



Mainsheet

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Commodore

How is everyone holding up these days? I for one cannot wait for consistent sun and warmth to return and of course the restrictions of social distancing lifted so we can all be together on the water rafting up and getting on with racing.

Your Board members have been busily trying to prepare for the eventual return of racing. Melissa has been working feverishly trying to get a response from the US Coast Guard in where CYCT stands with our current race permits. Please see Racing Chair article for details. For the LATEST news, check our CYCT Facebook site and CYCT website as information is continually changing.



During a Special Board Meeting on May 12, a question of Officers and Board Members liability arose. Bill Jenks checked with the Club's insurer. We are part of the Burgee Program, US Sailing for Racing insurance. The advice given is to follow all state/local regulations and CDC Guidelines regarding social distancing, as directed by the Governor for COVID-19. Two cautionary points were made by the insurance company. One is, they are unable to give any legal advice regarding racing during the stay at home orders.

Two, the insurance company cautioned that the Club Board and/or individual members could be held responsible for negligence on the water in regard to state/local stay at home regulations. The Board thought it prudent to obtain a quote on adding that liability protection to our insurance policy. At present we are waiting to hear back.

On May 11 CYCT hosted its first Zoom General Meeting. Thirty members attended. We officially inducted and welcomed new



Vice Commodore

I feel like I need to predicate this entire article with the following: Anything provided in my article is simply my opinion, and is not an official or recommended guidance of any sort. All captains and crew should review all Federal, State, and local health guidance at this time and follow these recommendations before participating in any activities.



I know we are all getting incredibly restless, and hoping to sail and race our boats. It appears we are moving that direction. Whether or not racing begins in Phase 2 or Phase 3 is hopefully going to be decided shortly. In the meanwhile, even if we do move forward, it should be every captain's top priority to protect the safety of themselves and their crew in any situation. Every time you race, it is the captain's and crews decision to do so.

One of my crew members who works as a pharmacist at a hospital put together some recommendations for our crew that I thought might be helpful to our members. These are recommendations only, and are not any sort of official guidance or recommendation by myself or a health professional. However, they are a good guideline for minimizing or mitigating potential transmission of Covid-19:

Prior to getting on the boat:

Put on mask (do not take off during sail and do not touch the outside of the mask)

Sanitize hands prior to stepping on the boat

Temperature check with forehead thermometer without

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Commodore (continued)

crew members David Gallimore and his son Ian. David has wasted no time in becoming involved within our club. He is currently a volunteer member on the newly formed Long-Range Planning Committee. CYCT wishes to thank Skip Anderson as guest speaker for his presentation "Becoming Captain, Elements of Fitness." Matt Thomas our Historian will be stepping down at the end of August. He will be publishing the last few Past Commodore interviews in the upcoming Mainsheets. We wish him well. Hopefully when we can safely assemble in larger groups, we can have a General Meeting at the Clubhouse in the summer at Tyee Marina. Until then, look for General Meetings to be Zoom meetings.

Angie Morales
Commodore
S/V LA GITANA



Vice Commodore (continued)

contact (greater than 37.5 degrees C/99.5 degrees F - please send home)

Questions for everyone: any following symptoms: fever, diarrhea, dry cough, sore throat, chills, or muscle ache?

Do not gather before or after racing in any groups larger than allowed by official guidance of Federal, State, or Local guidelines

***if must take off mask, sanitize hands before and after and 6 feet away from everyone*

Limit 1 person in cabin

Wash the boat and all contact points with soap and water post-race. Sanitize (antiseptic wipes or diluted bleach products) winches, speed monitor/instruments or any equipment with contact. Do not use the boat for 72 hours.

I think the main point of emphasis should be placed on each crew member following recommended Health guidelines (CDC, Federal, State, and Local). Plain and simple- if you are sick, don't race. If you aren't sick, wear a mask.

I know wearing a mask seems to be a point of contention, but I simply want to point out that the entire point of wearing a mask is simply to prevent asymptomatic people (those who don't look or feel sick, but may actually have Covid-19) from possibly transmitting it to those around them. In my opinion, any time you are within 6-feet of someone (and that is most of the time on a boat), you should have a mask on until this passes.

I hope to see all of you on the water soon, and the Board thanks you all for your patience and continued support as we wade through these difficult times.

