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THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF TACOMA
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Commodore Report

Hello all,

We are so close... so so so close to summer. We have some really fun events coming up. Daffodil parade is Sunday April 14th and Opening weekend in Seattle is Saturday May 4th. These events are really fun to attend and it would be great to have a large showing of CYCT members there. If you have questions about the events, reach out to Harmony Kowalski (our social chair) at social@cyct.com.

Many of you saw the post on Facebook, one of our members, Tom O'Hara, passed away. I want to send my condolences to Tom's family and those in the club who were close to him. I didn't know Tom super well during my time with CYCT, but it was always a great interaction when I did. Fair winds and following seas, Tom.

Looking forward to kicking off a great summer with everyone at CYCT.

Mark your calendars for our unofficial August cruise to celebrate my 30th birthday.

I am planning to spend Thursday August 22nd heading up to and anchoring at Blake Island. I want to wake up on my 30th on the hook. If anyone wants to raft up or anchor near us, feel free!

Have a slip at Bell Harbor for the 23rd (my birthday), that night we will head to the Mariners game for Margaritaville Night at the Mariners.

On the 24th, plan on cruising down to either Quartermaster or Gig Harbor for rest of weekend. Feel free to join there as well.

If anyone is interested, please tag along.

- Brendan

Brendan Smith
Commodore
S/V Knotty Coug



Vice Commodore Report

Hello everyone,

I hope your winter projects are coming along. As for Firefly, we are getting her ready for cruising and playing. Lots of cleaning and maintenance. But as the days get longer and warmer, my thoughts are already headed to summer.

As for business, General Meetings for March will be on the second Tuesday of the month at the Sandbar on marine view drive and the board meeting will be the 25th via zoom. Our goal is to get back to Monday Meetings and board meetings in person, as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

I would like to give a shout out to all our new officers and committee members. Without them the club could not function. If you haven't already, check out the cruising calendar, and the website, it is really taking shape, lots of great info. Well done everyone.

See you on the water

Thank you
Clay Anderson
Vice Commodore
S/V Firefly



Rear Commodore Report

We made it through February with the Boat Show, low wind races, the women's team planning, and backgammon. Hope you were able to participate in these events. The membership meeting included great information on boat canvas maintenance as well as Dana Bachellerie's history lesson on the origins of the Club. I was certainly taking notes that night!

Wow – 50 years! Let's celebrate that all year long! I'd like to acknowledge Debbie Simmons for her help on getting the Clubhouse bulletin board cleaned up and updated. The current display is the prototype for this year's display. We discovered some fixing up is needed on the bulletin board structure, so that will be a priority when the weather allows. We'll spruce up the display after the fixes.

Please watch the Facebook page for opportunities to volunteer or participate in events. We have racing rules education, and a cruise to Dockton at the end of March, the Daffodil festival and a new year of racing coming up in April, and of course, Opening Day in early May. There's lots to be involved in!

I 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

Sound Credit Union

We've moved the Romeo Charlie Reserve to a revolving 3-month CD at Sound Credit Union, currently paying 4.90% APY. At the end of each three month period we will have the option of changing the investment, and if we do nothing it will automatically renew. If we liquidate a CD before its maturity date, we lose that quarter's interest.

We also have two money market savings accounts currently paying 2%, one to hold funds we won't need immediately for operations, and one to collect new money going into the Romeo Charlie Reserve.

For the time being, we will maintain sufficient balances at B of A to avoid monthly fees and to cover recurring automatic payments, until we are comfortable the new relationship is working.

Bank accounts (rounded)

Cash, Checking, Money Market*, and PayPal: 12% increase over a year ago

Romeo Charlie Reserve CD, plus money market: 30% increase from a year ago

Total, including reserves: 23.3% increase from a year ago

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 from the checking account as well as interest earned on the reserve

* At Sound, we have a money market account currently paying 2%. This does not include the RC Reserve CD and another small money market

Race fees

Early in the season we've received the rough equivalent of 10 members paying for a full season. About 40% of race fees are paid by non-members at higher rates. This is roughly a 17% increase over this time last year.

Dues

Also early in the season, we've collected the equivalent of 4 active members. A year ago we were at or about 7 active members.

2024 Budget

The 2024 budget was approved at the February 26th meeting and a summary is available upon request including a comparison to 2022 and 2023 actual cash flow

Ken Whitney
CYCT Treasurer



Membership Report



Ahoy Club-Mates!

Huzzah! February is over the horizon.

I can honestly say that February is my least favorite month, whereas March always has more sunny days and slightly warmer temps. But to be fair, we did have some fun in February.

