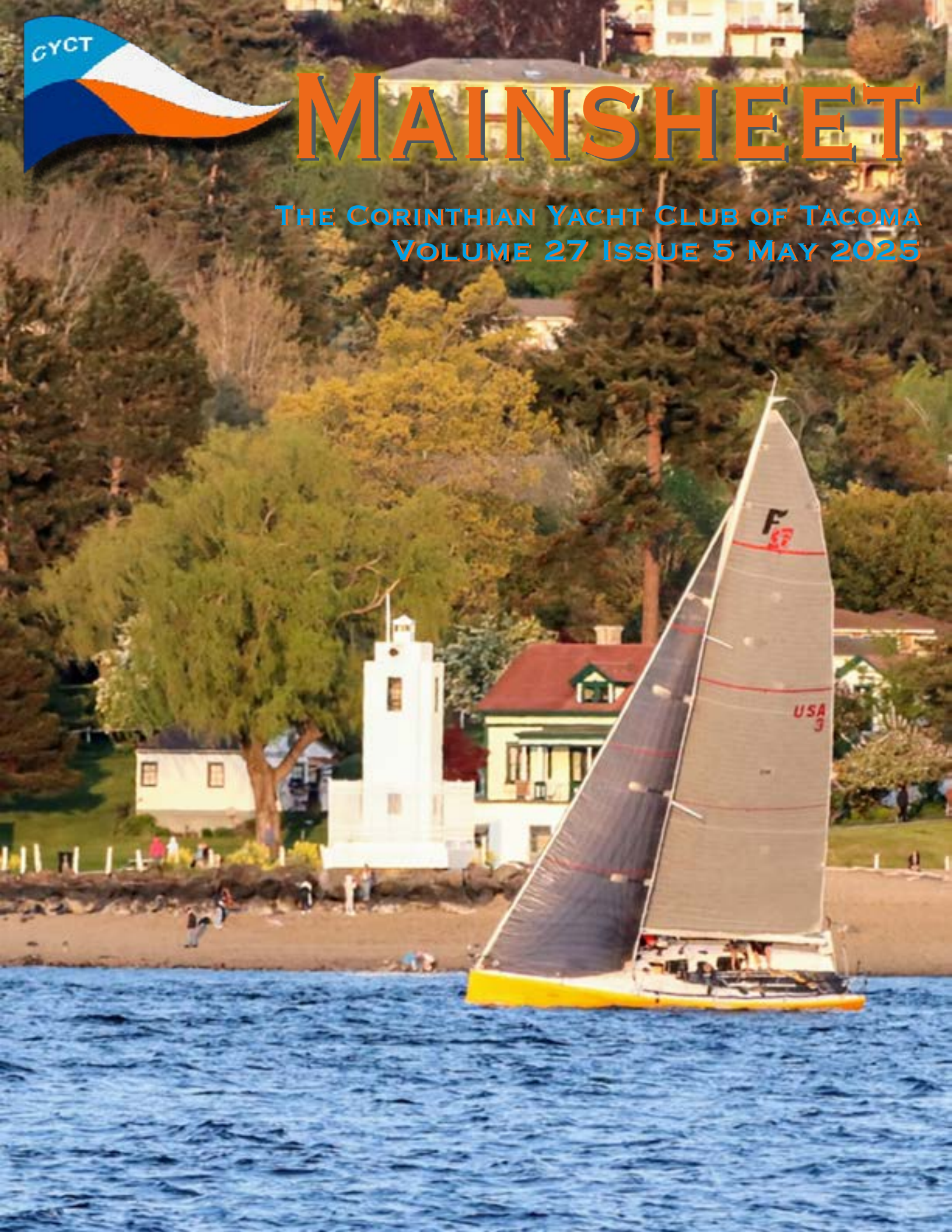




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THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF TACOMA
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COMMODORE REPORT

Greetings club members:

April was a great month for the club. Our race season is in full swing, a very big thank you to fleet captains racing Kyle and Frank along with all the volunteers so far that have been on board RC.

We had a great Daffodil at TYC. Three boats participated in the parade, with a host of friends and club members helping to decorate all day Saturday and even into Sunday morning. S/V Peace crew were all costumed up, Gardyloo looked awesome with all the young crew getting into the day, Firefly looked really great with waves of daffodils and a crew of fully uniformed club officers. And yes Firefly received a first place for flagship in the parade. Congratulations CYCT, Sunny day and a trophy, yeah baby, great day. Thank you to the nerds that participated in trivia, great format, and finished 12th, they were amazing. Many members came down to TYC and hung out and danced, drank and just supported TYC and our club. Now off to SYC and opening day.

As we get into cruising season, I would like to remind those that are going to host, thank you first of all, to please check with Emily Wood our cruise chair, to know what our budget is for that cruise. We have a limited budget for these events and we need to be good stewards of those club funds. We may need to be creative, and a host may need to pass the hat? Not sure looking for ideas. I guess the point is with rising costs and greater increased participation we need to look at ways to grow. All good things, except rising costs, ugh.

So for myself and our family, Yay its nicer out, time to sail, time to cruise.
Thank you all

Clay

CLAY ANDERSON
COMMODORE
S/V FIREFLY



VICE COMMODORE REPORT



Thanks to all who attended the April meeting! Your passion and personal follow-up on points of interest continue to impress me. What a great group of people!



CYCT participated in the South Sound Sailing Society (SSSS) meeting this past week. Key points of discussion included a high level review of what went well/not so well in the 24-25 series and what to focus on for the 25-26 series. Target activities include review of safety equipment requirements, Regatta Network scoring details, consistency in SIs across races, and rating accuracy. The most important thing for skippers is likely to be stronger safety equipment requirements to be more like those on Swiftsure or other off-shore races (think inflatable man overboard poles with beacons). Skippers will likely be required to certify with their signature that the equipment is on the boat and functional. Additionally, PFD's required will likely be added to the NOR/SIs to ensure the requirement is on all 4 races. Consistency in SIs is mostly alignment of the course description on the East Passage legs for Winter Vashon and Islands Race. Also be on the lookout for reminder that ratings must be updated for 'next year' by the second race in the series (if you get looked up in the PHRF or ORC data bases you need to be current for the correct race year).

Have you thought about doing the Fun on Fridays with the Lido fleet? I joined in for the first time this past week and had a great time. I met new people, sailed a small boat for the first time in... well... decades, and watched the puffs from a completely different perspective! I highly recommend it. And yes, you will probably have some sore muscles! (Or maybe it was the decades thing for me.)

Daffodil was a hoot, and we even came in first as Flagship. Besides the great design, apparently our ability to salute came off well - even as a couple of us were just catching our balance from the waves. The Trivia game had a new format that seemed to go over well, and our Trivia Nerds team was fun to watch. This is an event worth getting on your calendar for next year. Next up is Opening Day at Seattle Yacht Club the first weekend in May!

The May General Membership meeting is on Tuesday, May 13th at The Sandbar & Grill (1941 Marine View Dr, Tacoma, WA 98422) with Social Hour 6-7pm, immediately followed by the meeting. PLEASE NOTE: we will switch back to Monday meetings at Clubhouse starting in June.

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

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REAR COMMODORE, EDUCATION & LIDO REPORT



Lido Fleet Report:

We've had our first two Fun-on-Fridays. Kimber and I sailed Pickle along with Cheryl and Brian White in Bumblebee. And last Friday we had 5 Lidos in the water for some decent northerly sailing. We mixed skippers and crews. I will be going this Friday (May 2nd). We are heading down to sail in the Turtle Regatta at Willamette Sailing Club. Greg Green is sailing with Judy Clark. Last I looked 22 boats are registered.

Between now and the next newsletter will be the Memorial Day Regatta at Eugene Yacht Club, May 24th & 25th. Turnout from our fleet is looking good for this one. Kimber and I are going, Greg is sailing with Evie Engnoth. I've heard Michael Stanford is sailing with his brother Eddie and Brian White is considering the event. Fern Ridge Reservoir is a great venue for dinghy sailing with Camping, showers and provided meals. The sailing location is only a short sail for the very nice launching areas. Our next official Fun-on-Friday are May 9th and May 16th Meet at the club house between 5:45 and 6:00 PM. We will try to arrange experienced skippers with crews and prep Romeo-Charlie if needed. An RSVP is highly recommended if you are looking for an open boat position.

