



Events Calendar

April	
3	Spring Series Race(1)
10	Spring Series Race(2)
17	Spring Series Race(3)
18-20	Tax Relief Cruise Port Orchard
24	Spring Series Race(4)
26-27	Spring Regatta Weekend
27	Racing Awards Presentation
May	
3	Opening Day Boating DMYC Pig-Roast
8	Summer Series Race (1)
15	Summer Series Race (2)
23-25	*Summer's Here Cruise Brownsville & Poulsbo* this notes a change of plans
24-25	Swiftsure Race Royal Vic YC

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The Commodore's Corner

Paul Jones
Commodore

Is spring ever going to arrive? We left for the Crab Feed on Friday afternoon in a blinding snowstorm. I'm sure glad I had radar and AIS. Just before we got to Blake Island it cleared off and was sunny at least for a while. On Saturday we had just about every kind of weather imaginable. It was a good thing we had plenty of firewood to keep everyone warm

I would like to welcome some new members to the TTPYC. George Thompson, Daphne Mackey and their daughter Caroline have recently joined our club. Many of you probably know George and Daphne and their boat Tracer which they keep at the Des Moines Marina on "D" Dock in the slip next to Fast Feather. Bruce and Deborah Jones and their daughter Savannah and son Zachary have also joined our club. Bruce and Deborah keep their boat, Cricket, at the Des Moines Marina on "C" dock. I urge everyone to introduce themselves to our new members and welcome them to the club.

We have a lot of club activities to look forward to in the coming weeks. Our Spring Series starts this Thursday. The second cruise of the season is April 18th through the 20th at Port Orchard. The Spring Regatta is the weekend of April 26th and 27th.

Crab Feed was last weekend and I think I counted 15 boats. The crab was great and the potluck dishes everyone brought made dinner a real feast. There were plenty of fun activities. Thanks Tim and Caroline for a really fun time once again.

The Mid-Sound Summer Social event is coming along nicely. The many volunteers that are working on the event are doing a really great job and this year looks like it will be even better than last year. Thanks to Tom Spohn and crew for all of their hard work.

At our last Trustee's meeting Tom Davis kindly volunteered to come up with a comprehensive plan for the club bulletin board. Tom's vision for the bulletin board is to make it something really extraordinary since it is such a key means of communicating what our club is all about to both members and non members alike. It is equally as important as our web site and our news letter. In the mean time and when the weather warms up a bit we plan on sprucing up the existing bulletin board with some fresh paint and some interior repairs until the real overhaul can be done. We really need to get back to putting pictures and information about our club events on the board so everyone can see what we have been up to. I would also like to thank Peter Gelinis for repairing the metal box below the bulletin board with new stainless steel hinges. Thanks also to Bob



Post for donating a set of hinges | and purchasing the others for us from Fisheries.

The Social Corner

Jamie & Larry Wheir

Social Chair

EASY FORM TTPYC APRIL 18-20TH

TAX RELIEF CRUISE – PORT ORCHARD

TTPYC cruisers: put away those tax forms; forget about interest rates & deductions. It's time to gather the crew, pack the boat & head to Port Orchard for some good times & great friends. We are all busy & we want to make this simple so we can all get out there & participate. Friday night everyone is on their own to cruise the dock, party on your boat or hit the town. Saturday morning & afternoon are yours to visit Port Orchard or take the foot ferry to Bremerton. Just be sure to be back on the dock at 4PM. You do not want to miss the BEVERAGE TASTING!



WINE TASTING @ 4PM SATURDAY.

\$3 per adult tasting fee, bring your own tasting glass. We provide the wine!
Non-alcoholic beverages available



BIG BBQ READY FOR COOKING @ 5PM

Bring your own meat, fish, or veggie for the BBQ & a side dish or dessert to share. Please bring your own plates & utensils.
After dinner the results of the wine tasting will be announced.

There is plenty of dock space & we have reserved 20 slips & room to party. They have power, & nice facilities. Please RSVP so that we can notify the marina of our boat count.

The Harbormaster will gladly accept your reservations for guest moorage. You can make reservations using our [online registration form](#) or by calling the Port Orchard Marina at (360) 876-5535, fax (360) 895-0291. The Harbormaster is available VHF Channel 16.

RSVP to Jamie and Larry Wheir to ljwheir@msn.com or 206 937 9823

The Membership Corner

Janet & Steve Sisson

Social Chair

We are continuing to gain new members. Please welcome Dennis & Dorothy Murphy, owners of "jni", a J35. George Thompson and Daphne Mackey on Tracer and Cricket prospective new members had Bruce, Deborah, Savannah and Zachary Jones.

