



The Barnacle

August 2007

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Dueling Mintos

Event Calendar

August 2007

- 2 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 9 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 16 Mid-Sound Sailing Social
- 31 Filucy Fling at Longbranch

September 2007

- 1-2 Filucy Fling at Longbranch
- 6 Fall Series Race (1)
- 8 Fall Series Race (2,3)
- 11 General Membership Meeting
- 14-15 Sleep 'n Creep at Docton
- 22 Fall Series Race (4,5)
- 29 Commodore's Trophy Race

October 2007

- 6 Winter Series Race (1,2)
- 20 Change of Watch Banquet
- 27 Winter Series Race (3,4)

November 2007

- 10 Winter Series Race (5)

Commodore's Corner

Summer's finally here, with the MidSound Sailing social, Seafair, and other events, such as the Silverdale Whaling days. With the report of a gray whale dragging a net, we'll be on the look out. The whale almost took a 24' boat under.

We received notice that there is a move afoot to involve more regulation H.R. 2550 that addresses regulations regarding discharge from pleasure boats. Members are urged to contact their congresspersons. See more info at GovtAffairs@BoatUS.com

Don't forget to log your cruises, in anticipation of the Cruise Boat of the Year Award; it's not too early to start. Fall Race Series begins September 6th so you still have time to get your forms to Race Fleet.

September General Membership is around the corner on September 11th. Be thinking of your officer and Trustee nominations. We are a volunteer club, so your participation keeps the wind in our sails and fuel in our tanks!

MidSound Sailing Social is halfway done. We have about 15 boats with crews turning out for wind, fun and prizes. Thanks to all of you who have helped pull this together, especially Pat Waters, Race Fleet Captain and Joey Jewell, Marina. There are only three more Thursday nights, beginning August 2nd (two more by the time our Barnacle reaches you), so come on out! Des Moines Marina & TTPYC are raising funds to support Camp Stand by Me and will be collecting donation forms and donations for this worthy cause at the last race. Your support is appreciated.

See you on the water. --Commodore Tim

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AT THE MANDARIN KITCHEN

Join the crowd at the Mandarin Kitchen, September 11 for the Fall General Membership Meeting. We will gather together to enjoy some great food & swap stories before getting down to the business of nominating officers for the next year. This is an opportunity to give input into what you like best about the Club & what improvements you'd like to help with. Involvement assures you get more of what you want

New Officers will be announced at the CHANGE OF WATCH, October 20th at the FAIRWOOD COUNTRY CLUB. Be sure to come out & join the fun. More details to follow in the September BARNACLE.

-Larry and Jamie Wheir, Social Chairs

Minto Mingle *07

Ahhhh...yes! The joys of being on the water again. Wait a minute! The sun is shining and yet it's raining on my head! Welcome to the Pacific Northwest. Rain, sun, clouds, and a warm breeze were all in abundance when Scott and I left the Des Moines marina in *Snake Eyes* early Friday afternoon. After a two-year hiatus, we were cruising once again – to Dockton for the Minto Mingle. Technically, Scott and I are boatless after selling *Snake Eyes* in December 2005 and the Minto before that. However, both sales included the requirement that we could use each boat free of charge. So, off we went to the Minto Mingle with our old Minto in tow.

We arrived at Dockton shortly after *Zzzap* and were greeted by three boats from the West Seattle Yacht Club who had come to join in the fun of Minto racing (one more arrived later for a total of four WS boats). And FUN was the theme for the weekend. The weather for Friday evening and Saturday turned out beautifully – sun, partly cloudy, wind on and off – perfect for having fun. Attendees included the following: Via Boat: *Eagle*, *Snake Eyes* (Scott & Sylvia Wilson and Ron & Susan Moblo – Ron and Susan came from across the harbor in their whaler, towing their two Mintos but slept on *Snake Eyes*), *Cherokee* (with her new gorgeous paint job), *Cayuse*, *Brigadoon*, *Gecko*, *Blue Moon*, *Sanguinity*, *Zzzap*, *Asylum*, *Shady Lady* along with the Sissons, and Wright's in their big dinghy; Via Land Yacht:

Mannards, Georges, Russ and Carol Garman. Visitors included the following: From the West Seattle Yacht Club – Neil and Mary Duett on *Liquid Kryptonite*, John and Jeannie Gordon on *Fifty-Fifty*, Jim and Leslie Franz on *Aquarius* and Peggy and Jim Hanson on *At Ease*; the Minto maker – Mile and Patty Ellis on *Sweet Chance*; Ron's friends Brian and Kate Bare on *Legacy*; possible new members on their brand new Beneteau 423 *Northstar*, Dale & Cynthia Carleton; and the gang from West Marine Tacoma. Additional race participant included Kevin Lloyd – tied up at Dockton with friends and decided to give the Mintos a try!

