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Commodore Report



“Beer - the cause of, and solution to, all of life’s problems.” - Homer Simpson

After the last month, I was reminded of this quote, although it needs to be slightly adjusted to my experience:

“Water, the cause of, and solution to, all of life’s problems.”

Leaks, leaks, leaks. Holy wow. Inside, and out. There is nothing quite like leaving for the weekend to come back and find your efforts at finding and sealing leaks throughout the summer were less than successful. Although, it was also the deluge of a lifetime (so I hear) so that might have played into why I came back to a completely soaked salon. Regardless, it seems like lately water hasn’t been the solution to my problems (as in relaxing and enjoying it), but more of my problem. The one positive about that is that I’ve learned some interesting new tips and tricks to share with all of you.

Firstly, I had made attempts at sealing some rather large overhead windows, and I’m finding after research that these routinely leak. Without completely removing and rebedding, I’m kind of in a rough spot in stopping these leaks. I also found evidence of many other attempts by previous owners to try and also stop leaks in this location. I’m guessing many layers of flaking and non-uv protected sealant don’t hold up for very long. So I removed virtually all I could to get down to the original bedding, and then took an approach that was recommended to me from Paul Grove - a product called “Preservation Tape.” The brand I found was called “Dr. Shrink.” I basically applied it to my window joints like a roofing material. Starting from the bottom and then working towards the top. Also, after yet another rainstorm and more water coming in, I decided it was time to remove all of the snaps for a window covering that were around these windows, seal them, and then also tape over that. So far, I’ve stopped the leaking on one side of the boat! Hooray! I’m still having a heck of a time finding the last leak, but it has slowed considerably.



Another fun trick I learned was that I could channelize the water flow from where I didn’t want it (which was flowing down the headliner into a channel, then overflowing, and running down the side wall and ruining the wood on shelving below), to a collection bin. Again, this isn’t the most amazing looking fix, but it’ll get me by until I finally track down the last of the leaks. Essentially I created a wicking channel that pulls the water out of the collection track and directs it into a bowl below. All it took was a paper towel and some hemp string to hold it up! And it works like a charm!



Well, welcome to Winter! Hopefully we can all keep our boats drier than mine currently is.

Jeremy Bush
Commodore



Vice Commodore Report



Hello there sailors, did you get in all of your warm summer breeze sailing weather in that you desired? Even if you were drifting with no breeze, it is still great to be out there on the water. Looks like we are definitely headed for cooler weather now. There is still lots of fun out there on the water, we might just need to put an extra layer on, or maybe even a waterproof layer!

Here we are, just a few short months until a new year starts. This means we need to think about getting positions filled within the club. If you have ever wanted to be a part of a great sailing club, then now is the time to raise your hand say something. We would be happy to have you on board!

We have had many great races on Wednesday's and Saturday's along with great Rally's and just plain cruising. It is all about sailing being out on the water and enjoying time with friends. You can look at the club's monthly calendar (in the mainsheet) and see when the next event is. There are events every month, so just pick one or two and you will be hooked. Also If you have an idea about having a sailing event, just let one of us know, we'll be happy to listen.

We will look forward to seeing out on the water, or at the next club function. The next one will be very soon. Don't look out at the water and wish you were there, you are just a click away from being on the water with a new adventure!

Michael Stanford
Vice Commodore
S/V Lycian



Rear Commodore Report



HI Club,

Well, the end of summer has come. My boat has gone to sleep for the long winter's nap. We had a lot of fun this summer with the racing program. Thanks to Brock VanRavenswaay and all our volunteer Race committee teams!

The Pink Boat Regatta Tacoma was a SMASHING success. We raised a TON of money (more on that to come) for Breast Cancer Research. Thanks to all for participating and our awesome Race Committee (Brock and Eric) for the killer course! Thanks also to our volunteers that helped on shore and our friends at Rock the Dock for hosting the event!

The time is also upon us to bring in new volunteers for various positions. Right now, we need a Race Committee Chair, and Rear Commodore for the 2022 year. If you're interested in helping YOUR club, please let one of the commodores know!

Have a great fall and I'll see you all soon!

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Membership



Happy Fall CYCT! I miss summer already.

