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# Commodore Report



Greetings all! The Holiday season is just about upon us. Also with this time of year comes many important and fun club activities! In November, we have our Annual Membership Meeting. We then have our Christmas party in December, and our Commodore's Ball in January.

The Annual Membership Meeting is a very important meeting to attend, as we vote on our new board members, our perpetual trophies, and some important club changes to our bylaws. Please return your perpetual trophies at this meeting, or place them in the clubhouse before this meeting. The location of the meeting is to be determined at this point, but we are working on finding a good spot that will meet the needs for this specific meeting. Please watch your email and/or facebook for the meeting details. The meeting will be held November 8th at 6pm for a social gathering, with the business meeting starting at 7pm.

Next up will be our Christmas party on December 17th at the Brown's Point Improvement Club. Watch for details coming out from our Social Chair, Evie Engnoth. Please reach out to [social@cyct.com](mailto:social@cyct.com) if you would like to help out with the party planning or helping put the event on.

After that, we have our Commodore's Ball on January 15th at Tacoma Yacht Club. We are proposing a modest increase to our ticket prices to cover the increased cost of the room rental. Please make sure this is on your calendar and come out for a great night of socializing, dancing to the Tropics, and hanging out with your amazing club members and friends.

I want to give a quick update on our club finances. Recently, the board reviewed and proposed our 2022 budget. There have been quite a few changes and cost increases this year and projected into next year due to the emergence from covid, and general cost increases. In order to offset the increase in room rental rates (mainly), we are proposing that we start having a 50/50 raffle at our club events. This is simply to help cover our room rental costs, which we are likely to have to start paying (Christmas party, general meeting rentals, etc). We may even incorporate these into our club cruises to off-set our cruising costs. The main reason is to try and keep our costs down without having to raise our dues rates. Even with that though, our costs may outpace our income levels. Our goal is to keep the club dues as low as possible, but it may be time for a slight rate increase. I just wanted to give a heads up as early as possible. The new board will assess and revamp the budget early in 2020 to ensure it is balanced to the best of our abilities.

Lastly, I want to share that we held an open meeting to discuss our Fleet Captain of Racing position and some of the pitfalls that previous Race Chairs have encountered. It was a very productive meeting, and we identified many areas where we can make the position much more desirable and easier to handle.

The main changes are as follows:

- Create a full committee to help with the position (delegate and have assistance in making schedules, race rules, documents, permits, and scheduling RC coverage for races)
- Have an "on the water position" and an "off the water position"
- Have a dedicated scorekeeper (would you like to volunteer for this position?)

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## Commodore Report—Continued

Ways that every club member can help make the Race Committee job be easier:

- Help get the boat ready before races
- Help clean up the boat after all races (This is a big one! Please stop by after racing and help put the boat away!)
- Do not complain to the race committee directly (we will be creating a form on the website to protest any scoring issues)
- Pick a race (or a few) and actually run the Race Committee. If not, send a crew member at least once at a predetermined date to help run the boat/race

So with that, we still need a Fleet Captain of Racing for next year. We also have the Co-Captain of racing position available if you would like to learn the position. IF we don't get a volunteer for this position, the board will have to run this as a committee alone. This is our last resort, and we really don't want to have to do this. If you have been considering it, please let us know. The board is very helpful, and we will do everything we can to make this position as easy as possible. But we need a leader to guide the committee. Please reach out to myself or Michael at [commodore@cyct.com](mailto:commodore@cyct.com) or [vicecommodore@cyct.com](mailto:vicecommodore@cyct.com) if you have questions or are willing to take on this position.

See you at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Jeremy Bush  
Commodore



# Vice Commodore Report



As we transition into fall, cooler weather will prevail; with that comes rain and possible snowy conditions, be sure to dress warmly!!

Did you get a chance to see the fall colors from your boat? They sure have been beautiful this year.

This is the time of the year that we are seeking enthusiastic sailors to become part of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma board team. We have one position left to fill, that position is the Race Chair also known as Romeo Charlie. This is an important position in the club. It can be very exciting setting up the course depending on wind conditions, and then making the start/finishing line. We will also will have a new, faster way to record your finish times and have them posted. We will have helpers on Romeo Charlie to make being on the water more fun then before. If you think you want to see what it takes to be on Romeo Charlie, come on down to the next general meeting. We will gladly tell you all about it.

As you all know, the club is still looking for a place to hold its monthly general meetings. It would be an ideal place if it could hold about 50 people or more, be under 21 friendly, and either serves food or we can bring our own food in. Do you have any suggestions? If you do, you can email me directly at [vicecommodore@cyct.com](mailto:vicecommodore@cyct.com), or talk to any of the board members.

