



# The BARNACLE

APRIL 2010

Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

TTPYC is 40 Years Strong

**April 2010**

1		Spring Series Race 1
8		Spring Series Race 2
13		General Membership Dinner Social & Meeting- Mandarin Kitchen
15		Spring Series Race 3
17 - 18		Tax Relief Cruise to <u>Bell Harbor, Seattle</u>
24 - 25		Spring Regatta Weekend Tall Ships in Tacoma
29		Spring Series Race 4
<b>May 2010</b>		
6		Spring Series Race 5
11		General Membership Dinner Social & Meeting-
14 - 16		Seattle NOOD
20		Summer Series Race 1
29 - 31		Memorial Day Cruise- <u>Bremerton Marina</u>

## THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

**Pat Waters**

*Commodore*

Hi fellow members,  
Do you feel it? There is a definite feeling of new excitement and interest in our club! Our monthly dinner meetings (thanks Ray and Debra!) are vibrant and overflowing with club members. Some are members that we haven't seen at social events in years. The March meeting featuring Matt Pina, our new Des Moines City Councilman was a lively exchange between Matt and our members regarding the city plans for the future of the marina. Matt has already followed up with an email and a letter from Joe Dusenbury, our marina manager, answering some of our questions regarding future plans. The April meeting will feature our very own Guy Harper and his new book on Three Tree Point. That should be interesting!



This last weekend Sue and I attended the famous Blake Island Cruise and Crab feed. Wow! Must have been at least 15 yacht club boats there! Thanks to Tim and Caroline, the fun and games, as well as the crab feed were excellent. In April we have the Tax Relief Cruise to Bell Harbor Marina. I believe all the available moorage is already spoken for!

Our race program has been well attended with more boats out for each event, thanks to Tom Davis and his tenacious quest to get more participants. The annual Race Fleet meeting was very well attended with over 15 people! Next up is the Spring Series starting this Thursday evening. I hope to see a lot of boats entered in the cruising class as well as PHRF. What a great way to spend an evening!

Our various committees are surging forward with plans for the future. Our youth sailing program committee, led by Shelley Conti, is out looking for small boats to purchase. The Bylaws committee under Debra Valpey is developing a proposal for changes that will bring our yacht club into the future. The New Facilities program, headed by Dave Klein, is developing a plan to move forward in conjunction with the marina future plans. Our membership committee (thanks to Don and Kristie Brame) is moving forward with plans for a booth at the upcoming Clean Green Boat Festival in Tacoma, at our Mid Sound Social and next year at the Seattle Boat Show.

That should bring in some new members! Finally Tom Hubbard is kicking off the first meeting of our Roster committee soon. This will modernize our costly, antiquated roster creation process which occurs each year, saving time and cost as well as improving accuracy.

Dave Garman is moving forward with plans for our fifth annual Mid Sound Summer Social this summer. He has the major sponsors identified, has pledges from some of the prize givers and is working with the Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron to develop a power boat event. This is to raise funds for Hospitality House as well as food for the

local food bank. What great causes! Speaking of Hospitality House, you donated rides on nine boats for the Boats for Bed event, which raised over \$18,000! Incredible! Thanks to Jeanne Walker for organizing and heading this event!

Finally, I want to urge you to go to our yacht club website ([www.TTPYC.org](http://www.TTPYC.org)) frequently and review the constantly updated Google calendar, race, cruise and social events. My amazing wife spends a great amount of time keeping this site up to date and entertaining. You will find the links to our donors a great way to contact them. Just click on their logo and it will take you to their website. If you contact them directly, please be sure to thank them for their donations to our Mid Sound Summer Social.

Have fun!  
Pat Waters  
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### **SOCIAL CORNER**

DEBRA & RAY VALPEY  
*Co-Chair*

### **April Dinner Meeting**

Back to the **Mandarin Kitchen** again. **Tuesday, April 13, 2010.** 6 PM dinner, 7 PM program. TTPYC's founding member **Guy Harper** will give a talk on the history of Three Tree Point and related marine tales while touting his new book on the same topic. A surprise raffle item will be offered.

### **"BOATS FOR BEDS" PLANNED FOR JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>!**

A special "*Thank you*" to all members who have generously donated your boat and time to Hospitality House. The "Boats for Bed Auction and Dinner" was March 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a warm, inspiring and successful night. Our Boats for Beds silent auction was a sell-out. Laura Curry premiered the short film she made about the House, with the voices of residents, volunteers, and community representatives. Richard LeMieux, author of *Breakfast at Sally's*, spoke movingly to the guests and Tina Bennett sang "*A Place Called Home*", a song she wrote about one of the chapters in the book. We had a surprise guest, Rev Charlie Kothe, who was the minister at Lake Burien Presbyterian, 10 years ago when the House first opened. And at the end of the night, guests and supporters contributed \$18,000+ to support Hospitality House.

