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Commodore

Wow! Where has the year gone! The Holidays are just about upon us. Debbie told me how many days until Christmas and it scared me. But there's still business to take care of. First, State elections. Please Vote! Then, CYCT Elections. Be sure to save the date November 12th for the annual membership meeting. On the ballot will be Rear Commodore, Membership Chair, plus Perpetual Trophy's and By-Law changes. It's also the time of year to consider your participation in your Club. Think about it and step up. Several committee positions are available as well.

In other news, those of you who have been by Tyee have no doubt, seen the CYCT Burgee painted in the Parking area. In addition the parking area has been pressure washed, grass is getting greener. Plus sprucing up the shrubbery and Club House. Thank you Michael Stanford for all his efforts, Looks Great!

Finally a reminder to those storing kayaks and dingys on the CYCT Dock. There's a minimal fee for the storage space. \$10.00 per month helps the Club counter the moorage cost.
Don Kimball, Commodore, CYCT.
SV Cool Kat



Vice Commodore

I can't believe in just a few short weeks we will be knee deep in the holiday season! 2018 sure has been a busy year, and I look forward to seeing what 2019 brings us.

It is important that we have as many members as possible attend the November general meeting on Monday, November 12. We will be doing our annual voting of new board members as well as nominations and votes for our perpetual trophies. Those include: boat of the year, cruiser of the year, racer of the year, crew member of the year and a few others. All members get an opportunity to nominate and vote on the trophy winners.

Still thinking of being a part of the board? Maybe you are handy with boat parts and want to help us keep RC up and running?? Come nominate yourself at the meeting. Can't make it? Print off a copy of the ballot to be sent via email and mail in your selections. We want your voice heard!

Also, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 15. This is the date for our Christmas party. It will be held again at the Browns Point Improvement Club,
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Janice VanRavenswaay

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Rear Commodore

I'm always on the lookout for subjects that peak my interest regarding sailing or the boating world in general. I'm such a novice and am always on a learning curve. While scanning Boat US magazine, I came across an article titled "What Women Want In Boating," and it addresses what women, men, and the boating industry can do to encourage or promote a balance.



What women can do. **MANAGE FEAR.** I dare say we all have a fear of something. Docking, MOB, heeling. Whatever your fear is you must acknowledge it. Talk about it. When you do it shows others that it's ok to have doubt, anxiety and worry as Berenike Steiger says, who completed a 4,000 mile sail, much of it solo. **GAIN PROFICIENCY.** Ask for help, ask questions, a lot of questions about stuff you don't know. Get out on that boat and do it. I should follow that last sentence. **BE A MENTOR.** REI recently conducted a survey and 63 percent of respondents said they couldn't think of an outdoor female role model. That's sad but we can change that by being more supportive of women in boating by encouraging them to do more. Look at the women in R2AK on board the Sail Like A Girl sailboat. I had the pleasure of attending a speaking engagement on October 18 at TYC sponsored by TWSA. Eight women with various degrees of sailing experience. They all had a determination and willingness to help each other through the smooth sailing as well as uncertainties. They were encouraging to each other.

What men can do. **BE A METOR.** Women need good role models, male and female. I have had the good fortune of my husband encouraging me to dock our boat, to sail it and allowed me to make many mistakes and not yell at me, but to keep practicing and show patience. **SHARE RESPONSIBILITY.** I think it's not about needing to know everything, but at least knowing something about your engine, your electrical systems to name a couple. Again, I should follow those a bit more closely.

What the industry can do. **DESIGN GEAR FOR WOMEN.** Women aren't all 5'10" and slim build. Women struggle to find clothing and even PFD's to fit. **OFFER COURSES AND TRAINING.** Women also want product and boating education. A survey taken found that if courses were offered to both women and men, there was a decline in women wanting to participate.



Vice Commodore (continued)

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and we will feature a potluck dinner with ham and turkey, BYOB, and in lieu of a white elephant exchange, we will be donating Teddy Bears to help children in crisis situations. The more bears you bring, the more chances you have to win prizes!! Don't miss out!

Happy Sailing!
Janice VanRavensway
Vice Commodore
S/V Tattoosh
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Racing

Well, as I write this, it is now the end of the racing season. From most metrics, it has been a successful year. We are seeing new boats out taking advantage of our program, seen a small decrease in boats for our summer Wednesday Nights, but have seen a resurgence in the boat count for our Point Series this fall. All in all, I hope you all have enjoyed it as much as myself, Greg, Cyndi, and those who volunteered to help over the year.

By the way, when you see one of our esteemed Race Committee Volunteers, do not hesitate to thank them for their work. Many times, they are giving up their time to be out sailing so that others can race. Heck, ask them to race with you when they can as a reward..... I've spent some time around them and they are fun people (I am probably the exception in that group....)

