

Events Calendar

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
June	
5	Summer Series Race(3)
12	Summer Series Race (4)
14	Jack & Jill Race and Single Handed Race
19	Summer Series Race (5)
20-22	Minto Mingle Cruise, Dockton

The Commodore's Corner

Paul Jones
Commodore

It is the first of May. Spring Regatta was last weekend. The weather wasn't too bad, a little sun, a little rain and a little wind, especially on Sunday. It seems like we either have too much wind or not enough lately. Hopefully conditions will be just right for the Summer Series

which starts next week. Brigadoon will be the Committee Boat again this year and we have some fun things planned (wind permitting).

Carol and I had planned on leaving Friday for the Port Orchard cruise but when we got to the marina, the wind was blowing 25-30 knots from the Southwest. As I sat on the boat listening to NOAA Weather Radio, the 1:00 report said SeaTac, Southwest winds 24 knots gusting to 33 knots. At West Point it was blowing 9 knots from the North. Well, we elected to wait until Saturday morning to leave and we had light winds and decent but cold weather. We had 6 boats show up and several members come by car. We shared the activity float and shelter with the Quarter Master Harbor Yacht Club. We met some really great new people from their club and had a great time. Larry and Jamie did a fantastic job with the wine tasting and barbecue on the pier.

Opening day of boating season is this weekend. Carol and I are looking forward to attending and being able to participate in some of the activities. I've been many times before but never as a guest of the Seattle Yacht Club. It should be a lot of fun.

There is a lot going on right now with the Club. The Mid-Sound Summer Social Committee has been hard at work organizing this year's event. Take a look at our web page to see what is going on. Sue Waters has a Mid-Sound Summer Social tab on the left side of the home page where she has listed all of the events and all of the sponsors we have lined up. Everyone should get this event on their calendar now because it is going to be a lot of fun.

I would like to thank Tom Brown, Tom Davis, Jim Redmond and Gordon Kells-Murphy for organizing a work party this weekend to spruce up the club bulletin board. The same group is working on a long term plan for completely renovating the bulletin board, and should have a presentation ready for the fall General Membership meeting. Another group is working on ways to improve and rejuvenate our racing program. Larry and Jamie have been hard at work planning for the General Membership meeting in September and the Change of Watch Banquet in October. Ray and Debra Valpey have the next cruise ready to go so look for a flyer in this month's Barnacle. All of the things we do take a lot of behind the scenes work to assure that they all come off without a hitch.

The Social Corner

Jamie & Larry Wheir
Social Chair

EASY FORM TTPYC APRIL 18-20TH

TAX RELIEF CRUISE - PORT ORCHARD
WEATHER RELIEF CRUISE TO PORT ORCHARD

Tax relief turned into a plea for Spring & a release from the iron clad grip of WINTER. The brave Three Tree Point Fleet of six boats headed out to forecasts of cold, rain, snow, sleet, thunder & lightening, sleet, hail, heavy breeze & just about every weather condition. We did however get a fair amount of SUN. The fleet consisted of Paul & Carol Jones aboard BRIGADOON, Ray & Debra Valpey on SLOE TANGO, Buzz & Tish Greenman on PRIME MERIDIAN, Joanne Clausen & Mike on SANGUINITY, Tim & Caroline McShane on TOO FAT TO FLY & BLUE MOON captained by Peter Gelinas & First Mate Amy & crewed by Paul & Lily. For the fear of lightening or just short of time others arrived by land yachts: Phil & BJ Chin, Steve & Janet Sisson, Warren Carter.

Larry & I packed the land yacht & made sure to arrive in time for the BBQ & wine tasting. We really weren't sure how many would brave the elements & checked with Port Orchard Marina regarding the party barge. Quartermaster Harbor Yacht Club also had a small group & they invited us to share the covered & heated facility which we must appreciate. We managed to sneak in BBQing between rain showers & they had wisely chosen to have pizza delivered. The wine tasting was a little diluted (with rainwater) but all were amused with the unveiling of the blinded bottles & mystery boxes. It was a fun winter cruise, but I for one am looking for SPRING!