Finally, we are getting the plans created for our own Lido Regatta; The Don Kimball Memorial on Father's Day Weekend sailing out at Port Orchard. June 14th and 15th. Registration is up on Regatta Network. The Walkers and Morales have volunteered to be our Cruise Hosts for this year's sailors. Emily Wood has reserved some space at the Port Orchard Marina. We are getting organized; this year's event will be the Lido 14 Championships for the PNW Lido District 6. Should be some great competition.

Education Report:

Our Andrew Kerr seminar was well attended. With his vast experience, British charm and effective communication skills, it was 2+ hours of starting discussions, in-depth discussion and a great deal of fun. Thank you, Andrew!

Man-Overboard has been in the news again with the events during the Center Sound Series. It was an excellent video of the approach and connection with the folks in the water. However, not everyone has an open stern boat. After some discussion with VC Cyndi, I feel the need to do a bit more with this. On May 31st, at Tyee we will go through how to actually get someone out of the water. With

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TREASURER REPORT

CYCT Club Members,

Financials for 2025 are in full swing, so I finally have some comparative numbers for you.

Net income from Island Race was a significant amount for a single race. Special shoutout to the regular and extra volunteers operating the race. I know there was more than typical.

Membership drive seems to be progressing nicely. Thanks to our membership team for getting the message out to renew. If you haven't yet renewed, now would be great.

Notable March Expenses

- CSR Marine - boat and trailer maintenance
- Chubb - insurance

YTD Race Fees

- 30.5 Better this year if you include Island Race.
- Slightly worse if you don't.

YTD Membership Dues

- 38 Active
- 4 Associate
- 14 Crew
- ==
- 56 Total

68% of our 2025 budget

Account Balances

- 23.34 Increase over last year

To date, we are right around 68% of our budgeted membership income. Please get your renewal in soon by visiting <https://cyct.com/membership/>.

Dale

DALE SANTKUYL
TREASURER



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Happy Spring Everyone!

Membership Renewals

As most already know, annual membership dues are now due. Many thanks to those who have already renewed! I will be handing out new Membership Cards at the next meeting to current members, so please attend if you can. If you can't make it, just send me an email and I will happily drop your card in the mail.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING MONDAY, MAY 13TH AT THE
SAND BAR AND GRILL
ADDRESS: 1941 MARINE VIEW DR, TACOMA
6PM SOCIAL
7PM MEETING**

Membership Drive

Our annual membership drive is on now, so please tell your friends and marina neighbors about the club! Membership benefits include reduced racing fees, a robust social and cruising calendar, educational opportunities, Lido fleet racing, retail discounts, and more. And be sure to mention that we're waiving the \$100 initiation fee during the drive.

New Members

We have two new Active memberships and three Crew members join us in the last month, so please greet them at the next general meeting or out on the water!

Thank you for your continued support of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma!

Travis Nicholes

CYCT Membership

S/V Goldfinch

Lido 14 #6102

**BEST REGARDS,
TRAVIS NICHOLAS
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

S/V GOLDFINCH

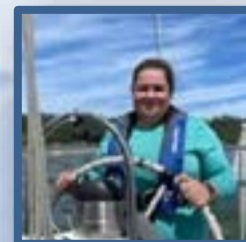
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Cruising

May 2025

Sailing into Summer!



Hello Cruisers! A very special thank you to all who turned out to support our club at Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Marine Parade. We represented in all three parade categories, Flagship (OVERALL WINNER!), Theme Boat, and Youth Boat. [Congratulations](#) to our Trivia Team for scoring in the top half of all the clubs! I am so proud of everyone who attended this event. Thank you so much for being an excellent representation of our club.

See you on the water!

Emily

S/V Peace

Coming Up

Opening Day at SYC

Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day is happening right now, so I'll have to report on it when we get back. Even if you're not going by boat, please consider driving up and hanging out with our fleet. Connect with me if you want to go up together. The theme is "Back to the 80s," and should be a thriller.

Memorial Day

Our Memorial Day Weekend cruise May 24-26 will take place at Penrose State Park. Brendan and Harmony of *Knotty Coug* will host a fun-filled weekend with activities planned around College Sports Teams! Come ready to represent your school with some competitive events! Al-

so, plan to bring a dish to share. To plan for this, we're asking EVERYONE who attends to register for this event. Here's the link: <https://forms.gle/uKRcFtrYRuJCsBtF8>

Day Sail Rally

June 7th is our Day Sail Rally. This year it's going to be a fixed time event, in a Choose Your Own Adventure Style. How many points can you earn in the time limit? If you haven't done this event before, please consider coming! It's some of the most fun you can have on the water! Skippers/boat owners, please sign up if you're planning to come so we can make enough materials for all participants. <https://forms.gle/xLgaDdyvDc9biFpf8>

Watermark Photo: "Passing the Reviewing Stand" Edmonds YC Flagship passes the reviewing stand at TYC during the 2025 Daffodil Parade. Tacoma fireboat provided display backdrop through then entire parade review sequence of 42 entries. Thank you TFD! Photo by Bachelierie.

DON KIMBALL MEMORIAL REGATTA FATHER S DAY CRUISE

JUNE 13TH-15TH

PORT ORCHARD MARINA

PLEASE CALL 360-876-5535 TO MAKE YOUR BOAT RESERVATION



FRIDAY NIGHT

On Your Own -BBQ Grills are Available

SATURDAY NIGHT

Club will Provide Potato Bar with Chile, Taco and Vegetable Fixins! Please Bring a Salad (and dressing) or a Dessert.

SUNDAY MORNING

Muffins & Coffee (Feel free to bring a skillet and some eggs and use any leftovers for a breakfast scramble).

Daffodil 2025

Hosted by

Tacoma Yacht Club



Right: Daffodil Princess Pin. Brooke Van-Ravenswacy representing Curtis HS



The 2025 Daffodil Festival and Marine Parade was very well attended, and the weather, though a tad chilly, was sunny the entire weekend. At least thirty CYCT members contributed over the three day event.

This year's theme, "Boating Locally," was well-represented by three CYCT boats. *Firefly*, Dressed Sail Flagship, won her category. Well done, Bridge! That "At Ease, Attention, Salute" practice at the dock paid off!

Theme Boat *Peace* in a mammoth two-day effort under Emily, Meredith and Celina's direction was transformed into an orca providing a "boating local" platform for maritime fauna: jellies, sharks, otters, raccoon, to name a few.

PC Eric and Aubre Nelson, along with Drew and Melanie Alexander created CYCT's Youth entry aboard *Gardylloo*. The salute of the crew on the bow was crisp and perfectly timed, drawing a buzz from spectators on the TYC porch.

The Trivia Team, *Nerds*, fought valiantly against stiff competition finishing in the top half.

TYC's Excellent Venue. **Top:** Great view of Vashon ferry coming & going; Photo: Meredith. **Middle:** CYCT parade boats. Photo: Meredith. **Bottom:** View from spectator station. Photo: Bachelierie



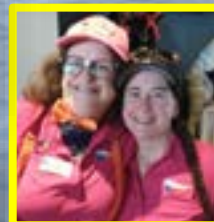
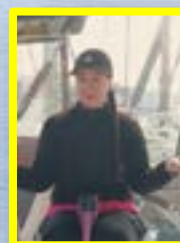
Sunday morning's parade was well-attended onboard and ashore. Nicole Roethle got great photos at Reconciliation Park while picnicking with Kyle & the kiddos. Many other club members watched from the TYC viewing platform.

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

Watermark photo: Newly renovated TYC clubhouse atop Dune Peninsula. Photo: Meredith Taylor.



Top Center, Clockwise: Many CYCT members turned out for the weekend's events. Meredith planning/directing; Cyndi & Debbie at Awards; Clay at opening night; Trivia Team & support; Deb & Meredith Trivia; PCs & Cmdr Jeremy, Clay, Brendan; Gardylloo crew Ferne & Kai. Photos: Bachelierie, Eve E, Meredith, S. Rosa, Bachelierie, B. Smith, M.Alexander.



