



# Mainsheet

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## Commodore

I hope this Mainsheet finds you in a relaxing place, with calm waters and fair winds. I can't believe we are looking at the beginning of August already! The summer (what little we have had) has been flying by a little too fast for me.



## Vice Commodore

This month I'm bringing back an article from last July as I have had a couple unexpected family issues happen. All is good and under control. So, if summer would ever get here I would be most happy. As we get ready to cruise our waters have you a ditch bag? If you do, great. If not, here are a few valuable suggestions.



The Fourth of July cruise was a great success! We have close to 15 boats in a star raft up (which is challenging for a boat that refuses to back up straight!!). The center ring made for some fun entertainment as a few members started a paddle board battle! There was great food, conversations and the best seat if the house for fireworks! A big thank you to the Holbrooks and the Walkers for hosting such a great event.

We will have our last summer meeting this month at Tyee, then back to Johnny's in Fife for the September meeting. As we wind down the year, we continue to recruit new members to lead our little group. We are still seeking Race Committee, Rear Commodore, and Mainsheet editor. If you are interested in any way please seek out a current board member.

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A ditch bag contains key items needed to summon help and survive in a life raft or in the water while waiting for rescue to arrive. It must be kept in an accessible location on board. Be sure your guests know where it is.

The ditch bag is not limited to off shore cruisers. Coastal cruisers should be prepared also. The things to consider for a ditch bag are well, the bag itself. It should be waterproof. There are commercially available bags that are specifically designed for a ditch situation. Make sure it floats. Look for foam buoyancy panels sewn into the sides of the bag. When the bag is loaded with the necessary gear it should not sink. Water resistance: although the bag doesn't need to be waterproof, the water should not enter easily. I would put the items into plastic zip bags and if your bag doesn't float you can cut floatable noo-

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### 2019 CYCT Officers & Board Members

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## Rear Commodore

Wow, summer is cruising by! I can't believe we are already through July! The club had an awesome time out in Quarter-master Harbor over the 4th of July in a really fun star raft-up. Being the smallest boat there made for an interesting time squeezing between Odin and La Gitana. Luckily the only bad part was the insane amount of footprints on the new boat! It needed a bath anyways. The only major issue was when my outboard cracked a head when we were about to leave. At least there was enough wind to sail back!

Goes to Eleven has also been out racing and cruising, and it has been going great so far! It has enough room for a pretty comfy v-berth with cushions that have probably never been used, a built-in head with plumbing - although it took some work to figure out how this style of head worked...and some breaking...and some more repairs - but it's been great! I have updated the lighting, cleaned and polished the hull, put some anti-fouling wax on so we can leave it in the water for a week and not have large amounts of growth, had to buy a new outboard, and the list goes on. Once I get the lift figured out, it should be a breeze to haul in and out (I hope).



We also took the new boat with 6 people and all of our gear to Blake Island for the weekend. This boat doesn't like that much weight though. We still did manage to make it over 6 knots coming south through Colvos (against the tide) with a decent breeze, but I could definitely feel the weight, not to mention the towed dinghy. But all-in-all, I am incredibly excited to keep learning this boat and using it not only for racing, but getting out for short weekend trips. It is much easier to get in the dinghy with an open transom as well!

We have also seen Asylum out sailing around, and decided to swing by to say hello. This photo is the new owner sailing Asylum with us in the background. We kept passing them and then coming back, and when the new owners - Paul and Mari - sent the photos, Paul said, "Weird how your boat seems to be behind ours in all three of these pictures ...". It doesn't sound like he is competitive at all. I'm hoping he will make it out to race Asylum soon as well!

Jeremy Bush  
Rear Commodore  
R/V Goes to Eleven  
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## Commodore (continued)

Don't forget the annual CYCT picnic will take place on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse. The theme will be "Margaritaville." Come enjoy an afternoon with friends and fun!

Janice VanRavenswaay  
Commodore  
S/V Tatoosh  
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## Vice Commodore (continued)

dles and stuff them into the bag. . Visibility: the bag should be an easy to see color especially at night. Some ditch bags include reflective tape sewed on to them. You can also purchase the tape and sew it on your bag too if yours doesn't have it. Inner pockets and dividers must be organized and easy to see. Carry straps and tethers which enables you to secure the bag to yourself. Adequate size: the bag should be large enough for gear, food and water for you and guests. The ditch bag should include several ways to contact help like EPIRB, a waterproof VHF with built-in GPS, flares and orange smoke day flares, a first aid kit, knife, and a Mylar rescue blanket to name a few.

I realize every ditch bag contents may contain many more items. The internet is a great source for finding what will work in your bag. So before leaving the dock, have your ditch bag ready to go in case you must go.

