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Ah, Spring!

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General Meetings:

7:00 pm - 2nd Monday of the month
Sept. - January @ Johnny's of Fife Restaurant
January - Aug @ CYCT deck at Tye Marina II

Board Meeting:

7:00 pm - Last Monday of the month
At Johnny's of Fife Restaurant

Editor's Comments

It's May! Time to get back on the water, if you can tear yourself away from the brightwork. Yes, it's the time of year again when stainless steel and gleaming fiberglass begins to look more attractive than old crinkled varnish and the prospect of many hours scraping and sanding. Once again you promise yourself that your NEXT boat will be brightwork-free . . .

Windseekers play every Wednesday evening. Be out there, member or not! And on 5 June, be at the CYCT Food and Wine Fund Raiser. It goes from 3 to 7, \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. Karen and Dan Walker host at their farm at 21807 96th St. East in Buckley. Get tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com>, and specify Event Number 111487. Proceeds support our racing program.

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Vice Commodore's Comments



What does it mean to be a club member? For some it means belonging to a fun group, for others it means having reciprocals available, and yet others feel good about an organization that promotes the future of our sport through youth activities as well as the PHRF and Windseeker races. Now it's time to look at our club and ask ourselves something other than what the club can do for us; now it's time to ask what we can do for our club. This club is only as strong as its members and we do have some strong participants that keep us afloat. But I wonder what we could be if everyone figured out one activity, one cruise, one race series, or one position to actively participate in. If you aren't sure what you might be able to do just ask one of our flag officers, one of our board members or other active members. You can learn more about our club while getting the full club experience through participation.

Speaking of volunteers, this month's special recognition has to go to the Captain and crew of Radiant for stepping up and running the April Wednesday night series. Without them we would have been in a really tight spot since Romeo Charlie is down for repairs. I'd have to say that the finish line BBQ looks awful good — that's what you call volunteering in style.

★ ★ Vice Commodore's Comments ★ ★

Mark our innovative Wine Tasting Fund Raiser on your calendar on June 5th 3 – 7 p.m. This is an event that would not be possible without an active club member, Ed Welter. We are trying to publicize this event (to be held at Dan and Karen Walker's farm), so help us get the word out. Bring friends, prospective members and even relatives that you don't mind being associated with. Let me know if you have a good place to publicize the event through a poster or other means and I would welcome more help in this event.

We also have an opportunity to be involved in the Tyee Swap Meet and host a table on May 15th, but we need volunteers to help out. Can you spare a few hours or a few items that can be donated? Contact Fred Ahrens or myself and we can get you dialed in and your club participation dialed up. The plan is to have this available as a yearly event, but only if our members want to participate. So vote with your time, energy, items or special skills and vote for making CYCT the best sailing club on the Sound because it has the best members as well as great fringe benefits.

As for me and Isabella we will be attending the Opening Day festivities at the Seattle Yacht Club. We will see if our Commodore remembers to wear the present from his Rear Commodore (without stripes) and what magical transformation awaits Discovery as our parade entry. At our next CYCT meeting, Mickie and I will be bringing you pictures and tales of adventures on Tall Ship cruises in three different parts of the world. We will also entertain thoughts/ideas about a potential winter CYCT cruise on a Tall Ship in 2011. Now that could really be some fun participation! See you on the water!

★ Rear Commodore's Comments ★

Greetings from your Rear Commodore!

Life seems to be rushing by, and of course, last month I forgot to submit my Commodore letter. Sorry!!

The end of April brought our family on a trip to Hawaii, a much needed trip!! Of course I was able to swing a work conference out of it, then had the family meet me for the next week. This was Adam's second trip to Hawaii, his first was when he was 9 months old. Let's just say, Brian didn't really like Hawaii back then, and I think it was because we were trailing a baby around with us. This year, the trip was so much more fun. Both kids LOVED the ocean and the beaches. Ruthie buried everyone she could in the sand. She made Brian into an attractive, buxom mermaid, and she turned me into a round M&M. Hmmmmm, is there a meaning in that? We loved the family time, and enlightened our dreams of someday living aboard in a tropical paradise. I t'll probably be the Bahamas, though. Ask Brian or me where and how we met...it's an interesting story.

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★ Rear Commodore's Comments (Cont) ★

Twelve hours after we returned from Hawaii, we were on our way to the Opening Day Festivities in Seattle. Thank you to Joy and Gary Ballentine for helping Brian transport Grace E to Seattle. Thank you to Jim and Connie Merritt for providing the officer ship, thank you to my two partners in crime Dan and Steve for showing me how to look official (not an easy task for me!), and finally, thank you to Billy and Soo for being so kind and helpful and for entertaining the kids with bubbles. We really do have a great 'family' in CYCT. You don't really know it until you get involved.

