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## Commodore



## Vice Commodore

We are in the midst of Election season this month. CYCT ballots are in the mail as I write this. Please check your mailboxes. If you haven't received a ballot, send an email to [vicecommodore@cyct.com](mailto:vicecommodore@cyct.com) All ballots must be post marked by November 9 in order to be counted. The Nominating Committee Chair, Ed Pinkham will be collecting the ballots, and will have selected three (3) members to count the ballots and tally the results. Nominations/voting for Perpetual Trophies will also take place at the meeting. Those of you who have trophies are asked to return them to the clubhouse ASAP. New recipients names will need to be sent to the engraver.



The newly formed Bylaws Committee has already met twice. They are currently working on updating the duties and responsibilities of the Board positions. Each Board Chair was asked to submit to John Coyne, the Chair of the Bylaws Committee, what they are currently doing in that position vs what is currently written in the bylaws, and what kinds of changes, if any, they would like to include. The process of studying the bylaws, the intent at the time they were written, and making them relevant in today's world will be a lengthy process. Once presented to the Board for consideration, there will be discussions, any changes or clarifications may be made before presenting to the General Membership for a final vote.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the November 9 General Meeting via Zoom. A link will be sent out as usual to everyone's email.

Thank you,  
Angie Morales  
Commodore  
S/V LA GITANA

Vote! Vote for your open club positions, and send back those wonderful ballots you just received! I just got mine today (10/22). If you didn't get it, let us know your updated address. You can email me directly at [vicecommodore@cyct.com](mailto:vicecommodore@cyct.com). Your vote is important, but also having your most recent address is important so we can keep you up to date! You have until November 9th to get your ballot post-marked and sent back. We paid the postage on the ballot this year, so just do it early and put it in your outgoing mail!



Are you interested in supporting the club you are a part of? We have a couple of open appointed positions that are coming up as well! These are really positions that are filled by people who want to support their club with their talents, and a little of their spare time.

We have the following openings:

**Crew Coordinator** - Help get people on boats! Coordinate events for the crew in the club (one of which was the crew mixer that occurs around the time of the Mountaineer's Sailing course), and help the club provide valuable insight for what we can provide for our crew members.

**Club Merchandise** - Help us find a new way to get our members personalized club merchandise. There is a lot of great new technology out there, and we need to find a way to take advantage of it. We all love club merch, so help us get the word out for the club we support.

**Publicity/Social Media** - Do you enjoy facebook, twitter, instagram, the internets? No? Still not a big deal, but it's great if you do! We need someone to be our forward thinking publicising guru. At one point, the Tacoma News Tribune used to post the race results in the newspaper. Is that valuable now? Maybe, maybe not. But thinking of new ways to get the sport of sailing out to the community is a necessary part of our club function. Our goal should be the continued growth of the sport, and we need someone in this position who is energized and excited to get our club and sport out to the masses.

Those are a few of the positions we have open for next year. I would love to get them filled with willing and energized participants! If you have any desire to serve in any of those positions, please let me know.

Oh, and don't forget to bring back your perpetual trophies! Contact me or bring them back to the clubhouse. [vicecommodore@cyct.com](mailto:vicecommodore@cyct.com)

Jeremy Bush  
Vice Commodore  
R/V Goes to Eleven



# Rear Commodore



I guess you have noticed the nights are getting longer and the days are much cooler. The leaves on the trees have made their turn and blowing with the wind. We are still getting out there on the water and sailing. Dress up layer up for the cooler weather. See you out there. Oh so much fun.

Guess who bought a Lido 14 sailboat, well if you guessed me you would be correct. It is in pretty good shape, but never the less will need some work before getting her on the water. So looking forward to sailing on the water with her. One important note is that normally a vessel that is under 16 feet in length, does not need to be registered unless you are navigating in federal waters. I believe where we are is federal waters The clubhouse is doing great. It is not self cleaning, so YOU must be doing a great job in helping keep it clean. Thanks!

Come on down to the marina, let's get you on a sailing vessel, one of the Lido 14's, or even of the bigger sailing yachts. It will be fun no matter the wind.

