



The *BARNACLE*

Three Tree Point Yacht Club
APRIL 1, 2009

Events Calendar

<i>April 2009</i>		
2	▶	Spring Series Race 1
8	✉	MidSound Summer Social Meeting 6:45PM
9	▶	Spring Series Race 2
16	▶	Spring Series Race 3
17-19	☾	Spring Cruise - Bremerton
23		MidSound Social Meeting Marina Office
25-26	▶	Spring Regatta Weekend
30	▶	Spring Series Race 4
<i>May 2009</i>		
7	▶	Spring Series Race 5
14	▶	Summer Series Race 1
19	✉	Social Dinner Meeting <u>Mick Kelly's</u> in Burien
22-25	☾	Memorial Day Weekend Cruise/BBQ-Brownsville Undersea Museum - Poulsbo
22-25	▶	Kitsap Cup Regatta Race
28	▶	Summer Series Race 2
29	✉	Vic-Maui Presentation Tacoma Yacht Club 7 PM

THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Tom Spohn

Commodore

Having just finished my annual gnashing of teeth known as form 1040 I am ready for a Cruise! Fortunately there is a cruise dedicated to this annual event to be held in Bremerton on April 17, 18, 19. The cruise organizers have some great activities planned, including "The Game II" to get us moving into cruising season. See article in the Barnacle for more information.

The Board of Trustees would like to see our club move into having more social events. The latest incarnation of this idea is to have every other month dinner meetings. The meetings would be held in restaurants so members can come early to eat, followed by a program such as a speaker, slide show, etc. The first one will be held in May, with the details in the next month's Barnacle. If you have any subjects you would like to see presented please contact Tom Davis or Ray Valpey. If we invite our non-member friends we might gain some new members in addition to just having a very good time. Stay tuned for a hike around Naches Peak to be held early in July with Rose Edmiston leading. More detail in future issues of the Barnacle.

We still need a volunteer to captain the July 4th cruise. If you can help out please contact Buzz or Tish Greenman. If racing is your style Tom Davis could still use some help on upcoming races as well. Our major charity event, the Mid Sound Summer Social, is really moving along, but there is room for a few more participants here as well. Contact Pat Waters if you can help.

See you on the water!

Tom Spohn

To Tom Schacht we wish you well on your surgery mid-April.



SOCIAL CORNER

Peter Gelinis,
Chairman

SAVE THE DATE: 5/19/09

Save Tuesday, May 19th for our first bi-monthly (maybe to become monthly?) dinner meeting. It will be at 6pm at Mick Kelly's Irish Pub in Burien. (Our reserved space is in a portion of the restaurant where people of all ages are welcome.) You can review the menu at www.mickkellysirishpub.com. The main purpose of the evening will be for socializing, but a few minutes will be dedicated to business & information. Ship's Store should be there. Last, but not least, the gathering will include an educational presentation by a guest speaker. Tune in to May's Barnacle for details.

NORTH U MOVIE NIGHT

Next instructional movie night will be Thursday, April 23rd. We will show CD's on Sail Trim- downwind, at the home of Pat & Sue Waters. Please Call for details, 253.529.2873

A VIC-MAUI PRESENTATION has been scheduled for May 27 at Tacoma Yacht Club. 1900. There's also a presentation at SYC on the 28

RACE FLEET CORNER

Tom Davis,
Race Fleet Captain

March has been a bit of a quiet time for the Three Tree Point racing program but it has been very busy for those who sailed outside the club.

The Southern Sound Series was completed with the Gig Harbor Islands Race on March 21st. The Southern Sound Series includes the Tacoma Vashon Race, TTPYC Duwamish Head Race, SSSociety/Olympia YC Toliva Shoal Race and the Gig Harbor YC Islands Race. Three Tree Point had six boats that at least competed in one race of the series. For the final results, go to www.ssseries.org. Beside the results, there are some great videos and pictures for each race on the site.

Seattle's Corinthian Yacht Club has their biggest point to point series on three weekends in March and Pat Stewart's Cherokee ventured north to compete. I'm certainly not telling you anything that you don't know when I say that the weather was "brisk" for this March series. Each race had over 20 knots of wind at some point and the Possession Point Race had winds recorded as high as 40 knots. Cherokee represented herself and Three Tree Point very well with a score of 1, 2, 2 and a 1st place in class for the series. Pretty cool! For a great video of some of the action in the Possession Point Race go to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgSSiwYJK_E (Not for the faint hearted, probably don't want you wife to see this either if you want to ever fly your chute again.)

Now that it's spring (I know, it's snowing outside as I'm writing this) and daylight savings time is here, it is time for the Three Tree Point racing program to get back into full swing. Thursday evening racing is starting and here is the April schedule:

Spring Series - April 2, 9, 16, 30 and May 7

Spring Regatta - April 25, 26

As always, you can go to the web site www.ttpyc.org and get more information in the "Race" section.