Our last general meeting on February 13th was held at The Sand Bar & Grill and we had a February record 42 attendees. Please do put the next General Meeting on your calendar: Tuesday, March 12th as we will be voting on the 2024 budget.



And, on Sunday, February 25th we had our second Backgammon Social which was held at the Martini Lounge at The Cliff House Restaurant. All in all, we had 16 backgammon players, and all had a really fun time.

Our next Backgammon Social will be held on St. Patrick's Day,
Sunday, March 17th, 3 to 5 pm
(Location To Be Announced soon).

If you would like to learn to play backgammon, please reach out to me and we can plan a get together. Send me an email at membership@cyct.com.



Mentoring Cruise of 2024 is also happening March 23 – 24 is a one-night cruise where more experience cruisers can mentor those who would like to venture out, perhaps for their first time. We will have a potluck dinner and play board games (backgammon for sure!) on Saturday night. The Cruise Location is at the Dockton Docks on Maury Island (which really isn't an island, right?). Check in with our Cruising Captain, Emily Wood, for more information.

Membership Dues and Drive

A quick reminder that our 2024 Membership Dues are due on April 1st:

- \$300 for Active Members,
- \$150 for Associate Members, and
- \$75 for Crew Members.

Please go onto the CYCT website and use PayPal or credit card/debit card to pay: <https://cyct.com/membership/online-membership-application-renewal/>

We also launch our Annual Membership Drive which runs from April 1 through June 30th. Please start talking to your marina neighbors about joining our Club. By joining early new members can take advantage of these member benefits:

- Significant discounts on racing entry fees
- Access and participation to Club cruises & social events
- Reciprocal Moorage Privileges (Active Memberships only)
- Develop new lifetime friendships with awesome happy sailors!

Bonus: The \$100 initiation fee is waived during this Membership Drive.

Cheers!

Greg Greene
CYC Membership
S/V Whisper
Lido 14 #4326 Huzzah!
Lido 14 #4525 Tally Ho!



Cruising Report

Hello Cruisers!



I am so excited for our March 23-24 cruise with you. We've been talking about the name of this cruise to improve the clarity of it. The goal of this cruise is to allow people who haven't been on a cruise before, or what to see what it's like to day sail to a cruise to have this experience. Experienced cruisers, please consider mentoring newer cruisers (like me!) and helping them get on the water with the fleet. For anyone not ready to commit to an overnight, consider sailing over for the day to Dockton to hang out with us. Please consider posting to our Facebook page if you're going for the day Saturday or Sunday - I'm sure you'll find some enthusiastic members to crew for you.

Things to know:

- Dockton does not have power, but there are bathrooms, and there is a picnic pavilion with charcoal grills
- S/V Peace (me) and S/V Firefly (Clay) will go over on Friday, so anyone short hand sailing or who wants assistance, please call us on the radio or text us and we'll tell you what slips are open and help you get tied up.

Plans for the weekend		Things to bring
Saturday	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dish to share for Saturday night dinner- Food and silverware/flatware for yourself for other meals- Backgammon or other board games you like- Musical Instruments- Entertainment that doesn't require power
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arrive- Pot luck dinner- Games/music- Clay's 70th birthday party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Breakfast- Clean up- Sail home	

You do not need to sail over to spend time with us. Consider carpooling and taking the ferry to come over. You will want a car. It's 10.6 miles from the ferry terminal to Dockton Park Marina. From what I can find, car camping is not legal in the marina parking lot.

In April, Knotty Coug will be our Flagship for the Daffodil Parade. We've ordered Daffodils and Harmony is coordinating the decorators and design. Please consider coming over to Tacoma Yacht Club the weekend of April 12-14 to take part in the festivities. If you want to bring your boat, RSVP directly with TYC.

In May, we have six ships representing CYCT at Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day. If your boat is under 30' you can still potentially get lateral space on the dock. You're also welcome to represent the club by driving up. More details will be provided in next month's cruise report.



Social

Hello all,

I want to thank everyone who attended the Commodores ball back in January. It was a great event with great food, music and dancing.

There is a link on the website to order your 50th anniversary burgee. The deadline to order is March 31st. There are pictures on the order page of each type of burgee available.

We are currently looking for volunteers for the Dafodile parade trivia team. It's always a great time. You don't have to know everything, you just have to know something! Please let me know if you are interested.

Harmony Kowalski
Social Chair
social@cyct.com

In Memorium...

Tom O'Hara



It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Tom O'Hara passed away the morning of March 3rd, 2024 from a suspected heart attack.

