



The Barnacle

February 2011

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

TTPYC Calendar of Events 2011

February	
8	General Membership Meeting & Social Meeting
12	Toliva Shoal SSSS/OYC (SSS #3)
19	Manzanita Bouy (Windjammer #2)
March	
5	Manzanita Bouy Race Windjammer #2
5	Hospitality House Auction-Boats for Beds Auctioned tonight!
8	General Membership Meeting
16	Race Fleet Mtg.
19	Islands GHYC (SSS #4)
26-27	Blake Island Crab Feed
April	
7, 14, 21, 28	Spring Series Races 1-4 (Race 5 will be May 5 and Race 6 will be May 12.)
12	General Membership Meeting
16-17	Tax Relief Cruise Bell Harbor
30	Spring Regatta Weekend



The Commodore's Corner

February is upon us, and soon the spring and summer cruising season will be here. You have your new Year Books with that TTPYC Calendar showing all the fun cruises and events coming your way, the March 26-27 Blake Island Crab Feed, and April 16-17 Tax Relief to Bell Harbor, get them on your calendar so you don't miss them. Our social calendar is filled with some fantastic speakers for each monthly social event with world class speakers, or at least world circumnavigators and travelers. Even when we do need to take care of some business, we still have time for entertainment and education. Bud Wright will present a show of his recent trip to Barging the Nile. The other agenda items include an important vote on the TTPYC by-laws. We have two votes, and you must be there to vote. First and important update of the language of the by-laws to keep us in the current century, and a proposal to encourage new membership. You should have received a mailing, detailing exactly what is proposed. I urge you to review this mailing, and come vote to approve both items.

The February 8 business meeting be at the Milton Tavern in Fife, in the newly remodeled meeting room downstairs, social and dinner at 6 pm, and meeting at 7 pm. See the www.TTPYC.org for directions.

We hoisted the top-gallants at the Seattle Boat Show in an effort to find new potential members, and we did collect a few names. Those that signed up to man the booth, enjoyed a pass for the entire boat show, and got to hear how angry the community is about removal of the hoist. But that is another story. I think we will try this again next year. Like many things, it took us a few days to get aligned, but then it went smoothly. Doug and Sharon Andrews worked very hard on this, and I think their efforts made it the success it was. The vitality of the club is fostered with the new members, their ideas and energy. Make sure if you run across someone in the boating community if they would like to join, and you might just add to the membership list. We have some very nice membership materials and handouts, just ask an officer for a few copies. Volunteer opportunities are there in the Mid Sound Social Planning, the Boats-4-Beds, and upcoming cruises, contact the committee chairs to see how you can help.

One of the great things about boating is the people you meet during your travels and adventures, sometimes these form life-long bonds. I had the opportunity to take a day off work, and drive my boat to San Francisco to participate in the Three Bridge Fiasco, a race of 380 single and double handed sailboats, racing in the San Francisco bay. Even though it is a big piece of water, this number of boats filled the bay. I used my reciprocal privileges to gain access to one of the most exclusive yacht clubs on the west coast, the St Francis Yacht Club. My yacht club membership allowed me to use their hoist to put the boat in, they allowed me to park my car, and trailer and dock the boat for 4 days, no charge. Membership has its privileges. We did not have time to have a dinner, suit, tie, and shoes required meal at the 4 star restaurants, but we could have, all because of our TTPYC membership. As commodore of TTPYC, I was invited to a special member's area of the club, not normally open to the boating community, and met with other senior members of the club, the hospitality was unbelievable. We finished 112 of 380, representing the TTPYC. Make sure to make use of your club member privileges whether you have your boat with you or not. Most Yacht Clubs have a pretty good view of the local waters and fine restaurants and bars.

David Garman

COMMODORE

SOCIAL CORNER

JOAN MARIE

CHAIR

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SOME GREAT SPEAKERS!

FEBRUARY 2011 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Just a reminder that our Annual Meeting will be held on Feb 8, Tuesday, at the Milton Tavern. In addition to having some FUN, we will be voting on the Proposed by-law changes that you received by mail a week or two ago from Commodore Dave. Please take a good look at them before the meeting so you will be prepared to cast your vote. If you need a replacement copy in the meantime, you can get one from any Board Member. There will be a limited time for questions, so, if you have questions of clarification before that time, you can also contact any member of the By-Laws team (Tom or Jean Spohn, Tom or Kersten Hubbard, Steve or Janet Sisson, Tom Schacht, Ray Valpey, or me.

For directions or to review the menu in advance go to their website <http://www.themiltontavern.com/>. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm followed by our meeting at 7:00. See you there!