### **CRUISE CORNER**

GEORGE & DAPHNE THOMPSON  
*Co-Chairs*



### **TTPYC TAX RELIEF CRUISE**

**Where:** Bell Harbor Marina **When:** April 16-18 (right after tax day)

**What to look forward to:** If you haven't signed up for the cruise, you can still come by land (car, bike, foot, whatever). (The 7 slips are taken, sorry.) Another idea: moor in Eagle Harbor and ferry over! If you come by any of these routes, you can join us for the Saturday scavenger hunt and potluck for only \$5 per "boat" – err, car/family (half the price for a "real" boat). Maybe you can arrange to bunk in someone's V-berth (Sloe Tango, Too Fat to Fly, Brigadoon, Hobbes, Andromeda, Liberté, and Tracer). Call Valpeys for details if needed

-your hosts, Ray & Debra Valpey

Save yet another date: Where-The new Bremerton Marina. When -**May 29 - 30 (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)**. -

What to look forward to- Good food, crafts, and art as Kitsap County celebrates its second annual "Harbor Festival" with the Three Tree Point Yacht Club, and others. Entertainment, food, booths, exhibits and tours promise an exciting holiday weekend cruise hosted by George and Daphne to a terrific new state-of-the-art marina.

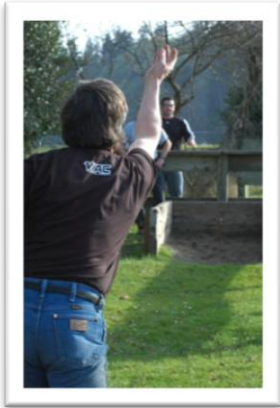




Now that June is just two months away, it is not too soon to think about the "**MARITIME DAYS AT GIG HARBOR**" cruise hosted by Paul and Carol Jones (*Brigadoon*) on June 5-6.

**BLAKE ISLAND CRUISE** Cruisers made their way to Blake on Friday, enjoying a southerly wind. Once there, mini-hikes were in order to take advantage of the fair weather. Tasty appetizers were shared on *Brigadoon*.

We awoke to birds chirping, and a beautiful sunrise, ready for a full day. Cruisers were invited to join Paul and Carol on *Brigadoon* for chili at noon. Their team, Paul, Carol, Pam and Phil chopped, browned, and simmered 20 quarts of chili for all to enjoy. Yum!



After lunch, cruisers gathered for the games: Concentration Madness-a test of space and memory, Hula-hoop-remember this? and Make Words-using scrabble letters and vowels. Concentration was competitive, with winners of their brackets advancing through to the final. Courtney and Amy competed for first place, with Courtney winning. We had two hula hoops for the next game, there was a definite advantage with the purple hoop, and so all competed with the purple hoop. The object was to have the longest time keeping the hoop going around and off the ground. First places in the youth category were Emma with 2 minutes 20 seconds, Paul -3 loops around, Adult category-Debra with 2 minutes 50 seconds, and Senior category (72+)-Stu with 7 seconds. In Make Words, cruisers were given 10 letters-VTLTFNPLXH and all vowels, and asked to list as many words as possible in 6 minutes. Winners were Jeff with 23 words, and a very close second Joan with 22 words.

We had 16 boats attending *Andromeda*, *Beluka*, *Blue Moon*, *Brigadoon*, *Cheryl Christina*, *Chinook* and crew, the new *Hobbes*, *Les Chevaux Blancs* and crew, *Knot B4 Noon*, *Liberte*, *Prime Meridian*, *Rhumb Runner*, *Sloe Tango*, *Silver Breeze* and crew, *Sweet Surrender*, and *Too Fat to Fly*. Junior sailors included Sarah, & Eileen on *Chinook*, Paul and Lily on *Blue Moon*, Jessica & Courtney on *Silver Breeze* and Emma on *Sweet Surrender*.

Doggie boaters aboard-*Sloe Tango* had Chloe, *Cheryl Christina* had Prince, *Andromeda* had Tunie 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 for future cruises; check out the calendar at [ttpyc.org](http://ttpyc.org)

If you have pictures of the cruise, please share them with Sue Waters and Rose Edmiston, webmaster/Barnacle Editor and historian, respectively.

