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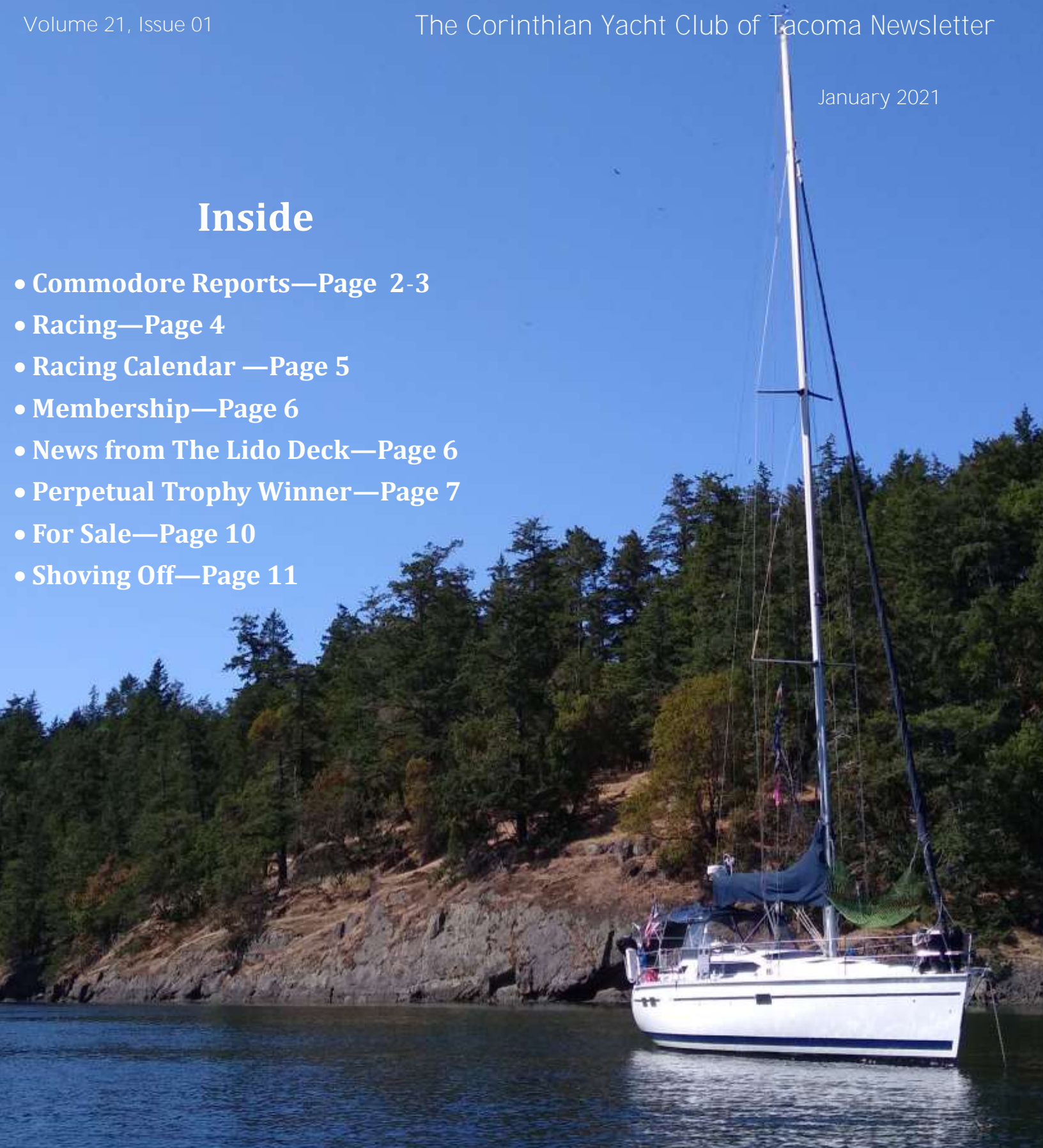
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## Commodore



Happiest of New Years to you all! I think most of us can agree that 2021 is a welcome sight. However, I try my best to live in the moment, and even though a year might seem like it was a waste because of things out of our control, I like to look back and see what made myself and the club stronger. We learned many things about ourselves this last year. Mostly, we learned we are highly adaptable. We did the best we could last year and made the best of it. Many things changed and created roadblocks and challenges, but we are here, and we are stronger for it.

We adapted. We found new ways to meet, and new ways to bring forward ideas, communications, and presentations for our members. We were also able to race with modified conditions, and even some new cruising rallies that allow for getting out, but still keeping our distance.

I think we have an amazing board in place this year that will continue to keep the club running strong. We have a lot of great people with great ideas and commitment to keeping us running smoothly. We also have more improvements coming along that should bring more value to our membership, and I'm excited to see that to fruition.