Tom was CYCT's Commodore in 2009. He was a long-time club member, having made countless contributions to our community with his late wife Vaneva, "V", since joining CYCT in 2003. Prior to becoming a member, Tom had been longtime crew for Billy Carter aboard Discovery. Finally, in 2004, Tom and V bought Sound Spirit, an Islander Bahama 30, which they cruised together until V's untimely departure in 2019.

Tom has done several offshore passages, including crewing/mentoring for Chris and Janet Wenderoth in 2016 as they made their way down the Pacific coast to Panama and beyond. In Puget Sound, Tom was a longtime core crew member aboard Myst, TP 52, and, prior to that, White Cloud.

Like many of us, Tom's goal was to spend the best weather months in Tacoma/Seattle, then head for warmer climes when the temperatures start dropping.

"Sailing starts up in March/April, then as racing winds down in the fall, Zipolite calls. Attitudes and Latitudes! "

Fair Winds and following seas Skipper Tom... you will be dearly missed by your friends, your family, your shipmates and your CYCT club members.



Racing Report



Hello all,

Welcome to the 2024 racing season. I am excited to continue on again this year being part of the race committee. Thanks again for a wonderful first season in 2023. Last season was a great learning experience for me personally and it was our club fleet that made it great. So I am excited to see what 2024 has in store for us.

As most of you know by now we have a Fleet Co-Captain this year. Kyle Roethle has volunteered for the 2024 season. You will be seeing and hearing from Kyle regularly throughout the season. Welcome aboard Kyle and Thank You for volunteering this season.

Ok, on to racing. We had our first race of the season January 20th. Harbor series #1 – Quartermaster Harbor. Eight boats showed up to compete. A very light wind day forced us to shorten course at the Manzanita buoy on the way out. This gave the fleet one rounding and a course of 6.8 miles. Even with only 8 boats there was some good action at the finish line. Familiar names Kahuna and Goes to 11 led the pack. Next up is Harbor Series #2 – Gig Harbor on Feb 3rd. I really think this is a nice little series to get the year started. Especially for boats with new crew members and those boats competing in the South Sound Series. This whole series is situated in between rounds 2 & 3 of the South Sound Series. It is a great way to get a new crew or an experienced crew extra practice in a race setting in a short to medium distance race format. Not to mention a finish at Rock the Dock for after race socializing. Hope to see you all out on the water for this series.

Speaking of South Sound series. As reported recently there is a good contingent of CYCT fleet boats competing in this series. I myself race this series albeit on a non CYCT boat. This year I am on a Hobie 33 named Magic Dragon. Looking forward to seeing all our fleet down in Olympia in mid February. Best of luck to everyone competing in this series and stay safe out there.

Next is our schedule. At the end of this article I have included our full schedule for the 2024 season. It is nearly identical to last year with the addition of a 2 day Lido Regatta in June. You will be hearing full details from our Lido Fleet Captains regarding this event so stay tuned. And our premiere Wednesday series kicks off April 10th.

Our final item of business is regarding volunteers to assist race committee. Throughout the season we need volunteers to assist on our committee boat Romeo Charlie. This is especially true of our Wednesday night races. Just like last season we have provided an online form where you can sign up to volunteer. Sign up is easy. Answer 3 simple questions and select the date / race you want to volunteer for. This form is accessible via either of these methods:

By hyperlink: <https://forms.gle/p7UMgmz3EGiFovwt6>

Race Report continued...

Or Scan this QR code:



That is all for now. Next month Kyle will be coming to you with his first article of the year and you will hear from me again before we start our Spring Series.

See you on the water. Let's go racing.

Danny Kenck
Fleet Captain Racing 2024
S/V Lucia

2024 Racing Schedule

2024 Dates	Day	Race
January 20th, 2024	Saturday	Harbor Series #1
February 3rd, 2024	Saturday	Harbor Series 2
February 10th 2024	Saturday	Harbor Series 3
March 30th, 2024	Saturday	Spring Single/Double Handed Race
April 10th, 2024	Wednesday	Early Spring Windseekers #1
April 17th, 2024	Wednesday	Early Spring Windseekers #2
April 24th, 2024	Wednesday	Early Spring Windseekers #3
May 1st, 2024	Wednesday	Early Spring Windseekers#4
May 8th, 2024	Wednesday	Early Spring Windseekers #5
May 15th, 2024	Wednesday	Late Spring Windseekers #1
May 22nd, 2024	Wednesday	Late Spring Windseekers #2

