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COMMODORE REPORT

Greetings club members:

Well, here it comes, March. First cruise of the year over at Dockton Mar 21 to the 23rd. Last year was a blast, also I turned 70 that year, so that made it even better, LOL. Next comes Daffodil in April, come down to TYC and support the club April 12th and 13th. We also need help decorating Firefly, contact Emily Wood at cruising@cyct.com to get more information and volunteer to help.

Opening Day at the Seattle yacht club is the first weekend in May, if you haven't been there, come on down, light rail or drive it is all sorts of fun, not to mention a lot of cool boats and 80 themed fun.

We have the Islands Race, March 15, this is exciting and something new for CYCT, we are hoping that this gives our club a lot of exposure. And maybe some new members, the main thing we will need is volunteers and ideas on how to improve the visiting sailors a better experience.

Renewal of dues is coming up in April, and as your board, we are always looking for ways to better serve its members and keep costs at their current levels. As always as we grow and change, we need to look at ways and different places to enjoy our boats and each other's company. When Shari and I joined we really didn't know too many members, a few from racing and the Carters who we knew. But like most of us after a while and a few awkward cruises we got to know more of the club and gained a lot of knowledge about our boat and the people in the club.

Just remember, get involved, committees or chairs or work parties, or parties in general. Happy better weather and smooth sailing.

Clay

CLAY ANDERSON
COMMODORE
S/V FIREFLY



VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Thanks to everyone who attended the February!meeting! Our guest speaker felt quite welcomed to our gathering, and presented a lot of fun information about cruising up in Haida Quaii. The photos were amazing and I learned things about totem poles that I had not learned before.

I had the opportunity to join the Race Committee at the Toliva Shoals Race in February. While the tasks are the same from RC to RC, it's always interesting to see how other clubs get those tasks done. Also, we almost had an ORCA hard stop at the finish but couldn't confirm the fin swirling around in the splashing clump of seals was a killer whale. Only saw the fin very briefly and never saw the whale - but the seals sure disappeared after a significant amount of tussling in the water. This occurred 50 yards or so ahead of RC anchored at the finish line... it would have been a mess. You can bet we had a crew chat about that! It just goes to show that knowing the new ORCA rules can be needed at any time! If you need another copy of the "cheat sheet" on the new rules that was handed out at the February General Membership meeting, please let me know.

Our March General Membership meeting is on Tuesday, March 11 at The Sandbar & Grill (1941 Marine View Dr, Tacoma, WA 98422) with Social Hour 6-7pm, immediately followed by the meeting. It's the busy time of year for Club business, so come hear first hand about the budget, the website, education, and other great topics! The scheduled guest speakers will be presenting on the Sea Scouts new Odyssey program.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any suggestions for our meetings. I can be reached at Vice-commodore@cyct.

Cyndi

**CYNDI LARRISON
VICE COMMODORE
S/V LADY II**



REAR COMMODORE REPORT



Island Race planning has been coming along. Starting at Browns Point and head north. Take the Three-Tree Point Buoy to port and head for the north-east side of Blake Island. Then return to Browns Point Lighthouse. This gives us two locations to shorten the race if necessary. The Walker's Yacht will be our signal boat at the start-finish, with Romeo Charlie monitoring the two marks on the course. This looks to be a good event.

On another racing note. I have removed all the 100+ wayward trophy classes and plaques out of the club house. I will bring them to the next club meeting for collection. If they are not claimed, they will be up for grabs to anyone who wants them. I will make some attempt to mail out the most recent awards I find.



At Turtle Regatta, Greg and I will be exchanging burgees with Willamette Sailing Club. This got me thinking about what it means to exchange a burgee with another club. It is a nautical tradition to exchange burgees when visiting other boat clubs, that was about my limit of knowledge.

Historically, when mariners started crossing the oceans, flags were an important communications tool between ships when at sea especially when near foreign shores. Lives depended on correct interpretation of their meaning. Today, proper use of flags is how we identify vessels like RC and organize sailing events. Flags give important instructions, make announcements, like shorten course and general recall. Exchange burgees today are mostly to honor and keep alive the naval traditions and seamanship spirit of those sailors that preceded us. Often, this is part of a reciprocal agreement to access facilities at each other's clubs; essentially, it's like a "visiting card" between sailing communities.



Chuck

CHUCK QUEEN
REAR COMMODORE



PAST COMMODORE REPORT



NO REPORT

- Brendan

**BRENDAN SMITH
PAST COMMODORE
S/V KNOTTY COUG**



TREASURER REPORT



CYCT Club Members,

February was a bit of a slow month for me as there wasn't much financial activity for the club. We were able to complete account transitions for both Bank of America and Sound Credit Union. Thanks to the board members for their work and cooperation to make that happen. Lastly, our 2025 budget was approved with some minor changes at the February Board Meeting. Looking forward to some sailing this month as the weather has turned warmer.

Dale

DALE SANTKUYL
TREASURER



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Greetings CYCT Members,

Writing this report on a sunny 65-degree day in February, I know that this is simply our infamous 'Fool's Spring', but it is still a welcome reminder that an actual spring season is right around the corner! Of course, the reemergence of the sun means it is also time to renew Club memberships and start recruiting new members.

2025 Membership Dues Renewal

A reminder that 2025 dues for all renewing members are due by April 1st:

- \$300 for Active Membership
- \$150 for Associate Membership
- \$75 for Crew Membership
- \$75 for Non-Resident Membership

Please go to the CYCT website and make your payment under the 'Membership' tab using either PayPal or credit/debit card.