By chance, all activities took place on Saturday this year. There was enough wind to hold three Minto races, have a great potluck dinner on the dock, and partake in all the West Marine activities. Yes, I said West Marine. West Marine of Tacoma purposefully scheduled an on the water promo day to coordinate with our Minto Mingle and worked with race organizers to coordinate all events. West Marine started our day with a continental breakfast and provided lunch after the first race. After the second race they held an inflatable kayak race – one-on-one elimination style – using a West Marine Skedaddle. The winner received a new one person Skedaddle! The racing was a hoot! Each kayaker would start from the end of the pier by the marina entrance with their stern touching the dock. They would then paddle to the marina entrance post, round it and paddle for the start point *backwards*! First to touch the start point with the stern of the kayak won. The competition was fierce, abilities varied, and resulted in several soaked behinds! Some of the racers included David Jones Jr., Marilyn Jones, Janet Sisson and my husband, Scott. Ultimately Scott won, even after the race officials held his stern at the dock after the start!!! So now Scott and I once again own a boat! It's a perfect addition to our RV.

West Marine also held three raffle drawings throughout the day with great prizes – ranging from water toys to a GPS and many more goodies! Thank you West Marine Tacoma for making Saturday extra special!

Minto Racing: Yes, there was Minto racing. Ten Mintos arrived and thirteen racers of all expertise levels. We even had Mike Ellis in attendance and racing – Mike is the current maker of the Mintos! He also provided Minto shirts for the winners. Thank you, Mike. So, how do you describe Minto racing? So many adjectives applied that day – wild, wet, painful, frustrating, exhilaration, laughter, thankfulness, eagerness, happy, sad, amazed – just an example. Sometimes the winds were light and fluky, other times found the racers hiked out and hanging on

for dear life in heavy winds bailing water as they went, then there were the in between times – all in the same race! Lead changes were constantly occurring – at least at first. The first race had Scott taking the lead within the first two legs and not giving it up. Ron Moblo took a commanding lead during the second lap of the second race. The third race was a battle all the way with position changes constantly occurring – except for first place. Ron once again took the lead during the second lap and led to the finish and winner for the whole event. Scott was second and Peter Gelinas taking third. But that wasn't the end of the story. Russ Garman decided to test the water temperature in Quartermaster Harbor. After finishing the last race, Russ flipped his boat – right at the start/finish line! As many racers know, Mintos are heavy boats and cannot be righted without assistance. Yet, Russ had to try. His efforts gave the spectators a grand ol' time on the dock. At one point



he was sitting on his capsized Minto! He decided to put on his life jacket once he was already in the water! He eventually

righted the boat – swamped of course – and got pulled into the dock! Russ had a great time and was fine!!! Fortunately Jeanne Walker got great sequence shots of the whole spectacle! We'll try and get those pictures posted to the website and here in the Barnacle.

Thank you to the many people who made this event a success! Paul and Carol Jones for bringing all the race equipment, Paul Jones for providing the chase boat, Ron Moblo for his beach ball start line markers, Scott and Ron for setting up the race course, Dave Jones for calling the starts and finishes, West Seattle Yacht Club members for providing their roll up camping tables for the potluck, West Marine for the use of their big table for the potluck, and West Marine for all the food and fun! A personal “thank you” to John Long for the use of his Minto, and to John and Della Hoag for the use of *Snake Eyes* – it felt good to be back on the water!

Happy Sailing! Sylvia Wilson

Race Corner

“I” mark was successfully installed on June 16, thanks to the marina loaning us it's new barge and help from the following; Pat Stewart, Bob Post, Steve Puryear and especially Dave Garman who did all the welding and supplied his trailer to move the anchor, chain and buoy. Next up is repairing J mark!

Summer Series is over. Great race committee work thanks to Phil Chin and Paul Jones! Snake Eyes won class A. Chinook won class B.

Three boats turned out for the Jack N Jill race on a rainy day with little wind. One boat came down from up North to participate. Giant Slayer won the race! Great race committee work by Paul Jones on a very wet day!

An application for the Fall Series is attached. Please fill it out and join the fun! As always, performance class is FREE!!

-Pat Waters, Race Chair

SOUTH SOUND SAILING SOCIAL AT THE DES MOINES MARINA

A summer family/friends event with fun, food and prizes and it is ALL FREE!!

Three of the six Thursday night South Sound Sailing Socials have taken place and were a huge success! There were 15-20 boats out each evening with 50-60 people at the awards ceremony! This is a summer family/friends event with fun, food and prizes and it is ALL FREE!!

There are three Thursdays left in the series, August 2, 9, and 16. The low key racing starts at 7:00 pm. Any boat finishing the race by 8:30 pm, even by engine, will be eligible for prizes! Social hours with food, beverages and prizes will begin shortly after the race each evening at Milluzzo's Restaurant at the Des Moines marina. Prizes are significant and plentiful and include free haul outs, duffle bags, sail repairs, hats, duffle bags, etc. August 16 will be a fundraiser for Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me.