Angie Morales  
Vice Commodore  
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## Racing

August is our busy month with plenty of things going on.... by the writing of this, we have already have had the last of the Three Hour Tour and our first Wednesday of the month. In addition to Wednesdays, The Vashon Challenge Single/ Double hand race is coming up on August 17th and our ever so popular Awards Race on August 31st to close out the year of summer sailing

We have been trying a number of things over the past few weeks to see how to make changes for next year. Some have been successful, others not so much, but we keep trying to improve the racing. I want to thank our past volunteers that have helped Greg, Cyndi, and I on race days.

The feedback we continually get from the volunteers is how easy it is to help and how interesting it is to see the races from a different angle.... So, please, volunteer when you can.

Sorry for the slow results, again.... we will continue to work towards a more timely posting....

I am preparing the race schedule for next year, so if anyone has any suggestions, get them to me soon. Also, the Club will be looking for a new Race Chair going into 2020, so if interested, let me know and I can tell you all of the ins and outs.

I want to remind everyone that the rules are there for a reason - to keep boats safe and crews safe. The rules apply to all, all of the time. Avoiding commercial traffic is not an option, it is a requirement, so do your part for the racing community and be observant and courteous on the water. If racers cannot do this, then the Race Committee may be placed in a situation where racers may not be allowed to participate.

So as summer comes to an end, remember we still have (5) races in September, October, and November, including the single handed race.

Please try to get out for these races, typically, the weather is still pretty good and the races are a bit longer... Extend that boating season as far as you can...

See you on the course.

Also...

Wineseekers Cruise October 25-26-27

Arrive in Wenatchee Friday, 10/25.

Saturday, 10/26 - After breakfast, drive up to Chelan We have three wineries set up.... Karma, Tsillan, and Rocky Peak. Dinner in Chelan and drive back to Wenatchee Sunday, hit two more in Leavenworth before heading home....

Hotel accommodations are coming - Looking at \$169/night with breakfast, indoor pool, parking. and hot tub..... Wife and I stayed there earlier this year, the place is pretty nice for a Best Western

Needing to get a headcount by September 15th.....

Eric Nelson  
Race Committee Chair  
R/V Gardyloo



# Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma Tentative 2019 Race Calendar

Saturday	1/19/19	Quartermaster Harbor - Harbor Series #1
Saturday	2/2/19	Pt Ruston - Harbor Series #2
Saturday	2/23/19	Zenith Harbor - Harbor Series #3
Saturday	4/6/19	Spring Single / Double Handed Race
Sunday	4/7/18	CYCT Race Seminar
Wednesday	4/10/19	Spring Series #1
Wednesday	4/17/19	Spring Series ##2
Wednesday	4/24/19	Spring Series #3
Wednesday	5/1/19	Spring Series #4
Wednesday	5/8/19	Spring Series #5
Wednesday	5/15/19	Late Spring Series #1
Sat/Sun	<del>5/18/19 - 5/19/2019</del>	<del>CYCT RACE WEEKEND (2 DAYS) CANCELLED</del>
Wednesday	5/22/19	Late Spring Series #2
Wednesday	5/29/19	Late Spring Series #3
Wednesday	6/5/19	Late Spring Series #4
Wednesday	6/12/19	Late Spring Series #5
Wednesday	6/19/19	Summer Series #1
Saturday	6/22/19	Manzanita Margarita - Three Hr Tour #1
Wednesday	6/26/19	Summer Series #2
Wednesday	7/10/19	Summer Series #3
Saturday	7/13/19	Ruston Classic - Three Hr Tour #2
Wednesday	7/17/19	Summer Series #4
Wednesday	7/24/19	Summer Series #5
Wednesday	7/31/19	Late Summer Series #1
Saturday	8/3/19	RC Delight - Three Hr Tour #3
Wednesday	8/7/19	Late Summer Series #2
Wednesday	8/14/19	Late Summer Series #3
Saturday	8/17/19	Vashon Challenge
Wednesday	8/21/19	Late Summer Series #4
Wednesday	8/28/19	Late Summer Series #5
Saturday	8/31/19	CYCT Awards Race - Stand Alone
Saturday	9/21/19	Point Robinson - Point Series #1
Saturday	10/5/19	Point Defiance - Point Series #2
Saturday	10/12/19	Memorial Single Hand
Saturday	10/19/19	Pt. Piner - Point Series #3
Saturday	11/2/19	Browns Point - Point Series #4



## Cruising

### Summer Doldrums

It may seem counter intuitive but club cruising takes a break in the summer when many of us are cruising on our own or with friends, and taking off to events like Race Week or the PNW Cruisers Rally. I'm hoping that you all have a great time. Julie, Rylie and I take off for our annual cruise to the islands in mid-September.