Being where we are in the Safe Start plan, the Commodore's Ball is not happening in person this year, and our social functions will continue to be at the whim of government regulations. Not only that, but when we do start meeting again, we likely don't have a landing spot, as Johnny's at Fife doesn't seem to be reopening. Our long-range planning committee has been keeping an eye on this situation, but unfortunately, we pretty much have to wait and see what is open when we are even allowed to meet. Needless to say we have much work ahead of us, and I can't thank all of you for the support you have given thus far.

Even when times are tough and stressful, I am thrilled to see how our club can come together and focus on our goal - To promote, advance, and encourage the sport of Corinthian or amateur sailing, particularly yacht racing and cruising. Thank you for the opportunity to continue supporting and leading our club this year. I'm looking forward to a fun 2021

Jeremy Bush  
Commodore  
R/V Goes to Eleven



## Vice Commodore



Welcome everyone to 2021, Happy New Year! Hope everyone's Holiday was a special one, spending time with your loved ones and close friends. Congratulations to all of the new board members, with Jeremy Bush as the new Commodore, and John Coyne as the new Rear Commodore and those of you that are continuing on, and the perpetual trophy winners. So here we are, it's a new year. let's make it happen and be another great year. Let's get all of you sailors and boaters alike, out sailing and boating this year and have fun!! Did you know we almost have an even dozen Lido 14 sailboats on the dock owned by our own members! Who will make it an even dozen? This will be an added bonus to have these in the club! How exciting is that? I would say VERY!

Hopefully, we can get back to regular racing this year. From the Wednesday night windseekers racing and the soon to be Lido 14 group. They will be picking their own day of the week be out on the water. The club has events all through the month, so be sure and check your mainsheet for updates. This club has committees that are going to make this club(your club) even better and stronger then in the years ahead. Stay tuned for exciting news and events in your Mainsheet.

This is your club and Mainsheet if you have ideas to help make the club better, let me know. If you have pictures you would like to share in the Mainsheet or on the bulletin board send them to me at [vicecommodore@cyct.com](mailto:vicecommodore@cyct.com) Let's have a great month!

Michael Stanford  
Vice Commodore  
S/V Lycian



# Rear Commodore



Hello CYCT!  
I'm thrilled to be your new Rear Commodore for 2021!

For those who don't know me, I'm John Coyne, I've been a Crew member of CYCT for many years, and used to be the Mainsheet Editor. Just this year, I bought my Santana 525 "Wild Thing" Sail number 18009, so I upgraded to a full membership, and Jeremy recruited me to the bridge!

Fun Fact – I learned to sail Keelboats in Puget sound on this boat, and bought her from my good friend, Ed Jacobs! Keep an eye out for Ed in his new Landing School 30, "Out of the Blue".

The mascot for my boat is a rubber chicken (on the bow pulpit) so you'll see us racing in chicken hats, and screaming "BA-GAWK" a lot on the race course ☹️

I'm happy to help in my capacity as Rear Commodore, and am also still looking after the website. If I can do anything for you, please don't hesitate to let me know! I can be reached at: [rearcommodore@cyct.com](mailto:rearcommodore@cyct.com) , or you can call me at (206) 730-2572!

Fair Winds,  
John Coyne  
Rear Commodore  
R/V Wild Thing

## 2021 CYCT Officers & Board Members

### FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore: Jeremy Bush  
Vice Commodore: Michael Stanford  
Rear Commodore: John Coyne

### BOARD POSITIONS

Secretary: Cyndi Larrison  
Treasurer: Ken Whitney  
Membership Chair: Joy Ballentine  
Fleet Captain-Cruising: Greg Greene  
Fleet Captain-Racing: Brock Van-Ravenswaay  
Past Commodore: Angie Morales

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Crew Coordinator: Vacant  
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Historian: Don McAdams  
Long Range Planning: Greg Greene

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# Racing

Happy 2021!

My name is Brock VanRavenswaay and I am your CYCT race chair for 2021. My email is [v12sailing@gmail.com](mailto:v12sailing@gmail.com) or [racing@cyct.com](mailto:racing@cyct.com) for all sailing related correspondences. I am looking forward to this CYCT Racing Season. We are discussing a few minor changes this year. For example, starting the Three Hour Tour Race (Summer) in the late afternoon when the summer winds begin to build. My experience racing is mostly in the Windseeker class and I am looking forward to bring back the 4 boat racing brackets (Winner Moves Up a Bracket & Loser Moves Down a Bracket after each series). If you have additional ideas let me know.

I am extremely excited to partner with Chuck Queen this year. Chuck brings a wealth of knowledge about the PHRF Fleet and Puget Sound Racing. Chuck will also be working with our growing Lido Fleet and I am looking forward to participating in Lido one-design racing this year.

