



The **BARNACLE**

February 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		
<i>February 2010</i>		
5		Bunco Night, Hospitality House Fundraiser - Raffles will be drawn for positions onboard "Boats for Beds"
13		Toliva Shoal Race OYC-SSS3
17		General Membership Business Meeting <i>note date change</i>
20		Vashon Island Race Windjammer Series Race 3
<i>March 2010</i>		
9		General Membership Social Dinner Meeting Mandarin Kitchen
18		Race Fleet Meeting
20		Islands Race GHYC SSS4
27 - 28		Blake Island Cruise and Crab Feed

THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Pat Waters
Commodore

Hi fellow members,
Sue and I really enjoyed the January dinner meeting artfully arranged by our favorite social chairs, Ray and Debra Valpey. The slide show presentation by Jack Putnam and his wife on their visits to the Antarctic on behalf of National Geographic were stunning and beautiful. It was great to see so many of our members their enjoying the dinner and presentation.



This month is our required business meeting. We are going to meet at the Saltwater Unitarian Church on Wednesday, February 17 in Des Moines at 6 pm for pizza, beer and wine. Our business meeting will follow at 7 pm. You might not greet the idea of a business meeting with a lot of enthusiasm, but you should this time! You are going to hear from the chairman's of various committees looking into some exciting possibilities for your club; a new youth sailing program, the possibility of our very own facility someday, bylaw changes, new approaches to membership, etc. You will also hear from our Race committee, Social, Cruise, Communication as well as the Mid Sound Summer Social committee. This is an exciting time for your club as we try to balance those things we hold dear to our hearts about TTPYC, while exploring new future opportunities. We need you there to provide comments and concerns!

Tom Davis and his crew deserve lots of credit for the excellent Duwamish Head race they pulled off this year. Can you believe over 80 boats! And yes, in spite of the little wind, all boats finished the shortened course!

Our famous Vashon Island Race will be held on Saturday, February 20. As you know, this is one of our longest races and great fun! We hope to see a bunch of boats out in the performance fleet as well as in speed potential. Come on you cruisers. We will give you a generous rating that takes into account the condition of your boat bottom, your sails, experience, etc. It's all for fun!

Finally, I want to urge you to go to our yacht club web site (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

OUR DINNER MEETINGS – FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING Note change of venue

Wednesday, Feb 17 is the date, (the 3rd Wednesday of the month, a change from our usual). **6:00pm is the time** for pizza and conversation, **7:00pm for the program** (as per the usual). The **emphasis** will be on fun and socializing, but will also be a semi-business meeting (nothing to vote on), so it will be at a quieter venue (**Saltwater Church** at 25701 – 14th Pl. S. in Des Moines) where we have met in the past. Come hear what your very active committees are up to, including the youth sailing instruction program, bylaws revision committee, and several others. Sue Waters will also give us a live demonstration of the club website and blog site so we can all upgrade our intra-club communication. The club will be providing pizza and pop. We will ask for a donation for adult beverages.

Put it on your calendar: Yet another venue: **The Mandarin Kitchen** (near the DM Marina at 22612 – 7th Ave. S.) **Tuesday March 9, 2010**. 6 PM dinner. 7 PM program. New Des Moines City Councilmember, **Matt Pina** will spend a few minutes sharing his perceptions of how City Hall works. He'll then open the floor for our input regarding mariners' views of the City and Marina. It will be good for all concerned to begin a dialog with elected decision makers. We'll be ordering off the menu; we're assured that service will be swift, and the food tasty.

"BOATS FOR BEDS" PLANNED FOR JUNE!

Happy New Year to all! Along with the new decade, comes a new event for the club – "Boats for Beds!"

A fun 90 minute race is being planned for the afternoon of June 26th, from 1-4 with a social event on the dock after the finish. We are looking for boats-cruisers or racers - and Captains willing to donate a few 'crew spots' on their boats. Have a power boat? How about being the committee boat, the photography boat, or just offering spots for spectators? This is a new event for Hospitality House and in addition to the MidSound Summer Socials.



Hospitality House's Bunco Night on Feb 5th will raffle a couple of 'seats' and at the March 6th Gala Dinner to be held at the Normandy Park Cove. Get involved! Get your boat off the dock and let's take some folks out there and show them what we love! Maybe we'll get a new member or two from this event!

