

The yacht club with emphasis on fun!



The Barnacle

Three Tree Point Yacht Club

January, 2008

COMMODORE'S CORNER

PAUL JONES

I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday. There is always so much to do during the holiday season. I'm looking forward to things settling back to a more normal pace. Our first cruise of the season is the New Year's Eve Cruise to Dock Street in Tacoma. We have been to the last two and they are a lot of fun. Don't forget that 2008 is leap year and Christmas and New Year's Day are on Thursday not Wednesday as you might expect.

The racing season is off with a bang. Duwamish Head is January 5th and our Windjammer Series starts the following Saturday. Wouldn't it be great if we could get a couple of partly sunny days with 15-20 knot winds for the races? I did see the Duwamish Head T-shirts at the last Trustees meeting and they look great.

I would like to thank Tom Spohn for accepting the chairperson role for the committee responsible for the Mid-Sound Summer Sailing Social. Last year's event was really well attended and we have several potential new members that participated in the event. The plan for this year is an even bigger event. The other committee members are Jeanne Walker, Tim & Caroline McShane, Steve & Janet Sisson, Dave Klein, Pat Stewart and Pat & Sue Waters. If anyone else is interested in volunteering

please give Tom Spohn a call.

There are less than three months until the Blake Island Crab Feed cruise. The cruising season really starts to get underway after that. I'm really looking forward to this year's club cruises. I'm sure Ray and Debra and Buzz and Tish will have a lot of fun things planned for us this year.

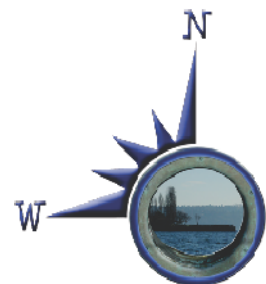
Our next General Membership meeting is Feb 5th. Look for more information in Barnacle regarding location and program details, (pg. 2).

I hope everyone has a happy and safe New Year.

Paul Jones

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
JANUARY	
5	Duwamish Head Race (SSS2)
12	Blake Island Race (Windjammer 1)
26	Manzanita Buoy Race (Windjammer 2)
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)



RACECORNER
PAT STEWART

Here it is, a new year and a whole year of a new race calendar. Lots of fun.

The first of the Southern Sound Series was sailed the 1st of December out of the Tacoma Yacht Club. Approximately 90 boats.

The next Southern Sound Series is our own Duwamish Head Race on 5 January followed by the Toliva Shoals Race out of Olympia 16 February.

Our Windjammer series will be held on 12 and 26 January and 9 February.

Check the race application and come join us for this series.

Our Race Handbook for 2008 will be out very soon. If you wish a copy please call your Captain Race Fleet at 206 824 4814.

Please note that our series races will be PIYA Category III. You can obtain a copy of this by going to their web site www.ussailing.net/piya/ or linking through www.ttpyc.org. This is a check list of the minimum equipment a boat should have for safe racing on Puget Sound. Basically for Category III it is very close to what the Coast Guard requirements are.

We hope to see more new comers come out and race in the Performance Class which means Cruising Boats. You don't need new high tech sails, a perfect bottom

or remove all that spare gear. Race NFS (No Spinnaker so crew size is small). Come out and meet your fellow sailors and have fun.

If you think you may enjoy becoming a crew member, we have boats looking for crew. Call me. 206.824.4814

REJUVENATING OUR RACING PROGRAM!
(LOOKING FOR THAT LITTLE BLUE PILL THAT MIGHT WORK "MAGIC")

***YES, THIS IS A REPEATED MESSAGE, BUT WE STILL ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE RACING FUN FOR ONE AND ALL.**

As many of you know, each year we have fewer boats out to race. The Winter Series on had two or three participants. Yet, we know there is interest, as our Mid Sound Social draws twenty or more boats out each evening. The Trustee's have asked me to form a committee to determine how to rejuvenate our race program.

I am looking for volunteers, both experienced racers and not, to meet and decide how we can change our program to gain participants. I promise this will be a unique, fun, worthwhile experience!!!

Please give me a call or send me an email if you are willing to join us. Thanks!

Pat Waters
253.529.2873
frenchsailor@comcast.net

BIG WHEELS FOR SALE!

