



The *BARNACLE*

Three Tree Point Yacht Club
MARCH 2009

Events Calendar

<i>March 2009</i>		
11		GPS 101 Class
19	▶	Race Fleet Meeting
20		Movie Night at the Waters'
21	▶	Islands Race (GHYC SSS 4)
26		Instructional CD-Sail Trim
27-28	☾	Blake Island Cruise and Crab Feed
<i>April 2009</i>		
2	▶	Spring Series Race 1
9	▶	Spring Series Race 2
16	▶	Spring Series Race 3
17-19	☾	Spring Cruise - Bremerton
25-26	▶	Spring Regatta Weekend
30	▶	Spring Series Race 4
<i>May 2009</i>		
7	▶	Spring Series Race 5
14	▶	Summer Series Race 1
22-25	☾	Memorial Day Weekend Cruise/BBQ-Brownsville Undersea Museum - Poulsbo
22-25	▶	Kitsap Cup Regatta Race
28	▶	Summer Series Race 2

THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Tom Spohn

Commodore

This morning as I looked out the window I saw wind-blown puffs of snow fly off the cherry tree and settle gently to the ground in the bright sunlight. It reminded me of how the same cherry tree will be releasing blossoms to the wind in just a few weeks. Yes, it is true; spring is only three weeks away. I for one am ready!

One of the things your Trustees have undertaken this year is to offer more education to the members. I hope you got to see Andy Schwenk give his rigging presentation. Pat Waters is airing the North Sails DVD's at his home—check our website for the next one in the series. GPS 101 training is next up on the 11th. Ok, now that we are rigged, armed with racing tips, and can use the GPS, how about some racing and cruising! The Islands Race is first up on the 21st followed by the Spring Series on April 2. Please give Tom Davis a call if you can help out with either race and especially if you are a cruiser and would like to enter the "cruiser" class. It will make you a better sailor even if you never aspire to race head to head with sailors like Pat Stewart.

Our traditional Blake Island Crab Feed will take place on March 27-28 this year. Please get your reservation in early so we can do a great planning job. As always there will be some tradition and something new for young and old. If you have some sailing friends that are not club members please invite them. If you are a racer why not race on over and join the festivities! The McShanes are planning to host the best crab feed yet.

In addition to providing a venue for boaters to socialize and have fun on the water our club offers ways to show our commitment to our community. This year the Mid Sound Summer Social has a goal to provide a record amount of food to the Food Bank and to contribute financially to Hospitality House. These are goals we can all support in these tough times. I urge all our members to get involved and make this year's Mid Sound Summer Social the best yet. Call Pat Waters to volunteer.

See you on the water,

Tom Spohn

SOCIAL CORNER

Peter Gelinis,
Chairman

Peter organized an informative General Membership Meeting, February 11 in which 34 of our members attended. Andy Schwenk, of Northwest Rigging, Inc. gave a presentation geared primarily to sailboat owners. It was very helpful for many of us to learn what to look for in regards to wear and tear of lifelines, roller furlings, and spreaders as well as everything in between. There is a slideshow on the [website](#) of his presentation.

TTPYC BARKLEY SOUND MOVIE NIGHT

We want to invite you to a truly magical evening at our home on Friday, March 20th, to watch a film of a past trip to Barkley Sound by TTPYC sailboats Beautiful Noise, Sanctuary, Sarabande and others. It will be narrated by Bill Haigh. It is an incredible documentary of the rugged, remote, pristine shores of Barkley Sound. If you have ever thought of cruising to the West Coast of Vancouver Island, this is the film to watch.

Please come and join us for a Friday evening. Sue will make a pot of soup and homemade bread. You bring a fruit or green salad or dessert. We will have dinner and a social hour before watching the video. Fun starts at 6 PM, video around 7:30 PM. Please RSVP to Sue Waters
We hope you will join us!!!

NORTH U MOVIE NIGHT

Next instructional movie night will be Thursday, March 26th. We will show one of the two CD's on Sail Trim, at the home of Pat & Sue Waters. Please Call for details, 253.529.2873

RACE FLEET CORNER

Tom Davis,
Race Fleet Captain

February has been another busy month for Race Fleet. February 21st was the final race of the Windjammer Series and we again had a beautiful race day with Cherokee winning the final race and the series overall. Pat and his crew just continue to do an excellent job out on the race course.

Racing was not the only thing that kept us busy. On February 2nd I was invited to attend a Tacoma Corinthian Yacht Club meeting at Johnny's at Fife. I was given the opportunity to promote our coming weekend events and I was very pleased with their response. Also while there, I was introduced to their Junior's Program Coordinator. Their junior's program is getting ready to start up this summer and they would be more than happy to have us come and take part. This is a wonderful opportunity and if you would like to get your kid involved, please give me a call.