Michael Stanford  
Rear Commodore  
S/V Lycian

## 2020 CYCT Officers & Board Members

### FLAG OFFICERS

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

### BOARD POSITIONS

Secretary: Vacant  
Treasurer: Bill Jenks  
Membership Chair: Adrian DeLuna  
Fleet Captain-Cruising: Greg Greene  
Fleet Captain-Racing: Melissa Davies  
Past Commodore: Janice VanRavenswaay  
Crew Coordinator: Eve Engnoth  
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Club Merchandise: Brock Van-Ravenswaay & Debbie Kimball  
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Publicity: Vacant  
Trophies: Steve Wagner  
Education: Ed Pinkham  
Social: Jennifer Ihlen & Debbie Kimball  
Historian: Matt Thomas  
Long Range Planning: Greg Greene

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Vacant  
PHRF Director: Vacant  
PIYA Rep: Eric Nelson

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## Racing

Hello Racing Fans. Not much has happened since the last Point Series race on September 26th. We had 12 boats compete on Saturday. Chuck Queen and Greg Greene on RC ran two courses (PHRF 2/Challenger and PHRF 1). It was sporty with winds gusting to 25 knot gusts. It was great to see boats out we haven't seen in awhile (Constellation, Blue Max and Solitaire). It was a fun race for all! Even those of us who broached and/or broke stuff. The two courses seemed to popular with the bigger/faster boats getting to stretch their waterlines and the smaller/half-fast boats having race length that is more suitable to the elapse-times. Congratulations to Strider, Miss Mayhem and Constellation for winning their respective fleets.

This past weekend we were scheduled for Point Series #3. With winds piping up and beyond 30+ knots, most boats didn't leave Commencement Bay. Safety and knowing where enough to keep most boats ashore. No racing happened. I did hear about GraceE taking cold-green water over the bow just outside the Foss Waterway.

Next up is the final in the Points Series, November 7th with a 1000 hours start and 6 hour time limit. Expect a interesting and exciting course to close out the CYCT season. Start area is Dumas Bay.

Please take notice that if you plan on sailing Le Mans over in Gig Harbor the date is November 14 with the following Rule Modification / Crew Stays on Deck. Normally at the 5 minute horn all crews would be below deck. However, with all of us avoiding close quarters and trying to maintain distance the crew members will remain on deck this year It is just a couple weeks to race day. Remember to have just ONE person from the crew stop by Jeresich Park to get the fleet list/start group and course info the morning of the race - 0845 to 0915.

Finally, we do have two more Lido Frostbite regattas. These are sailed on Sunday afternoons, November 8th and December 13th at noon on the CYCT Lido Deck.

Chuck Queen  
Acting RC Helper  
s/v Pickle Lido#4226  
s/v Sunshine Thistle#3519



# 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
7/21/2020	Summer Series #5
7/25/2020	Three Hour Tour #2
7/29/2020	Late Summer Series #1
7/31/2020	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



**Reminder 2019 Perpetual Trophy Recipients:**

Please return your trophies to the CYCT clubhouse before November 30, 2020.  
The new recipients' names will need to be sent to the engraver and mounted on the trophies

**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



# Cruising



November Cruise to Gig Harbor has been cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns.



## Education!

The CYCT annual elections are underway. Ballots have been mailed to all members. We won't be having an in-person meeting in November, but be sure to sign-on to the virtual Zoom meeting (November 9th.) We will also be voting on our perpetual trophies. So log- on Zoom and attend our meeting.

It has gotten cold and grey - summer is gone. I am thinking a project for the winter would be a good idea. Sailing is our passion, and with the "big boats" away for the winter, just maybe there is a way to keep sailing without getting cold and wet or at least not getting salt water in the face. There is! It is radio controlled (RC) sail boats. A few years ago members bought 6 T-37's. kits to build and sail. The kits was a little difficult to build, and only 4 were completed.(I have 3 of them). There are active fleets of T-37's in the Seattle area, but their racing schedules have been curtailed due to COVID 19.

