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Commodore

We had a great turn out at the end of season Awards Race over Labor Day weekend! It was great to see many people who I don't see on a regular basis. I hope you had a fun Windseekers season and looking forward to next year's races. There are still a few more races left in 2019, so be sure to check the website for details.

The CYCT burgee has been flying proud the past month. Seven CYCT boats participated in the 2nd Ranger Battalion "Seize the Sound" afternoon. Together with members of Tacoma Yacht Club, we took over 200 soldiers with their wives/girlfriends to Quartermaster Harbor for a day on the water. So many of them had never even been on a boat, much less a sailboat, and they were appreciative for the opportunity before their upcoming deployment to the middle east.

Rumor has it that Tacoma did the best job in raising the most amount of money is a short time for the Pink Boat Regatta coming up on September 14. Last year was as great success with many members participating in the sailing and fundraising, and I hope that it is an even bigger success this year. I don't think it's too late to join with your boat, or I see on Facebook many members going out that may have room on their boat if you want to be part of the action.

Even though the year is winding down, CYCT still has many big events on the calendar! The Christmas Party will be on Friday,



Vice Commodore

Captain Tiffany Krihwan (pronounced Kree-wan) is among a handful of women commanding the 100 or so tall ships in the United States. She grew up in Erie, Pa. She says she wasn't raised with gender stereotypes dictating what girls could and couldn't do.

In 2008, she was named captain of the Denis Sullivan. Today, she says a least 10% of tall ships are commanded by women. Half of the crew on the Denis Sullivan, docked in Buffalo, New York, are female. There are also female crew members on many of the tall ships docked in Buffalo too.

The Denis Sullivan as well as the other tall ships visiting the Buffalo waterfront focus on teaching maritime history, environmental research and, offering sailing opportunities.



Krihwan states, "The tall ships world is generally liberal, and gender isn't an issue with crew and officers." Although she doesn't feel she has faced any discrimination while working on the Denis Sullivan or any other ships. She has however, put up with sexist comments from some of the public not used to seeing women commanding ships. Sometimes she runs into radio or office staff saying things like "Let a guy do that." Referring to activities that might require a certain level of strength. She may be thin, but she is strong for her size, and says "a captain's



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Rear Commodore

Well here we are in September, and I am finally getting a little vacation. I somehow convinced Becky to spend five nights on the boat in the south sound, and we left right after the Awards Race. We are checking out a few great spots out on Wollochet, Anderson Island, Longbranch, and Jarrell's Cove. Switching from a race boat to a cruising boat took a bit more effort than we thought, but it's going well! We have essentially put together our "camping bin," and a "cruising bin" with the gear we think we will need on the boat. Then we hopefully have most of the essentials to make it work for a couple of days on the water. So far it's been pretty nice! It was a little crowded on the first night until we started figuring out where to put things, but we have found many nice hiding spots on the boat. It's a work in progress.

We set up the canvas tent on the boat for the first time for some shade (and to dry it out), brought the dinghy and some kayaks loaned from the McAdams (thanks again!), and a whole lot of books.

So far we have completely up-ended our plans and rearranged the trip. We started out in Gig Harbor so we would have a short trip after packing up and getting the dog. Thanks to Tim on Odin for lending us his spot while he was at the Awards Race!

We tried to beat the tides through the Narrows in the morning to make it through (and missed) and had a great time riding the shoreline at two knots for a looooong time. We made it through though and have been hanging out at the TYC outstation in Wollochet, and are planning on staying another night. Since we are staying after the holiday weekend, the entire place cleared out and we have it to ourselves.

Well, happy cruising! I hope to see you all out at the Pink Boat Regatta, fall and winter racing, as well as our upcoming cruises. There is still plenty of sailing, cruising, and racing to be done before the weather turns south!

Jeremy Bush
Rear Commodore
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Commodore (continued)

December 13 at the Browns Point Improvement Club. More details to come. October and November's general meeting with both involve the nominating and voting of new club officers and perpetual trophy winners. Lastly, the Commodore's Ball is set for January 18 at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Look in the mail around Thanksgiving for that invitation.

Janice VanRavenswaay
Commodore
S/V Tatoosh



Vice Commodore (continued)

job requires strong thinking skills more than physical power."



