



The Barnacle

May 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

	May
1	Spring Regatta Weekend
5	Spring Series Race 5
7	Opening Day (Seattle)
10	General Membership Dinner
12	Spring Series Race 6
19	Summer Race Series Race 1
20-22	Seattle NOOD Regatta
27-30	Memorial Day Cruise
28-30	Swiftsure Race (RVicYC)
	June
2	Summer Series Race 2
4, 5	Gig Harbor Cruise
14	General Membership Meeting and Dinner
9, 16, 23	Summer Series Races 3, 4, and 5
25	Boats for Beds Race and Dinner



The Commodore's Corner

We have just a few weeks before the final details for several club signature events will need to be finalized. The members of the club that have been working on the Boats-For-Beds, the Mid Sound Sailing Social, the Youth Sailing Program, the Race Program, the Cruise Program, the Board of Trustees and its special committees. This is your chance to step up and get involved in one or more of these groups. Looking for fun ideas, and jumping in will keep the club vital and energetic. More and more the organization is moving towards just a few of the most involved members. In order for us to round out our organization, you need to decide how you will participate. Be it to volunteer to set up tables for a Mid Summer Sound Social Sailing on Thursday nights, or to sign up to work on repair of one of the youth sailing Lido's, to investigate and find a speaker or topic for one of our Social Tuesday dinners, or to take on a larger role. Over the past few years, the club has increased its social activities because a variety of people have led a single event to make it a success. An example of this was the chance encounter on a ferry by Past Commodore Pat and Sue, which lead to this past months Dinner speaker in Heb Weissblum and Jake Beattie from NW Maritime Center and Wooden Boat Foundation. If you missed it, you missed something incredible.

We need a member to take the leadership role for the Youth Sailing Program this year. We also need a few members to step up to help with the Youth Sailing boat refurbishment, and supporting the actual classes. The Des Moines Marina and Parks and Receptions will be running the program, and the Marina is supplying paid instructors, but support in the form of knowledge and volunteering in the running chase boats during the classes will be needed.

Pat Waters has been working with Joe Dusenbury to apply for grants to support the expansion of the sailing instruction. But we need someone to take charge. I have a few who will jump onboard, but we need a chairperson.

We are also asking for a volunteer to start working on the 2012 Social Calendar. With many of our social events occurring at the same time as the change of officers, I am asking for a volunteer to be the Social Chairperson for 2012, to carry on the fine tradition of Joan Marie and the Ray and Debra Valpey. Joan will continue with her programs and events through December, but so much needs to be done months ahead to line up speakers, and new events for 2012, that I want to get a jump on next year's programs and events. Please consider volunteering.

A growing club: We are growing again. We voted this past month on 5 new memberships. Make sure that if you see someone new, you make them feel welcome. If you are thinking that we might have a new member in your circle of friends or people you meet, let Doug and Sharron Andrews or the board know, we can follow up. A growing club is what we want to be. New members bring new vitality, and new friendships. The honor role of new members in the past few years, combined with longer term members is shaping the face of our club.

Keep a close eye on the TTPYC webpage, that is where you can get the latest and most correct information for all the events.

David Garman

Social Corner

JOAN MARIE

CHAIR

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SOME GREAT SPEAKERS!

May 10

General Membership Dinner Social, Angelo's of Burien

[Karen Thorndike](#) guest speaker

On August 18, 1998, American sailor Karen Thorndike arrived in San Diego, California, aboard her thirty-six-foot yacht *Amelia*. She had just completed a 33,000-mile solo trip around the world, which she had begun on August 4, 1996. During her two years at sea, she encountered bad weather and rough waters, illness, exhaustion, and loneliness. But from friends and strangers alike she also experienced incredible support for her quest, and she discovered an inner strength that kept her going despite daunting obstacles—allowing her to fulfill her dream." For more information, visit <http://www.bookrags.com/research/karen-thorndike-ued/> . Join us for another spectacular raffle and a great speaker!

**June 14
General Membership Dinner, Social
Pot luck at the Hubbard's Home**

Hold onto your hats! (And Ukeleles!)

In June, we will try something a little new..... Joan Marie is arranging for ukelele lessons for all of us! The Hubbards have agreed to let us use their home for this amazing event. The cost will be \$15 and bring a pot luck dish. Joan will be sending a reservation form around...so we can be sure and have enough instruments for all of us. You will also need to bring a folding chair. Look for more information on the website and in next month's Barnacle.

