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## Commodore

It's nice to see the weather finally cooperating. We deserve some sunshine.

I was really hoping Pierce County would be in Phase 3 so we could enjoy a General Meeting outside at the Clubhouse, but that hasn't happened yet. So for now, we will hold General Meetings via Zoom.

Our next General meeting will be Monday, August 10 via Zoom at 7:00 pm. August is the month where the Board of Trustees appoint a Nominating Committee which will oversee the elections held in November. Basically it means we will ask for volunteers to form that committee and amongst those volunteers, they select a Committee Chair. I have been trying to follow the Bylaws as closely as I can given that in some cases the laws are obsolete or have not been adhered to for sometime. With that said, I am hoping for a more streamlined voting process and realize that COVID restrictions on gatherings may not be in our favor anytime soon. We are in uncharted waters and may be using alternative methods which will be a topic of discussions for the Board and General Membership. If you aren't up to speed with the Bylaws, I welcome you to read them and become familiar. Go to CYCT.com About Us scroll down to Bylaws. It will be important as we move forward in CYCT's election process. Specifically, Article VIII Nominations and Elections.

Rally #3 held on July 18 was a success. Thank you all around to the volunteers for making it happen! Special thanks to Fleet Captain Cruising Chair Greg Greene for orchestrating the Day Sail. I know you put in a lot of time and effort. I would like to encourage those who haven't participated in a Rally to come



## Vice Commodore

Have you been enjoying the weather?! The water has been amazing. My absolute favorite time of the year is when the bay turns a multitude of colors - from brown, to turquoise, to a rainbow of all colors. This month has been a fun one for me. I've spent a ton of time on the water - racing, cruising, and even camping!

I took my annual trip up to Blake Island this month, which usually entails loading the boat with about a thousand pounds of gear, towing the dinghy, and then making amazing camp food on the island. This year was no different. The trip up was a bit cold and misty, but it cleared by the time we were setting up camp. This year we were even blessed with the comet NEOWISE in the evenings. If you haven't cooked chicken tacos on the fire, I highly recommend it. There is something about flame cooked and smoked meat that is unbeatable. It's kind of like boat food, for some reason no matter what it is, it just seems better than home cooking.

The trip back from the island was also amazing. We had a wonderful northerly and we took the long way around the island. Even with a thousand pounds of gear and towing a dinghy, we were able to plane the boat going 9.6 knots as the top speed for the day. Not bad for being so heavy. Now if we could only have those conditions during a race!

Speaking of, we just finished the first of the Three hour tour races (since the first was cancelled). It was predicted to be an awesome



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## Commodore (continued)

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join us the next time. Perhaps reach out to Greg and lend a hand in the behind the scenes preparations. I'm sure he will be appreciative.

Angie Morales  
Commodore  
S/V LA GITANA



## Vice Commodore (continued)

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day, but ended up being a drifter. By taking some aggressive and roundabout routes, we were able to be up in the front with Slick for most of the race. We had an awesome tacking battle along the Tacoma waterfront towards the end in less and less wind, eventually coming to a standstill with the finish line in sight. For forty minutes we tried everything possible to inch our way closer to the finish. In the end, a very small increase in wind showed up, with the new "Out of the Blue" and the Des Moines boat "Solitair" catching up to us at the finish line. The only problem - us, those two, and Slick, all crossed the finish line six minutes and thirty seconds after the time had expired. Then shortly after two more boats finished. What an epic finish to a race...that no one finished! It was actually quite incredible, and proved how even in the most boring of races, there can (and usually will be) at least a few moments of absolute amazement.

Well those are a few of the sailing stories I'm willing to tell this month. Get out on the water and enjoy it!

Jeremy Bush  
Vice Commodore  
R/V Goes to Eleven



## Rear Commodore



Greetings to all of you! I hope you are all getting out on your boats and enjoying the warmer weather that normally arrives after July 5th here in the Pacific Northwest.

Well, the grassy/weedy patch in front of the landing for the clubhouse did get a trim, and much needed water. Well, it could be that the extra water put down from the water hose, could be an early start for October, waiting for the natural rains in the fall. If the grass grows then that will be great, if not it's on the ready. Regardless. it is cut, garden is weeded and ready for an outside event.

