



# The Barnacle

June 2007

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Blake Island Marina

## Event Calendar

### June 2007

- 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

### July 2007

- 4 Holiday – Fireworks Cruise to Tramp Harbor
- 12 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 19 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 26 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 27-29 Silverdale Whaling Days Cruise

### August 2007

- 2 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 9 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 16 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 31 Filucy Fling at Longbranch

### September 2007

- 1-2 Filucy Fling at Longbranch
- 6 Fall Series Race (1)
- 8 Fall Series Race (2,3)
- 11 General Membership Meeting
- 14-15 Sleep 'n Creep at Docton
- 22 Fall Series Race (4,5)
- 29 Commodore's Trophy Race

## Commodore's Corner

### BEAR AHOY!

With summer coming and extended cruising, bears on the beach are a more common sighting for those cruising to Alaska, not Puget Sound. So it was a big surprise when a bear was spotted on Point Robinson leaving for Des Moines. Then a commercial vessel reported seeing it in the shipping lanes heading east at two knots. The Coast Guard, when notified responded that the bear had not requested permission to cross. The bear landed on the shore just south of Des Moines.

Race fleet has been working hard to get the windblown marks back over the water the last few months. Pat, we may need to check "I" mark for bear damage.

Mark your calendars to join the Race Fleet on Thursday evening for the second "Mid-Sound Sailing Social" races, extended to six weeks this year. This series, for serious and performance class racers, is shaping up to be a fine event. Pat and his Race team have worked with the Marina and various sponsors (see the flyer) to put on these races, with a social (at Milluzos) and prizes awarded after racing. We are looking for a volunteer or two to help at the social to "meet and greet" the racers-call me if you are interested in helping with this. If you can't race, come join us for the social.

The Recreational Boaters Association of Washington had some pertinent information for cruising the Canadian waters. If you are lucky enough to cruise those waters for 45 days or more, you will need the new maritime license. Canada does not recognize the US age exemption.

Time to be on the water, hope you are all ship shape.

--Commodore Tim

# Membership

## *Chuck and Deirdra Wright*

Chuck has been boating for as long as he can remember. He grew up on runabout type boats. He began sailing in high school on "Wind Wizard" After a couple of years in the Air Force; he resumed crewing for Chuck Terwilliger. His first boat was an 18' Wellcraft runabout. Then he progressed to a 27' Bayliner cabin cruiser. Their current boat is 'Three Sheets to the Wind', a 38' Jeanneau. Deidre, on the other hand, had never owned a boat until she got married. Her love of the water was expressed by being a competitive swimmer.

The couple has spent summer weeks exploring the San Juan and Gulf Islands and in the next few years hope to make it to Desolation Sound and some place warm. Their long-term dream is a true cruising sailboat.

They found out about TTPYC from Ross King, a longtime friend of Chuck's. One day they went to the marina, discovered that their friends were out and decided to go find them. They found them docked at Dockton for the Sleep and Creep. It was windy and they had a lot of canvas up, so docking was a nightmare. It got worse when Deirdre was on the swim step fending off and Chuck decided it was time to pull forward (rapidly) to try again. Which comes to Deirdre's boating tip – if you want your wife to support your boating habit do not let her 'accidentally' go for a swim while docking. Another hint is not to yell at her, as she might already be upset and very wet. This incident prompted them to purchase their current boat.

In addition to boating they enjoy traveling, snorkeling/diving, motorcycling, wine, dogs, mountain biking and good company. They recently added 'Iceberg' to their boat inventory – a 17' Boston Whaler Montauk, another boat that is difficult to unintentionally fall off the back of.

## *Sue Waters*

Long-time member Pat Waters and Sue Charlshy were joined together in matrimony in April. Since they both find the time to be on the water, I know you will be meeting French Silk's 'First Mate' very soon. Following is Sue's story: -*Janet and Steve Sisson*  
Meeting my "local sailor" was an automatic match! Pat was one of the first three matches presented to me after joining [Match.com](http://Match.com). After communicating for a short while, we met at Starbucks, and after talking non-stop for 1 ½ hours, I shook his hand and thanked him for a very nice time! He was disappointed but

continued on with emails and phone calls. It did not take long before we both knew that our interests, our goals and our values overlapped.

My first two-week cruise up to the San Juan's seemed as if it was only two days. Life aboard French Silk was not hard to appreciate. Coffee served to me, hot each morning as the cabin was warming, listening to the weather report, reading the tide charts to help determine where and when we would move onward, or not. Days included rowing ashore, hiking, reading, and kayaking. The evenings were perfect as well. Good music, a bottle of wine, dinner and more reading, all in sync with the boat swaying on the buoy line. The community of sailors is special. One memorable moment was being invited to row over to French Silk's sister for coffee and berry cobbler. Sitting, sharing adventures related to sailing, in an intimate and warm cabin was "just right".

