

The yacht club with emphasis on fun!



Three Tree Point Yacht Club

March, 2008

COMMODORE'S CORNER
PAUL JONES

Wow, less than three weeks to the official start of spring. Daylight savings time starts March 9th. One of the best things about this time of year is being able to drive around and listen to baseball on the car radio. That is really the start of spring in my mind.

There is a lot going on with the Club right now. The committee working on rejuvenating the TTPYC racing program has had their first meeting. The Mid Sound Social committee has had several meetings and is well underway to a great summer event. The Spring General Membership meeting turned out to be fun and informative. With as many marine events our club sponsors, it is really important to have a good relationship with the US Coast Guard. Our first cruise, the Blake Island Crab Feed is only 4 weeks away. Our full 2008 cruising schedule is now set and all updates should be on our web site.

For the racers among us, the official date of next years Duwamish Head Race has been changed to January 10th. Sue Waters has updated all of the Club schedules and our web site, and Pat Stewart is notifying all the appropriate race organizations.

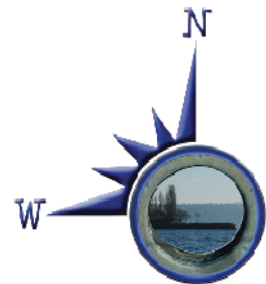
At last Tuesday's Trustee's meeting, one of the main topics of discussion was the deterioration of the Yacht Club bulletin board in front of Anthony's Restaurant. This bulletin board is one of the main mechanisms the Yacht Club has to notify both members and non-members alike of race results,

upcoming events and what the Three Tree Point Yacht Club is about. We have piecemealed repairs over the years but it continues to deteriorate due to water damage. It is in need some serious redesign and repair. I hope everyone agrees that it is one of the most important communication tools the Yacht Club has, its condition is a reflection of our Yacht Club and it has to be kept in good condition at all times. We can't let it become an eyesore.

We are off to an exciting year with lots of fun events planned but there are some challenges that lie ahead. Our membership has declined from 2007 to 2008; our racing participation has declined significantly over past few years and it is more important than ever to not just maintain our programs but to improve them and continue to add new programs to entice new members to join our Club. Our Club is our Social Events, our Cruise Events and our Racing Events. It is all about having fun and doing the things we enjoy doing with other people who enjoy the same things we do. I would ask every member to talk to other boaters on your docks, invite them to one of our events and do your best to persuade them to become a member. It is important that we increase membership year after year. When membership increases, our Race, Cruise and Social programs will increase and improve accordingly.



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| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | MARCH | |
| | 1t | Islands Race (GHYC-SSS4) |
| | 18 | Race Fleet Meeting |
| | 28-30 | Blake Island Cruise & Crab Feast |
| | APRIL | |
| | 3 | Spring Series Race (1) |
| | 10 | Spring Series Race (2) |
| | 17 | Spring Series Race (3) |
| | 18-20 | Tax Relief Port Orchard Cruise |
| | 24 | Spring Series Race (4) |
| | 26-27 | Spring Regatta Weekend |
| | 27 | Racing Awards Presentation |

RACECORNER
PAT STEWART

Our Windjammer Series is finished. Vashon Island on the 9th of February was sailed in a balmy 50°, no rain, some sunshine, good air. Far-ari completed the 30 mile course in 4:31:35 to take First Place. Cherokee won the series. Thanks to the Windjammer Race Committee; Dave Jones, Orv Edmiston, Gene Ellison, Gordon Kells-Murphy and crew.

The third Southern Sound series, Toliva Shoals, put on by Olympia Yacht Club and South Sound Sailing Society was sailed 16 February with TTPYC represented by Les Chevaux Blanc, Cherokee, and Giant Slayer. Because of light wind, the race was stopped at Lyle Point.

Pat Waters, Larry Wheir, and I attended a Marine Event Forum hosted by Rich Hazelton of 48°North at Abraxux Books in Ballard on 4 February attended by race fleet people from several yacht clubs, the Waterways Management Chief and staff (USCG) and Seattle Police Marine Patrol. The discussion was about Marine events (sailboat racing) and the permit process. It was a very good session with points made by each group. The race people think some of the requirements are overkill.

Had the first meeting of Mid Sound Sailing Social which went very well. It was a good choice to put this great event, the third year, as a club managed event as it is too much for the Race Fleet.

