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Commodore



Vice Commodore

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I would like to welcome Rear Commodore Michael Stanford, Cruising Chair Greg Greene, Race Chair Melissa Davies, Web Master Becky Ham, Secretary, pro tem, Michelle Miles, Floating Assets Kelly Bethards, Education Ed Pinkham, PHRF Handicapper Chuck Queen, and Women's Sailing Melissa Davies and Jenn Tenney.



Happy New Year! Not only is this the start of a new year, but many new things are also coming up for the Club! Firstly, did you RSVP for the Commodore's Ball? Please make sure you respond ASAP, and if you need to, please contact Janice directly via email at pastcommodore@cyct.com to let her know you are coming.

The new website has launched! First off - it isn't finished! But be sure to check it out and start providing feedback for what you would like to see on the website. This is a tool for you to use to get the most out of YOUR club. We have changed to an event-focused theme so you can see what is going on with the club easily - from races to cruises and social events. The website will be driven by those who help coordinate the events, so if you are a Board Chair - you will need to learn how to post things! Contact Becky at webmaster@cyct.com, and attend the next Board Meeting on January 27th to learn how to get started. You can also reach out to the webmaster with that email to have events added to the website.

We had a successful Christmas party. Lots of food, Secret Santa gifts, food donations for the Food Bank, and music by Mark Stern. Thank you to Jen Ihlen and Debbie Kimball for organizing the event and a shout out to all the helpers. The New Years Eve celebration dinner was held at Johnny's Dock. Thank you Greg Greene for organizing the event.

Please be sure and thank our webmasters (past and present) for all of their hard work in updating the website. We truly cannot thank everyone enough for their dedication in keeping things like the website functional. It is a LOT of work. We still have a lot that needs to be added, and we need help and feedback from those who use it.

2020 promises to be a fun and busy year. Be sure to save the following dates. Cruise Calendar is filling up. There are still available months, so get in there and host a cruise. You can even partner with someone. Racing begins with the Harbor Series, January 25. Commodore's Ball is January 18 at TYC. Membership Drive from April 1-June 30. January registration for Daffodil Parade (April 17-19) begins. Opening Day (May 1-3) Theme is "Rock Around The Dock" celebration of rock, rhythm and blues. Registration begins in the first part of January. Spaces for these events fill quickly. Check their respective websites for registration. July 11, Rangers Seize the Sound at TYC, late June early July is Sail AHead. Last year CYCT led in the amount of volunteer boats for both of these events. Consider being a

- Some other new items on the website:
- *New membership dues form, and new racing forms that integrate payments
- *There is no longer a member login (we will be working on how to access certain club info/contacts/etc. soon)

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2019 CYCT Officers & Board Members

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Commodore: Angie Morales
 Vice Commodore: Jeremy Bush
 Rear Commodore: Michael Stanford

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Rear Commodore

Happy New Year everybody, here comes 2020, let's go sailing!!

First of all, thank you everyone for allowing me to be in this position, it will be a great pleasure serve to all of you. This will be another great year for the club, as we have had great leaders in the past with great ideas, we will continue to have great fun, there will be even more fabulous ideas for everybody's enjoyment. Do you have any ideas for fun?



I will be looking forward to more sailing, more weekend get a ways, more raft ups, and who knows I'll even take my boat s/v Lycian out. I will be looking forward to the specialty sailing weekends like the daffodil float, and year round racing in Puget sound and beyond rain or shine. Lets not forget the wind seeker, and PHRF racing that will begin in April on Wednesday's. Monthly cruises are a great way to have fun. There are also other events that don't totally involve sail boats. Some are close, and some are a little road trip away.

When it stops raining all day everyday, I will be working to preserve the beauty of the clubhouse on the outside. There could even be a good reason to come to the club house to see the improvements on any given Saturday. On the deck of the clubhouse there will be a marked recycle can for plastic, bottles, aluminum cans. Let's do our part!

I am very excited and looking forward this years club outings and sailing, getting to know all of you and having fun on the water.