Jeremy Bush
Vice Commodore
R/V Goes to Eleven

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Racing



Rear Commodore



As we move into the warmer days of spring, we are all wanting check out our own boat, and looking to see what our neighbors are doing on their boat. We all want to take our boats out. Now, looking over your wants and needs list to see what you want to fix or upgrade. Aren't they all NEEDS? It's almost summer by golly. I hope that you are readying your water platform, either sailing vessel, motor boat, or self powered float for the times that we can finally get out on the water as a sailing family. We will get there.

Racing article will hopefully be back Next month!

As I drive in to the marina it is nice to see some familiar faces, talking and laughing all the while keeping 6 feet apart plus or minus 3 feet, drinking their favorite barley pop or crushed grapes or just plain water. They are discussing the fun times of the past, what they are working on, on their own boat, thinking about new parts and helping their boating neighbors. Because that is just the way we are. We are all looking forward to the fun times when we all can get out on the water again. The clubhouse will be ready for our next summer meeting in June, I'am glad that it is a big place to gather and tell of all our favorite sailing stories, enjoy great food and beverages. This will all be based on whether or not we will be able to host a gathering of sailors, and people that love the water. Don't worry, we are all awaiting this decision! Hope to see you all soon!

Michael Stanford
S/V Lycian
Rear Commodore

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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



Mainsheet Extra! Vice Commodore

Well my friends, it is time...to step....up. We have all had one heck of a crazy year so far, and our club is feeling it. To put it plain and simple:

We. Need. Your. Help.

I can't think of any different way to say it. This club runs on the generosity and selflessness of its members to keep this thing running for you. We have had some losses in the club this year, and we have had some gains. Where the club is now, and where it is going are all up to you.

Unfortunately, due to some very tough times, we have had a few board members depart, and the burden is getting bigger for those still involved. Not to mention, many positions held by outstanding and wonderful members are coming to the end of their terms, and are hoping to do other things with their lives! So where does this leave the club you ask? I refer to the section of my article that should, and I hope does, stand out above. We are in need of some assistance!

Does being on the board or having a volunteer position take up much time? In short, it shouldn't. But when we have several vacancies, that becomes problematic and it does take up too much time. I want nothing more than for this club to be successful, and many of you do also. But much of our membership has been through the chairs and/or served in many positions. That is why I'm hoping that more of our members start to take a leadership role in the club. What does this mean? It means I want each of you to think about helping our club out and volunteering for a position.

I keep trying to think of ways to make this club work. In fact, that is one of the main reasons I even began to get involved in the first place. I looked at yacht clubs from the viewpoint of a young-ish (32 year old) sailor, and I said, "Why would I ever get involved in a yacht club?" I came to a meeting in a tired old restaurant in a Motel 6 parking lot, and wondered how a club could ever bring in new members. I still can't even get my own crew to come to meetings.

But things ARE changing. I hope you all understand that. I hope you all understand that the survival of this club, and the sport of sailing itself relies on the continuation of our club, and the continued evolution of our interactions and education of new members. Where do you play into this? When we all start gathering again, I very much hope that we have a new location to meet. I then hope that you are able to invite your friends, crew, and marina neighbors to insightful and fun gatherings that do what our club motto is: Promote, advance, and encourage the sport of sailing.

But I have to specifically ask that we continue to be flexible. We may like how things have been in the past, we may really like Joan serving 50 people by herself, we may like MEATLOAF MONDAYS, but we also may like a club that continues to be successful into the future. Just remember...you may want to sell your boat at some point. If we don't train up the next generation, who is going to buy your boat? With that, I humbly request you keep your minds open to continuing to support this club in whatever form and location we endeavor to maintain.

Do you have desire to help out with any of the following (sadly, this is a very long list):

- Edit and put together the mainsheet publication each month (Mainsheet Editor - open ASAP)
- Support our website (Webmaster - open now)
- Take meeting notes (Secretary - open now)
- Run through the ranks, lead the club, and keep things running (Rear Commodore - open in January)
- Meet everyone in the club and build up our membership (Membership Chair - open in January)
- Keep our books, make the club run, and handle finances (Treasurer - open in January)
- Organize social events for the club (Social chair - open in January)
- Help coordinate with PHRF (PHRF Director - open now)
- Help new boats in our club get measured for PHRF - (PHRF Handicapper - open now)
- Get our information out to the public via media (Publicity Chair - open now)
- Keep up on the history of our club, and keep us informed of past events (Club Historian - open soon)