We also have more social events coming up, so be sure and check the Mainsheet calendar for dates and times.

It will be great to see you on the water, or at the next club function, just check us out to see where the fun will be. See You

Michael Stanford  
Vice Commodore  
S/V Lycian



## Rear Commodore Report



Hello CYCT!

Happy November! The weather sure turned quickly, didn't it?

I have a love/hate relationship with the winter sailing – generally we get better wind, but that wind comes with lots of rain, hail, snow and general chilliness. I do also like that we go longer distances usually in the winter. So I hope to see you out there. I'll be resuming my place on Gardyloo during the winter months, as Wild Thing is asleep at the house.

As I begin to wind down the Rear Commodore duties, I turn my focus to things like the website and to helping with our Race Committee. BTW do any of you want to volunteer to chair the Race Committee next year? We're working to try and streamline the process of race management, I promise. We can train you! We'll show you the ropes and help everywhere we can. Let me know if you're interested in the gig. Your club needs you!

And to close, I want to thank ALL of our race volunteers this year, but most especially, Brock VanRavenswaay for his tireless support of the racing program. "You're doin' GREAT" Brock.

Fair Winds,

John Coyne  
Rear Commodore  
S/V Wild Thing



## Cruising Report



I am happy to report that the October 2nd Cruising Day-Sail Rally with Tacoma Yacht Club was a rousing success. We had a total of fifteen boats participate, of which nine boats were from CYCT. This time the Rally started and finished at the Tacoma Yacht Club who graciously reserved the entire courtesy docks for us for the entire day. One the docks at check-in, we once again we had the Knot So Easy crew challenge (for 5 points), were one crew member was chosen by a roll of the dice and they had to properly tie on of six possible knots, which was also chosen randomly by a roll of the dice. Congrats to crews of Gardyloo, Whisper, Red Splash, Catharsis, and Nemesis who all passed the test!

The course had three marks that had to be found by following the rally instructions and clues. Unfortunately the wind was not to be found this day, and so there was a lot of motor sailing going on. New to this Rally was the Nautical Scattergories game, where after each mark the teams had to fill out a category list/sheet based on the first letter of each marks flag/clues: Charlie, Papa, and Sierra. The winning strategy was to chose an answer that was unique, that no other team had chosen, because duplicate answers were not counted for points. And once again the Rally had a Lady Luck Poker Run which was won with only a pair of Queens!

In order of placing the teams were:

- 1st Place - **Gardyloo**, 38 points, skippered by Eric Nelson, CYCT (1st place for the Nautical Scattergories game)
- 2nd Place - **Whisper**, 33 points, skippered by Judy Clark, CYCT
- 3rd Place - **Red Splash**, 31 points, skippered by Don McAdams, CYCT
- 4th Place - Catharsis, 27 points, skippered by Penny Shen, CYCT (winner of the Lady Luck Poker Run)
- 5th Place (tie) - **Raven**, 25 points, skippered by Gary Ballantine, CYCT
- 5th Place (tie) - **Nemesis**, 25 points, skippered by Fred Haas, TYC
- 5th Place (tie) - **Delphinus**, 25 points, skippered by Dan Adams, TYC
- 8th Place - **Jeopardy**, 24 points, skippered by Ed Pinkham, CYCT
- 9th Place (tie) - **Rival**, 20 points, skippered by William Kellis, TYC
- 9th Place (tie) - **Wave Walker**, 20 points, skippered by Dave Pouliot, TYC
- 11th place (tie) - **La Gitana**, 19 points, skippered by Rick Morales, CYCT
- 11th Place (2 way tie) - **Yankee**, 19 points, skippered by Clay Anderson, CYCT
- 13th Pace (tie) - **White Squall**, 17 points, skippered by Roger Dietz, TYC
- 13th Place (tie) - **Dos Osos**, 17 points, Skippered by Adrian DeLuna, CYCT & TYC
- 15th Place - **Take Five**, 16 points, Skippered by Peter Cribbin, TYC

What's Next?

There is more cruising to come with the Le Mans Race / Clam Chowder Cook-Off scheduled for November 19 thru 21 at Arabella's Landing – Gig Harbor. Cruise hosts Gary and Joy Ballentine have planned fun time. But DON'T WAIT! Slip reservations are limited to the first 10 boats and they can be made by contacting Arabella's Landing at [info@arabellaslanding.com](mailto:info@arabellaslanding.com) or calling (253) 851-1793. Word has it that they are not answering their phone, so an email might be the best way to go.

