrs. And I – moved that stuff. It has been a powerful lesson. Learn to give up stuff. It's hard. We're trying.



Our current home is about 500 square feet smaller than our previous one was at about 1,750. Moving into our current home we took five loads to the dump, five to the thrift store, and sold a garage full of items. Our boat, while substantial, is less than half that.

Maye 800 square feet. Oh – and the furniture is built in.

All of this to set the stage for where we are now...dealing with the stuff. When the realtor toured our house, he said he thought that the stagers (they use stagers now) could use most of our furniture. Yeah, not so much. The beds could stay. Couch. One small table, an armoire and a small dresser.

The rest – out! Crunch time! Rent a second storage unit. Call the kids. Two weeks to vacation. 12 days to staging. One and a half loads to the dump. Two to the thrift store (we are getting better.) Sell things? Things that we'd spent lots of money on were now, suddenly, not worth so much. I put a number of large items in the driveway to sell on a Saturday afternoon – I've never seen traffic die down so fast.

So we gave away things generously. Put an ad on Craigslist and wait all day to sell a mower for \$100 or give it to my niece in need? Easy decision. The items we did sell were too heavy or awkward to move. Let someone pay us to do it. In the end – we were out in time for the stagers. There is an organized pile of boxes in the garage. And the boat is a mess – and we're on vacation.

So far so good. We've stowed a bit more while underway. Certainly, there is more to go. One cat – Mike, the young one – is with a friend. Kind of a trial. Bailey Bones – the old one – is adjusting to boat life. I had to bring her old litter box on board before she would consent to using it (don't ask.) Kittys get sea sick! But she is adapting. We are adapting.

I've been sitting her watching the sun rise over Roche Harbor while writing this. Still battling my enemy – cold! No shore power on the hook so no heat (except the Little Buddy called back into service.) We're all used to that though when cruising. And when we come home in a week – we're home!

Ken St. John
S/V La Sirena