But cruising is far from over!

We have three more events on the calendar; the end of summer cruise, the Wine Seekers cruise, and the Gig Harbor/Le Mans cruise.

One thing that is not on the calendar, but deserves some consideration is the annual "Un Cruise" where we all stand around and freeze our butts of waiting for the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. I'd like to hear from you. Do you want to do this?

Whatever happens, the end of the year ends our stint as cruise chairs. Julie and I have been continually involved in club leadership for the past nine years and we need a bit of a break. That doesn't mean that you do! This club has survived, even thrived, for many years due to the involvement of many, but never enough. Please consider stepping forward and asking to help. Don't wait to be asked!

For cruising, it isn't too soon to think about next year and where you'd like to go. If you want a cruise to a marina, plan and reserve early. Julie and I are here to help.

We'll see you at the club picnic and as always, **check Facebook for details**

Happy Cruising

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Cruising Fleet Captains  
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S/V La Sirena



## CYCT 2019 Cruising Schedule

Date	Cruise/Theme	Host	Location
March 9-10	Cars, Boats & Trains	St. Johns	Dock St. Marina
April 13-14	Daffodil Marine Parade	TYC	Tacoma Yacht Club
May 3-5	Opening Day	SYC	Seattle Yacht Club
May 25-27	Memorial Day	McAdams / St. John	Penrose Raft-up
June 15-16	Father's Day	Tenneys	TBA
July 4th (Thurs)	Independence Day	Kimballs	Quartermaster?
September 28-29	End of Summer	Jeanks/Craig	TBA
October 25-27	Wineseekers	Nelsons	Wenatchee
November 16-17	Fall Cruise? LeMans?	Ballentines	Gig Harbor, Arabellas



**GENE BROWN****You'll know him by his smile.**

By Matt Thomas

CYCT Historian

You've probably seen Gene Brown out on the race course, sailing Mystic or crewing on Windsong. He's usually smiling.

Gene has been sailing Windseeker races since 1991 and has also participated in several long races as well. Along the way, Gene and his wife, Louise, served as CYCT Social Chairs and Gene served as Commodore.

**Louise**

Gene's wife, Louise, was his sailing companion. When they met, neither of them had ever sailed much before. Yet, together, they raced many long races. They raced Swiftsure several times. And, they did the Pacific Cup twice, in 1998 and 2000, sailing it in their Islander 40, Mystic.

On the way down to San Francisco for the first Pacific Cup race, they were caught in a fierce storm off of Cape Mendocino. They put up a storm jib and reefed the main. They considered taking down the main but decided that it would be too hard to do. The storm lasted eight hours. Gene and Louise took turns at the helm, steering until they could no longer stay awake. By the time the storm ended, they were both exhausted. The storm had torn the main sail but they were able to repair it before the start of the Pacific Cup.

The Pacific Cup race itself also was trying; it was just the two of them. They tore three spinnakers during squalls. They were leading their class on the 8<sup>th</sup> day when they tore their last spinnaker.

The Hawaiian Islands were a welcome sight when they finally came into view. When Gene and Louise arrived, it was dark so they expected no one would be up. But, there was a whole crowd of friends waiting. Gene and Louise had finished the race in 12 ½ days and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in their class.



Two years later they raced the Pacific Cup again with a full crew. But, it was not nearly as good because they got caught in the doldrums and ran out of wind.

Later, Gene and Louise would sail their boat to Mexico for long stays and come home to Washington during the summer.

**Service to the CYCT**

After Gene and Louise married in 1993, their first job in the CYCT was as Social Chairs. They planned fun outings like roller skating, bowling, and a Halloween party. There was also a crab feed at Dockton and a salmon bake in Quarter-master.

Gene was Commodore in 2000. Gene remembered the main issue that year was whether or not to build a clubhouse similar to TYC's. Gene was opposed to

the idea.

**Racing in the 90s**

At the time Gene started racing in 1991, the Windseeker races were casual. Gene explained that the start line was between the Tye log-boom and the barges. One of the racers would call out the racecourse. The course was set around fixed buoys and there was no race committee boat.

Gene said the only rule was "Don't hit anyone." There were no protests. Gene recalls that sailors did not take advantage of the rules. They were courteous and demonstrated good sportsmanship. This certainly describes Gene on the race course. The sailor who smiles.

