



# The Barnacle

April 2007

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## Commodore's Corner

Spring came early with daylight savings time giving us more time to party. Our second cruise of the year was last weekend to Blake Island. We had a great turnout with 19 boats and lots of cruisers. New members on board Prime Meridian, Sanguinity and Not B4 Noon (not sure if I have the spelling correct) joined us for an afternoon of games and crab feed. See the article for more on the cruise. Our next cruise is to Tacoma in April for the Daffodil Festival.

Spring Series races will be underway by the time you read this article. The series wraps up at the end of the month with the finale, the Spring Regatta followed by the awards ceremony at Anthony's. See the web site for more details.

Pat Waters, Race Fleet Chair, is still looking for volunteer(s) to run the power boat races for the summer social series scheduled for July and August. Contact Pat if you are interested.

Larry Wheir is working on a couple of events, one at a marine retail outlet and with the Coast Guard, more to come in future Barnacles, as plans are finalized.

I want to recognize and thank Pat Ellison, for her many, many years of service managing the Ship's Store duties. When I asked Pat how long she had that assignment, she said 'forever'. Pat kept us supplied with burgees, t-shirts, pins, koozies, hats, and napkins over the years. Carol Jones has volunteered to be our new Ship's Store manager.

April is also the start of the Louis Vuitton races in Valencia, with the Americas Cup to follow. Should be good racing. Here's a factoid for you, the tradition of naming the Goodyear blimps after winners of Americas Cup races began in 1925. There are 14 blimps named after winners of the Cup, *Pilgrim, Stars & Stripes, Columbia, Ranger, Rainbow, Enterprise, Resolute, Reliance, Defender, Vigilant, Volunteer, Mayflower, Puritan and America*. Source: Wikipedia.

Que tedes bien a la vela (good sailing).



## Event Calendar

### April 2007

- 1 Blake Island Crab Feed Cruise
- 5 *Spring Series Races Begin (1)*
- 12 *Spring Series Race (2)*
- 19 *Spring Series Race (3)*
- 20-22 Daffodil Festival Cruise in Tacoma
- 26 *Spring Series Race (4)*
- 28-29 *Spring Regatta Weekend*
- 29 Racing Awards Presentation

### May 2007

- 3 *Spring Series Race (5)*
- 17 *Summer Series Race (1)*
- 18-20 Brownsville Cruise
- 31 *Summer Series Race (2)*

### June 2007

- 1-3 Maritime Gig Festival
- 7 *Summer Series Race (3)*
- 9 *Jack & Jill Race and Single Handed Race*
- 14 *Summer Series Race (3)*
- 16-17 *J-Fest (regional)*
- 21 *Summer Series Races End (5)*
- 22-24 Minto Mingle Cruise at Dockton

--Commodore Tim

## Cruise Corner

This month's Barnacle has the signup for the Dock Street Daffodil Dash. Why not send it off right now, and plan to join your friends at this year's festival. The Foss Waterway has been really cleaned up in the last year with a new marina to tie up to. Banks are re-planted with native shrubs. Fish and Goldeneye ducks are back and even a Gray Whale appeared on New Year's Eve. Three museums are within walking distance and a streetcar takes you everywhere else. Great restaurants and shopping are in abundance along with Jazz concerts along Pacific Ave. Then there is the Daffodil Parade. We lucked out last year with no rain (a bit rare!). I have ordered another weekend of sunshine. Come on—shake the mildew out of those sails and dash on over to Dock Street Marina, April 20, 21, 22. Here is the weekend scoop: Friday 6:00 Wine tasting and snacks on the dock and Orientation. Wine must be screw top or box wine. Dinner is on your yacht or at one of the many fine local restaurants.

Saturday: Visit the Glass, History, and Art Museums and Chihuly exhibits and stroll the New Esplanade. Ride the streetcar and shop for bargains at Freighthouse Square. Watch the Daffodil Parade and visit the exhibits on Pacific Ave. Get details at: <http://www.daffodilfestival.net/Index.htm>

6:00 Gather on the dock for dinner. Bring something to GRILL and something to SHARE. Grill and beverages provided.