The American Model Yacht Association (AMYA) recognizes 34 classes of RC sailboats. In the past 3 years, two classes have come to the forefront of the AMYA. The Dragon Flite 95, which in a little over 3 years has become the second largest class in the AMYA. The DF 95 is 950 mm long, and is definitely a high tech boat.. She comes almost ready to sail with electronics already installed and a transmitter. She takes a little time to rig her, but that can be part of the fun. The DF 65 is the little sister of the DF 95, and comes equipped like the DF 95. The DF 95 sells for about \$400. The DF65 costs about \$200.00. If you are interested please contact me.I have a DF 95 so you can a close up look and maybe a sail. Check out the AMYA at the [amya.org](http://amya.org).

Ed Pinkham



## Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)

Next meeting will be November 23, 2020.

**HOME BOAT REPAIR RULE #1:**  
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# News from The Lido Deck



If you missed it, You missed it! With 5 - 15 knot gusty and shifty NE winds and perfect blue skies, we sailed our second regatta south of Tyee. We had 6 boats on the water with full crews. Clay Anderson and Adelaide Mikkeltorg provided RC activities. And thank you Brock VanRavenswaay for rescue boat services.

The higher gust made for some fun down wind sailing. Erik Mikkeltorg and I finished one race planing across the finish line with the jib poled out. Guest sailor-coach Georgia Lomax sailed with Evie Engnoth won the first race. Myself and Erik grabbed the second. Sometime during this second race the wind piped right up and we made some great speed runs. One boat depth checked the race course and found the water was deeper than the length of the mast.

Afterwards Greg Greene (after changing clothes ) served some fine Chili with Fritos and fixings. We spent some time debriefing racing and discussing safety. Georgia suggested we come up with a boat-righting protocol and practice it. Angie Morales suggested we put this and other helpful items on our section of the club's webpage. Our next event is Sunday, November 8th.

For those of you who haven't seen our Facebook posts, we now have 10 Lidos in the club. Rear Commodore Mike Stanford purchased a beauty that has been sleeping in a garage for a while. Welcome Mike! With current dock space full at 6 boats, finding more space is the fleet's #1 priority. We have also applied for official fleet recognition with the National Organization. Sometime in the next month we will become Lido Fleet #82. Don McAdams and Erik are training to become official Lido Measurers.

Last item is the Fleet's Facebook Page. Search for "Friday Night Lidos" and request joining. You don't have to be a Lido owner to join. It's for everyone interested in sailing with the Lido fleet and keeping current with the activities.

Chuck Queen  
Acting Fleet Coordinator







# 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/>

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# Calendar

Due to COVID-19 Safe Start Measures, the calendar is in flux.

Please check CYCT Facebook page

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

OR

Events Calendar on CYCT Website

<https://cyct.com/>

for calendar/event updates.

**Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members**

<b>Peggy Salz</b>	<b>November 6</b>
<b>Arlene Harris</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Rebecca Anderson</b>	<b>November 14</b>
<b>Ken Fine</b>	<b>November 19</b>
<b>Janet Wenderoth</b>	<b>November 29</b>

**Sunshine**



I sent cards to Laura Crews congratulating her on her retirement. Also to Valerie and George McKay on their ongoing care of her dad as well as for the death of her cousin. To Denny Flannigan for knee surgery and to Melissa Davies for a car accident. And to Clay and Shari Anderson congratulations on their new boat!!!

If you know of anyone in need of a card please let me know. Call or text me at 253-640-7429 and leave a message if you're not in my phone contacts, or email me at ddmac22@msn.com

Deb McAdams  
Sunshine Chair  
S/V Red Splash

**On The Cover**

**Photo By: Julie St John**




Fall Evening

## Saw it on Facebook

**Joey Soller**  
October 14 at 9:47 PM

Here's a shot you all may enjoy. 🌊 It's from one of my real estate photographers, Bob Noble. 🌊



👍👍👍 Gary Ballentine, Angie Morales and 14 others 6 Comments

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**Julie St John** 🌊  
Love it ! 🌊 1

Like Reply To

**Deb McAdams**  
Where many of my dear friends hang out. 🌊 2

Like Reply To

**Cindy Craig**  
We look practically tropical! 🌊 1

Like Reply All Edited



### 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

### Smoke Gets in Your Eyes

Was this fog or was this smoke from the fires? Yesterday, strolling the grounds at Roche Harbor, there was the definite smell of fire in the air and the sun was a diffused, orange glow. Still, visibility wasn't too bad later that afternoon when we rounded the corner into Garrison Bay, our stop for the night. The bay was as crowded as I had ever seen it, still, the combination of a relatively shallow draft and really good ground tackle had allowed us a nice spot with an excellent view of English Camp.