The building of J mark is well underway. We hope to have it in place by Spring Series.

SSSS will host a Racing Trim and Tactics Seminar, put on by Andrew Kerr over two nights, March 19 and April 9. Andrew is a world class sailor with too many national titles to list. Hemakes his living teaching people to race, both as a North U instructor and as a team/boat coach. He has taught at J World, for Colgate, just about everywhere. Read the brochure, racing page on our website.

Normally you will have to pay several hundred dollars and drive to at least Seattle to get this quality of instruction. If you are willing to drive to Oly, our seminar will set you back \$25. At that price you can bring the whole crew! Instead of paying \$300 to take a course yourself, spring for \$250 and bring your nine best crew with you! That may do more to improve your placing than a new jib.



Blake Island CRAB FEED
Checkers Tourney
March 29th 2008

Break out your sails and join us for the second cruise of the season. We have planned an afternoon of activities beginning at 2:30 pm:

- Checkers Tournament (ala March Madness)
- Word Game
- Nauti-Peep Display Challenge (judged @ dinner)
- Dinner @ 5pm

The Club will supply liquid refreshments, cocktail sauce, cups, napkins, plasticware, and paper plates. We ask you to bring yourselves and friends and sign up for a dish and set up or cleanup activity. Bring your old candles for the tabletop displays. Firewood, too. Complete the order form below and mail with your check (made out to TTPYC) by **March 20th** to:

The McShane's
PO Box 98036
Des Moines, WA 98198

Your prompt attention will be appreciated, since we need to have an accurate count of crabs for Johnny's Sea Food.
Since we cannot predict the weather and we have experienced all types in years past, please bring a log or two for the fire in the shelter.

Please send your form and check made out to TTPYC to Tim and Caroline McShane by **March 20th**

Name(s): _____ Phone # _____
Boat Name _____

| | Number | | \$ |
|-------------|--------|------------------|----------------|
| Crab halves | _____ | @ \$4.50 ea | _____ |
| Event fee | _____ | \$4.50 per adult | _____ |
| | | Total payment | _____ by check |


(Please check one below)

We plan to bring
bread _____
salad _____
side _____
dessert _____

(Please check one below)

We will help with
Set up _____
Cleanup _____
Garbage haulout _____

OFFICERS-2007-2008

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| 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 |
| APPOINTED OFFICERS | |
| CRUISE | Debra & Ray Valpey |
| CO-CRUISE | Tish & Buzz Greenman |
| REGISTRAR | Bob Post |
| SOCIAL | Larry & Jamie Wheir |
| RACE SCORER | Tom Davis |
| RACE HANDICAPPER | Pat Waters |
| MEMBERSHIP | Janet Sisson |
| HISTORIAN | Rose Edmiston |
| SHIP'S STORE | Carol Jones |
| BARNACLE/WEBMASTER | Sue Waters |
| TRUSTEES | |
|  | Tom Brown |
| | Gordon Kells-Murphy |
| | Jim Redmond |
| | Debra Valpey |
| | Pat Waters |

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CRUISE CORNER

DEBRA & RAY VALPEY
TISH & BUZZ GREENMAN
CO-CHAIRS

CRAB FEED IN MARCH!!!!

Join the McShanes for a cruise to Blake Island on March 29th. The annual crab feed and potluck will have a Checkers Tourney and the Nauti-Peep Challenge with left over Peeps. We will provide the Peeps. The Checkers will be in the Final Four format, with players advancing to the semi and final rounds. Get your strategies planned. The TABLETOP display can incorporate a Peep! We also will have a word game to play.



The events are scheduled to begin @ 2:30 with dinner @ 5 pm. Again please bring used candles, to create a TABLETOP display for all to enjoy at dinner. Let us know if you are willing to judge these displays, we need a panel of judges! Prizes will be awarded after dinner.



The crab will be supplied by Johnnys Seafood. The prices, \$4.50 per half crab and \$4.50 event fee per adult. We ask you to complete the form in this Barnacle, and send the form and check to the McShanes by

March 20th. Please make your check payable to Three Tree Point Yacht Club. See you at Blake Island for games, prizes and crab!!

PS. Bring wood for the campfire, too.



