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# Commodore Report

Hello all,

First, I want to thank John for his excellent service as Commodore last year. It was a pleasure to serve under and learn from John. I look forward to continuing to work with John as my past Commodore.

Second, thank you Clay for being a great Rear Commodore this year. Multiple times he went above and beyond and I know he will do great as Vice this next year.

Finally, thank you to each and everyone of you who stepped up for our club this coming year. I look forward to working with each of you to make 2024 a great year for our club.

Our club has so much momentum and excitement for 2024. I can't wait to get started as Commodore.

Happy New Year CYCT

- Brendan

**Brendan Smith**  
**Commodore**  
**S/V Knotty Coug**



# Vice Commodore Report

Happy New Year

Such a great year, great cruises, great Christmas party, a great bunch of club members. As a new vice commodore, I want to thank John, our new past commodore, for his leadership last year. Also to welcome Brendan as our new leader, I look forward to working with you. For all the new and present members, please consider a position in the club, we will need someone next year for treasurer and rear commodore, other positions may also come open, we need your help and we promise we won't just put you adrift.

In closing have a great new year, and may all your boating adventures be awesome.

Thank you

Clay Anderson, vice commodore

**Clay Anderson**  
**Vice Commodore**  
**S/V Firefly**



# Rear Commodore Report



Happy New Year? Thank you all for this opportunity to serve CYCT in a new capacity. I truly appreciate the words of encouragement I am getting from a many of you. And... my orientation has already started thanks to Clay Anderson, Ken St. John, and Gary Ballentine.

For those that don't know me, I have been a member of CYTC since 2012. I started out volunteering for Race Committee and ended up doing that for eight years. I served a term and a half as Secretary, and, if you've been to the Christmas parties, you've likely seen me in the kitchen. I've been a crew member, guest, and deckhand on a handful of club members' boats and truly enjoy learning the differences between them all – with only a few tricky “not my boat” moments. I have had a great time participating in the Windseekers, Day Sail Rally, cruising, Daffodil, Opening Day, and Pink Boat events. Prior to my CYCT involvement, I sailed as a child on the family Lightning, and was active in Tacoma Womens' Sailing Association (TWSA) in the early 80's when Women's Keelboat Racing was a fairly big deal in the area. Yep, I love sailing.

I am looking forward to my first year on The Bridge. I hope to see new and experienced volunteers helping with activities. Don't be shy - come on out, introduce yourself and jump in! Most of the first activities start in the Spring. We'll be looking at April for activities such as a Club house CUPUFU (coo-poo-foo) Day to Clean Up Fix Up Pick Up the Clubhouse and it's surrounding area, as well as Daffodil Maritime celebrations. And of course, Windseekers Racing starts in April too.

Longer range I'm making a list of ideas to explore. I'd like to see how CYCT could: become “famous” for small boat racing (Lido 14s), promote womens' sailing (perhaps a local Womens' Keel boat regatta), and outreach to other clubs to learn how they set and accomplish their goals.

I'm looking forward to the coming year and hope to see you out on the water, out on the dock, out on the Clubhouse porch, and generally out flying those Club burgees. If you have questions or concerns about anything happening in the Club, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Fair winds and following seas,

Cyndi

**Cyndi Larrison**  
**Rear Commodore**



# Treasurer Report

## Bank accounts

Cash: Down a tiny bit (1.6%) from last year at this time  
Romeo Charlie Reserve: Up a 24.7% from last year at this time  
Total, including reserves: Up 13.4 from this time last year

The Romeo Charlie Reserve is a planned effort to be prepared in the case of the need to replace the race committee boat or its engine. It is primarily funded by monthly transfers of \$300 from the checking account.

Reports comparing year-end 2023 to 2022 can be requested by members as PDFs, showing our financial position and activity.

A few things that will help you understand the reports:

- Some of the things we do tend to extend across two calendar years, especially the Commodore's Ball and Holiday Party. So 2023's Commodore's Ball transactions are related to both 2023 and 2024, and 2022 includes parts of 2022 and 2023. We started selling tickets earlier this year, so we have more revenue collected in Calendar 2023. And we prepared a check for the band in December for the upcoming Ball, so it shows in the 2023 records.
- Romeo Charlie maintenance tends to fluctuate year to year depending on the timing and nature of the work. 2023 is substantially higher than 2022 in part because we did a lot of work just after year-end 2022 and just before year-end 2023. Historically, 2022 was quite low and 2023 was quite high.
- The activity report does not show amounts transferred to the Romeo Charlie reserve. The financial position report does show the change in reserve balance.

