



2009-CRUISE YACHT OF THE YEAR

**DEADLINE: October 2, 2009 Send To: TTPYC-Attn. Cruise Boat of Year
PO Box 98700/Des Moines, WA 98198**

The **THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB CRUISING BOAT OF THE YEAR** award is given annually to the yacht that has demonstrated exemplary participation in TTPYC cruising activities, has ranged far and wide to proudly display the TTPYC burgee on personal cruises, has displayed admirable seamanship, and has fostered TTPYC cruising fun and companionship. TTPYC has cruise data for club cruises, but needs information on personal cruises.

Please fill in your personal cruise data and submit it to the above mentioned so that all deserving yachts can be considered for **CRUISING YACHT OF THE YEAR**.

YACHT NAME: _____ OWNER: _____

CRUISE 1

Date From: _____ To: _____ Number Onboard: _____

Places Visited:

Distance (NM) Total Traveled: _____ Farthest from Home (in NM): _____

Weather, Special Sightings, and Happenings:

CRUISE 2

Date From: _____ To: _____ Number Onboard: _____

Places Visited:

Distance (NM) Total Traveled: _____ Farthest from Home (in NM): _____

Weather, Special Sightings, and Happenings:

CRUISE 3

Date From: _____ To: _____ Number Onboard: _____

Places Visited:

Distance (NM) Total Traveled: _____ Farthest from Home (in NM): _____

Weather, Special Sightings, and Happenings:



2009 "Sinking Feeling" DS Award Nomination

Note: All nominations will be confidential.

HOWEVER, all events must be substantially accurate and verifiable prior to award.

**DEADLINE: October 2, 2009 Send To: TTPYC-Attn. DS Nomination
PO Box 98700/Des Moines, WA 98198**

The THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB annually presents an award to one of its Members honoring some Notorious Effort directed toward reducing the Boat Gnome Pool in the Puget Sound area, or for some outstandingly notorious example of "dis-ingenuous" seamanship or other noteworthy (?) act, usually while participating in a TTPYC Event. Please fill in relevant data for the Offending event(s) leading to "that Sinking Feeling" and submit the form to the above address so that all deserving members and/or yachts can be considered for this notorious deserving award.

YACHT NAME: _____ OWNER: _____

Event 1 (watch out!!)

Date From: _____ To: _____ Number Onboard: _____

Location: _____ Description: _____

Weather, Special Sightings, and Happenings:

Event 2 (disaster coming)

Date From: _____ To: _____ Number Onboard: _____

Location: _____ Description: _____

Weather, Special Sightings, and Happenings:

Event 3 (horrors and banishment)

Date From: _____ To: _____ Number Onboard: _____

Location: _____ Description: _____

Weather, Special Sightings, and Happenings:



Come Join Us at the
Three Tree Point Yacht Club's

HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Saturday, October 31
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**At Dean and Shelley Conti's Barn
22301 147th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98042**