May 29th, 2024	Wednesday	Late Spring Windseekers #3
June 5th, 2024	Wednesday	Late Spring Windseekers #4
June 12th, 2024	Wednesday	Late Spring Windseekers #5
June 15th-16th, 2024	Saturday-Sunday	Lido Regatta (Port Orchard)
June 19th, 2024	Wednesday	Summer Series Windseekers #1
June 22nd, 2024	Saturday	Three Hour Tour #1
June 26th, 2024	Wednesday	Summer Series Windseekers #2
July 3rd, 2024	Wednesday	Summer Series Windseekers #3
July 10th, 2024	Wednesday	Summer Series Windseekers #4
July 13th, 2024	Saturday	Three Hour Tour #2
July 17th, 2024	Wednesday	Summer Series Windseekers #5
July 24th, 2024	Wednesday	Late Summer Windseekers #1
July 31st, 2024	Wednesday	Late Summer Windseekers #2
August 7th, 2024	Wednesday	Late Summer Windseekers #3
August 10th, 2024	Saturday	Three Hour Tour #3
August 14th, 2024	Wednesday	Late Summer Windseekers #4
August 17th, 2024	Saturday	Vashon Challenge
August 21st, 2024	Wednesday	Late Summer Windseekers #5
August 24th, 2024	Saturday	Awards Race and Ceremony
September 7th, 2024	Saturday	Point Series #1
September 14th, 2024	Saturday	Pink Boat Regatta (Tacoma)
September 21st, 2024	Saturday	Point Series #2
October 5th, 2024	Saturday	Memorial Single/Double Hand- ed Race
October 19th, 2024	Saturday	Point Series #3
November 2nd, 2024	Saturday	Point Series #4



Lido 14 - Fleet 82 News



We will have a Fleet 82 Meeting on March 24 (Sun) 3 pm (Location to be announced soon). All skip-pers & Regatta Committee members, please plan to attend this meeting. All Crew members are also welcome. We will firm up the 2024 Calendar and report on the Father's Day Regatta planning.

2024 Sailing Calendar

As you can see, this sailing calendar is a work in progress, so please attend the meeting to help firm up all these dates.

April 14 (Sun) – WSC Opening Day Regatta (Lidos, Day Sailors, Lasers, Thistles) @ Willamette Sailing Club, Portland, OR

Apr 20 (Sun) – Trailer Day Sail or Tyee Sunday Funday (weather permitting)

Apr 27 (Sat) – Tentative Tyee Dock Maintenance Day (weather permitting)

May 4-5 – WSC Turtle Regatta @ Willamette Sailing Club, Portland, OR

May 10 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

May 11 (Sat) – Potential Trailer Day Sail (weather permitting)

May 17 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

May 25-26 – EYC Memorial Regatta @ Fern Ridge Reservoir (Eugene Yacht Club)

May 31 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

June 7 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

June 8 (Sat) – Trailer Day Sail at Port Orchard, 2 pm launch

June 14 – 15 – CYCT Lido 14 Fleet Invitational Regatta @ Port Orchard

June 21 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

June 23 (Sun) – Potential Trailer Day Sail (location TBD)

June 28 - CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

June 30 (Sun) – Potential Trailer Day Sail (location TBD)

July 3-4 – CYCT July 4th Cruise to Vashon, Quartermaster Harbor

July 5 - CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

July 12 - CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

July 13-14 – High Sierra Regatta @ Huntington Lakes, CA (Fresno Yacht Club)

July 14 (Sun) – Potential Trailer Day Sail (location TBD)

July 19 - CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

July 26 - CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

July 27 or 28 – Potential Trailer Day Sail (location TBD)

Aug 3-4 WSC Al Morris Regatta @ Cathlamet, WA (Willamette Sailing Club)

Aug 8-11 – Lido 14 Class Championship Regatta @ Los Alamitos Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA

Aug 9 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

Aug 16 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

Aug 18 – Potential Trailer Day Sail (location TBD)

Aug 23 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

Aug 24-25 – EYC Harvest Day Regatta @ Fern Ridge Reservoir (Eugene Yacht Club)

Aug 31 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Lido 14 Gig Harbor Rally Day

Sep 6 – CYCT Fleet 82 – Fun on Friday @ Tyee Marina, 6 pm launch

Sep 8 – SSSS Portsmouth Dinghy Regatta, Olympia WA

Sep 14-15 – Puget Sound Sailing Championships (PSSC) Small Boat @ Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle, Shilshole Bay, Seattle, WA

Sep 22 (Sun) – Tentative Trailer Day Sail at Lake Tapps

Lido 14 Association News

Fleet 82 dues (\$35) are due and so far the following skippers have paid 2024 dues: Emily Wood, Brian White, Chuck Queen, Greg Greene, and Eric Mikkelsen. If you are planning to participate in the 2024 Class Championship Regatta (CCR) in August, you will need to renew your membership before registering.