SOCIAL CORNER

JAMIE AND LARRY WHEIR

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT GORDON'S ON THE GREEN

We gathered at Gordon's in Tukwila for our February Membership Meeting. The members rolled in early to late as we got off work, gathered the family or slipped away from yet another project. It was nice to visit & share stories in a cozy warm restaurant. The Coast Guard presentation followed in the meeting room. They provided a PowerPoint program & fielded questions. Laptops were set up with racing pictures & access to the Three Tree Point website.

It's always good to connect with our TTPYC family & realize how much we have shared, learned & grown through our connection. Just like a family, sometimes we regretfully lose members, and then we welcome new members, & strive to include them. Just as in our families, we try to keep everyone connected & able to participate, provide fun events & still be mindful of financial & time constraints. Some of us are working, some retired, and some with young children, some empty nesters, in short we have a wide range of needs & goals & what brings us together is our love of the water & a desire to connect with others who share this love. This variety of many strong individuals is what makes our club so interesting & also a challenge to provide events that meet the needs of all (or even most) members. Please let us know what we have done right, & what might work better. Larry & I will be stepping back from Social after Change of Watch this year. We have enjoyed our 2 years of Social Chair but would like to open up the opportunity. We encourage members to consider accepting this challenge. Larry & I have spent 20 years racing & cruising together with the TTPYC family & have held many positions & look forward to serving again in the future.

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We're still in Barra de Navidad; I guess the place has grown on us and we've gotten used to the laid back life style. We usually do a few chores around the boat in the morning, or go to the tienda on the near shore and get supplies. In the afternoon we usually take the dingy across the lagoon into town, walk around the shops, maybe pick up some more supplies (there is no large grocery store, so you go from shop to shop to find what you need). I've been walking on the beach, but not swimming lately because the water has gotten cold. We end up at the Sands hotel, where we tie up our dingy and sit around the pool and chat with other cruisers and visitors. Steve's been able to get into a few jam sessions with other musicians there in the afternoon. Sometimes there's live music in the evening; if we stay in town late we bring the dingy back to the boat in the afternoon and use the water taxi to go back to the boat after dark.

Our current plan (which is very flexible) is to start heading back to Puerto Vallarta next week, stay there for a week or two, then take the boat back to Mazatlan, towards the end of March and begin the job of putting it away for the summer.



PORT ORCHARD MARINA TAX RELIEF CRUISE APRIL 18-20TH

Ok, so we know you are all excited about CRAB FEED at Blake Island & we expect to see you all there, but up next is the cruise to Port Orchard where we can all celebrate being done with tax forms. No mention of taxes, IRS, or 1040 allowed & we will have a special torture for anyone silly enough to mention an audit!

For entertainment we plan on a beverage tasting! Larry is tweaking the design & rules but we are sure to have fun. We hope to have the BIG BBQ & the SUN to go with it. So get those taxes done & catch the tide Friday afternoon or Saturday morning & join the fun.

There is plenty of dock space & we have reserved 20 slips & room to party. They have power, & nice facilities. Plenty to do in town or take the foot ferry to Bremerton to check out the new marina & waterfront activities.

Your Cruise Hosts: Larry & Jamie Wheir
ljwheir@msn.com

AND YES, THERE WILL BE MORE INFO IN THE
APRIL BARNACLE

The Port Orchard Marina is one of Puget Sound's most popular destinations & offers excellent facilities, service and many activities to make your visit a most memorable one. All within walking distance are restaurants, antique malls, library, post office, banking services and marine supplies. The Port Orchard Marina is sure to have something for everyone.

The Harbormaster will gladly accept your reservations for guest moorage and is ready to assist you with the planning of your next visit. 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.
Latitude: 47° 32' 35.401"
Longitude: 122° 38' 17.287"
Magnetic Declination: Approximately 20°

We have reserved 20 slips so if you call ahead be sure to mention that you are with Three Tree Point Yacht Club

WANTED!

I'm looking for a couple of people to share a booth with me at the Des Moines Swap meet on March 29th. I know it's also the Blake Island crab feed, but the event is in the morning - plenty of time to get rid of old boat junk and still get to the feed. Lighten the load - your trip will be faster! If interested in sharing the cost of a booth - approx \$30.00, contact Jeanne Walker at 206-406-9673 or pmtwalker@hotmail.com.