Racing Series: We are looking for volunteers for Race Committee during the Harbor Series. Of course, I will be on RC for the majority of the races. February's Mainsheet I will be posting the names of people who have volunteered (Similar to Cruising Schedule). So send your emails early and I will sign you up!

Respectfully,

Brock VanRavenswaay  
 Racing Committee  
 S/V Tatoosh

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**Corinthian Yacht Club Tacoma**  
**2021 Racing Calendar - Preliminary**  
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Club</u>
1/23/2021	Harbor Series #1	CYCT
2/6/2021	Harbor Series #2	CYCT
2/27/2021	Harbor Series #3	CYCT
4/3/2021	Spring Single / Double Handed Race	CYCT
4/6/2021	CYCT Race Seminar - Early Evening	CYCT
4/14/2021	Spring Series #1	CYCT
4/21/2021	Spring Series ##2	CYCT
4/28/2021	Spring Series #3	CYCT
5/5/2021	Spring Series #4	CYCT
5/12/2021	Spring Series #5	CYCT
5/19/2021	Late Spring Series #1	CYCT
5/26/2021	Late Spring Series #2	CYCT
6/2/2021	Late Spring Series #3	CYCT
6/9/2021	Late Spring Series #4	CYCT
6/12/2021	Three Hour Tour #1	CYCT
6/16/2021	Late Spring Series #5	CYCT
6/23/2021	Summer Series #1	CYCT
6/30/2021	Summer Series #2	CYCT
7/7/2021	Summer Series #3	CYCT
7/14/2021	Summer Series #4	CYCT
7/21/2021	Summer Series #5	CYCT
7/24/2021	Three Hour Tour #2	CYCT
7/28/2021	Late Summer Series #1	CYCT
8/4/2021	Late Summer Series #2	CYCT
8/11/2021	Late Summer Series #3	CYCT
8/14/2021	Three Hour Tour #3	CYCT
8/18/2021	Late Summer Series #4	CYCT
8/21/2021	Vashon Challenge	CYCT
8/25/2021	Late Summer Series #5	CYCT
8/28/2021	CYCT Awards Race	CYCT
9/11/2021	Point Series #1	CYCT
9/18/2021	Pink Boat Regatta - Tacoma	CYCT Supporting
9/25/2021	Point Series #2	CYCT
10/9/2021	Memorial Single Hand	CYCT
10/23/2021	Point Series #3	CYCT
11/6/2021	Point Series #4	CYCT



# Membership

Happy New Year!

I hope the Membership had a Wonderful Holiday Season.

Back in November I sent out an email to hopefully the whole membership. The goal is to include everyone in a membership roster that can be emailed to current members and new members as they join.

If you did not get an email from me, please let me know. You can email or text me personally or send an email to membership@cyct.com. I am hoping to send out the email with the new roster about mid January.

Let me know if you have any ideas to draw in new members, or if you know of anyone wanting to join.

We would always like to include more members for Racing and Cruising. Hopefully we will be able to continue Club Racing and do more Club Sponsored Cruising this year.

Joy Ballentine  
Membership Chair  
S/V Raven



# News From The Lido Deck

Welcome to 2021. I know in many ways we all just want get away from 2020. However, what a great year for a new beginning. As we look forward into 2021, it is still an uncertain year to schedule and plan. We will begin our Fun on Friday's in the first of April and look at some Sail-ins here and there.

We did have our first successful regatta, the Turtle Cup and will be looking at having that again at the end of next summer. The other ideas being floated are a sailing day in Gig Harbor, a sail-in at Penrose State Park along side a club cruise and maybe relaunching the Rattle Snake Regatta at Vantage with a camping weekend. Myself and Greg are also talking about taking our boats to Mission Bay in August for the Nationals. Of course, this is all Covid dependent. As this weather improves and the days are warmer, we will be out sailing and welcome all club member to come and try sailing a Lido. Look for tentative calendar in January.

If you haven't been down to Tye 2 and the Club house, The Lido Deck has moved to the other side of the dock. I personally like this location as it is more protection and I think allows a better possibility for dock expansion. Additional dock space is our #1 priority going into 2021. We have discussed several fund raising activities. More to come.

Chuck  
Acting Lido Fleet Captain  
Lido #4226 Pickle





# Perpetual Trophy Winners

## CYCT 2020 Perpetual Trophy Winners

Cruiser of the Year: Greg Greene	USYRU Sportsman of the Year: Chuck Queen
Family of the Year: St. Johns	Boat of the Year: Whisper
Crew Member of the Year: Eve Engnoth	Outstanding Racer of the Year : Jeremy Bush / Chuck Queen (tie in votes)
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<https://cyct.com/>

for calendar and event updates.

The Board will communicate all updates there.