Daffodil 2025 Firefly Flagship



Commodore 2025
Clay Anderson
Photo: Bachelierie



Vice Commodore 2025
Cyndi Larrison
Photo: Bachelierie



Rear Commodore 2025
Chuck Queen
Photo: Bachelierie

Above: 2025 Bridge: Cmdr Clay Anderson, VC Cyndi Larrison, RC Chuck Queen, PCs Brendan Smith, Janice VanRavenswaay, Gary Ballentine. Photo: Bachelierie



Left:
Flagship
Firefly
Passes the
Reviewing
Stand.
Attention.
Photo:
Bachelierie



Right:
"Firefly at
Parade's End."
CYCT Flagship
at the end of
the Foss after
the tight 180
degree turn at
the terminus
of the water-
way.
Photo: Meredith
Taylor



Past Commodore 2024
Brendan Smith
Photo: Bachelierie



**Many Hands
Make Light
Work.** Under the
supervision of Joy
Ballentine and
Meredith Taylor the
fifteen or so
members created a
wave design along
Firefly's rail.
Photos: Bachelierie



Past Commodore 2019
Janice VanRavenswaay
Photo: Bachelierie

Flagship *Firefly* presented a smart display of signal flags, daffodil waves along the rail, and current Bridge officers and PC's delivering a crisp salute from At Ease, Attention, Salute as Joy Ballentine piloted *Firefly* past the reviewing stand.



Past Commodore 2013
Gary Ballentine
Photo: Bachelierie



Watermark: "Moored Parade Boats at TYC"
Photo: Meredith Taylor



Daffodil 2025

Peace Theme

Turn a 29 foot sailboat into an Orca?
NO PROBLEM. A tireless team of no less than ten created this year's Theme entry. The challenge: using enough daffodils....use them to create the spout, of course!



Below: "Thar She Blows!" Peace as an Orca, with local marine fauna. Saluting :)! The salutes were a challenge for Celina & Jason Sharks. And good thing it was still cool, because those suits were hot! Photo: Steve Rosa



Below: SHARK! Photo: Meredith



Below: A spout of daffodils! Photo: Meredith Taylor



Left: Travis taking a stance. Photo: Meredith Taylor



Above: The completed entry: Peace is now an Orca, complete with local marine fauna. Photo: Meredith Taylor



Far Left Top, Bottom & Left Top: The Whale Tale comes together. Celina's vision, and Team Jalina executed. Turned out super cool. Only wish we had a shot of the final product. Photo: Celina Scott.

Below Left: Travis masterminds the dorsal fin. Photo: Meredith Taylor



Above: "Howdy!" Celina Shark. Photo: Bachelierie



Above: Finished Orca. Photo: Jean Fedor



Above: Onboard, Parade prep. Photo: Meredith Taylor



Daffodil 2025

Gardyloo Youth

Right: "Ferne at the Wheel"
Photo: M. Alexander



Below from Left, Clockwise: Takes a lot of daffies; Ferne & Kai; Eric arranging flags.

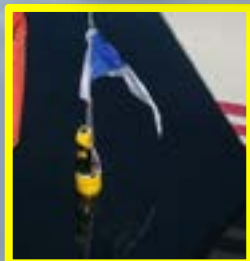


Right: "Aubre, You're Hired!!" Super creative daffo design!
Photo: Bachelierie



Gardyloo as Youth Daffodil entry. While the Doolin Rogers (winner) was impressive, the *Gardy* team displayed TRUE youth creativity, talent and en-

thusiasm. The innovative daffodils, the crew's crisp salute at Review, & the TYC deck's buzz were priceless.



Above & Left: Gardyloo in her finery. Check out that salute on the foredeck!!

Daffodil 2025

Nerds Trivia Team

This year's Trivia contest was a hoot, as ever. With so much energy and so many innovative costumes, it was a challenge to take it all in. CYCT Nerds were well-represented by Boomer, Gen X, Gen Y and Millennial. Competition was super-stiff, but the Nerds persevered and finished in the top half of the competitors, glorying in the mad call of, "WE'RE NUMBER 12!!"



Right: "CYCT Nerds." Andrea Lynn Rodriguez, Brendan Smith, Deb McAdams, Eve Engnoth. Photo: Bachelierie.



Far Right: Brendan & Meredith Taylor. **Below:** Eve gears up her Nerd. Photo: Bachelierie.



Left: TYC Trivia emcee in daffodil Bling, channeling Wink Martindale. Photo: Bachelierie.



Left: "Bagged Another One!" PC Brendan celebrates another correct answer. And so does photo-bomber Sailor Dude. Photo: Bachelierie. .

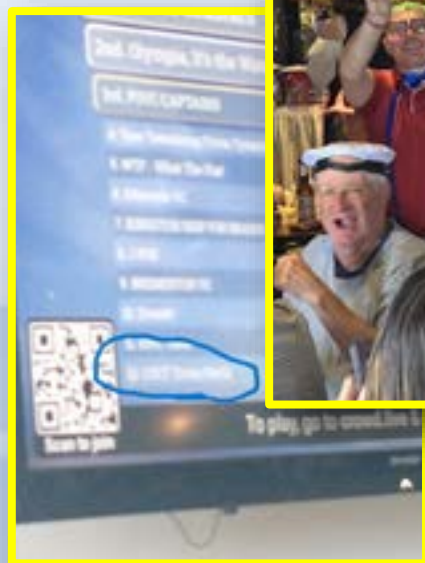


Above Left: "The Long Way Around." Procession into the Quiz Grounds. Photo: Bachelierie. **Above Right:** "Teams Greet the Spectators" Nerds pause for the camera. Photo: Debbie Simmons.

Right: "WE'RE NUMBER 12!!" No DFL for the CYCT Team, by golly! Finishing very much in the middle of the pack. Photo: Bachelierie.



Above: Some of the many varied ensembles representing YC erudition and spirit. Photos: Eve Engnoth.



Watermark: "The Big Board" This year stepped up the technology angle. Cell phones were allowed, and updated scores were displayed in real time. "WE'RE #12!!" Clearly in the top half!! Photo: Bachelierie



Daffodil 2025 Parade Highlights

Princess Ship



Left: Sea-J, TYC's 2025 Daffodil and Princess vessel. Photo: Nicole Roethle



Above: 2nd Place Flagship, Northwest, Poulsbo YC. Photo: Nicole Roethle



Left Top 3: CYCT Flagship Firefly, At Ease, Attention, Salute. Photos: Bachelierie. Above: A crisp display earned 1st Place Photo: D. Kimball.

Left: GHYC Flagship entry, Salish Serenity. Photo: Nicole Roethle

Theme Ships



Far Left: Liberty Belle, Totem YC, 1st Place. Left: Frayed Knot, OYC, 2nd Place. Photos: Nicole Roethle.

Youth Ships



Above: Money Pit Des Moines YC Photo: N. Roethle.



Above: Peace CYCT Photo: N. Roethle.

Right: Doolin-Rogers, Sea Scouts, Youth Flagship. Below Left: Summation, SYC, Youth Theme. Photos: Nicole Roethle. Below Right: Gardyloo, CYCT. Photo: Bachelierie



Above: Amelia TWSA Photo: Nicole Roethle.

CYCT had great representation with three parade entries, taking first in Flagship with Andersons' Firefly. CYCT was also distinguished in having the only full-boat Orca transformation Theme and Youth Salute of the Littles. Our members rocked it!

Watermark: "Fireboat Support." Fireboat maintained fountain display throughout the entire parade. Photo: Bachelierie



Daffodil 2025 MARINE PARADE WINNERS

THEME BOAT

1st Place: LIBERTY BELLE - Totem Yacht Club
2nd Place: FRAVED KNOT - Olympia Yacht Club
3rd Place: BOON - Tacoma Power Recreation

FLAGSHIP

1st Place: FIREFLY - Conception Yacht Club of Tacoma
2nd Place: NORTHWEST - Poulsbo Yacht Club
3rd Place: DONE TRUGGON - Fircrest Yacht Club

DAFFODIL PRINCESS SELECTION

LIBERTY BELLE - Totem Yacht Club

YOUTH THEME

SUMMATION - Seattle Yacht Club

YOUTH FLAGSHIP

DOOLIN-ROGERS - Sea Scouts

MAYORS CHOICE AWARD

FRAVED KNOT - Olympia Yacht Club

COMMODORE'S BENEVOLENT AWARD

PROVIDENCE - Everett Yacht Club



MERCHANDISE



MAY'S FEATURED ITEMS



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
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RACING REPORT



Greetings CYCT Racers!

We've returned to Wednesday nights! The Windseeker series is in full swing and we've had some really good turnout thus far. Notable increases of new boats among the Windseeker class with return of many tenured race boats.

Big thanks to newly minted racing fleet co-captain Frank Wicklander and esteemed club historian Dana Bachellerie for running Romeo Charlie with me!

Coming up is our last two harbor series races: Gig Harbor on 2/1 and Zenith Harbor on 2/8. Sign up early, sign up often... Land Denial needs some competition!