But that was last night, and this was morning, and smoke or fog, it didn't matter because either way, I could hardly see a thing. Yes, visibility was one, two hundred feet at best and we had to get our daughter to a ferry. The community of Orcas was our best bet to catch a ferry at the right time but that meant tackling two of the San Juan Island's trickiest passes, Mosquito and Wasp. Luckily, looking at the red dots on the radar, most of the boats in Garrison Bay had already left. With a constant rotation of look at the radar and AIS, look at the chart, and look out the window, and Mrs. S look over my shoulders, we crawled our way out to Spieden Channel.

We made our way to the ferry terminal with time to spare and even piloted Pole Pass after dropping our daughter off for the tough pass trifecta. The new radar is amazing. It even picked up a group of kayaks rafted up midway between San Juan and Orcas Island. Ten years of travelling these waters didn't hurt either.

It might have been smart to just hole up somewhere. We're always told that cruising with a deadline is a bad idea. Still, when you have only two weeks' vacation and you're a hundred plus miles from home you sometimes don't have that luxury. The season was changing and "Fogust" had turned into, uh, "Septemgust"? The first week of our September vacation had been beautiful, sunny, even shirtsleeve weather. The second week, smoke and fog, fog and smoke. Toss is a bit of rain. More than once on open water we had had to come to a stop and sound our horn while a tiny red dot turned into a small open boat passing a few hundred feet ahead.

Yes, the season was changing. The diesel heater we had installed last spring but not used much was being used every evening on this second week of vacation. We'd caught out last crab of the year in Garrison Bay and the trap, line and marker were neatly bundled on the back deck. When we returned home the trap along with the stern anchor and rode that we carry on vacation would all go back into storage.

There are other rituals that come with the season's change. A few weekends ago, I hoisted the dinghy up onto the foredeck where it winters, upside down, over Rylie's hatch. It used to serve a dual purpose stopping the hatch from dripping onto her berth. The seal has been replaced and the leak stopped but it's still the best place to winter the tender.

That same Saturday I filled a bucket with fresh water and ran the outboard for a good ten minutes to flush out the salt. I still need to add some treatment to the outboard's fuel tank. The diesel day tank had been topped up in Des Moines to the tune of a few hundred dollars. Some anti-seize on the threads of the outboard's clamp screws would be a good idea. Every spring it takes a wrench to get the screws loose and the motor off of the rail. On second thought, it is a good theft deterrent!

I do enjoy the articles in the sailing rags about winterizing your boat, but they aren't for us! We don't drain anything. We live here! I can't drain the water or fill the lines with anti-freeze. Actually, pretty soon I need to fill the forward water tank. We have two and the each hold about 158 gallons of fresh water. Typically, we use the rear, which will last a week, and keep the forward tank empty. That's almost 1,300 pounds we're talking about. With winter though, there is a good chance that the marina will shut off water for a week or two. Then we go into "conservation mode." Flush when you have to. Shower in the marina bathroom. Be mindful washing dishes. We've yet to run dry.



Our winterizing includes:

Letting the air out of Rylie's pool and packing it away

Snapping and zipping down all of the canvas except for the one entry (and doing that entry as well when the wind shifts)

Wrapping my wood kayak in a tarp to hold the UV rays at bay

Putting up the "seal gate" – a pair of fenders strung across the swim step to discourage guests

I love the seasons, but I guess that gel coat repair will have to wait for warmer weather to finish. How long until summer?

Ken St. John  
S/V La Sirena

Shirt sleeve weather on Sucia



Red sun on San Juan Island



The gel coat will have to wait

