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COVID—19 EDITION...

Stay Safe!



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Commodore

I'm hoping you are all well and practicing the 6 foot Social Distancing as prescribed by our Local, State and Federal Leaders during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

I have wrestled for some time as events began to unfold as to just how serious this crisis could become within the general population and of course our club and what should and must be done to keep us all safe. The Board held a virtual meeting on March 30. We learned that the US Coast Guard has suspended race permits until April 30. Without the permits CYCT can not organize any racing activities. Due to insurance liability none of CYCT race equipment including the use of the race committee boat and marks can not be used. We did vote to suspend races until May 6 and put that vote into the Board minutes as well as the club's insurance liability. Race Chair Melissa Davies will be modifying the Race Calendar soon. The General Meeting for April is cancelled. April 27 Board Meeting may be a virtual one.

Cruises for the mid to latter part of May will be cancelled for now. Save your plans for the cruises because the Stay at Home order could change. but do not spend monies. Daffodil and Opening Day have been cancelled. We will do our best to keep you updated on any new or changed information via our Facebook group page, the Mainsheet and be sure to check cyct.com for updates on the Cruise Calendar and Racing. There will also be email blasts periodically. Please check your email in box



Vice Commodore

WELL _____ (insert your favorite ANGRY adjective here)!!!!

Social distancing for an extrovert - LAME.

Social distancing for a sailor - MORE LAME.

Social distancing for a single-handed sailor - MANAGEABLE. (This article was written BEFORE the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order by the way...)

Racing, social get-togethers, cruises, and living your best life being cancelled - MOST LAME.

This will come to an end. If there is any positive that can come from this, it is that when you are deprived of things you love, it makes you appreciate what you have even more. When this is all over - race your boat, come to meetings, go on cruises and live deliberately and with purpose.

How this crazy time will affect the club and our programs is to be determined. Just know our planning is based on what is best for our members and how we can still succeed as a club that provides you with what you hope it would - fun, organized social functions, education, competition, camaraderie, etc. Obviously we have to cancel most things in the immediate future due to government limitations on gathering. How long this will go is anyone's guess. But we will obviously follow these guidelines with our planning. Stay tuned to your email



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Rear Commodore

Well ok sailors and everyone alike, we need to put the brakes on or let the sheets out for a bit. There is a serious virus going around, and we are going to have to take a step back and put sailing (racing) on hold for a bit. You can still go for a pleasure sail though.

This will actually give us all time to reflect on what sailing means to all of us. And time to look over your boats, and work on little projects, or if you don't own one yet, what type of vessel you could see yourself in.

As for the clubhouse, I will continue to look after the things that need to be looked after, if it needs attention then I will take care of that. If you find yourself, or someone else putting consumables into the refrigerator in the clubhouse, please remember that they are in there. Nobody wants to see that after an extended period of time. Thank you for taking care of that.

The party crew, for those of you that were going to help out and make the clubhouse a little brighter place to be, well that also will also be put on hold. Given time and weather allowance in the future, after we get the all clear, we can make it happen. The clubhouse will be shining again with all of her glee.

Above all please be safe out there and keep your family safe!!

Michael Stanford
Rear Commodore
S/V Lycian



Commodore (continued)

Greg Greene has volunteered to head up Long Range Planning Committee. We are in need of volunteers to come be a part in the future of CYCT. Bring fresh ideas to the table for discussion. Please contact Greg Green via email greggreene.lcm@gmail.com

The Board voted to postpone the April 2020 Membership Dues until end of June. Invoices will be sent out electronically. I do also recognize that many peoples jobs are in question and if you are having a hardship, we will work with you. You can use PayPal to pay the full amounts on our website, www.cyct.com for your Membership Dues payments. Paypal is working as of Saturday, March 21. If you need to make partial payments you can send a check (s) in 3 installments, Address is:

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The installment break downs are as follows (3) payments of \$83.33 for Active Members and Active Non-Boat Owners totaling \$250 yearly dues. Crew Members may also pay in three (3) equal installments \$20.83 totaling \$62.50 yearly dues.

In closing, I want to extend a thank you for bearing with us as we navigate through this ordeal. What we do today as an organization will be beneficial in the long run for us all. If you can, patronize your local small businesses. Get take out, or buy gift cards. They will appreciate it and you will be helping to support their families. Check up on your club mates from time to time to see if they need shopping done or just a friendly hello. Let's all do our part. Stay safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Home.

Angie Morales
Commodore
S/V La Gitana



Vice Commodore (continued)

for most updates. When this article is published, we will probably have made the call on if windseeker racing will start on time or not. I'm hoping we are a go, but this will all depend on how seriously we and our neighbors take social distancing to curb the spread of this gnarly little bug.

I hope you all keep healthy and busy. I hope to see you all soon once this rough patch passes us all by.