She tries to serve as a role model for other girls and women interested in sailing and is glad to see more women entering the field. Her love of sailing began on Lake Erie at 10 years old when her grandfather took her sailing. She raced competitively at the Erie Yacht Club and also taught sailing while attending Edinboro University of Pennsylvania studying environmental science and biology. Her first job out of college was working at a company that built sailboat masts.

She later earned her captain's license and worked as a captain on dinner cruises before her sailing career on tall ships began in 1997. Currently the Denis Sullivan is based in Wisconsin, where she lives.

As summer comes to a close, we begin our General Meetings again at Johnny's Fife, September 9. Social 6pm. Meeting 7pm.

Angie Morales
Vice Commodore
S/V LA GITANA



Racing

Well, we survived another 20 race Windseekers Wednesday Night season. I want to first give a HUGE shout out to our race committee primary volunteers Greg and Cyndi - it cannot be said enough that the racing program would not be successful without their volunteered time. On top of that, I want to thank the crew off of Gardyloo, Grace E, Intrepid, Red Splash, Raven, and Slick for their volunteer participation. I can pass on from at least 3 of those volunteers that their time was not only fun, but it was a great way to see how a race develops from a completely different perspective.

For the first time in at least 3 years, we did not have a protest during the Wednesday night series. Now, I will write this up to people paying more attention and not violating the rules, but there are a few out there that continue to push the limits. The committee has witnessed a number of issues over the past few months, that are in clear violation of the racing rules and COLREGs, and this type of behavior cannot be tolerated from a safety point of view. How this may be addressed in the future will be written into the 2020 race manual.

If you had not noticed, our boat count was down this year. Although the PHRF class appeared to maintain the numbers, the Windseepers fleet was down between 6 and 10 boats on average. Some people did step up to Challenger, others were not seen on the course as they have been in the past. And in some cases, boats did not race in the complete series. IF you know boats who did not race, contact them and get them on the water..... we want to see as many boat s out there as possible.

We were in a position to cancel out the Challenger Class early this year, but it has had a small revival with 3-4 boats participating. This is great to see that those skippers and crew are extending themselves. If you see them out on the water and see opportunities to give them some hints on how to do better, do it.

Finally, we have tried a few new options during the summer that we hope will be positive changes in our racing program. We are looking at keeping the times on boats participating in two lap races after the first lap so that they can be scored in the event they do not finish.

We will also make clarifications to the Sailing Instructions to clarify some more details. There will be other changes going into effect next year, so when the Sailing Instructions come out for 2020 (Late Dec/Early Jan)..... READ THEM.....KNOW THEM.....LIVE THEM.....

Some ideas for next season: Adding in an award for each Three Hour Tour race for closest to predicted time (OK, when I say award, I really mean a 6-pack), adding an overnight distance race in May, and possible tweaks to the Vashon Challenge.

On the topic of the Vashon Challenge - great job to those who stayed out to reach the ultimate finish line at.....Ollala! IT was a tough haul around the south end of the island, as many found, but the sun was out, the skies were blue, and the weather warm. I'm going off memory, but first in each of the 4 classes went to CYCT Boats (Goes to 11, Special Purpose, Raven, and Tatoosh). Way to go. Special shout out to Don Kimball for his help on the committee and to the Social Committee for leaving the Margarita mixings in the clubhouse for us to inspect during the no-holds-barred on course action....

The awards race was a great time, so thank you for all of those of you who came out to play, have a few drinks, and get to know your competitors. This race is always a good time and our friends at our "home away from home" ROCK THE DOCK did a great job in increasing their staff to support us.

I will say, not everything went great. We have heard complaints about race length and time frames, communications, timeliness of scoring, and others. All I can say is this - we are trying to improve every year, but we do have some limitations on how we do that. IF you have any suggestions, please forward them to me at enelson@wamail.net and i will see what I can do, don't bring it to the committee's attention while running a race PLEASE..... Many of us have joked that "the road to hell is paved with good intentions" should be the committee mantra, because we cannot make everyone happy all of the time - but don't think we are not trying to do so.....

We are now down to our final (5) races of the year. we have four Point Series Races and our Single Handed Memorial. Fall is a great time to still be on the water, so get out on these races. Dates are September 21, October 5, October 19 and November 2 for the Point Series and October 12 for the single handed race. Get on out and enjoy the weather and the conditions (hopefully both at the same time....)