Membership Drive

Our annual Membership Drive also kicks-off on April 1st and runs through June 30th. Please start talking to your marina neighbors and fellow boaters about joining our Club. By joining, new members can take advantage of exclusive club benefits:

- Significant discounts on racing entry fees
- Access to and participation in Club cruises & social events
- Reciprocal moorage privileges
- Retail store discounts and more!

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

Membership Sponsors Needed!

Every year, CYCT receives applications for numerous new members that need to be paired with active sponsors. The role of a sponsor is very simple:

- Get to know the new member applicant, what type of boating they're interested in, and what they're looking to get from the club.
- Make a recommendation to the Board to accept the new member.
- Help introduce and integrate the new member to club activities during their first year.

Please reach out to membership@cyct.com if you are interested in volunteering to sponsor a new member.

Membership Report continued...

CYCT General Meeting – Tuesday, March 11th

Our next CYCT General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11th at The Sandbar and Grill located at 1941 Marine View Drive, Tacoma, WA 98422. Join us for a social hour starting at 6 pm, followed by the meeting at 7 pm. Don't forget that guests are always welcome to attend, as well!

Thank you for your continued support of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you out on the water again soon!

**BEST REGARDS,
TRAVIS NICHOLS
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

S/V GOLDFINCH



CRUISING REPORT



Hello Cruisers,

We are rolling into cruising season and will have lots to do this year!

First off, for the Commodore's Cruise March 21-23, we're expecting Firefly, Peace, and Maravilla. If you can join us overnight, please let me know so we can plan for you. If you're coming just for the picnic, let me know so I can make sure I bring enough food. Remember, this is Clay's Birthday, so I'll provide the main course and blackberry pie. If everyone would please bring sides to share for Saturday night. We'll be having a Bocce Ball tournament in nice weather and Uno Tournament if it's bad weather and after dark.

For Daffodil Parade April 11-13, we're going to have both a Flagship (Firefly) and a Theme Boat (Peace). We need decorators! If you're available, please contact me or the Social Team. If you would like to donate to the Theme Boat, or crew in the parade, I'm looking for people to dress up as local marine life- seal, orca, bald eagle, kraken? I'm open. Let me know. We're also looking to win the Trivia Challenge, so sign up with Social for that!

I have signed up for our slips at Opening Day May 3-5. We will be represented by Firefly, Raven, Gardyloo, Maravilla, Black Elise II, and Hale Moku. If you're not on this list and you want to go, please let me know ASAP. Get out your 1980s finest for costumes and parties! We'll have a table for CYCT with theme drinks.

Our Memorial Day Cruise, May 23-26, is to Penrose State Park. Brendan and Harmony of Knotty Coug are hosting. The theme is College Sports Teams. Be ready to represent your team in games and fun! Please let me know if you plan to attend by boat or car and how many people so we can plan for food.

The CYCT Day Sail Rally is June 7. We're hoping to have a huge turnout this year. We are leaning in on new members and we'd love to be able to get them all involved. If you'd consider taking on some crew for this event, please let me know. If you're interested in being on the admin committee for this, I'd appreciate the help!

We need a host for the Port Orchard Cruise and Don Kimball Lido Regatta June 13-15. This is one of our biggest cruises since it includes our regular cruising fleet and all of the competitors and spectators for the Lido Regatta. Please consider if you could take this important role for the cruise.

Can't wait to see you on the water.

EMILY WOOD
S/V PEACE
CRUISING CHAIR
CRUISING@CYCT.COM

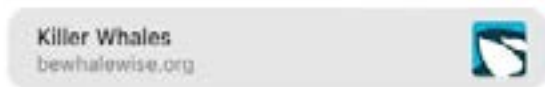
Be whale wise. Give whales space.

Hello,

During a recent race, I was concerned about what would happen if we came across orcas while we were racing and how to handle it. I heard back from the Southwatch Program Director with the following recommendations. The email is edited with updated distances based on the new law that went into effect on Jan 1, 2025.

Emily

Killer Whales
bewhalewise.org



When you encounter killer whales in the wild (in Washington state and southern BC waters), regulations require you to stay 1,000 yards out of their path in either direction. If you're under sail, you can try to move your vessel out of their path in advance, before they get within 1,000 yards of you.

However, as you've noted, occasionally these whales will surface unexpectedly within 1,000 yards of your vessel, or you may not be able to move quickly enough to get out of the path in time.

In these situations, we ask boaters to turn off any engines or depth sounders/fish finders (if safe to do so) and wait for the whales to pass your vessel until they're at least 1,000 yards away before re-engaging your engine or sounders.

For a sailing vessel under sail without using your engine, it's recommended to luff or drop your sails and come to a stop if conditions permit, and wait for those whales to pass you until they're at least 1,000 yards away. Vessel disturbance in the form of physical presence and acoustic footprint can impact whales, so doing your best to minimize both is great.

If your vessel is already stopped and the whales approach you, the same principle applies: remain de-powered as best you can, without engine or sounders running, and wait for them to depart. WA state law also prohibits the intentional positioning of a vessel in the path of whales outside 1,000 yards for the purpose of intercepting the whales using prevailing wind/current ("leapfrogging").

I hope this helps answer your question, but please feel free to reach out for any clarifications!



MERCHANDISE



Hello fellow club members,

The CYCT hoodies and ball caps are in and, for those who haven't picked them up, I will bring them to the general meeting on the 12th. If you would like to pick them up before hand feel free to send me an email at merchandise@cyct.com. For those who would like to order one and missed the first time around let me know and I will place another order. Additionally, Now is the time to order your Daffodill Shirts posted below.