Michael Stanford
Rear Commodore
S/V Lycian



Commodore (continued)

part of giving back to our community. August is the CYCT Summer Bash, followed by Pink Boat in September.

This year one of the focal points will be to establish the 2020 Budget. The Board will also continue to revise the Bylaws (ie) Officers and their duties and follow the Bylaws more closely because they are our guide after all.

The website is going through major changes for the better. Please be patient as Becky Ham, our Web Master, is putting the final touches on it. In an effort to enhance our racing program, we will be discussing partnering our boats with the Mountaineers and perhaps gaining potential new crew members for Windseekers Races and the Distance Races. Classes begin in May with 2 on water sessions and an extra sail to Quartermaster Harbor. It will be much more structured than previous years. We will be looking for volunteer boats next spring, hoping to get 2-3 students per boat. Participants get a free 1 (one) year membership in the Mountaineers for volunteering their boat. Your input is very important and General meetings are a great way to express your opinions and concerns. Women's Sailing is planning Women's Day at the Boat Show on Monday, January 27. Please be sure to consult the Mainsheet, CYCT Face Book, and the CYCT Website for details on scheduled activities. I look forward to seeing you all on the water and at our events for this year.

Angie Morales
Commodore
S/V LA GITANA



Vice Commodore (continued)

*Each board position has their own email that you can reach them at (i.e. commodore@cyct.com; treasurer@cyct.com; membership@cyct.com; etc). The complete list is on the website under "Officers and Board Members"

Some things we need - high resolution photos! As of right now, we only have a few pictures up on the site. We would like to spice things up with different shots of the club in action. Please send photos or links to the webmaster.

And lastly, a quick announcement about a fun event that we have confirmed - Tacoma Yacht Club and CYCT will be co-hosting a "Sail Rally," which is an informal race from TYC to their Wollochet Outstation! This will be a fun event that will allow our club members to check out one of the best outstations around (in my opinion), as well as meet more fellow Tacoma sailors. The event will be held on the weekend of May 29th (not sure if it starts Friday or Saturday yet, so stay tuned). You can be sure that I'll have more details posted on the website as soon as I have them!

Jeremy Bush
Vice Commodore
R/V Goes to Eleven

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Racing

2020 - A new year, a new decade, new website, new commodore, new race season. So many NEW things. I am excited to step in Eric Nelson's shoes as Race Fleet Captain.

I am New - to the club (became a member in September), to the south sound (moved my boat Miss Mayhem to DesMoines in July). New to racing my boat in the south sound, although I have been racing on several boats in the CYCT fleet.

I am hoping to keep the theme for 2020 as NEW.....New boats out racing, new people participating, new themes, new members, new laughing, new course board, new help on race committee, new pictures, new learnings, new beginnings, new season and without letting go of all thing great things CYCT has done in the past.

The NEW race season schedule <https://cyct.com/events/category/racing/list/> is posted and registration is open! <https://cyct.com/racing/online-race-entry-form/>

