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Commodore Report



Ok, now I think we are making it thru the winter. What do you think?

Now is a great time to be getting your sails crisp and checking your lines to make sure you are ready for the Windseekers racing starting next month. Getting the green off your boat and replenishing your provisions, for your boat and maybe your neighbors boat if you sail with them. Then you are much closer to being race ready.

Last month racing at Toliva Shoals was absolutely awesome! There was definitely plenty of wind and lots of sailing. Were you one of the 44 boats in the race? I was out there on Clay and Shari Anderson's boat Yankee. Wow, so much fun. Thank you Clay for inviting me!

Our club is built on volunteerism. This is how you get to know people and learn about sailing. Whether you are helping plan for the next small event, or a large event it is all very much appreciated. Then as you know it is all about socializing and having fun! You can look over the calendar for the club, and come to where the fun is!! The next happening is never to far away!

It will be great to see you at the next club event!

Michael Stanford
Commodore
S/V Lycian



Vice Commodore Report



Hello, CYCT! Happy March! Windseekers starts next month!! I can't wait!

A Great Opening to Racing for the Harbor Series – Congratulations to all the winners!!

In other news, the South Sound Series teams are doing well! One race left. Congrats to all the CYCT boats for great performance so far!

We had a great talk at the February general meeting, from our friends at TYC, to talk about the upcoming Daffodil festival! Thanks to all who attended. Coming up this month, we have our good friend, Captain Skip Anderson, coming in to talk to us about navigation safety and navigating the Ballard Locks. Opening day is coming, so it's a good refresher for the experienced folks, and some good learning for our new friends! Hope to see you all at Sluggo on March 14th!

Speaking of Sluggo, everyone seems to be enjoying the location, and the food. If you have any suggestions to make it better, please let me know.

Don't forget – we need volunteers to help with Race Committee! No experience necessary. We will train! Please let Don Kimball, Rich Morales or I know.

Thank you,
John Coyne
Vice Commodore
R/V Wild Thing



Rear Commodore Report



Hello all,

I have been getting emails from various yacht clubs of renewed reciprocal for the 2022 boating season. I will be working to update our website accordingly.

Have a great month of March! One day closer to boating season!

Brendan Smith
Rear Commodore
SV Knotty Coug



Cruising Report



Welcome to March

As the days start to get longer, I know Shari and I are looking forward to spending more time on S/V Yankee. This last weekend we took the boat to Olympia for the Toliva Shoal race. We got to spend time with other sailors and had time on the water. We also got to start a list of what needs to be replaced after the winter and also time to clean out the galley, you know all that stuff we bought that for some reason expired. I would have fed it to the crew but they are way too valuable to make them ill. To our point we are getting Yankee ready for the year; restocking supplies, fixing those annoying leaks, and after last weekend being thankful for a great furnace and that little buddy Garmin Auto, he or she steers a great course.

As we get thru March, we can get a better handle on boats that will be participating in Opening Day. I know a few boats may need help getting thru the locks. What can I say, spending a day on the water and locking thru can always be a treat.

March 13 Daylight savings begins, yeah!

Looking forward to getting out more on the water without a million layers of clothing and rafting up with everyone. Be safe out there.

Upcoming Cruise Dates:

Daffodil Parade: April 22 – 24

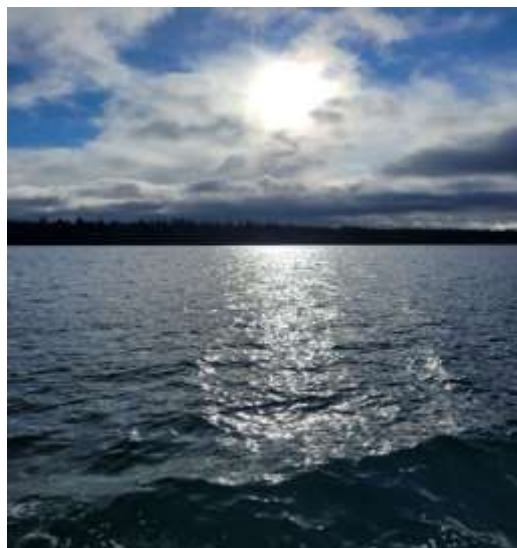
Opening Day: May 7-8

Memorial Day @Penrose Point: May 28-30

Clay & Shari

S/V Yankee

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Racing Report

AHOY Windseekers, February brought some great racing. Okay maybe not totally. The Harbor #2 race proved to be a light air affair. The course was changed, the finish line was changed. The Gig Harbor race turned into the Browns Point to almost Manzanita to Browns Point race. Fast Class podium takers were Kahuna 1st, Gardyloo 2nd and Flicka 3rd. Half Fast Class was Slick 1st, Solitaire 2nd and Goes to 11 3rd. The lone Windseeker boat; Work Release, parleyed a HOC1 by recovering the Mark and returning to RC. Thank you, Work Release.

