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Commodore Report



Well the end of summer is drawing near, or is it? I am always disappointed when I can see the end of Wednesday Night Windseekers racing approaching. Alas, by the time this article is published, we will have finished evening racing completely, and had the Awards Race. What we can hope for in the immediate future, however, is for a more open schedule to finish out the summer in style. We still have at least a month or two of hopefully fantastic weather and temperatures. We have a few more cruising events (Labor Day cruise to Gig Harbor), several more Saturday morning races, and then fall and winter racing begin. Some of my crew drearily race in summer for the hopes of big wind in the winter. I could go either way. The last few summers have provided plenty of wind in the evenings, and we only couldn't finish one, maybe two races all summer long in the evenings. I think that is a successful racing season.

Well enough reminiscing, on to club business! It's the time of year that we need to start thinking about volunteering for positions in the club. Have you wanted to get more involved? Do you want to meet more people? Do you want to help the sport of sailing continue on? Volunteering to be part of club leadership allows you to do all of those things. If you are new to the club, there is no better way to get to know people than by being involved in leadership. There are plenty of open positions, and much you can do to help. Reach out to myself, any board member, or club member if you are interested in providing your time and helping the club grow. There are any number of great positions available, or create your own. Are you a marketing wiz? Be the Club's marketing wiz! Are you a leader and want to help run the place? Reach out and let someone know you'd like to run for Rear Commodore! I love where the club has been going while I've been involved, and I think it is going to continue to improve. But we need your help to make that continue on.

See you on the water, and hopefully we will get our new meeting location ironed out shortly. Keep an eye on the website, your email, and facebook for details. If you don't receive the monthly club emails, let me know so I can update your email address. Oh yeah, that's one more thing we will need to have someone take over soon too. Those club emails need someone to put them together and send them out. Volunteer soon!

Happy sailing!

Jeremy Bush
Commodore



Vice Commodore Report



Imagine that, it is already September! Summer is definitely in full tilt mode. Hope you are enjoying it out on the water, at least some of the time this summer. It is a great excuse to escape the heat anyway.

Coming up very soon are the elections for positions in the club for the following year. If you have an interest in making a difference with the club, meet new friends, and having fun, then come to next meeting and let us know your intentions.

Although the Windseeker racing for the year has been completed, there is still so much more fun to be had. There are cruises and point series racing. Lots of fun left in the year. Make sure to check out the calendar dates for other gatherings of sailors in this month's Mainsheet. Lots of fun times are being planned as of this publication.

Just so you know, all of the club's outings do not involve "racing". Some are just plain (plain) cruising events, or sailing to a nearby cove or bay and rafting up. So I like airplanes as well! Read about the events coming up and join in and have fun. This is where it all starts, ready set go.

A happy shout out to Dan and Karen Walker for opening their house up for CYCT summer picnic. Great friends, good food, and fun games. If you did not go this year you missed a great time.

Hope to see you at the club's next get together!

Michael Stanford
Vice Commodore
S/V Lycian



Rear Commodore Report



Well, that was a fun summer of Racing! I learned a lot, got beat a lot, and generally had a fun time!

I'm still getting used to driving my own boat, vs being on a crew, but I'm getting there. My Crew has been fantastic all summer, and I'm very thankful to have had them out with me. Tim Garchow, Aubre Nelson, Tim Cleary, Kyle Roethle, Nicole Roethle, Mary Franks, Julie Dittmar – you folks all put in a valiant effort. All our successes were because of you... our less than stellar performances... well that was because of the driver.

Thanks to all for the great times this summer, and Special thanks to a few people:

Brock VanRavenswaay, our awesome Race Committee Chair! You're doin' GREAT, Brock!

Chuck Queen, our Co-Captain and faithful assistant to Brock.

Our Commodore, Jeremy Bush, for working on the calculations and results.

Our Vice Commodore, Michael Stanford, for his assistance along the way!