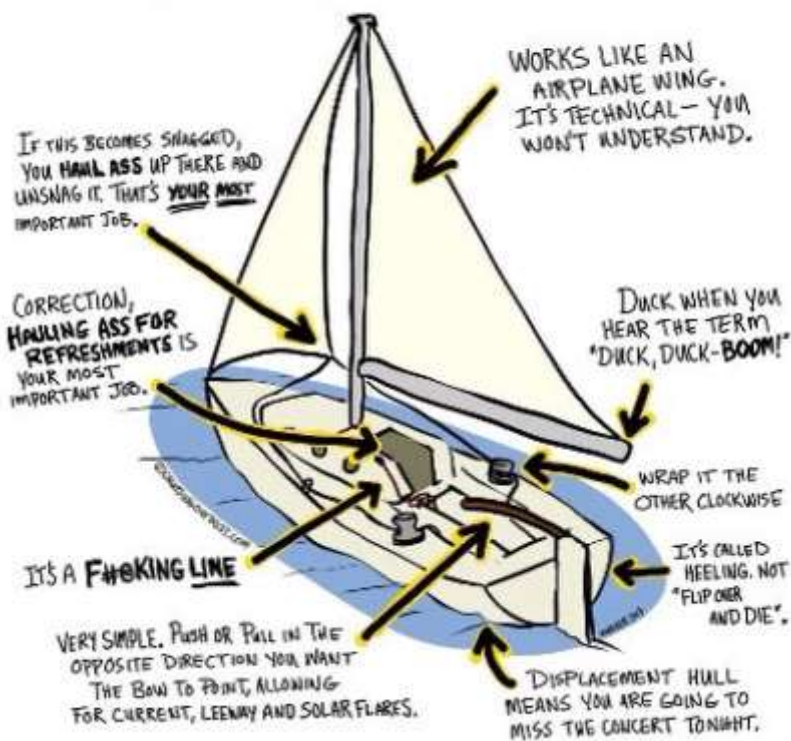
Our first race is Jan 25th. Come out and celebrate the NEW season either by racing or helping out on the committee boat.

Racing is a team sport - a team of people who pull it all together (RC, website, results, registration, awards, etc), a team that promotes, mentors, and supports. I am so honored to be part of the CYCT team.



Melissa Davies
CYCT Race Fleet Captain
S/V Miss Mayhem

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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

Cheers to a New Year...

...and another chance to get it right. – *Oprah Winfrey*

My first new year's resolution is to get these reports in on time. I need to work on that.

Next resolution, sail more, work on boat less. I know, good luck on that one.

Our 2020 Cruise Calendar, at this point, is a work in progress. You will see in the below chart that there are many cruises that need Hosts, so if you are interested please contact me via email, or in person.

Here are some helpful reminders from our previous Cruise Chair(s):

- Popular marinas such as Bell Harbor and Arabella's should be reserved as soon as possible
- Three day weekends are ideal for those further destinations: Poulsbo for Independence Day, Bell Harbor and Shilshole
- Raft up destinations – Quartermaster Harbor, Penrose Point require no reservations and are very popular
- Destinations with a dock are perfect for visiting – Des Moines and Longbranch even have covered areas for kibitzing
- Daffodil and Opening Day largely take care of themselves for activities



Remember, Check Facebook and CYCT.com for updates.

Happy Cruising,

Greg Greene
Cruising Fleet Captain
S/V Whisper
cruising@cyct.com

CYCT 2020 Cruising Schedule

Dates	Theme	Location	Host
February	No Theme Yet	No Location Yet	
April 18-19	Daffodil Marine Festival	Tacoma Yacht Club	
May 2-3	Opening Day	Seattle Yacht Club	
May 23-25	Memorial Day	Penrose Point	Clay & Shari Anderson
May 29-31	TYC/CYCT Sail Rally	Wollochet Bay	Jeremy Bush & TYC
June 5-7	Gig Harbor Cruise & Raft up	Gig Harbor	VanRavenswaay's and Tim Garchow
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	Gary & Joy Ballentine

CYCT 2019 Perpetual Trophy Winners!

Cruiser of the Year: Ken and Julie St.John (La Sirena)	Sportsman of the Year, USYRU: Christine Nelson
Family of the Year: Eric and Aubre Nelson	CYCT Boat of the Year: Slick (Christine Nelson)
Crew Member of the Year: AJ Brumfield	All Around Racer: Christine Nelson
Windseekers Boat of the Year: Red Splash (Don and Debbie McAdams)	Challenger Class Boat of the Year: Maria Christina (Matt Thomas)
Sue Edwards Award: Vaneva O’Hara (in memoriam)	Club Racer of the Year: Christine Nelson





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 Happy New Year!	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	

February 2020

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

Sunshine



For December and so far in January I have sent cards to Ron Holbrook for his knee surgery, to John Coyne for the loss of his father and to Melissa Davies for the loss of her father.

I will be taking a hiatus from Sunshine beginning January 14 through March 20 while we are in Mexico. I will start sending cards again upon our return.

