



The **BARNACLE**

May 2010

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

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THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Pat Waters

Commodore

Hi fellow members,

Let me tell you a story! Sue and I spent a few days last week on Whidbey Island to celebrate our third wedding anniversary. On Thursday we decided to take the ferry over to Port Townsend and spend a few hours. After we boarded the ferry, we met this couple on the upper deck and Sue offered to take their photo. He was dressed impeccably in a blue blazer, white pants and deck shoes, blue shirt, tie, etc. Yes, a real yachtsman! After the photo we spent the trip over talking to them. Their names were Aileen and Herb Weissblum and it turned out that he is a Director of the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend. He was on his way to meet with Governor Gregoire and accept a Plaque Commemorating Captain Vancouver's mapping of the West Coast of North America. This was presented by the International Society of Civil Engineers and is quite a rare honor. Similar civil engineering landmarks exist only in a few places like the Panama Canal and the Eiffel Tower.

Sue and I were invited to attend the ceremony that afternoon and represent TTPYC which was indeed a real honor. If you haven't seen the new Maritime Center in Port Townsend you are really missing something. Afterwards we rode back on the ferry with them and invited Herb to come sail with me. He also graciously offered to come to Des Moines to speak about the Maritime Center and Wooden Boat Foundation at one of our dinner meetings. This man was in the merchant marine as well as a boxer. He has fascinating

stories to tell us!

Sue and I also went on the cruise to Bell Harbor Marina. More fun than I could have imagined, especially the scavenger hunt all over Seattle. Hat's off, once again, to Ray and Debra Valpey who spent a day or two in Seattle taking photos of many sites for the scavenger hunt! A great place to spend a weekend!

The Spring Regatta was held last weekend. Lots of wind on Saturday, not so much on Sunday. We had a whole fleet of SJ 21's there as well as two C&C 115's from up North. Lots of fun but I was disappointed that TTPYC had only three or four of our own boats entered and there were no cruising class participants. I sure would like to hear from those that did not participate as to why not. That could help us in the future when planning events.

I am glad to see we have two new members, Chuck Hendrick and Nancy Wood on "Yikes". Please welcome them to our club and make sure they know of upcoming events. Speaking of new members, the best way to get new members is to simply talk about the club to your dock mates down at the marina, both power and sail. If even a



third of those boat owners in Des Moines joined, we would triple our membership! Ask Don and Kristie Brame for postcards and flyers to hand out to your dock mates.

Kristi Brame and Jeanne Walker have put together an amazing, awesome, professional slide show for our yacht club, complete with music!!! Be sure to thank them when you see it. These two are so talented! It will be posted on our sites next week.

Finally, I want to urge you to go to our yacht club web site (TTPYC.org) frequently and review the constantly updated Google calendar, race, cruise and social events. Besides our website, she has now added [TTPYC](#) and [TTPYC MidSound Summer Social](#) to Facebook. My amazing wife spends a great amount of time keeping these sites 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!
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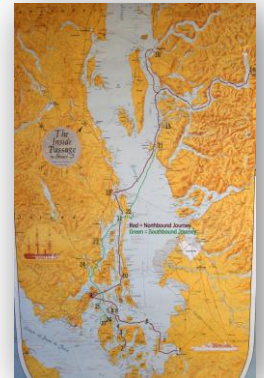
SOCIAL CORNER

DEBRA & RAY VALPEY

Co-Chair

May Dinner Meeting

Gather at the Mandarin Kitchen in Des Moines on Tuesday, May 11 (hey, the pattern's still holding: the 2nd Tuesday of the month) at 6 PM for dinner, 7 PM for the program. Our Cruise Chair, George Thompson, will show the benefits of his route to Desolation Sound.



The Mid Sound Summer Social will be held on six consecutive Thursdays beginning on July 8, and ending on August 12. This year we will again be fundraising for the Hospitality House and collecting food donations for the Des Moines Food Bank. A group of members has been meeting for several months to get all the plans in place to make this year's MSSS the best ever. We have secured sponsors for each night of the six week social. We have prize collectors out in the community securing valuable prizes and services from local businesses. The planning committee has found a TTPYC sponsor for each night of the social and helped to decide on a theme for the night and the participating boats.