Now for the serious part of our time together here in the Mainsheet - lucky for everyone, my tenure as Race Committee Chair (A voting Board Position i might add....) is coming to an end at the end of the year. With that, the Club is looking for someone to fill this roll. It is not necessarily easy, it is not necessarily fun all of the time, but it is a rewarding way to support the club and keep the program growing. If you are thinking about the position, shoot me an e-mail and I can tell you the ups and downs..... and hopefully we will take care of the downs prior to the next Chair next year.

Get out on the water and race, darn it.....

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	5/18/19 - 5/19/2019	CYCT RACE WEEKEND (2 DAYS) CANCELLED
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

Hello Autumn

It's the second week of September and Julie, Rylie and I are in the San Juan islands on board La Sirena. After two rolly nights anchored south of the ferry dock in Port Townsend it was nice to spend a very quiet night in Garrison Bay off of English Camp. We have almost two full weeks of cruising ahead of us. It is nice having a boat that can travel ten hours in a day without batting an eye.

Cruising is not over for us and it isn't over yet for the club.

Coming up at the end of the month is a club cruise to Bremerton. Cindy Craig and Bill Jenks are hosting. Bill and Cindy know how to create a good time and the club has not been to Bremerton in my time. Look at the Facebook group or at CYCT.com for more information.

Following that is the Wineseeker's "cruise" to wine country and wine tasting. This one is hosted by Eric and Aubrey Nelson. Be watching for details on this one.

Finally, the Ballentine's are hosting the annual late fall cruise to Gig Harbor. This coincides with the exciting and different Le Mans race. Gary and Joy are bringing back the clam chowder cook-off after a couple of year hiatus. There is a separate announcement in the Mainsheet.

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

We've talked a bit about the end of the year "Un-Cruise". It looks like an alternative plan to hanging out at the marina is in the works. Listen up for that one. What ever is decided, I'm pretty sure that the St. Johns will still spend new years at the marina – at least to sleep!

I mentioned last month that Julie and I are taking a break next year. Maybe it is your turn to step in and help run OUR club. I think Cruise Captain is taken care of, but there are lots of opportunities to serve. And again, it isn't too soon to think about next year's cruising and where you'd like to go. If you want a cruise to a marina, plan and reserve early. Let us know if you'd like to host and what you have in mind.

Remember, check Facebook and CYCT.com for updates

Ken and Julie St. John
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

September Cruise!

Join your hosts Bill & Cindy of S/V Eleven at Bremerton Marina for some CYCT style Fun!



The Plan:

We will gather on “B” Dock as a group. We’ve paid the group rate to reserve 6 slips so far. We’re happy to reserve more. Just let Bill & Cindy know!

Let us know by September 9th. (Monday Night, also general meeting at Johnny’s)

Here’s a link to the free amenities at the Marina:

<https://www.portofbremerton.org/bremerton-marina>

There’s an Anthony’s at the top of the dock as well!

We’re thinking in lieu of a potluck on Saturday, we’ll head up into town a couple blocks, and treat you to some Italian food at Anita’s place. That will fall within the cruise budget, and if the weather doesn’t cooperate, it will still afford us the opportunity to get together and have some fun as a group!

All are welcome! (Even Land Yachters) - Depending on your interest in history, we’re thinking about a group tour of the USS Turner Joy:

<https://ussturnerjoy.org>

Bill may opt to stay in Bremerton through Monday if there’s any interest in making it a 3-day weekend!

We’ll share coffee and muffins on Sunday Morning.

Questions? Contact us via email: canuck721@aol.com

Wineseekers Cruise 2019

October 25—27

Wenatchee—Chelan— Leavenworth



Here's the Schedule:

October 25 - All y'all drive to Wenatchee. We will be staying at the Best Western Plus Downtown Wenatchee (815 North Wenatchee Ave). Be careful to get the right one, there are multiple BW in Wenatchee. We will get there and see what kind of fun we can get into around town

October 26 - Breakfast at the Hotel, then drive to Chelan where we will visit Karma, Tsillian, and Rocky Point wineries around the lake. After a day of wine tasting, a quick bite and a drive back to Wenatchee (About 35 minutes each way)

October 27 - Breakfast again at Hotel, then a run up to a winery or two in Leavenworth (Maybe a brewery) before splitting up and heading out across Hwy 97 to home.

Logistics:

Typical drive time from Tacoma to Chelan 3.5 hours depending on road construction and traffic. On a Friday this late in the year, it should be good. I am working on hotel savings, but we should start booking right now. Looks like between \$149 and \$169 per night. If you want to save and share with friends, I believe they have a 2 queen bed option.....