MARCH 2011 DINNER MEETING

Dinner Tuesday March 8, 6pm at Angelo's of Burien, meeting 7pm with special guest Captain Mark Schrader of the S/V Ocean Watch! AND he is bringing his pictures! You know, that skipper we heard about that put together and led a year long sailing science team circumnavigation of the North and South American continent? YEAH! THAT GUY! Check it out: <http://aroundtheamericas.org/> Here's a little bit about Capt Mark from the website, "Mark was a member of the First Team in 1982. He has two single-handed circumnavigations of the world and was the first American to single-handedly circumnavigate the world via the five Southern Capes in 1982-83. He has lived in Washington State for over 35 years and is an avid marine conservationist and wildlife advocate.



And a special sneak preview!

SAVE THE DATE! YOU ARE INVITED!

March 12, Saturday night

Debra Valpey's 60th Birthday!

Theme is "Remembering THOSE 60's and Anticipating THESE 60's"
At the Saltwater Unitarian Church (near Saltwater Park in Des Moines)

IT'LL BE FUN!

More info will be in the March Barnacle

CRUISE CORNER

Cruise Co-Chair Malcome & Katie Grothe

Mark your Calendars-

March 25-27th for the annual cracking of the crab

It's time to loosen the dock lines after a long winter, and feel the wind in your sails, and water under the hull. Join the McShanes for the annual cruise to Blake Island.

On March 26th we will gather for games (music and puzzles) in the afternoon, followed by a yummy potluck, and campfire in the shelter. Bring wood for the campfire and sticks for a marshmallow roast.

The events on Saturday are scheduled to begin @ 2:30 with dinner @ 5:30 pm.

The order form will be in the March Barnacle.

See you at Blake Island for games, prizes and crab!!

HISTORIAN

Rose Marie Edmiston,
Club Historian

I would appreciate receiving any good photos taken at club events. Also, if you have any fun photos of a sailing or land vacation, please send a few as I would like to feature our club members and their families as an "added attraction" in our albums.

SHIP'S STORE

Carol Jones
Chair

Tom Davis has set up an account for us at Fisheries. Please go to Ship's Store on our website for more details and to see what else we have available for you.

RACE FLEET CORNER

SHELLEY CONTI

Race Fleet Captain

GORDON KELLS-MURPHY

Assistant Race Fleet Captain

We are off to a busy racing season! Attached to the Barnacle email you will find the preliminary results for the Duwamish Head and Blake Island races. You will also find an application for the Manzanita Bouy race which will take place March 5 as part of the Windjammer series.

Don't forget the Toliva Shoal Race sponsored by the Olympia Yacht Club which will be held February 19.

See you on the water!

Committee Reports

MID –SOUND SUMMER SOCIAL

DEBRA VALPEY, CHAIR

Please consider coming to our first Mid Sound Sailing Social planning meeting on Feb 1, Tuesday, 7PM, at the Marina Office. Please come even if you cannot commit to any regular involvement. Your ideas are valued and you might decide to take on a small, specific task. Remember that Commadore Dave has asked each of us to do "just one thing more" this year. It might as well be something that will be really fun, eh?

Hope you can be there. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Debra Valpey , 206-953-5704 (cell) or 206-243-5566 (home) debravalpey@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP

DOUG AND SHARON ANDREWS

Co-Chairs

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Boat Show. We had a lot of fun and everyone was a great help. Remember word of mouth is the best advertising. As you talk with other boaters, share information about our club and invite them to visit our website for up to the minute information. Our website is a great tool for keeping current with what is going on in Des Moines and it encourages new members. If you need extra calendar cards, just let us know.

BOATS FOR BEDS EVENT

TOM HUBBARD, CHAIR

Kristie Brame, Co-Chair

The TTPYC Boats for Beds committee is gathering information for the participating boats. Tom will make posters for each participating boat so we can display them at the auction on March the 5th.



So this is your last chance to get involved!



HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Email Tom at thubbard84@msn.com today if you plan to join us for the race!

It will be held on the afternoon of Saturday June 25th, you and your "crew" will race, just-for-fun, around the Mid-Sound Social race course using the MSS rules of racing (use of motor is not only permitted, but you can use it often to get ahead!). The race will be followed by a wine & snacks social hour at the guest docks of Des Moines Marina. Guest slips will be provided for each boat participating. A salmon and steak dinner for all race participants will follow the social hour.

SPECIAL TREAT

Recently, Janet Sisson shared a copy of a presentation she had given for a Toastmasters group “way back” in 1978. (Is that really “way back”?) Anyway, he said I could share it with you . Hope it brings back the memories of your early sailing days and reminds you of the good times to come.