If you have two spots for guests, or 10 or anything in between, please join us. This event will be rain or shine. Choose a theme for your boat – sock hop, island life, pirates, wine tasting, prom night or? Please fill out the information form attached, and a picture of your boat, preferably under sail. Send it back to Jeanne Walker or Tom Hubbard. Any questions please call or email Jeanne @ 206 406 -9673 or pmtwalker@hotmail.com. A form to submit your boat will be sent along with the *Barnacle* and available online. (Forms, Newsletter and Social pages)

CRUISE CORNER

GEORGE & DAPHNE THOMPSON
Co-Chairs

BRAC DEEF NI HCRAM!!!!



Join the McShanes for the first cruise of the 2010 season to Blake Island on March 27th. The annual crab feed and potluck will have a progressive game of Concentration-so bring a deck of cards, and a hoop/juggling contest. Challenges for the brain and brawn! A word scramble game will also be played. The TABLETOP theme this year is "Boats and Birds".

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 are \$6.00 per half crab and a \$5.00 event fee per adult. We ask you to complete the form in this Barnacle, and send the form and check to the McShanes by **Saint Urho's day** (**hint: the day before St. Patrick's Day, see answer below**). Please make your check payable to **Three Tree Point Yacht Club**.

See you at Blake Island for games, prizes and crab!! Remember to bring wood for the campfire, too.
Saint Urho's day is March 16th

SAVE THE DATE! 2010 TTPYC TAX RELIEF CRUISE

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

What to look forward to: A photo scavenger hunt through the waterfront and Pike Place Market neighborhood, expertly crafted by our hosts, Ray & Debra Valpey; time to take a bug safari at the Seattle Bug Museum; or to take a gander at Imogene Cunningham photographs at the Seattle Art Museum; or to tip a pint at Kell's Irish Pub; or for the late night crowd, view Theater Sports improv at the Market Theater. The possibilities are limitless.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

DON & KRISTIE BRAME

Co-Chairs

The Membership Committee had its Membership Task Force meeting two week ago and came away with several new ideas to help recruit new members.

It was determined that there were several reasons why TTPYC has been slowly losing members over the past few years, and we came away with some ways that we might reverse that trend.

Previous and new suggestions were:

- Periodically post TTPYC brochures on boats in the Marina and also post at other locations.
- Pass out brochures periodically at the Farmers Market and other events.
- If the youth sailing program comes to pass then we could possibly have father-son or daughter or mother-son or daughter sailing events.
- We need to better define the benefits offered by the club.
- We might change the initial membership process making it easier to join for the 1st year.
- Offer classes dealing with such things as cruising with children, provisioning for cruising, life sling safety etc.
- Establish relationships with Yacht Brokers to encourage them to possibly direct new boat owners to our club.

These are some of the ideas that we will be working on over the next year. We would also like to thank Joe Jewell from the Des Moines Marina for allowing us to post and make available our TTPYC brochures at the Seattle Boat Show at their Marina booth. If anyone would like, Joe said they would be welcome to spend time at the booth. Kristie and myself spent some time there Friday, January 31.

Thanks

Kristie and Don

RACE FLEET CORNER

TOM DAVIS

Race Fleet Captain

SHELLIE CONTI

Assistant Race Fleet Captain

January has been a busy month with three events in five weekends. I'd like to take a moment and recap our events. Let me start out with the Duwamish Head Race on January 9th.

Planning for the 2010 Duwamish Head Race was started earlier than usual with all the challenges created by the construction in the north end of the marina. This would be the first time that we wouldn't have a boat launch available in the marina. We normally have a few boats from out of town trailer in and launch their boats the morning of the race. As any of you know that have been to the marina lately, you would have seen that the

contractor fenced off a large area both north and south of the marina office. This left access to guest moorage quite difficult. To add to this, Anthony's, who hosts our post races party, decided to start remodeling the week before the race.

With challenges there are solutions. People step up. Our Vice Commodore, Dave Garman, is also a member of the Des Moines Yacht Club and with David's help and the cooperation of DMYC we were able to launch boats from their ramp. With the help of Harbor Master, Joe Dusenbury, and Marina Manager, Joe Jewell, we were able to come up with a plan to get guests and gear close to guest moorage and then have everyone park in the south parking lot. Anthony's day manager, Dana Lancaster, was able to come up with a plan to accommodate us during the construction. I can't tell you how impressed I am with how all these folks stepped up to give us such special help and solve the problem.