Caroline & Tim McShane

#### **RACE FLEET CORNER**

TOM DAVIS

*Race Fleet Captain*

SHELLIE CONTI

*Assistant Race Fleet Captain*

My goodness, its spring! You know what that means. Thursday evening sailing from now, pretty much 'til September. I hope you're excited. I always look forward to that weekday chance to get out on the water. Before we look at our race schedule for the month, I would like to recap some of our Race Fleet activities during the month of March.

The ground tackle for "A" mark gave way late last year after seven years of service. We retrieved it, cleaned it and Pat Stewart prepared it for re-launch. On the first weekend of March we had the weather opportunity to reset the mark. With the construction issues happening in the north end of the marina it was a bit more of a challenge than normal but fortunately, with the help of the marina by letting us use their harbor boat and work barge, and with the help of CSR Marine we were able to get the mark and anchor system loaded and out on the water. I would like to thank Pat Stewart, Eli Tollin and Chris Davis for all their help. I hope that "A" mark will now stay put for another seven years.



On March 18<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Race Fleet Meeting. It was a dinner meeting held at Des Moines Creek Restaurant. I was very pleased to have seventeen people come for dinner, an informal meeting and a trophy presentation to award trophies to club boats who placed in the 2010 Duwamish Head Race. We also awarded trophies for the Windjammer Trophy Series which included the Blake Island Race and the Manzanita Buoy Race. Last year there were a few trophies that were not picked up when they were awarded so it seemed only fitting that we could award them at this presentation. The finale of the trophy presentation was the awarding of the **2009 Racing Sailboat of the Year Pat Stewart.**

Other winners were:

Mark Rider	1st Class D 3rd Class A	Duwamish Head Manzanita Buoy
Pat Waters	2nd Class D 1st Class A 1st Class A 1st Class A	Duwamish Head Blake Island Manzanita Buoy Windjammer Series
Pat Stewart	2nd Class F 2nd Class A 2nd Class A 2nd Class A 2nd Class A	Duwamish Head Blake Island Manzanita Buoy Windjammer Series 2009 Commodore's Trophy
Rick Redfield	3rd Class FS 2nd Class Cruise 2nd Class Cruise	Duwamish Head Manzanita Buoy Windjammer Series
Gordon Kells-Murphy	3rd Class A 3rd Class A 2nd Class G	Blake Island Windjammer Series Toliva Shoal
Laura and Bob Crews	1st Class Cruise 1st Class Cruise	Manzanita Buoy Windjammer Series
Jeff and Emma Hart	1st Class Cruise	2009 Commodore's Trophy
Greg and Vanessa Zaputil	1st	2009 Couples Race

Congratulations to all of you! Remember that trophies will be award during the year after each series, the Double Handed Race, Commodore's Trophy and the Spring Regatta. I would like to point out that all the perpetual trophies in our trophy case at Anthony's have been updated. There are some beautiful trophies in that case and a lot of history. Check out our race book for a list of all our 2009 winners. They can also be found on our web site in the Race section under Race Book.

I think that I have used up my allotted space so I'll see you Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> and the following four Thursdays for the Spring Series and please mark down April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in you calendar for the 2010 Spring Regatta. For more information and constant updates please check our web site at [www.ttpyc.org](http://www.ttpyc.org).

Tom Davis

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Membership

KRISTIE AND DON BRAME

*Co-Chairs*

The main thing that we have to report from the membership committee is that we will have a table and will be passing out TTPYC materials at the "Clean Green Boating Festival" at the Foss Waterway Seaport in Tacoma on May 22. Kristie and I will be manning the table, but anyone who wants to come by will be welcome. We now have an adequate supply of the new Three Tree Point Yacht Club brochures (cards) and would hope that all of our members would take a few to give to potential new members that they may come into contact with.

### Roster Update

TOM HUBBARD

*Chair*

The TTPYC Streamlining the Roster Committee will be meeting for the first time in April (date to be determined.) Our membership roster is a valuable tool for all our members to keep in-touch with each other, while at home or on the water. The committee will be looking into improving the roster books and welcomes any suggestions. Please email the committee chair, Tom Hubbard at <mailto:thubbard84@msn.com>.

## EDUCATION CORNER

### **Mountaineers Basic Crewing Course**

I would like to bring to everyone's attention the fact that the Tacoma Mountaineers offers a basic sailing class each spring. This is a wonderful opportunity if you have friends that have come out and sailed with you who are new to sailing and have shown interest to learn more. Maybe someone in your own family would like to brush up on their skills.

This year Three Tree Point members Bob and Laura Crews Co-Chair the class and Three Tree Point members Jerry Stephenson, Tom Davis and past member Stew Renn are doing classroom instruction.