The clubhouse still needs a wash, and yes that will happen before an event is hosted, and after I learn how ride a bicycle. Rearranging the rib cage as some of you know does not feel so good. Ouch!! The wash I got of the clubhouse will be a rain or shine type of day, because face it, a pressure washer will be used. What's not to get wet, might even water the ground and weeds from afar.

It is great to see the different activities going on with the club, all sailing related of course and all have fun attached, either before you go sailing or afterwards. Good people are also stepping up in the club with great ideas, with that brings the spirit of learning about sailing, and having fun at a safe distance.

Some of us, me included take pictures when your out on the water sailing or take pictures from your destination. If you would like with your permission of course, I would put the pictures on paper, then put them inside the club's bulletin board. This is to show others that we are a great group of people that love sail and have fun.

You can contact me at rearcommodore@cyct.com

Continue to be safe,  
Michael Stanford  
Rear Commodore  
S/V Lycian





# Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma 2020 Race Calendar

<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



They say that summer starts on July 5<sup>th</sup> in the Pacific Northwest, but for those who made the short passage to Quatermaster Harbor for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, we got a jump start as we were treated three glorious sunny days, good times, and amazing fireworks, thanks to the shoreline families around Quatermaster Harbor. La Gitana, Cool Kat, Namaste, La Sirena, Kahuna, Goes to Eleven, Raven, Tern II, and Whisper were all there. Two Lido 14's were also towed out and the harbor was just about perfect for dinghy sailing. Not a bad way at all to start the summer.





## Cruising (continued)



On July 18th we also held our **2nd Cruising Day Sail Rally**. We had fantastic weather, a light and steady breeze, and five boats that participated [La Gitana, Raven, Tatoosh, Kahuna, and Jeopardy] and after four hours all boats finished under sail. Congratulations to Team Kahuna that won the Rally with 63 total points and also won the NAUTICAL JEOPARDY! by going “all in” with their 15 points on Final Jeopardy to take the prize. Team Raven and Team Jeopardy tied for 2nd place with 46 points each over all. Team Raven also walked away with the winning Lady Luck poker hand with a pair of Tens .

CYCT CRUISE RALLY TOTALS

EVENT DATE 7/18/2020

RALLY WINNERS	TEAM	Safety Check	Flag & Burgee	Find Mark 1 & Text Picture	Find Mark 2 & Text Picture	Course Under 4 hrs.	Engine hrs	Wildlife Pics	Nautical Jeopardy	Lady Luck (Poker)	Poker Hand	POINT TOTALS
	Max Score Value:	5	5	5	5	5	5	30+	50	5		120+
1	KAHUNA	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	30	-	Ace high	63
2	JEOPARDY	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	16	-	Pair 4's	46
3	LA GITANA	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	16	-	Queen high	46
4	RAVEN	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	8	5	Pair 10's	43
5	TATOOSH	5	5	0	0				8		?	18

Special thanks again to the Rally Team who helped pull this event off: Greg Sandwick on Race Committee boat, Terri Mann and Dolly Leber, and Chuck Queen who helped in the planning, checking in, and scoring of the event.

So, what's on the next horizon?

### Longbranch Hillbilly Cruise & Barbecue

August 7th through August 9th: Join us at the Longbranch Improvement Club marina, located at the southeast end of Key Peninsula in Filucy Bay, one of the most beautiful and protected anchorages in Puget Sound. Due to a recent injury, this cruise is now non-hosted, so bring your own barbecue fixin's and a side meal to share for the Saturday evening “socially distanced” gathering.

The next Cruising Day-Sail– scheduled for August 27th, 2020 with more details to come. Stay tuned to email or Facebook for details.

Labor Day Weekend Cruise – Hosted by Jen and Tom Tenny ( Theme and details to come).

Don't blink, summer may soon be over and you will have missed it!