Keep calm and sail on my friends (once we are allowed back out of our homes that is!)

Jeremy Bush
Vice Commodore
R/V Goes to Eleven

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Racing

Good News/Bad News:

First the Good News:

CONGRATULATIONS **CINDY L & GREG S** on getting certified as **US Sailing Principal Race Officers (PRO)**. We took the US Sailing Race Committee Class a couple of weeks ago and both passed the certification test. We always knew they were awesome Race Committee, now all of US Sailing knows they are and they have the certification to show for it. **THANK YOU RACE COMMITTEE!!**

Now the Bad(ish) News:

So many races cancelled. Two of my personal favorites - Blakely Rock Benefit (April 4) and Race the Straits (May 2) were cancelled last week, as was Southern Straits and Swiftsure. I spoke to the race chairs for both CYCS and STYC (the two biggest racing clubs in the PNW) and they have cancelled all races until mid May as have SYC. I know its better safe then sorry but honestly, it hurts my racing soul.

What are we going to do?

We have cancelled the **Spring Single/double hand race scheduled for April 4th**

I have been looking at our options for Windseekers -we are canceling the first 3 races and hope to be able to go race May 6th for the spring series. Watch Facebook and email for updates.

I don't know about you but I am currently going through withdrawals from no racing/sailing for weeks.

Harbor Series Wrap up:

We gave out awards for the Harbor Series (first time ever) at our March General meeting (Thank you Jenn Tenney!) **Blue Jay & Gardyloo** I will keep yours safe until we see each other again.

Harbor Series Overall Results:

PHRF	Challenger
1—Slick	1—Miss Mayhem
2—Goes to Eleven	2—Blue Jay
3—Gardyloo	

I got this today and thought it was appropriate for our current situation:

“To tack a boat, to sail a zigzag course, is not to deny our destination or our destiny...despite how it may appear to those who never take the tiller in their hand. Just the opposite: It’s to recognize the obstacles that stand between ourselves and where we want to go, and then to maneuver with patience and fortitude, making the most of each leg of our journey, until we reach landfall.”

Cheers,
Melissa

Miss Mayhem! - San Juan 24 #422

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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

“In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

John Henry Newman

The above is a motto that I try to live by, to not let myself get too complacent with my own status quo, physically or spiritually. The reality, though, is that I don't even have to work hard at it, as the *Law of Undulation* would have it, the tides of the world will throw change your way anyways, and only the fool will anchor their ship hard to the quay. And so, here we are, one month later and our tide seems to have completely changed in the most unforeseen direction. Truth be told, I was really looking forward to the cruising events in April and May. Oh well, time to change.



So here it is, the quick skinny of what has been cancelled:

- The Daffodil Day Sail
- The Opening Day Weekend at Seattle Yacht Club.
- Memorial Day Weekend / Penrose Point Cruise.
- TYC/CYCT Wollochet Bay Sail Rally

We cannot change the winds of time, but we can adjust our sails.

Remember, Check Facebook and CYCT.com for updates.

Keep calm and sail on,

Greg Greene
Cruising Fleet Captain
S/V Whisper
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Send us your Cruising Pics... we want to see you out and about!

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CYCT 2020 Cruising Schedule

Dates	Theme	Location	Host(s)
April 18-19	Daffodil Marine Festival	Tacoma Yacht Club	Rich & Angie Morales (Flagship: SV La Gitana)
April 18	Daffodil Day Sail	The Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No Host—Watch the Parade and then go sailing
May 2-3	Opening Day "Rock Around the Deck"	Seattle Yacht Club	Ken & Karen Walker (MV Tehilla) Co-Hosts: Greg Greene, Eve Engnoth, Rebekah Foelker
May 23-25	Memorial Day	Penrose Point	Clay & Shari Anderson (SV Namaste)
May 29-31	TYC/CYCT Sail Rally	Wollochet Bay	Co-hosted with Tacoma Yacht Club Jeremy Bush (Goes to Eleven)
June 5-7	Gig Harbor Maritime festival & Raft-Up	Gig Harbor	Brock & Janice VanRavenswaay (SV Tatoosh) & Tim Garchow (SV Odin)
June 27	CYCT Day Sail	Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No Host
July 4-5	Independence Day	Quartermaster (7/4)	No Host
July 18	CYCT Day Sail	Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No Host
August 7-8	Hillbilly Barbeque	Longbranch	Ed & Sue Pinkham (SV Jeopardy)
August 22	CYCT Day Sail	Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No Host
September 5-7	Labor Day Weekend	TBD	Tom & Jen Tenney
September 12	CYCT Day Sail	Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No Host
September 12	Pink Boat Regatta Seattle	Elliott Bay Marina	
September 19	Pink Boat Regatta Tacoma	Tacoma	
October 3	CYCT Day Sail	Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	
November 20-22	LeMans Race / Clam Chowder Cook-off	Arabella's Landing Gig Harbor	Gary & Joy Ballentine (SV Raven)