Thanks

Tom Davis

**Sailing Committee Co-Chairs:** Robert and Laura Crews 253-677-6949, [lacrews06@msn.com](mailto:lacrews06@msn.com) (please write Mountaineers-Sailing in subject line).  
Skippers: Cpt. Jerry Stephenson, 253-381-7859, [USMC\\_js@msn.com](mailto:USMC_js@msn.com), Ron Broekemeier, Tom Davis, Stew Renn and Frank Thorpe



## 2010 BASIC CREWING COURSE

The days are getting longer and the May 1 "official" start of boating season is just around the corner. If you have wanted to learn about sailing now is the time; the spring 2010 Tacoma Mountaineers Basic Crewing (Sailing) course will teach you to:

- Rig a sloop-rigged sailboat
- Assist in departing from and arriving at a dock under power
- Have a basic understanding of sail trim and sailboat maneuvering
- Understand basic personal gear requirements and safety practices for sailing under conditions which may be encountered during Mountaineers sails
- Have a basic understanding of charts and navigation aids
- Be able to function as a crew member during a sail

### Course Graduation Requirements:

- Attendance at all three classroom sessions; Monday April 5, 12 and 19 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Tacoma Mountaineers Clubhouse
- Attendance at one On-the Dock/ First Training Sail session April 10 or 11
- Attendance at a Second Training Sail, April 17 or 18
- Attendance at two experienced sails-dates to be determined after course starts.

Mountaineers membership is encouraged, but not required. Course fee is \$95.00.

Sign-up online at [www.mountaineers.org](http://www.mountaineers.org).

## READING CORNER

Thanks Buzz and Tish for passing this along!

### *THE TRUTH ABOUT COLD WATER*

1. Cold shock response--you can't breathe
2. Cold incapacitation--you can't swim
3. Hypothermia--you can live longer than you think you can, if you are wearing flotation
4. Post-rescue collapse--you can still die from arrhythmia, keep the rescued person down no matter how warm they feel

Notes from Tugnuts Blog: Here are some of our findings: Man Over Board loses ability to aid in rescue at about 20 minutes. Largest group that died were attached to the rescue boat. No boat in the reports had the capacity to lift MOB out of the water. Wet clothes and personal flotation device add over 100 pounds to MOB. All deaths occurred to people who were in excellent physical condition and known to be good swimmers. Everyone should know what to do with someone suffering from hypothermia because the next group died on the boat after being rescued. The article explains this well.

Click here: [The Truth About Cold Water](#)

## FYI 2010 2nd Annual "Clean, Green Boating Festival" Saturday, May 22, 2010 Foss Waterway Seaport Tacoma's waterfront maritime education and event center for speakers, exhibitors, and boats on display

We cordially invite you and your organization to participate in the Festival in several ways:

- Showcase your services with a table/booth at the Festival
- Give a presentation about your clean/safe boating practice or product
- Display your vessel's "clean energy solutions" for dockside tours
- Send this invitation to all those who use and take pride in our region's waterways
- Sponsor (and invite your company or group to sponsor) the new "Clean, Green Boating Scholarship" with a contribution at any level and let us promote your group at the Festival!

The 2nd Annual "Clean, Green Boating Festival" will offer:

- Free "citizen science" boat tours on Commencement Bay
- Boating regulations and workshops on "green" boating practices and products

- Storm water and environmental education displays
- Family hands-on activities to engage all ages in caring for our waterways

### **“Clean, Green Boating Scholarship”**

New in 2010! Announcing – the “Clean, Green Boating Scholarship” Essay Contest for all Tacoma high school students! The winning essay will help a local high school group experience a 3-day, 2-night marine science expedition on Puget Sound. The scholarship is designed to deepen respect for Puget Sound’s delicate marine ecosystem and inspire leadership in addressing threats to our waterways. Support this new youth scholarship and your name (or your organization’s name) will go down in history as part of our “Clean, Green Boating Scholarship” Award Banner! See details at <http://www.healthybay.org>.

RSVP – Registration Please register early – by Friday, April 2 – to present or display products, services or boats at the Festival! Download registration forms at [www.healthybay.org](http://www.healthybay.org), or complete and submit the attached form by surface mail, email or fax. Please make checks payable to Citizens for a Healthy Bay, a 501(c)(3) organization. Mail completed registration form and payment to: “Clean, Green Boating Festival” send to: Citizens for a Healthy Bay/917 Pacific Avenue, Suite 100/Tacoma, WA 98402

Other ways to register: Email your completed registration form to [chb@healthybay.org](mailto:chb@healthybay.org) or fax it to (253) 383-2446. Pay your registration fee online at [www.healthybay.org](http://www.healthybay.org) with PayPal; or call Citizens for a Healthy Bay at (253) 383-2429 to pay with your Visa; or mail your check to the above address.