**Happy Birthday to our  
CYCT Members**

Robert Crews	January 10
Ron Holbrook	January 13
Tav Pierce	January 17
Kurt Kulesza	January 19
Stephanie Arnold	January 22
Kristi Coyne	January 25
John Stafford	January 27
Greg Sandwick	January 28

**Saw it on Facebook**



**Eric Johnson**

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A few shots of the start of Winter Vashon from Dune park. Looking forward to getting Flicka back out racing after COVID settles down. Sail fast CYCT racers and stay safe!



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- **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).

## SHOVING OFF A Place For Everything



If a person was to look at say, my workbench (and I am lucky enough to have a workbench on my boat) they might think “what a mess.” But I will argue that it is an organized mess and that I know where every important tool is, and I can tell you where to find it. Why? Well besides making my life easier, I view it as a safety concern. On a boat, I might need that tool and I might need it NOW! Such as the time the steering on Naughty broke during a TWSA lesson in 20 knot winds. I had the tools I needed in less than a minute. (And after that I had a complete emergency tiller readily accessible.) My boats and RVs have always been set up like that, specific items with a specific place and always there.

Almost as important as what you have and where it is when you need it is what you have that you don’t need and is in the way when what you need is behind that thing that you don’t need. When you need the bolt cutters because you lost your rig and you need to cut things away, you don’t want to have to move a ton of junk to get at them. And sometimes, that thing that is in the way is not a tool or a trinket, but something that was at one time, an integral part of the boat. Over the years that we owned Naughty it seems as if I removed miles of no longer used wiring and plumbing. Why? Not only did things just look cleaner, but I reasoned, if I had to sort out a problem at sea (and I have), I don’t want to waste time on wires or hoses that go nowhere.

I’ve adopted that same strategy on La Sirena. The wiring behind the dash alone is a maze of dead ends, and, judging from how things might or might not light up when you throw the switch, a few crossed wires. For this reason, I’ve added “labeling” to my arsenal of tricks.

Let’s go back to tools for a moment. Add to tools, spare parts. My boat inherited my bag of boat tools from Naughty By Nature, the tools of the previous owner AND the tools of the original owner. Also, since the boat is my home, my home tools as well. Immediately I had to make choices.

Carpentry tools – most are in storage at the marina with only a small portion on the boat. A jig saw, small block plane, and a few basics. Big saws, levels, framing squares, saws all, big hammers and pipe wrenches – marina storage. Big mechanic’s tools are in marina storage as well. Some day when we set out for extended trips, I’ll bring more aboard.

And yes, parts. La Sirena came with a bunch. Some are new, most are not. I run into a couple of problems with parts 1) what do I have and where are they and 2) are they any good? For example, under every floorboard there seems to be a freshwater pump. I am not sure how many. Three, I think. One had a bad pressure switch, another was a broken wire – I think. The third, who knows! Another compartment has what I think are new or rebuilt injectors! There are also engine water pumps. Then there are the plumbing parts. I know I need a solution for these! I need a map of what is where. I also need to spend some time deciding “do I need it or is it junk?”

Which brings me to what I really wanted to talk about – junk! Stuff in the way. Stuff you don’t need. Stuff you didn’t even know you have!

*Full Disclosure – I’ve just spent the last four full days of the Christmas holidays and all of Thanksgiving moving the belongings of my 88-year-old mother-in-law into a storage unit bigger than the two I keep for my families belongings. And only a fraction of it is family heirlooms – the lion’s share is junk!*

Yes, let’s talk junk! I didn’t start this column as a lifestyle blog. I started it as a chronicle of our journey from land dwellers to live aboards and eventually cruisers. As a part of that journey, we’ve been forced to limit junk. Our boat is compact, but at 800 square feet or so, I don’t think it qualifies as a tiny home, still, one must think about every item that is brought aboard. I’ve come to think about junk in a whole new way and even develop some rules for it.

- 1) If I add something, something must go – this isn’t absolute, but I follow this one a lot. Add a shirt? Toss a shirt. Add a favorite mug, lose a favorite mug. Replace a part, get rid of the old one. Which leads me to rule two:

- 2) If it's an old part and can be used in a pinch, you might keep it. If you don't know if it works – figure it out and act accordingly. I have to actually enact this rule. Maybe I'll start with the battery charger mounted in the engine room. If it doesn't work it should go.
- 3) It doesn't matter if you have it if 3a) you don't know you have it or 3b) you don't know where it is.
- 4) If you buy it, you are choosing not to buy or have money for something else.

That number four is the big one. Something I've learned in the last couple of years. Something I'd like to leave you with. Most of us have only so much money that passes through our fingers in a lifetime. You can spend it on experiences. You can save it to be free from working a year or too earlier. You can help your family or strangers. You can spend it on stuff that demands care, or storing, or becomes a burden on your children. The choice is yours. And don't get me wrong – I still buy stull. Lots of stuff. But I think once, twice, or three times before I do.

Call me Ken Kondo!

Ken St. John  
S/V La Sirena