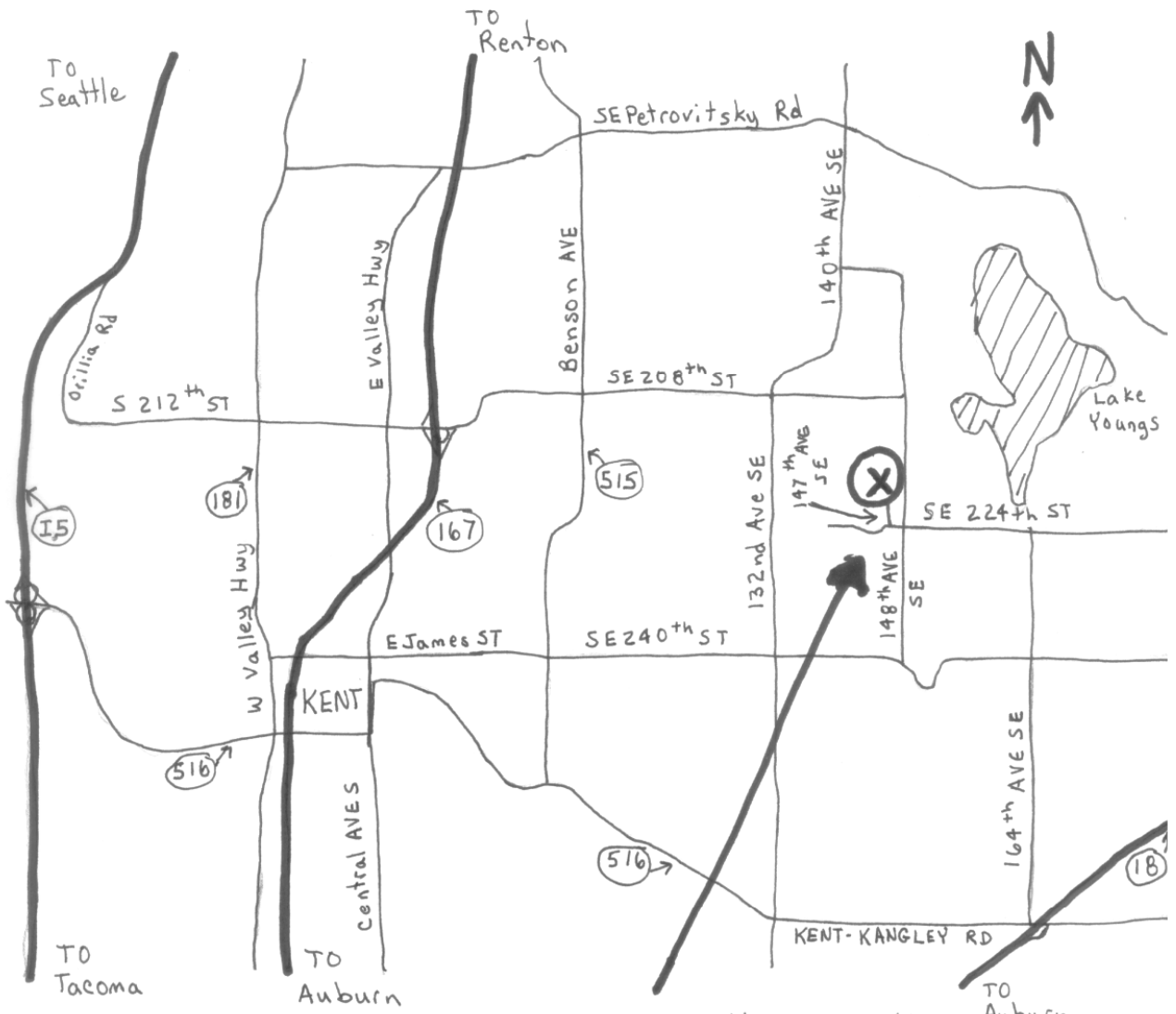
- Horseback Rides
- Spooky Maze
- Ghost Stories
- Pumpkin Carving - pumpkins provided,
bring your favorite carving tools



**Bring a desert or salad
for pot-luck dinner at around 6:00 PM.**

Chili and "Hallo-weenies" will be provided.

**Please RSVP by October 26th to:
Shelley Conti: home (253) 630-7007 or
cell (253) 569-4044**



Dean & Shelley Conti
 22301 147th Ave SE
 Kent, WA 98042
 253-630-7007



Three Tree Point Yacht Club




Filucy Bay-Longbranch Cruise September 4-7, 2009 Labor Day Weekend

It's off to Filucy Bay for the Longbranch Community Club dance. The dance is on Saturday night.
Performing: "The Blues Brothers Band".
They play rock and roll and blues.

The cost is \$12 per person.



A  will pick us up at the dock and return us to the marina whenever you want to leave the dance. It's a great community dance where everyone has a good time.

Last year we all were able to tie up to the dock and have a nice pot luck before the dance. Some people brought their bikes and went for a nice ride and others had their kayaks.

Sunday is still open. We may go to Penrose again. We are open to suggestions.

Please RSVP so we know how many boats are coming. Tish 253.859.4645
buzzandtish@comcast.net.



The *Barnacle*

Three Tree Point Yacht Club
SEPTEMBER, 2009

<i>September 2009</i>		
4-7	☾	Labor Day Longbranch Cruise & Dance
8	✉	Fall General Membership Meeting
10	▶	Fall Series Race 1
12	▶	Fall Series Race 2 & 3
18	☾	Sleep-N-Creep Cruise Dockton
26	▶	Commodore's Trophy Race
<i>October 2009</i>		
3	▶	Fall Series 3,4 & 5
17	✉	Change of Watch, Fairwood Golf & Country Club
24	▶	Winter Series Race 1 & 2
31	✉	Halloween Party home of Dean & Shelley Conti 4-8 PM

THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Tom Spohn
Commodore



With the return of more, er, normal temperatures it is tempting to think that Sailing Season is nearly over. Yes, I confess, I even took a quick look at my skis to see if they needed sharpening! But wait--this is the Northwest. We can sail year-round on our Sound. For example the Labor Day cruise to Filucy Bay takes place on September 4-7, Followed by the Sleep and Creep on September 18-20. Racers can join in on the Fall Series Races starting on the 10th.

And don't forget the Annual Meeting at the New Burien Library on September 8. Info on how to sign up is on our website.