Yes, I am a "Cruiser". With racing one cannot enjoy the time simply gazing at the brightly colored spinnaker filled against the sky. I love the other boats passing and the friendly hello waves. With racing, one is thinking 'strategy' constantly; when to tack to beat your opponent – blocking his wind, barging, etc., Personally, the thrill of wind on one's face, an occasional spray breaking over the bow, feeling the motion and hearing the waves along the side are perfect sailing. The sensations are appreciated individually. When I take the helm, a slight turn of the wheel will either fill the mainsail taut to power the boat, or spill out. I now have the yearning to be "in the groove"!

It has been my nature, that once I have discovered something that strikes a cord within me, "I want to know it all NOW!" I have bought books, asked a lot of questions and have started Coast Guard classes. Next will come sailing lessons. Thankfully, Pat is patient and taking me one step at a time to feel at home aboard a sailboat and to be his 'First Mate'.

The pleasure of meeting and talking with several of the women in the TTPYC on Blake Island was enjoyable and helpful. I look forward to sharing more adventures with you on future cruises.

## **Race Corner**

We will attempt to repair J mark at Point Robinson and replace I mark in June. Anyone who wants to help, please give me a call.

Currently the Summer Series is underway with 11 boats registered! Congrats to Snake Eyes who won class A and Chinook who won class B during the first race of the series!

The Jack & Jill/Single handed races will occur on June 9. There will be a mandatory skippers meeting

for this event at 9am at the Marina office. I hope to see many of you out there!

Performance class is still 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. Give me a call at 253-529-2873 if you are interested.

## **SOUTH SOUND SAILING SOCIAL AT THE DES MOINES MARINA**

A summer family/friends event with fun, food and prizes and it is ALL FREE!!

Sailing social will be held on six Thursday evenings this summer, July 12 through August 16. The low-key race will start at 7:00 pm, conducted by the Three Tree Point Yacht Club. Any boat finishing the race by 8:30 pm, even by engine, will be eligible for prizes! Social hours with food, beverages and prizes will begin shortly after the race each evening at Milluzzo's Restaurant at the Des Moines marina. Prizes are significant and plentiful and include free haul outs, duffle bags, sail repairs, hats, duffle bags, etc. There won't be many rules but there will be lots of fun! Come join your friends for some sailing, food and prizes. No entry fees and the after race social is also free. You will be sorry if you miss this one! For further information give Pat Waters a call on 253-529-2873

*-Pat Waters, Race Chair*

## **Cruise Corner**

It has already been a very busy cruise season and we are just getting started. We had a new cruise to Brownsville on May 18,19,20. Commodore Tim and Caroline McShane were there along with Buzz and Tish Greenman and their friends Lee and Judy Baker. Paul and Carol Jones made the trip as well. Tom and Jean Spohn had their friends Tom and Jillian along and Peter, Paul and Amy Gelinis made the crossing in their new boat. The beer tasting started out in the Pavilion, but when the grill wouldn't get hot enough everyone went to Paul and Carol's boat and enjoyed grilled brats and sausages cooked on the stern and washed them down with many strange and wonderful brews. The next day brought kayaking, relaxing on board, walking and finally a barbeque and campfire at Overlook park. This is a great new destination helped a lot by Sweeney's Country meats just a block away.

On June 1,2,3 a group sailed in perfect weather to Gig Harbor. Andromeda was there Friday night

along with Eagle and Sloe Tango. On Saturday Prime Meridian, Rumb Runner, Too Fat to Fly, Ferrari and Brigadoon added to the fleet rafted up in the bay. Also attending in Whalers and smaller boats were Charles and Deirdre Wright, Janet Sisson, Steve Lungeon, and Ron and Susan Moblo. The Street Fair was well attended and on Sunday the Mass followed in the afternoon by the traditional Blessing of the Fleet took place.

The next June cruise is the Minto Mingle on June 22, 23, 24 at Dockton State Park. There is no signup for this cruise, but bring your Minto and be prepared for some serious racing and even better spectating. Scott Wilson and Paul Jones will set up the racecourse and get the races under way.

Since there will be no Barnacle in July, cruises for June and July will be in this issue. Join a brand new cruise to KVI Beach on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, for a salmon bake, followed by the fleet returning to DesMoines to view the fireworks. Paul Jones will be the host and would like to know how much salmon to buy, so please fill out the sign-up sheet in this issue and return it to him.