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# August 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 RC Delight 3 hour Tour #3
4	5	6	7 Late Summer Series #2	8	9	10
11	12 General Meeting (Tye)	13	14 Late Summer Series #3	15	16	17 Vashon Challenge
18	19	20	21 Late Summer Series #4	22	23	24
25	26 Board Meeting	27	28 Late Summer Series #5	29	30	31 CYCT Awards Race

# September 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 General Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Pt Robinson Point Series #1
22	23 Board Meeting	24	25	26	27	28 End of Summer Cruise (TBD)
29 End of Summer Cruise (TBD)	30					

## CYCT General Meeting Minutes 2019

Month: July

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Our Commodore, Janice Vanravenswaay. Guests- Rebecca Foelker from the Mountaineers sailing class and Joe McCue from Dash potential new crewmembers.

Minutes approved buy Deb McAdams and Gene Brown.

Shining Light Award: Nominees- Christine Nelson nominated

### Reports

\_\_\_ Vice Commodore: Angie Morales- November is coming- We need nominees for the new board positions for 2020.

\_\_\_ Rear Commodore: Jeremy Bush- Fire extinguishers have been ordered.

\_\_\_ Past Commodore: Don Kimball- 4<sup>th</sup> of July raft up 21 boats came, many thanks from Don and Deb Kimball for all the help from the Holbrooks, Walkers, St John's and Christine Nelson and Paul Grove. They are fining La Gitana for breaking curfew and assorted noise violations. Lol

\_\_\_ Treasurer: Bill Jenks- not present, no report

\_\_\_ Secretary: Jen Tenney – not present, Deb McAdams subbing, no report

\_\_\_ Membership Chair: Adrian De Luna- 2 new crew members, Joe McCue and Rebecca Foelker were both inducted tonight.

\_\_\_ Fleet Captain Cruising: Ken and Julie St John: Gig Harbor cruise went well, except for the boats that moored on the hard at the dock. Next cruise is in September, the End of Summer Cruise. More information is coming.

\_\_\_ Fleet Captain Racing: Eric Nelson- working on results getting on line. Maybe will also post on the Facebook page.

\_\_\_ Education: Penny Shen – not present, no report

\_\_\_ Social: Jennifer Ihlen- Summer Picnic, Party Saturday, August 10, 1 pm until ??? Burgers, dogs and Margaritas provided at the CYCT Clubhouse. Margaritaville theme, Dress like Jimmy Buffet and bring sides to go with all of the above.

\_\_\_ Club Merchandise: Debbie Kimball and Brock Vanravenswaay- no report

\_\_\_ Mainsheet: John Coyne- not present, no report

\_\_\_ Sunshine: Deb McAdams- Cards were sent to Joy Ballentine on the loss of her mother, to Angie Littleton for her broken clavicle, to Tom O'Hara on the loss of his beloved Vaneva, to Jen Tenney for her dad's heart attack and her uncle being in hospice and also congratulations to Angie and Rich Morales on the birth of their new grandson.

\_\_\_ Webmaster: Jen Tenney- out of town for family emergency



\_\_\_Historian- Matt Thomas-

\_\_\_ Long Range Planning: Michael Stanford-

\_\_\_ Floating Assets:

\_\_\_Publicity: Cindy Craig-

\_\_\_Women's Sailing:

\_\_\_Trophies: Steve Wagner- no report

\_\_\_ Racing Protests: Eric Nelson- no report

\_\_\_ PHRF Director: Eric Nelson— no report

\_\_\_ PHRF Handicapper: Tom Tenney- no report

\_\_\_NW Boating Council: no report

\_\_\_ Commodore's Report: Janice Vanravenswaay- We will need new nominees for Rear Commodore, Secretary, Cruising, Racing, Webmaster, and Mainsheet. There may be more. Consider volunteering to make our club a great place to be.

Great time at the Sail Ahead, many CYCT boats participated and all had a great time. The Ranger Regatta coming is up. It is more a raft up in Quartermaster Harbor, Aug 24 for rangers who are about to be deployed and their families. Consider volunteering your boat.

We would like to have a memorial plaque to commemorate our lost members through the years.

\_\_\_Old Business— none

\_\_\_ New Business—Michelle Miles brought up idea to get more and younger people involved via a business center she goes to that attracts young business people who are interested in getting out and having fun and perhaps investing some money in a sailing club?