Cruising

**“Spring being a tough act to follow,
God created June.” - Al Bernstein**



Well, let us hope that June 2020 beats the crap out of the COVID Spring that we just endured. I am ready for some sunshine (Vitamin D) and lots of sailing and cruising. "Officially", CYCT is not hosting any organized (funded) cruises until Pierce County is at least in Phase III (gatherings of with no more than 50 people). That said, and under Phase 1, families can still do boating recreation activities safely, provide they keep the recommend social distance of 6 feet. And that is what many of us where able to do last weekend at Penrose Point State Park. I counted at least nine boats that anchored individually in Mayo Cove over the Memorial Day weekend. The wind was up on Friday and I was able to sail Whisper on a straight close reach across Commencement Bay, motored through the Narrows washing machine, then sailed another close reach all the way to Penrose Point. It was great fun. Saturday was overcast with no rain, and Sunday was gloriously sunny and warm. Monday, well... not so much. At least I was able to sail most of the way back again. Looking ahead to the Cruising Calendar, here is what is going on:

June 27th CYCT Sail Day
Under Phase 1 (which we are still in) we cannot host this event and invite no members on to our individual boats, so there is no official event. But there is no reason we cannot all together as individual families on our separate boats get out there and sail together. More information to follow on Facebook and Website.

July 4th Fireworks at Quartermaster Harbor
I just received word from QYC that the fireworks for 2020 have been cancelled, probably to discourage large gatherings. So please stay tuned to the Facebook page and CYCT website for any alternative July 4th events.

Keep calm and sail on,
Greg Greene
cruising@cyct.com
S/V Whisper



Send us your Cruising Pics... we want to see you out and about!

Mainsheet@cyct.com

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)
Cancelled			
May 29-31	TYC/CYCT Sail Rally	Wollochet Bay	Co-hosted with Tacoma Yacht Club Jeremy Bush (SV Goes to Eleven)
Cancelled			
June 5-7	Gig Harbor Raft up	Gig Harbor	Brock & Janice VanRavenswaay (SV Tatoosh), & Tim Garchow (SV Odin)
Cancelled			
June 27	CYCT Day Sail	The Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No host / BYOB
July 4-5	Fourth of July	Quartermaster 7/4	No host / BYOB
July 18	CYCT Day Sail	The Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No host / BYOB
August 7-8	Hillbilly Barbeque	Longbranch	Ed & Sue Pinkham (SV Jeopardy)
August 22	CYCT Day Sail	The Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No host / BYOB
Sep 5 - 7	Labor Day Weekend		Tom & Jennifer Tenney
Sep-12	CYCT Day Sail	The Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No host / BYOB
Sep-12	Pink Boat Regatta SEA	Elliott Bay Marina	
Sep-19	Pink Boat Regatta TAC	Tacoma	
Oct-03	CYCT Day Sail	The Foss Waterway Seaport Dock	No host / BYOB
October 3	CYCT Day Sail	Foss Waterway Sea- port Dock	
November 20-22	LeMans Race / Clam Chowder Cook-off	Arabella's Landing Gig Harbor	Gary & Joy Ballentine (SV Raven)



Long Range Planning

Since first Committee meeting held in April, we have had two more meetings in May and we are stirring the pot on new ideas for the Club!

The first order of business was to establish a LRPC Mission Statement, that has recently been approved by the CYCT Board of Trustees:

Mission Statement

We serve CYCT as thoughtful advisors to the Commodores and the Board of Trustees (the Board) so they can make timely and effective decisions that ensure the long-term happiness, health, and wealth of our club, our community, and our planet.

Why does the LRPC exist?

- As a diverse group of CYCT leaders, we look ahead three years to ensure the happiness, health, and wealth of our club:
- Identify long term challenges and opportunities that could impact our club.
- Respond to near term challenges and opportunities upon request of the Commodores and Board to support them in making timely decisions that impact the long-term success of our club.
- Safe environment to speak honestly with facts and data about the challenges and opportunities facing our club.
- Brainstorm fresh new ideas, options, requirements, and decision criteria.
- Provides options and recommendations based on the decision-criteria, to the Commodores and the Board, to support them in their decision making.

Who is on the LRPC and what makes this committee different from the Board & other Club positions?

- The LRPC is made up of a broad base of current Board members, Standing Committee, previous Commodores, as well as new members. The LRPC is open to all members that would like to participate.
- The LRPC is not a policy or decision-making body; we brainstorm ideas, and provide options, recommendations, and decision criteria to support the Commodore and/or the Board in making informed decisions.
- The LRPC's time horizon extends out to 3 years.

