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Commodore



For my final article as a Commodore, I want to take the opportunity to thank the club for your support. This has definitely been a learning experience for me. After talking with many different Commodores from various clubs and reflecting on my own ups and downs throughout the year, I can truly say that we are a strong club! Just like any governed body, not everyone is going to share the same opinions and ideas on how something should be done, and that's okay. As long as we remember who we are as a club, and what the club means to its members.

Angie Morales is ready to take the gavel. She enjoys sailing and keeping our club strong. I urge you to continue to support her, the board and each other. We have a few new members joining the board as our racing and cruising chairs. Please show them what our club does best in those areas and be open to new ideas they bring to the table. We need to have a hard talk about our financial status to help us be sustainable for many more years to come. Some members have already stepped up to help with that. When we work together and support each other, our club does some pretty amazing things!



Vice Commodore



As 2019 comes to a close, I would like to thank our Commodore, Janice VanRavenswaay for all her time, effort and leadership she put forth this year, and in years past. I know she will continue to be a great asset to the Board, Standing Committees, and our membership as she moves on as Past Commodore. My deepest thanks to our Board of Trustees and Standing Committee Chairs for your continued support in our club. Your commitment is appreciated.

We will welcome 2020 Flag Officers, Board of Trustees, Standing Committee Chairs and 2020 Perpetual Trophies Recipients at the Christmas Party on December 13, at Browns Point Improvement Club. Social is at 4:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Please bring sides or desserts and your beverages of choice. CYCT will provide the turkey and the Commodores will provide the hot Buttered Rum. There is a Secret Santa drawing which was held at the November General Meeting. Those which participated, don't forget your gifts. Mark Stern will entertain us and all are encouraged to dance up a storm. Please bring non perishable food donations to be given to a local food bank. I hope to see you at the party.

Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year ! See you January 13, 2020 at Johnny's Fife for the General Meeting. Social 6:00 pm. Meeting 7:00 pm.

Angie Morales
Vice Commodore
S/V LA GITANA

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Rear Commodore: Jeremy Bush

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Rear Commodore

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of amazing food! I went to Portland and crossed the Columbia River on Saturday. It was blowing 20 knots and there was a lone sailboat on the water. It looked like a great day to be on the water. I'm sure we are all hoping to see some decent wind on the weekends while we are racing up here as well. So keep your fingers crossed!

The Gig Harbor Lemans was a great race for those that made it out of the Harbor before the wind died back down, and still a great time for those of us who were just behind. The cruise was also very well attended, and was a great time had by all!

Next up for us is the Winter Vashon, and we are very excited about it. I just cleaned out as much stuff as I could to get the boat even lighter. It's been a learning curve figuring out what we do and don't need in the boat to have a fun and comfortable race. Hopefully we will get it figured out at some point.

At the last General Meeting I brought up a fun event I'm trying to coordinate with the Tacoma Yacht Club. They host a "Sail Rally" that is an informal "race" from the Tacoma Yacht Club to their Wollochet Outstation. Their Board just approved a joint TYC/CYCT event, which I think will be a great event for both of our clubs. The Rally takes place on or around May 29/30-31. Put that weekend on your calendar now to hold the date, and I will be getting details out soon. The Wollochet Outstation is an amazing location, and this should be a very fun event. Let's represent CYCT and meet some fellow Tacoma sailors at an awesome location that we otherwise wouldn't be able to use!

Jeremy Bush
Rear Commodore
R/V Goes to Eleven



Commodore (continued)

Now, let's end this year with a bang! The Christmas party is coming up on Friday, December 13th at the Browns Point Improvement Club. Bring a side dish to share!! This is always such a fun event to recognize many members and their accomplishments. I hope to see you all there!!

Janice VanRavenswaay
Commodore
S/V Tatoosh

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Racing

I'm going to let everyone in on a few changes for next year that will be coming out in our next race book - looking to be published on or around mid December. Now, many of the changes are being done to address issues over past races and hopefully give our race committee and racers more options.....

First - we will credit a yacht's skipper with a discount on the purchase of a yearly race program for having crewmembers help with race committee.