MARCH'S FEATURED ITEMS

DAFFODILL T-SHIRTS (DTF SUBLIMATION/PRINTED)



Description: Cotton/Poly Blend T-shirt with small burgee logo on front and large Daffodill 2025 graphic on the back.

Price: \$25.00

Sizes: Unisex small through 4XL

To Order: Send email to merchandise@cyct.com with count and sizes. You will be sent a paypal link for payment. Payment must be made by the April 1st.



CYCT LOGO BALLCAP (EMBROIDERED)

Description: Cotton ballcap in navy blue with burgee on center front.

Price: \$17.00

Sizes: Unisex 1 size

To Order: Send email to merchandise@cyct.com with count and sizes. You will be sent a paypal link for payment. Payment must be made by the 20th.



CURRENT IN-STOCK ITEMS

CYCT LOGO POLO SHIRTS

Description: Cotton blend poloshirt. Both Unisex (5 XL, 1 M) in blue, women's cut (2 @XL, 3 XL, 1 L, 3 M) in shocking pink

Price: \$25.00

Sizes:

To Order: Send email to merchandise@cyct.com with count and sizes to reserve or have your pick from what is available at the February monthly meeting.

Delivery: CYCT General Meeting on 2/11/2025

JENNIFER MADSEN TENNEY
MERCHANDISE MANAGER
S/V WINDWIZARD & S/V AFK
MERCHANDISE@CYCT.COM



SOCIAL

Greetings,

Spring is right around the corner so Harmony and I are gearing up to help Emily with the Daffodil Marine Parade on Sunday April 13th! So far we have three boats registered: Firefly as the Club's Flagship Boat, Peace as the Theme Boat, and Knotty Coug.

This year's theme is Boating Locally, and in our opinion one of the best things about sailing in the south Puget Sound is our abundance of marine life! Our plan for the Theme Boat is to dress Peace as an Orca, with folks dressed in marine animal costumes/onesies (think seals, crabs, octopus, possibly a geoduck?) dancing on deck. An ambitious plan? Maybe, but we're ready to take on the challenge.

We're also still looking for a team of 4 for the Trivia portion on Saturday.

If you'd like to join on the cruise, help decorate a boat, build a whale tail, or impress everyone with your vast wealth of trivia knowledge, please reach out to one of us to get in on the fun!

Happy Sails,

Meredith

MEREDITH TAYLOR
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S/V GOLDFINCH
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RACING REPORT



Greetings CYCT Racers!

2025 has wrapped its first winter series. Harbor Series races had a bit of everything – sunshine, rain, lots of wind, no wind, cold temps, colder temps. Mother nature was kind to give conditions supporting two full course finishes and one shortened course finish. Great performances by the racers and lots of divergent strategies. Big congratulations to the skippers and crew of Zephyr with 3 excellent races and earning a hard fought 1st place overall!

Co Race Captain Frank Wicklander and I would also like to extend our gratitude for the early season RC volunteers who partnered with us on the Harbor Series. Big thank you to Dana Bachellerie, Chuck Queen, and Mike Stanford!

In other news the South Sound Series is 3 races deep and CYCT burgee is showing strong across the board. Zulu Tango currently leads the ORC fleet, Kahuna is holding down 2nd place under PHRF-3, hot action among the J35's has Flicka currently tied in 3rd under PHRF-4, in even hotter action Goes to Eleven fights in a 5-way tie for 2nd under PHRF-5, and in PHRF-6 Slick sits in 3rd place.

This sets up for an exciting finale race and the CYCT's first go as the organizing authority for the Islands Race on March 15th. The racing permit is approved, and we're setting up the last coordination needs for on-water roles and responsibilities to see this fresh new course runs smoothly! Big thanks to Chuck Queen, Cyndi Larrison, and Clay Anderson leaning in and providing leadership to bring this race together! Registration is open: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28859>



Following the islands race grab a partner or come alone to the Memorial Single/Doublehand on March 29th. In 2024 we had bright sunshine and generous wind. We can't promise a repeat but it's definitely possible – you won't know unless you go!
Cheers!

KYLE ROETHLE
CYCT CO RACE CAPTAIN
SV EMOYENI

2025 Harbor Series #2

Gig Harbor

Heavy Air in the Morning Makes for a Mighty Quick Race

Saturday February 1, 2025 provided a southeasterly 15-20 kts of breeze for a quick reach-reach from Browns Point to Gig Harbor to Dock Street. The baby Bruce that secured the turning mark in front of the GH entrance finally took a bight in 60' of water on the third set. Another three attempts each for start mark and *Romeo Charlie* sets provided a decent square line at Browns Point from which to send the fleet on a tight reach to the turning mark.

The eight racers had a strong start, all on whites, most opting for #2's or #3's. *Kahuna* looked to be flying (literally) as she crossed the line outside at what had to be 10 kts on a close reach. Since she was OVER THERE, we missed the window for what could well have been the best photo of the day.

However, the two who passed within a couple of feet of *Romeo Charlie* pushing very nice bow waves did not disappoint — *Boginka* and *Keet* ran away with the NailedTheStartAtTheLine Glam shots.

As the fleet raced off toward Gig Harbor under dark skies, RC staff pulled the start pin and raced back to Tyee to pick up Chuck Queen and drop off Race Chair Kyle so he could relieve a sick Nicole on



Bow Waves! A day of screaming reaches on whites. *Boginka* (Left) and *Keet* (Below) start just feet from RC's stern.