What value does the LRPC offer the Club?

- The LRPC's working together process provides the Commodore and/or the Board greater clarity to make more timely and effective decisions to ensure the long-term happiness, health, and wealth of all our stakeholders: our club, our community, and our planet
- Provides a forum for the Board to understand the "pulse" of the club membership.
- To develop positive approaches to problem solving by gaining consensus through a diverse group of members.
- An excellent opportunity to welcome new members into the Club's vision
- New membership activity will lead to identifying future potential leadership in the Club
- Intended to keep the Club fun, relevant, and promote new membership.

In May we have been able to establish a plan and proposal to present to the Board on the Dinghy Dock, the final details and budget hope to be finalized by the end of June. Here is the short skinny:

- Keep the Dinghy Dock and charge fees for dinghy-sailers and kayaks.
- We have negotiated a deal with Tyee to help reduce the cost of our monthly moorage fees.
- A Dinghy Dock sub-committee is proposed to collect funds and maintain the dock.
- We will establish a Lido 14 sailing fleet and seek official Lido 14 Association status to host races. We will also have Laser outings too. So far we have the three Lido 14's and about four Lasers.

We are also working on long term plans to establish the best place for future off-season meetings and more importantly, to improve the current clubhouse at Tyee or to find another long term location.

Our next meeting will be held on-line on Monday, June 1st at 7 pm. If you have any interest in joining this committee, please contact me via email.

Greg Greene
Long Range Planning Committee Chair
greggreene.lcm@gmail.com



Meeting Minutes

CYCT General Meeting (Virtual via Zoom)

May 11, 2020, 7 pm

Submitted by Janice VanRavenswaay

7:06 Meeting called to order

Introduction of Guests: Erik Mikkeltorg and Family

Motion to Approve minutes from April 13; seconded by Greg Greene

Induction of new members: David and Ian Gallimore

Guest Speakers: Jan and Skip Anderson. Presentation: "Becoming Captain, Elements of Fitness."

Commodore's Report:

- In search of new Historian, Matt Thomas has taken a new position at work and will not be able to commit to this job. He still has two more articles in the works
- In search of new Racing Protest Chair for this season

Vice Commodore Report:

- Working as webmaster for now. Website has been updated with current dates, events

Rear Commodore Report: None

Membership:

- sworn in David and Ian Gallimore, have application for Erick Mikkeltorg
- making new membership cards and hope to have in the mail in the next two weeks.

Treasurer:

- 41 total members (active and crew) paid to date. Janice has been collecting checks from the mailbox as they come in.

Racing:

- wants to race on Wednesday, need additional clarification from Coast Guard first. Permits were paused through the end of April
- will need to follow state quarantine guidelines
- (May 12th update): Board will meet to discuss when to move forward with racing

Cruising:

- some members doing an unofficial cruise to Penrose over Memorial Day weekend. All members must be on their own anchor to follow state quarantine guidelines.
- June 6-7 has turned into an unofficial cruise to Gig Harbor. There will still be a "blessing of the fleet" on guest dock for Maritime Festival; all other activities postponed. No rafting will be allowed at this time

Good of the Order:

- PHRF and Secretary materials are in the clubhouse. PHRF includes supplies for handicapper

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:29; seconded by Jeremy Bush

COMMODORE KENNETH ST. JOHN*Ken led the club with humor, warmth, and enthusiasm.*

By Matthew Thomas, CYCT Historian

I recently interviewed past Commodore Kenneth St. John via email about sailing and his time as Commodore. Ken led the club with humor, warmth, and enthusiasm. He and his wife, Julie, have contributed a family like feeling of closeness and fun to the club during the last decade.

Matt: When did you start racing in Windseekers?

Ken: I think that we started sailing the second year that we owned Sirena Gorda - the summer of 2010. Paul Case told us that racing would make us better sailors. We had four races that we weren't the last place boat that season.

Matt: Yes, I was probably last on those four occasions.

Matt: Why do you sail?

Ken: It's just something that always piqued my interest. When I finally got to try 30 years later I enjoyed it because it was physical and cerebral. I am always amazed at the power of the wind and the water to move an object. It seems that there is no end to the learning either.

Matt: How did you become a sailor?

