



The **BARNACLE**

January 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		
January 2010		
9	▶	Duwamish Head Race Southern Sound Series
12	✉	General Membership Social Dinner 6:00 PM Meeting 7:15 PM Burien Azteca
16		Windjammer Series, Race 1
29	✉	<u>Breeders Theater</u> E. B. Foote Winery Burien
30	▶	Manzanita Buoy Race Windjammer Series Race 2
February 2010		
13	▶	Toliva Shoal Race OYC-SSS3
17	✉	General Membership Business Meeting note date change
20	▶	Vashon Island Race Windjammer Series Race 3

THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Pat Waters

Commodore



Hi fellow members,
Sue and I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year! December was a month of fun! The Christmas party at Azteca, beautifully organized by Ray and Debra Valpey was a great success, especially the unusual words we sang to Christmas music! The white elephant gifts were fun and a great adventure also. The trustee's had their annual Christmas party at our home. We enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by your Commadorable Sue, and actually got some work done also. The trustees approved the 2010 budget, masterfully put together by Caroline McShane. They also approved TTPYC sponsoring a new low key race event which will be a fund raiser for Hospitality House. Jeanne Walker is in charge of this new event and will be providing details later. Finally, the trustee's approved two new members, Robert & Laura Crews! They have a Catalina 30 called *Silver Breeze*. Please welcome them when you have the opportunity.

On December 14, we had a meeting at our home with a several officers, committee chairs, Joe Dusenbury (Des Moines marina harbormaster) and representatives from the Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron. We discussed areas of mutual interest in which we might combine interests, talents and resources.

One of these areas is education. The Power Squadron has an excellent classroom course on Sailing, but no on-the-water training. Our youth sailing committee (led by Shelley Conti), in conjunction with the Des Moines marina

staff is in the process of developing an on-the-water training program, possibly using a sailboat currently moored in Des Moines. After some discussion it was decided that someone from the Power Squadron would attend our committee meetings and jointly develop a training program that would benefit both. We feel that such a program, making young people and their parents more aware of both organizations, would be helpful in building both memberships. A clearly win-win situation!

Additionally, we asked the Power Squadron to consider developing and conducting an event for power boats in conjunction with our Mid Sound Social this summer. This would be advantageous to our charity fund raising activities and would offer a way that those in our club owning power boats (about 25%) could participate with their boat. This might be offering boat rides as raffle/auction prizes, log races with pledge donors, poker runs, or ? Certainly this would be another win-win situation for both organizations; raising local community visibility, increasing funds raised for charity and possibly gaining more members for both organizations. Our Mid Sound Social will be led this year by Dave Garman. I am sure you will be hearing more from him as he organizes for this summer events.

Lots of racing this month! Duwamish Head on Jan. 9, Blake Island on Jan. 16 and Manzanita on Jan. 30. Please sign up and participate! Also, as most of you know, Duwamish Head is our biggest race event of the year with up to 100 boats participating. Tom Davis needs lots of help this year to make the event successful. Please contact him and offer your help.

Finally, I want to urge you to go to our yacht club website (www.ttpcy.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 Social.

Have fun!

Pat Waters

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SOCIAL CORNER

DEBRA & RAY VALPEY

Co-Chair

OUR DINNER MEETINGS – January Dinner Meeting

Again our monthly dinner meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month (Jan 12th) and again it will be at Azteca restaurant in Burien (153 SW 157th St). Buffet at 6:00PM for \$10 per person and program at 7:00. We have a Special Program this month in the person of Jack Putnam, a ship's doctor for National Geographic cruises, and a photographer. He has many stories to tell. This night he'll focus on Antarctica.

February Dinner Meeting

The February meeting will be for business so will be at a different venue, one where we've been before, the Unitarian Church in Des Moines, and will be on a different day of the month (February 17, the 3rd Wed. of the month). Save the date and more details will follow in the Feb. Barnacle and website. Likely menu: pizza & beer.

BREEDERS THEATER @ E. B. FOOTE WINERY FRIDAY, JAN. 29, 2010

Join your TTPYC compatriots for an evening of snacks, wine tasting, and musical comedy at Breeders Theater's next play, "Snowbound". (The pass is closed. Both ways. And the guy in the next room might be a killer.) Go to breederstheater.com for information re: ticket purchase. Plan to arrive early for good seats and dress warmly; it is a wine cellar.