Harbor Series #3 was excellent race. Starting at Browns Point then to RC's imaginary "Zenith Harbor" at the TTPYC "I" mark and finishing at the Thea Foss Waterway. With broken clouds and fair winds this race went very well. All boats finish the longest race of the series with Work Release finishing just after 2 PM. Thanks to all Crews for making the first series of the years a success. Next up will be the Singlehand/Doublehand on April 2nd followed by the start of Windseeker's April 13th.

Elsewhere in racing was the Southern Sound Series, Toliva Shoals Race. Conditions were chilly with great winds. Most competitors finishing before dark. Notable CYCT vessels were Kahuna 1st in class, 2nd in PHRF-3 and 2nd in overall standings. Great job to John and crew. Constellation took 3rd in PHRF-2, GraceE 3rd in PHRF-4, Goes to 11 (Jeremy said they saw 13.5 knots) took 3rd in PHRF-5 and Yankee was 3rd in Commodore FS. Nice job representin' . Next will be the Islands Race March 19th.

Other news, RC is working with the webmaster to have a RC Volunteer List posted on CYCT.COM. Volunteers are essential to the success of our racing program, so help us out. Special thanks goes out to our guest stars on the Harbor Series Cyndi Larrison and Dana Bachellerie-Gage, we had fun!

Don Kimball
Race Chair
SV Cool Kat

Rich Morales
Co-Captain
SV La Gitana



Membership Report



Happy almost Spring fellow club members!

Looks like March is going to come in like a Lion, hopefully that means it will go out like a Lamb.

So many fun things are coming up soon. Windseekers starts in about a month and Daffodil Marine Parade, sponsored by Tacoma Yacht Club. That is a really fun event, go to the TYC website to see all the different events they provide. Hope you can join us to decorate the boat and participate in Trivia Contest as well as the parties.

We also have our Membership Drive coming up, it starts April 1st and runs through June. Please start talking to your marina neighbors about joining in time to get the discount on racing and for joining us on the cruises. Remember to tell them we will be suspending our \$100 initiation fee.

Dues are also due on April 1st, the Board did vote to raise the membership fee to \$300 for Active Members, \$150 for Associate Members and \$75 for Crew Members. The board felt it was important to raise fees to balance the budget, also to continue to fund the Romeo Charlie savings for a replacement or repairs to the current boat. Please go onto the CYCT website and use PayPal to pay. I will probably be mailing the membership cards again this year. Hope to see you all at the General Meeting at Sluggo's on March 14th.

Happy Birthday to all our March Birthday's

Steve Wagner	7th
Amelia Adams	8th
Soo Carter	10th
Teresa Sedmak	14th
Mike Matzen	19th
Gary Blackmore	20th
Pat LeBlanc	21st
Tom Tenney	22nd
Clay Anderson	24th
Susan Pinkham	27th

Hope to see you at Sluggo's.

Joy Ballentine
S/V Raven
CYCT Membership



Lido 14 – Fleet 82 Report



Our last fleet meeting was held on Sunday, February 20th at the Tyee/CYCT Clubhouse, in attendance were Greg Greene, Chuck Queen, Don Kimball, Rich Morales, Penny Chen, and Erik Mikkelsen. We gathered around the new fire-pit, roasted some sausages, and discussed the Fleet Schedule (through August), planning for the upcoming end of July Regatta, and Lido 14 Nationals in August.

The NEXT FLEET MEETING will be Sunday, March 20th, location to be determined.

Current Schedule through the early August:

Date	Event	Notes
March 20	Fleet Meeting and Chalkboard Clinic	Clinic Topic: What to Expect at a Regatta/How to avoid the big bummers). Meeting Location & Time To Be Determined.
April 10	Fleet Meeting and Chalkboard Clinic	Clinic Topic: Introduction to Boat Measuring. 3 pm at CYCT Clubhouse (Tyee Marina).
April 29	Fun on Fridays Begins	Could push back to 5/01 (Sunday Funday) if weather dictates
May 15	Sunday Funday: Clinic, Sailing, & Fleet Meeting	Sailing Clinic at 12pm (How to Sail the Course), Sailing after, Fleet Meeting and BBQ after sailing
May 20	Fun on Friday	Meet at dock after 5pm, start sailing about 6pm
June 5	Sunday Funday: Clinic & Sailing	Clinic Topic: Racing Rules of Sailing
June 10	Fun on Friday	Meet at dock after 5pm, start sailing about 6pm
June 17	Fun on Friday	Meet at dock after 5pm, start sailing about 6pm
June 19	Father's Day	Possible sailing day?
June 26	Sunday Funday: Clinic & Sailing	Clinic Topic: How to Nail the Start
July 3 rd	Sunday Fun Day	At Quartermaster Harbor, in conjunction with the Fourth of July Cruise
July 10	Sunday Funday: Clinic & Sailing	Clinic: Last Preparations for the Regatta
July 22 - 24	Fleet 82 Summer Regatta	Hosted with Tacoma Yacht Club/Cal 20 Fleet.
August 5 - 7	Willamette Sailing Club's Al Morris Regatta	Racing starts Saturday Location: Beaver Bay Campground, Sherman Rd, Cougar, WA 98616, USA
August 4 - 7	Lido 14 Assoc. National Regatta	At MBYC San Diego

Fun on Fridays / Sunday Fundays

The Fun on Fridays and Sunday Funday schedule will be weather dependent. If the weather for an upcoming Friday looks disagreeable, then we might push out to Sunday that week. We will try to make that call by the Wednesday evening beforehand.

Lido 14 – Fleet 82 Report (continued)

The Food and Beverages budget for Fridays and Sundays needs development. One thought is to ask for a \$10 donation per person for each event, or perhaps an annual dues collection just for that purpose. We will talk more about this at the next meeting on March 20th, so your participation in that meeting will help us to gain consensus.

Fleet 82 Summer Regatta (July 22 – 24)

The CYCT Board has approved our plans for an Invitational Summer Regatta, which will be co-hosted with the Cal 20 Fleet from Tacoma Yacht Club. The bases of operations will be the TYC Yacht Basin with races most likely held in Quartermaster Harbor (Vashon Island) or if the weather and wind permit, along Ruston Way. Towing Lidos from TYC to Quartermaster (and back) will take about 45 minutes each way. We would really hope that all Fleet 82 boats commit to racing. There is much planning to do before this event, so if you are not planning to race then we would really appreciate your volunteer support.

Lido 14 Nationals Regatta (August 4 – 7)

This regatta is promoted by the Lido 14 Association and is being hosted by **the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego, CA**. Any Lido 14 Association member with current paid dues can participate provided their Lido 14 boat has been measured and passed as class legal. Fleet 82 Tacoma will begin measuring boats in April 2022. The plan of events includes:

Thursday, Aug - 4: Registration open all day / Tour of Mission Bay and course

Friday, Aug - 5: Qualifying races (to determine Gold or Silver flights). Welcome party.

Saturday, Aug – 6: Gold and Silver Fleet race days. 12 to 4 pm

Sunday, Aug-7: Final day of racing and trophy ceremony. 12 pm to 5 pm

Housing for out-of-towners can be arranged. Boat/trailer parking will be available at MBYC. Boats will be hoisted in and out of the water each day, so you will need to provide your own internal sling. If you want to race but cannot bring your own boat, then potential boat charters can be arranged. This is open only to current, existing Lido 14 Association members. More details and registration can be found at <https://lidochampionship2022.com/>

Here's to a fun and exciting 2022!

Greg Greene

CYCT HISTORY CORNER

By Matthew Thomas
Immediate Past Historian

Below are some photos depicting our club's activities from over a quarter of a century ago. Club member Ginny Leach contributed the photos and Ron and Connie Holbrook helped identify the people depicted.



Seattle Opening Day, 1995. Top row, L to R: Bernie Bedney, Tom Saul.
Bottom row: Dorothy Evans, Gerry Anderson, ?, ?, Mike Evans, Herb Weston.



Daffodil Parade, 1995
Herb Weston

CYCT HISTORY CORNER (continued)



Daffodil Parade, 1995
CYCT—3rd Place
Kurt Leach designed the float.



1995 Chilly Chili Cook Off
Connie Holbrook, 1995, Co-Cruise Chairperson

PHRF—NW

As the club's current Handicapper, Director, and elected President of the organization for the past 7 years, I have had the opportunity to work with a dedicated group of volunteer sailors working towards constant improvement of the local PHRF-NW handicapping authority. Although it is not easy, I do this with the hope and desire to improve sailing in the northwest.