RC is working on our volunteer sign-up sheet at this time and the web link is not yet updated for 2025. In case you are itching to join us in the amazing winter weather to pull off a race just email racing@cyct.com to get connected with the race committee.

Cheers!

KYLE ROETHLE
CYCT CO RACE CAPTAIN
SV EMOYENI

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Windseeker Racing April 2025



Vice Commodore's Report Continued...

Cyndi

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

Rear Commodore, Education , and Lido Report Continued...

Slick and crew as our test boat, I plan on getting in the water (with a wetsuit) and have our team go through the motions of connecting to a person and retrieving the someone back onto the boat. I will post more detail on the Facebook page as the date gets closer. It will probably be meet at the Club House at 10AM for some discussion and equipment checks, develop a plan, and see how it all plays out.

Chuck

**CHUCK QUEEN
REAR COMMODORE
LIDO 14 #3187
LIDO 14 #4226
THISTLE # 3519
FINN #USA 5208**

Membership Report Continued...

ACTIVE MEMBERS		
Evan McAdams	SV Desperado / C&C 27 <i>(moored at Tyee)</i>	Sponsors: Debbie McAdams & Emily Wood
Rich & Teresa Ackerman	SV Defiant / C&C 115 <i>(moored at Foss)</i>	Sponsors: Jeremy Bush & Christine Nelson
CREW MEMBERS		
Sarah McKee	David Valdes	Lia Bozarth



Historian

Mainsheet May 2025

Opening Day Seattle Yacht Club



As the May 2025 *Mainsheet* goes to publication, a number of CYCT boats will be making their way to Portage Bay for this year's Opening Day festivities at Seattle Yacht Club. Since 1911 the yachting community in Puget Sound has turned out at the behest of SYC to celebrate Opening Day of Yachting Season. On May 1, 1920 the celebration relocated from SYC's original location in

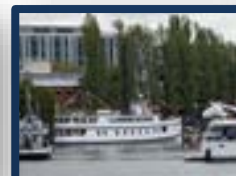
West Seattle to the club's newly commissioned facility in its current site at Portage Bay.

Since 1974 CYCT members have participated in Opening Day. This month's report looks at how CYCT has participated the last 15 years at this May gathering that celebrates boating and maritime tradition. Below are some common elements celebrated each year.

- Kicking off Boating Season.** Opening Day celebrates a 150 year tradition of yachters re-commissioning their boats after winter storage and re-fits.
- From Greys to Whites.** Blue blazers worn with grey trousers/skirts in winter are accompanied with spring Whites beginning with Opening Day.
- Bridge Crews and Past Commodores.** Bridge crews present and past honored as Flagship Crew.
- Honoring Tradition.** SYC's 1918 Dutch Colonial Portage Bay clubhouse sets the stage for honoring centuries-old maritime traditions.
- Parade through Montlake Cut.** SYC brings together Puget Sound yacht clubs to celebrate their maritime spirit in a yearly themed parade through The Cut.
- Dress Boat.** Flag regalia and Bridge Crews with PCs on the Club Flagship issue a crisp salute for the reviewers. Over the years, CYCT has had many 3rd place trophies. 2022 was a landmark year as the Flagship *Constellation* & crew comes away with 2nd!!
- SYC Themes.** Puget Sound yacht clubs enjoy friendly competition while celebrating maritime traditions in yearly themed parade through the Montlake Cut.
- Dock Zero Parties & Events.** "Ground zero" and home base for Opening Day participants. Boats raft at SYC docks in Portage Bay.
- The Transit & Gathering.** Four hours from Tacoma to Seattle and return; the transit includes the Seattle skyline, and going through the Locks, Ship Canal and Lake Union into Portage Bay.

Watermark Photo: "The Log Boom Outside The Cut, 2022." Log boom on Union Bay on the Lake Washington side outside the Montlake Cut provides a platform for spectators to greet Parade Boats as they exit The Cut. Photo by Greg Greene.

Right: "2019 Bridge" RC Jeremy Bush, VC Angie Morales, Cmdr Janice VanRavenswaay. Photo: Rich Morales. **Far Right:** Virginia V, built in 1922, spectator boat along the Ship Canal. Photo: E. Engnoth



Right: "2011 Bridge" PC's Ron Holbrook, Billy Carter, RC Gary Ballentine, PC's Tom O'Hara, Dan Walker aboard Flagship First Dance. **Far Right:** The unmistakable hipped roof of the Dutch Colonial Revival SYC Clubhouse. Photo: Greg Greene



Right: "At Last!" 2nd place Dressed Sail, 2022. Photo: E Engnoth. **Middle:** "2019 Flagship" St Johns' La Sirena represents CYCT. **Far Right:** "Through the Cut" 2022 Bridge Crew waving to spectators along The Cut. Photo: E. Engnoth



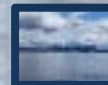
Right: "2019 Theme Trophy" Boating Through the Decades. Photo: Eve Engnoth. **Far Right:** "She's a Duesy" TYC's 2022 Parade theme entry. Photo: Greg Greene



Right Top: "2015 Theme Crew" SYC Rep, Angie Morales, Don & Debbie Kimball and Rich Morales sporting their stripey uni's for the CYCT Theme boat. **Right Bottom:** "Camaraderie" 2022 Opening Day crew hanging out aboard Constellation: Don & Debbie Kimball, Brock VanRavenswaay, Dan Walker. Photo: E. Engnoth. "Zero Dock 2024" Party Central, where the magic happens.



Top Right: "Seattle Skyline" 2022 Transit aboard La Sirena. Photo: M. Stanford. **Bottom Right:** "RR Bridge" If you've been through the Locks on a boat with a stick over about 40', you have likely at some point had to wait for this bad boy to lift. Photo: M. Stanford. **Far Right:** "Ugh. The Wall, 2019." The Large Lock is generally inevitable at high-traffic times like Opening Day. Photo: Rich Morales





Opening Day 2011

Three CYCT boats *Merrie Lee*, *Sound Spirit* and *Tatoosh*, represented the club on Seattle Yacht Club's Zero Dock for Opening Day. All three made it through the locks without incident. There was plenty of room on an 800 foot dock for our three boats. However, by the end of the week the dock

was packed with every type of boat you can imagine. I have to say, Mark Stopka was a great ambassador for our club, as he helped tie up almost every boat there. He received a "crew" ballcap from SYC for his efforts. Funny thing though, after the Seattle Singles Yacht Club showed up, Mark was nowhere to be found. On parade day we were fortunate enough to have four Past Commodores in Whites with blue blazers, parade ready. Special thanks to Billy Carter, Ron Holbrook, Tom O'Hara and Dan Walker for joining Commodore Steve and myself on the Flagship. Paul would have been

proud of us. The salute went off exactly as you taught us earlier. If you're a Past Commodore, pull out your dress uniform, as I'm sure you will be asked to join us in a parade or two next year.

Gary Ballentine
Rear Commodore 2011
S/V Tatoosh



Above: "2011 Bridge." L to R Rear Commodore Gary Ballentine, Commodore Steve Hucke, PC Ron Holbrook (1999), PC Tom O'Hara (2008), PC Dan Walker (2010), PC Billy Carter (2006) on Flagship First Dance



Left: "PC's Hanging Out," L to R: Tom O'Hara (2008), Dan Walker (2010), Rear Commodore Gary Ballentine, (2013), Zack Carter, Billy Carter (2006)



Left: Commodore Steve Hucke at the helm of Flagship First Dance. Boats jockeying while waiting for parade sequence and lining up in the Portage Bay staging area prior to the parade.



Left: PCs on Flagship First Dance. Ron Holbrook (1999), Billy Carter 2006, RC Gary Ballentine (2013), Tom O'Hara (2008), Dan Walker (2010)



Above: Rear Commodore Gary Ballentine. Wow. What an awesome profile photo! Uniform & water in the background!



Left: Mrs Commodores. CYCT's Micke Hucke, second from left



Opening Day

2012

Vice Commodore Gary Ballentine previews 2012 Opening Day, encouraging members to attend the festivities:

After the cruise we head through the locks and Ship Canal to Seattle Yacht Club for Opening Day. *Tatoosh* will tie up to Dock Zero for the week and participate in the Opening Day parade. By the end of the week the dock will be packed with every kind of boat you can think of, including our own *S/V Discovery*. Thanks for joining us!

Right: The SYC Flag staff. The flag staff is site for the Saturday morning kickoff activities, including the flag raising and other maritime formalities. Stock photo, SYC.