With that being said, I am looking at new ways to make racing more enjoyable, and we have a number of topics we are aiming to address. There may be some new races, some of the existing ones may be tweaked a bit, and some may not be around next year. November is the month we get all of this dialed in, so if you have suggestions (and I mean constructive, useful ones – not like “always have the wind blowing”) shoot me an e-mail. Things looking at:

1. Two day regatta
2. A short Summer Friday Night
3. New, longer distance races, even one that may go overnight
4. New course corrections for Point and Harbor Series

I also am looking for input on the Challenger Class. This class grew out of a desire mentioned by a number of boats to race with spinnakers that was not Windseekers. Since the first year in 2017, the numbers have dropped. I want to know from members and non members if this is a class we want to continue or scale it back.

As the year closes out, I will also be scoring for Boat of the Year in all of our classes. It takes a bit of spreadsheet work, but we will get the information out there for general view after CYCT's Christmas Party (Where they are announced)

Finally – thank you to all of you who participated and we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Eric Nelson
Race Committee Chair
S/V Gardyloo



Rear Commodore (Continued)

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WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE. In 2015 International Transport Workers Federation estimated that only 1 to 2 percent of the workforce is women. Melanie Neale, a yacht broker and founding member of the new Facebook group Women Working In the Marine Industry suggested marine businesses can do more by hiring more qualified women for male-dominated jobs and offering employees the same benefits as other industries, such as flexible work hours, and better maternity leave. Women already in the marine industry can mentor and hire more women entrepreneurs and employees and lend to the diversity in the marine workforce.

Perhaps you will feel inclined to be a mentor. You all have something valuable to share. I am also taking suggestions for guest speakers for 2019.

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Rear Commodore
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Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2019 Race Calendar

See you in 2019!

Thank you for a GREAT racing season!

2019 Race Calendar coming soon!





Cruising

Home Stretch

This past month cruisers journeyed in land for the Wine Seeker's Cruise. Sponsored by Eric and Aubrey Nelson. Attendance was light with the Nelson's, Van Ravenswaays (Janice at least) and Deb and Don McAdams. Still, it appears a great time was had by all and the smaller crowd allowed for even more seeking. We hope to attend next year!

Hopefully you are panning on the Crew Cruise, November 17th and 18th. We will be at Arabella's in Gig Harbor. The cruise is sponsored by the Coyne's. Call Arabella's for reservations.



We are staying home for New Years – lucky for us, the Un Cruise takes place at Tyee II and Tyee II is home. Hope to see you there to join around the campfire, maybe sing, laugh, and kiss your sweetheart.

It's hard to get too far until the racing calendar is out but we are working on next year's cruises. Tenney's have signed on for Memorial Day and Bill Jenks and Cindy Craig for an as yet to be determined two-day cruise. La Sirena will likely host a winter cruise close to home. Please, think about signing up to host. Let us know if you want to sponsor!

Remember to follow Facebook, the Mainsheet and CYCT.com for more information.

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	VanRavenswaays	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



Members Abroad

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

Dennis and Becky Flannigan

S/V Kokomo



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Chris and Janet Wenderoth

S/V Respite




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keep in touch?
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November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Brown's Pt. (Pt Series #4)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 General Meeting (Johnny's)	13	14	15	16	17 GH LeMans Crew Cruise (Arabella's)
18 Crew Cruise (Arabella's)	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26 Board Meeting	27	28	29	30	

December 2018

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9	10 General Meeting (Johnny's)	11	12	13	14	15 CYCT Christmas Party
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31 UnCruise					

Check CYCT.com for additional information on meetings and races

Sunshine



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

Ken Fine

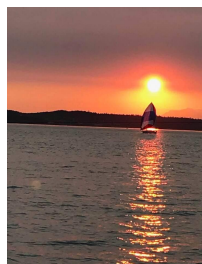
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From our members:

We have sold the beautiful old schooner Red Jacket to a fellow that is lavishing care on her. We waited a long time to put her with the right new owner and Jeff came along this fall.

She is currently in Poulsbo getting new canvas covers and will most likely go to Bellingham while awaiting moorage at Shilshole. The new owner painted her white and she is a vision. Red Jacket won many, many awards in the 31 years that we owned her but the most appreciated recognition that she received was an Honorary membership to the Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma. There are no finer people to boat with than the Corinthians. Thank you for including us.

Renée & Terry Paine



On The Cover

Sunset

By

Kurt Kulesza

Saw it on Facebook





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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SHOVING OFF

Houseless not Homeless



It's done. House is sold and paid off. I'm just waiting for the check to clear and La Sirena is ours outright. For the first time in almost 59 years I do not have a house to call a home. What I do have is a big ass boat to call home and a marina to call a neighborhood. Over the last two months we've learned a lot about our new home and our new neighborhood.

