

The yacht club with emphasis on fun!



# The Barnacle

Three Tree Point Yacht Club

February, 2008

**COMMODORE'S CORNER**

*PAUL JONES*

Wow, January is over and what a month it has been. Can you believe the weather we have had? I'm sure the skiers and snow boarders would be in snow heaven if they could get to the ski resorts. Carol and I were going to the New Year's Cruise and planned to leave on Sunday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. As we were driving down to the boat I got a call from Tom Spohn telling me that it was blowing a steady 30 knots with gusts to 35. When we got to the marina we decided to postpone our trip until the next day. The next day turned out to be sunny and calm and the rest of the cruise was a lot of fun.

Today was Ground Hogs Day and the most famous of all weather forecasters, Punxsutawney Phil said that spring is still 6 weeks away. Darn, I was hoping for sooner.

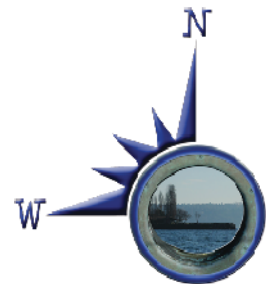
The following weekend was the Duwamish Head Race. There was a lot of wind again and plenty of gear was broken. The sail makers made out on this one. Thanks to Tom Spohn and Tom Sitterley for being our safety boats. It couldn't have been too much fun bouncing around out there for hours. The last race of our Windjammer Series, the Vashon Island Race is next Saturday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and the South Sound Series Toliva Shoal Race is the following Saturday .

Tuesday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> is our General Membership Meeting. Larry and Jamie have a great program planned for us and I am eager to see the venue they have picked for the meeting. It isn't too much longer before our Crab Feed Cruise at Blake Island on March 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. I hope by then the weather is a little more tranquil than it has been. The Crab Feed cruise marks the beginning of spring and the cruising season.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
FEBRUARY	
5	General Membership Meeting 7-9 PM 6-7 PM No-host bar & dinner Gordon's on the Green, Tukwila U.S. Coast Guard Presentations, Q&A
9	Vashon Island Race (Windjammer 3)
16	Toliva Shoal Race (OYC-SSS3)
MARCH	
1st	Islands Race (GHYC-SSS4)
18	Race Fleet Meeting
28-30	Blake Island Cruise & Crab Feast



## RACECORNER

PAT STEWART

Duwamish Head 2008 is history and will be long remembered by many as a quick, and depending on one's perspective a no problem fun race or a tough, blown sails, broken equipment or a cold swim. In the spirit of racing, boats did respond to those in trouble.

The two safety boats we had to provide did their job well. Many thanks to Tom Sitterly and Tom Spohn for taking their boats out in heavy conditions. We would not have gotten our permit without these guys supporting us. One reported a gust of 49 knots. See Photo's and video at [www.pacificfog.com](http://www.pacificfog.com)

The lowest elapsed time for the 30.8 mile course was 3:44:52 by JAM, a J160. Thanks to the many people supporting our biggest race of the year. Race Officer Tom Davis and his crew: Frank Schriver, Jerry Stephenson, Dave Klein, Pat Waters and Steve Sisson; Robert Post taking care of registration including Friday night registrations and managing Saturday morning breakfast at the Des Moines Yacht Club, (put on by the women of the Des Moines Yacht Club), Dave Garman for arranging Friday night food. Sue Waters taking care of T- shirt sales and I heard that Sue also supplied the cold race committee on the windblown fishing pier with hot soup. A thank you to Anthony's for keeping the food table supplied all afternoon. I cannot say enough about the support the Marina staff gave us: office space Friday evening ; setting the buoy Saturday morning; recovering the buoy on Sunday and providing shelter on the pier for the Race Committee.

The first of the Windjammer Series was sailed on January 12<sup>th</sup> and again a good wind, (up to 25 knots), good spinnaker run to Blake Island and a beat back to Des Moines finishing by 2:00PM. CHEROKEE chasing DISCOVERY, a C & C 39, and LIBERTE a C & C 115 (Pat Waters' new boat). The second Windjammer Series race was sailed January 26<sup>th</sup>, a cold and very wet day. Good news, we had six boats competing. The last race of this series, Vashon Island, will be sailed 9 February.

J mark is gone!!! We will build a new mark!

## WINDJAMMER SERIES 2008

This has been a really good racing fall and winter so far. Every race I've sailed in since Grand Prix has had good air. Blake Island was no exception. Everyone finished the course in less than 4 1/2 hours.

It took Billy Carter and his crew on Discovery to show us the way around the course. Discovery came up from Tacoma to sail the series with us. Congratulations, you guys. Great job.