Opening Day

2013

Hawaiian Magic! How that theme for the Seattle Yacht Clubs opening day festivities fits, especially with weather in the mid

80's all weekend. Thanks to Steve and Kit Ryan for joining us on the trip up through the locks and onto Dock Zero.

After exiting the locks and pulling up to the Ballard Bridge at 4:15 pm, we discovered we were looking at an hour and forty five minutes of going in circles as the bridge remains closed from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. for traffic. There were five of us, and one very large vessel, the *Oriole* of Her Majesty's Navy, flying the Canadian Flag. A Seattle Police boat pulled up to *Oriole* and the Captains had a conversation. Next thing we know the *Oriole* motored by and said, stay close, we have the next three bridges opening for us. It was very much like a duck and its ducklings as all us smaller boats pulled in behind and followed the big duck through all of those open bridges.

Once installed on Dock Zero the four day party began. Dock Zero is hard to explain, so I have enclosed a couple photos to help paint a picture.

It once again was a privilege to represent our club at the flag raising ceremony. I signed up for everything that a Commodore could sign up for. At times it seemed a little overwhelming, but it was fun to have breakfast or afternoon cocktails with some of the other Commodores there. We all share the same things: a love for boating and great pride in the clubs that we represent.

The parade under blue skies and weather in the mid 80's could not have been better. Folks on the log boom have a lot more fun in those conditions.

Special thanks to the Huckes for providing *First Dance* as our Flagship. The trip home was as glori-



Above: "Dock Zero" So much activity, and so many festivities, with yacht clubs gathering from around our region. Royal Vic YC and TYC are two of the many clubs represented, as participants sport Hawaiian prints and yacht club regalia amid the festivities. Photo: Gary Ballentine



Above: HMS *Oriole* displaying maritime signal flags and Canadian ensign. She was able to get special clearance to open the bridges, Ballard, Fremont, University during rush hour. *Tatoosh* and three other pleasure boats were able to avoid the wait by following her through the Ship Canal.

ous as previous few days had been. Just outside the locks we turned off the engine and sailed all the way home to Tacoma with the wind at our backs. We enjoyed a great downwind run to Browns Point where we lowered the sails and powered back into Tyee..... A perfect end to a perfect week! ~Commodore Gary Ballentine



Opening Day 2014

Opening Day 2014 was held on May 3rd and 4th. *Obsession* represented CYCT skippered by Commodore Steve Ryan.

For his May report, Vice Commodore Paul Case set aside his usual routine of interviewing a club member to share information about the traditions from which Opening Day has emerged.

My reflection started one day in moderate breeze on Commencement Bay with Linda at the helm and me trimming. In a sudden moment I was aware of the creak of the jib sheet tightening around the winch and the coming power in the boat as we heeled and *Lucia* sliced through the water. At this moment I wondered how many sailors through the centuries had heard and felt these same things. I wondered how different it would be to sail the coast of Greenland in a Baltimore Clipper in the early 1800's, or how Columbus felt when he heard and felt the water rush past the hull. A person taking up sailing today inherits this amazing history. To me, being part of this history is part of the enjoyment of our sport.

The love of the sea has bound sailors together for centuries. The Royal Cork Yacht Club in Ireland, established in 1720, is said to be the first "real" yacht club, and is the foundation that set down the long history of tradition, customs and social interaction that we still benefit from today. For our club and others around Puget Sound, April and May is a time when many of those traditions are on display. As we gear up for Daffodil and Opening Day, CYCT officers prepare to don uniforms that date back to the early 1800's and participate in ceremonies which include vaunted customs such as flag raising, parades and rendering salutes while passing a vessel before a board of dignitaries.

The photo to the right shows Berkeley Yacht Club's 1931 Opening Day. Note the dark blazers with white pants. Tell me that our club doesn't follow tradition!

Being a yacht club member means that you have joined something bigger than yourself and your sailing friends. A yacht club affiliation adds tradition, history, customs, organization and a way of looking at the sport of sailing which I think takes the high road. Yacht clubs can bring people together who will help each other to get the most enjoyment out of sailing and who are dedicated to passing the yachting experience on to newcomers.

When I get a chance to talk with the officers of other clubs, I always walk away feeling proud of CYCT



Left: 2014 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Theme, "Toys Ahoy." CYCT's Flagship for the parade was Steve & Kit Ryan's *Obsession*.

and our members; we have a lot to be proud of, and we do a lot of things right.

Even so, I think we can strengthen the way we pass down accumulated knowledge, customs and traditions from one CYCT Board of Trustees to the next and from one generation of members to the next. From interviewing many CYCT Past Commodores and club members who have extensive CYCT histories, I've discovered that many attempts have been made to organize and pass on knowledge. Unfortunately, however, many of the documents that were created have been lost over time.

I don't want our club to forget its history, customs, unique traditions and the accumulated knowledge of our club's leaders. Why don't we begin a project to create and save important CYCT documents on line so that they will never be lost? I'm in the very early stages of starting such a project. I look at this as sort of crawling under the house and making sure the foundation is strong.

I'll end this article with a passage from the history of the Royal Cork Yacht Club of Ireland, which I think speaks to the fun of sailing together and to the rich traditions of yacht clubs: Signal cannons! Now there's a great tradition worth reviving!

Paul Case, Vice Commodore
S/V Lucia



Left: 1931 Berkeley Yacht Club Opening Day. Note the white slacks with dark blazers. Wondering about uniformity with double-single breasted and brass or bone buttons.



Opening Day 2015

A little sunburned, and days after, I'm still savoring what was one of the best CYCT turnouts at Opening Day in a long time. I'm also a little sad. The life of a Commodore is

like that of a Mayfly, very short, and I'm realizing that events like Opening Day and Daffodil a month ago are here and gone. It's not the events themselves that I'm going to miss; it's representing our club and being a part of yacht club history and tradition. I'll miss the camaraderie between officers and club members, as well.

Walking into the 123-year-old Seattle Yacht Club Friday night, we were immediately greeted with "Corinthians, hey Corinthians!" by a yachter who recognized the CYCT burgee, immediately recalling the "old days" when CYCT had been a force at Opening Day. Much of CYCT's renewed presence at Opening Day this year can be credited to Past Commodore Dan Walker, who started many a conversation with, "You know, in the old days . . ."

Many thanks go out also to Ron and Connie Holbrook for providing *Constellation* as our Flagship and spearheading the CYCT Dock Zero Party. I can't tell you how proud I was to be able to stand on deck with my fellow Flag Officers, Eric Nelson and Ken St. John, and be joined by four Past Commodores: Gary Ballentine, Dan Walker, Ron Holbrook and Tom O'Hara.

Opening Day is to celebrate the unique organizations that yacht clubs are. It's easy to discount the uniforms, the saluting, the special flags and the unique titles of yacht club leaders, etc., but to disregard a yacht club's traditions would be like saying that you don't really care about the foundation of your house. Yacht clubs are different from other organizations because of their traditions. A club must be cautious to not overemphasize its structure, but must also not become sloppy and lose its substance by disregarding its history and traditions. Corinthian clubs, and our club in particular, have found a good balance. We're a club of doers; we race, we cruise, we socialize on every level, but we also don't forget who and what we are.

Paul Case, Commodore 2015
S/V *Lucia*



Above: Lunch Aboard the Flagship. Bridge and PCs in *Constellation's* cockpit. L to R: PC Gary Ballentine, RC Ken St John, PCs Dan Walker & Ron Holbrook, Commodore Paul Case. Photo: Janice VanRavenswaay



Above: Flag raising ceremony Saturday morning to kick off the ceremonial activities of Opening Day, a tradition observed at SYC since 1911, and centuries prior to introduction to Puget Sound. Photo: Janice VanRavenswaay



Left: 2015 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Theme, "Myths & Monsters." Dressed Sail CYCT entries Cool Kat, 2nd Place; Naughty By Nature, 3rd Place.



Right: Is that a Cougar with Brock & Janice? Photo: Janice VanRavenswaay.

Opening day in Seattle was a new experience for Julie and me. Timing was tight as my new job in Ballard necessitated that Julie and I take the *Naughty Boat* up to Seattle the Sunday before. This worked well as I ended up living on Dock Zero for a week. Come the weekend, the *Naughty Boat* was Party Central.

As in Tacoma, the SYC folks were great hosts. The pomp and circumstance of Opening Day should not be missed. I attended all that I could and was proud to be part of such an event.