On February 20th Pat Stewart and I attended a meeting put on by our local Coast Guard District and hosted by Rich Hazelton of 48 Degrees North. This was a very good opportunity to meet the people who we deal with each year when we apply for event permits. This also gives the Coast Guard an opportunity to let us know their responsibilities as our waters get busier with more and more commercial traffic.

We have one Race Fleet Event on the calendar this month and that is our Annual Race Fleet Meeting. It is scheduled for Friday, March 19th. I was out this afternoon looking for a suitable place to have it but was not able to come up with one that I thought would work. I'll have to let you know in the next week or so where it will be. It is important that we get together. We definitely have a number of important issues to resolve.

Daylight Savings Time starts March 8th so it is time to start thinking about Thursday night racing. Spring Series starts on April 2nd. Doesn't that sound great! Besides Thursday evening racing, we have the Spring Regatta scheduled for April 25th and 26th. We already have a commitment from the San Juan 21 fleet again this year and CYCT says they are interested too.

There are a lot of great sailing events coming up. Now, all we need is you.

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 evenings 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.

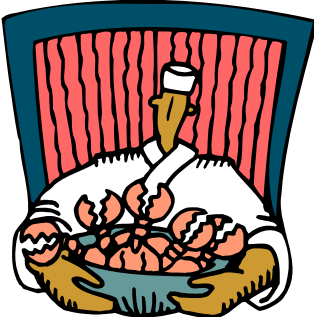
This year we will be fundraising for Hospitality House and the Des Moines Food Bank. The individual goal is to raise \$4,000 which will support two women through their three month program. The goal for the Des Moines Food Bank is to fill two vans with food.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 6:45 pm, at the Des Moines marina office. Please come and join us, we certainly can use your help!

THE CRUISE CORNER

Tish & Buzz Greenman
Co-Chair

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Blake Island Cruise and Crab Feed March 27-29

Tim & Caroline McShane, hosts

March is here, that means the annual CRABFEED is just around the corner. This year we should have more daylight, because the clocks spring forward on March 8th. With luck we will have sunshine, too.

Join the McShanes for a cruise to Blake Island on March 28th. The annual crab feed and potluck will have a Crab Jig and Crab Toss. Before competing, you will need to fill out the TTPYC "Crab License", WHICH must be visibly displayed before, during and after competition. Check in with the McShanes to get your licenses. The Jig and Toss are two separate events-dancin' shoes are not required. A word game will also be played. The TABLETOP theme this year is "What I like about Blake Island".

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 Johnny's Seafood. The prices, \$5.00 per half crab and \$5.00 event fee per adult. We ask you to complete the form on the WEB, and send the form and check to the McShanes by March 17th. 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.

Registration form found on [website](#)

TAX RELIEF AND BAILOUT CRUISE APRIL 17- 19

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 on April 17-19. Hosted by Ray and Debra Valpey of *Sloe Tango*, the games are sure to be fun, and we'll likely coordinate some events with new friends from Mukilteo and/or Quartermaster yacht clubs. Moorage is still winter rates (less than \$20 per night for 40ft or under). \$10 per boat to the Club will cover the reservation fee, prizes, and Sunday muffins.

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**. More details to follow in the April 1 issue of the Barnacle.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Janet & Steve Sisson

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's 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.

Des Moines Fire Department hold an Adult/Pediatric 1st Aid CPR class on the 1st Sat of each month, next one 2/7. Tom and I will be taking this one. There is NO cost to residents of Des Moines or Federal Way; however, they'll let an occasional person slip in. Donna at the station 253-946-7317 can schedule people. It's held at the training center on 14th and 312th Federal Way.

"Flotsam & Jetsam"

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

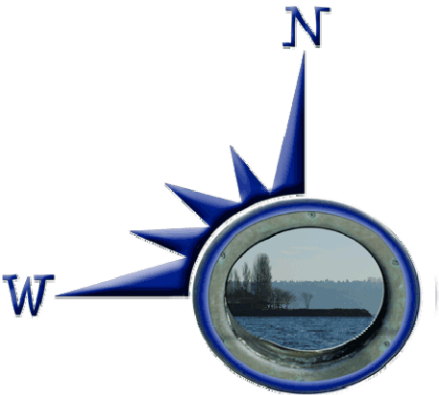
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Google Calendar. A calendar with our club's events is now active and available for you to view. Those organizing and planning appreciate you taking the time to respond as to whether or not you plan on attending when an invite is sent out. Thank you,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

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