The 2024 CCR will be held at the Los Alamitos Yacht Club in Long Beach, CA from August 8 through 11. If you are planning to attend, please let Chuck Queen know as soon as possible. You should also plan on at least two days' travel via car/trailer. The hosting Club, AYU will do everything possible to help with billeting, so the sooner you register the better your chances for finding a place to stay. Charter boats will also be available on a limited basis. Brad Olney and I chartered a boat for the 2022 CCR and it was very fun.

Chuck Queen & Greg Greene
CYCT Lido 14 • Fleet 82 Co-Captains
lido14@cyct.com





Women's Sailing Report

Greetings Women's Sailing Members,

In our February meeting, we met before the Super Bowl to talk about how we're going to meet for the next few months. The next few meetings will start at the CYCT Clubhouse at Tyee Marina, Dock 2.

On March 17, Jen Tenney will run a cruise from the club house. Come at noon with a dish to share if you'd like to socialize and eat. At one, the group will divide up, depending on how many people come, to go sailing and how many have boats. The event will end around 4 pm. Meeting will happen rain or shine; the sail plan may change depending on weather but the forecast looks lovely! If you have questions, please confirm with Jen.

We're moving the April meeting to April 7 since the Daffodil parade is on April 14. On April 7, we'll meet at noon with the dish to share at the clubhouse. Then at 1, we'll go down to the boats on Tyee Dock 2 to practice the 8 knots that sailors need to know. (Yes, there are plenty more to learn- these are pretty consistently listed as the most used for sailing.)

Knots we'll be practicing:

1. Bowline
2. Cleat hitch
3. Clove hitch
4. Reef knot
5. Rolling hitch
6. Round turn and two half hitches
7. Sheet bend
8. Stopper knot

This will be done at the dock, with multiple boats and skippers, allowing you to see a variety of set ups and test your line handling. Bring your friends! This is a great opportunity to practice before the June 1 Day Sail Rally.

We're doing an introduction to cruising/mentoring cruising event the weekend of March 23-24 at Dockton Park. Consider sailing or driving over to share a potluck dinner, play musical instruments, play backgammon, and celebrate Vice Commodore Clay's 70th birthday. More details are in the cruising report.

Contact Harmony if you're interested in being on the decorating or trivia team for the Daffodil Parade, taking place the weekend of April 12-14.

Presently, our May meeting is on May 12, which is Mother's Day. Let us know if you'd like to have a Mother's Day sail where you can bring your mother (or daughters) or if we'd like to reschedule that event.

Women's Sailing continued...

Also, we're scheduling a day for trying out Lido 14s, the 14' ships that you can see at the front of Tyee Dock 2. CYCT is holding our first Lido Regatta June 14-16 in Port Orchard and we'd love for you to get involved. Consider sailing as a crew or skipper on a Lido, or volunteering to support the regatta. <https://cyct.com/lido-racing-fleet/>

Emily Wood (S/V Peace) & Jen Tenney (S/V AFK)
CYCT Women's Sailing Co-Chairs



Historian Report

Daffodil and Opening Day: Two Time-Honored Puget Sound Mariner Traditions

As spring approaches, boaters once again ready their vessels anticipating warm weather yachting. Locally, mariners ring in the changing seasons by attending Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Parade and Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day. The roots of these local traditions are deep, reflecting centuries of maritime heritage. To prepare for these April and May events, we will have a quick look at the histories of Daffodil and Opening Day, then provide a more detailed account of CYCT's involvement with these festivities at the March 12 general meeting.

Community Celebration: Tacoma's Daffodil Festival

In the Puyallup, Sumner and Orting valleys surrounding Tacoma daffodils replaced hops as the major agricultural crop in the 1920s. By the early 1930's, community members suggested holding a celebration at the end of the growing season to utilize surplus blooms, and in 1934 the first Daffodil Festival was held. TYC launched the first Daffodil Regatta and Yacht Parade in 1937. By 1952 over 200 boats were participating in these events, and maritime participants included yacht clubs and commercial mariners from around the Sound and from as far afield as Canada. CYCT, in its first full year of operation in 1975, became a host for some of the festivities and has been a key participant since.

Roots in Revered Traditions: Seattle's Opening Day of Boating Season

Starting about two decades earlier in 1913 on the first Saturday of May each year Puget Sound mariners, led by Seattle Yacht Club, have gathered in Seattle to celebrate the opening day of yachting season. For its first years, Opening Day was celebrated on Elliott Bay, as SYC's initial home was on West Seattle shore just east of Duwamish Head. Following the completion of the Lake Washington Ship Canal in 1917, SYC acquired property and established its current home on Portage Bay. On May 1, 1920, the first Opening Day Parade was conducted through the Montlake Cut. Because the Montlake Bridge opened in June of 1925, it's likely the current tradition of the raising of the Montlake Bridge at noon for the start of the Opening Day Parade started the following year on May 1, 1926.