The business goal of the MSS is to give back to the community supporting the charities with fundraising and food collection, the other goal is FUN. During the social, we are able to get many boats off the docks and to participate in some light and casual racing on the water. We have had an increasing turnout each year and are hoping for that trend to continue. This is a great time to invite those friends and co-workers out for a sail on the water or to invite those neighbors who have been asking you for a chance to sail. Most people are curious about sailing, and even if they aren't competitive, they can still gain a positive experience out on the race course sailing with you. But make sure that they know that the main reason to participate is to support the fundraiser. So start thinking about who you will be inviting out on your boat during this 2010 MSSS.

The themes we have planned so far are:



July 8, Theme "Happy Birthday USA" boat crew to dress entirely in Red, White, or Blue.

July 15, Theme "Boat Flags Night" boat crew to dress in favorite Regatta Wear

July 22, Theme "still in planning" boat crew to wear shirt from Favorite Sail Maker

July 29, Theme "Environment Appreciation" boat theme in planning

August 5, Theme "Poker Run Night" boat crew to dress in loud Hawaiian shirts

August 12, Theme "still in planning" boat to wear crazy hats, and cigar night

We will have speakers from the Puget Sound Alliance on Environment Appreciation night, and they will provide a brief presentation. We have been able to team up with the Power Squadron on August 5th, and the power squadron is planning an event for that night and will join us for light meal, prizes, and socializing.

On one Saturday during the social, a Safety-Saturday is being organized that will include an informational display, courtesy safety inspections of vessels, a flare demonstration and man-overboard life-sling practice. The planning committee is looking for two boats-skippers and two in the water victims to be rescued.

The MSSS planning committee is looking for volunteers for the following: if you have a business that you think might have a valuable prize or service they could donate, please contact me so we can get you some materials to solicit a contribution. We also need a race committee for each night, set up, tear down help, helping with food serving, and helping with food collection. Please come and join us for the next, and most important planning meeting May 18, 7 pm at the Des Moines Marina Office. If you are interested in helping, give me a call or email, so we make sure we have enough volunteers signed up for each night.

David Garman
Vice Commodore
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CRUISE CORNER

GEORGE & DAPHNE THOMPSON

Co-Chairs

Next Cruise: Where-The new Bremerton Marina. When -**May 29 - 30 (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)**.

Time is drawing near for the Memorial Day cruise to Bremerton. Tall Ships tours and cruises, a boats afloat show, vender booths and live entertainment, a farmers market, a daylight boater's swap meet, antique car and military vehicle show, a beer garden on the boardwalk, and other events are planned by the Port for the weekend, as well as potlucks and a photo-scamenger hunt (the latter, courtesy of Ray and Debra Valpey) for the TTPYC. Reserved space is becoming very limited. Contact George or Daphne (253-946-3634 or tracer38@earthlink.net) to get a TTPYC slip assignment. Slip fees are \$28/day for boats up to 40 feet and \$.70/ft for boats over 40 feet. Power is \$4.00/day. Check-in at the new Bremerton marina office upon arrival. George or Daphne will collect \$ 10 per boat to cover the reservation fee and scamenger hunt prizes. The TTPYC has slips reserved at the Bremerton marina for Fri, Sat, and Sun nights.

"The 2009 Kitsap Harbor Festival was a tremendous success and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2010! Join us by car, boat, ferry or any other way you can think of – just don't miss the fun!

Festival events will take place on the waterfronts of both Bremerton and Port Orchard and will include Tall Ships, Vendor Booths, Farmers Markets, Classic Car Show, Seagull Calling Festival, Taste of Kitsap, Sailing Regatta, Live Music, Beer Gardens, Virginia V and a Boat's Afloat Show. We also invite you attend a Memorial Service aboard the historic USS Turner Joy on Monday morning."



"**MARITIME DAYS AT GIG HARBOR**" cruise hosted by Paul and Carol Jones

- **June 4th, 5th & 6th**

Friday night dinner will be on your own, possibly a trip to the Tides Tavern. The Maritime festival begins on Saturday June 6th at 10:00am with a parade along Harbor Avenue. The theme this year is "Pirates of the Peninsula" Yo Ho Harbor.

Also during the day there will be an Antique and Classic Yacht festival at Jerisich Dock (the public dock in town).

Join us for a Potluck Saturday night as we raft up together in the harbor.

Saturday and Sunday muffins, pastries and juice will be provided, bring your own coffee.

Sunday June 6th the Blessing of the fleet procession from St Nicholas Catholic church begins at 1:00pm, this is quite a site to see.