Sunday: Check out by Noon. The Daffodil Marine Parade at Noon is great to watch from your boat.

Directions: Call "Dock St. Marina" on VHF 78a for docking assignment. Please don't call prior to arrival.



-Tom Spohn, Cruise Chair

## Race Corner

The Vashon Island race, the last race in the A Race Fleet meeting was held on March 20. Progress is being made on restoring our various racing marks. We hope to have this work done by the start of the Spring Series. If not, the committee boat will set temporary marks.

Upcoming events in April include the Spring Series (starting April 5<sup>th</sup>), the Spring Regatta (April 28 & 29), and the Summer Series (starting May 17).

**Performance class will be FREE for all events!**

We will give you a handicap based on your experience, sail conditions, bottom condition, etc., which will make you competitive. A mentor will be assigned for you to help you get started. Trophies will be presented for first, second & third place in PHRF speed potential, one design and performance class. After the Spring Regatta, a post race party will be held at Anthony's for the Trophy's and the Annual Awards Presentation immediately after the Spring Regatta at 4:00 pm on April 29. For the Spring Regatta only, prizes, donated by various companies (see Spring Regatta signup on last page of the Barnacle) will be awarded by drawing. All boats entering the Spring Regatta are eligible for prizes! Hope to see more of you out there!!

We continue to meet with the Des Moines marina staff to plan this summer's Mid Sound Sailing Social. Due to last year's success, we will expand the event to six Thursday evenings in July and August rather than four. Like last year, a party and prize drawing will follow the friendly racing each evening. We will also use one evening to raise funds for a local charity. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please give me a call.

--Pat Waters, Race Chair

## 2007 BLAKE ISLAND AMERICAS CUP CRUISE

Cruisers joined together for a week end of games, crab and good company. Luckily for us, it rained itself out on Friday night, and a dry week end followed. Saturday evening was cloudy and calm, so a peaceful night was enjoyed by all.

19 TTPYC boats arrived for the festivities. We shared the docks with the Beneteau club. The ranger provided us with their latest device to keep the raccoons from attacking the crab. That and Tim's supplemental design kept the crab safe for all. Dean Conti used his *Wellcraft* to rescue the Ranger's *Kingfisher* boat from sinking at the dock. A little excitement in the afternoon.

Special thanks to all who joined us for the games. We began the afternoon with the "Name that Tune" contest. It started a little slow, but gained momentum. There were a wide variety of songs, country, rock, blues, jazz and one classical, unless the Flintstones tune was a classic. The winner, Dave Clifford on *SYZYGY*, won by naming the song title and artist with a score of 57, in a close second was

Phil Chin on *Chinook* with a score of 55, and a close third was Leslie Nuttman on *Sarabande* with a 51. Of all the contestants, no one recognized both the artist and song, Georgia by Ray Charles, which was a surprise.

The next game involved a quiz of the history of the Americas Cup races and matching the flags of the 11 challengers plus Alinghi. The winner, Larry Wheir won with a score of 24, in a close second was Dave Clifford with 23, third was Dean Conti with 20 and fourth to Pat Waters with 16.5. Simultaneously the youths were “racing” in the Pond. Aron challenged Sally, Maddie challenged Hana. Winners faced off and raced with Aron coming in first, Sally-second, Maddie-third and Hana-fourth. Aron, Sally and Hana were on board *Lemolo II*, Maddie was on board *Sarabande*.

The table tops were very creative with their America’s Cup motifs. Winners were Aron who found a mushroom and did a carving, David on board *Asylum* who made a display of crabs, rocks and driftwood, Sally and Hana who made the burgees and cup with a curved branch for the world, and Maddie who created a 12 metre yacht.

The dumpling gang, Paul Jones and Phil Chin created excellent chicken and dumplings, a nice warm treat for the chilly afternoon. Thanks Chefs!