Race Fleet had its annual meeting at Des Moines Creek restaurant on March 19th. It was decided to call each member of the club who has a sailboat to encourage **you** to come out and take part in our races. If you haven't received a call yet, you will. You are paying moorage every month. Isn't it time to get re-acquainted with your boat again and get back that feeling you had when you first bought it? You know that feeling when you couldn't wait to get out on it, rain or shine. I'm becoming re-acquainted with my boat again and I think I'm falling in love.

See you out there.

MEMORIAL DAY RACING – AN OPTION THAT JUST MIGHT PAY OFF – TO THE WINNER THAT IS!

Would there be TTPYC racers interested in the Harbor Festival races. One will be from the Bremerton Marina to the Agate Passage Bridge and back. The other will be from the Bremerton Marina to Rich Passage and back. The Laser and dinghy racing would be in the Bremerton/Port Orchard vicinity. Go to the [website racing](#) page to download the PDF flyer with all the particulars. Or Call Mike Ellis, 360.769.3972

MID SOUND SUMMER SOCIAL MEETING

Pat Waters
Vice Commodore

The Mid Sound Summer Social will be held on six consecutive Thursdays beginning on July 9 and ending on August 13. Each evening's event will have a theme. Furthermore, we will be participating with the city of Des Moines 50th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday July 18 with some activities, yet to be determined. We are currently working on finding major sponsors for each evening activities, as well as prize givers for the drawings to be held each evening.



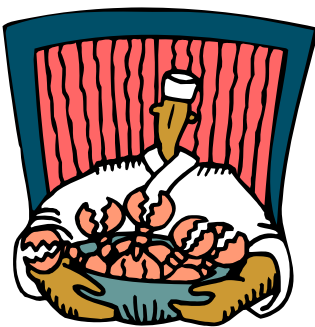
This year we will be fundraising for Hospitality House and the Des Moines Food Bank. The individual goal is to raise \$4,000 which will support two women through their three month program. The goal for the Des Moines Food Bank is to fill two vans with food. Certainly, worthwhile goals in these trying times!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 6:45 pm, at the Des Moines marina office. Please come and join us, we certainly can use your help! We will be forming a number of committees to make this year's event a real success.

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THE CRUISE CORNER

Tish & Buzz Greenman
Co-Chair



Blake Island Cruise and Crab Feed March 27-29

Tim & Caroline McShane, hosts

Mild weather greeted us at Blake Island on Friday. Quite, the opposite on Saturday for the Crabfeed and games, but we managed. Boaters are used to and prepared for inclement weather.

Paul and Carol Jones provided a warm boat with the Elite 8 on the tube and cruisers brought together quite an array of appetizers on Friday evening. Blake Island docks now have electricity, which many of us took advantage of.

On Saturday, we began the afternoon with the Crab Jig. This game required focus and dexterity. Cruisers used a pole with a line to lift crabs from the "crab tank" into the bucket under a strict time limit. Dean Conti won the Jig by catching 6 crabs within the egg timer. Emma and Aly won for the Youth group. The second game required accuracy to toss the "crabs" and land in the crab ring. All participants were given 5 crabs each to toss. Winners were Layne West and Buzz Greenman. Buzz competed against Janis, Susan and Tish in a toss-off for the win. The last contest, a word-event match game had cruisers matching famous first women in history with their respective events. Debra Valpey correctly matched the women with their events. Congratulations all! The games were fueled by Paul and Carol's 5 bean chili, and kept dry with Dean and Shelley's canopy-thanks!

We had 16 boats attending *Asylum*, *Blue Moon*, *Brigadoon*, *Cayuse*, *Chinook* and guests, *Crystal Morning*, *Les Chevaux Blancs* with crew Phil and BJ Chin, *Liberte*, *Prime Meridian*, *Rhumb Runner*, *Sloe Tango*, *Sweet Chance*, *Sweet Surrender*, *Sunsurra* and crew Michael West, *Too Fat to Fly*, and *T-N-T*. Junior sailors included Sarah, Mackey, Eileen, & Mitra on *Chinook*, Paul and Lily on *Blue Moon*, Aly on *Crystal Morning*, Layne on *Sunsurra*, and Emma on *Sweet Surrender*.

We also had "Man's best friend" aboard-*Sloe Tango* had Chloe, and Brigadoon had Murphy and Molly.