Coming up!! Juniors sailing. We already have kids signed up for classes. I think it is going to be a monumental junior program this year!! Get involved! It's a hoot!

Cheryl White
Rear Commodore





***GREAT NEWS FOR WINDSEEKERS!
NOT ONLY ANOTHER SATURDAY RACE
BUT A GREAT PARTY AFTWARDS***

WHAT: Windseekers Fun/Party Race

WHEN: July 10, 2010

SKIPPER'S MEETING: 10:00 AM at Tye Marina & 9:30 AM at Delin Docks Marina

PARTY: Hot dogs/hamburgers and beer/soda at and provided by Delin Docks Marina

MOORAGE: Available at Delin Docks Marina

DETAILS & REGISTRATION: See CYCT race book at CYCT.com

INFORMATION: Ron Holbrook at (253)826-5109

Race Report

Wow....Sailboat racing in Tacoma is more exciting and challenging than ever! The Race Committee has changed the format this year, having both PHRF classes and a separate Windseeker class start so that anyone can join in and have fun! Those vessels with a valid PHRF certificate can come out and enjoy handicap class racing at it best, and those more inclined to take a relaxed racing approach can still participate in our traditional Windseeker class! All CYCT races will employ this format!



The April 10 CYCT Gig Harbor Race saw 28 knots of wind and 3-4 foot waves! A course change to the Manzanita buoy was called by the RC, as the waves were just too big for our small race mark boat! Competitors only took an hour and half to complete the course. Congratulations to **Kahuna** and **French Kiss** for winning their PHRF classes, and **Something Special** for winning the Windseeker class

Windseekers Wednsdays also started with a bang! Two fun races have been held so far, with the first on April 14, and the second on April 21. Twenty-nine boats showed up for great winds on the 14th, racing to Old Town and back before darkness. Congratulations to **Melange** and **Discovery** for winning Class 1 and 2 in PHRF, and **Something Special**, **Blue Jay**, **Red Bonz** and **Darwin** winning their Windseeker classes!

Race Report (Cont.)



More CYCT Racing for 2010: The last Spring Evening race is April 28th, and the next series starts up in May. Great racing as the weather warms up! Remember to watch our CYCT Racing Flickr page for photos of your boat on the water! (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/8514357@N06/>)

Romeo Charlie is having a new motor installed, and should be back with us in late May. Until then, the crew of **Radiant** has volunteered to act as Race Committee for the first two series! A grand bravo for their stepping up and helping out! They cooked a grand dinner aboard, and even said RC duty was more fun than racing!



Carve the Waves!

**Steve Ryan,
Race Chair**

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Cruising Report

Crab Feed Cruise 2010

Sometimes it's not the destination but the journey. Sometimes it is the destination. Sometimes it's the leaving. This time it was all of the above. Our Saturday morning sail to Bainbridge was fast and very little fuel was used. According to Discovery's instruments we averaged 5.7 knots through the water during the trip and the max speed attained was 8.8 knots. From North of Southworth to Blakely Rock we never went below 7.5 and all this was done Main alone. I said to Soo and Jen that we were cruising.

Because of the weather, unfortunately, the boat turn out was a bit down but *Special Purpose*, *Tatoosh*, *Sound Sprit* and *Discovery* sailed from Tacoma joined by Joe and Peggy Salz sailing *Cowboy Poetry* from the Duwamish Waterway made up our flotilla. A few hands also joined in on the sail, Penny Shen aboard *Sound Spirit* and Jennifer Ihlen crewed on *Discovery*.

The land yachts smelling crab equaled the boats in number and had larger crews. McAdams, Ahrens, Channing, Stopka and new member Jerry Brennan with his two sons Bob and Tim rounded out those riding on Terra Firma.

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Cruising Report (Cont.)

Food. Shrimp cocktails; Crab fresh from Ilwaco, Willapa Bay oysters on the BBQ, grilled T-bones made for the main course with plenty of sides. No one went hungry. No one was rained on and t-shirts were out as the sunshine became prevalent. We had the use of the clubhouse but we chose to dine outside on the deck. Breakfast on Sunday we used the clubhouse for crab omelets.

Darrell the owner of the Marina played a little game with us Sunday morning as we paid our moorage. Winning free moorage the next time were Lew Channing and Soo as they guessed the closest to the correct number and letter combination. Darrell made this into great fun. I hope we come back soon.

Then it was Sunday leaving time with *Tatoosh* and *Special Purpose* sailing for Tacoma, *Cowboy Poetry* making for the Duwamish while *Discovery* and *Sound Spirit* made for the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and the Seattle Yacht Club. And boy what a difference a day makes, light to no wind, sun and blue sky. While waiting for the green light at the large lock we met up with Becky and Denny on *Kokomo* and the three past Commodores and crews locked through traveling the cut together making Seattle Yacht Club's Dock Zero Gravity a little more Corinthian.

