



The Barnacle

February 2012

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 2012

February	
7	General Membership Meeting
11	Toliva Shoal Race (OYC-SSS-3)
18	Gig Hrbr Race, (Windjammer/Harbor3-CYC-T)
25	Manzanita Buoy Race (Windjammer/Hbr-4)
March	
6	General Membership Dinner Social/Meeting*
14	Race Fleet Meeting
17	Islands Race (GHYC-SSS-4)
31	Blake Island Cruise & Crab Feed
April	
5	Spring Series- Race 1
10	General Membership Dinner Social/Meeting*
12	Spring Series -Race 2
19	Spring Series -Race 3
21	Daffodil Cruise to Tacoma
28-29	Spring Regatta Weekend

The Commodore's Corner

Welcome to the month of love! I suggest that you take several opportunities this month to reflect on what you are grateful for. Whether it be a loving partner, kids who still ask your opinion, friends you could call at 3 am, the ability to read a good book, plenty of chocolate, or (_____you fill in the blank) please be grateful in fully conscious ways. And please practice active compassion these days even as the Republican "slimary" (no, I did not make that word up--NPR did) builds to a cacophony of attacks and the Democrats continue to stand by their "Imperfect president" (his words). Just as the snow storms pass, so also will this election year.

I trust that you pondered my advice from last month to be sure your

marvelous vessel is in order to take to the water, especially if she has been tied to the dock for too long. Our first Club Cruise of the season will occur at the end of next month. Read your Barnacle, watch the emails and consult our web site for registration details. This annual event is always a winner for all with yummy food, great games, camaraderie, and a location--Blake Island--that is a local treasure.

Our semi annual General Membership meeting is just around the corner (Feb 7) at the Milton Tavern in Federal Way. Joan Marie and Ray Valpey have arranged some fun speakers for us, and the beer and pizza is some of the best. Perhaps the very best part is seeing as many of us as possible connecting with our boating community. As there is no official business this time, you are welcome to bring visitors. Several club leaders will be making announcements about upcoming events, club projects and selected community events.



While some of us cuddle beneath our comforters and READ about racing, many of our members, under the leadership of Shelley C., Gordon K-M, and Steve F., have been pounding the waves since early January. 92 boats turned out for Duwamish Head. The winter storm interfered with our most recent race (only a few die hards ventured out) but the February 18 and 25th races are set and welcome your involvement. The Race Book was sent to our Web Site for posting and should be ready for your use very soon.

Our Vice Commodore, Kersten Hubbard, is getting the 2012 MSSS plans shaped up and may be asking for your assistance (a great chance to get involved without making large time commitments). When she asks you if you will _____, please say "Yes, Kersten!" The Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department is offering youth sailing lessons this spring. One hope is that these youth will be ready to participate in their own exclusive race during the MSSS races. What fun!

A small task force is busy working on new promotional materials for our club so all of us will have additional tools for spreading the news of TTPYC's emphasis on fun and education. Watch for details as they are revealed.

And another friendly reminder to thank our officers and trustees and numerous volunteers and ask how you might be able to assist. Maybe you have an afternoon to spare or a talent to share? When we share projects we connect in new ways to our boating community.

I look forward to seeing you at our February General Meeting (Feb 7) and at our March Dinner Meeting dinner/social (March 13) and--finally--at our traditional Blake Island Crab Feed at the end of March. It is time to be out on the water after the blustery days of winter (unless of course you are a racer in which case the rest of us have just been weenies!)

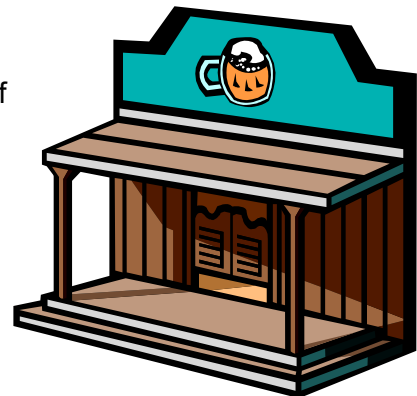
See you soon! Happy winds be with you!