When we started this watch, there was some concern by the Trustees that the economic downturn would severely cut into our activities, reduce membership, and cause dues to go up. I am very pleased that we kept all our activities and added some new ones, increased our membership, held dues level and will finish the year with a balanced budget. I am very proud of the hard work the Officers and Trustees put in this year to make this happen. Remember they are not serving our community for the money--they are doing it out of a commitment to keep our club "having more fun for less". (Thanks to Rose Edmiston for the quote.) The next time you see an Officer or a Trustee, please take a minute to thank them for their service. And while you are in the mood--how about considering running for a position yourself or volunteering for a non-elected position. With racing, cruising, social to choose from there is something for everyone to do.

It is almost time for our annual election. This means that you will be getting a ballot in the mail to mark your choices, along with a membership form to sign up for next year. I am requesting, please, please read the instructions carefully--in past years we have had to discard ballots that were not filled in properly. Also look through the roster. You will notice a few mistakes. The membership form you receive will be the place to make those corrections. "Same as last year" doesn't work if last year was in error.

See you on the water,
Tom Spohn

SOCIAL CORNER

Peter Gelinas,
Chairman

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMEMBERSHIP MEETING September 8, 2009

5:30 till 6:45PM Meet at Elliott Bay Brewery and Pub, 255 SW 152nd Ave., in Burien for optional dinner and conversation prior to the meeting, Restaurant is family friendly. Call if you need directions. (206-246-4211)

7:00 till 9:00 PM Walk across street to new Burien Library at 400 SW 152nd St. in Burien for our business meeting. Park on the street or under the library. Call if you need directions. (206-243-3490)

MID SOUND SUMMER SOCIAL

Pat Waters

Vice Commodore

I am sitting on Liberté in Smuggler's Cove after an exhilarating day sailing across the Straits of Georgia yesterday. My thoughts, however, are on how well I feel regarding the success of the Mid Sound Social. While I don't know the final number, I understand we raised over \$5,000 for Hospitality House and, in addition, donated somewhere around 1,000 pounds of food for the local Food Bank! Thanks to all of you and your generosity, some very needy people in our local community are going to get the help they deserve.

I want to specially thank all of you that volunteered to help as hosts, committee members, race committee, and a variety of other jobs. Without you, it couldn't be done! Finally a special thanks to Ray Valpey, Jamie and Larry Wheir and Bill Walton who stepped in, along with others to make the last Thursday evening event a success after it was postponed a week. Great job folks!!

Thanks!

Pat Waters

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Dean and Shelley Conti are going to host our Halloween party this year. It will be on Saturday, October 31st from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM in our barn. Eeyore will give horseback rides to anyone who wants one. We have lots of pumpkins in our garden for pumpkin carving, or if you would rather, we will have pictures that you can color. We will have a dark and spooky maze to wander through. It will be a potluck of which we will have chili and "Halloweenies", so bring a desert or salad to go with it. So dress up in your favorite costume, bring your kids and your neighbor's kids and come have a bunch of fun!

Please let me know if you can make it. Call Shelley at (home) 253-630-7007 or (cell) 253-569-4044.

I would love help, if you are able. This is a list of jobs that I would like help with.

On Friday Afternoon Oct 30th, I need someone to pick up 4 tables from locker, and then people to help set up the maze and move hay.

On Saturday Noon Oct 31th, before the party, I need help putting the finishing touches on maze and set up tables.

On Saturday Oct 31th, at the party, I need people to oversee pumpkin carving, read ghost stories and about 3 people to bring Chili for 12 people.

On Sunday Afternoon Nov 1st, I need help with clean up, take down the maze, put the hay back and someone to take the tables back to locker.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the general membership meeting on the September 8th, or you can call me at the above numbers. Hope to see you there! Flyer available on website.

RACE FLEET CORNER

Tom Davis,

Race Fleet Captain

COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE

Please accept my personal invitation to join us for Three Tree Point Yacht Club's annual **Commodore's Trophy Race and Clam Bake** on **September 26th** at the Des Moines Marina. This race is open to all sail boats who meet Coast Guard Safety Requirements. There will PHRF classes, One Design classes and Cruising classes available so there will be a race for everyone! Off the cuff handicaps will be issued to non PHRF members. The



course is triangular in shape to test reaching, running and windward skills. Racers and crew are especially invited to join the fun after the race for a Clambake and to swap stories. This is one of our most enjoyable races of the year and I hope you can join us. Please sign up by going to our web site at www.ttpyc.org.

FALL RACE SERIES

Wow, it's been a great summer! I hope you have been enjoying it. I have. I've enjoyed sailing on Wednesday evenings in Tacoma with the *Windseekers* and Thursday in The Mid-Sound Summer Social. The Social was a great event and a great success. It is really wonderful seeing so many boats out with the "cruisers" greatly outnumbering the "racers". I think it would be great to keep the trend going and we certainly can with our Fall Series starting on Thursday, September 10th. The Fall Series is the same fun with a little more competitive style. By that I mean that each boat would have a handicap and you won't be able to use your engine. It is a great way to keep using your boat while the weather is still good and hone your sailing skills. I would like to make a comment on what I observed this year at the Social and that is that most everyone was doing really well getting their boats to the starting line and the boat handling was quite good. A real improvement over the first year of the Social.