The Race Fleet Corner

Pat Stewart

Race Fleet Captain

Spring Series is here already, the first Spring Series race is the 3rd of April on Thursday nights. The first start is 1830 (6:30PM)

Spring Regatta is the 26th & 27th of April. For the Spring Regatta we are expecting seven to ten San Juan 21's to race as a class. We tried to get a moorage deal with the Marina; the best we could get was "second night free" moorage. These guys call themselves "Road Warriors" as they haul their boats to several venues for racing and cruising.

Get your boat registered in either the racing or cruising class. The weather will be mild and we will have nice breezes.

The new J mark is almost finished and we have all the hardware now. We need warm weather so we can put foam in it.

Tom Davis and I went to a meeting with race fleet representative and the USCG on 7 March at Elliott Bay Marina. The permit process is resolved now. Safety Boats are now Patrol Boats and can be a participant and are to be primarily a reporting and coordination boat in an urgent situation.

The fourth of the Southern Sound Series, Islands Race (www.ssseries.org) hosted by Gig Harbor Yacht Club was sailed on March 15th. Due to a very light SW wind and a big ebb, the race was stopped at half way point (Blake Island).

The lock box on the bulletin board at Anthony's is fixed and can now be used.

I am working to get the NW Short Handed Sailing Society here for the Jack and Jill race June 14th. This could, I hope, bring a number of boats to Des Moines.

Page 4 has registration forms for Spring Race Series and Spring Regatta 2008. For a larger form, please go to our website. The race instructions are included for each race form.

The Cruise Corner

Debra & Ray Valpey
Tish & Buzz Greenman
Co-Chairs

2008 BLAKE ISLAND CRUISE

Neither rain, sleet nor snow deterred 15 yachts from attending the 2008 Crabfeed. Thanks to Debra and Ray for hosting the impromptu “pu pu s” on Friday evening. Yummy!

All boats found a spot on the dock-no rafting! The snow Friday and inclement weather appeared to be a factor. Some boats had visitors on Friday and Saturday night. Luckily we did not, and the park provided a deterrent device to dissuade those raccoons from foraging on the boats.

Special thanks to all who joined us for the games. We began the afternoon with March Madness Checkers. This contest pitted pairs, with the winner advancing to the next game. Some of us were a little rusty, so the competition was called before the final round to allow time for the word game. We got to the final four, with one member advancing. Congratulations to Nita Sitterly for winning 3 games, finishing with second places were Pat Ellison and George Thompson. Congratulations all!

The next game was a scramble of yacht names. Gordon Kells-Murphy identified 13 TTPYC yacht names, plus a bonus question for 15 points. Ray and Debra Valpey had 14 points and Sandy Haigh and Pat Ellison tied for 3rd place with 11 points each.

The table tops were very creative with their use of *Peeps* in a Nauti (cal) display. Winners were Camille and Mattie for “Below the Buoy”, Bill Sundquist for his “Peep Show”, Nita and Tom Sitterly for “Rub a Dub Peeps in a Tub” and Jean Spohn for “Navigating by Peep a tons”. All displays were clever and entertaining.

We had 15 boats attending *Andromeda*, *Blue Moon*, *Brigadoon*, *Cayuse*, *Chinook* and guests, *Cirrus*, *Cricket*, *Cygnus Argent*, *Les Chevaux Blancs* and guests, *Not B4 Noon*, *Rhumb Runner*, *Sarabande* and crew, *Sloe Tango*, *Too Fat to Fly*, and *Tracer*. Junior sailors included Sarah, Mackey & Hannah on *Chinook*, Paul and Lily on *Blue Moon*, Mattie and Camille on *Sarabande*, and Cadence on *Les Chevaux Blancs*.

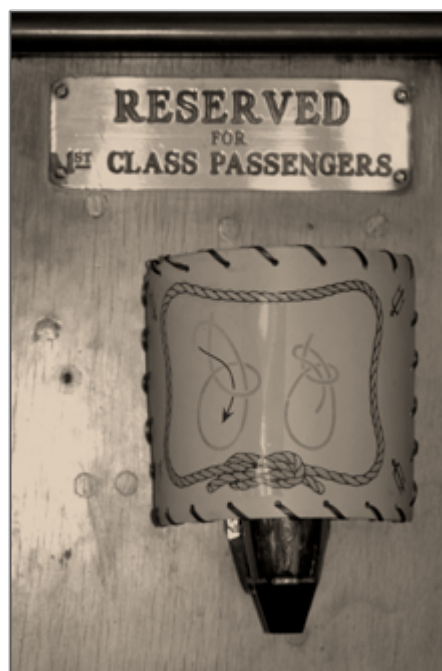
We welcomed new members, George Thompson and Daphne Mackey on *Tracer*. *Cricket* prospective new

members had Bruce, Deborah, Savannah and Zachary Jones on board. Nice to have you join us. 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 II.

