











# The *BARNACLE*

Three Tree Point Yacht Club  
JANUARY 2009

## Events Calendar

| January 2009                     |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 8                                |    | Mid Sound Summer Social Meeting<br>6:15 PM<br>Des Moines Marina Office |
| 10                               |    | <u>Duwamish Head Race</u> see website for details & registration form  |
| 16                               |   | Dick Rose Presentation   |
| 17                               |    | Blake Island Race<br><u>Windjammer 1</u>                               |
| 31                               |  | Manzanita Buoy Race<br>Windjammer 2                                    |
| 23                               |  | Breeder's Theater at EB Foote Winery, Burien                           |
| February 2009                    |   |  |
| <u>11</u><br><i>*Note change</i> |  | General Membership Meeting   |
| 14                               |  | Toliva Shoal Race  |
| 21                               |  | Vashon Island Race   |

### THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

**Tom Spohn**

*Commodore*

The New Year was ushered in with style by the intrepid group who celebrated at Arabella's Landing in Gig Harbor. Janet Sisson's new game, "*What Were You Thinking?*" left us all scratching our heads and laughing. A gourmet feast and champagne finished off a perfect evening. Jerry Stephenson and Jane sailed over in the wind and rain. The Sissons, Ellis', Gelinas, Valpeys, Waters, and Spohns all wimped out and drove over to the Lounge at Arabella's. What a perfect clubhouse!

Our club is really on a roll this year. Signups for the Duwamish Head Race on the 10<sup>th</sup> are on the web. Not a great racer? How about signing up for the Dick Rose presentation on the 16<sup>th</sup>? Windjammer Races take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Not to be left out Social has scheduled a visit to the [Breeders Theater](#) at the [EB Foote Winery](#) on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. A great original play is performed while interspersed with wine tasting. We always have a great time. Instructions and signups for all events are on the web.

The updated membership roster is at the printer's (Jan 3) and will be sent out soon with the new membership cards to all whose dues are current. If you haven't sent in your dues yet please do so as soon as possible to insure you get your updated membership card and roster.

Bill Cosby used to have a comedy routine where he asked, "Why is there air?" Answer: "It is needed to fill up volleyballs." It was great for a laugh, but always got me to thinking what the real answer to the question was. I feel almost the same way when I read the Club's purpose in our bylaws—to promote and conduct boat races and cruises, etc. etc. The details of what kind, when, how many, who can attend, where, and how activities are conducted is left up to the leadership of the club to determine. To fill in these spaces the 2008 and 2009 Trustees will meet on January 24 and 25 to develop Vision, Mission, and Goals statements for the Club. Do you have a strong idea on how our Club's Programs should go? Contact your nearest Trustee and let your views be known.

One of my resolutions for the New Year is to promote growth and community in our club this year. I won't mention the others as I will probably break most of them! To all of us I wish a very happy New Year!

Tom Spohn



Jeanne Walker's Pirate  
The result of a day  
home and lots of snow!

## SOCIAL CORNER

Peter Gelinis,  
*Chairman*

The Three Tree Point Yacht Club's general membership meeting is this February 11th at 7:00pm. Please note the change of date. There will be a social hour at 6:00pm with pizza and soda provided. There will be a guest speaker following the meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to join the fun. The meeting is at Saltwater Church,

25701 14th Place South/Des Moines, Washington 98198. See you there!

## RACE FLEET CORNER

Tom Davis,  
*Race Fleet Captain*

### *Happy New Year!*

Here we go into our 2009 racing season. This is probably the busiest time for Three Tree Point Race Fleet. There are five Saturdays in the month of January and we have events scheduled on three of them.

The Duwamish Head Race is scheduled for this Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>. We can always use more help at the start of the race. We need boat spotters. I would suggest if you would like to get involve to come on down to the pre-race breakfast at the Des Moines Yacht Club. It starts at 7:00 and runs to 9:00. They do a great job and the price is only \$8 bucks. In fact, even if you don't wish to get that involved, come on down for breakfast and then come over to the fishing pier to watch the start. It's always a rush to watch 80 plus boats sailing about and then when their starting time is signaled to see them change from a somewhat random course to an organized drive to the starting line. The first start is at 9:30. I also would like to mention that T-shirts will be available both at the Friday night sign in at the marina office and at the breakfast Saturday morning. They are black with the very cool logo designed by Susan Waters.



With the New Year there are also new revised rules spanning years 2009 thru 2012. On Friday, January 16, 2009 there will a program featuring well known local sailor and rules guru, Dick Rose. Dick is a monthly contributor for *Sailing World* magazine and sits on the US Sailing/ISAF rules committee. The price is \$15 and proceeds go to help support the Sailing Foundation.