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

Fred Ahrens	January 15
Stephanie Arnold	January 22
Bob Crews	January 10
Ron Holbrook	January 13
Kurt Kulesza	January 19
Joe Salz	January 13
Greg Sandwick	January 28



On The Cover
Liquid Sunshine
By
Julie St. John

Saw it on Facebook





Ken Whitney shared a post
December 18, 2019 at 9:20 AM



It's hard to find good crew to run the foredeck.
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10206516500667103&id=1707996557



5,272,467 Views

Larry Phillips is with Josh Phillips in Olympia, Washington.
 December 17, 2019 at 9:26 PM

Josh took this video today in Eld Inlet. Nearing 5 million views.....crazy! @fishingjosh on Instagram! www.spawnflyfish.com




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1 Comment Seen by 52

 **Haha**

 **Comment**



John Coyne Skipper said weight BACK!
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Write a comment...








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

New Year's Resolutions



OK, let me start out by saying, I don't make New Year's resolutions. Never have. It's just that today is New Year's Day, and more than is usual, I am thinking about the year ahead and what it holds. About a year ago, I presented the lovely and gracious Mrs. St. John with an exit plan – things we needed to square away before we quit the working life and take off on a new life of cruising and exploring. The list looked like this:

- Reach 59-1/2
- Receive check for the sale of Cablecraft
- Pay off debt
 - Subaru
 - Truck
 - Line of Credit
 - Credit Card
- Must Do Boat Mods
 - New Chain
 - Plan for Rylie
 - Plan for mom
 - Plan for insurance



Mrs. S's immediate comment was "we don't have much control over this!" I pointed out that if we just stayed alive, we would hit the first one easy! I also explained that not everything had to happen to pull the exit trigger.

Well, it's almost a year later. We both turned 60 in December. Turning 59-1/2 is important for tax reasons. We aren't old enough for social security so being able to withdraw retirement savings without penalty is pretty important.

The anchor chain is on the boat. That was my only "must improve". Still, we've improved the radar, auto pilot, AIS, and VHF as well. Also, I know that, while the CQR anchor has served this boat for many years, I would feel much better with a modern Rocna or Mantus on the bow. We'd also like a better heating for when we're on the hook and I think we need to relook at the antenna situation on the short-wave radio and figure out how to run the water maker. Really though, La Sirena is ready to cross oceans now (and Mrs. S promises me we aren't crossing any oceans.)

Selling the house and moving on board put money in the bank which we haven't touched. It's also allowed us to pay off remaining debts at a rate of about \$3,000 a month. We didn't even really start in earnest until last July. By July 2020 we should be 100% debt free! That's \$36,000 a year we don't need and that's a lot.

One thing we have zero control over is Cablecraft. Cablecraft is my former employer and I was lucky or wise enough to have invested a bit of money in it when I worked there. They sold one third of the company a bit more than two years ago. That money paid for a good bit of La Sirena. They will sell the other two thirds some day and I would predict soon, but I won't know until the deal is done and I can't say what it will be worth.

Here things get tough!

As most of you are aware, Rylie, our five-year-old granddaughter lives with us. Always has and maybe always will. We don't know and it isn't a showstopper. Growing up on a boat, home schooled, is not a bad way to go. Julie's mom is sort of in a similar category. She is in Portland and Julie visits monthly to take care of shopping, organizing meds, and the like. She may move to Tacoma soon. Again, we'll deal with it, but making a monthly trip to Oregon from Alaska or Mexico can be challenging.

Insurance? Well it's just something to sort out.

So here we are. January 1st, 2020. La Sirena is largely ready to go. Mrs. S has exactly two shifts left and she is retired (meaning, if you are reading this, she is retired.) I've hired my replacement at work. He may not know it, but he is way more than capable of replacing me. The clock is ticking. We're watching videos of others who have taken the plunge. We're ready to join them. Just don't hold your breath for our YouTube channel!

Ken St. John

S/V La Sirena