Ken St John, Rear Commodore
S/V *Naughty by Nature*



Right & Inset: Dressed Sail Second Place goes to Cool Kat! L to R: Don & Debbie Kimball, Denise & Cliff Simmons, Angie & Rich Morales. Photo: J. VanRavenswaay



And finally, it is nice to announce that *Cool Kat* returned from SYC Opening Day with some hardware. With her "spiffy crew" of Debbie Simmons, her sister Denise and her husband Cliff, and Cruising Captains Rich and Angie Morales. We took away a 2nd place in "Dressed Sail" Don Kimball, Race Chair, PC 2018. S/V *Cool Kat*



Opening Day

2016

We have Dock Zero assignments for eight CYCT boats have been made, and Opening Day should be a good time. I am

planning to take *Gardylloo* and entering the Mark Mayer race on Sunday just for fun, so we will see about filling all three days with fun. Looking forward to our CYCT armada leaving Tacoma Friday morning for the assault on Seattle.

Eric Nelson Commodore 2016
S/V *Gardylloo*

Left: The CYCT armada passing under the Aurora Bridge having just passed through University on the way to Fremont on the return from Portage Bay to Tacoma. Photo: J. VanRavenswaay



Due to press date, Commodore Eric Nelson and Vice Commodore Ken St John provided brief commentaries prior to Opening Day Events.



Left: 2016 SYC Opening Day Theme "A Great Escape." Another good showing of CYCT with eight boats, and a 3rd Place for Dressed Sail for Cool Kat.

If TYC is impressive, SYC is over the top. The clubhouse is something else and boating there or not, it is worth being there all day Saturday to join in the fun. The pomp of the Saturday morning flag ceremony is inspiring. The number and variety of boats is breath taking, and the parade is a sight to see. The afterparty is also an amazing event...come see for yourself

Ken St John, Vice Commodore
S/V *Naughty By Nature*

Opening Day

2017

2017's Opening Day of Boating Season took place May 5-7 at Seattle

Yacht Club who is celebrating their 125th Anniversary!

This year eight boats from our club attended.

A few land yachters made the trek and battled the parking issue. There were many yacht clubs all along Dock Zero, each giving their own special flair, whether it was the music from a live band on one of the motor boats to free green tropical drinks being served up to the many people strolling the dock.

Saturday all parade boats were decorated with dress flags or reflected this years theme "Emerald City Aahs!" There were boats adorned with the Space Needle, The Big Wheel and Mount Rainier to name a few. Some 170 boats participated in the parade — that's a LOT of boats! Though it may look like chaos on the water, it really is very well organized. Spectators lined the SYC and the Montlake Cut shorelines waving at the parade boats. Passing the Judges Boats and proudly saluting them in the Pass and Review is an important Opening Day tradition. Another sight is the many boats filling every available space along the Log Boom into Lake Washington.

As we wait for parade's end, lunch is served aboard the parade boats. Gary and Joy Ballentin aboard *Raven* hosted CYCT Commodore Ken St. John,

Angie Morales, 2017 Cruise Chair provided a pretty complete account of the week's activities. Unfortunately, actual club photos were pretty scarce for this year's event.



Above: "Julie's Ready!" A most important preparation for festivities. A pedi, of course! In CYCT burgee colors! Photo: Julie St John



Above: 2017 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Theme "Emerald City Aahs!" was attended by eight CYCT Boats, and Holbrooks' Constellation took 3rd place. Dressed Sail once again.

Vice Commodore Don Kimball and Rear Commodore Janice VanRavenswaay. Julie and Joy prepared a fine luncheon for everyone.

A special congratulations go out to Ron and Connie Holbrook of *Constellation* for placing 3rd in Best Dressed Sail this year.

Angie Morales, Cruise Chair
S/V *Arabesque*



Opening Day 2018

Opening Day Week-end signals that time of year to get the green off the boat and get out on the water. Six CYCT boats attended the 2018

Opening Day Festivities at Seattle Yacht Club on Portage Bay. *Raven* arrived on Thursday to anchor CYCT's allotted 89 feet of Dock Zero, and soon the "Condo" was full. *Tatoosh*, *Cool Kat*, *LaGitana*, *Constellation*, arrived Friday morning. *La Sirena* followed on Friday afternoon after resolving some transmission issues at Shilshole.

After decorating boats for Dress Ship, Friday evening Commodore Kimball visited archrival Navy Yacht Club to remind them that a thru-hull "could accidentally" be opened if they did not tone down their efforts. They laughed, and then promptly posted additional security.

Friday afternoon's cocktail party at Dock 2 hosted by Heritage Distillery served up "Vikings Blood," a quite tasty concoction. As afternoon turned into sunset we toasted a beautiful day that rolled into the evening's Dock Zero Party, a must-attend event with all manner of libations and snacks. A final late-night dock stroll allowed members to inspect the final touches being completed on the many theme boats as they decked out their vessels to the 2018 theme of Crossing Oceans.

Saturday morning opened with the flag-raising ceremony on the SYC lawn with all visiting Commodores gathering round the flag staff. Quite the pomp and circumstance.

When dismissed we made our way to the parade queue. For Flagship *La Sirena*, 1130 hours came and Captain Ken maneuvered us into the "C" section sequence. Down the cut we paraded, waving at the crowd and passing in review, smartly saluting the dignitaries and judges. Clearing the parade sequence, we rafted on the log boom. We were soon attacked by a Remote-control model fireboat raking us with a fire pump. We retaliated with beer can depth charges while we waited for the next division to come through the Cut. Soon after the Dress Boats arrived, but then AGAIN, we were engaged, this time by one of our own *La Gitana*, firing her bow cannon at us. Fortunately, the LG's were bad shots and we evaded their repeated broadsides (okay one gun on the bow).

Returning to Portage Bay we med-tied back at Dock Zero, and bit of a challenges *La Sirena's* bow thruster went out. Fortunately with teamwork we got safely back into the berth.

Right: 2018 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Theme "Ocean Crossings." Once again CYCT had a good showing for the week with eight boats. And again the *Holbrooks* and *Constellation* came away with a 3rd for Dress Sail.



The results again are impressive: *Constellation* came away with a third place in Dress Boat, a considerable accomplishment since US Navy and NOTC always seem to take 1 & 2.

Saturday's activities included celebrating my Debbie's retirement after 40 years at Nordstrom AND Angie Morales' 29th(?) birthday with Brock and Janice presenting a fantastic Taco pot luck dinner complete with Margaritas and cervezas. On Cinco de Mayo, of course. Sprinkles and a double rainbow ushered in evening dancing at SYC along with a game of "Crimes against Humanity" which lasted into the night.

Sunday morning's departure was met with clear skies as the small flotilla transited three bridge openings and the locks before making the four hour journey south to Tacoma.

Thank you all those who came by yacht and land yacht, and Brock and Janice, for being great hosts, and Ken and Julies for providing the Flagship duties.

Don Kimball, CYCT Commodore
S/V *Cool Kat*



Left: "2018 Bridge Crew." Rear Commodore Angie Morales (2020), Vice Commodore Janice Van-Ravenswaay (2019), Commodore Don Kimball (2018).

Photo: Rich Morales



Opening Day 2019

In the May Mainsheet Vice Commodore Angie Morales encouraged CYCT members to attend Opening Day: Opening Day at Seattle Yacht Club.

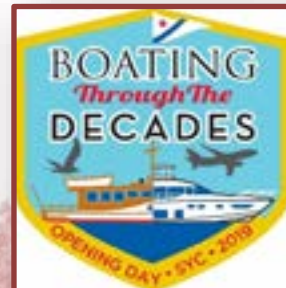
May 2-5. This year's the theme is "Boating through the Decades". Come support our club! The Club will host a Taco Bar on Saturday evening at 6:00 pm. Bring sides and/or desserts. Parking is at a premium, so think Uber or Lyft.

Angie Morales Vice Commodore
S/V La Gitana

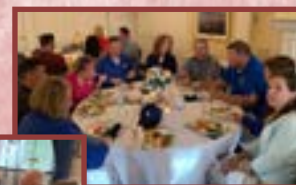
There was no formal write-up for Opening Day 2019, but fortunately Rich & Angie Morales and Eve Engnoth captured several great photos!