Greg Greene

cruising@cyct.com

S/V Whisper

# 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 Tchilla) Co-Hosts: Greg Greene, Eve Engnoth, Rebekah Foelker
May 23-25	Memorial Day	Penrose Point	Clay & Shari Anderson (SV Namaste)
<b>Cancelled</b>			
May 29-31	TYC/CYCT Sail Rally	Wollochet Bay	Co-hosted with Tacoma Yacht Club Jeremy Bush (SV Goes to Eleven)
<b>Cancelled</b>			
June 5-7	Gig Harbor Raft up	Gig Harbor	Brock & Janice VanRavenswaay (SV Tatoosh), & Tim Garchow (SV Odin)
<b>Cancelled</b>			
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 the completion of the Dinghy Dock proposal, submitted to the Board at the end of June, the LRPC has turned it main focus of attention to the finding a new location for our Fall through Spring meetings. It is still very uncertain if/when we will be able to actually have meetings, but in the advent that we can safely do so, the LRPC is working diligently to find a new meeting space. We have narrowed our search down to about eight locations, that will need further qualifying and meeting with the restaurant management.

The next LRPC meeting will be held on-line on Monday, August 3rd at 7 pm (via ZOOM). If you have any interest in joining this committee, please contact me via email.

Greg Greene  
Long Range Planning Committee Chair  
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## Education!

Last month I discussed rules in Part 1 of the RRS. This month we are going to take a look at the management of a race, and the rules governing the start of a race. The race committee is responsible for setting the line, marks and actually running the race. The race committee will announce the course, marks to be rounded, and the side the marks are to be left on. There is an unofficial string rule which states: If you take a string and run it around the marks it should not cross itself, and when pulled taut should pass outside all marks. All though not always true, it is a good way to check if you have the course right.

Try to arrive in the race early enough so you can check the wind, report in to the race committee, and determine the favored end of the line. (end closest to the first mark, or closest to the wind). Know the starting sequence, flags, and horns that the Rc will use during the start. The visual signals (flag) count not the sounds. Plan your start. Almost every time starboard tack boats line up at the starboard end of the line, and often are in danger of "barging". There is no mention of barging in the RRS, but everyone has heard of it. Only one or two boats will get good starts doing this, and others run the risk of being wiped off on the mark or a collision. Instead time your start so you are about 1/3 of the way down the line, with maximum speed at the start. Remember leeward boats have the right of way so try to pick a spot with clear air to leeward. If you are over early (OCS) you have to restart, and while returning to the line you have no rights. Also if you hit the mark you can clear yourself by doing a 360 (one jibe and one tack). While you are jockeying around before the start remember basic rules of the road, and keep a sharp lookout. Before the start you cannot luff a boat above close hauled. There is no proper course before the start. The race committee will "try" to make the first leg of the race windward. As we approach the windward mark a number of special rules come into effect. Around the windward (in fact all marks of the course) is a 3 boat length circle known as the zone. In order to have rights at a mark you have to have established an overlap before entering the zone. (there can be a dispute as to which boats' length is used to determine the zone. For the sake of simplicity use yours. Plan your approach to the mark on starboard so to have rights as you approach the mark. It is possible that a port tack boat will tack to starboard near the mark, and if she is outside the zone she will have inside rights. If the boat tacks within the zone she does not have rights. Make sure if you are in a close rounding situation that you hail the other boat that you are within zone, and the other boat does not have rights. These right continue until your a well clear of the mark.

Ed Pinkham  
Education Chair  
S/V Jeopardy





## News from The Lido Deck

Welcome to the first official report from the CYCT Lido Deck. I am so excited we have a one-design dinghy fleet in Tacoma again! This last Friday (July 24th) evening we had 5 dinghies PLANING around in the Tyee Typhoon. Winds were 10-12 knots with some gusts into the upper teens. These Lidos plane quite nicely in those conditions. Greg Sandwich was there and helped, thanks Greg. It was our first attempt at rekindling “Fun on Fridays”, but the wind was just a bit too strong for our current abilities. If you happen to be around the club, look at the full dinghy dock, I’ve been calling it “The Lido Deck.”