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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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Board Meeting (Virtual)	28	29	30		

May 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 General Meeting (TBD) - check Facebook	5	6 Spring #4 (check Facebook)	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Spring #5 (check Facebook)	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Late Spring #1 (check Facebook)	21	22	23 Memorial Day Penrose Pt.
24 Memorial Day Penrose Pt.	25 Board Meeting Memorial Day Penrose Pt.	26	27 Late Spring #2 (check Facebook)	28	29 TYC/CYCT Sail Rally Wollochet Bay	30 TYC/CYCT Sail Rally Wollochet Bay
31 TYC/CYCT Sail Rally Wollochet Bay						

Sunshine



As many of you know I am out of town for a couple months. Jenn Tenney is covering for me. Stay healthy and keep me or Jenn posted if someone needs a little Sunshine.

Debbie McAdams
Sunshine Chair
S/V Red Splash

Happy Birthday to our CYCT

Members

Adrian DeLuna	April 5
Paul Grove	April 28
Don McAdams	April 19
Gloria Peterson	April 9
Jeff Serex	April 11
Lubos Vesely	April 30
Brian White	April 29



On The Cover:

Wish we were here

By Anonymous

Saw it on Facebook



Melissa Davies shared a post.
Admin · March 29 at 12:00 PM

Social Distancing When Boating



Only boat with those in your immediate household.



No beaching your boat right next to someone else.



Maintain your distance at the fuel dock – and remember to wash your hands.



No rafting up – keep your distance on the water.

No guests on your boat!
This includes family members not in your immediate household or your closest boating buddies.

Go right from your house to the boat and back –
no unnecessary contact with anyone.

Enjoy your boat, the water and the fresh air; but enjoy it while boating responsibly.

Terri Benward Benz ▸ Sailboat Racing - Seattle/Tacoma Area
Visual Storyteller · March 28 at 4:06 PM

Good info:

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 Angie Morales Glad you two are thinking
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- 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

The Best Laid Plans

My mother, who died 20 plus years ago had a few sayings she would often repeat. They were never the complete saying, just the first line. Sayings such as “If hindsight were 20/20” and “there but for the grace of God,” or this one; “The best laid plans!” Whenever something didn’t go as one wished or had planned – she’d say, “The best laid plans!” ((If you’re wondering, the phrase is “The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry” adapted from To a Mouse by Robert Burns – I looked it up for you.))

If you’ve followed this column, the intent has been to document my journey from full time, workaday stiff, to full time live-aboard cruiser. You followed the decision making. Buying the boat. The repairs and upgrades. Selling the house. Moving on board. All of that.

Now the lovely and gracious Mrs. S and I aren’t really that old. Social Security is a few years away. Medicare even farther. But we’ve saved our money and the market has been good. We’ve drastically cut expenses by moving aboard. Last July I calculated what it would take to pay off all remaining debt. I figured out how to do it in a year and save thousands in interest. Our only regular expenses would be things like insurance, marina and phone bills. Eight month later we own both cars outright and we are down to a couple of lines of credit. We are ahead of schedule.

In February we flew to Mexico for a few weeks to check out another part of the plan. Along with Don and Deb McAdams, we rented a house in a small beach town. My goal – could we live in Mexico several months of the year cheaply and would I feel healthier for the experience. The stress of my career slowly reduced (a mid vacation call from bosses in Taiwan interrupted the process.) I came back feeling better, being lighter, and having a much-improved blood pressure. One week back in the rat race and I knew what to do. I carefully constructed a letter for my bosses. I was resigning. Retiring even. I would leave my position Memorial Day weekend. Timing wasn’t firm, but I’d already put two people in position who could take my place.

Then it happened. Covid-19. Had I understood the gravity of the situation, I would have never written the resignation letter. I would have certainly moved my money someplace safer (yes mom, hindsight is 20/20.) Now my world, and yours, has changed. My owners are stuck in Taiwan. My company needs a leader and that’s – gulp – me. The money I’d planned to get me by is much reduced.

So.... I’m trying to make lemonade. I’d already told the employer that my dates were flexible, and I wouldn’t leave them in the lurch. Perhaps I can delay retirement (damn it) a year or so. We’ve splurged on a diesel heater so that we’ll be warm away from the dock. There are surely some other expenses that still being employed will cover.

Mrs. S had been lamenting that the housing prices have gone up and up since we sold. That’s probably over and hey, we own our home outright now. We could write a check and be debt free tomorrow. And, our house moves. Of course, it can’t go across the border right now, but, some day soon, it can again. We’re alive and healthy. I’m still employed (I think). Our family is healthy. And all of us, each and every one, will probably have our life change through this.

Still, I wish my timing was better! Best laid plans...

Ken St. John
S/V La Sirena