I would refer anyone to the PHRF-NW Handbook (Found online at www.PHRF-NW.org), but for this discussion, Chapter 1 Section H discusses the "Philosophic Basis of PHRF-NW Ratings". A few key points to keep in mind that are important to consider for this discussion:

1. PHRF Seldom measures boats, we rely on the owner to provide accurate and correct information
2. Ratings and adjustments are intended to represent the individual boat and not intended to favor one design over another
3. PHRF-NW aims to furnish each boat with a rating that fairly represents the boats performance regardless of age, design, or origin
4. Ratings are known to contain probable error, and when more evidence is presented, changes are made to reduce this probable error
5. Because of the probable error, no rating is ever finally settled
6. Because of the probable error, PHRF-NW is always open to new evidence

Taking this philosophy into consideration, the statement that PHRF is notoriously bad at fairly rating boats or is "flawed" is unfair in that the fairness is typically judged by race results, not in the handicapping of the boats themselves. This is where class breaks become critical. What I mean by this is that when you take a typical rating band of +/-40 Sec/Mile, the results you see from class to class can be deceiving. If you look at boats that rate from the 130's and higher, most of those designs have a tendency to be similar, resulting in closer racing. When you then look at boats rating from 81 to 129, you begin to get a mixture of boats with varying sail area/displacement ratios, where some plane and others do not, and boat lengths can range from a Cal 40 to and Antrim 27. As you move even lower, from ratings of 30's to 70's, you now have more boats that plane, modern designs, experienced racers, and higher budgets. In all of these groups, there are boats that will be better in light air vs. heavy air, upwind races vs. downwind races. These are the factors that impact every rating system.

In my opinion, the key to successful utilization of PHRF, or any other handicapping system, by any race organizer is to group boats of similar designs resulting in higher rating bands, rather than simply going by the rating. The drawback is getting enough boats on the course to do this well. If you want to see where this works with the handicaps AND taking other factors into play to develop classes, such as SA/D ratios, look at Swiftsure where they have broken boats into "light" and "heavy" divisions. This addresses the baseline issue of differing boat designs with the same rating.

For example, my former Henderson 30 (30' / 3800#) rated 54, as does a J-120 (40' / 14,000#). In light air, I was more successful. In heavy air up wind, I got stomped on. That same heavy air downwind, well, I got to stomp back. But in a wind speed of 6 to 10 knots, where nobody planed and nobody had to deal with choppy water, the boats were similar in speed and performance. It is for reasons like this that PHRF, and other rating systems, provide guidance on how to take wind conditions into consideration to help level some of this variation out. CYCT's use of PHRF-NW's "Time on Time" approach considers a wind factor for each race to even the playing field a bit. However, it should not be a surprise that in some races which vary from no wind to 20, (which we do get), this is even more problematic. As far as "gaming" goes, I will not necessarily disagree with the statement, but I will emphasize the fact that the system is "self-governing." Just like calling starboard on a boat, if there is an issue with how the port boat addresses the situation, you can protest. In much the same way, there is a mechanism for addressing the gaming, and it starts with each individual PHRF-NW member doing their part to bring these issues to our attention. Contacting your handicapper is the first step if you notice something questionable (Sails appear larger than usual,

PHRF—NW (continued)

you hear rumors of modifications, and the plain and simple “someone put a photo on Facebook, and it just doesn’t look right”). The organization is moving towards being more proactive, but we need input and help from the sailors to address the situations because we cannot be in every class – in every race – every day.

As far as the cost and other comments, PHRF-NW has considerably cut expenses over the past 7 years (From \$46K to \$34K per year annual budget, or roughly 25%) and dues this year at \$60 in paid early, are in line with the \$35 members were paying in the mid 90’s when you consider inflation. As a cost cutting measure, we have gone to e-mailing invoices and certificates to our members rather than pay printing and postage costs. If you did not receive an invoice, please check your spam folder, or make sure PHRFNW has your proper e-mail address. This has also allowed us to notify members more quickly than our previous mail requirements. Our members have been thrilled to receive an electronic version of their certificate to use when registering for races.

In conclusion, the system, management, and processes at PHRF-NW continue to evolve with the main goal of delivering value to members and to maintain our objective; promoting sailing by maintaining an equitable system of handicap ratings of member boats for the use of yacht clubs and other sponsors of sailboat racing. But we must continually remind our members that it is their input and participation in PHRF-NW that aids in our success.

If anyone has any questions regarding PHRF-NW, please reach out and ask me at any time.

PC Eric Nelson
CYCT PHRF-NW Director
CYCT PHRF-NW Handicapper
PHRF-NW President

March Calendar

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