**Ken Whitney**  
CYCT Treasurer



# Membership Report



## **No Report Submitted**

Greg Greene

CYC Membership

S/V Whisper

Lido 14 #4326 Huzzah!

Lido 14 #4525 Tally Ho!





# Cruising Report

Happy Holidays Cruisers;

Welcome to a new year, and welcome Emily Wood as our new cruise chair, she has a great many ideas for some fun on cruises. It has been a great year cruising and a really fun final cruise of the year.

A special thank you to Gary and Joy Ballentine for hosting the Gig Harbor cruise. The weather was awesome Friday when we arrived, sunny, not too cold, and very mellow. It was great to see the boats start to arrive, Emily Wood brought S/V Peace for her first official cruise, and thanks to Greg Greene and Ken St. John, she was able to make the journey over, love it when club members come to the rescue. The Demmels brought over Welcome Home, also La Sirena, Polaris Clipper, Raven, Zilla, Whisper, Zephyr, and Firefly rounded out the boats. Friday night included a huge showing at the Tides for dinner, followed by many after parties on several boats. Saturday morning brought fog and chilly conditions, somewhere out in the bay was the start of the Le Mans race, it wasn't till 1030 or so that out of the fog could you see the competitors, Slick was the first to quietly slide out past us, as the morning went on, the sun came out and we headed to the mouth of the harbor to watch the boats come out. The rest of the day was spent getting ready for the evening festivities, or working on boats, talking about working on boats, or shopping, or having a beverage and thinking about working on a boat. As the sun got lower and racers finished, we all started to join up in the clubhouse to share numerous chowders, chili, soups, and sweets. Pirate costumes and land yachts abound, we filled the place. Congrats to Debbie Kimball and Jeremy Bush for best costume, and I can't remember who won the cook off, for me it was all amazing. As the rain and wind came in Sat. night, we split into teams and walked the plank and some great pirate trivia. We finished by watching Captain Ron, who doesn't like that one. Sunday the rain stopped but the wind stayed strong making for a very interesting departure for some, but with the help of everyone we got everyone out. Truly a great weekend and thank you all who attended.

Upcoming 2024 calendar. April 12th and 14th Daffodil TYC, May 3rd to 4th SYC Seattle, May 24 to 27 Penrose St Park, June 1st possible day sail rally, June 14th to 16th Port Orchard coinciding with lido regatta, 4th of July Quartermaster Harbor, Aug 30 to Sep 2 Gig Harbor. Please watch for more info for registration and details.

Thank you all for such a great year, we hope and pray that 2024 brings you joy and great boating adventures. Let's get out and use those watercrafts.

Happy New Year

Shari Anderson S/V Firefly



# Social

Friday, January 12, CYCT will congratulate Brendan Smith as our new Commodore. The evening promises to be memorable. The Lost & Found will be the entertainment for the evening. A fabulous and delicious buffet prepared for us by TYC Chef is sure to delight your taste buds. So bring your appetites and grab your dancing shoes and toast to our new Commodore.

One last note, I will be passing on the duties of Social Chair to Harmony Kowalski. She is talented and you can see her ideas come to fruition as she has created the table centerpieces for this Ball. I also extend my thanks to Debbie Kimball, who has been my right, no my left arm this season. And a thank you to all who volunteered in lending a hand, a boat and your time. It was appreciated.

**Angie Morales**  
**Social Chair**  
**M/Y Polaris Clipper**  
**Angie Morales**  
**[social@cyct.com](mailto:social@cyct.com)**





# CYCT Annual Christmas Party December 15, 2023







# Racing Report

## No Report Submitted

Danny Kenck  
CYCT Co-Race Chair





# Dewamish Head December 6, 2024







# Lido 14 - Fleet 82 News



Lido racing has ended for the year. Keep your eyes on upcoming issues of the mainsheet and Lido Facebook page for exciting things to come starting in the spring of 2024.



**Greg Greene**  
**CYCT Lido 14 • Fleet 82 Captain**  
**lidofleet@cyct.com**  
**SV Whisper**  
**Lido 14 #4326 Huzzah!**  
**Lido 14 #4525 Tally Ho!**



# Women's Sailing Report

## Waves of Change: Charting a New Course for Women's Sailing

Ahoy, fellow sailors!

As we sail into a new season, we're breathing new life into our Women's Sailing group at CYCT. Our goal is simple: to create a vibrant, supportive community that celebrates the joy of sailing, empowering and encouraging our female and those who identify as female members to take to the waters.