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 Bremerton, in April for the Tax Relief and Bailout cruise; check the web site @ tptyc.org for more details. Debra and Ray Valpey 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

TAX RELIEF AND BAILOUT CRUISE APRIL 17- 19

You need to contact Ray & Debra Valpey NOW to secure your place at the dock! (Space is limited.) After filing your 1040, bail out your bilge and come celebrate at the "2009 Tax Relief and Bailout Cruise" in the brand new Bremerton marina. Moorage is still at winter rates (less than \$20 per night for 40ft or under). We have a grill and activity area reserved. Bring something for the grill plus a potluck side dish or salad for Saturday evening. A downtown Bremerton scavenger challenge will occur on Saturday afternoon. Share your bailout stories.

Please consider bringing your Minto along to this cruise. Many are doing so.

Send your registration form and a check for \$10 (written to TTPYC) to Ray & Debra Valpey, 18225 Terrace Ct. SW, Normandy Park, WA 98166 **by April 4.**

MINTO MINGLE NEWSLETTER

After a random survey of Minto owners, I found that most stored their boats leaning up against the side of the garage or shed. Almost half the owners stored theirs in the rafters of the garage or barn. All in all most Mintos were well cared for, as they rightly should be. After all these boats are real legacies in the Northwest and in our club.



Well it's time to start thinking about cleaning the cob webs out and making the little devils seaworthy again. The

Minto Mingle cruise to Dockton Park on Maury/Vashon Island is about to happen starting June 19th.

If you want more practice for this event there are several other races around the area that feature Minto classes. First in order is the Gig Harbor Yacht clubs in harbor series. These races occur every Thursday evening in May and go around the harbor. Fun racing starting at 6:00 meeting in front of Arabella's Landing Marine (near the town park). The fee is \$10 for all four Thursdays and just show up to register. We meet at Spiros Pizza afterwards for beer. There is a good turnout of Mintos (3-5) and Lasers (9-12).

Second on the calendar is the Gig Harbor Maritime festival race June 2. Along with a parade and street fair there is a race around the harbor. The Start is at noon and there is no fee or registration. Again just show up.

Third in order is a new first annual race out of Port Orchard/ Bremerton called the Kitsap Cup Regatta. This race will take place out of Port Orchard Marina June 23 with a 2:00 start. There is overnight moorage included with

the \$10 registration fee and you will have to register on line for this one ahead of time. Information is on line at "Kitsapcup.com". In addition to a fun Memorial Day weekend of racing there are cash prizes (\$100+) for placing. Finally there is our own granddaddy of all Minto racing, Minto Mingle June 19-21. More details in coming months. We need more people to attend these events, so invite your friends (non club members are very welcome to attend). Mike Ellis and his friend faithfully join Susan and I on Thursday's in May and we hope to see some more Mintos out this Spring to join in the fun. Ron Moblo ?s 253-265-3607

"Flotsam & Jetsam"

Free to a good home: Autohelm ST50 radar. All parts included. Contact Ray Valpey at drvalpey@comcast.net.

Google Calendar. A calendar with our club's events is now active and available for you to view. Those organizing and planning appreciate you taking the time to respond as to whether or not you plan on attending when an evite is sent out. Thank you, we are constantly trying to improve our communications and cut cost too. Sue Waters



MONEY IN YOUR POCKET!!!!

The Des Moines Marina Association (DMMA) has arranged a simple process for you to obtain a Leasehold Tax refund. This can be substantial. I obtained an approximately \$1300 refund for years prior to and including 2006. I am now in the process if filing for a refund for years 2007 and 2008 and hope to receive another \$500. You can do this also! Currently you can apply for a refund from year 2005 through 2008. To do so, first contact either Barry McDonnell (BarryMcDon@aol.com. 206-244-6714) or Jim Hettinger (jimhettinger@earthlink.net. 253-941-1149) First, if you haven't already, send them your \$25 and sign up as a DMMA member. Then ask Barry or Jim for the proper forms to file for the refund. Refunds for 2007 and prior years are paid by the State of Washington. Those for year 2008 can be handled by the marina and are normally applied as a credit against your moorage bill. If you don't have records of your leasehold tax payments in past years, you can ask Jeanie at the marina office to run them for you. There will be a small charge for the copies. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Have fun!

Pat Waters

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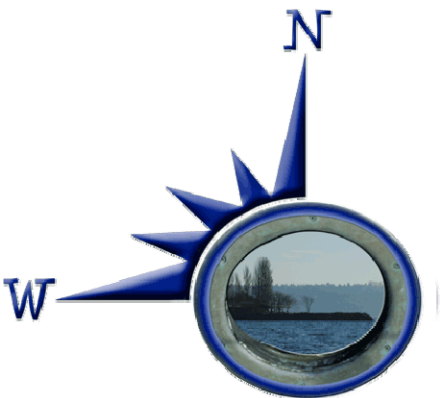
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