With our special needs taking much of our focus, I don't want them in anyway to overshadow the wonderful relationship that has developed with the Des Moines Yacht Club doing the Saturday pre race breakfast. As in the past, the breakfast was excellent and we had more people attend than ever before.

I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped. I've counted more than thirty people from club members to non club members who took part. And certainly, not to slight anyone, I would like to thank a few people that took on some extra duty. Tom Hubbard designed and produced special award decals and designed, produced and sold shirts this year. Typically the Duwamish Head shirts are very popular and this year was no exception. I also want to thank Mark Mannard for bringing the family motor home to be the Race Committee base and a special thanks to Bill Walton and his crew for being our on the course boat which included shortening the course at Duwamish Head.

I know this is getting a little wordy. I didn't plan on writing a book. So, for those of you that haven't dozed off, I'd like to say a couple of words about the Windjammer Series. The Windjammer Series started on January 16th with the Blake Island Race. This race is especially interesting and tactical because the course allows you to sail around Blake Island either direction. This race came down to a race between the two Pats. Pat Stewart went around Blake Island clockwise and Pat Waters, counterclockwise. Pat Waters prevailed by a mere twenty-six seconds. I would like to thank Eli Tollin and Mary Stainsby for being the Race Committee. The second race for the Windjammer Series is the Manzanita Buoy Race on January 30th. Bob Post and his crew on the Race Committee came, five boats came, but the wind decided not to come. It was unfortunate because this is another great course. With the EL Nino weather pattern which has brought us unseasonably warm weather and light winds, it was bound to happen. Two out of three isn't bad. Beats snow and ice. Don't forget the Vashon Island Race on February 20th. This is the third race of the Windjammer Series.

Tom Davis

RACE REPORTS: January 17, 2010

The 2010 Windjammer Series got underway Saturday with the Blake Island Race. Every time I race the Blake Island Race I think what a great course this is, especially since rounding the island either direction was instituted. Three boats came to the line. The wind was light. As we were heading up the line to start I'm thinking this is going to be a long day but the crew is in a good mood. Everyone is already talking a little trash. Of course, what do you expect when you have the likes of Mike Stainsby and Lonny Marble on the boat?

We hit the start pretty well with a lead as we headed out toward the mid channel. The wind was filling and was, even though shifty, looking pretty steady up the course. Being the fastest rated boat we knew that we had to keep our concentration up because Pat and Gordy would take advantage of any mistake we made. We owe both these guys a lot of time.

The wind was predicted to be a light easterly but by the time we reached the north end of Vashon Island the northerly had built to ten knots. We changed to the heavy number one. This was looking good. This was more our wind. We were getting close to decision time. Do we go around Blake Island clockwise or counter clockwise. The wind seemed to favor counter clockwise but the current favored clockwise. The decision was to go with the wind. As soon as we made that decision the wind started to die. The light number one was called for. Okay, now clockwise looked better. We could see into the bay in behind Blake. It was light. Okay, definitely clockwise. Just then the wind picked up with a good lift to the north. The conversation changed back to counter clockwise. We

were still vacillating when Lonny couldn't stand it anymore. He said "counter clockwise" with some authority. Okay, that's what we need, someone to blame if it doesn't work. Now where are Cherokee and Les Chevaux Blancs? Which way are they going? They're setting up to go clockwise of course. We were committed. Now we sailed for the moment of truth. Les Chevaux Blancs tacked and now appeared to be coming our way but Cherokee stayed the course and was moving pretty well across Colvos Passage until they disappeared behind the island. We got the spinnaker up and were starting to move reasonably well around the north side of the island and as we turned south around the back of the island we could see Cherokee. They had made a gain but we were under spinnaker reaching and heading right down the rhumb line and they were under head sail going to weather. The wind was getting lighter for us but now we had to wait until we could see Cherokee again. We had lost some time in the light wind and as we came around the south side of the island there was Cherokee under spinnaker looking strong. LONNY you blew it!

