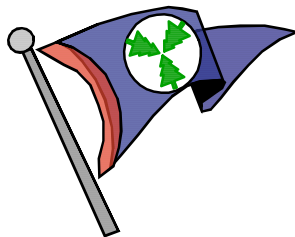


Three Tree Point Yacht Club Newsletter



The Barnacle

March 2007

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Snake Eyes races to the mark

Event Calendar

March 2007

- 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 20 Race Fleet Meeting
- 30-31 Blake Island Crab Feed Cruise

April 2007

- 1 Blake Island Crab Feed Cruise
- 5 *Spring Series Races Begin (1)*
- 12 *Spring Series Race (2)*
- 19 *Spring Series Race (3)*
- 20-22 Daffodil Festival Cruise in Tacoma
- 26 *Spring Series Race (4)*
- 28-29 *Spring Regatta Weekend*
- 29 Racing Awards Presentation

May 2007

- 3 *Spring Series Race (5)*
- 17 *Summer Series Race (1)*
- 18-20 Brownsville Cruise
- 31 *Summer Series Race (2)*

Commodore's Corner

Spring is on the way and daylight savings time begins on March 11th this year. This means we can look forward to more daylight and an earlier spring (according to Punxatawny Phil). Extra time and light means out with SAD (seasonal affected disorder) and in with bright work and more boating. I am looking forward to extra time on the water and longer days to enjoy Puget Sound and all the club events planned, such as the Crab Feed, Spring Regatta, the Docks at Tacoma and Opening Day.

The Seattle Yacht Club has extended an invitation to our club to participate in Opening Day Festivities, on May 5th. If you are interested in representing TTPYC in the boat parade, please contact me by March 17th. The theme this year is Musical Memories.

Pat Waters, Race Fleet Chair, is looking for volunteer(s) to run the power boat races for the summer social series scheduled for July and August. Contact Pat if you are interested.

May your shamrocks grow and the luck of the Irish is with you all the year!

--Commodore Tim

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AT THE MUSEUM

Racers, fans and the curious – they all met at the Hydroplane Museum in Kent to view the boats that were one of the highlights of summer in Seattle. There were stories of those who were on the log boom for the first Gold Cup, those who never missed a race and those who made their own toy boats. The event drew fifty-plus members all with a memory to share or to find out what made hydroplane racing such a big deal in Seattle.

Our Commodore, Tim McShane, mentioned that the Hydroplane Museum would be a fun place for an event and the club was lucky enough to secure the venue for the meeting. Dave Williams, curator of the museum, shared his knowledge of hydroplane history to the enlightenment of all.

Attendees included past Commodores and Officers and current office holders. We were pleased to see a cross-section of racers, cruisers, new members and long-time members that we haven't seen in some time. Thank you all for coming out to celebrate a bit of Seattle history. We hope to see all of you again at the Crab Feed plus those of you who we missed.

-Larry and Jamie Wheir, Social Chairs

Race Corner

The Vashon Island race, the last race in the Windjammer Series, was held February 10. Steady moderate winds for most of the day enabled the small fleet (3 boats) to get around the course by 4pm. Congrats to Cherokee who won Speed Potential class, and Sanquinity who won Performance class.

There is no racing scheduled for March, but we will have a Race Fleet Meeting at 6pm, Tuesday, March 20 at Milluzzo's restaurant to discuss and plan upcoming events. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend! We need your help!

Upcoming events in April include the Spring Series, starting April 5th, and the Spring Regatta, April 28 & 29. Performance class will be FREE for both events! We will give you a handicap based on your experience, sail conditions, bottom condition, etc., which will make you competitive.

Also, call me and I will assign a mentor for you if you want to help you get started. Trophies will be presented for first, second & third place in PHRF speed potential, one design and performance class. A post race party will be held at Anthony's for the Trophy's and the Annual Awards Presentation immediately after the Spring Regatta at 4:00 pm on April 29. Hope to see more of you out there!!

Finally, we have been meeting with the Des Moines marina staff to plan this summer's Mid Sound Sailing Social. Due to the stunning success last year, we will expand the event to six Thursday evenings in July and August rather than four. A party and prize drawing will follow the friendly racing each evening. We are also considering using one evening to raise funds for a local charity. We would also like to include a powerboat event on one or more evenings during the social. We need a volunteer who would like to organize this event. If you are interested, please give me a call.

--Pat Waters, Race Chair

CRAB FEED IN MARCH

Join the McShanes for a cruise to Blake Island on March 31st. The annual crab feed and potluck will have an America's Cup theme, in honor of the big gig in Valencia. We are bringing back the Name that Tunes contest. Tim has over a thousand songs on his Nano, so lots to choose from. The America's Cup game will start after Tunes. The TABLETOP display must have an America's Cup theme, and at least one item from the beach!

The events are scheduled to begin @ 2:30 with dinner @ 5 pm. Chefs Paul Jones and Phil Chin will be creating a marvelous pot o'chicken and dumplings, too.

Again please bring used candles, and take advantage of the beach 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.