### What We're Planning

- **Sailing Events:** To kick things off, we aim to gather all interested parties to discuss the future direction of our Women's Sailing Group. We're looking to create a safe space where ideas can flourish, fostering an environment that caters to everyone's aspirations. Let's meet on January 14 at 2 at the Clubhouse at Tyee Marina for our first group sail.
- **Skill-building Sessions:** Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a novice enthusiast, our plan is to offer workshops, training sessions, and skill-building opportunities tailored to varying levels of experience.
- **Community and Support:** We envision a community that uplifts each other, where experiences are shared, challenges are embraced, and accomplishments are celebrated. Together, we'll build a network of encouragement and support.

We value your thoughts and aspirations. Before we set sail on this exciting journey, we want to hear from you. What are your sailing interests? What would you like to see and experience within the Women's Sailing Team? Your input will shape the direction and activities of this initiative. <https://forms.gle/eYdkrQ9R9bJgtwGP7>

Join Us!

Let's embark on this adventure together! If you're passionate about sailing or even just curious to explore the wonders of the sea, we invite you to be a part of our Women's Sailing Group. Spread the word and encourage fellow sailors to join us on this exciting voyage. <https://forms.gle/H9un4fjn5N-9wfbnB8>

Stay tuned for updates regarding our upcoming meeting to gauge interest and gather ideas. Keep an eye on our website and future newsletters for details on how to get involved! Together, let's hoist our sails, catch the wind, and navigate new horizons!

If you're interested in racing, consider signing up for the Women at the Helm series. We're hoping to bring a race in this series to Tacoma in 2025.

Saturday, July 20, 2024: <https://www.styc.org/Women-at-the-Helm-1>

Saturday, September 21, 2024 <https://www.styc.org/Women-at-the-Helm-2>

Fair winds and following seas,

Emily Wood (S/V Peace) & Jen Tenney (S/V AFK)



# Historian Report

Happy New Year and Welcome 2024!

This year CYCT is celebrating 50 years on the water! For this landmark year, it seemed fitting to compile a club history to celebrate its members, look back on accomplishments and experiences, and reflect on our direction as we toast the next decade. To that end, the Clubhouse has a pair of file cabinets with numerous random artifacts providing clues about our club’s storied past. A first hearty thank you goes out to Joy Ballentine who took a run at random stash and compiled the following list of Past Commodores.

1970’s			
1974 Dave Neff	1975 Dave Neff	1976 Bill Nelson	1977 Larry Hanson
1978 Stef Thordarson	1979 Michael O’Hal-loran		
1980’s			
1980 Harry Wingard	1981 Roger Rue	1982 Dennis Salt	1983 John Henderson
1984 Ken Schaitel	1985 Bill Brosius	1986 Wes Urbanec	1987 Mel Serosky
1988 Mike Taylor	1989 Marjorie Serosky		
1990’s			
1990 Tom Saul	1991 Dan White	1992 Rick Powell	1993 Ken Fine
1994 John Cole	1995 Mary Lee Powell	1996 Michael Evans	1997 Ron Butler
1998 Ginny Leach	1999 Ron Holbrook		



<b>2000's</b>			
<b>2000 Gene Brown</b>	<b>2001 Bob Young</b>	<b>2002 LC Campbell</b>	<b>2003 Mary Nye Myers</b>
<b>2004 Gary Ahlstrand</b>	<b>2005 Billy Carter</b>	<b>2006 Ed Pinkham</b>	<b>2007 Denny Flannigan</b>
<b>2008 Jim Merritt</b>	<b>2009 Tom O'Hara</b>		
<b>2010's</b>			
<b>2010 Dan Walker</b>	<b>2011 Steve Hucke</b>	<b>2012 Cheryl White</b>	<b>2013 Gary Ballentine</b>
<b>2014 Steve Ryan</b>	<b>2015 Paul Case</b>	<b>2016 Eric Nelson</b>	<b>2017 Ken St John</b>
<b>2018 Don Kimball</b>	<b>2019 Janice VanRaven-swaay</b>		
<b>2020's</b>			
<b>2020 Angie Morales</b>	<b>2021 Jeremy Bush</b>	<b>2022 Michael Stanford</b>	<b>2023 John Coyne</b>
<b>2024 Brendan Smith</b>			

Following is a VERY skeletal overview of CYCT's first 50 years—YES. There is A LOT missing here. Deeper dives into The File Cabinets are daily revealing additional juicy details of our club's past.