Kiddo duty.

Once back out on the course RC made a quick loop to check on the fleet and attempt as many Glam Shots as possible before the first finishers reached Dock Street. With one eye on *Kahuna*, RC donuted the fleet front-runners for photos, only making it about three quarters of the way to the turning mark before having to race back to Dock Street to set up for recording finishes.

With RC secured opposite the Foss Dolphin, the wind dropped considerably, and The Wait ensued. *Kahuna*, who had been screaming along when RC came alongside mid-course was still a full chicken wrap, 1/2 cup of coffee and Rice-Krispie treat away. "Dang it! We should have done the full loop to the turning mark," the RC crew lamented as they enjoyed their lunch while watching the wind drop. *Kahuna*, the first to finish, crossed at 11:50, and the final boat crossed the line at 12:14, less than 25 minutes later; the entire race completed in less than 2.5 hours.

Dana Bachelierie
CYCT Historian
S/V *Black Elise II*

Right:
"Cormorant Redux"
With Chuck Queen at the helm of RC on the mark recovery run to Gig Harbor, the crew could not resist attempting another photo capture of "Cormorant Atop a Buoy". This cormorant, however, was more petulant than his Manzanita colleague on the Quartermaster Race.
Photo by Bachelierie.



Watermark photo: "Passing Through" Those dark clouds over Vashon at the start meant business, providing 15-20 kts of breeze. The sky closed in over Quartermaster, and much of *Dalco Passage* disappeared while the cell passed through.
Photo by Bachelierie

Gig Harbor

A Great Day for Fast Sailing: Reaching with Whites

Sporty Starts



Above: Boginka rips past RC at the start.



Above: Keet makes a jubilant run across RC's stern.



Above: Les Chevaux Blancs roars through making a strong start.



Right: Kahuna stretching her legs on the second leg, about half way down Ruston Way, right before the wind went soft.

Whites

Left: Flicka looking mighty fine, with a nice slant reaching toward the Foss.

Ripping Along Mid-Course



Left: Goes to 11 enjoys a fast leg, sprinting toward the Foss, the leading Half Faster

Closing in on the Finish



Left: Boginka coming in strong, with a nice ship backdrop.



Left: Bimini, Dial-A-Jib & Radar Mast Aft! Work Release finishing for the win. Yay for Cruising Gear!



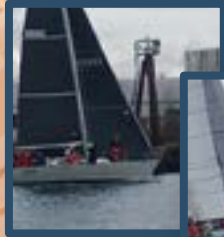
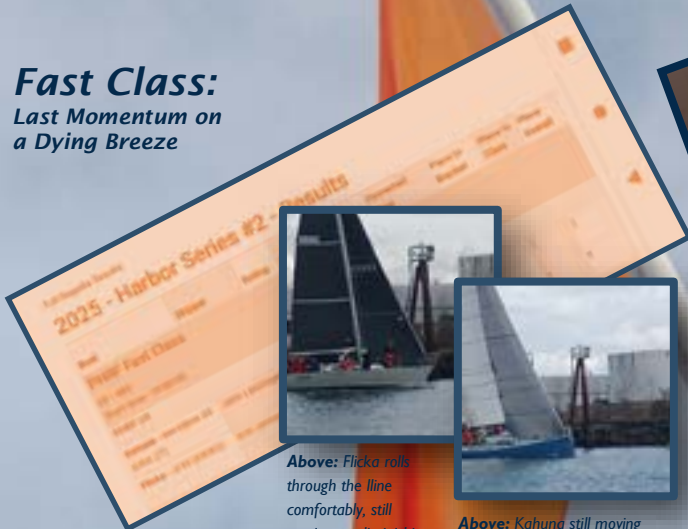
Left: Zephyr finishes strong. Wind much lighter, but still moving along!

Watermark photo: "Fleet Pushes Westward"
Moderate to sporty breeze at the start held for the fleet around the turning mark and through much of the return leg.

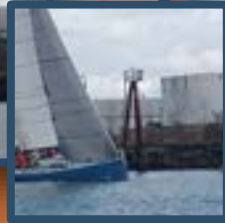
Gig Harbor

Quick Finishes in Diminishing Air

Fast Class: Last Momentum on a Dying Breeze

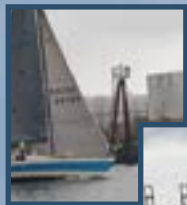


Above: Flicka rolls through the line comfortably, still moving on diminishing air.



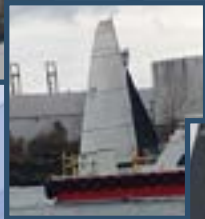
Above: Kahuna still moving nicely through the finish

Half Fast Class: Ghosting in on the Last Gasp



Right: Boginka looking good for the finish.

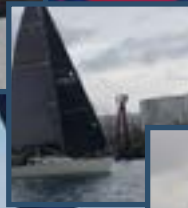
Below: NFW!! Twice in a Row GT11's finish glory is struck from the record. This time by the Safe Boat.



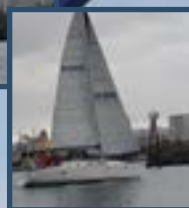
Below: Les Chevaux Blancs: Glides over the line.



Above: Zephyr comes in on her namesake to finish.