Ken: My son and I bought an old El Toro. Just the hull. We bought the plans and then made the mast, boom, rudder, and dagger board. That was the first boat that I sailed myself (we've been out on big catamarans in Mexico and the Caribbean on charters.) I just went out and sailed - not well. I had no clue as to what I was doing.

Matt: When did you join the CYCT?

Ken: About the same year we started racing. 2010.

Matt: What year were you Commodore?

Ken: Counting back on my fingers - 2017

Matt: What do you remember most about that year?

Ken: Gee, trying not to screw up and keep the meetings fast! Hoping that there weren't any big personality clashes that year (there weren't). I didn't have a big agenda or intention to make a legacy. I saw it as a responsibility to continue the club another year in good health. The best thing that I did was to have a full staff. Every position was filled. I don't think that has happened any other time since I've been in the club. For me, vice commodore is the scary year. You have to arrange a lot of speakers. That turned out much easier than expected and I am proud to have arranged some really good speakers.

Matt: What was racing like when you were Commodore?

Ken: It wasn't really any different except, if I was going to act up, I had to remember "I'm the commodore - I represent the club." But I'm not that kind of racer, so it was a non-issue.

Matt: What were the CYCT cruises like the year you were commodore?

Ken: Not sure that any really stick out in my mind, except that we really focused on Daffodil and Opening Day in the club and those are big events for the commodore as well. It's your time to shine!

Matt: I recall you and Julie putting on a great cruise to Filucy Bay. You hosted a wonderful steak barbecue dinner. You played us some great songs on the guitar afterwards.

Matt: Other than Commodore, what positions have you held in the club?

Ken: I was Mainsheet editor for five years and I still write an article. I suppose that's over 100 articles by now. Trouble is, I can't always remember what I've already written about. Of course I was rear, vice and past commodore. I was also cruise chair for two years and Julie was co-chair. Julie was also chair of the Sunshine Committee for several years. I think that's it!

Matt: Have the boats changed over the years?

Ken: In the 10 short years I've been in the club, the boats have gotten bigger. It seems like they are newer, but really, many of us are still on 20 - 30 year old boats. It's just 10 years later. When we started in the club, our Cal 2-27 was not out of place but now, it would be pretty small. There are a lot more creature comforts on our boats in general. My sister, who has sailed for many, many years, said "new boats have microwaves, old boats have character." Well now they have microwaves as well.

Matt: Your sister sounds smart.

Matt: What different boats have you owned?

Ken:

Columbia

I bought my first boat at 17. An 8 foot Columbia. A terrible boat for rowing or motoring but we took it everywhere and rowed or motored. It was very stable and heavy. I paid a hundred dollars and sold it 16 years later for a hundred dollars. I've owned a boat continuously ever since.

Coleman Ram-X Canoe

Next was a Coleman Ram-X canoe. Santa bought it used and brought it to the kids. I'd row Mrs. S and our Lab around the lake on San Juan Island yearly for many seasons.

El Toro



Then came the 8 foot El Toro and my introduction to sailing.

Cal 21

Next, I sold a guitar and with the money bought a Cal 21 with a swing keel. It was rough, but it was a start.

Cal 27, Sirena Gorda

Then came Sirena Gorda, a Cal 2-27. We consider it our first "real boat" and the boat we first fell in love with and really learned to sail. We fixed that boat up and sailed it from Olympia in the South to Canada in the north. We sold it to a kid wounded in Iraq and he sailed it and finally sold it in New Zealand. He's written about it in Cruising World but he renamed it Mongo.

Catalina 38, Naughty By Nature

Naughty By Nature, a Catalina 38 came next. That was a great boat to sail and sail we did. With Naughty we stretched our adventures farther and farther. We really loved that boat but she was also showing the limitations of the era. She was compromised on

interior volume.

Seahorse Mandarin 52, La Sirena



Finally we are at La Sirena, a Seahorse Mandarin 52. I believe that there are fewer than ten of these. She was built in Hong Kong and lived most of her life in Asia. She has been our home for 1-1/2 years. We are planning to cruise up to half of the year and then live at a marina or in Mexico the other half. Until Covid came along, I'd planned to retire this month. Right now my plans are flexible. La Sirena is a "go anywhere" boat. I can carry fuel for more than 2500 miles and yet she sailed across the Pacific. Unfortunately, we haven't sailed her much - yet. That will change.

That's it. Unless you count dinghies and kayaks!