The 2009 Windjammer Series kicks off with the Blake Island Race on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and then is followed by the Manzanita Buoy Races on January 31<sup>st</sup>. To sign up for the series go to our web site ([www.ttpyc.org](http://www.ttpyc.org)) and click on the **Race** section. You will find all our race information plus these colorful "stamps" which when clicked on takes you to a signup sheet for each of our series. They load a little slow so be patient. When the form comes up, they can be filled out on line. They still need to be printed and sent with your entry fee to our P.O. Box but what a neat feature and, besides, we can read them when we get them. While you're on the site check out the crew list. We have people signing up. If you need crew you will probably find some enthusiastic folks who want to sail. Again, check out our web site for **Windjammer Series** information on our races, the Dick Rose Program or any of our yacht club events. Susan Waters does a great job keeping everything up to date. [www.ttpyc.org](http://www.ttpyc.org)

Do you want to save some money? If you register for our annual race package before the start of the Windjammer Series you will get \$165.00 worth of racing for \$120.00. This includes the Windjammer Series, and the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter Series, plus the Commodores Trophy Race. Sounds like a pretty good deal.

## KICKOFF MID SOUND SUMMER SOCIAL MEETING

Pat Waters

*Vice Commodore*

Hi Folks,

I hope you had a GREAT Christmas and enjoy the new year! We are going to have our kickoff meeting for our 2009 Mid Sound Social on Thursday, Jan.8th, 6:15 PM at the marina office. The meeting agenda includes;

1. Lessons learned from 2008
2. Goals for 2009
3. Selection of charity(s)
4. Decision on Fishing Derby and/or power boat event
5. Sponsors
6. Social Events
7. Publicity



I also hope all you very experienced people from last year can attend and help us get this event off to a great start. As you can see, we will be making some major decisions regarding the event at this first meeting.

**PLEASE ATTEND, WE NEED YOU!**

## THE CRUISE CORNER

*Tish & Buzz Greenman*

The snows gone, the cars are washed and we've checked on the boat. January brings the boat show with new products and seminars on are favorite places to cruise to. The plan is to revisit some places and add a couple of new destinations to the cruise calendar.

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We all look forward to the *Crab Feed at Blake Island* graciously hosted again by Tim and Caroline McShane. Hopefully it will be warmer than last year. This is the year there is suppose to be power on the docks. You heard about the new marina in Bremerton, well here's your chance to check it out in April. May brings the *Memorial Day Cruise*, first night at Brownsville and then on to Poulsbo, with a visit to the Undersea Museum at Keyport. June brings us to the *Maritime Days* in Gig Harbor, which has always been a great weekend anchored out in the bay. Mid June it's the ever popular and traditional *Minto Mingle* at Dockton. Who will end up testing out their PFD? *Fourth of July*, for many of us will be a three day weekend. Plans for the cruise have not been finalized yet. It's down to Filucy Bay to rock our socks off at the *Longbranch Community Club Dance* for Labor Day weekend. The season ends with the infamous *Sleep and Creep* at Dockton.

All in all were looking forward to a great cruising year; the fun is in the numbers that show up, the more the merrier.

See you out on the water.

Signup sheets for the cruises will appear in the *Barnacle* the month before the cruise. Volunteers are always welcome to help make the cruises fun.

Buzz and Tish Greenman (253 859 4645)

## CALENDARS

The new schedule was edited for 2009. I will attach the last edition PDF files for the calendars: racing, cruising/social and combined schedules. For those receiving the *Barnacle* by mail, please visit our website to download your copy, [www.ttpyc.org](http://www.ttpyc.org).

By request I created a calendar for TTYPC 2009. I have ordered 15 to sell. Please contact me to request your copy. Once I run out or you want to order your own. Please go to my [Cafepress](http://Cafepress) online store to place your individual order. Images of the calendar can be viewed on the website, newsletter page.



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Janet & Steve Sisson

Remember one of the goals our new commodore set: bring in new members! Ask for our brochures to keep onboard your boat to hand out or go to our website's forms page and print out a couple of applications to have on hand. Now let's meet Don and Krisitie Brame. They joined us after participating in the 2008 Mid Sound Summer Social.

**M**any years ago after I got out of the military, I purchased a 16 ft ski & fishing boat. In year one, I used it most weeks for water skiing, fishing, etc. In year 2, it was used less and in year three, I sold it. I am not much for just motoring around I guess.