Just a Reminder!

If you enjoyed the great presentation by Mark Schrader from Ocean Watch, you can make a tax deductible donation to Around the Americas by sending a check to Mark at,

Mark Schrader

1110-316th St. NW

Stanwood, WA 98292

You will receive a receipt for tax purposes by return mail.

EXTRAS!

Sky Gazing

Have a look in the Northwest sky around 9:45 pm, you can view the Space Station for about 3 minutes.

For exact times visit http://spaceflight1.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/cities/view.cgi?country=United_States®ion=Washington&city=Tacoma



Cutting the Old Dock Lines!

Tom and Jeanne had a wonderful party and have set sail for the Gulf Islands. You can follow their adventures on their website: <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/bigleftturn/>

Mosquito Fleet Program

Des Moines Historical Society "Mosquito Fleet" program at 7 PM on May 11, at the IOOF hall in downtown Des Moines. Please check out the attached flyer. The program speaker is Robin Paterson, an author of the 125 page book "Mosquito Fleet of South Puget Sound", which is full of photos and interesting stories about the fleet of steamships which provided transportation on Puget Sound from 1850 – 1920, before there were roads or cars. The program is free, there will be some nice door prizes, and refreshments.

Spring really is here!

Check out the link to Nest Cams found on the [links](#) and [newsletter](#) page of our website. Nest Cams! is a page with various links to nests with eggs to hatchlings (Thank you Guy Harper for sending this on to us.)

Cruise Corner

Cruise Co-Chair Malcome & Katie Grothe

Memorial Day Cruise to Brownsville Rendezvous

This cruise will be a combined event with the Power Squadron. Here is the tentative schedule.

Friday night - potluck on the dock by the water (everyone brings a dish)

Saturday night - French Dips provided by hosts (everyone else brings salad or dessert)

Saturday night entertainment - flash to the oldies, viewing some of the greats on the big screen, Dick Van Dyke, Carol Burnett (we may have a sock hop & dress up, still working on it, we will have a solid agenda next week.

Sunday morning - Pancake breakfast

Sunday after dinner - smores and music at the pit

We allocate \$15 a boat for a rendezvous. If you would like to add anything to the agenda, perhaps Saturday afternoon or Sunday feel free, just let me know and I will add it in.

For more information contact Teresa L. Fantz. Her cell phone is 206-683-0326

Minto Mingle June 18-19

Note: This date has changed from our original 2011 calendar....

Get Ready!!!!!! . June 18-19 Dockton Docks park. Minto sailing starts at 1:00 Saturday and finals at 10:00 Sunday. Pot luck Saturday night.

If anyone has any other ideas to make this year's Minto Mingle different, please let me know. We need something new. Having run this event more than a dozen times I'm just out of ideas. If you have any ideas, questions or additions

just e-mail me at shepherds2R@gmail.com or call me @ 253-265-3607 We have not been to a cruise in more than a year , so it will be good to get back "into the fold".

Ron Moblo



Gig Harbor Cruise June 4-5

I just got word about the "Gig Harbor Boat shop" restoration and grand opening June 4th 10:00 to 5:00. The Gig Harbor Boat shop (originally known as Eddon boat co.) has just been restored to it's original working state and is being operated as a public park and non- profit educational charity. It has been a well known landmark in the harbor for over 90 years and a place that many of us hauled our boats out and painted the bottoms, back in the days when you could actually do your own work. It is recognizable from a distance by the distinct white wash barn color and red roof. It is an operational boat shop that is currently restoring Thunderbird hull #2 which was originally built in this very shop in 1959. They are also restoring two other historical boats as well. A fine museum and gift shop are also in the building. The projects are well displayed and you can walk around them. It promises to be a beehive of activity and a fun thing to do.

Free tours and open house will be offered all day June 4th and in celebration of the new dock and pier at the boatshop. They are going to sponsor a "Eddon boat small craft " gathering to honor all the small boats the shop designed and built. That includes the famous Eddon Minto, sailing/ rowing two man wherry (16') and the Eddon Gig (12'). There is a documented claim by Ed Hoppen himself that one of his rowing wherry's could go from his boat yard to the boat launch across the harbor in 13 strokes. This myth will be tried and or busted by a Minto and a wherry at 1:00 on Saturday. Come and see the spectacle and everyone is invited to bring their own Minto or Wherry to see if it can be done. A contest to be sure and a prize to the winner. Also a Minto/ wherry sailing race will be held Saturday at 2:30.