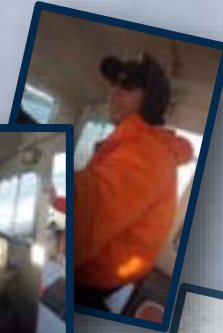
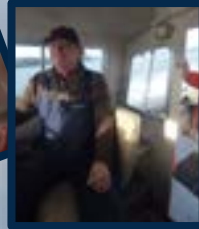
Above: Keet ghosts over the line.



Above: Work Release for the bullet.

Race Committee Doing RC Things

Below: Chuck pinch-hitting at the RC helm.

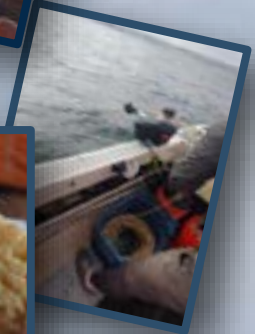


Left: Frank warming up in the cabin after dealing with mark-setting.

Above: Race Chair Kyle got the race started, then went home to make chicken soup for Nicole and take over Kiddo duty.

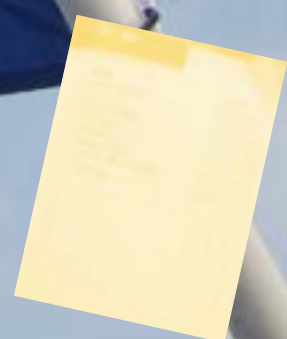


Above: Thank you Andrea! Rice Krispy Treats were yummy!



Above: Downrigger makes mark-setting and retrieval much more manageable

Watermark Photo: "On-the-water ambiance, Romeo Charlie Style" The new taller PVC staff allows for greater RC on-station visibility at a distance. Definitely helpful in dark, broody, or sporty weather.



2025 Harbor Series #3

Zenith Harbor

*Only for the Intrepid: Faint Breeze,
Frigid Temps and Shortened Course*

As daylight broke grey skies and frigid temperatures met glassy water enroute to the Browns Point starting area. Undeterred, 9 boats cast their lines and made way for a mid-distance course from the light house, round the TTPYC I Mark off the Des Moines waterfront, and back to Foss Harbor as the prescribed finish. As first said by Captain Ron, "If anything's gonna happen, it's gonna happen out there."

I don't know if it's good or bad fortune for the day, but the only breeze anywhere in the south sound seemed to be concentrated around the Browns Point lighthouse, and we were able to get an on-time off-the-breeze start. After an "all clear," boats steamed toward Dash Point, *Kahuna* and *Wicked Sister* leading the charge.

Past Dash Point winds stepped back to random puffs and zephyrs needing to be threaded with patience. With a flooding tide, the fleet split almost 50/50 some crossing the VTS to Maury/Vashon, while the others or curled around Poverty Bay. With the tide in her favor, *Wicked Sister* made the Vashon shore look super appealing. Aboard *Romeo Charlie*

Right. Every racing sailor's least favorite sailing disposition. This time it's Land Denials's turn.
Photo by Michael Stanford



the race committee did the math and it became clear the race would need to be shortened at I mark.

As the ebb built, the crossing back to Des Moines from the Maury/Vashon side became a much bigger risk than it had been for *Wicked Sister*; those who tried found themselves sweeping north beyond the Pt Robinson Lighthouse in faint breaths of northwest breeze. Meanwhile, the boats holding tight to the right hooked in to the light new breeze and took the long escalator ride to the shortened finish with relative ease.

Wicked Sister dialed in her light air skills and pulled out a strong first-to-finish. The day, however, belonged to J-30 *Zephyr*, who played all the shifts perfectly to earn 1st overall on a correction of 3 minutes and change. Awesome sailing team *Zephyr*!

Kyle Roethle
CYCT Co-Race Captain
S/V *Emoyeni*

Watermark photo:
"Pressing Slowly Northward"
On light breeze the fleet moves slowly northward toward Des Moines.
Photo by Michael Stanford

Right:
"Half Fast Fleet
Crawling Northward"
A day of constant changing places. At this point Work Release, Boginka, Keet and Blue Max exchange positions with faint pressure, and complete flat water as they work their way north along the east shore.
Photo by Michael Stanford.



Zenith Harbor

Moments. Brief segments of exultation moving on slight zephyrs. Patience, attentiveness and a little luck paid off for some. Photos by Michael Stanford

Fast Class



Right & Above: Kahuna and Wicked Sister swap positions several times over the course of the day. The day's win for WS as Kahuna retires.



Above & Left: Kahuna and Wicked Sister ghosting along the east shore with ever so slight pressure.

Right: Setting up: Kahuna, Wicked Sister, Land Denial & Blue Max set and position for the start under a ship backdrop in faint breeze



Early On

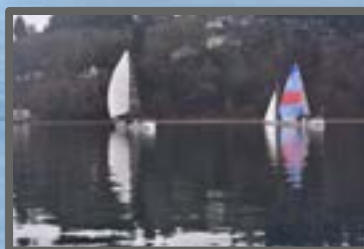
Watermark photo: "Sea Trial" Cape Intrepid, one of the Ruston Way Navy ships out for maneuvers. Same "keep clear" protocol as when she is moored. Moving target presented an extra challenge for the fleet in these light conditions.



Above: J-30 showdown. Zephyr (left) and Boginka (right) creep up the east shore, spinnakers barely pulling



Above: Just under Dash Point positions switch again as Work Release (Left) and Zephyr (Center) work up under the point with Land Denial (Right) closing up.



Above: A bit later, a bit further down the beach, Keet (left), Blue Max (center) and Work Release (right) continue to crawl toward Dash Point, drifters and spinnaker none too enthusiastic.