AN OPEN INVITATION FROM DES MOINES YACHT CLUB

As is traditional the opening day ceremony is open to all YC members, this year is a pit-pig-roast along with all the normal pomp-and-circumstance. To be held on that Saturday of Opening Boating Season Day, May 3. Contact Dave Garman for details: davidmgarman@hotmail.com

The Membership Corner

Janet & Steve Sisson
Social Chair

The Race Fleet Corner

Pat Stewart
Race Fleet Captain

It is finally done! J mark is in place at Robinson Point. Bob Post, Tom Davis and Tim Burns found a weather window on Wednesday, the 23rd of April. Again, a big thank you to the marina for letting us use their work barge and harbor boat.



Spring Regatta is done. We had a great time being the Race Committee with help from Rosemary, John Curry, Rick

Redfield and Donna Beaux. Saturday we had a very good day. We had three races for class A (PHRF), Class B (Cruising Class) and 4 races for the San Juan 21's, NINE of them! (They will do the NOOD in Elliott Bay this month). Saturday afternoon Bob Post put on a great barbeque on the guest dock. Good time! Great stories! Sunday, very little wind, too much current but we did get in 1 race. In the afternoon, Anthony's put out food and \$1 beer, followed by our awards for the past year and awards for the Regatta. Dave and Deborah borrowed a San Juan 21 and won that class. We need to see more TTPYC boats come out and sail, especially the cruisers. We only had five boats represent TTPYC.



Summer Series starts May 8th!
Registration found on page 4.

The Cruise Corner
Debra & Ray Valpey
Tish & Buzz Greenman
Co-Chairs



PBJ* Cruise
May 23-26, 2008
(Memorial Day weekend)

Change of plan: instead of Bell Street Marina in Seattle, we'll start at

Brownsville
For 2 nights, then finish at

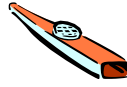
Poulsbo

Rafted one night – and out on the town

In Brownsville, we'll be combining some events with our neighbors in the Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron.

What to bring:

- fancy snacks to share on Friday evening – likely to be our meal
- potluck dish (salad, side dish, or desert) for Saturday night
- hors d'oeuvres for Sunday night



-guitars 'n kazoos, etc for jammin' at the campfire

What to expect:

- Chilidogs will be provided on Saturday (indicate preference on the form)
- fun & games; maybe a sailboat race on Saturday
- on the dock at Brownsville
- we'll raft up at Poulsbo

Cost:

- \$10 per boat covers the Brownsville reservation and Saturday night's chilidogs
- Moorage is 50¢ per foot per night, payable to the marina on arrival

Important: Send in your form right away – the first eight (8) boats to respond are guaranteed a slip. For any others, we will try our best to get you in.

-your hosts: Ray & Debra Valpey

home: 206.243.5566 / Debra's Cell: 206.953.5704 /
Email: drvalpey@comcast.net

***Poulsbo, Brownsville & Jammin'**

**Cut here and send this registration with \$10.00 check to TTPYC to:
Debra & Ray Valpey/18225 Terrace Ct SW/Normandy Park, WA 98166**

Boat Name _____ Length _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____ (\$10.00 per boat)

May 23-26 Summer's Here PBJ Cruise Brownsville & Poulsbo - Hosts Debra & Ray Valpey

***Choose your Saturday Night Entrée: Please indicate how many of each please**

Hot Links _____ Bratwurst _____ Veggie Dog _____

Turkey Dog _____ Regular Hot Dog _____

Signed _____ Print Name _____

E-mail address _____ Date _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ / _____

**Send the registration form and fee to no later than May 10th
*Remember the first 8 to register will be guaranteed a slip**

Remember you may also pull a registration form off our website: <http://www.ttpyc.org>

**THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB
Summer Series Race Registration Form
May 8, 15, June 5, 12, & 19, 2008**

Sailboat Name _____ Sail # _____ LOA _____ ft.
Manufacturer/Model _____
Hull Color _____
Race or Series Entering: **Summer 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 _____/_____

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Mail registration form to: Three Tree Point Yacht Club/P.O. Box 98700/Des Moines, WA 98198
Attn: Race Chair



We are looking for summer staff for these three positions:

Head Youth Sailing Instructor and Assistant Instructors

Head Adult Sailing Instructors

Head Sea Camp Instructors

Join us in beautiful Port Townsend, Washington on the Olympic Peninsula at the Northwest Maritime Center. We have beautiful summers here with great wind and an enormous bay to sail on.

Our sailing fleet consists of Opti's, Vanguard 15's and Thunderbirds with two inflatable chase/safety boats and a multitude of boats for the Sea Camp.

Head Sailing Instructors are required to have US Sailing Level 1 Instructor certification and must be great working with kids.