Johnny's Seafood will supply the crab. The prices, \$4.50 per half crab and \$4.50 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 22nd. Please make your check payable to Three Tree Point Yacht Club.

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

PS. Bring wood for the campfire, too.

Winter Cruisers



You may recall my “Commodore’s Corner” of the August, 2006 issue of *The Barnacle*: I had submitted it via satellite connection from off the coast of Oregon, while crewing aboard *Guiding Light*, Steve and Sheila Luengen’s custom

43’ ketch (designed and built by Steve in the 80’s). After I jumped ship in San Francisco, Steve day-hopped the rest of the way down the coast, pausing near San Diego for a month to undergo engine repairs and fly back home (for no other reason, of course, than) to join us TTPYC’ers for the Change of Watch in October. Long story short, *Guiding Light* pulled into Mazatlan in late November, and has been happy as a clam in the marina for the following 3 months, especially now that Sheila has rejoined the Captain.

In late January, Debra and I flew down to Mazatlan to join the Luengens while Seattle dug out of a recent snowfall. We brought with us the coldest weather Mazatlan had seen in ages (dipping into the 40’s) but by week’s end, it was pushing into the 80’s again. It was intriguing to observe the “cruising community” with its daily radio check-in of news, weather reports, swaps’n such, and its Thursday potluck. Getting around town was fun and easy aboard the frequent busses for 60 cents (6 pesos) per ride, best accomplished with Spanish dictionary in pocket (and reading glasses to use it).

As the spring approaches, the Luengens plan to head north into the Sea of Cortez for some serious cruising, then hauling out in mid-May for the summer. They send a hearty “Ahoy!” to their friends of TTPYC, and the Valpeys send a hearty

“Thank you!” to Steve and Sheila for a welcoming week in Mexico.

-Ray Valpey, Past *Commodore*

Ed: Here are notes from *Tom Schacht* who is on his odyssey traveling through the Panama Canal and around the southern tip of South America on a cruise ship.

We transited Messier channel, coming out of Icy Fjord, after watching Icy Glacier make icebergs. This is several hundred miles south of Puerto Montt, in south Chile. We have seen lots of sea-life, whales and penguins and visited a whole island full of sea lions up off Callao/Lima Peru, plus a Humboldt Penguin Colony and islands completely topped with Guano, from all the birds. The guano was commercially harvested until the advent of commercial chemical fertilizer, so now the guano is simply left to pile up unhindered...and it (and the sea lions) smell to high heaven!!

We have had our share of boat and wildlife related adventures, such as fowling the anchor in Puerto Montt, which resulted in us sailing around in a circle for several hours to work it out, then developing a small oil leak in the propeller system, which necessitated deploying an oil boom around the stern, after which we encountered a short but violent earthquake which shook the ship quite vigorously for several seconds and got everyone excited, and today, managed to suck up a whole batch of shrimp into the engine cooling filters, which of course clogged the filters, so we had to go slow for a while they scraped all the “shrimps” out of them, but such is cursing!! We stopped in San Blas to visit the “islanders” and in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, where I took a canal trip to watch wildlife--we saw sloths, cormorants, cranes and crocodiles, and also how Del Monte processes bananas for export to the US. We passed through the Panama Canal with minimal delay and traffic; with several other cruise ships going through near the same time. Peru and especially Chile are eye openers in the variety of terrain we have discovered, all the way from arid desert in the north to--of course--steep-to wooded fjords and glaciers in the south.

- *Tom Schacht*

To be continued...



**Three Tree Point Yacht Club
Presents**

2007 Spring Series

Thursday Nights April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and May 3rd

Courses and class breaks will be displayed on the Committee Boat

First Start 18:30

All Classes Welcome

Speed Potential Entry fee: \$30.00 for the series

Performance Class is FREE!!!!

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

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
P.O. Box 98700
Des Moines, WA 98198**

CRAB FEED AT BLAKE ISLAND

Break out your sails and join us for the second cruise of the season. We have planned an afternoon of activities beginning at 2:30 pm:

"Name that Tune" contest
America's Cup Challenge
Tabletop displays-America's Cup theme (judged @ dinner)
Dinner @ 5pm

The Club will supply liquid refreshments, cocktail sauce, cups, napkins, silverware, and paper plates. We ask you to bring yourselves and friends and sign up for a dish and set up or cleanup activity. Bring your old candles for the tabletop displays. Firewood, too.

Complete the order form below and mail with your check (made out to TTPYC) by **March 22nd** to:

The McShane's
601 S 227th 302 N
Des Moines, WA 98198

Your prompt attention will be appreciated, since we need to have an accurate count of crabs for Johnny's Sea Food.

Since we cannot predict the weather and we have experienced all types in years past, please bring a log or two for the fire in the shelter.

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

Name(s): _____

Phone # _____ Number of persons _____

Boat Name _____

Number of Crab halves _____ \$4.50 ea _____

Event fee _____ \$4.50 per adult _____

Total payment _____ by check _____

(Please check one below)

We plan to bring

Bread _____

Salad _____

Side _____

Dessert _____

(Please check one below)

We will help with

Set up _____

Cleanup _____

Garbage Haul out _____

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