Dan Walker – our Floating Asset Chair, for Keeping Romeo Charlie in tip top shape!

Finally – all the boats/crews, members or not, who volunteered for Race Committee this summer. It takes a village!

We're moving into fall racing, and I for one am excited. Speaking of – The Pink Boat Regatta is coming up on September 18th! Have you registered? All boats are welcome, racers, cruisers dinghies, Etc. If you sail, this is for you! If you're not registering your boat, maybe try and join a crew of one of the boats that has registered. Raise a little money! Get your friends and family to donate to your team and you could win!

We're hoping to have a great race program for everyone, but this is really about fundraising for Breast Cancer research. Just about everyone either knows directly or knows someone who knows someone that has been impacted by this horrible disease. We need everyone's help to rid the world of this nasty thing. Last year we were able to raise a bit of money, but it was severely limited, due to the Pandemic. While the Pandemic continues, we have opened back up enough to do the regattas this year! We're excited as a Club to partner with the Pink Boat organization to put this event on.

The Pink Boat team will be working with Brock to get Race instructions all setup and ready for the Regatta. We'll be hailing from the Foss Harbor Waterway again, and Rock the Dock will be our Home Base! Even if you don't race, you can come down to the afterparty and enter raffles, have food/drink and support this worthy cause. I hope to see a huge showing from our Club at the event! In case you didn't know, Pink Boat Regatta is a locally started (Seattle) 501c3 Non-Profit, so all donations are Tax deductible. 100% of the net proceeds from Regattas goes to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF)

If you'd like to know more, let me know or check out the Website – <https://pinkboatregatta.org>

Thanks for your continued support!

John Coyne
Rear Commodore
S/V Wild Thing!

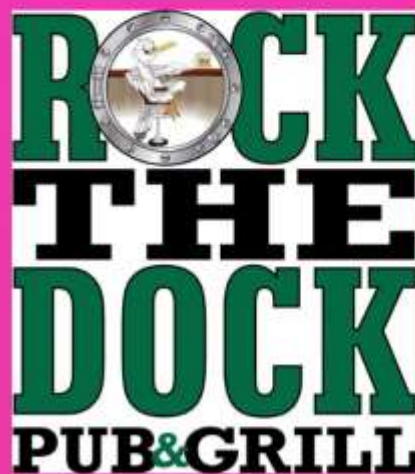


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Membership



Happy Labor Day Fellow CYCT Members!

I can't believe how fast the summer has gone by. I hope you were all able to get out on the water and enjoy it. Fall looks to be amazing too, I am looking forward to the Labor Day Cruise.

We had a great time in the San Juan's on Rich Morales' Retirement Cruise "The Final Approach". 7 Boats, 19 people and 2 Dogs at Stuart Island for the hike to Turn Point Lighthouse was an incredible highlight. It is so fun to be a member and have opportunities like these. Happy Retirement Rich, I can't wait to join you and so many other members in Retirement!

I would like to introduce you to our newest members:

Braden Price is joining as a Crew Member

And

Jason Hanford and Celina Scott are joining as Active Members, they have a Hunter 260 Named Suono Bella.

Please come to the September Meeting to welcome them to our Club.

Happy Birthday to All the September Birthdays out there!!

Scott Spear	11th
Eric Johnson	15th
Mary Nye Meyers	29th
Marvin Serosky	29th

See you on the Water,

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Education

Last month I was on vacation, and my report was not submitted. This report includes my August report, and some musings about sailing. Hopefully useful information will come out in this report.

I have sailed since I was a kid, and sailing has been one of the continuous threads in my life. I am from the “old school” sailing where you said “please and excuse me” instead of yelling insults across the water. When I started sailing at 14, there were no 360 or 720 penalties. You hit mark or fouled another boat you were OUT – disqualified from the race. I was in San Diego sailing Penguins, which in the 1950's was a big class, with some very good young sailors competing. I am not saying I agree with no penalty turns – disqualification seems a bit severe for a minor infraction.