Later

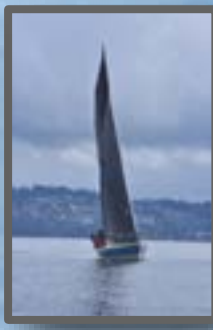
In a Class Of Her Own



Above: Zephyr approaching the finish. A long day, but ended with a bullet.



Above: GT 11 with a momentary puff, close to the finish.



Above: Boginka coming in strong on main and jib.



Left: Land Denial gets a clean start, just ahead of and to windward of Boginka—a significant advantage in such super-light conditions.

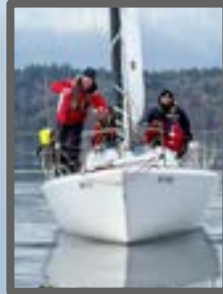
Zenith Harbor

At the Finish

Each crossing had a different mood



Above: Boginka moving well to the finish line.



Above: Goes to 11: OK. That's it. We're done. Let's roll. And please don't skewer the committee boat on your way out, LOL.



Above: Wicked Sister: Getting there. One puff at a time. Excruciatingly slow, but arrived at last. Blue sister Kahuna had had enough by this point and had retired.



Above: Blue Max scores a glam shot with sun/cloud contrast drama as she approaches the finish.



Above: Keet: It's been a long day. Going home at last.



Above: Goes to 11: Seriously? Pa-leeze, just ONE MORE puff!



Above: Work Release no nonsense. Git er done!



Above: Glee or exhaustion? Salud! Time to celebrate the day's victory, and a series win for Team Zephyr!

Watermark Photo:
"C'mon Boss, it's cold back here! Can't I please ride inside?" Even the mark seems to be protesting the frigid temperatures and questionable breeze conditions.



LIDO 14 - FLEET 82 NEWS



What a wild weather February! I was planning on replacing the plywood in the stern of Blueberry (#3187) this month, however I haven't accomplished any work on the stern since November. The classic Lidos are notorious for their plywood spacer between the outer fiberglass hull and the interior seats rotting. My boat is a 1976, and it had been partially addressed sometime before I purchased the boat from Penny. It's not difficult to chip out the old wood and laminate in new marine plywood, it just takes some time and a little warm/dry weather. There are some excellent online instructions created by John Papadopoulos of DoubleWave. Brian White replaced the stern in Bumblebee (#2075). Although purchasing a boat without a stern issue is desirable, it is not a difficult task to replace the wood if necessary.

In recent news, we have added a new active team to Fleet 82. Travis Nicholes and Meredith Taylor have acquired Lido #6102. It is a "6000 Series" and is in excellent condition. This is the third 6000 Series in the fleet along with The Mikkelborg's boat and Penny Shen's. Welcome Meredith and Travis. I have lost count of the number of Lidos now in the club, I believe we are somewhere around 15 or 16.

We are only a few weeks away from Spring time sailing, it is time to start thinking about what we need to do to be ready. We will be planning on Lido Dock Maintenance Day to be April 5th. This day we can launch/load boats as necessary. Pressure wash the dock and boats. Fix what needs to be fixed and general maintenance for the coming season. First Fun-on-Friday is April 12th at the Club house, 5:45 PM. We will have RC on the water and set a start line and weather mark. Watch for details to come later.

The first regatta on the PNW Schedule is the Turtle Regatta on May 3rd and 4th. Sailing is on the Willamette River in Portland. Registration is open with Willamette Sailing Club. I'm registered and I know Greg is planning on going. Emily has also expressed interest. This is a very fun and competitive event. Last year we did 10 races over the weekend. Sailing starts a bit later on Saturday and ends earlier on Sunday to allow time for out of towners to travel. On Friday May 2nd, two time Lido 14 National Champion Kerry Poe will be giving an afternoon-evening seminar sharing his secrets to Winning Lido Sailing. Some billeting is provided with a little preplanning.

CHUCK QUEEN
LIDO 14 #3187 BLUEBERRY
LIDOFLEET@CYCT.COM



WOMEN'S SAILING

NO REPORT

We are currently in need of a Women's Sailing Chair. This is a committee position and can be filled by any associate, full or crew member. Please consider helping by volunteering for this position. To inquire further reach out to Commodore Clay Anderson or any other board member.



EDUCATION REPORT

We are fortunate to have Andrew Kerr coming on the evening of April 1st to talk about starts. We will be meeting upstairs in the SandBar. We will be asking for a \$20 contribution. This will be 90 minutes of videos, slides and discussion on how to lead the fleet from the start. A race cannot be won at the start, but it sure can be lost at the start. I'm interested to hear what Andrew has to say.

In sailboat racing, I enjoy the start the most. It has the biggest challenges and the biggest risks. It is perhaps the best aspect of my game. A few things to remember, keelboats need time to accelerate whereas dinghies can get rolling in seconds. I start keelboats very differently than when lining up on the starting line with 30+ dinghies. If the race is one of many in a regatta, or a day/distance race over an open leg course will also factor into starts. Multi-race regattas need many good-great starts to consistently place in the front of the fleet. Knowing where you want to go right after the start needs to be considered. In Lidos, in a currentless bay or lake, I want to be able to tack on that first favorable windshift. In a current swept bay, I may need to protect which side of the bay I need to be on. With races that run many hours, starting off the favored end of the line, and having clear air to spend hours running down the coast may be the best start.



I have had more than one request to have more days of starting practice within the Lido Fleet. That brings up a good point, more starts (and practice) are always better for success. However, when there isn't a fleet or partner how do you practice starts? Couple things you can practice that help.