On July 27, 28, 29 we will try a new cruise over to Silverton to join in the festivities of their Whaling Days celebration. There may be some space at the dock, but be prepared to raft up and "dinghy" ashore. There is no signup for this cruise, but bring your pet for the pet show on Saturday. If you don't have a pet, bring a mechanical pet or a drawing of an ideal pet. There will be many classes to enter.

*-Tom Spohn, Cruise Chair*

The **Gig Harbor Cruise** was held this past weekend (June 1-3) in perfect weather conditions. Only Andromeda, Sloe Tango, and Eagle reached the rendezvous by Friday night, but by Saturday evening (minus Andromeda which left early on Saturday), the anchored raft was also joined by Brigadoon, Rhumb Runner, Prime Meridian, Too Fat to Fly, Farr-ari, and T/T Three Sheets to the Wind. Not to miss a great pot luck was a dingy full of Moblos, Luengens (whose boat is still in Mexico), and one Janet Sisson (whose captain is bicycling across the US). Sloe Tango brought 3 grandchildren who made the parade a hit, and bands playing in the park made everyone's toes tap. Most of the fleet didn't disperse on Sunday until the tide was rising, after the blessing of the fishing fleet.

*-Ray Valpey*

### **RECIPROCAL MOORAGE FOR CRUISERS**

While you are planning your summer cruises, remember that our club has reciprocal arrangements with over 35 other clubs in the Pacific Northwest, from Portland to Nanoose Bay. Before you set out,

simply go to our own ttpyc.org website, click on the Reciprocal Moorage icon, then select the clubs along your path, and you will be linked to their web pages which provide details of what they have to offer. To the current list, we will soon add the following yacht clubs: Maple Bay, Port Angeles, Schooner Cove (in Nanoose Bay), Stamps Landing (in Vancouver, BC), and Squamish. You can contact me if you need any other details.

-Ray Valpey, Past Commodore and Reciprocal Chair

### **FREE BOAT "STUFF"**

Here's a list of boat "stuff" that Scott and I found in our garage. Since we no longer own a boat, we thought it appropriate to find more worthy homes for these items. All are free for the taking and are in new or close to new condition as noted:

Crab trap (black rectangular) – like new

Deck vent plate and cover (71/2" diam) – never used  
Stainless steel dock cleat (8") – like new  
Corner elevated dock fender and connecting plate (11-12" white round ball) – never used  
Corner mount dock bumper (white) - new  
Perko rim latch set (chrome plated zinc for door thickness of 5/8" to 1 3/8") - new  
2 – Seadog stainless folding steps (mount on your boat – 2" x 3 3/8") – new  
Seadog nylon step handle (6 1/2" x 1 5/8") – new  
Weaver stand-off pad for dingy – new  
Weaver snap davits – new

Please call 253-770-3233 if you are interested.

Scott and Sylvia Wilson

## ***Fourth of July Cruise and Salmon Bake***

***July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007***

***KVJ Beach—Tramp Harbor, Vashon Island***

The club will sail on over to Tramp Harbor to Join Paul Jones for a Salmon Bake on the beach on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Paul will rustle up the salmon and every one else should bring a potluck accompaniment to the salmon and beverages of your choice. Following the barbeque on the beach the fleet will follow Paul back to DesMoines to watch the fireworks from the dock.

### **Schedule:**

**Wednesday:           6:00 PM Gather at the beach and prepare a barbeque with something to share. Just before dark follow Paul back to DesMoines to enjoy the fireworks.**

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**Cost:                   Niente, Nada, Nichevo, (It's free)**  
**Send to:               Paul Jones**  
**19648 –134<sup>th</sup> Ct. SE**  
**Renton, WA 98058**

**By:                     June 25th, Please**

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

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

# MID-SOUND SAILING SOCIAL



**A Summer Family/Friends Event with Fun, Food & Prizes!**

**Thursday Evenings -**

**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Race time - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM ♦ Social Hour & Prizes 9:00 PM**

**Co-sponsored by:**

**Three Tree Point Yacht Club and Des Moines Marina**

**No entry fee! The After race food & beverages are also free!**

**Any boat finishing the racing by 8:30 PM will be eligible for all prizes, even if engine is used. Food, beverages and prizes will**

**begin shortly after the racing at Milluzzo's Restaurant in the Marina.**

**There will be a charity benefit for Easter Seals **CAMP STAND BY ME.****



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