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 Port Orchard, in April for the next cruise; check the web site @ ttypc.org for the cruise calendar. Larry and Jamie Wheir are hosting, should be a terrific event.

If you have pictures of the cruise, please share them with Sue Waters and Rose Edmiston, webmaster - Barnacle Editor and historian, respectively. Caroline & Tim McShane



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE MAY CRUISE

Our Memorial Day weekend cruise will be different than the usual in a couple of ways. Details are still in the works, but the tentative theme is “PBJ”, which of course stands for Poulso, Brownsville, and Jammin’. Or maybe the “J” will be for

Jambalaya. Or Jokin’.

First, we’ll spend Friday and Saturday nights in Brownsville where activities might include a happy hour and/or some games with our neighbors at the Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron, who will be there, too. (They recently added “Sail” to their name because of the number of sailors in the club.) Maybe we could have an informal race on Saturday. Then, on Sunday we’ll have a leisurely sail/cruise up to Poulso to raft up, do some shopping, maybe some bar hopping, or just hangin’ on the hook. Put it on your calendar for May 23-26. More info forthcoming in the May Barnacle.

-your hosts, Ray & Debra Valpey

**THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB
Race Registration Form**

Sailboat Name _____ Sail # _____ LOA _____ ft.

Manufacturer/Model _____

Hull Color _____

Race or Series Entering: **Spring Series** 2008 Entry Fee Enclosed \$ _____ (required for yacht registration)

____ PHRF Rating _____ sec./mi. Rating Code _____

____ Performance Class Rating _____ sec./mi.

____ One Design -- Boat Type _____

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 III 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 _____

E-mail address _____ Home/Cell Phone _____ / _____

**THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB
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Tax Relief Cruise - Port Orchard April 18-20

Boat Name _____ Length _____ Date _____

Names of
Attendees _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

April 18-20 Tax Relief Cruise – Port Orchard – Hosts Jamie & Larry Wheir

Signed _____ Print
Name _____

E-mail address _____ Home /Cell Phone
_____ / _____

Mail all registration forms to:

Three Tree Point Yacht Club
P.O. Box 98700
Des Moines, WA 98198
Attn: Race or Cruise Chair

Message from the editor: Yes, this is a new format for the newsletter. In preparing for our two month journey north in Liberté, the laptop does not have the application I previously used. With several registrations forms that had to be included, this format allowed for that. "Everything changes but change itself." JFK

Please remember that the website has all articles within this newsletter as well as changes that are sent my way after and before publication each month. Two new pages; **Mid-Sound Summer Social** and **The Ship's Store** are now available. Please check these out and note new info on several pages, this website is not static!

Today I
an
to have

received
invitation
our site
included to

OFFICERS 2007-2008

COMMODORE Paul Jones
VICE COMMODORE Tom Spohn
TREASURER Caroline McShane
SECRETARY Joe Thomas
PAST COMMODORE Tim McShane
RACE FLEET CAPTAIN Pat Stewart
ASSISTANT FLEET CAPTAIN Tom Davis

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SOCIAL CHAIR Larry & Jamie Wheir

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RACE HANDICAPPER Pat Waters

MEMBERSHIP Janet Sisson

HISTORIAN Rose Edmiston

SHIP'S STORE Carol Jones

BARNACLE/WEBMASTER Sue Waters

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Tom Brown

Gordon Kells-Murphy

Jim Redmond

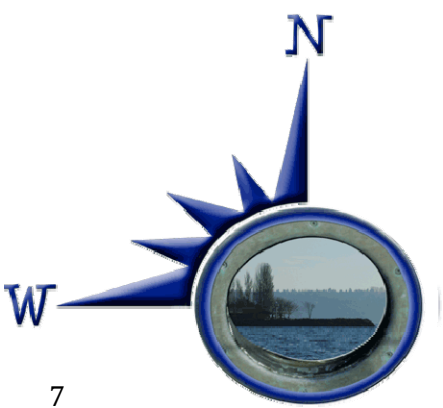
Debra Valpey

Pat Waters

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<http://www.marinasdirectory.org>, a directory of marinas throughout the United States and abroad with services for boaters and marinas owners. It is located on the **Links** page.

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