**1970's focus:** July 30, 1974 the first CYCT meeting was officially held at the Top of the Ocean, and Dave Neff became CYCT commodore in the first elections held. First orders of business were to establish the club charter, incorporation documents and PIYA accreditation. The focus of the club was to design a sailing program to support small boat owners by providing an affordable one-design racing program. Early club events supported Star, Thistle, Thunderbird and San Juan 24 fleets as well as a Junior program. By the end of 1975 the club had 50 charter members, had hosted the Adams Cup, a women's sailing program hosted by Marilyn Thordarson, and a Swiftsure one-design race (the old Swiftsure lightship resided in Gig Harbor at that time). In 1979 the club contracted with Ole and Charlie's Marinas for moorage and storage, a crane for launching, and the construction of a club-house facility which the club moved into that year. Club one-design fleets and junior sailing flourished into the 1980's. Partnerships with the Sea Scouts and The Odyssey formed during this time as well.

**1980's focus:** One-design and Junior programs continued going strong. By the mid-80's the club-house pilings and the then committee boat were in need of repairs, and expenses began piling up, prompting a dues increase, which unfortunately prompted a resignation backlash. Finances became a challenge as the relationship with Ole and Charlie's began to dissolve. An additional focus on other social activities developed in an attempt to expand the membership. In 1982 the first Commodore's Ball was held, a tradition we celebrate over 40 years later. On through the 80's as financial struggles mounted, the club liquidated many of its assets as the relationship with Ole and Charlie's became increasingly contentious. As the Board continued visioning, working on financial solvency and finding a new home for the club, the club's racing programs continued to thrive. CYCT was well-represented in many regional regattas in Canada and the Northwest. Social and cruising focuses also

gained traction with many local weekend events, fund-raising, and involvement with the 1983 America's Cup promotion. Membership and club structures were also refined during this time with a revision of the bylaws, establishment of initiation fees, formalized levels of club membership, and affiliation with the International Order of the Blue Gavel, an organization for PC's of recognized yacht clubs worldwide. During this decade CYCT was also instrumental in the development of the Tacoma Area Racing Council (TARC) which further strengthened Tacoma racing. In 1987 a container was delivered to Tyee Marina to house the Junior program—the very same structure that has become the current CYCT Clubhouse. The Club Banner/burgee was developed in 1989.

**1990's focus:** Increased publicity to expand membership was a focus for the 90's. Ads were placed in 48° North, and new members were introduced and celebrated at general meetings. The vaunted Ruptured Chicken appeared in 1990, and cruises became a little more structured, incorporating hosts and themes. Long-range yachting gained a greater focus as members wandered further afield. In 1991 a 4-boat flotilla circumnavigated Vancouver Island. During the 1990's at least two club boats competed in the Pacific Cup--Tom Saul and crew on Hooligan, and Gene Brown and crew aboard Mystic. In 1992 the burgee was updated to our current design. After the many shifts in clubhouse venues and financial struggles, the 1990's also welcomed Johnny's as the CYCT meeting venue that would continue through 2019.

**2000's focus:** Billy and Soo Carter, the Dynamic Duo, continued refinements of CYCT's racing and cruising programs. With 9/11 and the security panic caused by the collapse of the twin towers, USCG regulations tightened and the informality of the WindSeekers became a greater challenge. As a result, WindSeeker founder and long-time custodian Larry King bequeathed WindSeekers to the club, and Wednesday nights became more formal. With Billy Carter as race chair, the club embraced and re-tooled WindSeekers, acquired the first Romeo Charlie (along with the first legitimate tetrahedron race marks), and launched three new series that formalized a year-round race program in Tacoma. Concurrently with Soo as the Cruise chair, the club's cruising outings were bumped to the next level. Soo was a master of publicity and creativity, adding new themes to cruises and supporting and promoting member hosts for each cruise in order to widen the circle of club member involvement. Club raft-ups became a sight to behold during this era with upward of 20 boats rafted on many weekends throughout the year.

**2010's focus:** Romeo Charlie was a brilliant addition to the club's assets, aiding forward momentum for the racing, and even cruising programs. Ridden hard, by the early 2010's Romeo Charlie I was getting tired and becoming a drain on the club, so in 2014 RC II replaced the old Romeo Charlie as the racing program underwent several refinements under the leadership of Steven Ryan, then Don Kimball. In 2012 Women's Sailing was launched by Commodore Cheryl White and yours truly, in an effort to promote dialogue, learning and seamanship among our membership. Thursday evening programs included lessons in navigation, line handling, docking, rules of the road, sail handling, and the occasional Fireball Seminar. In 2012-2015 the CYCT racing program saw new skippers as Joy Ballentine, Janice VanRaven-swaay and Angie Morales stepped behind the wheels on Wednesday nights, and Janet Wenderoth, in preparation for Respite's Big Left Turn onto the Pacific in 2016, co-hosted an "unsupervised" captaincy of Respite to Gig Harbor for the Gybe-Ho's cruise in 2015. While racing and cruising for the last couple decades has been the bread and butter of our club, tending to assets and meeting venue have been perennial topics on the table for the board. Interest in Johnny's as the club's meeting venue was a frequent topic for the board in the mid-late 2010's.