Right: Seattle Yacht Club's 2019 Theme, "Boating Through the Decades." **Left:** Results suggest CYCT did not take home any bling for 2019, but Eve caught a photo of one of the theme trophies. Photo E. Engnoth



Left: CYCT's 2019 Flagship La Sirena past the log boom returning through the cut after the parade. Duties completed past the reviewing stand, Bridge and PCs At Ease (or whatever). Photo: Seattle Yacht Club

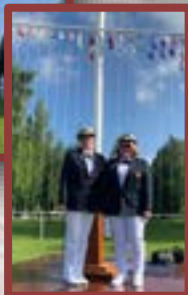


Above & Left: "An Elegant Repast." CYCT members enjoy the banquet in the SYC formal dining room. Two tables required for CYCT festival goers! Photo: Rich Morales

Left: CYCT's 2019 Bridge. L to R: Rear Commodore Jeremy Bush, Vice Commodore Angie Morales, Commodore Janice Van Ravenswaay. Spiffy!! Photo: Rich Morales



Above & Right: Commodore Janice at the Flag Staff, and Commodore Janice and Vice Commodore Angie at the Flag Staff. CYCT Women's Sailing! Photos: Rich Morales



Right: Bridge & PCs. L to R: PC Holbrook, Commodore VanRavenswaay, PC St John, Vice Commodore Morales, PCs Walker & Ballentine, Rear Commodore Bush. Photo: Rich Morales



Watermark Photo: "Back Through the Cut." Boats returning to SYC and Portage Bay after the parade formalities. Photo: Rich Morales

Opening Day

2020

Watermark: Random apple blossom photo, probably from Getty Images. Because. Early May is generally when apple blossoms blossom in the Seattle area.



Opening Day 2020, as with so many other events of that year, got cancelled due to Covid, so Commodore Angie Morales, Vice Commodore Jeremy Bush and Rear Commodore Michael Stanford did not have the opportunity to represent CYCT during this event.

Left: Seattle Yacht Club's official Opening Day cancellation notice due to Covid Lock-down.

Opening Day

2021

The Invitation

Since SYC Opening Day festivities have been cancelled, who's in for a DIY Opening Day Cruise to Gig Harbor!?

*When: April 30 thru May 2
Where: Gig Harbor, WA*

DIY means this is NOT a Club-sponsored cruise, so BYOF&B, drop an anchor up or join a raft up. So far *Whisper, Raven, Yankee,* and *Odin* are coming.

And, Sailor Tim offered to set up a raft-up anchorage spot early on Thursday (4/29), and his slip will be available as a dinghy dock or for land cruisers that would like to come out and visit.

I will also bring over my Lido 14, so if you would like to give that a try, let me know. If you have a land-based Lido 14, there is an easy access launch in Gig Harbor.



Above: 2020 Opening Day Theme, "Rock Around the Clock" was held in a virtual format.

Opening Day 2021 was shifted to a virtual platform as lockdowns were still in place in the wake of Covid. Commodore Jeremy Bush, Vice Commodore Michael Stanford and Rear Commodore John Coyne did not have the conventional SYC onsite opportunity to represent CYCT during this event. Instead, Cruise Chair Greg Greene and several other CYCT members conducted their own event in Gig Harbor on behalf of CYCT.



Above: A raft of some CYCT boats. Borrowed from Greg's invitation Fb post, so taken before the cruise. Best guess, here goes: From R to L: La Sirena, big Hunter (judging by the mast, so probably Raven or La Gitana as Jeremy had just gotten Zilla right before/as this was posted) Yankee(?), Catalina 30? Whisper(?) (never noticed the black mast before). Photo: Greg Greene

The Report

Sitting at anchor in Gig Harbor, there are seven (and a half?) club boats here for the DIY Opening Day Cruise. *Raven, Odin, Whisper* (and *Lido Tally Ho*), *Red Splash, La Sirena, Tehilla*, and our new Commodore's Flag Ship, *S/V Zilla* all came over. Word also has it that *Clay & Shari Anderson* will be coming over this morning in *S/V Yankee*, which would make this gathering eight (and a half) strong.

Greg Greene, Cruise Chair S/V Whisper



Left: A very familiar sight for many of us: Looking out the entrance of Gig Harbor, most likely from anchor. Photo: Greg Greene



Opening Day 2022

Opening Day on May 7-8 was well attended and

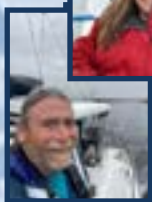
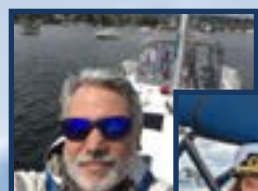
everyone had a great time. Supporting the Roaring Twenties theme, there was plenty of alcohol flowing along with snacks. After a 2-year Covid break, it was awesome to see the boating community come together to celebrate what we love – boats.

Clay & Shari Anderson, Cruising S/V Yankee

The Roaring Twenties isn't complete without cool cars and Prohibition. **Above Right:** "Rum Runner" Photo: M. Stanford **Below Right:** "She's a Duesy" Photo: G. Greene



Above Right: "PCs Hanging Out." L to R: Janice Van-Ravenswaay, Ken St John, Don Kimball, Gary Ballentine. Photo: E. Engnoth **Below Right:** "Ground Zero." Constellation on Dock Zero at Party Central. Photo: G. Greene



Top L to R: Greg Greene (GG), Debbie Kimball (EE), Cyndi Larrison (GG), Michael Stanford (MS).

We had a GREAT showing and an all-around fun time at Opening Day. Vice Comdr John Coyne

Right: "CYC Represents!" Dressed Flag-ships. **Above Right:** Constellation is awarded 2022 Second Place for Dressed Sail. Photo: G. Greene. **Below Right:** Zilla, adorned with Signal Flags in the Lake Union staging area prior to the Parade. Photo: E. Engnoth

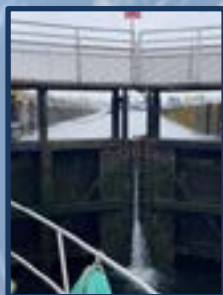


Commodore's Message

Thank you all who came to Opening Day 2022 in Seattle. It was an absolutely fabulous weekend despite the mediocre weather. We partied like rockstars, and you should mark your calendars for next year's Opening Day, which promises to be even better. Rock On!

Commodore Michael Stanford
S/V Lycian

Right: Commodore Michael Stanford at the Flag Staff. Photo: M. Stanford. **Far Right:** 2022 Bridge: VC John Coyne, RC Brendan Smith, Commodore Michael Stanford. Photo: G. Greene



Left: "Going Up." A familiar sight for Opening Day attendees. If you're coming up by boat from Tacoma, you will have to transit the Locks. And on this high-traffic first weekend of May, it will almost certainly be the Large Lock. Oh, goody. The one time when being the little guy can be an advantage: usually buys a ticket for NOT being on the wall. Photo: M. Stanford

Right: PC Jeremy Bush at the helm of Flagship Zilla. **Far Right:** "The Formal Stuff" Commodore stars and 2022 SYC Theme pin. Photos: Greg Greene





Opening Day

2023

Depending on publication time, we will either be preparing for, or have just executed Opening Day in Seattle... I'm sure a great time will be/was had by

all!! Thanks again to Clay & Shari for organizing and Tim Garchow for taking *Odin* up to SYC. Commodore John Coyne
S/V *Wild Thing*

By the time this is published we will be at opening day in Seattle, May 5th & 6th. We have eight boats attending. Stay tuned for the next *Mainsheet* for the detailed report on the weekend's festivities. Rear Commodore Clay Anderson
Cruising Co-Chair with Shari Anderson
S/V *Firefly*



Right: 2023 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Theme, "Game On!"



Right: 2023 Bridge Crew At Ease aboard *Odin* in the staging area prior to the parade.

Opening Day

2024



Left: And this guy. Just kept showing up. Everywhere. Sighted and captured here by Commodore Brendan Smith.

Dock Zero is full for SYC Opening Day, but you can still drive up for activities!

Cyndi Larrison, RC
S/V *Lady*

Opening Day is the first weekend in May in Seattle. Please join the celebrations at Dock Zero at Seattle Yacht Club. We have a number of ships going up for this event. If you have any questions, please send them to me. Emily Wood, Cruising Chair
S/V *Peace*



Right: 2024 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Theme, "Pirates & Pursuers"



Right: 2024 Bridge R to L: PC Ron Holbrook, PC Miachel Stanford, PC John Coyne, Comdr Brendan Smith, PC Angie Morales, VC Clay Anderson, RC Cyndi Larrison, PC Gary Ballentine, PC Dan Walker



Above: Five of the eight CYCT boats in the Portage Bay raft at Seattle Yacht Club.



