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# Commodore Report



Well, here we are into February already, with the frost is still hanging around and yet we are ready to go sailing!

First off, I would like to thank those who organized and help set up for the Commodores Ball at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Everything looked great. It was truly a special night. Thank you all who attended. I'd like for you all to give a warm welcome to Brendan Smith our new Rear Commodore, he will be a great asset to the board.

The racing season is under way with the first race of the Harbor Series complete, with race results in. It was a bit chilly in the morning and foggy to begin with, then the fog lifted for the most part with a bit of a breeze to fill the spinnakers. The race is on! Congratulations to team Slick for first place over all. If you haven't been down to your boat yet this year to tidy things up and make it race ready there is still time left in the racing season as this was only the first of many planned races for the season. The second race in this series will be this Saturday February 5th. Are you ready?

There are many other outings planned this year already for the club and more will be added in as the weeks sail on. Toli-va Shoals is coming up, along with the Seattle boat show, who knows if you go, you might find something to sail home in. The Daffodil Parade on the water will be April 22-24. You could help "plant" Daffodills on the boats that will be in the parade. Then there is opening day at Seattle yacht Club May 7th. There will be more information on this to follow up on as we receive it. There will be lots of cruising with the club going on in the spring and continuing in to the summer. If you have an extra weekend to host a cruise or un-cruise contact the cruising chairs Clay and Shari Anderson. I'm sure they would be happy to help you out with choosing a date.

There will be a mountaineers sailing class this year. This means there will graduates wanting to learn more about sailing. This is a perfect opportunity to show the upcoming graduates all about sailing. This is just a few of the things going on within the club, so there will be plenty of opportunity to join in and have sails of fun. And of course there is the Meetup group. Several have joined the club through this site, and have enjoyed it immensely. So let's keep your sails full with happy faces.

Please keep this in mind, there are many advantages to be a member of the CYCT, One advantage is at the Tacoma Yacht club. Visit there for dinner, call and ask for hours of course. Food there is great and very reasonably priced. Be proud of your yacht club

For any of the events on the calendar check for places and times. If you have a any questions don't hesitate to reach out to me at [Commodore@cyct.com](mailto:Commodore@cyct.com) or any other board member. Always know you are invited to the general meetings, come on in see what goes on. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Michael Stanford  
Commodore  
S/V Lycian





## Vice Commodore Report



Hi everyone!

It's official! We are 100% off and running in 2022! We've had our Commodore's Ball, and our first race is on the books! Thanks to all for your support of our programs! Congratulations to our Past Commodore Jeremy Bush, and our new Commodore Michael Stanford!

The website has been updated for racing schedule, general sailing instructions, specific race instructions, and our race payments page. Remember, as a club member, you get a discount on race entries, and if you pay for all races up front, you get the best discount!

Our social media maven, Kristi Coyne is underway with getting our pages updated, and we now have a great new Instagram account – check us out and follow at <https://instagram.com/CYCTacoma> Feel free to send pictures and stories to [socialmedia@cyct.com](mailto:socialmedia@cyct.com)

Hope to see you all soon!