Matt: Thank you Ken and Julie for your service to the CYCT. Your good humor, warmth, and friendship have brought us all closer together and made our club stronger.



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



<http://www.sailblogs.com/member/respite/>

June and July 2020 Calendar

Due to COVID-19 Safe Start Measures, the calendar is in flux. Please Check Facebook page for calendar/event updates. The Board will communicate all updates there.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/257572770984529/>

Sunshine



I sent a get well card to Gene Brown For a back injury.

If you know of anyone who needs a card to cheer them up or to congratulate them or anything in between, send me a text, email or call me and I'll get on it

Debbie McAdams
Sunshine Chair
S/V Red Splash
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Happy Birthday to our CYCT

Members

- Dana Bachellerie-Gage** June 30
- Tim Garchow** June 1
- Kirk Parker** June 16
- Chuck Queen** June 4
- Penny Shen** June 21
- Mark Stopka** June 16
- Matt Thomas** June 25



On The Cover:

Lido Ahoy

By

Greg Greene

Saw it on Facebook



Greg Greene is with Chuck Queen.
Yesterday at 5:32 PM

Lido 14 no. 2 is launched and on the dock.
The CYCT Dinghy Dock is forming up!

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Looking for a Win

If you haven't figured it out, I fix things. It's what I do. It's what I've always done. Save automotive things that require special tools, there are few things that I ever hire out. I've always said, "I'm not a mechanic, but I'm pretty good fix it guy." A lifetime of taking things apart and putting them back together, a youth as a carpenter, and 35 five years as an engineer, 20 of them designing repairs, have honed my troubleshooting skills.

Ask Rylie, she knows, "Grandpa can fix everything."

Here's the problem, I can't! And when it's every now and then, I can deal with that. Lately though, I had a bad run. I couldn't fix a burned-out light it seemed.

Now fix attempts come in three flavors.

That first flavor is the one that we aspire to. Take the thing apart (if needed), evaluate the problem, correct it, put it back together and it works. That is the way it is supposed to go.

Then there is the second flavor of repair. It starts the same. Take the thing apart if needed. Evaluate the problem or try to evaluate it because you can't figure it out. Give up in frustration and put it back together – AND IT WORKS! Flavor two is frustrating because you don't know why it suddenly works and, because you don't, you have no confidence that it won't work again.

Flavor three – you can't figure it out. It doesn't work. You can't fix it. You lose.

About a month ago, I had a total flavor three weekend. I could not buy a win. Now I try to fix or improve something every day and this weekend was extra special. Rylie was with her mom and the Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John and I were all alone. We motored across to Dockton, dropped the hook and relaxed. For the L and G Mrs. S, this meant reading books. For me, this meant fixing things, or at least trying to fix things.

First was the bow light. It had been sporadic and now it wouldn't work at all. It's a light. DC current. Simple! The voltmeter says plenty of power, but no, it just won't work. I give up and I turn my attention to the anemometer (that's the wind gauge). Somehow the data feed to this had been cut. I don't remember when or how, but it had to be me. Now I had the connector and the ends of the feed from up the mast. I found the wiring diagram. I put it all together. Nothing, zilch, nada. Not only am I not winning, a new problem develops.

La Sirena has vacuum toilets like on an airplane. You flush and the vacuum wooshes things away. Then the pump cycles and build up vacuum for the next time. Then it stops. Except it wouldn't. It pumped and pumped and pumped. I pulled things apart (ick). I replaced the duckbill valves (always have extras). Finally, I pulled out the vacuum switch and scrubbed of the debris (poop). I put it all back together and - success! It stopped. I gathered my tools and put them away – AND IT STARTED BACK UP. And I took it apart again, and again. Fortunately, I'd wired a shut off switch into the head a year or two ago. This stopped the pump, but to use it, you had to turn the pump on, wait for vacuum to build, flush, wait some more, turn it off.

What a weekend, O for three. I was depressed, downhearted, defeated. I was looking for a win and it didn't come.

Now writing this, it's a few weeks later. The new vacuum switch, \$207, came, and was installed in minutes thanks to wiring improvements made that past weekend. By accident I found that I had a ground fault on the bow light. It took several uncomfortable hours in the anchor locker and I was unable to reach the fault but I successfully tapped into another, more reliable ground. And that wind gauge – it's 25 years old. I'll be buying a new one and hiring someone to go up the stick and install it. Sometimes you've got to take a win where you find it.

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