Second - we have updated our rules to address unsportsmanlike conduct, which can include operating a boat in an unsafe fashion, failure to adhere to the racing rules of sailing, violating COLREGs, or derogatory or disrespectful interaction/communication with the race committee. We have had a number of issues over the years with people not following the rules - this will stop now before someone gets hurt or boats get damaged.

Third - All yachts MUST respond to RC hails

Forth - All yachts who quit races early MUST inform the RC

Fifth - Safety inspections may happen and yachts selected MUST comply with RC instructions

Sixth - For any boat racing that has AIS, they are going to be expected to have it on during races.

Finally, the big change. We will be going to race courses posted on a reader board on Romeo Charlie. This is for all races including the Point/Harbor series where even the distance races will be adjusted to the daily conditions and our Commencement Bay races. Courses will not be announced over the radio and sailors must go by the RC boat to see the course.

I know these changes may be a bit difficult at the start, but all of these are being implemented to address issues.

Be sure to read the entire manual once it goes out.....

Have a Happy Holiday and we will see you on the first race on January 25th

Eric Nelson
Race Committee Chair
R/V Gardyloo



Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2020 Race Calendar— PRELIMINARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>
1/25/2020	Harbor Series #1
2/8/2020	Harbor Series #2
2/22/2020	Harbor Series #3
4/4/2020	Spring Single / Double Handed Race
4/4/2020	CYCT Race Seminar - Early Evening
4/15/2020	Spring Series #1
4/22/2020	Spring Series #2
4/29/2020	Spring Series #3
5/6/2020	Spring Series #4
5/13/2020	Spring Series #5
5/20/2020	Late Spring Series #1
5/27/2020	Late Spring Series #2
6/3/2020	Late Spring Series #3
6/10/2020	Late Spring Series #4
6/13/2020	Three Hour Tour #1
6/17/2020	Late Spring Series #5
6/24/2020	Summer Series #1
7/1/2020	Summer Series #2
7/8/2020	Summer Series #3
7/15/2020	Summer Series #4
7/22/2020	Summer Series #5
7/25/2020	Three Hour Tour #2
7/29/2020	Late Summer Series #1
8/5/2020	Late Summer Series #2
8/12/2020	Late Summer Series #3
8/15/2020	Three Hour Tour #3
8/19/2020	Late Summer Series #4
8/22/2020	Vashon Challenge
8/26/2020	Late Summer Series #5
8/29/2020	CYCT Awards Race
9/12/2020	Point Series #1
9/19/2020	Pink Boat Regatta - Tacoma
9/26/2020	Point Series #2
10/10/2020	Memorial Single Hand
10/24/2020	Point Series #3
11/7/2020	Point Series #4



Cruising

That's All Folks

Our final cruise of the year was a cruise to Gig Harbor and Arabella's Landing hosted by the Balentine's. Gary and Joy did a great job showing what a cruise can be. There was the annual chowder cook off, a viewing of the classic Airplane with commentary by professional pilot, Rich "ever seen a grown man naked" Morales, games and comradery.

We had at least 13 boats braving the winter weather.

I've given plenty of warning, Julie and I are taking a break from club leadership after some nine years. Greg Greene will be taking over (providing there wasn't a strong write in campaign that I didn't know about.) Greg might even be cooking up something for New Years. Watch Facebook.



Remember, cruises happen because you step up to host. Consider helping to host a cruise in 2020.

Happy Cruising

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 Cruising Fleet Captains
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 S/V La Sirena

CYCT Proposed 2020 Cruising Schedule

Dates	Theme	Location	Host
February	Bad Captain's Maritime Olympics?	Dock Street Marina - Tacoma	
April 18-19	Daffodil Marine Festival	Tacoma Yacht Club	
May 2-3	Opening Day	Seattle Yacht Club	
May 23-25	Memorial Day	Penrose Point	
July 4-5	Fourth of July	Poulsbo or Quartermaster Harbor	
September 5-7	Labor Day	Longbranch	
October	Fall Cruise	Des Moines	
November 14-15	Le Mans race/Clam Chowder cook-off	Arabella's Landing – Gig Harbor	

CYCT Annual Holiday Party

Friday, December 13th

Browns' Point Improvement Club

201 Ton A Wan Da Ave NE, Tacoma 98422

Cocktails

4:30PM

Dinner

6PM

Secret Santa
Gifts!