Above: Arrrrgh! CYCT members dutifully theming: Joy Ballentine, Debbie Kimball, Gary Ballentine, Todd (friend), Angie Morales, Roschele (friend), Rich Morales.



Top: "On the Wall," Large Lock. Bottom: SYC Docks



Above: Med moor at SYC



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.

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

APRIL 2025 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THE SANDBAR GRILL, TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

19:04-20:30 HOURS

Attending: 35 approx.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Commodore Clay Anderson at 19:04 hours. Motion to approve March General meeting minutes made by Deb M. and seconded by Mike S. Motion passed.

Guests: in the report. Emily W. brought a guest, Tristan.

Secretary: *Jim Glassley*; April General Meeting minutes to be published in next Mainsheet

Treasurer: *Dale Santkuyl*; Expenses for March include insurance. We collected money from the Islands Race. Membership fees are coming in. Fifty six renewals so far this year.

Fleet Captain Racing: *Kyle Roethle reported*; Recognition to all the volunteers and racers for running and participating in the Islands Race. The spring Single Double Handed race was the most recent race. Permits are in for the early and late spring series. Twenty Eight registrations for race boats so far this year. PHRF is not the only way to race on Wednesdays. Windseeker no handicap race is available too. The Ruston outflow buoy has disappeared for now. Goes to 11 will join RC for the first Wed night. Please sign up for the RC and or encourage your crew to do so.

Fleet Captain Cruising: *Emily Wood*; Daffodil starts this coming Friday. Meet at 10:00am on Saturday at TYC to decorate. Friday night is a hoedown at TYC. The Trivia team name is Trivia Nerds. Dance party on Sat night. Sunday is the parade. For opening day, all seven boats submitted were accepted this year. Theme is "back to the 80s". There will be a special cocktail for each club. This will be the last big year for opening day for a while because of future construction. Memorial Day Cruise to Penrose hosted by Brendan Smith. Collegiate theme. Picnic on Sat. Day Sail rally coming up and is an opportunity to bring new sailors onto your boat.

Crew Coordinator: *Dolly Smith reported*; Tomorrow there will be meetup sailors at Tyee taht need a ride for the first Wed race. Saturday there is a Mountaineers learn to sail class at "Rock the dock". Time is from 10am till 1pm, learning about sailing. They need boats to help at the dock.

Membership: *Travis Nicholes*; Renewals; 36 of 55 active, 3 of 8 associate, 12 of 35 crew. 1 new active (Evan M.) and two prospective active (Rich & Teresa A., Frank and Heather P.) We are seeking one volunteer sponsor. Membership drive continues through the end of June. Initiation fee is waived during the drive.

Education: *Clay* reported that the starting seminar was well attended and gave a lot of good information.

Women's Sailing: We need someone to lead women's sailing. Race in June on Sunday June 29th is Ladies take the lead. This is included for boats that signed up for the race package. Registration is on line and is \$10.

Historian: *Dana Bachellerie*; Coming up to opening day Dana has been going through common elements the History of Opening day starting in 2011. It is a community celebration to celebrate the opening day of boating season and hose off your boat. Celebrates moving from winter grays to spring and summer whites. Opening day has not historically got a lot of coverage in Mainsheets of years past. Dana will try and change that this year. She is also going to look through Facebook and hit people up for stories. With regard to the Islands Race, Cyndi did a great write up that was submitted to 48 degrees north.

Mainsheet: *Jen Tenney*; Will get the mainsheet out on the 3rd. Get your reports in by 25th. In June it will go out a few days late.

Merchandise: *Jen Tenney*; Jiffy the shirt shop won't use the image for daffodil so we won't have shirts this year. Orders for opening day shirts need to be placed by the 20th of April. Old stock merch is still available. If you want a baseball cap, we have those available anytime.

Publicity: *Steve Rosa*; Brought some samples of merchandise that he hopes we can sell to help generate revenue and create awareness of the club. He hopes to eventually set up a store on the website.

Social: *Meredith Taylor*; Planning for Daffodil this weekend. 9 people volunteered to help decorate. Webmaster: Aaron Milligan; Website wise we need to get organized to move over to the new platform. Arron needs volunteers to help migrate content and other duties. Four volunteers so far.

Raffle winners: Steve Rosa and Jim Glassley

Rear Commodore: *Chuck Queen*; no report

Vice Commodore: *Cyndi Larrison*; She is working on Guest speakers for deck level safety. Probably a personal flotation device maintenance talk. Coast guard boat inspection and checklist. We are going to replace the club mailbox because the current one leaks.

Past Commodore: *Brendan Smith*; Please support the club for Daffodil.

Commodore's Report: Clay Anderson. Thank you to all the volunteers for the Island Race. Please volunteer for RC. The club is moving ahead with the website upgrade. Fill out forms for cruises and tell us how many people you are bringing.

New Business: Emily W. has volunteered to help with the Bylaws rewrite.

Overboard; wear your lifejackets and your crotch strap. When you practice man overboard, practice it with your most experienced crew down below.

The Coastguard did a boat safety check last year. Emily will schedule one for this year at Tyee. Meredith proposed a donation amount to the Sea Scouts Odyssey out of the Commodore's discretionary fund in the form as \$150. Instead, we passed the hat at the meeting and collected \$401.

Old Business: Cyndi; Trying to put together another commercial cruise. Looking at a 21 day transatlantic cruise or a Mediterranean cruise. Also looking at Seabourne Cruises to Alaska. This would be spring of 2026 at the earliest. Probably put together a package and offer it out to the club.

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Emily W. and seconded by Janice V. to adjourn at 20:30.

CREW EVENTS

Tacoma area sailors and hope-to-be sailors,

Check out the

RSVP on the CYCT Meetup page: https://www.meetup.com/CYCT_racing/events/292570016

MAY 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/>

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Niki Schultz	02-May	William Barker	19-May
Jay Pyles	03-May	Cheryl White	19-May
Angela Morales	05-May	Emily Wood	21-May
Lanita Edvalds	07-May	Ken Whitney	24-May
Celina Scott	14-May	Marian Barker	28-May
Ryan Olmsted	16-May	Jason Hanford	31-May
Julie McMorrow	17-May		

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).



1977 CATALINA 25 (AFK) W/1985 TRAILER

AFK is a great and inexpensive starter boat. She is easy to sail and easy to single-hand. She needs new deck/skid tred paint but the paint comes with her in a can for you to paint. The trailer and boat are clean but need some TLC. New windows and vents in 2019. New cushions in spring 2025. Includes camp stove. Motor is 8hp long shaft Johnson 2 stroke outboard. This is NOT the swing-keel version.

- Sail inventory including new cruising sails
- Spinakker & pole
- VERY basic
- Full trailer with new breaks (*not currently installed*)

Contact Jennifer Tenney for showing at 206-331-6766 or jennifertenney@msn.com
\$1500 for both/OBO



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

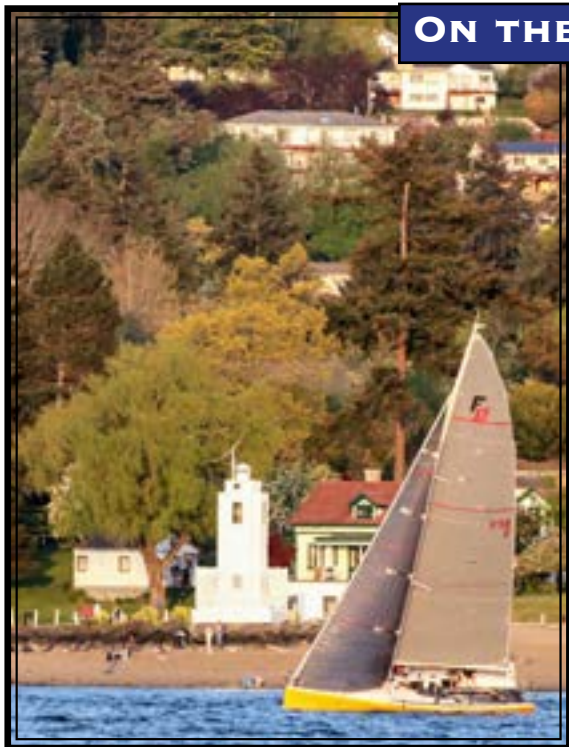
REPRESENTATIVES

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...



Off to the Races

*Photo submitted by:
Julie St John*