**2020's focus:** While the perennial discussion of club meeting venue smoldered on, Covid forced the issue in March of 2020, and meetings were conducted on Zoom for a few months. Johnny's is no more,

and so when restrictions lifted we found ourselves on a “flexible venue model” for meetings, which included Sluggo (now Coco’s), 7 Seas, and now the SandBar. June-August business meetings are still conducted at The Clubhouse (still a fineable offense to refer to The Clubhouse as “the container”—\$1.00 per occurrence—check out the bylaws). In 2020ish under the guidance of Chuck Queen and Greg Greene the club saw a resurgence in dinghies with weekly Lido sailing. Immediate Past Commodore Coyne has been eminently influential in establishing and promoting the Pink Boat in Tacoma since 2017, an event that has gained increased support every year. Cruising and Racing are still going strong, and the CYCT boards are continuously updating and refining club traditions.

Over the next few months I am looking forward to returning to The Oracle of The File Cabinets and interviewing PC’s and key contributors to our past to learn more and share insights about our club’s people, “then and now” perspectives, and key focuses/legacies/traditions through our first 50 years, in an effort to perhaps inform the focus for our next ten years. Maybe even develop a section cleverly entitled “History” on the CYCT website(?). And answer some of the ZILLION questions raised as this report was cobbled together from the available resources uncovered so far.  
Sail on. Enjoy the journey!

Respectfully submitted,

**Dana Bachellerie**  
**S/V Black Elise II**

# Crew Events

Get out on the water, meet some new people and learn about the fun sport of sail-boat racing! RSVP on the CYCT Meetup page: [https://www.meetup.com/CYCT\\_racing/events/292570016](https://www.meetup.com/CYCT_racing/events/292570016)

## JANUARY CALENDAR

**FOR MARCH EVENTS, PLEASE CHECK UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE  
CYCT WEBSITE:**

**[HTTPS://CYCT.COM/EVENTS/](https://cyct.com/events/)**

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Rosa	3-Jan	Kurt Kulesza	19-Jan
Anne Hartner	8-Jan	Taylor Murrey	23-Jan
Robert Crews	10-Jan	Kristi Coyne	25-Jan
JB Cianciarulo	11-Jan	Geneva Goldwood	27-Jan
Ron Holbrook	13-Jan	Yuliya Lawrence	27-Jan
Amelia Ehrens	14-Jan	Greg Sandwick	28-Jan
Christopher Young	15-Jan	Gabriele Sinclair	28-Jan
Timothy McMorro	17-Jan		

# Classified Ads

Have nautical related item/s to sell, donate or gift? Contact the manisheet to list it here.

## 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 mainsheet@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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# 2023 CYCT Officers & Board

## FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore: Brendan Smith  
Vice Commodore: Clay Anderson  
Rear Commodore: Cyndi Larrison  
Past Commodore: John Coyne

## BOARD POSITIONS

Secretary: Evie Engnoth  
Treasurer: Ken Whitney  
Membership Chair: Greg Greene  
Fleet Captain-Cruising: Emily Wood  
Fleet Co-Captain-Racing: Danny Kenck  
Past Commodore: Michael Stanford

## REPRESENTATIVES

PHRF Handicapper: Eric Nelson  
PHRF Director: Eric Nelson  
PIYA Rep: Eric Nelson

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Crew Coordinator: Eric Johnson  
Floating Asset Chair: Dan Walker  
Club Merchandise: Jen Tenney  
Mainsheet Editor: Jen Tenney  
Women's Sailing: Emily Wood  
Sunshine: Evie Engnoth  
Web Site: Will Kamp & Aaron Milligan  
Social Media Editor:  
Publicity:  
Trophies: Christine Nelson  
Education:  
Social:  
Historian: Dana Bachellerie  
Long Range Planning: Greg Greene  
Lido 14 Fleet Captain: Greg Greene  
Racing Protest: Dan Walker

## ON THE COVER...

### *Flika Leading the Pack*

Dewamish Head race 2024

#### Photo by:

*Georgia Lomax*  
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