Reason we are staying in Wenatchee and not Chelan has to do with the cost of the hotels - Chelan is limited and their pricing reflects this.....

Club will pay for tasting fees (Often waived for bottle purchase) and snacks for Saturday.



Questions? Contact Eric Nelson: enelson@wamail.net



CYCT

SPORTS PUB AND CHOWDER HOUSE CRUISE ARABELLAS LANDING MARINA, GIG HARBOR

Come join us for our November cruise. The cruise will be November 15-17 at Arabellas Landing in Gig Harbor. There will be prizes for the top chowders. There will also be prizes for the most fanatic fan dress, supporting their favorite sports team. Call Arabellas for reservations at 253-851-1793.

Friday the 15th: Arrive Friday if you wish for a free night enjoying the many Restaurants and Pubs to choose from.

Saturday the 16th: Join us in the morning as we cheer for our fellow CYCT boats as they compete in Gig Harbor Yacht Club's Lemans Race. You can watch the start of the race from Arabellas dock, and follow the boats to the entrance if you wish. Happy Hour will be around 6 p.m. With dinner around 7 p.m. A little later in the day to allow our CYCT race members to attend the Awards Ceremony at GHYC. Don't forget your "muffin pan" so you can sample all of the chowders. Activities to follow with the finest prizes the budget allows.

Sunday the 17th: Breakfast will be served in the club house. Time to be announced.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 General Meeting (Johnny's)	10	11	12	13	14  Pink Boat Regatta (Foss Waterway)
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 (Bremerton)
29 End of Summer Cruise (Bremerton)	30					

October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Pt Defiance Point Series #2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 General Meeting (Johnny's)	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Wineseekers Cruise (Eastern WA)	26 Wineseekers Cruise (Eastern WA)
27 Wineseekers Cruise (Eastern WA)	28 Board Meeting	29	30	31		

Sunshine



In August I sent cards to Angie Littleton for shoulder surgery, to Shari Anderson for the birth of her new great grandson as well as for burns sustained, to Gary Blackmore on the death of his nephew in a tragic accident and to Kelly Bethards on the loss of his father. I did not send myself one for a dog bite that broke my finger.