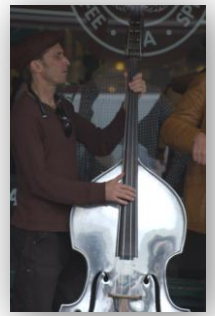
A Festival Schedule will be provided to each boat upon arrival. More information can also be found at their web site. <http://www.maritimegig.com/>

Cost: \$5.00 per boat to cover the cost of the muffins, pastries and Juice. Registration form will be sent along with Barnacle. Please return to the Jones no later than May 28th. Thank you

Bell Harbor 2010 Tax Relief Cruise Recap

If this group were younger and fuller o' vim 'n vigor, we woulda stayed longer at Kells Pub on Friday night to hear more music. Alas, beer 'n eats are enough for this motley crew. The photo scamenger hunt was the highlight of the cruise for many participants. Generally good weather, but the occasional downpour provided a good excuse to duck into a shop and grab a piroszky or a coffee. It was a good way to explore Pike Place Market and environs. A

walk to the SAM sculpture park was also a stretch of the muscles, a stretch of the aesthetic sensibilities, and an educational detour through Myrtle Edwards Park led by "Ranger Green" Jean (Spohn). Boats with their captains and crews included Sloe Tango, Brigadoon, Liberté, Too Fat to Fly, Andromeda, Hobbes, Sweet Chance, and Tracer. And just for Saturday, Cheers' people, sans boat, joined in the fun. We're lookin' forward to Bremerton in May! -Hosts Ray 'n Debra (Valpey.....with Chloe)



RACE FLEET CORNER

TOM DAVIS

Race Fleet Captain

SHELLIE CONTI

Assistant Race Fleet Captain

Unbelievable! It's May!

April has indeed been a busy and fun month for Three Tree Point Race Fleet. Thursday night racing started on April 2nd with a break for Spring Regatta which was held on April 24th and 25th. Spring Series will be completed on May 6th with a barbeque and trophy presentation after racing that night.

So, what's next? It's Summer Series starting on May 20th! The brochure says warm summer nights with light northerly breezes, shorts, short sleeve shirts and cold beverages. This is why we bought our boats. This is why we polish them. This is why we sand and refinish the teak. This is why we pay the moorage. I'd love to see 30 boats come to the line, well 15 maybe. Racers? Cruisers? Come and play.

This year we are planning on making our Double Handed Race (formerly the Couples Race) a special event with food, trophies and prizes so mark down July 17th on your calendar. I promise it will be a fun day.

Our Spring Regatta was a big success with the San Juan 21 fleet joining us again this year. We also had two C&C115s come down from up north to join us this year. I want to thank Pat and Rosemary Stewart for heading our Race Committee and Phil Chin for feeding the masses on Saturday. I, again, want to thank Anthony's for their wonderful hospitality. They have been a great supporter of the Regatta. They donated the perpetual trophy a number of years ago. It's upstairs in our trophy case. Take a look and thank them for their support. You can read a summary of the race and see results as always on our website www.ttpyc.org.

Spring Regatta

As has been the case for the last eight or more years, the San Juan 21 fleet showed up in full force for the 2010 Three Tree Point Spring Regatta. This vintage little boat was introduced back in 1970 by the Clark Boat Company of Kent Washington. Today, an enthusiastic group of folks have blown new life into these old classics and now have one of the strongest one design fleets in the area. I was told that last year they had ninety six individual race starts with boats coming to events from as far away as Montana from the east and California from the west.

Two of the C&C 115s who regularly race up north decided to come down and join Pat Waters with his 115, *Liberté*, for some good one design racing and a tune up for the NOOD Regatta scheduled for the middle of May. All three of these guys with Jim Lowry's boat, *Zorra*, and Jeff Whitney's, *Elusive*, have been campaigning their boats for about three years and are building a good race record around the sound. The class was rounded out with two J 35s, Bob Post's *Fast Feather II* and Mark Rider's *Flashback* and they were joined by Gordy Kells-Murphy's Beneteau 35, *Les Cheveau Blancs*. These guys are also seasoned veterans with very competitive records.

Saturday morning the fleet was greeted with winds in the middle teens with gusts into the low 20s. The Race Committee immediately set a five and one half mile course for the big boats. It was a good call. As everyone sailed to weather it was a chance to see how their speed and boat handling compared. *Fast Feather II* was not about to let this regatta end up being a C&C115 fest and drew first blood with a bullet in race one. The speeds were indeed close. The four top boats finished within a minute of each other.