We had 19 boats and guests including *Andromeda*, *Asylum*, *Brigadoon*, *Chinook* and *Wellcraft* (rescuer of the Ranger’s *Kingfisher* boat), *Dionysus*, *Ferrari* with guest Dennis Caputo, *Fast Feather*, *French Silk Lemolo II* and Aaron, Sally and Hana, *Not B4 Noon*, *Prime Meridian*, *Rhumb Runner*, *Sanguinity* and crew, *Sarabande* and crew, *Sloe Tango*, *SYZYGY*, *Three Sheets to the Wind*, and *Too Fat to Fly* with Janet Sisson aboard.

We also had “Man’s best friend aboard-*Sloe Tango* had Chloe, *Andromeda* had Neptune, *Brigadoon* had Murphy and Molly, *Sarabande* had Ginger IV and Jake, and *SYZYGY*

had Maddie. A pet cruise is planned for the future according to Tom Spohn, Cruise Chair.

Special thanks to all who played the games, helped set up and clean up. You really make the cruises a success!

Join the Club at the Dock Street Marina, in Tacoma April 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, check the web site @ [ttypc.org](http://ttypc.org) for the cruise calendar. It’s the Daffodil Festival week end, so lots of activities in Tacoma.

If you have pictures of the cruise, please share them with Tom Schacht and Rose Edmiston, webmaster and historian, respectively

## Membership

We are Tom Brown and Jeanne Walker, your newest club members.

Accumulative, we have been boating for 50+ years: Tom on any thing that went fast – ¼ mile and 1 mile race boats. Jeanne, motored and sailed on family and friends boats, raced around the sound with SWSA and in the Pacific Cup with an all woman crew.

The lifelong dream of owning a sailboat to live/travel on was realized when she purchased her first boat, a 36’ Freeport Islander, S/V Eagle in 2000. Launched in 1979, she was in charter in Puget Sound for 10 years, after which she was moved to Portland. Through a family friend, Jeanne learned of the boat, and new it was the right one. Five weeks later, it was on a truck heading to Shilshole, it’s new home.

For the past few years in Portland, Eagle had sat on the hard under the ‘dreaded blue tarps’. When she arrived, in her ‘as-is’ condition, the projects grew before the boat was even out of the slings! Jeanne truly felt like she was throwing buckets of money into a hole – and it wasn’t even in the water yet! The momentary buyers remorse faded as the realization of the first part of the dream began to sink in. She owned a boat!

Several educational years later and a few boat units spent here and there, let us fast forward to the present.

In 2003, Jeanne & Tom met. Our first date was at Anthony’s in Des Moines. We talked, and talked until they closed the restaurant around us. The relationship became serious when Jeanne found she liked having Tom on the boat, and he was truly willing to learn all there was to sailing. He even sold his powerboat! His need for speed is accomplished at 6 Knots! Tom has also discovered the joy of running the sails up and traveling with the tide! We were married in July 2005, in her parent’s back yard, in Burien and honeymooned on the boat in Port Madison. We live fulltime on Eagle and find it’s the place where we feel most at home.

Jeanne’s dream has now fully become Tom’s and the project list continues on! Our project list ebbs and flows like the water we live on. At the moment, re-wiring of our electrical panels is in progress as is refinishing all interior wood. The current dream is a departure summer of 2010 – or “Big Left Turn” as we call it- to “anywhere the butter melts”! Our final destination is New Zealand. Routes and stops along the way yet to be determined.

Meanwhile, if you'd like to stop by and see our progress, check our current 'list' or just to say "hi!", we're wintering at Des Moines in the guest dock area, directly below the flag pole by the harbor masters office.

If we've gotten the dock off of the boat for a weekend, Eagle flies number 95 on her sails and has large decals of a flying eagle on either side of our stern. Our spinnaker looks like a Swiss army knife—red with a big white cross.

We look forward to meeting other club members, until then,

Fair winds to all!