As we pass the midpoint in this summer's racing, I have some reflections. We are lucky to be racing, and most of us are vaccinated against the worst pandemic in over 100 years. We still could be isolated at home – no racing or cruising.

I watch what is happening during our racing, and I find it's not all “please and thank you.” Rules are pushed to the extreme if not broken. If you are going to race know the RRS – the rules of the game. Especially those in force during starts and mark roundings. As with the law ignorance is not an excuse. If you find yourself in a position of fouling another boat “please and excuse me” can help avoid hurt feelings as well as angry retorts.

I have sailed over 20 years here, and have many sailing friends. The vast majority people who sail and race are courteous on the course. However, I also know which sailors to avoid. There aren't many, but it only takes a few to ruin the enjoyment of the rest of us. I am not talking about the novice who gets tied up at a mark and fouls another boat (remember “excuse me and thank you”). I mean the better sailor that forces an inside overlap risking damage to both boats for a \$10 trophy.

My first reflection dates back to the 1950's in San Diego, CA. I was 15 and racing Penguins. One particular race was an annual race around Shelter Island and out into San Diego Bay. There were about 10 boats in the race. It was a beautiful day, wind was 10-15 knots. We had rounded the end of Shelter Island and were broad reaching down the BAY. Most of the crews were relaxed with sails out and centerboards up, As time went on one of the boats was passing another to leeward. When the leeward boat was passing the windward boat, she luffed hard and the windward boat contacted the leeward one. The windward boat was caught flatfooted with her centerboard up. I remember hearing the skipper shouting “your out”. I am sure that put an end to the windward boat's enjoyment for the day! I looked at my dad, who was crewing for me, and said “that was Dennis Conner.” The rest of the time I sailed in San Diego I made it my policy to avoid DC as much as I could.

I hope you had an opportunity to watch the Olympic sailing. The USA did not do well, but I was amazed how much effort the teams put out during the races. All of the crew must have been in excellent shape. Making kinetics legal makes it a whole different ball game, Normally kinetics are banned except in certain circumstances outlined in RRS 42. The RRS was amended to allow kinetics when the wind is above a prescribed level.

Let's stay safe out on the water and enjoy the rest of this great weather!

Ed Pinkham
Education



Cruising



Yee-haw! The **August Hillbilly Hootenanny at Longbranch Marina** was great fun with five boats attending, leading the flotilla were cruise hosts Ed and Sue Pinkham on SV Jeopardy, SV La Gitana, SV La Sirena, SV Kool Cat, and SV Whisper. We played games, sang karaoke, danced, and ate a whole lot of food. I particularly had fun sailing back through the Narrows with an ebb tide and 15 kt following breeze. Thank you Ed and Sue for hosting such a great time.



Coming up this **Labor Day Weekend is the Gig Harbor** raft-up hosted by Tim Garchow (SV Odin), Greg Greene (SV Whisper), and Jeremy Bush (SV Zilla). Please let us know if you are coming and your approximate time of arrival. We will likely be setting up a nautical star raft again with Odin and Whisper as the tide anchors. If you are coming by land please reach out to me on FaceBook or text message, or email at cruising@cyct.com. We will have dinghies available to taxi back and forth to shore.

Save the date: Saturday, October 2nd, for the next and last **Cruising Day Sail Rally of 2021**; co-hosted by CYCT and TYC. More details to come on Facebook and on the CYCY website.

But wait, there is more... Once again **the Le Mans Race / Clam Chowder Cook-Off** is scheduled for November 19 thru 21 at Arabella's Landing – Gig Harbor. Cruise hosts Gary and Joy Ballentine always put on an incredible fun time. Don't miss it and be ready to make your slip reservations soon.

Thank you all for a great summer!

Greg Greene
Fleet Captain – Cruising
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Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)

The LRPC has been looking hard for a new place to meet for the fall, winter, and spring meetings and we need your help. The challenge is to find a place with a dedicated meeting space, has a fun environment good food at reasonable prices, is family friendly, and open on the 2nd Monday of each month!