One note about the course. The length of the course listed in the Race Book is 22.8 nm but that is with a start from the pier and with "K" Mark being the starting mark. The Race Committee elected to start the race from a Committee Boat at "A" Mark. This added .82 nm to the course and is reflected in the scoring.

And, thanks to our Race Committee, Davey Jones, Gene Ellison and Orv Edmiston for a great start to the Windjammer Series.

*Tom Davis*



## 2008 Windjammer Series

January 12, 26, and February 9, 2008

Start & Finish off Des Moines Fishing Pier

First Start for Blake Island & Manzanita-0930, Vashon Island-0900

All Classes Welcome

**Speed Potential Entry fee: \$30.00 for the series**

**Performance Class is FREE!!!!**

Please review the 2008 Race Book for Updated and New Details, Rules and Information.

### 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. (Call handicapper, Pat Waters-253.529.2873)  
\_\_\_\_ 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 choice 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 \_\_\_\_\_

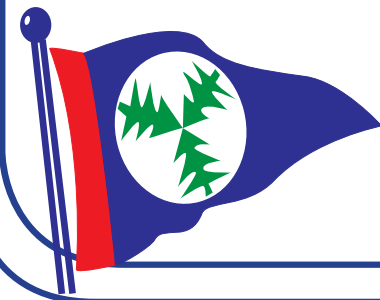
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the TTPYC Race Book can be found at the club website. [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

## OFFICERS-2007-2008

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SOCIAL	Larry & Jamie Wheir
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RACE HANDICAPPER	Pat Waters
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## CRUISE CORNER

DEBRA & RAY VALPEY  
TISH & BUZZ GREENMAN  
CO-CHAIRS

Please keep **March 28-30** open for our Annual Blake Island Cruise and Crab Feast. More info will be in March's issue.

Blake Island has great moorage, trails to walk, Native American Art to admire, wildlife and nature to discover and a covered space with fireplace to congregate. Image below is of a sampling the island's offerings.



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

JANET & STEVE SISSON

### HELLO, HELLO IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?

Communications are so important to keep us all meeting up to enjoy cruises, races, social activities, planning sessions & all the other fun things we do. A lot of work is done by many to plan these events & get the word out to the membership so that we may all enjoy & participate. We need to know what works best to effectively get the information to those who want & need it. What are we doing right, what doesn't work, & what might work? These are issues we as a membership need to explore.

The Web has changed communication styles greatly over the last decade. I marvel at the information available to us via the internet. I know that it helps me immensely in planning activities, searching for venues, making reservations, confirming details, etc. But it is not the answer for everyone or all purposes, sometimes mail is the way to go (but it is labor intensive & expensive) & sometimes nothing beats a phone call. Somehow we need to make sure that everyone who wants the information can get it in a timely manner. Perhaps we need web buddies for those who do not have access to the web. I am constantly learning how to better use the tools available to me through my efforts to get information out to the membership.

Along with the right to information, the membership also has the responsibility to help out by RSVPing, registering for races, cruises & other events when asked. This information is vital in planning both for the sponsors of an event & for the venue that may need to schedule extra staff based on our expected attendance.

## SOCIAL CORNER

JAMIE AND LARRY WHEIR

### FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2008

No Host Bar and dinner 6-7 PM  
General Membership Meeting and Coast Guard  
Presentation 7-9 PM

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## THE LUENGEN JOURNAL-JANUARY 21, 2008

Hello everyone,

We have bought an hour of internet access from a local hotel, and wanted to send an update to everyone.

We are now in a little bay 100 miles south of Puerto Vallarta. We left Mazatlan Dec 30 with Ross, Angie, Allison, Dan, and Steve aboard. The sea was supposed to be a little lumpy and another cruiser was driving down to PV, so Sheila hitched a ride with them. No point in making your first real offshore sail a rough one. The sail turned out to be not so bad, a little lumpy but wind and sea behind us and we did some sailing but motored a lot too (in order to get there for Ross & Angie to get their flight home). It was mostly uneventful, except for sunrise and sunset and three whales that swam directly under the boat.

So Ross and Angie left New Years day from La Cruz, a little town in the north part of Banderas Bay. Dan and Allison stayed on and Sheila rejoined us of course. Unfortunately, I caught my first cold of the season that kept me under the weather for 4 days, but we explored the area anyway, taking every damn Mexican bus that ran anywhere in the area. And boy what buses; some are nice but others don't have a shock absorber left, or maybe they never really installed them to begin with. Anyway, after a week Dan and Allison left.