Stopping and starting the boat. Stopping the boat asap can be quite difficult. However stopping can save a start when there are boats around and you want to maintain your chosen position. Starting the boat without coordination is side-slippy and slow. The crew coordination in this situation is critical. Trimming in the main and headsail is unison, minimizing the need to use the rudder and minimizing side slip, are critical aspects to what you need in a tight starting situation. Sailing a dinghy without the rudder teaches you a lot about the boat balance and the effect sails have on sailing direction.

Time on Distance. With keelboats, knowing how far to sail a visual distance over a certain amount of time is critical. Any object in the water will work. Sail the boat downwind of the chosen object and try to set the boat up with a picked time to run. With keelboats I have often used a minute, Lidos 20 seconds. Now you don't want to be on just any point of sail, you want to be hard on the wind, maybe pinching a little such that you arrive just downwind of the object without enough room to your windward side to allow another boat access. This isn't easy. If you're early, practice a stop and go! Heck, I play with this while driving to school and anywhere...

Hey, how long will it take me to get to that bridge up there? Timing over the distance.

Sailing 360s. A tight tack-gybe, or gybe-tack, can get your boat out of a situation that otherwise might

Education Report continued...

put you in a situation to be controlled. It is a smart sailor that keeps their boat out of situations where other boats control your race. If another boat has positional control over you, they will do what is best for them. These 360s are similar to stops and starts. The more you can maneuver the boat with the sails, the less amount of rudder needed and the more speed the boat will maintain through the maneuver. Tacking then gybing is usually faster, however you may not have a choice. As I look back over the 2024 season, I was over early at least once in every regatta sailed. These maneuvers help getting back to the correct side of the line are helpful.

CHUCK QUEEN

BLUEBERRY LIDO #3187

ZZZAAP THISTLE #3519

SLICK J29 69299



Historian

March 2025

Ancestry of Romeo Charlie



Since its inception in 1974, CYCT has been a racing club. Indeed, CYCT's purpose has always been to promote Corinthian racing, and to make sailboat racing accessible to the community. To that end, its members from the start have proudly stepped up using their own resources to make racing happen in Commencement Bay and the South Sound. With its first regatta in 1974 shortly after ratifying its charter, members contributed their own resources, often using their personal boats to run the logistics to manage many events in that first year, prior to having even an established membership.



Above: Upstart, CYCT's first committee boat, acquired in 1978. Pictured here in the slings of the CYCT crane in the CYCT yard on Ruston Way. Photo from 1978 CYCT Yearbook.

As membership grew and racing gained traction in Tacoma, the club obtained a 27' vessel, *Upstart*, by January of 1978 to serve as committee boat, along with a 16' chase boat. For the next four years as club membership grew, so did its capacity to host racing in the South Sound, and *Upstart* was a major draw for club membership. By March of 1981 member Jim Lavelle became the first *de facto* "Floating Assets" chair, proposing a rotating schedule for the vessel's care and feeding.

Unfortunately by 1982, even though membership was almost at 300, the economic downturn resulted in many unpaid dues, and the Club's revenue fell off precipitously. Sadly, to remain solvent, the Club had to sell off many of its assets, and both *Upstart* and the chase boat were liquidated.

At this point the club returned to member-supported race committee rotations, and longtime member Bill Sheridan stepped up to provide his personal boat as RC. The Club maintained a strong member-supported Race Committee well into the 90's, and in 1994 MaryLee Powell as Vice Commodore and Race Chair proudly acknowledged the membership's tradition of rotating Race Committee by thanking members publicly and often for their service. During this time long-time member Dennis Murphy (some of you may remember his Newport 41 *One Flew Blue*) regularly provided a chase boat.

Sometime in the late 1990's the club obtained a 17' Bayliner Bowrider (from the Miami Vice neon-pink-and-blue vintage), likely during Ron Holbrook's term as Race Chair and Vice Commodore. Then, in 1999 as

Gene Brown moved up to Vice Commodore, the Board split the VC-RC into separate roles. Race Chair was taken off the Vice Commodore's plate and became the formal office Fleet Captain Racing, and this position was endowed with a voting Board position. Terry Anderson who had been a very active racer representing CYCT locally and regionally took on this new role, allowing the Vice Commodore to focus on other board duties.

2006 saw the next major Race Committee remodel when Immediate Past Commodore Billy Carter took over as Race Chair. Billy quickly established the Point Series, the Harbor Series, and brought Wind-Seekers formally into the CYCT race program. He also formalized the race permit coordination process with the USCG to further strengthen CYCT's presence for racing in



Above: Romeo Charlie, The Trojan, in June of 2007, prior to installation of the engaging Orange graphics. Photo from July 2007 Mainsheet.

South Sound. With a once again expanding race program, Billy spearheaded the acquisition of the first *Romeo Charlie*, a 1974 26' Trojan, to provide a stable, reliable platform for Commencement Bay and South Sound racing. In 2014 after seven successful years, *Romeo Charlie* turned 40 and was showing her age.

Following a few rescues and increased expenses, in 2016, under Commodore Eric Nelson, the Trojan was replaced with our current *Romeo Charlie*, the C-Dory. As we move into Year 9 with RC under Floating Assets Chair Paul Grove's watchful eye and careful maintenance protocol, *Romeo Charlie* continues to thrive as a critical member of the CYCT Racing program, and will hopefully continue to do so for many more years.