Why the Lido? The Lido 14 dinghy was designed by W. D. “Bill” Schock, owner of the Schock Corporation, in 1958 in Newport Beach, CA. At its inception the boat was not viewed as a one-design racer; at only 14-feet with a 6-foot beam it didn’t look too sporty. It was considered a beamy low-performance centerboard day-sailor that rarely planed or capsized. Yet despite its specifications and appearance, the Lido-14 is very sensitive to sail trim and weight placement. It is quite responsive to the helm and yet seldom dumps it’s crew. All wonderful characteristics for our cold water and fluky winds on Commencement Bay. The Lido is attractive to beginners, juniors, families, and our veteran competitors.

After a team effort to drain the water out of my C-Lark, we sat around the club’s fire pit having a beverage, some appetizers and delivered pizza. Everyone wore their masks in the close quarters on the dock, we sat spaced out (ha-ha pun intended) around the fire and had a very good time. Participants included Greg Greene (singled handed his Lido), Ken and Julie St. John, Deb and Don McAdams in “Green Splash,” and Evie Engnoth and I in “Spots”. Will from Miss Mayhem and Ken Whitney sailed the C-Lark. We need more Lidos!

We are sailing every Friday till the end of August. We start about 5:30-ish. We wear masks while rigging on the dock. We highly encourage folks to come out and sail in our Friday Fun Sails. Our next regatta event, Fun-on-Fridays #2 will be August 14th.

Chuck Queen  
Acting Dinghy Fleet Captain

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# August 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.

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**Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members**

<b>Gary Sandwich</b>	<b>August 1</b>
<b>Ursela Ahrens</b>	<b>August 4</b>
<b>Jen Tenney</b>	<b>August 4</b>
<b>Steve Ryan</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>Mark Anderson</b>	<b>August 7</b>
<b>Michael Standford</b>	<b>August 10</b>
<b>Darla Halverson</b>	<b>August 16</b>
<b>Patty Fuller</b>	<b>August 23</b>
<b>Scott Radford</b>	<b>August 23</b>
<b>Connie Holbrook</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Terry Anderson</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Becky Flannigan</b>	<b>August 26</b>

**Saw it on Facebook**



**Chuck Queen** is with **Deb McAdams** and **4 others** at **Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma.**

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

Welcome back "Fun-on-Fridays"! The Lido Fleet will be attempting to reinvent Fun-on-Friday as a once a month "regatta" for the warmer months of the year.

This Friday (July 24th) on The Lido Deck at 5:30-ish we will make it all happen. Anyone who shows up will get to sail at least one "race". We will be staging people and getting everyone an opportunity to sail.

We call this a "race" however we want to make it clear this is all about learning and coaching each other. Please let me know if you'd like to participate, or just show up and we will accommodate. Please bring a PFD.



**On The Cover:**

**North Pitt Passage**

**By**

**Brianna Ferderer**





### 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](mailto: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

### Messing Around in Boats (a Cautionary Tale)

When we first started sailing ten years ago, my brother in law, a yacht broker, told us, “in small boats when you make a mistake, you get wet, in big boats, you go in circles.”

We began sailing with an El Toro – an eight-foot-long pram. We really didn’t sail it too many times before diving into a Cal 21 with a swing keel. Therefore, we didn’t have many chances to get wet. In fact, the only time it did roll over was in Coffin-berry Lake at Fort Steven’s state park out of Astoria, Oregon. Eldest son Aaron was sailing the boat while I watched from a dock. Suddenly, a wind gust hit him and over he went. A devoted father, I kicked off my shoes, whipped off my shirt and dove into the water (I was ten years younger.) Quickly, ok slowly, I swam out to him and said “Aaron! I can stand up.” Aaron is my shorter son. He towers over me by five inches.

Aaron righted the boat and we quickly realized that, while it floated, the gunwales were under water and there was no way you could bail it out. We weren’t sailing seriously in that boat until we added flotation which we never got around to doing.

Fast forward to now. We own and live on a 52 footer. To sail we want a good amount of wind and a fair way to go. Mostly it’s jib only as the mainsail is ginormous! When folks in the club started talking about creating a small boat fleet, I was in. I wanted to sail. The fact that it was going to be a Lido fleet was even better. I’d sailed on the McAdam’s Lido 14 and was impressed on how four people could fit (snuggly) and sail such a small package.