For further information give me a call.

Pat Waters
253-529-2873

Cruise Corner

A new cruise to Silverdale was added to the schedule this year. All our boats made it through the winding channel up Dyes Inlet to Silverdale. On Friday, Gene and Pat Ellison on Cayuse, Ray and Debra Valpey on Sloe Tango, and Tom and Jean Spohn on Andromeda rafted up in the harbor and enjoyed not only a spectacular sunset but a spectacular fireworks display that sprang from a barge just a few boats away. Quite a show it was.

The next morning the wind had increased and shifted 180 degrees and we were all awakened by waves slapping on the boat's transoms. (Note: we suggested to our editor that she not state she was awakened by a slap on her stern.) Once the raft was turned around peace and quiet returned.

Too Fat To Fly brought Tim and Caroline McShane and Brigadoon brought Paul and Carol Jones to the raft in the afternoon. Some went ashore to visit the carnival, music presentations, food and general partying—others relaxed on the boats. The afternoon brought the much-anticipated Pet Show. Prizes were awarded for many categories, including “Most Talented” to Jean Spohn and “Tunie” for dog songs, Debra Valpey and “Chloe” wore matching shawls and took home the look-a-likes owner and pet prize. Murphy won the largest pet and Caroline's menagerie

of stuffed husky dawgs won the smallest. The oldest is Murphy and the youngest Molly. But the hit of the afternoon was the “Stories about pets” part of the program. It looked like the Valpey's “The kitty came back” story was a winner, but nobody could top Paul Jones' story of how to train hounds to know the difference between a possum and a raccoon. Ask him next time you see him. You will be amazed. Many thanks to Caroline and Debra for putting this event together. On Sunday the raft broke up, goodbyes were said, and our flotilla sailed off in several directions till the next rendezvous on Labor Day at Filucy Bay. See ya there.

-Tom Spohn, Cruise Chair

SAILBOAT FOR SALE

"French Silk", 1990 Beneteau 32s5, well equipped, beautifully maintained, temporary moorage available. Call Pat & Sue on 253-529-2873.

Labor Day Cruise to Longbranch

August 31 – Sept. 3
Free* (No \$\$)

Note: Due to the tide, from north of The Narrows you'll want to head south on Friday afternoon or evening, or relatively early on Saturday.

Tentative Schedule:

- Friday evening: Come find the TTPYC raft in mid-bay (Filucy Bay)
- Saturday mid-day: Blindfold dingy races (possibly to be combined with a picnic @ Smith Island, weather permitting)
- Saturday early eve: Hors d'oeuvre contest (1. Most colorful, 2. Most TTPYCish, 3. Most labor intensive)
- And in the vein of LABOR day, bring stories of your **Most Laborious Job** you've had.
- Saturday late eve: Dance or just groove to the tunes of **The Daily Flash**, at the Longbranch Improvement Club. The Daily Flash is a band resurrected from the 60's and whose members have also played in the Kingsmen, Heart, and The Driftwood Singers (think the styles of the Byrds, Eagles, etc). *Price of the tickets TBA
- Sunday mid-day: Optional cruise extension to Penrose Point State Park, likely rafting again.
- Monday mid-day: The ebb through The Narrows is perfectly timed for easy return north either Sunday or Monday.

Any questions?

- Contact hosts Ray & Debra Valpey (206) 243-5566 DRValpey@comcast.net



Three Tree Point Yacht Club
Presents
2007 Fall Series

September 6th, 8th, and 22rd.

Courses and class breaks will be displayed on the Committee Boat

FREE PERFORMANCE CLASS

We will have a performance class with off-the-cuff handicaps with a separate start. The weather should be nice so all of you should give it a try.

Please review the 2007 Race Book for Updated and New Details, Rules and Information.

Entry fee: \$30.00 for the series (performance class FREE)

THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB
Race Registration Form

Sailboat Name _____ Sail # _____
LOA _____ ft.
Manufacturer/Model _____
Hull Color _____
Race or Series Entering _____ Entry Fee Enclosed \$ _____ (required for yacht registration)
____ PHRF Rating _____ sec./mi. Rating Code _____
____ Performance Class Rating _____ sec./mi.
____ One Design -- Boat Type _____
____ Non-Flying Sails

PLEASE REFER TO THE TTPYC RACE HANDBOOK FOR ADDITIONAL RACE INFORMATION.

I, as skipper, acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my boat and crew.

I acknowledge that it is my chose to race in this event.

I certify the above boat meets current PIYA Category IV requirements or better and agree to abide by the racing rules as stated in the TTPYC Racing Handbook.

I release the Three Tree Point Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, and race committee with respect to any and all claims resulting from the participation of my boat in this race.

Signed _____ Print Name _____
Date _____

A copy of the TTPYC Race Book can be found at the club web site. www.ttpyc.org

Send the registration form and race fee to: **TTPYC Race Fleet**
Attn: Registrar
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