John Coyne  
Vice Commodore  
R/V Wild Thing



## Rear Commodore Report



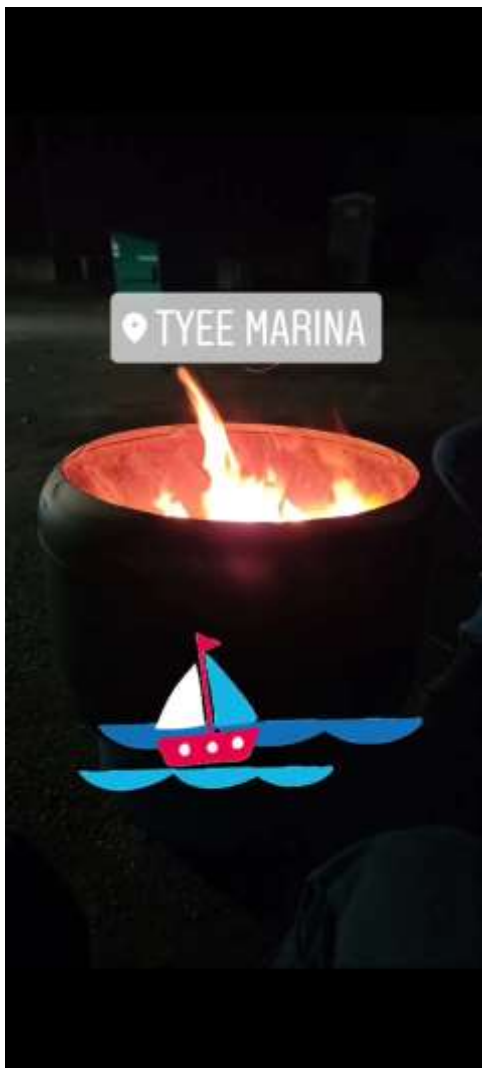
Hello all,

Let me start out by saying a quick thank you to Greg Greene for getting the clubhouse a firepit! A few of us got together Saturday to christen the beast, and it was great!

Secondly, not much to report for Rear Commodore for February. Clubhouse was clean and the grass hasn't quite started needing mowing yet.

Have a great month!

Brendan Smith  
Rear Commodore  
SV Knotty Coug





# Cruising Report



Happy New Year to all, may 2022 be a great year for cruising!

The weekend of April 22 – 24 will be the Daffodil Parade. We will need volunteers to help decorate boats and participate in the parade. The actual parade will start at TYC, Tacoma Yacht Club, on April 24th. More information to follow.

As new first time cruise captains we look forward to working with all of you. We love to get new ideas and thoughts of where and what we can do this Year. Dockton Marine Park looks to open this spring, always a great place. Also Bremerton and Port Orchard could be a fun weekend.

We will post the full year calendar cruising by March

May 6-8	SYC Opening Day	
May 15	Cruising Day-Sail & Membership Drive	Rock the Dock
May 27-30	Penrose Point	Clay and Shari to host

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water.

Clay & Shari  
[cruising@cyct.com](mailto:cruising@cyct.com)



# Racing Report

## 2022 CYCT Racing Begins

The New Year brings another season of Corinthian sailing. This 2022 year begins with our Harbor Series #1, The Quartermaster Harbor Race. With fog and low temperatures bring on a chilled morning, the crew of Romeo Charlie sets the course. RC is faced with a postponement as we establish the start line at Browns Point. As we finish wiping out our cobwebs we begin. PHRF Fast Class starts first at 10:09 followed by PHRF Half Fast at 10:14 and finally our lone Windseeker. The fleet starts into a northerly light 6 knots of wind. Turning towards Vashon to take "R2" Manzanita to starboard then tacking into Quartermaster to take the windward mark off Burton to port. RC tailed the fleet to Manzanita to ensure confidence of fleet rounding. Then it's off to the finish line at the Thea Foss Waterway. What was expected to be reach, windward and then a spinnaker run to the finish was soon disassembled by the finicky winds. A smorgasbord of light conditions would prevail. The challenging light air would make for many different sail sets. One skipper commenting on most the spinnaker sets in recent memory. The finishers would further face a wind shift to the east going light at the grain elevators. The PHRF fleet finished with time to check in at Rock the Dock and the launching of a new fire pit at Tyee. ( Thank you Greg Green. )

### Harbor #1 Results:

#### PHRF Fast Class,

Kahuna 1<sup>st</sup>, John Leitzinger; Flicka 2<sup>nd</sup>, Eric Johnson and Gardyloo, Eric Nelson 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### PHRF Half Fast,

Slick skipper by Chuck Queen 1<sup>st</sup>; Goes to 11 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeremy Bush and Solitaire by Chris Caudill 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Windseeker

Work Release by Ross Chamberlain would be found in East Passage enjoying the afternoon sun. They earned HOC-1.