Motion to adjourn was made by Deb McAdams and seconded by Gene Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie McAdams for Jen Tenney

Recording Secretary

**All Meeting Minutes are available on our website as well. [www.cyct.com](http://www.cyct.com)**

# Sunshine



If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine from the club, please let me know. A text, FB message or a phone call work best, 253-640-7429

Debbie McAdams  
Sunshine Chair  
S/V Red Splash

## Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

<b>Terry Anderson</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Mark Anderson</b>	<b>August 7</b>
<b>Darla Halverson</b>	<b>August 16</b>
<b>Scott Radford</b>	<b>August 23</b>
<b>Steve Ryan</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>Gary Sandwick</b>	<b>August 1</b>
<b>Michael Stanford</b>	<b>August 10</b>



**On The Cover**  
Summer's Great  
By Tim Garchow

# Saw it on Facebook



Adrian De Luna shared an album: 2019 Let's Take a Veteran Sailing-Tacoma.  
Admin · July 5

Sail Ahead: Healing Wounded Veterans through Sailing added 655 new photos from June 29 to the album: 2019 Let's Take a Veteran Sailing-Tacoma.  
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Our 3rd annual event was awesome! The weather was great, we could have used some wind but that was soon overlooked since we had lots of fun with great folks! ...  
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### 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).

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## SHOVING OFF

### Just Living

We moved to Washington from Portland, Oregon some 34 years ago. The majority of those years have been spent within walking distance of the water. A long walk maybe, but we did it. Many years ago, long before we started sailing, we had briefly contemplated moving back to Oregon, but I liked living near the water, specifically, the salt water.

But that has nothing to do with this article.

There is a mysterious force in water that draw things to it. A force that pulls anything and everything that you want safe, secure, and dry, to almost leap in! It affects glasses, knives, shackles, screw drivers, clothing, food, anything! I've lost everything on this list at least one and I didn't even mention nuts and bolts!

This is an amazing phenomena and we've all seen it. And heard it! Seldom do items just plunge in! They usually take a few hops first, almost teasing you that they intend to stay dry. You see or hear that hop, hop, and a pause. You think "this time it will stay on board." But it doesn't. In it goes.

My most recent experience was with my Leatherman multi tool. I was on the swim step. I knew of water's tricky ways and set the tool up on the bulwark of the main deck, safe so I thought, from the water. So I thought! When I pulled a bucket from the main deck down to the swim step, its rope grabbed the Leatherman. Hop onto the swim step locker. Hop onto the swim step deck. Splash!

Shirt pockets seem to be the worst and lead to the most expensive items going in. Two years ago, while going through the locks on the way to Opening Day, my hearing aid battery started to run out. For those who don't know, when this happens, a series of tones plays in your ear – about every five minutes – and it's annoying. Having other things to worry about, I removed the aid and dropped it into my shirt pocket. When one goes, they both go, and the second aid went into the pocket. I didn't think about these again until I leaned over the rail to attach the club banner. Plop! (Shirt pocket items do not hop, they go straight in.) Thank goodness for the full replacement warranty.

I wasn't so lucky with a pair of glasses just a month ago. I'd swapped them out for my sunglasses and had put them, you guessed it, into my front pocket. Straight into the water in Swantown marina in Olympia. Now I have a strong magnet on a long line, but these glasses were titanium (and expensive). Not magnetic. Having ultra-low tides we tried scraping the bottom with Rylie's shrimp net taped to the handle of the boat hook. Thirty minutes of scraping the bottom brought up nothing except fowl smelling ooze and shells. I'll stick to my cheap, mail-order glasses from now on.

The scientist in me tried to reason out this phenomena, thinking that it might be a sort of gravitational pull, and water, covering so much of the earth's surface, simply overcomes land in the pull department. Trouble is, the density of water is much less than that of soil or concrete. But there's more water. I'm sure you need calculus, differential equations, or vector analysis to work this out and I vowed to never go near any of these mathematical sciences again after graduating university.

This pull, it's a mystery. But I think we make some rules:

- Unless it has a button flap, never use your shirt pocket. Same goes for dropping glasses into the vee of your shirt neck.
- When in your dinghy – do not put anything into your back pants pocket (cell phone, wallet x 2).
- If you are going to give your three-year old granddaughter something to hold, make sure you can spare it (screw driver).
- Falling through water, an item can travel as far sideways as downwards. (Framing square – verified at low tide.)
- When you hear a splash and wonder "what was that?" The answer is "something expensive!" (Orbital polisher)
- The likelihood of dropping something is proportional to:
  - ◇ It's cost
  - ◇ The depth
  - ◇ The chance that you have another
- Buying a magnet reduces the likelihood of dropping magnetic items.
- Clothing sinks slowly
- Credit cards sink slowly, but not that slowly.
- Putting a float on your keys will cause you to drop the keys without a float.

That's about it for the attraction of water. I'd like to leave with some encouraging words, but I don't have any.

Next month – Falling In  
Ken St. John  
S/V La Sirena