



The Barnacle

September 2006

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Beautiful Barnacle

Event Calendar

September 2006

- 1-4 Port Orchard Cruise
- 4 Labor Day
- 7 *Fall Series Races Begin (1)*
- 9 *Fall Series Race (2-3)*
- 12 Fall General Membership Meeting
- 15-17 Sleep-n-Creep Cruise at Dockton
- 23 *Fall Series Races (4,5)*
- 30 *Commodore's Trophy Race*

October 2006

- 7 *Winter Series Races Begin (1,2)*
- 21 Change of Watch Banquet
- 28 *Winter Series Races (3,4)*

November 2006

- 11 *Winter Series Races (5)*

Commodore's Corner

It appeared to be a punctuation mark at the end of the official cruising season at the Des Moines Marina this past Monday afternoon, Labor Day, as boat after boat returned from various ventures – whether the Port Orchard club cruise, or ventures of their own. But we won't forget that ol' time favorite, the true end of the TTPYC cruising season: The Sleep 'n Creep @ Dockton, described later in this issue of The Barnacle.

And remember that the best racing is yet to begin, including the FREE "Performance Class" – a good scheme to get the competitiveness-challenged of us out there (also described elsewhere in this issue).

Our business meeting this week should be short on business and long on social (ice cream sundaes) and educational (a Galapagos Islands travelogue) aspects. Incidentally, that sail down the coast on *Guiding Light I* described last month (that was posted on day 2 of the trip) did not remain "fair winds easing us south..." much longer; conditions became dicey enough to wait out a blow with the fishermen in Coos Bay for 2 days. Details at eleven (er, on the 12th).

-Ray Valpey, Commodore

FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 12, 2006

Come join us for our annual fall general membership meeting.

Our guest speaker and member Tom Spohn will be giving us a presentation of their wonderful vacation to the Galapagos Islands.

Nomination of officers will also take place.

♣ 7:00PM: Ice Cream Social – Build your own Sundae

♣ 7:30PM: General Membership Meeting

The Annual Change of Watch Dinner and Dance

October 21, 2006

6:00pm-11:00pm

Fairwood Country Club

Cost per person \$40.00

Meal selections may be made at the general membership meeting.

Entertainment will be provided by "Swingin Soiree" so bring your dancing shoes.

More information will be provided in the October Barnacle

Cruise Corner

THE MINTOS MINGLED

We awoke Saturday morning to bright sunshine, warm 75 degree air and absolutely calm

water. All the makings of a perfect day in the Northwest were at hand except for some wind.

At precisely ten o'clock it was like someone had turned on the switch to a giant fan. A 15 knot North wind materialized instantly out of nowhere. The wind was very consistent and steady. We saw 19 knots a couple of times, but no gusts or wind shifts all day. Perfecto!

We shared the docks with the West Marine Stores who were hosting a customer appreciation day. This turned out to be a great happening and benefit for us. They supplied the entire club with breakfast and lunch right there on the dock and many folks won prizes as well as coming away with tons of free stuff. A big thank you to West Marine.

After lunch seven Mintos ventured out into the breeze to take advantage of our fabulous day.

Peter Gelinas showed up with the finest honed blades that I've ever seen. The blades proved to be very fast as well. We ran three heats on Saturday.

Heat one results:

1st Ron Moblo

2nd Gene Ellison

3rd Tom Davis

4th Pat Stewart

DNF Orv Edmiston

DNS Sonny

Heat two results:

1st Peter Gelinas

2nd Susan Moblo

3rd Steve Sisson

4th Ray Valpey

5th Mark Mannard

Heat three was a sail off of the top 3 from each heat.

1st Ron Moblo

2rd Peter Gelinas

3rd Gene Ellison

4th Susan Moblo

5th Tom Davis

DNF Pat Stewart

Overall standings for Minto Mingle Trophy

1st Ron Moblo

2nd Peter Gelinas

3rd Gene Ellison

Sunday morning. Same thing as Saturday only wind now steady at 23 knots with spikes to 25 knots. Clearly not Minto racing weather. There was a day when we would have gone out anyway just to see if a Minto could actually get up on a plane. This would have been the day to do that. But I would like to think we have matured and so we all decided to drink beer and sunbathe instead. (I have actually gotten a Minto to plane twice in my lifetime. And I know that Gene has come awfully close to a plane in Sooke Harbor a few years ago. We have witnesses).

I had asked John and Cheri Turner to be our chase boat and to assist any Minto's in trouble.

They went out thinking they would not be doing much, but boy did they have a busy afternoon. Two boats capsized and we are very grateful for their help and efforts in retrieving skippers and

gear. When a Minto swamps and capsizes it is impossible to get back into the boat or right it.

Hats off to John and Cheri, Mark Mannard and crew of Davey Jr.. They saved the day and made it a lot safer for those of us racing. Thank you for your efforts. You were greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to David Jones and his grandson Davey Jr. for jumping in as race committee and setting marks. Thank you Paul Jones for delivery of all the race stuff.

That's a big job and you are greatly appreciated.

Boats in attendance: 14

Land yacht; Bob and Bobbie George, The Mannard family, Tom Davis. Steve Sisson by bike.

Visiting guests from Olympia :Bill and Sonny w/ Minto, Asylum, Zaftig (thats TNT spelled backwards), Cheers, High Five, Cayuse, Guiding Light, Dilletante, Brigadoon, Slow Tango, Andromeda, Cherokee, Sun Seeker, Too Fat to Fly, and Three Sheets to the Wind.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make this a fun event. The weather could not have been better.

