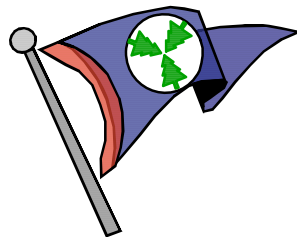


Three Tree Point Yacht Club Newsletter



The Barnacle

November 2006

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Happy Turkey

Event Calendar

November 2006

11 Winter Series Races (5)

December 2006

2 Winter Vashon Race (TYC—SSS 1)

30,31 New Year's Eve Rendezvous

January 2007

1 New Year's Day Rendezvous

6 Duwamish Head Race (SSS 2)

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy all,

Boating on to our 38th year for the Yacht Club, we owe many thanks to all who have contributed their time and resources to the Club. Special thanks to our 2005/06

Commodore and officers. Ray, Trustees and appointed officers - you definitely "raised the bar" for us this year. The Change of Watch was an evening of friendship, stories and mingling. Carol Jones, 2005/06 Social Chair and the Fairwood Golf and Country Club created a nautical evening with fabulous food, entertainment and good company.

I am fortunate to have a number of returning officers and new Trustees to pilot the Club this year. I encourage all of you to volunteer to help with an event this year. We need suggestions for meeting speakers or topics, and help with a race, cruise or social event. Your participation makes this Club work! I'll am looking for a Social Chair volunteer, please contact me, if you are interested.

Our new Board met last week to begin plans for this year. The dates for cruises, races and social events are almost final, with a few social

event dates pending. Pat Waters, Race Fleet Captain will extend the Summer Sailing Social an additional 2 weeks in July/August. Post race festivities for this series will be held at Milluzzos again. Tom Spohn, Cruise Captain has secured dock space at the Dock Street Marina in Tacoma for a New Year's Cruise, along with a couple of new rendezvous sites for the cruise season. Stay tuned for these events.

Finally, join me in welcoming several new members, JoAnn Clausen, Mike & Bonnie Clausen, Buzz (Ron) and Trish (Leticia) Greenman, Rick and Mimi Redfield, Mark & Jan Rider and Charles & Dierdre Wright.

Annual dues are now due, thanks to all who have sent them in, Caroline (\$\$) appreciates your prompt attention. If you haven't, drop them in the mail.

See you on the docks or on the Sound.

Commodore Tim McShane

Des Moines Marina Rate Study Project

On Monday, Nov. 6th, at 6:30 pm, there will be a meeting for all those who would like to have input regarding Des Moines Marina moorage rates. The meeting will be held at the DM Yacht Club, on the lower level. Joe Dusenbury and a consultant will be present. Earlier this year, our Trustees selected me to represent TTPYC at a series of meetings of the Rate Study Citizens Advisory Group. There have been 3 meetings. I felt that it should be opened up to all interested. Hence the meeting this Monday. We might have influence on which factors are used to calculate rates. I'll see you there.

- Past Commodore Ray Valpey

We are currently in the midst of the Winter Series. While we have three or four Speed Potential competitors, we have only one Performance class entry, our new member Mike Clausen on Sanquinity. He looks lonely out there! Come on folks, Performance class is FREE, from now until the end of next year! We will give you a handicap based on your experience, sail conditions, bottom condition, etc., which will make you competitive. I hope to see some of you out there!!

Thanks to Tom Davis, Bob Post, Dave Garman, Pat Stewart and others, C mark at Three Tree Point was refurbished and replaced. We hope to pour an anchor for J mark at Pt. Robinson soon and replace it also.

There will be a Race committee meeting at Milluzzo's, Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Main subject will be organizing for the Duwamish Head race and the related social events.

We will have a sail measurement workshop on Saturday, November 18 from 11am to 3pm. Anyone signing up for PHRF next year needs your sails measured so this is your chance to get some help! Contact me for details.

I attended a SARC (Seattle Area Racing Council) meeting last month to coordinate the racing schedule among all the yacht clubs in Puget Sound. I will obtain the results in the near future and distribute them to all of our racers via email.

Have fun!

-Pat Waters



Race Corner

Cruise Corner

It is not too early to start thinking about next year's cruises. In addition to our tried and true traditional cruises we have added a few surprise destinations for next year, and will start the year off with a bang at the New Year's Party. Here is the schedule for 2007:

- Dec 30, 31, Jan 1 New Year's Party at Dock Street in Tacoma
- Mar 30, 31, Apr 1 Blake Island crab feed
- Apr 20, 21, 22 Raft Island (Drive over if temporarily boatless)
- May 18, 19, 20 Brownsville Cruise with Steak and Avocado roast.
- Jun 1,2,3 Maritime Gig Festival at Gig Harbor
- June 22, 23, 24 Minto Mingle at Docton.
- July 4, Picnic at Tramp Harbor followed by fireworks from Des Moines.
- July 27, 28, 29 Silverdale Whaling Days Cruise and celebration.
- Aug 31, Sep 1,2,3 Filucy Fling. Cruise to Longbranch and join the Dance.
- Sep Sep 14, 15, 16 Sleep and Creep Cruise-Dockton

During the cruises we will have wine tasting, beer tasting, games, contests, music, pot lucks, and even a pet show. If you don't have a pet you may bring a mechanical one.

Keep and eye out for additional information in future issues of The Barnacle. If you would like to help out with some of the cruises please call 206-334-0275.

-Tom Spohn



Guess the rendezvous at which this photo was snapped.

Membership

We queried our newest members, Buzz and Tish Greenman, about their boating history and here is their story in their own words. Perhaps you met them at the Change of Watch. Since they moor on "C" dock, stop and say hello if you see them.