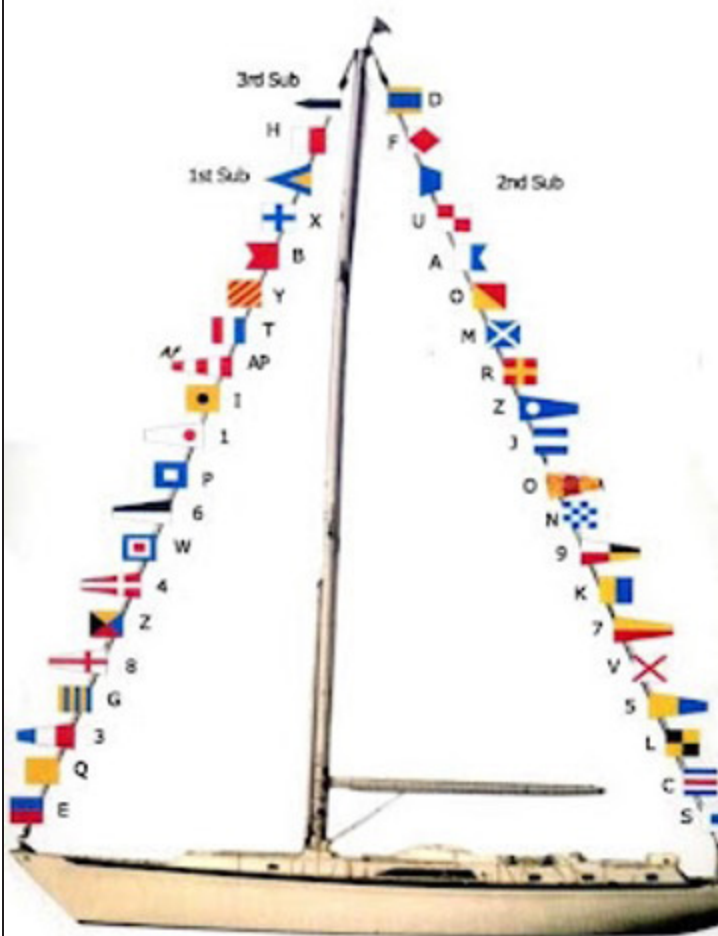
Opening Day traditions can be traced to British Royal Navy protocols from the 18th and 19th Centuries, most of which were refined from more than 600 years of earlier maritime traditions. Modern day yacht clubs around the world celebrate Opening Day, each with their own flair, combining many common ceremonial elements such as cannon salutes, bagpipes, blessing of the fleet, uniform dress codes, maritime maneuvers, and hosting visiting dignitaries as clubs visit each other's opening ceremonies.

One key element of most Opening Day celebrations is the "Review of the fleet" or "Sailpast." In modern times this tradition generally presents as the Opening Day Parade, a tradition which reportedly began as a means of preparing the fleet for service following maintenance and inspection after shutting down for the winter. Judges would inspect the fleet with a surveyor's eye for vessel integrity, checking each vessel inside and out for seaworthiness.

A key element for vessels "presenting" in the Review of the Fleet is the displaying of Signal Flags. These Nautical flags were originally used in military encounters to signal other fleet members to take specific actions. This system of messaging was codified into the International Code of Signals (ICS, now INTERCO) that was adopted in 1799 and used worldwide by mariners through the 19th Century. These visual signals were "universal," recognizable, and could be understood regardless of spoken language. By the early 20th Century, however, short wave radio emerged and began replacing flag use. As the utility of ICS signaling faded, sailors began repurposing code flags, using them to "dress" boats for formal occasions and holidays. As a result, "Dress Ship" has become a common element of many Opening Day celebrations. Today's convention is to display signal flags from the forward waterline to the waterline aft using weights, in the following order for US ships: AB2 UJ1, KE3, GH6, LV5, FL4, DM7, PO 3rd repeater, RN 1st repeater, ST0, CX9, WQ8, ZY 2nd repeater. The embedded images display the code flags for reference and the UK flag order for "Dress Ship": EQ3, G8Z, 4W6, P1I, CodeTY, BX1st, H3rdD, F2ndU, AOM, R2J, PON, 9K7, V5L, CS.