What really draws me to sailboat racing is the fun of keeping the boat going and solving the tactical puzzle. Now we had to concentrate even more. We were still ahead of Cherokee but they would easily correct over us with their handicap. We owe them over thirty minutes for this race. We had to do everything we could to keep Liberté moving at optimum speed and find the favored side of the course. Cherokee split away from our course and decided to play the right side. We decided stay left and jibe back and forth near the rhumb line. In this case we prevailed. Barely. And, as we finished Lonny said "I told you counter clockwise was the way to go". Yup, you've got to give him credit.

I'd like to thank Eli Tollin and Mary Stainsby for stepping up to be our Race Committee for this race.
Tom Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MidSoundSummer Social

Dave Garmin

Chair, Vice-Commodore

The first 2010 MSS planning meeting was held at Des Moines Marina Office on January 19, 2010. The TTPYC members in attendance were joined by representatives from **Des Moines Marina Staff**, the **Power Squadron**, and the **Hospitality House**.

A high point list of the activities and the results of discussion are provided:

- Check if the businesses that donated and sponsored received Thank You Certificates.
 - It was verified that ALL businesses that donated received in person or in the mail a Thank you Certificate.
- The charities for this years events will be the: Food Bank, and the Hospitality House
 - We set a goal of raising \$8,000 for Hospitality House and
 - #1000 pounds of food for the Food Bank
- Discussed and arranged was a way for the business of dealing with money for the MSS using a special events fund with the Des Moines Marina was agreed to. This approach should keep the TTPYC detached from the events and money's.
- Discussed were the following organization topics:
 - Determine when and how the marina mailing should be done
 - Find and get started with a communications person for the MSS (topic of larger meeting)
 - Get a detailed budget for the event to help set rates for major sponsors
 - Provide overview at the February Meeting
 - Get a list of last year's participants to "direct market" to last year's participants to keep them excited
 - Get a person to work on publicity materials, and get that done this month.
 - Coordinate with other committees for information and use during event, i.e. membership
 - Get race officer and clean up and set up help assigned
- Discussion of how to involve the Power Squadron, and the Power Squadron Rear Commodore was to take the question of participation to their monthly director meeting.

*NEXT MEETING is **February 9, Tuesday** at the Des Moines City Marina Office

Youth Program Committee

Shelley Conti

Assistant Race Fleet Captain & Youth Program Chair

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 PM at the Des Moines Marina office.

By-Laws Team

Debra Valpey

By-Laws Chair and Social Co-Chair

Communications

Please contact me any change to your email and/or home address to update the club's mailing list. This list is not shared with anyone else. Thank you very much. Sue

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

ROSE EDMISTON

SHIP'S STORE CORNER

CAROL JONES

Chair

READING CORNER

I had mentioned this story to a couple of people in the club, and they said they would like to read it, so I thought I would send it to you and maybe you could put a link on the web page, or give it to the historian. (*Conti Diary & Conti Fishing Tales* can be pulled from the Album Archive Page, left column, "Stories from our Members") I got this scanned in and edited from Dean's hand-written diary that he sent me when he was fishing in Alaska. (PDF files on Newsletter and Archive Album pages within the website)

This was in 1980, about 6 months after we were married. He was up there all summer and came home with enough money to put a down payment on 5 acres of land. He had fished up there the year before, and that winter Glenn Organ, Dave Schactler and Dean built the fishing boat, the Abby Jo, in my parent's barn on Vashon Island. They launched it in Quartermaster Harbor a few days before this journal starts.

The fee for renting the barn was to put a front on, it as it was just 3 sides up to that point. They were going to build a 30' boat with an 11.5' beam, so they put 12' doors on the barn. Unfortunately, they ended up building a 32' boat with a 12'2" beam. Therefore our barn, to this day, has a 4" cutout about 5' up on one side with a patch.

They went fishing for herring in Bristol Bay, then back to Kodiak for salmon fishing.

Shelley Conti

Go to [Archive Albums](#) for a listing of stories in our digital library; Dean's stories are there as well as Tom Schacht's Adventures to Antarctica.

In closing, I would thank all those contributing articles to this edition of the *Barnacle*. I withheld, due to length, an interesting article on flags and burgees submitted by Tom Hubbard. Watch for it in the *Barnacle* March edition. Sue

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