Cruising Report (Cont.)

THANKS

Thank you to those who helped carry things back and forth, and clean up at the Crab Feed. Thank you to my husband for writing the report. Thank you Fred and Ursula and Bev Channing for volunteering to host the Salmon Bake. Thank you all for your support. If you have not been able to join us for a cruise we hope you will soon.

JULY FOURTH

The Nelsons and Germans will host the next cruise for yet another blast of a different kind. This will be a "pot-luck" raft up in Quartermaster Harbor Saturday July 3rd-5th. More information will be sent via email as the Cruise approaches.

Soo Carter, S/V Discovery
Cruise Chair

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General Meeting Minutes, April 2010

The meeting was called to order on April 12, 2010 at 1900 by Our Commodore, Dan Walker. Guests were introduced.

Commodore Dan asked for a moment of silence to remember our dear friend Colin Pallemarts who passed away on Easter Sunday. There will be a Fiesta in his memory at his and Brenda's son Chris's house Sunday 4/18 at 3:30.

VICE COMMODORE: Steve Hucke introduced his guest speaker, Doug Hurst with Budget Batteries. He announced Tye Marina will be having a Swap Meet on May 15 from 7-4 and has offered CYCT the front table with power free of charge if we would like it for a fundraiser. And FYI - for a covered slip for *Juliet* would cost \$256/month.

REAR COMMODORE: Cheryl White has the reciprocal list available with the yacht clubs that have responded, more will be added to the list as they come in. She would like to have a link to other club's websites added to ours.

TREASURER: Christine Nelson has financials available on the membership table for those who are interested.

SECRETARY: Debbie McAdams read a thank you note from the Spanaway Food Bank thanking us for the donated Christmas bags we stuffed at the Christmas Party. Minutes from the March General Meeting were approved as published in the Mainsheet.

General Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

RACING: Steve Ryan reported the Gig Harbor race was held in high winds and conditions on the water were such that *Juliet* couldn't get to Gig Harbor to set a mark, so the course was changed to Manzanita. Some boats suffered some damage. See the Mainsheet or website for results. Wednesday night Windseekers races will be starting this week. Come on out and have some fun. Sign up online to take a turn on the Race Committee. *Radiant* will be the first to be the committee. 6 pm Skippers meeting, 7 pm first start.

CRUISING: Soo Carter reported the Crab Feed will be April 24. Not much crab available this time of year, so there will be steak, oysters and shrimp. Dinner will be around 5ish and lots of door prizes will be given away. The pirate cruise was a success. 9 boats attended and several land yachts.

OPENING DAY: May 1st at Seattle Yacht Club. Let Terry Anderson know if you're coming for the "Dock Zero Gravity" party on Friday night. The theme this year is "Out of This World". Tang and vodka will be served aboard Space Shuttle *Discovery*.

EDUCATION: Chuck Welter had 20 or so people at the Race Management seminar, so there should be plenty of people signing up for Race Committee. June 5 will be the wine tasting fundraiser. Contact Ed or Forrest German for more info on this fine event.

SUNSHINE: Soo Carter reported for Vaneva O'Hara who is still recovering from surgery and continuing to improve.

General Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

MAINTENANCE: Jim Muri reported it is available on the website.

MEMBERSHIP: Gary and Joy Ballentine have rosters available. Jerry Brennan and his wife Phan who own *Sleuth* were inducted into CYCT by Commodore Dan. Remember, if you recruit a new member (like Fred Creitz did) you can let them know there is still a discount on initiation fees until the "Shrimp Cruise".

CLUB MERCHANDISE: Jen Ihlens has the items in that were preordered. You can still order more if you like. She will bring them to the cruise if you can't pick them up tonight.

PHRF DIRECTOR: Billy Carter had no report.

PHRF HANDICAPPER: Pat Nelson had no report.

PIYA: Billy Carter had no report.

HISTORIAN: Terry Anderson not present, no report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Eric Nelson not present, no report.

JUNIORS: Cheryl White reported for Brian tonight. Ruthie is modeling the new Junior's tee shirt. Pick one up and support the junior sailing program. There will be a meeting tomorrow at Delin Docks at 6 pm to plan the Junior activities and take care of the wish/work list that needs accomplished. The float needs upgrading and splashed before the Green Fest, the laser storage racks need strengthening, the lasers need to be ready to sail during the Green Fest. Classes will start soon as well as the Thursday night sailing in June and Friday nights July on through the summer.

General Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

WEBSITE: Forrest German had no report.