Ron Moblo

Labor "Schlabor" Day Cruise was *easy going*

...and great fun. We reminisced on wonderful (or horrible!) jobs of our past. Imagine the surprise when Debra Valpey and Steve Sisson realized that they had both worked at the same "horrible" pizza parlor in the mid 1960's! We celebrated such careers/jobs (actual and aspired to!) as ketchup factory laborer, ice cream truck driver, U.S. Navy officer (and WAVE!), beach naturalist, retired manager, a nerd engineer, night club singer, Prince Charles' wifey, parents, scuba divemaster, glassblower, and more! The next time you see the captain and crew of Fast Feather II (for this weekend, Peter and Amy and Paul Gelinias), Cherokee (Pat and Rosemary Stewart), Sloe Tango (Ray and Debra Valpey and Chloe), Andromeda (Jean and Tom Spohn and Tunie), Hobbes (Steve and Janet Sisson), Le Cheveaux Blanc (Gordon and Karen Kells-Murphy), see if YOU can match up the careers (past and aspired to) with their performers.

We also celebrated the joy of labor by creating technological inventions from a set supply of resources such as yarn, empty CD containers, paper clips, and a retractable pen! The creative juices produced a solar shower, a sailboat friendly green house, and a paper clip rust preventer).

Labor-intensive hors d'oeuvres winners in the shape of turtles, cucumber soup, and our own 3 Tree veggie banner.

It was friendly company, great food, a funky host town, and a Blackberry Festival just a 10-minute foot ferry trip away. The blind dingy races were postponed to Sleep 'n Creep.

Debra Valpey

Race Corner

The 4th race of the Summer Series was the most interesting. Boats were stuck well outside "L" Mark in a raging flood but going north in an eddy. It was interesting to see Snake Eyes lap us as we were stuck in purgatory between "L" mark and the beach. It was interesting to tack to make "L" mark ten times before a northerly breeze oozed it's way down the beach to finally sweep us toward the finish. It was

interesting how two boats were able to escape the grip of the current and finish first in their classes. It was interesting to hear both these boat say they were just lucky to get through. It seems these guys are lucky a lot.

Congratulations to John Hoag and crew and Pat Stewart and his crew for figuring out how to get around this demanding course.

It was interesting and fun.

It was nice to see Tim Van Wey with Beluga out as committee boat helping Phil Chin and his crew.

-Tom Davis, Scorer

FREE FREE FREE

Guy Harper has a nice stainless steel cutty frame for a sailboat that I would be delighted to give for free to one of the TTPYC members that might have a use for it.

It is really sturdy with a 60 inch spread and comes with no canvas. See pictures below.

Please let Guy know if you have a use for this item.
Phone 206 242 4144



Note From the Editor

Please watch for your ballot, dues statement and especially important – a new option on your membership information sheet that allows you to receive your Barnacle ELECTRONICALLY. You can see it in color and save both a small tree part and the club 50 cents!

SLEEP 'N' CREEP BACK TO SCHOOL CRUISE
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2006



Saturday 1 to 3 p.m. Recess (games if school kids are available)

4:30 Homework Assignment (Classroom "D" on Dockton Dock)
Present brief oral or multimedia report on "What I did on my
summer vacation". Please bring a chair and one/two photos to
support your report. ONLY at this event will dress code be
ignored.

5:30 or 6:00 Potluck, **Wine, beer/pop and bread provided.**

7:14 Sunset, campfire follows

Please bring a potluck item, **your own table service**, firewood,
portable table.

Sunday 9 a.m. Guy-cooked Pancake breakfast (hosted by Orv and Rose
Edmiston)

Bring your sneakers as there may be corn on the cob available along your walking
route. Interested in a book exchange? Any questions – please call.

Steve and Janet Sisson, 206.824.6437 or Peter and Amy Gelinis 253.735.6443

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Sent to: Steve Sisson
 1113 S. 249th Place
 Des Moines, WA 98198

By: **September 13th please**

Name of Boat: _____ Length: _____

Names of Attendees: _____

Cost: \$5 per boat. Please make check payable to TTPYC.



Three Tree Point Yacht Club
Presents
2006 Commodore's Trophy Race
September 30th ..

Courses and class breaks will be displayed on the Committee Boat

We will have a performance class with off the cuff handicaps with a separate start.
 Please review the 2006 Race Book for Updated and New Details, Rules and Information.

Entry fee: \$15.00

THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB		
Race Registration Form		
Sailboat Name _____	Sail # _____	
LOA _____ ft.		
Manufacturer/Model _____		
Hull Color _____		
Race or Series Entering _____	Entry Fee Enclosed \$ _____	(required for yacht registration)
_____ PHRF	Rating _____ sec./mi.	Rating Code _____
_____ Performance Class	Rating _____ sec./mi.	
_____ One Design -- Boat Type _____		
_____ Non-Flying Sails		
PLEASE REFER TO THE TTPYC RACE HANDBOOK FOR ADDITIONAL RACE INFORMATION.		
I, as skipper, acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my boat and crew.		
I acknowledge that it is my chose to race in this event.		
I certify the above boat meets current PIYA Category IV requirements or better and agree to abide by the racing rules as stated in the TTPYC Racing Handbook.		
I release the Three Tree Point Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, and race committee with respect to any and all claims resulting from the participation of my boat in this race.		
Signed _____	Print Name _____	
Date _____		

A copy of the TTPYC Race Book can be found at the club web site. www.ttpyc.org

Send the registration form and race fee to: **TTPYC Race Fleet**
Attn: Registrar
P.O. Box 98700
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