The Committee members have spent several months looking and we have talked to many restaurants managers and have still not found an ideal choice. Restaurants such as The Old Spaghetti Factory, Harbor Lights, Cliffhouse Lounge, The Social, and all seemed like great options and then for one reason or another these places did not work out. Many other choices have simply closed their doors and are unlikely to reopen.

So, after months of searching here are the front runners for upcoming meeting places:

Venue	Pros	Cons
7 Seas Brewery & Tap Room 2101 Jefferson Ave Tacoma, WA 98402	Has a dedicated Room Reasonable low room cost of \$200 Separate checks allowed and reasonable food prices Open and available on the 2 nd Monday of the month	Possibly too loud for meeting Limited to 21 years or older
Farelli's Pizza 5104 Grand Loop, Ruston 98407	Has a dedicated group space on top floor Good food & parking Available on 2 nd Monday Near the waterfront	\$400 Room charge plus Group Dining Menu of \$600 to \$785 15 mins from I-5/I-705
Famous Dave's BBQ 1901 S 72 nd St., 98408	Has a dedicated meeting room with no add'l room fee Has reasonably priced menu and we can order off the menu with separate checks Open Monday's About 7 mins from I- 5/I-705	The 2 nd Monday of each month is already booked Would need a by-law change to change meeting night
Urban Elk Restaurant @ Allenmore Golf Club 2013 S. Cedar Street, 98405	Has a dedicated section of restaurant, gorgeous view Space for about 40 Reasonably priced menu Can order off the menu with separate checks 5 mins from I-5/I-705	Closed Mondays Closes at 8 pm, possibly negotiable Would need a by-law change to change meeting night
Duke's Chowder House 3327 Ruston Way, 98402	Has a dedicated section of restaurant with a gorgeous waterfront view Space for about 40 Can possibly order off the menu with separate checks About 7 mins from I- 5/I-705	Higher food prices Still not sure they can accept large groups



LRPC - Continued

So, this is where we need your help.

1. Do you know of a restaurant that is close in to Tacoma, is open the 2nd Monday of the Month, is reasonably priced, and is family friendly?
2. Would you be open to a By Laws change to allow meetings on a different night?
3. If yes to 2, what would be your choice of night and week of the month?

Please send me your constructive ideas. If so, please email me with your ideas to longrangeplanning@cyct.com

Many thanks,

Greg Greene
Long Range Planning Committee Chair



CYCT Summer Picnic

Thank you Dan and Karen Walker

Chili Cookoff

Winner: Greg Greene



Guess the calf

Winner: Gary Ballentine



Egg Toss

Winners: Gary and Joy Ballentine



Winner Random Number Game: Sue Pinkham





Hillbilly Hootenany Cruise to Longbranch

Photos submitted by Angie Morales



SHOVING OFF

Hiatus



It was about 4:30 AM when I focused enough to pick up my phone and look at the time. If it was a work day I probably could have gone back to sleep easily. But it wasn't a work day. It was the day we leave for the islands and when I'm excited for a project or an adventure I wake up early. Doing the math in my head, I figured I could get in a shower, get dressed, and make coffee all before 5:00 AM. Tanks were filled and we were ready to go.

We'd already delayed our departure by two days. We were underway two days ago when I got a call about a family tragedy. This was a big one. One we had to turn around for. Now, after two days, we'd done what we felt could be done by staying and we needed to go. While La Sirena is my early retirement plan, that plan is not complete. I still have a job, a stressful job, and this was the window of opportunity I look forward to all year.