Please let us know of your interest and questions. Let’s partner and help create a great Festival! Yours sincerely  
Vickie Marriott

See details at <http://www.healthybay.org> or <http://www.tacomaliveboards.org>

### **IN AND AROUND YOUR COMMUNITY**

#### **Start Your Engines or Raise Your Sail and Boat for A Cure!**

*Join others in the Seattle boating community on **June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010** to help fight blood cancers.  
One Day, Two Events, One Great Cause*

#### **AquaQuest: Get A Clue and Make A Difference**

Fire up your engines! Join other power boaters on June 12, 2010 for the first-ever AquaQuest, a fun-filled scavenger hunt on Lake Union. Held in conjunction with the Leukemia Cup Regatta on Elliott Bay, AquaQuest is a fundraiser to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

All you need is a boat, inquisitive friends and a sense of adventure.

Teams will compete against each other to decipher clues (“What does Barbie say when she has a flat tire?”) complete the challenge and raise funds, then join Regatta competitors to wrap up the day with a party and auction.

For more information or to register: [www.aquaquestwa.org](http://www.aquaquestwa.org)

#### **Leukemia Cup Regatta: Sail For A Cure**

Now in its 16th year, the Leukemia Cup Regatta combines the joy of sailing with the important task of raising money to fight blood cancers. Every 10 minutes someone in the United States dies from blood cancer. So unfurl your sails and lend your support by sailing in the Regatta on Elliott Bay on Saturday June 12, 2010.

The Regatta is the first race in the Downtown Sailing Series which runs throughout the summer. Skippers register their boats and recruit their friends and colleagues to help crew and to raise funds. The course starts in front of the Elliott Bay Marina Breakwater to a mark at the Grain Elevators Pier 86, then to a mark off the Seattle Aquarium at Pier 59, then to a mark off the west end of the Elliott Bay Marina.

For more information or to register: [www.leukemicup.org/wa/2010](http://www.leukemicup.org/wa/2010)

#### **The Fun Continues Under The Sea: Party and Auction**

After playing all day out on the water, spend the evening partying “Under the Sea” at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel with participants from both events. Bring friends that couldn’t be on the water, too – all are welcome to support our goal of raising funds to fight leukemia & lymphoma! There will be food, drinks and live music. Come bid on boating, wine and travel auction items, to name a few.

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY DINNER – PUGET SOUND SKILLS CENTER CLASS ACT RESTAURANT

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Friends and Family Dinner on April 27th. All profits from this dinner will go toward scholarships for this year's culinary students.

With the current state budget cuts many of the traditional scholarships for students have been eliminated, and it is our hope to provide at least \$3,000 for students pursuing their culinary dream after high school.

Events like these not only raise money for our future chefs and managers in the hospitality industry, but also showcase what they have been learning up to this point.

You may purchase the tickets from students in the dining room on your next visit between now and April 24th. Thank you for your continued support. Visit their [website](#) to learn about the program and dinner.  
E-mail Contact: Kevin Blaylokl - [blaylokl@hsc401.org](mailto:blaylokl@hsc401.org)

## Tacoma Schooner Rendezvous, April 24-25 10 AM-6 PM

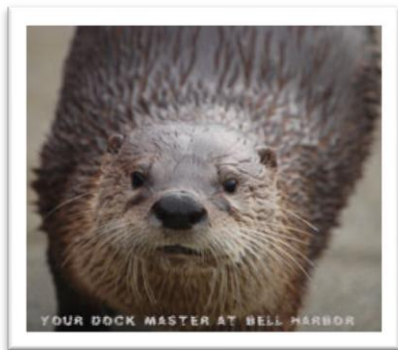
Meet the skippers and hear about their wonderful ships! Presentations held in the [Foss Waterway Seaport](#). FREE ADMISSION (print off the flyer and/or poster from the website with all the details.)

And of course for the sports enthusiasts,  
THE STADIUMS!

If I have it right, the Mariners are playing Detroit  
this weekend; Friday at 7:10 PM and  
Saturday at 6:10 PM



The cruise to Bell Harbor Marina gives one the best of all worlds; for the “*epicurious*” the world awaits you once you step out of the marina to graze the world of tastes. The sights, sounds of Seattle abound as well as for those wanting the tranquility of walking away from the crowds, can head north to Myrtle Edwards Park and speculate what the artists were contemplating when creating their masterpieces, smell the sea and much more.



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