There are lots of Lidos about but a fair amount of buyers as well. I put an ad in Craigslist looking to buy and a few days later the lovely and gracious Mrs. St. John and I were headed into the hills above Sequim to buy our own Lido 14. She wasn’t much to look at but everything was there and the price was right. I handed over \$500 and without a single working light on the trailer we drove the two plus hours home to the marina. It was Friday evening and the challenge was how to get the boat in the water and to the marina and get the trailer to my plant in Sumner before the three-day trip permit expired on the trailer.

Enter Billy, my salty, fellow live aboard. Billy has a membership and boat launch privilege at the Browns Point Improvement Club. Sure, Billy would help me launch, so we hitched up the trailer (now with working lights) and off we went.

Launching went off without a hitch and soon I was sailing the couple of miles to the marina. Heck, I was almost there I thought! But, the wind seemed to be slacking and I headed away from shore to the stronger breeze. And it happened. A gust hit me and I, I did the wrong thing. Something I knew better than to do. I turned away from the wind. I realized my mistake but too late. The gunwale was under the water and I was going over.

Now I am pretty good at getting into a jam, but when I do, my mind suddenly thinks very clearly. First – I don’t want to get tangled in all of this so I made sure I was clear. As the boat rolled over on top of me I looked around for a survey – cell phone, there she goes; VHF, nope, going to; wallet, grab it and shove it deep into my pocket and get out.

Popping up beside the boat (I had a good PFD on) I looked at the nice, round hull and thought :that’s why you lock the centerboard down – there’s nothing to grab.” Still, I could get enough grip in the slot to climb on top and get my bearings. Shore – probably a half mile off. Maybe I could swim it but I knew better. Two sailboats coming in from the mouth of the bay and one starting to furl its sail – a good sign. Time to do something.

Reaching under the edge of the boat I found a jib sheet. I knew it ran through a guide and would only go so far so I pulled it free, stood up on the overturned hull and leaned back. And I waited. And I leaned back. And I leaned back more. It was coming around. As the sail started to break free I looked at the centerboard slot and thought “ankle guillotine”. I did quick mental calculations regarding it’s weight and what would happen when the board swung down and wacked me. Turned up it held its retracted position until the boat was upright and I had a new concern. The sails are up and this boat is going to want to sail.

Hold On! And hold on I did. I worked my way to the transom and untied the bowline holding the clew of the mainsail.

Now, how to get back in a half-swamped boat? It was just now I realized that the water was cold and that that could be a problem. It was also now that I knew for sure that one of those two boats was headed my way. I’d thought about this re-entry problem before and had a plan. Tie a loot in that same sheet and put my foot in it. There was no need to go to that step as Les Chevaux Blancs came up with me in their lee.

I was saved.

I was able to use their swim ladder to climb aboard the dinghy, pass them the painter, and start the slow tow into Tyee. It was only now I took inventory. Phone, gone. VHF, gone. Glasses, gone. Car keys, gone. Favorite ball cap, gone. Giant tube to wrap sail around, gone. Jib, torn in the rescue. Dignity, gone. Life, in tact.

I can’t thank the guys in Les Chevaux Blancs enough. They towed me right into the dingy dock. Even better, the following boat (I didn’t get the name) had fished out my keys (they are on a floater) and my ball cap and brought them to me.

The L and G Mrs. S chastised me for not calling before I got in. I’d largely dried out by now. I said – “I don’t have my phone.” “Why?” she asked. “Read the story in the mainsheet” I thought.

## SHOVING OFF

(Continued))

It took some time bailing and pumping out water before I could lift the dinghy onto the dock. The sail would get boxed up and sent to Seattle for repair. Later I found I was missing a hearing aid as well. Strangely though, eight 2" long bolts, nuts and washers loose in the little tray survived.

And so did I.

In small boats when you make a mistake, you get wet!

Ken St. John  
S/V La Sirena