So at 5:00 AM, freshly showered, pot of coffee in hand, I came into the pilot house and turned on the instruments. I had to figure out how to turn them all to "night mode". The anemometer showed a breeze of about 1.5 knots straight off of the dock. Perfect! The bow thruster is right under Rylie's bed and I wanted to avoid using it. So I dawned my PFD, started the engine and went onto the dock and surveyed the lines to determine the order to untie (a regular and recommended habit.) Untie forward spring, pull in the bow and untie and toss that line on deck, then untie the aft spring and step quickly aboard. By time I'd fully untied the stern line which we always tie on the deck, I was ten feet from the dock which made leaving a breeze. I avoided the customary prolonged blast (4-6 seconds) on the horn this morning.

The weather was glorious, the water glass, and I'd watched three video blogs by the time the Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John joined me. By 7:45 we had passed Blake Island and had a nice view of downtown Seattle. By 11:45 we were passing Port Townsend. We were an hour ahead of where I thought we'd be thanks to a big tide. We entered the straights with high hopes doing about 8 knots.

An hour later, we were in a mixing bowl of up and down, back and forth, side to side. The Lovely and Gracious Mrs. S was now the Listless and Gray Mrs. S. Rylie was cuddled next to me being very quiet and I was trying to figure the quickest, steadiest way across, while I looked at the plotter and the ETA, dismayed at how the time kept increasing as our speed kept dropping. As the wind shifted, I ventured on deck to rig and deploy the staysail, hoping it would help to steady the boat. Though flying full, I don't think that it did anything.

I'd hoped for shelter behind Smith Island but no! As we approached Rosario Strait I actually had to angle towards Cattle Pass going a mile or so out of our way just to limit the side to side rolling. It was about here that the L and G Mrs. S. found that she had more to add to her bowl. I was finally able to turn back to the west and ride an incoming tide around the corner to Watmough Bay, our favorite first stop.

Not today though. Even though the wind was westerly, the swells were wrapping around into the bay and the boats were rocking like so many metronomes. Back out we went, around the corner and through Lopez Pass one 3.5 knots of current to Hunter Bay where we sit now. It was a wise choice as the wind howled until the middle of the night.

As I sit here the next morning, I can look about at the flat water, the boats, the green trees and up past Spencer Spit to the fog bank. I'm looking through dirty, salt steak windows. Windows that I washed this yesterday! My tum-my has mostly returned to normal. I've an article to write (which I'm doing) and some work stuff that will likely chase me through the next two weeks. The family tragedy will not resolve quickly but we are away and recharging.

Shoving Off (continued)

That recharge, change of routine, change of venue, has be a constant and an essential in my life. I've never known a year in my life where I didn't get away for at least a week. I needed a break. A hiatus!

So it is with writing. By my records, it looks like I started editing the Mainsheet and therefore, writing my backpage article at the end of 2012. For years it was called "The View From the Rear, Musings of a Casual Racer". When we purchased La Sirena, I changed it to Shoving Off, to serve as a diary of the process.

We purchased La Sirena four years ago and have lived aboard almost three. That early retirement has been delayed by the pandemic and other factors. And now we seem in a holding pattern. Coming up with fresh ideas to write about has become a challenge. Sure, there's always repairs, weekend trips, and goings on in the marina to write about, but I'm feeling the need for a hiatus here as well.

I'm going to step away, at least for a while. I think retirement may resolve itself soon. Or issues in life, maybe not. So far, moving aboard has been a positive experience. We enjoy the community we live in and the nature around us. The savings have exceeded expectations. While we didn't see ourselves as part of the tiny living craze, in a way we are and we like it.

I'll be checking in from time to time and, once I do retire, I want to launch a site that features writing, the again Lovely and Gracious Mrs. St. John's photos and maybe Rylie's adventures in nature.

Until then, we still have a slip at the marina and I still have a job.

Ken St. John

S/V La Sirena

September Calendar

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Sunshine

For August I sent cards to Steve and Kit Ryan for their son's stroke. To Jen Tenney for a medical issue. To Don Kimball, congratulations on a clean scan after his cancer battle, and to Ken, Julie and Rylie St John on the loss of their daughter, Jackie, Rylie's mom.

If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine, please let me know.

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S/V Red Splash
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