I finally was able to send out the Membership Roster! If you did not receive one by email last month or need anything changed, please email me at membership@cyct.com. I will send a revised edition out in November. I already had a few corrections to make.

We have a LOT of Birthdays to celebrate this Month:

October	
Skip Broadhead	2nd
Tom Saul	4th
John Coyne	4th
Brad Olney	6th
Aaron Skiles	6th
Debbie Kimball	13th
Barbara Saul	14th
Eric Olsen	16th
Stephanie Pessemier	16th
Kelly Bethards	17th
Rebekah Foelker	17th
Margaret Gallimore	17th
Terry Paine	18th
Billy Carter	25th
Gary Ballentine	28th
Derek Youngberg	28th
Elizabeth "Liz" Dwyer	29th
Jason Pahkala	31st

Happy Birthday to ALL of you!! And HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Joy Ballentine
 S/V Raven
 CYCT Membership Chair



Education

Summer is over and cooler weather is coming. We had an exceptional summer which is what we needed after COVID 19 lock downs. I hope all of us had a chance do get out and sail in the warm weather.

On a more serious note we need to prepare for the colder weather, and have methods for keeping the crew warm. Hypothermia is a serious concern, and everyone should be aware, and take personal responsibility for keeping warm. If you are to the point of shivering, go below and warm up and put additional layers on. Wear appropriate clothing, and stay dry. This is not the season for cotton. Watch your crew members, and if they look cold encourage them to go below and get warm.

You need to be aware of the stages of hypothermia

1. Shivering – this is the first sign where the body is trying too warm up by increasing muscular activity.
2. Having trouble understanding instruction. Not taking action in their best interest.
3. Shivering stops – Person is in trouble. May not be able to talk coherently. It is critically that person get below and warm up.
4. Victim is not responding and may lapse into unconsciousness. This has become an emergency! Contact USCG on VFH Channel 19, and dial 911. Head for the closest help ashore.

This is a good time of year to check all our safety equipment. If you wear inflatable PFD's check them annually to make sure they don't leak. Make sure the "green" is showing in the automatic inflator. Go over MOB procedures with your crew. Actually get the equipment out and practice using it. You can do this at the dock where no one has to get wet. Check you signaling devices and make sure the batteries are good. Make sure your flares are current. I recently got a strobe the USCG has approved in lieu of flares. When activated it flashes SOS.

Note: Getting rid of expired flares is difficult. They are considered an explosive which requires special procedures for disposal. It is illegal to fire them off on the Fourth or New Year eve.

Ed Pinkham
Education

October Calendar

For October events, please check
Upcoming Events on CYCT Website

View [Upcoming Events](#)

OR

CYCT Facebook page

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

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CYCT

Sports Pub and Chowder House Cruise **Arabella's Landing Marina, Gig Harbor**

Come join us for our November cruise. The cruise will be November 19th through the 21st. There will be prizes for the top chowders. There will also be prizes for the most fanatic fan dress supporting your favorite team. Call Arabella's for reservations at 253-851-1793.

Friday the 19th: Arrive Friday if you wish for a free night enjoying the many Restaurants and Pubs Gig Harbor has to offer.

Saturday the 20th: Join us in the morning as we cheer on our fellow CYCT boats as they compete in Gig Harbor Yacht Club's Leman's Race. You can watch the start of the race from Arabella's dock, and follow the boats to the entrance of the harbor if you wish. Happy Hour will be around 6 p.m. with dinner around 7 p.m. This will give our CYCT racers time to attend the awards ceremony at GHYC. Don't forget your muffin pan for sampling all of the award-winning chowders.

Sunday the 21st: Our signature breakfast will be served in the clubhouse. Time to be determined.



Igloo ice chest for sell \$25. Don 206 793-7414



#35 CQR ANCHOR for sell \$45. Don 206 793-7414



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).
- **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).

On The Cover:

Lily pad



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Residential and Commercial New and Renovation Work

Construction Management and Estimating, Constructability Reviews,
Site Planning, Work Scope Development

Erosion and Sediment Control Design, Review, and Monitoring

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 VanRavenswaay
Past Commodore: Angie Morales

STANDING COMMITTEES

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