OLD BUSINESS: Daffodil Parade- Commodore Dan and Karen will be at Tacoma Yacht Club for breakfast Sunday morning at 8 am. We need to have a few more people come since we will not have a boat presence this year. *Romeo Charlie* update- the engine is due in this week and repairs are progressing.

NEW BUSINESS: Fred Ahrens volunteered to head up a CYCT table at the Tyee Swap Meet if people are interested in participating. Becky Flannigan informed us of the "Passport to Puget Sound" where you pick up a passport at a participating marina and add stamps to it as you go to different marinas throughout Puget Sound. Many prizes are available if you get a BINGO, including gift certificates to West Marine, haul outs and lots more. There is also a fundraiser for Tacoma Waterfront Association on April 24, \$75 per couple includes food drinks and plenty of entertainment. See Becky for details.

April birthdays were announced.

CAKE BREAK

RAFFLE: A \$20.00 gift certificate to Johnny's at Fife was won by Gen Hovey.

A "Windseeker Starter Kit", beer, ibuprofen, chips and salsa, was won by Connie Holbrook.

A \$20.00 gift certificate to West Marine was won by new member Jerry Brennan.

General Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

"Windseeker Starter Kit" #2 was won by Steve Ryan.

A wine bucket chiller and bottle of chateau St Michelle wine was won by Lisa Corkum.

Gen Hovey read her original poem about why it's great to be 80. Very funny!

The speaker next month will be Micki Hucke who will talk about her Star Clipper trip to Barbados. Be thinking about a similar trip next spring as a CYCT group.

The speakers tonight were Doug Hurst and Cary Jobs from Budget Batteries of Seattle and Tacoma.

The meeting was adjourned at 2105.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie McAdams

Recording secretary
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Membership

Well, the 2010 membership drive has come to an official end, although recruiting is an all-year-'round sport for all members. We're pleased that we welcomed three new members to our club the last couple of months. We're also pleased that we have a fourth to welcome at our next meeting.

Two of our new members joined us during our last cruise to Eagle harbor. It looked like Jerry and his two sons had a good time. It also appeared that new members Joe and Peggy Salz were having a pretty good time. When you combine shrimp, oysters, crab, and steak with a bunch of new friends you're bound to have fun. The adult beverages probably didn't hurt, either. Thanks for joining us.

After we all met in the morning, we got to go see the marina owner's "bat boat". The bat boat is capable of speeds over a 100 m.p.h. I thought about that boat a little bit as I was cruising home at 7 knots. Anyway, please hang on to the applications handed out at the meeting. Even better, give them away. Every new member had a current member who talked to them about our club. As the year moves forward we hope to welcome more new members at our meetings.

Remember, Fly that burgee.

Gary and Joy
Membership Chair

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Right now, if you don't use Digital Selective Calling (DSC), your VHF (cell phone, in our analogy) is on a party line. Everyone can hear what you're saying if they're tuned to your channel. But with DSC, you can change that. But first you'll need a "phone number." With it, you can call other "phone numbers" in private. Yes, in private. No one will overhear.

Yes, that's right. That's an MMSI number. That's acronymese for "Maritime Mobile Service Identity." Leave it to the bureaucrats to come up with a name like that. Anyway, you can get your "telephone number" (MMSI number) for free from a number of places, including Boat US at <http://www.boatus.com/MMSI/>. When you apply you will fill out emergency contact info and some other harmless data, then get your number immediately. But what do you do with it?

Toys & Tools

Your VHF, if it has one of those little red “Distress” tabs, has a menu selection where you can do a number of things, including telling your radio what your “phone number” is so it can be stored in the radio’s memory. It will also let you add “phone numbers” to your frequently called numbers list, just like the one in your cell phone, so you can dial up your buddy or group of buddies (such as all of CYCT, if we get a group MMSI number) in private. And of course they can all call you in private. Many yacht clubs list member’s MMSI numbers in their directories.

One last thought: that little red “Distress” tab? If you have an MMSI number and have entered it into your radio’s memory bank, and your radio has been connected to a GPS (it will have that capability if it has this tab), lifting that tab and pressing the button beneath will broadcast a signal that you are, indeed, in distress - a maritime 911 call. It will report where you are, your boat’s name, who to contact and how, and other data - all while you pump the bilge.

The Coast Guard listens for those types of calls. Many other boaters will hear it as well, and / or see its data displayed on their radio / chartplotter screens.

So bust out those radio manuals, if you can still find them, and upgrade your communications and safety. It is the 21st century, after all.



Sunshine

Our prayers and support go out to Ralph Gage & Dana. Ralph is quite ill and those who know him, know he does not give in easily. May they both feel the respect and love we feel for each of them.

Keep Smiling and Stay healthy and happy - I need all of you!

Vaneva



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