Wife wanted smaller wheel! Like new 54 inch Edson Diamond Series wheel with leather cover, 642LE-54 and wheel flange adapter. List at \$2,571. Like new 60 inch Edson Destroyer wheel with leather cover, 645LE-60-7. List at \$1735. Will sell each for one-half of list. Call Pat, 253-529-2873

This is the design for the 2008 Duwamish Head Race. The actual image is printed on the back. \$10 Sue-253.5292873, slowwaters@gmail.com



**Three Tree Point
Yacht Club**

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 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 _____
Phone _____		Email Address _____	

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

COMMODORE	Paul Jones
VICE COMMODORE	Tom Spohn
TREASURER	Caroline McShane
SECRETARY	Joe Thomas
PAST COMMODORE	Tim McShane
RACE FLEET CAPTAIN	Pat Stewart
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CRUISE CO-CRUISE	Debra & Ray Valpey Tish & Buzz Greenman
REGISTRAR	Bob Post
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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. See image at right of a sampling the island has to offer.

NEW YEARS' EVE CRUISE DOCK STREET MARINA, TACOMA

-Tom Spohn

The plan was to cruise to Dock Street Marina in Tacoma on Sunday, Dec. 30th for two days of partying. However 30-knot winds and high waves caused security officers Tunie and Chloe to recommend that all Mariners stay in port. So, Sue and Pat Waters, Debra and Ray Valpey, B.J. and Phil Chin, Janet and Steve Sisson, Jean and Tom Spohn, Tish and Buzz Greenman, and Betty Haines all drove via land cruiser to the Harmon Brewery in Tacoma for some pub food and suds. The next Morning found Sloe Tango, Brigadoon, and Andromeda ready for the cruise south to Tacoma as the winds had died down and the sun was shining. The Sissons, Carol Jones, and the Chins drove down to join us later. After a beautiful cruise the Appetizer Contest was held on Brigadoon. Prizes of the much sought-after TTPYC Winery "Racin Red" were awarded to the Sissons, Valpeys, Jones, and Chins for their creative munchies. The Valpey submittal was so creative that a contest was held to find out what the scene done in spinach, baguettes, and chips denoted. It was, "I'd rather be in the boat with a drink on the rocks than in the drink with the boat on the rocks." Almost couldn't eat it—well almost! The whole crew then piled into the Sisson Van and drove over to the Delin Dock's clubhouse where it was decorated and the pot-luck was served—lots of really tasty food including Paul's patented corned beef which he cooked in cider. With music on the cable TV, the group broke out some exciting games—Chinese checkers and a card game, Set.

OK maybe the gang was not in a reveling mood. Several times in the evening some live-boards came into the clubhouse, looked around for the wild party, and promptly left. Oh well, we had fun in our own way. At midnight we donned the crazy hats, broke out the noisemakers and watched the fireworks from the Space Needle on the TV. The crazy hats then came off; the noisemakers were packed up; the clubhouse was tidied up and we all had a great night's sleep on our boats. Each year we take this time to think about the year past; to assess our lives; and make resolutions for the next year. What matters in life is not how big our boats are or what we have, but rather, what adventures we have and what people we have in our lives. In that regard I am the most blessed ex-cruise chair on the planet! Best wishes to all for the New Year!

MESSAGE

WEBMASTER/EDITOR

SUE WATERS

The ttpyc.org is your website, the BARNACLE, your newsletter. The content is what you provide to me. Both are viable forms of communication. Although, I do believe that the website is most useful; information is current - I update as events or information comes in, rather than printed monthly. Please do not hesitate to direct articles and/or info my direction: slowwaters@gmail.com

A 2008 calendar, Three Tree Point Yacht Club activities related, is available. I am about to re-order and if you are interested, please let me know soon. There is a discount when I order in bulk, rather than small increments through Cafepress.com. The artwork on the calendar can be viewed on the Archive Album page. I'll even throw in a set of color-coded stickers for our planned events, cruises and racing!

Another option for keeping track of TTPYC dates, is to go to the website and download a PDF calendar, a letter-size copy of the poster in front of Anthony's.

SOCIAL CORNER

JAMIE AND LARRY WHEIR

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2008

We will be gathering at Gordon's for our general membership meeting & a guest speaker from the Coast Guard. This will be a great opportunity to meet with club members & beat back the winter blues. This is a nice venue with a wide variety of food & drink. We have reserved a room for our meeting & the Coast Guard presentation from **7pm to 9pm**. We encourage members to join us at 6pm (or as soon as you can make it) for no host drinks & dinner. The Coast Guard representative will be available to discuss many relevant topics & answer questions. No RSVPs are required for this event but are always appreciated. The restaurant is large & the meeting room will hold 50 to 60 comfortably. We hope the membership takes advantage of this opportunity to meet, eat & get the latest news from the Coast Guard.