BYOB!

Music By Mark Stern

Remember: Our Holiday Party IS the General Meeting for December!



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



After 10 years of dreaming we are off. Follow along as we move about the globe fixing our boat in different cultures and exotic places.

<http://www.kokomosailing.com/>

Chris and Janet Wenderoth

S/V Respite



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 General Meeting is Xmas Party on 13th	10	11	12	13 CYCT Xmas Party	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31 				

December 2019

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

Sunshine



This month I send cards to cindy Craig for her recent surgery, to Michelle Miles for the loss of her mother and congratulations to Jen and Tom Tenney on the marriage of their daughter.

If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine, please let me know via text at 253-640-7429, messenger or email ddmac22@msn.com.

If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine from the club, please let me know. A text, FB message or a phone call work best, 253-640-7429

Debbie McAdams
Sunshine Chair
S/V Red Splash

Happy Birthday to our CYCT

Members


Jack Harris	December 10
Don Kimball	December 10
Ken St. John	December 8
Marilyn Thordarson	December 19
Brock VanRavenswaay	December 26
Steve Wagner	December 23




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Winter Vashon









Dana Bachelierie, Donald Kimball and 3 others


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Ken Whitney A friend who was on the Vashon ferry took this photo




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Deb McAdams All we needed was some wind.

Like - Reply - 1d

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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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Winter Waterland



As I write this, I am sitting in a nice hotel room in Portland, Oregon, the lovely and gracious Mrs. St. John's and my hometown. We have seemingly unlimited internet, cable tv, plentiful heat and a shower big enough for a family. Such luxury! We're here to visit family on the Thanksgiving weekend and naturally, there have been lots of questions from them about boat living; do we like it, is this our first winter aboard, can we keep warm?

Well first, this is not our first winter aboard. We moved aboard in August of 2018, so we now have some experience and we've learned a thing or two. Winter brings with it special challenges. It's wetter, colder, and darker. Let's talk about these challenges, what we've learned, and the rewards.

The chief special challenge – can we keep warm? The simple answer is “yes”, but it's complicated. One of the first things that you learn living on a boat is that power is not endless. As soon as we bought La Sirena, I began to convert almost all lighting to LED. Because of this, lighting is not a concern, especially when connected to the dock. We sip electricity where lighting is concerned. Things that are a concern are things that heat and things that have pumps or motors. The reverse cycle AC that heats the boat is a finicky girl! We can only run one of the two units at a time and don't add anything else that heats when they are running. No toaster, no oven, no microwave. If you must run those, turn off the reverse cycle. Want to use the space heater – turn off the reverse cycle! Want to use the water heater or dehumidifier – you'll probably get away with it. Guess wrong and you're walking down the dock to the electrical panel. But where there's heat and there's warm it is just not everywhere.

Another real concern is water. We have two tanks of about 158 gallons each. During the summer we leave the forward tank empty or near empty. After all, 158 gallons is almost 1300 pounds! We normally use one tank per week. Last winter we had a stretch of almost three weeks with no water on the dock. What did we do? We were careful with water and showered at the main marina bathroom instead of on the boat. Had things become really bad, we could have carted water down by the 10-gallon jug. One of these days I will look at using the water maker which should eliminate that problem!

Then there is the wet! Boats leak. I haven't had one that doesn't. I'm not sure that I know one that doesn't. We have eight overhead hatches. At least six leaked when we bought La Sirena. One stopped on its own. Two are very minor (one can be ignored and one has a rag wrapped around the handle that solves the issue. On the two in Rylie's berth, I replaced the hinge and latch seals. That solved the issues on one but not the other – the solution there – put the dinghy on the forward deck to cover the hatch. I don't like it collecting barnacles all winter anyway. Finally, there is the hatch over the settee. Last winter it had a sheet of plastic over it weighted down by the power cord. This winter I'm more elegant; I've made a canvas cover for the hatch that allows light through. Come spring I will remove that hatch and re-bed it. I'll also likely send the forward hatch off to be rebuilt.