Seasonal dress code is another tradition widely observed in Opening Day celebrations. Typically Opening Day signals the retiring of Winter Greys as flag officers don Summer Whites for club events conducted through September.

Diagram this page shows the flag placement to help with:



INTERNATIONAL CODE FLAGS AND PENNANTS					
WITH MEANINGS					
ALPHABET FLAGS					
ALFA		KILO		UNIFORM	
Have diver down, keep clear		Math to communicate		You are running into danger	
BRAVO		LIMA		VICTOR	
Dangerous goods		Stop instantly		Require assistance	
CHARLIE		MIKE		WHISKEY	
No		My vessel is stopped making no way		Require medical assistance	
DELTA		NOVEMBER		XRAY	
Keep clear, maneuvering with difficulty		No		Stop your intentions, watch for signals	
ECHO		OSCAR		YANKEE	
Altering course to starboard		Man overboard		Dropping my anchor	
FOXTROT		PAPA		ZULU	
Disabled, cannot take action		In harbour: All persons report on board		Require a flag flying, sounding horn	
GOLF		QUEBEC		SUBSTITUTES	
Require a pilot, fishing, hauling net		Request free portage		1st	
HOTEL		ROMEO		2nd	
Pilot on board				3rd	
INDIA		SIERRA			
Altering course to port		Engines going astern			
JULIETT		TANGO			
On fire, have dangerous cargo, keep clear		Keep clear, engaged in net towing			

"Dress Ship" entries at Opening Day celebrations are judged on vessel and crew attention to detail and seamanship: vessel sharpness, crew work, proper display of flags and ensign, proper order of signal flags, attention to detail of uniforms: jackets, shirts, ties, pants/skirts, socks/hose, shoes, covers, ribbons/insignias. Our club has a proud history of involvement in both the Tacoma and Seattle festivities. In the coming weeks we will look at CYCT's distinguished participation over the last four decades.

DRESSING SHIP

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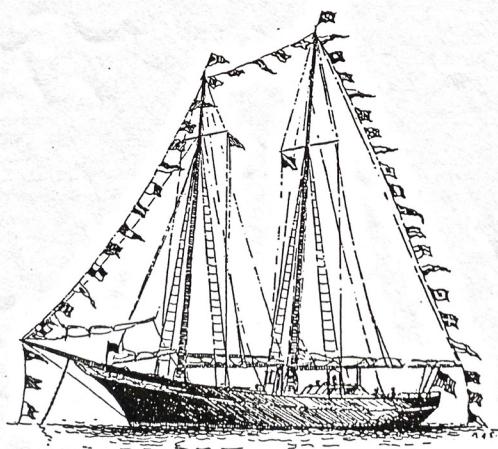
CHAPMAN

On national holidays, at regattas, and on other special occasions, yachts often dress ship with International Code signal flags. Flag officers' flags, club burgees, and national flags are not used. The ship is dressed at 8 a.m. and remains so dressed from morning to evening colors (while at anchor only).

In dressing ship, the yacht ensign is hoisted at the peak or staff aft, and the jack at the jack staff. Then a rainbow of flags of the International Code is arranged, reaching from the waterline forward to the waterline aft, by way of the bowsprit end to the foretop mast head, then across to the main top mast, and down to the main boom end, allowing several flags to touch the waterline from both the bowsprit end and the main boom end, to keep the flags in position, a weight should be attached to the end of each line. Where there is no bowsprit, flags will start at the stemhead. Flags and pennants should be bent on alternately, rather than in any indiscriminate manner. Since there are twice as many letter flags as numeral pennants, it is good practice, as in the Navy, to follow a sequence of two flags, one pennant, etc., etc., throughout. In order to effect a degree of uniformity in yacht procedure, the following arrangement has been proposed:

Starting from forward AB2, UJ1, KE3, GH6, IV5, FL4, DM7, PO Third Repeater, RN First Repeater, ST0 (zero), CX9, WQ8, ZY Second Repeater. (SEE BACK PAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL FLAGS AND PENNANTS.)

The arrangement here proposed is designed to effect a harmonious color pattern throughout.