Thank you all for a great 2021!

*Greg Greene*

Fleet Captain – Cruising  
[cruising@cyct.com](mailto:cruising@cyct.com)

# Cruising Day— Sail Rally

Photos submitted by Greg Greene





# Membership



Happy Thanksgiving Month!

So many fun activities are coming up for CYCT.

First, we have the November General Meeting that is our Annual Meeting. We get to vote for new Board Members, Vote for Perpetual Trophies and this year Vote for a Bylaw Change. Hope you will all be at the meeting November 8th, watch Facebook and your email for the meeting site.

Next is the CYCT Sports Pub and Chowder House Cruise November 19th-21st at Arabella's. The same weekend as the GHYC Lemans Race. Come cheer on your favorite CYCT Racer Saturday Morning, Then bring your possibly Award Winning Chowder to Arabella's party room or a side dish. Social hour starts around 5pm, dinner about 6pm, then games and a movie. We will have Breakfast in the party room on Sunday, time to be decided. Be sure and bring your muffin tin for tasting and voting on the Best Chowder. Please bring whatever you would like to drink.

December brings us the awesome Christmas Party at Browns Point Improvement Club. A potluck, a White Elephant Gift Exchange, Thank the Current Board, Welcome the New Board. Find out who won the Perpetual Trophies. Meet old and new friends, so much fun.

January brings our Formal Commodore's Ball. A wonderful dinner at Tacoma Yacht Club, Dancing, just hanging out. It's so fun to see us all dressed up.

What a Great Time of year to be a CYCT Member. I hope to see all of you at our many gatherings.

Now, going back to November, HAPPY BIRTHDAY To:

Kathleen Pierce	1st
Julie Dittmar	3rd
Heidi Allen	17th

Hope you and your family have a Wonderful Thanksgiving,

Joy Ballentine  
S/V Raven  
CYCT Membership





# Education

## LONG LINES/ SHORT LINES

If you are like me, you have difficulty training and keeping crew members. Newbies come aboard and have to be trained. I get frustrated when I explain what to do, and the new guy looks at me like I am speaking a foreign language. You have to admit terms like cummingham and vang not everyday words. To make this easier on crew, and me, I have divided the boat's lines into "large" and "small".

This relates to the importance of the line, not the size. Most of the "large" lines are critical to the performance of the boat. These include all the sheets (main, jib, and spinnaker), halyards, boom vang, and running backstays. I want my crew to concentrate on these, and basically ignore the "small" lines. I try to set some of the "small" lines before the start, like the jib leads, out haul, cunningham and such. Crew are able to learn sail trim easily, and can keep the sails powered up. As the crew member gains more experience, I add more adjustments. I don't ignore the "small" lines, I just preset them as I said. If your lines are not labeled you should take the time and label your cleats and line clutches. I have had spinnakers drop suddenly when a crew member let the halyard go looking for the spare jib halyard. Color coding the lines can also help identification.

Remember crew members are the reason you are racing, and are all volunteers. Hopefully they enjoy sailing and don't need much prodding to sail. You can make more sailing enjoyable for everyone by making simple as possible, and less frustrating for all of us.

Important note: CYCT has a great need for a Race Captain. No question, the position is difficult and complex operation. This position is volunteer like all of the officers. The Board is discussing dividing up the tasks to make the position more manageable. No one person would be responsible for the whole program. If you race I encourage you to volunteer to help our race program. Racing needs to run smoothly with everyone doing their part.

This is of concern to me. Last Saturday was the 3rd race in our Point Series. It was a really light wind day. When I finally finished the race, I made it a point to go by and thank the race committee. Brock was alone on RC. We threw him a libation before we left. From a safety standpoint I think there should be a minimum of 2 people on RC. As you can see we need more volunteers.

Ed Pinkham  
Education

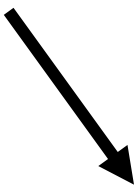
# Pink Boat Regatta 2021—La Gitana

Photos submitted by Angie Morales



# November Calendar

For November events, please check  
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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 5 P.M. with dinner around 6 p.m. Don't forget your muffin pan for sampling all of the award-winning chowders. After dinner we will have a few games, and a movie. This is a BYOB gathering.

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



I am selling my Forespar carbon fiber spinnaker pole.

It is 13' 9.5" loong and works on a 35 ' boat. The pole has been lightly used.

\$2,500 new when I bought it (more now).

I am asking \$1,500.

Ed Pinkham

253-332-7656

### 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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Submitted by:

Greg Greene

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