'We wanted to first say thanks for the notice that we are in the club. We couldn't be happier! Also, you asked about our boating experience. Here is our story. We have been boating for about as long as we've been married--over thirty years--and all but the first two of them sailing. We learned how to sail on a San Juan 21. After that, we had a Chrysler 22 for a short time before we traded it in for a San Juan 23 that we sailed for eleven or twelve years--a very nice, light air boat we both cruised and raced. We kept the racing and cruising thing going for another eleven or twelve years in a San Juan 28--another great light air boat. We sold that boat somewhat reluctantly about two years ago and purchased our present boat--a Hunter 34, Prime Meridian. While it is not as fast as our 28, it makes up for it in comfort. Just ask my wife. We keep Prime Meridian on C Dock at Des Moines or as we have heard it called "Three Tree Point Dock." Over the years we've moored at several different places, including Lake Union, Shilshole, Elliot Bay and Cap Santi in Anacortes. As you might guess, in thirty years we've had the opportunity to have cruised to just about every where you can in Puget Sound including many times in the San Juans and Gulf Islands, twice to Desolation Sound and twice to Princess Louise Inlet. We also charted in the Caribbean a couple of times. There are no plans to slow down. We are looking forward to being a part of Three Tree Point Yacht Club, We'll see you out there."

-Janet and Steve Sisson, Membership

The Winter Race Standings

It was a bit foggy but the first race was started in 5 kts. of wind and built as we went around the course that is until the last two legs where the wind quit altogether for a short time. The Committee shortened course at "L" Mark and was able to get everyone in.

The second race was set to go from "L" to "J" and "A". Seemed pretty ambitious for such light air but the Committee pulled it off.

Thanks to Dave Garman, Debra Lowell and crew for two very good races. One whine. Don't we have any air horns left?

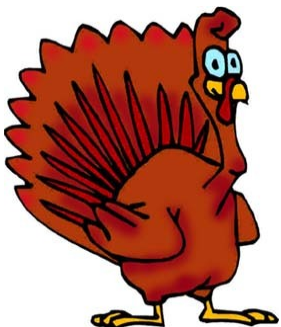
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A							
Cherokee	Cal 33-1	1	3	2	2	0	8
French Silk	Ben 32	2	2	4	3	0	11
Suddenly	SJ 28	3	1	3	4	0	11
Fast Feather II	J 35	5	5	1	1	0	12
PE							
Sanguinity	Cat 34	1	1	1	2	0	5

Come brave the weather and watch the final race of our year on November 11th.

-Tom Davis

Dues Due

Thanks to all who have sent in their dues payment by the deadline of October 31st.



New Year's Eve

On the Dock

Mark your calendars for December 30, 31, and January 1, 2007! We have reserved marina space at the Dock Street Marina in Tacoma for a New Year's Eve Party.

Saturday: Arrive at Dock Street Marina. Visit Downtown and try a local restaurant or dine on your boat. Other activities will be announced later.

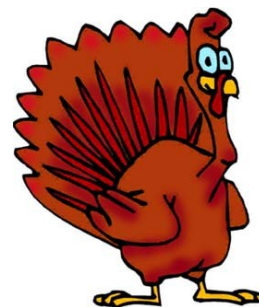
Sunday: Cars will ferry us to the opposite side of the waterway to Delin Docks where we will have a party in the Club Room of the Marina, complete with champagne and the Times Square program on the big screen. After the party cars will ferry us back to our boats.

Monday: (Not too early) hoist the sails or start the iron genny and head for home.

For those wishing to spend some Christmas money, an early arrival on Friday can be accommodated.

There is no charge for the party or transportation, but we will have to bring our own drinks and potluck for Sunday night. Marina will provide champagne.

Sign-up sheet will be in the December Barnacle. Until then—get this on your calendar.



On The Social Horizon

As you might know we are looking for a volunteer to take on the work of our wonderful and creative Social Chair of last watch, Carol Jones. While the search for a new Social Chair continues, Past Commodore Ray Valpey suggests we do an 'easy-to-organize' social event and go to Breeders Theater (@EBFoote winery) production of "Gone With the Wine" on Groundhog Day, Friday, Feb 2nd. If you want to join other club members at the performance, buy your own ticket(s). These are available at the E.B.Foote Winery in scenic downtown Burien. Check their website, <http://www.ebfootewinery.com/>, for contact details



Commodore



Vice Commodore



Past Commodore



Secretary



Treasurer

Good News About Dockton

Steve Sisson received the following message from Susan Peverly, Administrative Specialist with King County Parks.

'Thanks for your support of King County Parks; we're delighted to learn that the Three Tree Point Yacht Club has enjoyed the Dockton Park marina over the years. Your inquiry is very timely, since the picnic shelter rebuilding is beginning today ! The planning allows for a 90-day project, which could be adjusted for weather-related issues. The additional good news is that Dockton Park will remain open during the picnic shelter construction process.'

Officer Burgees

The use of the fouled anchor, an abomination to seamen when it occurs in practice, as the seal of the highest office of maritime administration is purely on the grounds of its decorative effect, the rope cable around the shank of the anchor giving a pleasing finish to the stark design of an anchor on its own. When the Earl of Northumberland was in office, the anchor had a cable festooned about it in a wonderful manner. The Duke of York put this anchor into the Admiralty flag.

Traditionally, the club commodore flies a blue flag with a white design and the vice commodore has the same design on a red field. The past commodore has 3 vertical stars. This system is modeled on the traditional hierarchy of seniority of rank flags in the U.S. Navy.

From the Editor

Call to Long-time (5+ years) members
-Please consider sharing your boating experiences, adventures and wisdom!
This would be most helpful to the newer members.

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