First – the neighborhood is quiet. Much has to do with the season I suppose. There just isn't a lot of activity down on the docks. Human activity at least. It's a little strange; it is almost as if we live in a ghost town. It is not all unusual to have the only cars in the lot and to be the only humans on our section of the marina and that's kind of nice. Still, on weekends we talk to our friends as they go out to race or cruise. Also, we've taken on a little neighborhood pride, picking major garbage out of the water, tucking in cords and hoses, and hosing off the occasional seal poop! In a moment I will walk around to Gardyloo and check on her awning (it's a windy day.)

Which brings us to the actual "living" on a boat. Because La Sirena is a B.A.B. we often notice no motion at all unless something large goes by or, like today, winds are piping into the 20s. Generally, in bed I feel rock solid. I may however, develop a hunch. Much of the ceiling in the aft portion of the boat is about 6'-1-1/2". I'm 6'-1". Spring in your step equals bump on your head. And anyone with a European spec'd boat knows to watch out for those rounded companionways.

Your movements become choreographed. Step out of bed, duck for the grab rail in the ceiling. Slide the dehumidifier (a necessity – and we have a second on the way!) to the right to get socks and undies from your drawer. Slide it to the left to get a shirt from the hanging locker. Move the basket to enter the workshop. Move the galley trash to open access to the generator and the recycling bin. It is somewhat like boat Tai Chi!

Then there is the power dance! I've spent over one boat unit (\$1000 you lubbers) on cords and adapters and another .04 units (\$40) on an electrician. We still must mind our power. Walking the 100 paces to the bend in the dock to reset breaker 659 is my main source of exercise. Heat pump or space heater. Space heater or toaster. Oven and dehumidifier but not microwave. It is a constant reassessment of priorities. Assess wrong, and you might see me in my robe and sneakers headed back to the breakers. Warning; come warm weather I may not bother with the robe!

But I won't go without sneakers because of a particular charm of our neighborhood. The wildlife. First among these are the seals. I love seals. They stink though. And their poo – two steps short of icky diarrhea. They poo on the dock and they lay in it. Actually, they lay everywhere. Often in my path. We've counted up to 19 at one time. They are scaredy cats though and will quickly clear a path. We have learned not to leave the dinghy in the water though and I've suspended a fender across the opening to the swim step to keep them off. It is generally around two AM when they want to come aboard for a visit.

Also, there are otters. Cute little buggers. Much more skittish than the seals. Out more at dark, they startle you as you walk near and the dive into the water. Thank goodness they've never tried to board as they have a reputation for making a mess. They have lot more roughage in their diet. Just saying. Don't ask how I know.

The lovely and gracious Mrs. S and I particularly like the great blue herons. Beautiful birds. Amazing when they take off. I also enjoy the various ducks and geese. Rylie is partial to things in the water. Jellyfish, starfish, fish fish, sea anemones, mussels, and shrimp. It can be a long long walk to the car stopping to look at each item.

Something I hadn't considered was the green aspect of boat living. (Climate change is for real and it will take all of us to change its course.) We are plugged into about a third of the power you have in your house and trust me, we aren't able to use half of that. We sip power. And water – I fill one tank once a week. That's 158 gallons max. We've cut down on bathing – no, it's ok. Please come visit. But really, showering and Rylie's baths are cut in about half and the tub is smaller and the showers shorter. I must be proactive on the filling though so you don't have to stop, put on your robe, and stick a hose in the tank. Filling takes 30 minutes. I'm worried about when it freezes and the marina turns off water. I guess I can open the other tank or start filling from 10-gallon jugs filled at work.

SHOVING OFF

(Continues...)

Garbage is easy. I don't have to worry about being charged for being overweight. Can full? Take a bag to the dumpster. Recycling is a bit harder. We have no recycling at the marina but there is recycling behind the diner though and I put my personal shredder in my office for things needing shredded.

Entertainment, i.e. TV has been a bit tougher. Rylie and I stop in at the thrift store every few weeks to peruse the DVDs. I've also taken to Ebay for more recent DVDs at bargain prices. I bought a wifi antenna. It makes weak signals strong. Unfortunately, slow internet is still slow. We hotspot off of my phone but I use all of my high-speed time in about 10 days. Still, you can stream quite a bit. In the meantime, we've both upgraded our Kindles.

All in all, I think we like this. I took the day off today. I'm in the pilot house, the sun is on my back. There are boats all about. It's a good life!

Ken St. John
S/V La Sirena

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