Head Youth Instructor also needs to be able to manage Jr. Instructors and volunteer staff.

Season runs from end of June through beginning of September for youth ages 8-18.

Adult Learn to Sail season starts in June and runs into September.

Sea Camp instructors must possess knowledge with many types of boats, be creative and enjoy working with 7-10 year olds. Season is July-August

Competitive wages and access to sailing fleet.

Check our website for more details about the programs www.nwmaritime.org and click on 'programs'.

For more information email resume to: rob@nwmaritime.org or call (360) 385-3628 x103



The June Minto Mingle Cruise to Dockton is a yearly event that many anticipate with excitement. I have yet to participate and due to our June 1st departure, for two months of sailing north, will miss it once again. Pat has saved from the '06 *Nor'Westing* magazine an article written by Michael Ellis. I 'googled' and found the article at http://www.richpassage.com/richpassage_article_nw.html.

I thought that you may enjoy reading this.

This is a story about a 9'1" sailing dinghy with a lapstrake fibreglass hull, teak gunwales, thwarts, knees and breast hook, Sitka spruce boom, and two-piece mast. It is called a Minto. It has been one of the most popular boats in the Northwest for the past 40 years, and it is hard to find a long-time NW sailor who hasn't owned or sailed a Minto at some point.

I don't remember exactly when or how my story of the Minto sailing dinghy began. However, in piecing together the past it seems to me it must have been at the Seattle Boat Show in 1979. For several months prior to the show, my father and I had been talking about the possibility of being partners in a sailboat. I had looked at an Aquarius 23 in Gig Harbor, which I thought was too small. I drove out to Southworth to take a look at a used Balboa 26, but it wasn't in great shape and we didn't pursue it. Then my dad started talking about American 25s and Buccaneer 24s, and I started to get nervous. Not that those aren't fine boats, but I was looking for something with more of a classic appearance, and with 6'2" standing room. For you see I wasn't really a sailor, but I thought I knew what one looked like.

Ranger only built about 70 Ranger 26s before shutting down its production, and since at that point they had probably only built about half, finding a used one took some time. As this was before the Internet, my searches were restricted to regular checks of the two main Seattle papers. Then, after several months of fruitless checking, my wife and I left the kids with the grandparents and took a short weekend getaway to Vancouver, BC. After taking in a Friday night movie, I got up Saturday morning and went out for some donuts and coffee, and of course a newspaper. And of course there was an ad for a Kent Ranger 26, which just so happened to be in Bellingham, which just so happened to be on our way back home, which just so happened to cut short our first weekend without the kids. So we bought our first Kent Ranger 26 in 1980, and some time in 1982 we bought a used Minto.

I bought the Minto primarily to be used as a tender for the 26. However, it came with a sailing package and I discovered how much fun they were to sail. It also became a fishing, crabbing, and crawfish-catching boat. It went on just about every family vacation that we didn't go by plane. Sometimes on top of a motorhome, sometimes on top of the car, and sometimes in a trailer, and sometimes even behind our boat. When we moved to a new house and sold our first Kent Ranger 26 in 1997, there was no question of selling the Minto. For the past eight years, it has been a common sight in Rich Passage, between Waterman Point and Bainbridge Island, serving as both a rowboat and sailboat.

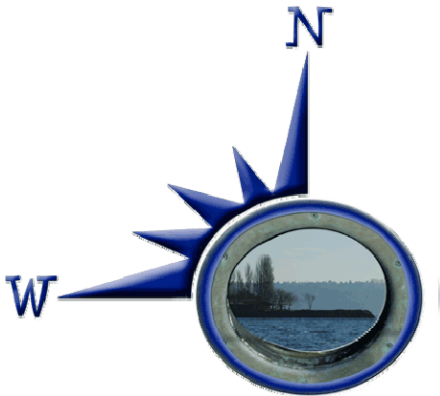
Please go to the website to complete this story; <http://www.ttpyc.org/newsletter>

Message from the editor:

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!

The above request from NW Maritime Center was sent to us via the internet. Yes, I am receiving queries and requests every month through our website. It is getting more attention, which is a message to you that your content is viable. Continue sending new articles and photos. Check out photos of 2008 Blake Island Cruise photos sent by Mark Nutter <http://www.ttpyc.org/archivealbum.html>

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ASSISTANT FLEET CAPTAIN Tom Davis

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