Above: Romeo Charlie, The C-Dory, in Winter 2024., still going strong. Photo from Mainsheet archives, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Bachellerie, Historian
S/V Black Elise II

WEBSITE UPDATES

CYCT Shared Drive

All board and committee members should have access to the shared drive through drive.google.com under the "Shared with me" heading. If you don't have access, let Aaron know.

Each board and committee email address is also set up to forward to the email address that we have on file. There is currently no way to send from the board or committee email addresses.

Website

Greg, Travis and I have been discussing the needs for managing membership and the website, and have gotten demos with The Club Spot and Club Express, two companies that make membership management software.

Both platforms support members-only areas with member directories, forums, photo galleries, document uploads, etc. For the membership team, both support a full membership database, and automated dues renewal.

The Club Spot's primary focus is sailing clubs, and as such, have a ton of features supporting marina management, resource management and race registration. They also have a robust forms interface that they say can allow for registration forms very similar to our current race registration form.

Club Express supports a wider array of clubs, but also has features specific to sailing clubs, like resource management. Their forms platform isn't as robust as The Club Spot, but it looks like there are workarounds to allowing race bulk race registrations like we currently have. With Club Express, we would be able to embed our race results app that Will built, and there is the possibility that we'd be able to use their application programming interface to integrate race registrations into the races results app, which is a feature that Will has been planning on adding.

Club Express also has an iPhone/Android app that includes push notifications to notify members of dues, events, and forum posts, etc.

The Club Spot's base price is \$7500 a year, but I've talked them down to \$5200, and am working on seeing if I can get it down further. If I can't, I don't think it would be a viable option with our budget.

Club Express has a per member price of 42 cents a member, plus 21 cents per additional login (so a full membership with two people is 63 cents, Crew and Associate members are 42 cents): Base around \$52.50 mo/\$630 yr for 100 members and 50 partners/spouses which is less than what we're currently paying for our website hosting.

Additional modules add cost:

Member Fleet - Adds boat info to user's profile: \$12 mo

Member Gallery: \$25 mo

Resource Scheduling - If we wanted to have something like a club Lido fleet: \$20 mo

So with a couple of additional modules, Club Express would be around \$1300 a year, still less than what we're currently paying.

We're waiting to hear back from Club Express about a couple of questions that we have, and we are going to try to speak with people at a couple of local clubs that use it, but we think that it would be a benefit to the club to investigate moving to Club Express.

Aaron Milligan

CREW EVENTS

Tacoma area sailors and hope-to-be sailors,

+6 at 1941 Marine View Dr, Tacoma. This will be a great time for skippers who race on Wednesdays in Tacoma to meet some of crew who are looking to get out on a boat.

Wednesday night CYCT racing starts in a little over a month (April 9). While we try to get everyone who RSVP's each week out on a boat, you have a better chance to get connected with a skipper if you have even a little bit of sailing experience. To get some basic knowledge and skills, I recommend the following:

While they are going fast, there are still spots available for the annual Mountaineers Basic Crewing/ Sailing class. There are courses being offered in both Tacoma and Seattle. See the Mountaineers site for more details <https://www.mountaineers.org/courses/courses-clinics-seminars#c4=Sailing>

Another option specifically for women interested in learning to sail is the beginner sailing class offer by the Tacoma Women's Sailing Association (TWSA). They are a very active group who promotes local women's sailing. See their site for more information about the organization and their spring beginning sailing class. <https://www.twsa.org/>

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	03-Mar	Kyle Roethle	20-Mar
Steve Wagner	07-Mar	Gary Blackmore	20-Mar
Steve Edvalds	08-Mar	Thomas Tenney	22-Mar
Amelia Adams	08-Mar	Clay Anderson	24-Mar
Bill Jenks	11-Mar	Susan Pinkham	27-Mar
Mike Matzen	19-Mar	Caroline Dutchess	28-Mar

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 sitched 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 Tye.

FREE to folks in the club

Mask & Fins:

Cressi short fins and masks. Fins are strap heal. Adult size. 2 Sets. Like new in bags. \$10/set. 2 All-in-1 masks. Like new in carrying bags. \$25/each. Call Jennifer Tenney 206-331-6766.



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.

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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
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2025 CYCT OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore: Clay Anderson
Vice Commodore: Cyndi Larrison
Rear Commodore: Chuck Queen
Past Commodore: Brendan Smith

BOARD POSITIONS

Secretary: Jim Glassley
Treasurer: Dale Santkuyl
Membership Chair: Travis Nicholes
Fleet Captain-Cruising: Emily Wood
Fleet Co-Captain-Racing: Kyle Roethle

REPRESENTATIVES

PHRF Handicapper: **OPEN**
PHRF Director: **OPEN**
PIYA Rep: **OPEN**

STANDING COMMITTEES

Crew Coordinator: Eric Johnson
Floating Assets: Paul Grove
Club Merchandise: Jen Tenney
Mainsheet Editor: Jen Tenney
Women's Sailing: **OPEN**
Sunshine: Debbie Simmons
Web Site: Aaron Milligan & Will Kamp
Social Media Editor:
Publicity: Steve Rosa
Trophies: Christine Nelson
Education: Chuck Queen
Social: Harmony Kowalski
Historian: Dana Bachellerie
Long Range Planning: **OPEN**
Lido 14 Fleet Co Captains:
Greg Greene & Chuck Queen
Racing Protest: Chuck Queen



ON THE COVER...

Rocket Boat at Dewamish Head

s/v Goes to 11 doing Dewamish Head

*Photo submitted by:
Meredith Taylor*