Yours, Debra Valpey

Social Corner

Joan Marie, Chair

Our semi annual general membership meeting is coming up next week, February 7, Tuesday, 6 PM dinner, & 7PM Program, at the Milton Tavern (in Milton!). We have no official business to conduct but will entertain motions from the membership, deliver some brief committee reports, experience the pleasure of a visit from the Daffodil Festival organizers (think April Cruise to Tacoma), be amazed at a presentation from the Adventurers (think educational sailing), and, as always, enjoy the fellowship of our members and any guests you choose to bring. Prepare yourselves for a fun evening! Questions? Contact Joan Marie, or Ray Valpey.



Race Fleet Corner

GORDON KELLS-MURPHY

Race Fleet Captain

STEVEN FOSS

Assistant Race Fleet Captain

Here is an invite to Toliva Shoal Race Weekend. Here is the link to the entry form.
<http://www.ssseries.org/entrytol.htm> and the weekend schedule follows.

Friday 2/10/12

The Doors open at OYC Main Station at 1600hrs.
Baron of Beef fundraiser Dinner is at 1800hrs.
Late registration for racers is until 2000hrs.

Race Day 2/11/12

Fundraiser breakfast is at 0700hrs.
Cruising NFS, Cruising FS start
PHRF starts
Party at OYC Main Station as racers return from course.

Thanks for attending "The Race Around the South Sound".
Free moorage at Percival Landing and OYC, Friday and Saturday.

Fair winds,

Don Waterhouse
Toliva Race Chair
h2ohous@comcast.net



Islands Race
Gig Harbor Yacht Club

Saturday - March 17, 2012

Join us for this fun event that will take the fleet from Gig Harbor to a temporary mark north of Blake Island before returning to Gig Harbor. This is the final race of the Southern Sound Series.

Sailing Instructions and General Information

Schedule

Friday, March 16 Late registration of \$40 will be taken at Gig Harbor
Yacht Club from 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 17: 0925 First Signal for Cruising Class
0955 First signal for classes A-H
Post race party at GHYC

Registration:

Pre-registration is required for all entrants. Entry forms must be received no later than March 14. The GHYC Clubhouse will be open on Friday, March 16th at 1700 to 1900 for "In-Person" Late Registrations - Race fee: \$35 : Late Registration Fee: \$40

Starting Line:

Start in northeasterly direction between the race committee boat and an inflated orange buoy anchored 1/4 mile east of the mouth of Gig Harbor.

The Course:

From the starting line, proceed in a northeasterly direction through Colvos Passage around the EAST side of Blake Island to an orange inflated buoy anchored 1000 yards north of Blake Island. Leave the Buoy to PORT and proceed EAST of Blake Island, south through Colvos Passage and finish in a southwesterly direction across the (starting) finish line.

Important Course Note:

The course will take all boats through the Ferry traffic/lanes from Vashon to Southworth. Washington State Ferries and Commercial Shipping Traffic have the right of way. Racers must obey all right of way, distance clearance, and Coast Guard regulations.

SSS Instructions: Refer to Series Race Instructions at <http://www.ssseries.org/flyerss.htm>

Withdrawals

Please contact Race Committee on Ch. 72 or (253) 686-6668

Protests:

Refer to the SSS instructions regarding protests. In addition.. Please notify the race committee of your intent to protest upon crossing the finish line.

Awards:

GHYC will present awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in each class. In addition, GHYC will award a perpetual trophy, the Ringgold Cup, to the first boat in any class which wins by the greatest corrected time margin over the second boat in that class.

Post Race Party:

Once again, we will be offering a post-race party at the GHYC clubhouse featuring FREE food, no host bar, and videos of the racing. Results will be up-to-the-minute. DON'T MISS IT!

Moorage:

Moorage is generally available at the public dock at Jerisich Park (below the large U.S. Flag). A limited number of berths may be available at Peninsula Yacht Basin, Arabella's Landing, and possibly other marinas in Gig Harbor.

Information:

For more information or to obtain an entry form please check the club website <http://www.gigharboryc.com> . If you have more questions contact Erik Carlson at (253) 224-1513 / ecarlson@aquaquip.com , Bill Harter at (253) 851-3916 / btharter@hotmail.com , Jaime Storkman (253) 857-2220 / laffawacres@centurytel.net , John McPhail at (253) 549-4942 or Terry James at (253) 851-2773.

Race results will be posted on the Southern Sound Series web site as quickly as possible.

