



2023 CYC BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES



Wanda Creitz – Commodore. Wanda currently is our Vice Commodore. She has been a CYC member since 2011. Her bio: I grew up in Olympia, Washington above Budd Inlet watching sailboats from afar. Fleets of boats on a spinnaker run could catch my attention. The first time I stepped onto a sailboat was in high school at Camp Malibu in BC. The current of Sechart Inlet swept me away and I had to be towed back to the dock. The next time I stepped onto a sailboat was in my 20's when I moved to Seattle and in time found my way into keelboat racing. I met my Husband Nate racing on the J29 Here and Now. We fell in love at Whidbey Island Race Week and in time purchased our Olson 25, 3 Ring

Circus. With my family, I live aboard a 40-foot Cruise-A-Home in the Lake Washington Ship Canal. My son Dieter (a CYC summer sailing camp alumni) is an active sailor for some time now of many different crafts. I enjoy spending time at our cabin in the Gorge, paddle boarding and have worked in the legal field for over 19 years. I joined CYC in 2011. I previously served on the board as secretary from 2013 to 2014 and as a director from 2015 to 2016 and am looking forward to guiding the club.



John Hoag – Vice Commodore. Former UW Marching Band Trombonist Dr. John “Yes Dear” Hoag is thrilled to be joining the CYC board. He has been a member of CYC since 1992 and previously served on the board. He recently retired from dentistry to pursue his full-time job as a sailing aficionado. Not a newcomer to the sport, he owes his love of sailing to good friend Marc Hulburt, standout sailor from the 1956 Star Worlds. John enjoys sailing his 1D35 Shrek and has sailed Hobie 18s all over the world. John is one of the fortunate that enjoy sailing with his wife Della and daughter JJ.



Pat Dore - Rear Commodore. Pat grew up in a very large sailing family (13 siblings) on Capital Hill. Crewing for his father on 6 meters and a PC (32 ft wooden race boat), the racing was at Leschi, the original home of CYC. At 13 he was given the PC to sail to the San Juans with his 14-year-old brother, the start of many summers cruising the islands without their parents. Thus began a love for sailing. Pat has had the pleasure of being the bowman or tactician on 6 meters, 12 meters (Courageous / Perth), TP 52, Melges 24 & Melges 32, offshore 50 (IOR), Dragons, Maxies (Windward Passage, Swiftsure) and 45 or more years of J24 racing. Work experience

has taken me to Bristol Bay, where I owned and managed a fishing boat and set net for 25 years, My other experience includes construction project management, sales and marketing of promotional products for 38 years, as well as coaching sailing.



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Remmert Wolters, Treasurer. Remmert was born in the Netherlands and moved to the US in 1973 to settle in the Seattle area in 1979. There was a boat in the family (a converted sailing flat bottom fisherman) and his first boat in Seattle was a San Juan 24. Joining CYC in 1981, he raced on the Lake until 1989 when he purchased a C&C 40. For the next 10 years, he crewed on various boats on the Sound and returned to the San Juan 24 fleet in 2001. Bandit had a trailer accident, and it was replaced with a J/24 Seepaert fifteen years ago. Remmert has been on the board a couple of times and was treasurer 10-12 years ago as well as this year. This past year has been

interesting and full of financial challenges. We all hunkered down and the membership stepped up big time and allowed us to make significant investments in the future of our yacht club and he enjoys being surrounded by people who are so committed to the sailing community in Seattle.



Mark Philiposian - Secretary. Mark Philiposian started sailing in Poulsbo by posting a 3 x 5 card at Poulsbo Yacht Club and sailing around Liberty Bay on a wooden dinghy and a member's CT41 ketch. His Navy career took him to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he started racing in earnest on a Beneteau 40.7 and joined Hawaii Yacht Club. He also raced his J24 out in Kaneohe Bay before another move brought him to Seattle. He raced a few seasons with Shada before becoming a CYC member and has sailed with Bravo Zulu, Helios, and Irie. He has also enjoyed the occasional battle on the lake with our wonderful J24 fleet. Mark attended the Advance Judge Seminar and has helped with

on the water judging for ISSA and serves on Protest Committees for local club events. Mark is looking forward to continuing CYC's legacy of bringing outstanding racing (and cruising) opportunities to the Puget Sound boating community.