We are fortunate in that La Sirena has a large, enclosed cockpit which received new canvas last winter. With the wind in the marina being pretty predictable, we can keep one canvas door close and one open with minimal water in the cockpit and yet we aren't constantly unzipping and zipping up a door. Our entry is never wet.

The rewards of winter boat living? It is cozy, quiet, and peaceful here at the marina (well, quiet minus a non-stop chorus of urp, urp, urp, urp. Yes, the sea lions are back.) There's no winter pruning, leaf raking, gutter cleaning. Really, I spend about 30 minutes a week on the water and that's about it. Sunsets are still amazing, just a lot earlier. The docks are near deserted. (It's fun seeing all the boaters in the summer, but it is nice having the quiet in winter as well.

I guess life seems compact and manageable in the winter living on the boat. Is it a challenge? As long as I'm fussing over heat, yes, but a worthwhile challenge.



SHOVING OFF

My Favorite Things Two



A few years ago I wrote about items that I felt were boat owner essentials. With Christmas just around the corner, I thought that I might revisit that list. I'm too lazy to look back at the old list, so this is my list today. These are extra items, not autopilot, AIS, or modern radar – items like that that are a part of the boat. Here they are:

Bucket on a rope – I know that this is a repeat! I've had the same bucket over three boats. Nine plus years. With La Sirena, I had to add a second rope to reach the water, but that's it. I have a deck hose, but so often I just grab that bucket and toss it in the water when something needs a quick rinse.

Multi-meter – I bought my primary multi-meter when I first bought Naughty by Nature. It cost around \$20 and I use it constantly. I have two, better meters with induction clamps, but I still use the first one the most. Knowing if a circuit is live, if it is 12V, 24V or 220 ACV is essential. With LEDs and electronics, you need to know polarity as well.

Range Finder – I saw this in someone else's list last year and Santa brought me one. I use it for anchoring the most. How close is that next boat? Pull out the range finder. Sign says, "keep off 300 feet". Pull out the range finder. That's all it does and that's fine.

Cordless Drill – Just buy one and keep it on your boat. Enough said.

Dyson Vacuum – My last list had my little Eureka. A great vacuum but we have a bigger boat and that cordless Dyson is amazing. It hangs on a charger in the shop and is always ready to go.

Handheld VHF – There's a time to go cheap and this isn't one of them. I view radios – good radios as essential. Need a backup? Need to stay in touch while one the dock? Need to communicate from the dinghy? That's your handheld. There are times when I use it to supplement the boat's VHF just because I don't want to scan channels. I swear by ICOM, but my handheld is a Standard Horizon and it works very well. (I sold my Standard Horizon mounted VHF because it was so tinny.) Floating is a nice feature as well.

GOOD Binoculars – Good ones.

LED Work light – For years I've used a corded, fluorescent light. It was good but limited. Flashlights are good but their beam is focused and they go dead at the wrong moment. My light is USB charged and has a magnet and a hanger. Great for working on the engine, tight spaces, and just for lighting up a big area. Twenty bucks well spent.

Bailing Bucket – Not to be confused with the bucket on a rope. This is a bucket just for bailing. Bailing the dinghy, bailing the bilge, and for us, bailing the bathtub. We have two, one is handy for rinsing a little girl's hair and rinsing the tub – it is cut from an old bleach bottle. I have a second bailing bucket made from a one-gallon oil jug, the rectangular ones. It is handy for bailing flat surfaces.

30 amp to 20 amp adapter – This is an electrical adapter that plugs into the marina power post and allows you to plug in a conventional power tool or extension cord. Even if you aren't struggling with 220 plugs like I am, being able to plug your polisher, pressure washer, or whatever straight into the power post is nice.

I'm sure that you have your ideas. These are mine.

Merry Christmas.

Ken St. John

S/V La Sirena