Even though I was land locked much of the time, I always loved sailboats (even just watching sailboats). Kristie and I met and got married in Houston, Texas in the late 70's. Shortly after, we purchased our first sailboat. It was a little Sunfish, but it was all we could afford at the time. We enjoyed it for about a year before I was transferred to Midland, Texas. There is much wind but no water in Midland, so we sold the Sunfish. Twenty plus years later we decided to try again and for a larger boat. At that time, we were living in Irving, Texas and had many large fresh water lakes nearby. I had looked at San Juan 24's in Houston, but was unable to afford it at the time. So when the first boat we looked at just happened to be a 1977 San Juan 24 sitting on a trailer in a back yard in Allen, Texas, we knew it was the boat for us. It was structurally sound, but needed some cosmetic work. We made an offer and they took it so we had a boat with no place to put it as we lived in a town house with no back yard.

We decided to put the San Juan at the Harbor Master Marina near my brother and sister-in-law who had just moved to Whitney, Texas about 100 miles south of Dallas on the Brazos River. The Marina was just starting a sailing club which had about 6 boats at the time. There were not great facilities there for launching keel boats, but they were a great group of people and we had lots of fun over the years. When we left Texas, the club had expanded from six boats to about thirty boats. We had races once a month through the spring and early fall with cookout after each race. One of our founding members owned the local liquor store in Hillsboro, Texas, so we always had plenty of refreshments.

Even though our boat was quite old when we purchased it, it did not have a name. We knew that my grandmother had been born in Whitney, TX in 1889, but only stayed long enough to be born. They then traveled by covered wagon and oxen another 250 miles west to Sweetwater, Texas (best known for its annual rattlesnake hunt) and settled there and she spent most of the rest of her life in that vicinity. I would guess that my Grandmother had never been in a boat of any kind her entire life. She did fly once on Southwest Airlines when she was very old. She thought that flying was OK, but was not sure she wanted to do it again, but I do not recall her ever wanting to go boating. Now you may have guessed that her name was Sarah and when we put the boat on Lake Whitney, it seemed only appropriately to name it *Sarah's Return*, in honor of her birthplace and adventurous spirit.

When we moved to Washington two and a half years ago, we rented a house in Federal Way. We would watch the Sound and wish we had the San Juan with us. Eventually, we relocated to Des Moines and my brother and sister-in-law brought the boat from Texas to Des Moines over their Spring Break.

Now that we are settling into our new lives here, we want to learn more about cruising the Sound. We look forward to learning from our fellow TTPYC members. We also hope to purchase a larger, more comfortable cruising boat in the future.

For now, we are grateful for the opportunity to meet new friends, learn about this beautiful area, and improve our sailing skills.

As an add on to this, we have just purchased a new (to us) boat named *Sir Rowdy*. It is a 30 ft Catalina and is currently at CSR being fitted for a new engine and some other things. Some may be familiar with the boat as it belonged to Joe Dusenbury (the Harbor Master at Des Moines). We are not sure what we are going to do with *Sarah's Return* at this time.

## BREEDERS THEATER @ E. B. FOOTE WINERY



Let's resume an old club tradition: On Friday January 23, let's meet at E.B. Foote Winery in Burien to taste some wines and view the latest musical by TM Sell, "**Prairie Heart**". Go to [breederstheater.com](http://breederstheater.com) for details and call the winery to arrange for ticket purchase (206-242-3852). The doors open at 6:30 pm. Dress warmly and arrive early for good seats.

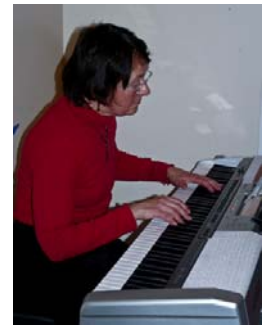


## GPS 101 MARCH 11, 2009 7:00 PM

Come to this introductory class to learn about how GPS works, and for insider information on selecting a unit. REI GPS experts will walk you through the essential functions of all GPS units, including some grounding in the technology behind GPS, basic navigation techniques, and a brief look at some of the fun ways to use your GPS unit when you are not 20 miles deep in the backcountry. For a hands-on experience, we encourage you to check out our regular GPS 201 classes. Location: REI Southcenter

- Contact: 206-248-1938 or 206-248-1938
- Cost: Free
- Registration Required? No.

Good Bye 2008 - Hello 2009



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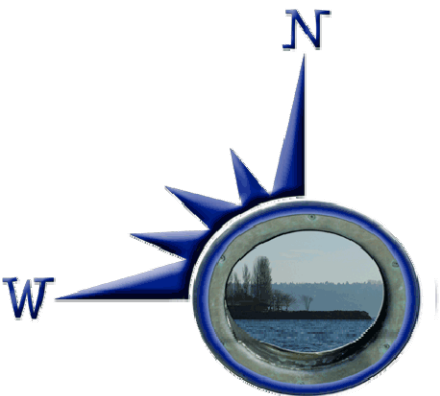
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