I figured it would take a few days to re-provision and find a good weather window to go south, but unfortunately again Sheila caught my cold, and then pulled a muscle in her back which put her in bed for a few days. I took the opportunity to drag out my guitar and harp and play a few songs at the local nightclubs. It took a few more days for her to feel well enough to move around again. In the meantime some of our friends from Mazatlan had also come down to LaCruz and the timing was right for both of us so we left together to go south around Cabo Corrientes (Cape Currents) on Thursday Jan 17. Our friends intended to go overnight, but we intended to anchor in a little cove called Punta Impala. The day started easy enough; whales and sea turtles were spotted, but rounding Cabo Corrientes our progress really slowed as we bucked the current. The wind and seas increased in the afternoon giving a fairly rough ride. When we got to Punta Impala we found the cove was actually larger on the paper drawing than in reality, but no other boats (except Mexican pangas) were there, so we threw down the hook and hoped for the best. Our friends (Don and Lynn) decided to join us, and we both spent a rolly but welcome rest in the cove for the night.

At 0 Dark thirty we were all up preparing to move on. Don and Lynn were out first, and after a slight disagreement with a rock about rightful possession of our anchor and chain we followed. The weather was overcast with little wind; the sea was following, so we motored all day in a comfortable rolling motion, albeit somewhat boring, to a bay called Chamela.

And here we are. Palapas (restaurants) on the beach, and miles of beach. Temperature, oh 80 ish, water temp a much cooler 77. Population, not much. Maybe a dozen or so boats, a couple of trailer courts in town. We walk the beach in the morning. Settle into a Palapa around lunchtime. Chicken fajitas, or fresh fish, prepared anyway you'd like, more than you can eat, around \$5, but we have a new place to try tomorrow where

the meals are around \$3. Full moon on a sunset. We intended to move on yesterday. I guess we are joining that group of cruisers who say they don't have a plan, and they're sticking to it.

Hey, alright you're thinking damned those lucky sonnabitches. But we're just doing our part. We're just holding out the carrot so you guys will still have hope that all that everyday hard work will someday prove worthwhile. Somebody's gotta do it; don't worry, we'll shoulder it. Steve

From Sheila: OK Banderas Bay was a lot like LA. Lots of traffic, and glamour. Great Beaches, though, and Allison, Dan and I sampled them from one end of the Bay to the other (hence the multitude of Mexican buses). We even taught Dan how to surf at Sayulita, just North of the Bay, on my newly acquired Boogie Board. But all those bouncy buses took their toll. After Dan and Allison made their escape, I spent two days flat on my back in La Cruz hoping the supply of ibuprofen would not run out. Fortunately, I survived. La Cruz has a market day on Wednesdays and I stocked up on very cheap, fresh vegetables and the next day I popped a sea-sick pill and we sailed out of the Bay, heading south for the Cape of Currents. Wow! Whales spouted, turtles floated, dolphins jumped at the bow, birds soared and screamed, the sun shone and the mountains behind the bay glistened like huge purple giants, protecting that incredible bay. Well, that was the first part anyways. The Cape is not labeled Currents for no reason, and soon the boat was jumping around, well, like a Mexican Jumping bean. No problem, for me, though, I took my medication and all I had to do was lie down in the Cockpit and close my eyes. We were still jumping when we got to the tiny cove of Impala, which, the chart said, was a safe place to spend the night, if one could find a place to anchor between the pangas and the aguaculture, but, well, anyways, when we got in, I said its not as lumpy in here as out there, so we put the anchor down, made dinner and, gratefully went to sleep. The sunset and sunrise

were absolutely awesome, and the place was very beautiful. We even got a few pictures in which we were able to hold the camera somewhat steady, I think. Next day was not so bouncy, but even after taking the sea sick medicine, I could NOT use the word comfortable to describe the seas and motion of the boat, unless, of course, I was a pure Viking, which obviously, I'm not. But here we are in Chamela, still somewhat bouncy, even at anchor, but this is the place that one must think of if one imagines an ideal Mexican Pacific coast anchorage. The sunsets and sunrises are incredible. The beaches clean, clear and inviting, the people friendly and, of course, the food and beer good. We bought lunch on the beach, so we could hang there all day and swim; we walked down the beach and bought a baked treat from an 11 year old, who was selling goodies his grandma baked (only on Saturday and Sunday.) This is a Mexican beach town, we're told very busy at New Year's and Easter with people from Guadalajara, not so busy now, some Mexican families on the weekend, a few weary boaters on their way to somewhere else, and a couple trailer parks, full of mostly Canadian sun seekers and fisherman. (The Canadians always find the best bargains.) Also, a hotel with internet access, hence this message, and lots of tiny tiendas with fresh vegetables, fruits and supplies.. What more could we want? I think I'd like to stay here for a while, before we head south. (At least until my back is better and I forget the last bouncy passage!) In Short, life is good, we are doing fine, and we hope this finds you likewise. Hope to hear from you soon!