Stevan Johnson – Fleet Captain, Race. Steve is our current Fleet Captain – Race, and has been a CYC member since 1994. He was CYC Commodore in 2001 and has had stints as a Director. Steve grew up on the east coast, in and around New York and learned to sail on Long Island Sound. He had several successful moments sailing dinghies in college and crewing on larger boats on distance races. Since moving to Seattle in 1972, Steve has owned both wooden cruising boats and carbon fiber race boats and a J-24 of uncertain pedigree. He has the dubious record of sailing in over 46 Swiftsures, 25 Southern Straits races, and 11 Van Isle 360s. As well as a few Hawaii races and a more than a few race weeks here and there. And yet, he is still married to the

same person. He currently is racing his Transpac 52, Mist. Steve runs his own commercial architectural firm in downtown Seattle and lives in the Leschi area.



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Jenny Heins - Fleet Captain, Cruise. Jenny Heins has been racing and cruising with CYC since 2013 when she and partner Tim bought their first boat, a J/35 which they named "Those Guys." Outside of CYC, Jenny serves as Executive Director for Sustainable Ballard and does event planning and project management for various sustainability endeavors. Her partner Tim does yacht rigging, repair, and maintenance with his company Ballard Yacht Rigging, where Jenny also helps out with billing.



Mara Barckert - Director. Mara began sailing as an infant on her parents Buchan 37 which she was named after. Growing up, Mara's boating experience included lots of CYC and Puget Sound racing and month-long expeditions to BC in the summers. Fast forward to more recent times when Mara took over the Mara from her parents, lived abroad for 2.5 years, married Greg (who's involved in the sailing community and was a mark setter for CYC), and they continue to enjoy sailing and cruising the Mara which has been extensively renovated. Before being a mom and running her own business, she got the chance to crew on some other local race boats as well. Mara is

interested in helping out CYC on the board and imagines that her project experience, junior sailing interests, and passion for all types of boating adventures will fuel assisting the club on many fronts.



David Huntsman – Director. Took my first sailing lesson from Seattle Sailing Club in 2006 and have been hooked on keelboat sailing since. Went on to earn ASA 104 Bareboat Chartering Certification to take out all the club boats, additionally raced J/24s with the club in the Sloop Tavern Ballard Cup Series. We bought our first sailboat in September 2014, Lolo a 1988 J/37 that we still own and cruise. We joined CYC in 2015 and have been active members since. Most of our sailing has been in the Salish Sea, so far on Lolo our furthest from Shilshole port of call has been Nanaimo, BC (June 2022). On the professional level, retired as a Master Sergeant (E-8) from the Army in 1997 and immediately started work for The Boeing Company. In 2005, I earned my MBA from Seattle

University's Albers School of Business and Economics. In 2021, I retired from Boeing where my last position was leading the Boeing Defense, Space & Security (BDS) Supply Chain Government Property & Capital Organization supporting all BDS Programs & Sites worldwide including the International Space Station. In addition to sailing, my wife Gyung and I enjoy alpine skiing, travel, and spoiling our 5 grandchildren with the sixth due in January 2023. Our home since 1993 is in Brier, WA.



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Jason Walker – Director. I originally joined the CYC in 2021 simply because it was required for my son, Jayden, to go to summer camp; wondering what good joining a yacht club would be. Since then, I've discovered the community of people, utterly passionate about the sport of sailing, which has welcomed us warmly, and I want to do my part to strengthen that community and further the mission of the club. I have experience volunteering with youth organizations, having taught sailing many years ago in high school and, more recently, as the scoutmaster for a local scout group. I hope to bring

that experience to help grow the already-excellent Juniors Program of the CYC.