“I'd rather be sailing” is a bumper sticker familiar to many of you. I don't know if you feel that way, but those are my feelings exactly. In fact if I had it my way I'd be living on a sailboat but instead I am making payments on a condominium!

Before five minutes have passed on your first sailboat experience, you will find sailing has a language all its own, incorporating words we know in a brand new context. For example, those “ropes” are called “lines” and they are not just for decoration. The “maps” are called “charts” and they show you the high and low points under the water. Using incorrect terminology can really show your ignorance to your experienced sailing friends. There is also no “right” or “left” on a boat. It is “starboard” and “port”. That big “thing in the center” is called a “mast” and the sail on it is called a “main”. Originally it was much more clear to the landlubber. It was originally called a “main sail”. Over time, sailors, in a hurry have created the word “mainsail” or simply the “main”. As you progress in the sailing world you become utterly confused by such things as “jib” and “jibe”, “reef” and “reach”. A “jib” is the forward sail; “jibe” is a way of turning the boat when going downwind. “Reef” is a means whereby you reduce the amount of canvas in the “mainsail” and “reach” is sailing across the wind. A garage for a boat becomes a “boat house”. Something you live in becomes a “house boat”. A “sheet” is not something you sleep on, but rather it is the “line” which is fastened to the “boom” and pulls the sail in and out. Perhaps the term which has given me the most anguish and over which I have shed the most tears is “fall off”. If you were standing on the top of a 32 story building and you said that to the average person, they would immediately make arrangements to have you examined by a professional. But, amazingly enough, in sailing the term “fall off” is simply steering the boat away from the wind to maximize your speed. Now who would think of that if you weren't a sailor? On the basis of this very short vocabulary lesson, you can see that knowing the proper terms is downright vital on a boat.

One April Fools Day turned out to be especially memorable for me. The skipper, a guest and myself spent a glorious day cruising. Late in the afternoon we headed home. First thing that happened....the motor stopped. Since the sails were down, there was no power. So sails had to hoisted (“pulled up”) to gain control. I was new to boating and was in the wrong place at exactly the right time. I was on the downwind side of the boom and the boom was coming at me so fast, that I couldn't get out of the way. Rather than get knocked out cold, I jumped. Into Lake Union. The skipper, Bless his soul, was immediately there to hoist me out of the water, but not before the guest and everyone else in the area had a belly laugh at my expense.

When sailing, anything can happen to the crew. Lines tangle, you step on lines, don't move quickly enough... being promoted from passenger to “crew” is a whole new world. But whether it is gourmet food with appropriate wine or stale bread, cheese and apple juice, I will do whatever is necessary, including pampering the skipper, to keep my place on the crew.

To any of you who have never sailed, you simply have no concept of the freedom from the office towers, the ease, the calming motion, the rhythmic flap of the sails, the peace you find on the water. On the other hand you have a creeping fog, a raging rain, a wind that plays hob with your sails and is cold enough to make you wear long johns in July and you will wonder what perverse evil omen ever made you think you would rather be sailing. Nevertheless, whatever it takes to keep me on the crew, I'll dobecause I'd really rather be sailing!

Janet Sisson, 1978

By the way, Janet is happy to say that she and “the Skipper” (Steve) are still having lots of fun sailing!

If you have a story or memory you would like to share, please send it Kristie at K6352@aol.com.



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CALENDAR OF UP COMING RACE EVENTS

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MANZANITA BUOY (WINDJAMMER #2) March 5, 2011
Race Fleet Meeting March 16, 2011
Islands GHYC (SSS #4) March 19, 2011
SPRING SERIES April 7, 14, 21 & 30, May 5 & 12, 2011
SPRING REGATTA April 30 - May 1, 2011
SUMMER SERIES May 19, June 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2011
Swiftsure May 28 - 29, 2011
Mid Sound Social July 7, 14, 21 & 28- August 5 & 11, 2011
DOUBLE HANDED RACE July 16, 2011
FALL SERIES September 8, 10 & 24, 2011
COMMODORES TROPHY October 1, 2011
Grand Pix October 21 - 23, 2011
WINTER SERIES November 5 & 19, 2011
Vashon Island TYC (SSS #1) December 3, 2011
DUWAMISH HEAD (SSS #2) January 7, 2012

Registration forms are to be sent with check made out to TTPYC to: TTPYC/Attention Race Registrar/P.O. Box 99700/ Des Moines, WA 98198-0700

Mark Your Calendars!

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