Respectfully submitted,

Dana Bachellerie
S/V Black Elise II



Education Report

No Report Submitted

Chuck Queen
CYCT Education Chair
Lido 14 #3187 & #4226
Thistle #3519

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

MARCH CALENDAR

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

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

CYCT FACEBOOK PAGE:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/257572770984529/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/257572770984529/)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jillian Walton	3-Mar	Kyle Roethle	20-Mar
Steve Wagner	7-Mar	Gary Blackmore	20-Mar
Steve Edvalds	8-Mar	Thomas Tenney	22-Mar
Amelia Adams	8-Mar	Clay Anderson	24-Mar
Bill Jenks	11-Mar	Susan Pinkham	27-Mar
Mike Matzen	19-Mar	Caroline Dutchess	28-Mar

Letters to the Editor

Do you have a question for the Mainsheet? Do you want to correct something printed in a previous article? Do you have a great idea to let our members know about? Feel free to send an email to the Mainsheet at mainsheet@cyct.com. All letters MUST be received by the 25th of the month prior to be included. (Example: Letters received by the 25th of March will be included in the April Mainsheet. Entries received after the 25 will be moved to the next Mainsheet.)

TO: Members of CYCT

I just wanted to take a moment today to Thank you all for all your caring support & understanding since Don's passing last June. Seriously, I don't know what I would of done without knowing you all had my back during this time. Some of you have reached out on occasion to just say hi or check up on me or invite me to lunch. Others (Sue & Ed, Deb McAdams, Jenn)have volunteered to help me put together a 3 day garage sale last July, in the 3 hottest days of that month, to raise money to help pay for two boat slips. Thankfully the trawler has sold, but I'm still hopeful that this spring Cool Kat will sell. Hopefully someone will enjoy Cool Kat as much as Don & I did.

Still other friends (Clay & Shari & Janet & Kris) in the club have done dump runs for me, as I try to get the 2 car garage cleaned out. As anyone who's seen my 2 car garage can attest to, my honey was a bit of a hoarder, bless his heart. I can't thank Rich enough for piloting Cool Kat for sea trials - Thank you Angie for sharing Rich for this task. God knows, if it was up to me, I'd still be in the bay trying to dock the damn boat! ha ha

A special thanks to Jenn who's helped me with my computer & files and everything IT-ish .. as that's definitely NOT my forte. Thank God she's a Whiz at this stuff. Thank you Tom for pricing Don's tools for the garage sale.

In closing, its hard to believe that its been 8 months since Don's passing and yet some days it feels like yesterday. But at least now he's free of all pain & at peace.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all so much!

Debbie Simmons

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).



Vacu-flush Marine Toilet

Only a couple of years old. I've stitched to electric.

I also have the pump unit which may be no good but it has a 24 volt motor on it which is a few years old. It's all in storage here at Tyee. FREE to folks in the club

MAX PROP:

2 Blade Feathering SailDrive Easy, 18 inch diameter, 20MM Nut, Left Hand rotation, Pitch adjustable by replacing pitch bolt. Used 2 months. **\$750**
Call Ron Holbrook 253-826-5109

LIFE RAFT:

Revere six person Offshore Ocean in valise. Needs certification - refund if not certified.
Call Ron Holbrook 253-826-5109.



Spinlock E-Joint Swivel:

Full Swivel Joint with Fastpin for EA & EJ Tiller Extensions
NEW - Have Quantity One
Fisheries is Selling it for \$67.81
Contact Courtney Kronenberger
Tuck via FB Messenger



Perko Door Catch - Plastic

NEW - Have Quantity 13
Fisheries is Selling Quantity 1 for \$11.76
Contact Courtney Kronenberger
Tuck via FB Messenger



Symmetrical Spinnaker

"Boba Fett", Airx600 Material, measurements SLE/SLU 42.4', SGF 20.5', SGM 21.2'. Comes with (2) sheets 70'. Measurements need to be confirmed, I measured it in a breeze, so.... Used on 2 races. Originally for a Henderson 30. Saying this is like new is no exaggeration. \$2000, but offers considered.



Contact Eric Nelson at enelson39@comcast.net

Ascend Kayak and Rack



Ascend FS10 Kayak - never used, complete with seat, fishing pole holder, and drybag. Package included Expanding length Tournament Paddle, Throw bag with Line, and a Thule 848 roof carrier for single kayak to fit most existing roof systems. Package Value \$850, for sale at \$450 - Package sold complete.
Contact Eric Nelson at enelson39@comcast.net

2024 CYCT Officers & Board

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

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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

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

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Crew Coordinator: Eric Johnson
Floating Asset Chair: Dan Walker
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Sunshine: Evie Engnoth
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Social Media Editor:
Publicity:
Trophies: Christine Nelson
Education: Chuck Queen
Social: Harmony Kowalski
Historian: Dana Bachellerie
Long Range Planning: Greg Greene
Lido 14 Fleet Co Captains: Greg Greene & Chuck Queen
Racing Protest: Dan Walker



ON THE COVER...

Ripley

Photo submitted by:

*Aaron Milligan
skipper of s/v Ripley*

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Site Planning, Work Scope Development

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