CRUISE CORNER

GEORGE & DAPHNE THOMPSON

Co-Chairs

To continue last month's article, is the winter weather still getting you down? Think about summer cruises! David and Marilyn Jones and Steve and Dawn Puryear will be hosts of the Minto Mingle at Dockton in June. Then join Tom and Jean Spohn for the July 4 fireworks cruise and picnic. And Daphne and I are organizing a cruise north to the Gulf Islands and Desolation Sound at the end of July. Your input on the TTPYC Cruising Blog will help us coordinate this trip. The Labor Day Cruise is still in the planning stage and the last cruise of the year is the Sleep-n-Creep at Dockton, hosted by Orv and Rose Edmiston and Buzz and Tish Greenman.

In the meantime, it won't be long until the first cruise of the season– the Crab Feed on Blake Island on the weekend of March 27! Look for details in next month's *Barnacle*.

George & Daphne Thompson

▶ Cruising Blog: cruisingwithttpcy open for great conversations regarding the Summer Cruise to the Canadian Gulf Islands and Desolation Sound.

POET'S COVE, BEDWELL HARBOR BC



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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

DON & KRISTIE BRAME

Co-Chairs

We have received one new application for membership from Robert and Laura Crews thanks to Tom Davis. We have one other potential couple for membership perhaps in January.

We will tentatively be scheduling a meeting of the membership committee for the 2nd or 3rd week in January to discuss ways to increase our membership in 2010.

Idea's that have previously been put forward:

- To have trustees at the next meeting to discuss ideas that may have been effective in the past.
- Put TTPYC brochures on non-member boats in the Marina.
- To have a TTPYC booth at the Farmers Market or (and) other civic events.
- If the youth sailing program comes to pass then we could possibly have father-son sailing events.

RACE FLEET CORNER

TOM DAVIS

Race Fleet Captain

SHELLIE CONTI

Assistant Race Fleet Captain

Happy New Year Everyone! There is certainly something special about ushering in a new year. It's not just another day, it's a new start, it's the anticipation of better things, it's time for resolutions and new goals and for me there is even something special about the fact that it is 2010. It just sounds good.

As I sit here thinking about my resolutions, I want to encourage you to make a resolution to come out and use your boat more this year. Whether you're a racer, a cruiser or a newbie, I would really enjoy seeing you out on the starting line. There are lots of opportunities. We have twelve events planned for 2010 which works out to thirty six starts. To me each one of these starts has a similar feeling to the one I have today.

Duwamish Head is just one week away and I want to thank all the folks who have stepped up to help. For those of you who haven't been part of it, I would like to encourage you to come to the pre-race breakfast at the Des Moines Yacht Club this Saturday (the 9th) from 7:00 to 9:00 AM. After you've had breakfast come out to the fishing pier and watch the start of the race. The *Cruising Class* starts at 9:30 and the *Racers* at 10:00. There will be around ninety boats coming to the line.

The Windjammer Series starts on January 16th with the Blake Island Race followed by the Manzanita Buoy Race on January 20th. A little side note, I was looking at all our trophies in our trophy case on the second floor lobby of Anthony's a couple of days ago and got an up close look. There are some really great looking trophies there and one of them is the *Windjammer Restaurant Trophy*. This, of course, is the trophy for our Windjammer Series and was donated in the name of the original restaurant, Clark's Windjammer South. Many of you may have known that but I had never connected the dots.

Tom Davis

YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

We had a meeting on December 15th at the Des Moines Marina Office. Tom Davis, Gene Ellison, Betty Haines, Joe Dusenbury, Steve Foss, Don Brame, Rick Edel (from the power squadron) and I were in attendance. We hashed out things we need to look into and came up with a list of things to do. Joe, Tom and Steve are going to check out what boats there are available. We decided to look for two person boats with jibs, 12'- 16' long. Gene will get together with Bill Haigh and go over their program that they had a few years ago. We also decided that we will start the programs with the Power Squadron's ABC class, of which the participants will receive their certification to get their boaters card. Don volunteered to look into youth participants through the school district, Highline CC, churches and other youth organizations. We decided to target the age group from Jr High to adults, thinking that we could

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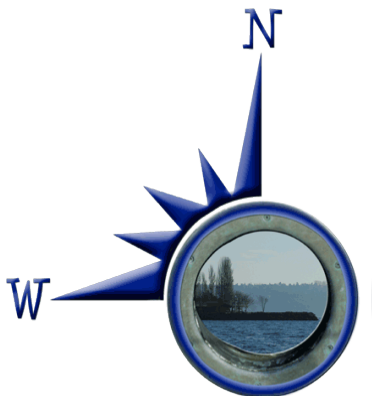
get some parents involved with their kids. Joe is also looking in to seeing if their insurance will cover privately owned boats (compared to boats owned by the marina). Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th at the Des Moines Marina Office again and 7:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in invited to attend.

Shelley

Communications

Please keep me informed when you change your email address so that I can update you on the club mailing list. This list is not shared with anyone else. This also pertains to a change in mailing address. Thank you very much.
Sue

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