Meanwhile, the SJ 21s were started on a two point two mile course. With this amount of wind these little boats become quite a bit of work. They had already finished their first race by the time the big boats came in and were getting ready to start race two. The Race Committee was definitely going to keep us all sailing.

This set the tone for the rest of the day with the big boats completing four races and the SJ21s completing five. The racing was close with four different boats registering a first in the SJ 21 fleet and three different boats in the big boat fleet.

Everyone was off the water by four o'clock and they were treated to a hamburger barbeque with a cold beverage. This gave everyone a chance to talk about the days racing with a happy, all be it tired, grin on their faces.

Sunday the fleet came out to greet an all together different day. The sun was out and the wind was in the five to ten knot range. For some this was a welcome change. The Race Committee immediately got things going so that they could get the most out of this light air day. The SJ 21s as well as the big boats were able to get three good races in. This was the day for the cream to come to the top with *Zorra* able to get two more bullets for the big boats and *Mizu* able to get two more bullets in the SJ 21 fleet.

After the days racing and the boats were put away the skippers and crews all gathered at Anthony's for dollar beer, clam chowder, sandwiches and trophies. It was a time to relax and savor the weekend.

It was a great weekend and I would like to thank all the participants. A big thanks to Pat Stewart and his crew for a great job as our Race Committee and Phil Chin for making sure everyone got a burger at the barbeque. Congratulations to Jim Lowry and his crew on *Zorra* for their first place in PHRF A and congratulations to Christian Lamp and David Garman on *Mizu* for their first place in the SJ 21 Class.

For complete results go to <http://www.ttpyc.org/racing.html>

For the SJ 21 Fleet website go to <http://sj21class.org/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

[Membership](#)

KRISTIE AND DON BRAME

Co-Chairs

Welcome to our new members Charles Hendrick and Nancy Wood. 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 from 10:00 until 3:00. Kristie and I will be manning the table, but anyone who wants to come by will be welcome. We completed the TTPYC movie to be attached to our Web Site and it can be used for other events as needed.

[Roster Update](#)

TOM HUBBARD

Chair

The first meeting of the TTPYC Streamlining the Roster Committee has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 PM. The committee will be looking into improving the roster and the roster book. We welcome any suggestions for improving them and invite any member to attend our meetings at 18610 Marine View Drive SW, Normandy Park. 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. Please email the committee chair, Tom Hubbard at thubbard84@msn.com with any suggestions.

IN AND AROUND YOUR COMMUNITY

[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, 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 or fax it to (253) 383-2446. Pay your registration fee online at 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>

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

*Join others in the Seattle boating community on **June 12th, 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

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

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.

Reservations are requested to hikepat@aol.com, or call Margaret at 206-878-4441. The public is welcome.

DES MOINES YACHT CLUB'S ANNUAL "SOUTH SOUND OPENING" is coming Saturday, May 8th, with a formal opening at 2 PM, including a flag raising, introductions, and a "Rules of the Road" presentation by the Coast Guard.

WHERE: Des Moines Yacht Club, located at 22737 Marine View Drive South.

INFO: Dinner and Dancing begins at 6 PM, with a social hour (BYOB, mixers provided), 7 PM catered dinner by Caveman, and 8 PM – Midnight, dancing to the music of *Legacy*.

Cost is \$20 per person, and children under 12 are free (limit one per guardian).



Your Commodore did a fine job representing your yacht club today, Opening Day of Boating. We were treated as VIP's onboard *BG*, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kurtz and their daughter Ann.



We saw all the crew and dragon boat races,



Watched the dignitaries join the throng

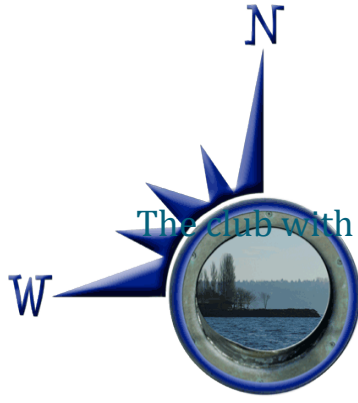


Experienced some very creative clubs work with this year's theme!
Maybe we should consider entering a boat next year?



Headed back Seattle Yacht Club to become common folk once again.

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