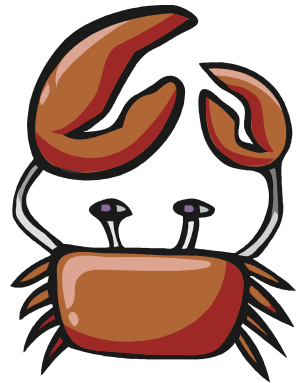
Cruising Corner
Ray Valpey, Chair**2012 Crabfeed March 31st -April 1st**

Join the McShanes for the first cruise of the 2012 season to Blake Island, the LAST week end of March. Activities are planned for Saturday, March 31st, beginning with games at 14:30. Potluck dinner begins at 17:30.

The annual crab feed and potluck will have the TTPYC Masters Tournament-a twist on one of golf's greatest tourneys, unscramble the letters game, and TABLETOP display contest with Peeps. No more info, as I want to preserve the surprise! Bring your best golf swing and dictionary. We will provide the Peeps and clubs. Prizes will be awarded for the Masters champion(s), wordsmith, and Best Peep display.

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 **March 21st**. Please make your check payable to Three Tree Point Yacht Club.



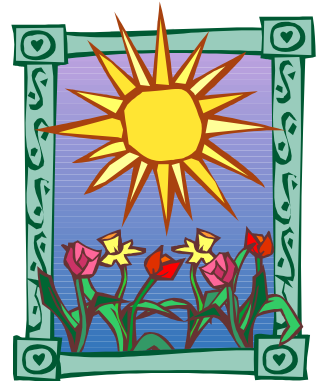
See you at Blake Island for the games, prizes and crab!!

PS. Bring wood for the campfire, too.

Daffodil Cruise

We need to know who wants to decorate their boat and be in the parade!

We are invited to party-party-party with the Tacoma Yacht club and many others on the weekend of April 21. We will make this a cruise. No need to be in the parade in order to join the fun. But please let me know (or better yet, tell Jerry Stephenson, who will be our event host at captainjerrystephenson@gmail.com) if you might be interested in participating in the parade and in decorating your boat with daffodils. We plan to have a representative of TYC provide more information about the weekend at our upcoming winter business-social-educational dinner meeting on Feb 7 at the Milton Tavern.



See you at the Feb 7 meeting!

Ray Valpey

EXTRAS!

It sounds like the Quartermaster Harbor Race was exciting!

The Windjammer harbor Series 2012 has started with the running of Quartermaster Harbor this Saturday January 21st. Six boats entered and we had verbals from two more but three showed up for the trying conditions. The snow and ice storm made it a challenge just to get to the boats, then there was the the Gale warnings from NOAA. The Race Committee had a tussle just trying to stay on station, tough conditions. Last year we had twelve boats hit the start line...I think it was the weather. Remember, two boats are a race and three's a quorum.

The race itself proved to be quick with 7 knot VMG's. reports from the boats had apparent wind-speeds in the 20's with a high reported of 37. Lack of power wasn't a problem. Rain stayed away for the most part keeping things somewhat dry excluding sea spray. Gardyloo took line honors with First Dance and Obsession in hot pursuit. Everyone ate lunch tied to a dock or on terrafirma. Since this is the first race in a series the class splits for the series are 99 and lower and 100 and higher for PHRF. For Windseekers...well we'll wait and see, we just need someone to start.

Next race in the Windjammer Harbor series is this Saturday at Des Moines for the Three Tree Point Yacht Club Blake Island Race. It's a great race, I've sailed it myself, tons of fun. The weather should turn a little more compatible for human existence. Mexico looks really good from here.

Billy Carter

S/V Discovery

Race Chair CYCT

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2011- 2012 OFFICERS

Commodore	Debra Valpey
Vice Commodore	Kersten Hubbard
Secretary	Laura Crews
Treasurer	Caroline McShane
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Assistant Fleet Captain - Race	Steven Foss
Past Commodore	David Garman

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Laura Crews	Tim McShane
David Garman	Jerry Stephenson
Kersten Hubbard	Debra Valpey
Gordon Kells-Murphy	

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Fleet Captain - Cruise	Ray Valpey
Webmaster	Mike Ellis
Barnacle	Kristie Brame
Historian	Rose Edmiston
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