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

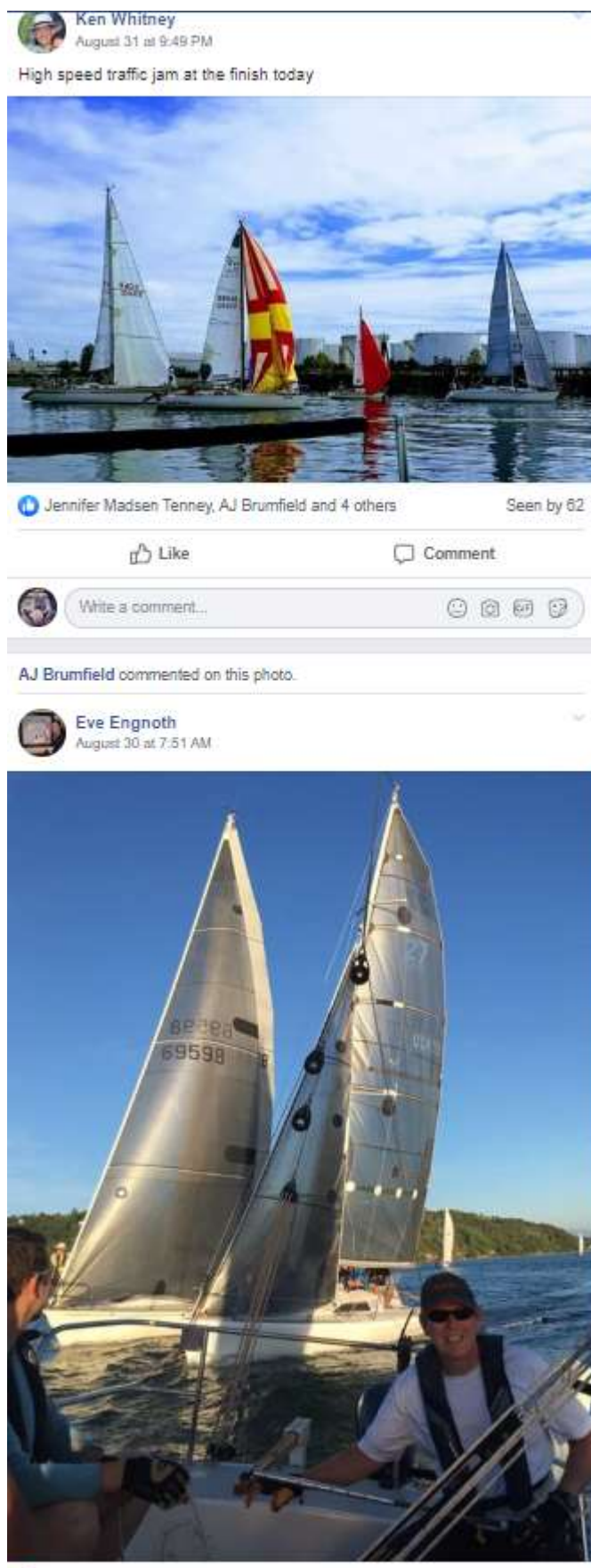
Happy Birthday to our CYCT Members

Paul Case	September 18
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Denny Flannigan	September 13
Marvin Fritts	September 22
Mary Nye Myers	September 29
Mel Serosky	September 29
Scott Spear	September 11
Chris Wedenroth	September 3
Daniel White	September 6



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SHOVING OFF

The Trouble With Derelicts



You may not guess by looking at me today, but I used to be a hard core cyclist, commuting for months on end up to 26 miles a day. As a cyclist you encounter the occasional, hostile motorist. Usually it's just someone shouting or maybe a fast food cup of ice thrown out the window. All in all, I had little trouble. In my mind that was because 1) I rode that same route every day and 2) people recognized that I was a respectful rider who obeyed the laws and didn't try to pass everyone up at the light. If I could go the speed of traffic I blended in and when I couldn't, I got out of their way. When I did have trouble though, I wondered, are the people harassing me reacting to something someone else did? That cyclist who cut them off or passed everyone at the light? The rider who ran the light or used their car to hang on to while they waited for the light. Was I paying for someone else's poor cycling etiquette?

As boaters, it isn't so different. Those who race know it – there are those whom you can trust, who follow the rules, and who can handle their vessel. Then, there are those you avoid! This experience shapes our perceptions.

For more than ten years now I have travelled Marine View Drive on the north shore of Commencement Bay to get to work. Several times a year a boat will show up anchored a ways off shore and outside of the Marina at Browns Point. Generally, you can see that the boat is in bad repair, or at least bad upkeep, even from the shore. I will comment to the lovely and gracious Mrs. St. John, "how long until this one ends up on shore?"



And it nearly always does! Torn loose in even a slight wind. Coming to rest on the north shore. Getting battered, stripped by those so inclined, and eventually, hauled out and hauled away thanks to the generosity of you and I, the taxpayers.



Why does this happen? I have a theory – boats can be cheap or even free to acquire. La Sirena was \$4000. Just this year an Ericson 30 was given away right from Tyee II. But while they can be free, boats are not cheap to maintain or even moor. Moreover, finding live aboard space is difficult and if you do, marinas often have standards regarding size, condition, or appearance that must be met.

Folks buy or get a boat to use or live aboard and they can't keep up with the cost of moorage or the upkeep required, sometimes literally, to keep it afloat. The marina is ready to lay claim for lack of payment.

Unlike a car, they can't call a wrecking yard that will not only haul it away but give you money. What do they do? They haul the boat out into the anchorage (yes, it is legal). They likely have marginal ground tackle or anchoring skills. They don't have an anchor light (which is not legal.) Maybe there are good intentions but the boat ends up meeting the fate I described.

Why does this bother me? Well, besides the expense to the taxpayer because of the irresponsibility of a few, besides the pollution created when a boat breaks up in the water, I worry that people will see that boat and put me in the same camp. I know because I find myself thinking the same thing with RVs (and I have 15 years of RV ownership behind me.) When I see a less than pristine RV, I wonder, "is that RV a family on vacation, a down on their luck person doing their best to get by, or another rolling wreck leaving a stream of garbage behind?"

And here's the thing. I have no solution. I'm not 100% sure even of the problem statement. There are those just trying to get by. There are who want to live on the edge of the law in the name of freedom. There are the floating wrecks just waiting to be a problem for the rest of us. And there are the responsible live-aboards who have chosen a different way of life but not at the expense of others. I just hope when others see me, they will lump me and my boat in the latter category.

Ken St. John
S/V La Sirena