Elsewhere in the South Sound Series, Duwamish Head Race enjoyed good wind and no rain. CYCT crew made a grand showing.

PHRF-2: Constellation took 1<sup>st</sup>.

PHRF-3: Kahuna was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> overall.

PHRF-4: GraceE got 2<sup>nd</sup>.

PHRF-5: Short Circuit took 1<sup>st</sup>, followed closely by Goes to 11 in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

TEAM CYCT 2 led the reader board with 68.

NEXT UP: Harbor Series 2, Gig Harbor 2/5/2022 and Harbor #3, Zenith Harbor on 2/12/2022.

Your Race Committee thanks Steve Ryan and Crew Obsession for volunteering crew; Cyndi Larrison, for the Harbor#1 Race.

We'll see you on the course.

Don Kimball  
Race Chair  
SV Cool Kat

Rich Morales  
Co-Captain  
SV La Gitana



# Membership Report



Happy Ballentine's Day month fellow CYCT Members, also known as Valentine's Day.

February is a tough month, not a lot going on. No club parties to look forward to this month. We do have races going on, and the Daffodil Parade coming up in April.

Gary and I were remembering how wonderful last summer's vacation was, we had such a good time meeting other club members in the San Juan's. Hopefully we will be able to plan something like it again this year.



Let's make the most of the February meeting on Valentine's day. Hope to see you there.

Happy Birthday:

<b>February</b>	
Rob Yount	1st
Cristina Thomas	2nd
John Leitzinger	10th
David Gallimore	10th
Evie Engnoth	11th
A.J. Brumfield	18th
Dan Walker	20th
Beverly Thomas	21st

Hope you each enjoy your special day!

Joy Ballentine  
S/V Raven  
CYCT Membership



## Education

I had trouble deciding on a topic for this month's report. With the holiday over, and lots of winter left, April looks far off. We had severe cold in December, and I hope your boat made it through without frozen pipes or other damage.

There is an article (Jobson Report) in the current Sailing World which discusses the handicap rules by which we play the game. Most of the rules we will never see. We use the PHRF-NW to handicap our fleets allowing boats of all shapes and sizes to race together. A major problem with all handicap rating systems is they can't fairly rate all the boats in all conditions. Further PHRF is notorious at being bad at it. The system is self governing and subject to "gaming." Owners of boats want their boats to be fastest and lightest. Most of the changes are "legal" under the rules of PHRF-NW. Changes like installing a carbon fiber rudder or stripping out all of the furniture is not. It is impossible to fairly handicap new boat designs that have water ballast or plane easily downwind. I am not sure why, but in consistent winds the faster boats seem save their handicap and win. When a class includes boats with widely varying handicaps this is even more evident. We know PHRF-NW rating system is flawed, but its what got, and it is simple and inexpensive.

NOTE: PHRF-NW did not send out bills this year. Make sure you go on line and validate your certificate and renew your membership.

COVID-19 Update.- I believe Washington is under a state wide directive requiring people who eat in restaurants to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask, or provide negative results of a test less than 72 hours old. I find it difficult to attend meetings where there is no attempt at enforcement. If you think that the omicron variant is a joke – think again. Recently the US has reported 700,000 to 800,000 new cases per day. A significant percentage are young kids. Most of Europe is under a Level 4 travel advisory (do not travel). In a couple of months things may get better. I certainly hope so.

Heaters and Boats – During the winter many of us run portable heaters to keep our boats warm and dry. These can be dangerous if not used properly. Make sure your heater is certified for marine use. Do not use extension cords with heaters. When powering your heater directly from shore power (30 A), make sure the heater is protected by a 15 A breaker. Be safe and be kind to others.

Ed Pinkham



# Commodore's Ball—2022

Photos Submitted by Angie Morales



# February Calendar

For February events, please check  
**Upcoming Events** on CYCT Website

View [Upcoming Events](#)

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- 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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Kahuna—Race Prep



Submitted by Gary Ballentine

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Vice Commodore: John Coyne  
Rear Commodore: Brendan Smith

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