Questions: write to the Wheirs-ljwheir@msn.com

Gordon's on the Green, Tukwila



THE LUENGEN JOURNAL-DECEMBER 21, 2007

We've been busy lately getting the boat stocked and ready for the kids arrival and our trip to Puerto Vallarta. Allison and Dan will come on Sat, Keith on Sun and Ross and Angie on Mon. We'll have Christmas at the condo that we have rented for a couple days, then everyone except Keith will jump on the boat and head south. (weather permitting). Keith will head back to Gig Harbor.

It's been cooler here, so between that and working on the boat I haven't been swimming for the last week, but we're still doing our music in the evenings. Steve is playing at Canucks or we go listen to some of our favorite musicians in the plaza in the old town. I also got to see a performance of the nutcracker, with dancers from Cuba, which was very good and attended a real Mexican posada with students at the school where some of us from the marinahelp the students practice their English (and we get to practice our Spanish).

Our Spanish lessons continue until the end of the week, although we're still struggling with that.

School is already out and many people take off for a couple weeks and visit family if they live in other areas. We've got Christmas Carols and a new CD made by our favorite keyboard guy, so we're very Christmasy here, even without a tree. Some of the cruisers have strung lights on their boats. There were live Christmas trees for sale in the markets; they're all gone now, even though they were very expensive. There are lots of lights all over town, especially in the old square, its very pretty.

We hope you are well and happy, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sheila and Steve Luengen

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

JANET & STEVE SISSON

SAILING BIO – STEVE FOSS

My first trip on a sailing boat was a night departure on a 36 foot Hillyard out of Littlehampton in Southern England. A voyage I shall never forget. We had to wait for high tide in order to depart, which didn't occur until after dark. The swell that night had to be around ten feet on the English Channel, as we could only see the ship traffic when we topped the swell and completely lost sight of everything when we were in the trough. We sailed up the coast a few miles and put into Brighton, where we spent the night. The next day we sailed back with a following wind crashing down those immense swells. I was hooked!

That was 1977. As Fairbanks, Alaska was home at the time, it would be many years until I had an opportunity to resume sailing.

In 1994, my work took us to Seattle, where finally, I was able to resume sailing in earnest.

I immediately joined the Center for Wooden Boats on Lake Union and began taking lessons from Vernon and the other instructors. I sailed Blanchards, Lightnings, Mercury's and Herroshoffs among others, in the all wooden boats fleet. I purchased the unlimited sailing pass and they couldn't keep me away from the place! I sailed at every opportunity.

Alas, in late 1995, my work again took me away from Seattle and except for a one day checkout at the Selangor Yacht Club in Malaysia; it would be almost eight years until I again had the opportunity to return to the Pacific Northwest and sailing.

In 2003, we finally returned to the Seattle area, and almost immediately after buying a house, I bought a boat.

PAs I have a passion for wood, I fell for a pretty little Cheoy Lee 27 Offshore Cadet named Angelina,

berthed in Port Orchard.

After almost one year on the waiting list for a slip in Des Moines, and Saturday commutes during which time we sailed Sinclair Inlet, Rich Passage, and the central Sound area, Angelina finally sailed home to a slip on A dock. We went out at almost every opportunity, rain or shine, and cruised the South Puget Sound. We enjoyed many of the gunkholes and state moorings from Quartermaster Harbor to Jarrell Cove on Harstene Island. After, about one year, we moved to C dock.

August 2006, we sold Angelina and purchased Susurra, a Cal 29, and continued our exploration of the South Sound. This past March, I joined Gordon Kells-Murphy and crew of Les Chevaux Blancs to help out during the Islands Race and now crew with them whenever time and job duties allow. And, last summer we sailed Susurra in the Mid-Sound sailing social.

The past summer, we went on two separate cruises with Susurra, one in July to the South Sound, including Harstene Island and the other in early September, to the San Juan Islands with the Wooden Boat Show in Port Townsend included on the South bound leg.

Both were great and memorable trips with my son and nephew.

We plan on cruising here for many more years and dream of sailing over the horizons after retirement.