The schedule for the Fall Series is Thursday evening, September 10th, Saturday September 12th and Saturday, October 3rd. There will be a barbecue and trophy presentation after the last race of the series. You can find a registration form on our web site. www.ttpyc.org. If you are thinking of entering and don't know how to get started email me at tdavisconst@hotmail.com or give me a call at 206.999. 5115.

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THE CRUISE CORNER

Tish & Buzz Greenman
Co-Chair

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Mark your calendar for the last planned cruise of the season "**Sleep and Creep**" at **Dockton**. Saturday afternoon games on the upper grass area. Evening potluck on the dock. Sunday morning the guys will gather to make breakfast for everyone. Please RSVP so we know how much food and other goodies to buy.

RSVP to buzzandtish@comcast.net or call- 253 859 4645

Blog for our cruisers: cruisingwithttpyc. This is a great way to communicate on a variety of topics related to cruising. Be it planning your next short overnight cruise or an extended one. For those wanting inspiration for simple yet nutritious meal, this can be a good place to share with your fellow club members. A section for boat maintenance will be included and hopefully expanded upon. Login:"cruising.ttpyc" Password:"cruise4fun"

THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Janet and Steve Sisson

Co-Chairs

The Hubbards' recently joined our club and since then have started showing up at club sponsored events. Perhaps you saw *Tiburón* racing in the Mid Sound series. Their story is worth your time to read. Enjoy.

Janet Sisson, Membership

Kersten starting boating with her family growing up in Missouri. Her family had a houseboat on the Mississippi River near St. Louis. Tom started sailing in his junior year in high school. A good friend raced a 16' Demon sailboat Sundays during the summer with his father. Someone in their fleet needed a crew member, and they invited Tom to join in the fun. After several years of crewing on Demons, 470's, and Tornado's, Tom moved on to Lasers where he ranked 16th in the state of Missouri one year. Kersten has been boating for over 40 years. Tom has only 25 years under his belt.

Kersten and Tom then moved to Cleveland. Tom went to the local boat show, found the only sail maker at the show and asked how he could get into sailing on Lake Erie. He found a memorable 5-year long crew job as a bowman on a Ranger 29 for the sail maker's father. Learning to be a bowman wasn't easy for him. It was hard being yelled at in Hungarian (if only they yelled at him in English like the rest of you skippers do!) The only other two people on the boat were orphaned WWII Hungarian refugees who came to the States during the war. Tom helped win many races on that Ranger 29.

Ryan (age 9) got into boating because his parents told him he had to.

Kersten's boating history includes the Mississippi River, Lake Erie and the Puget Sound. Tom's boating History includes Lake Jacomo near Kansas City, other lakes in Kansas and Missouri, Lake Erie and Puget Sound. Ryan has only sailed in Puget Sound & Lake Union.

As a family we have owned two boats; Matagi -a 1980 Catalina 30 and Tiburón - a 2008 Hunter 36. As a graphic designer, Tom has to have everything looking "graphically correct". He fell in love with the 1992 America's Cup Campaign's "Young Americas" logo of a wireframe shark and wanted to use it someday on a boat of his own. Tom didn't want to call the boat "Shark" so he named it Tiburón - the Spanish word for shark. We joined TTPYC to meet new people and have a reason to take the new boat out more often.

The farthest we have traveled in the new boat is to Port Ludlow this summer. We enjoy the boat with short weekend trips to Blake Island, Quartermaster Harbor and racing in the Mid-Sound Social. Anywhere by boat is a great place to travel to.

We need as many tips as you can give us! As a former bowman, Tom knows how to trim a Jib but needs a lot of help with the Main! Are there any good teachers for the captain and his crew of Tiburón out there? Next on the horizon: The San Juan's! We would love to travel with another boat or group of boats next summer. Any takers?

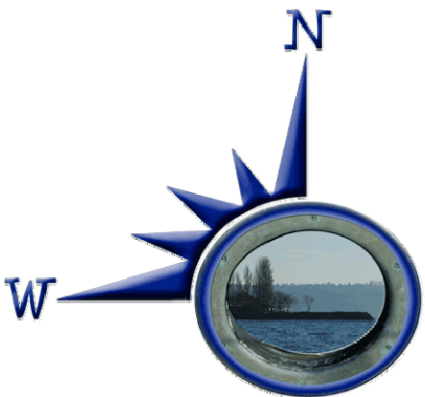
Kersten is a compulsive knitter! We always travel by boat with our two Jack Russell's, *Indie* and *Cookie*. Watching Ryan swim in meets and spending money on the new boat are other ways we keep busy.

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