Tom Brown and Jeanne Walker

## NAME THAT TUNE

The crew of Sanguinity attended the Blake Island crab feed and I had so much fun that I still want to play Name that Tune with everyone.

Can you guess who performed these songs?

- 1) I'm Mr. lonely
- 2) All by myself
- 3) One is the loneliest number

I know some of the younger folks will have a tuff time trying to figure these out. Some of you will think you've got it right away!

I'm sorry to tell you you're all wrong. It is a trick question...

The most recent performer of these songs is the crew of Sanguinity. See we enjoy racing in the FREE performance class except we're the only ones. Sure we win all of our races, kind of a shallow victory. We do have a great time except we keep singing the same old songs... Please release me from our torment and teach us a new song!

*-Mike Clausen*

## Extreme Cruising

Ed. Note: Guy Harper offered the following site for an extreme virtual sailing experience

<http://glumbert.com/media/volvoceanrace>

And read on for the promised continuation of Tom Schacht's odyssey around Cape Horn. For more details of his other adventures, check our website.

Thursday, 6am, we passed Cape Horn going northwest, until we were abeam of the rock which we could see occasionally thru the mist at about 5nm range, and headed south toward Antarctica, with seas building to about 40-50ft in 60kt wind, abeam. Rather lumpy, but not really bad. The forecast had been for 30kt wind and 25-30ft seas. Then right after noon, we caught the perfect wave...two in close succession with the second one before

the ship could recover from the first, so we went over about 25 degrees. They figure the waves were up to 60 some feet, with wind at hurricane force of over 70kts. Fortunately this ship is designed to take that kind of weather from a sailing standpoint (hull shape, weight distribution, etc.)--and the skipper was the commissioning officer when it was launched back in 1988, but as it was lunchtime, a lot of stuff went flying around from one side to the other, some of the tables around the swimming pool on the upper deck wound up on the other side of the ship, and some of the cabins were trashed out, where stuff was not tied down too well. The ship did not sustain any damage, nor was in any danger of being in trouble, and the captain and crew were very good about keeping all us informed exactly what was going on and what they were going to do. After taking the wave, we then headed off with the wind on the quarter toward the southeast, and about 8pm they decided we were to return to Ushuaia to let about a dozen people off, some of whom had broken bones and other "non-serious" injuries. I just stayed in my cabin and watched the waves go by, higher than my window level, succeeded in keeping myself from rolling out of bed, and chasing things flying around the cabin

Before the extreme experience above, I went on tour to visit a penguin colony. the catamaran was beached, and we were watching them at about 6ft range; with them looking up at us looking down at them.



Gentoo penguins jumping off an iceberg near Antarctic Strait.

The only things living (naturally) on Antarctica (and much of southern Patagonia) are birds...and they also rely on the sea for food and survival—and spend much of their time in it. The greatest percentage of marine life—both species and numbers—are at the poles.

There also are (per our geo expert) only two kinds of penguins...white ones and black ones...the white ones are coming toward you; the black ones are going the other way!!!

*-Tom Schacht*

THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB

**Spring Regatta 2007**

**April 28 & 29**

**Race Registration Form**

Sailboat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

LOA \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Manufacturer/Model \_\_\_\_\_

Hull Color \_\_\_\_\_

Race or Series Entering \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \$30.00

Enclosed\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (required for yacht registration)

\_\_\_\_\_ PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_ sec./mi. Rating Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Performance Class Rating \_\_\_\_\_ sec./mi. (free)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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](http://www.ttpyc.org)

Send the registration form and race fee to: TTPYC Race Fleet Attn: Registrar  
P.O. Box 98700  
Des Moines, WA 98198

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THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB

**The Dock Street Daffodil Dash**

**April 20, 21, 22**

**Dock Street Marina, Tacoma**

Cost: \$5.00 per Adult  
Sent to: Tom Spohn  
11925 Marine View Drive SW  
Burien, WA 98146  
By: April 13<sup>th</sup>, Please

Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost for Event: \$5.00 per Adult X Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check Please)

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