Other points of interest will be the annual parade starting at 10:00 Saturday and the open house for the newly completed Historical Museum which has a very nice display of Thunderbird #1, and early photos of Gig Harbor. All 3 venues are within one block of each other located in the Southwest corner of Gig Harbor (the Shorline restaurant end).

The plan is to raft up deep into the harbor (Shorline restaurant end). There are many ways to reach the shore by dinghy close by so you can watch the parade. Bring your Mintos and join in the festivities. Rowing and sailing activities will be centered around the new boatyard dock. Be advised there is no fuel dock in Gig Harbor (a very sore subject) and the big QFC grocery just closed in town last month, so the only Grocery store (small) in Gig Harbor downtown is across the street from the Shorline restaurant .

Ron Moblo



Foss Harbor Summer Season Goes Hollywood

The Foss Harbor Marina is excited to announce a new summer feature at their Tacoma marina. Free outdoor movies will be shown every other Saturday starting on June 11th and running through September 3rd, 2011. All tenants including guest tenants will be allowed to participate in this bi-monthly event. Should there be inclement weather; the movie will be moved indoors. The marina has also added a new popcorn machine in preparation for its cinematic debut. This summer the theme for the movies will be maritime-based. Due to licensing requirements, the marina is not allowed to publish actual titles that will be showing on these nights. However, tenants and guests may call and ask for the planned movie on a particular night. Movie nights are scheduled for June 11th, June 25th, July 9th, July 23rd, August 6th, August 20th, August 27th, and September 3rd. Guest moorage can be reserved by contacting Foss Harbor Marina (253) 272-4404 located at 821 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA 98402. For more information about the Foss Harbor Marina, please visit <http://www.fossharbormarina.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/fossharbor> .

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Race Fleet Corner

SHELLEY CONTI

Race Fleet Captain

GORDON KELLS-MURPHY

Assistant Race Fleet Captain

Spring Series has gotten underway, with just enough breaks in the rain to have an enjoyable series, so far. The first race was just enough wind, the second almost too much and the third one was just strange. One of my crew dubbed the wind in the last race to be an M. C. Esher wind!

A mark is now back in place, thanks to Pat Stewart, Gene Ellison, and Bob Post. Also to Tom Davis for getting it ready. Thank you very much and a big Hazzah for all of them.

I have been neglectful of putting the race results on our bulletin board, but Dave Cline has kindly volunteered to update the board for us. If you have any pictures of this year's races, please forward them to Dave, so he can put them on the board.

It is time to do race training. I have scheduled a New Racer/New Race Officer training class for May 17th at 7:00 PM at the Des Moines Marina Office. This will be for anyone that is new to racing, and for all the people that have volunteered to be Race Officer (and their crew) this year. I am combining the class, because even if you are not going to be a race officer, it is helpful to know how a race is run, so you can have a good start and race.

Spring Regatta is coming up this weekend, too late for me to tell you about it before "going to the press", but I am sure it will be fun, as it will be the first full weekend without rain (so they say). The San Juan 21 fleet will be joining us again this year. There will a party at the guest dock on Saturday evening and of course, Antony's will be hosting our after race and awards party on Sunday. You will be able to read a summary of the race and see results as always on our website www.ttpyc.org after this weekend.

See you out there!
Shelley

Special Note:

A nifty handout has been put together for beginning racers. It has flag illustrations with explanations to help you understand what the signal means. An explanation of the horn sounding prior to the start of the race- will be added soon. Please return to the Racing page to download updates of this handy booklet. The Racing page will also have it directly on the page as well.

Committee Reports

Mid –Sound Summer Social

Debra Valpey, Chair

It is time to start saving the dates to our 6th Annual MidSound Summer Social. Our first race is July 7. Start lining up your crew and watch for more information on our website and in the June Barnacle!



Membership

Doug and Sharon Andrews

Co-Chairs

We have 5 new members! This is great! Keep up the good work! 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.

Historian

Rose Marie Edmiston,
Club Historian

Always send Rose any photos for the clubs archive.



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CALENDAR OF UP COMING RACE EVENTS

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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