

The yacht club with emphasis on fun!



# The Barnacle

## THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB

### November, 2007

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It is the beginning of a brand new year for the Three Tree Point Yacht Club which is sure to be filled with new adventures, new enthusiasm and some new challenges. To begin with, our premier social event the Change of Watch Banquet was a great success. The food was excellent, the entertainment was outstanding and it is always good to see everyone and share some great conversation. Many thanks to all who came and all who helped make it possible.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the "Revitalization of our Racing Program" committee please let me know. I will be contacting those who signed up to help with the Mid-Sound Summer Sailing Social at the last General Membership Meeting in the coming weeks. We need to get an early start to assure another successful event this year.

The past cruising season was one of the best I can remember. I think we made it to all but one event. Don't forget we have our next cruise planned for December 31<sup>st</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> at Dock Street in Tacoma. I'm already looking forward to next year's cruising season. I hope the weather will be a little more cooperative than it was last summer. We have an active cruise calendar of events planned. Look for the schedule of events in the Barnacle. Ray and Deb Valpey have agreed to handle the duties of Cruise Captain this year. This was the last club position to be filled and it is such an important job. Thanks Ray and Deb.

Fall is a busy time at the TTPYC. We have the nominating committee, the September General Membership Meeting. The ballots, member information sheets and dues statements must be sent out to everyone on time. Then the ballots must be counted and verified. Then there is the Change of Watch Banquet we look forward to all year. During such a busy time it is easy to forget that dues are dues on October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, please try and send them in as soon as possible.

The new Board of Trustees is already actively working on the business of the club. The top priorities are to form a committee to work on the revitalization our racing program, start planning the Mid-Sound Summer Sailing Social event and finalize the 2008 club calendar.

I'm really excited about the coming year and eagerly looking forward to the many activities we are planning for the year ahead. We have a great group of Trustees and volunteers who are dedicated to making this year the best year ever. Tim McShane did a wonderful job as Commodore last year. I only hope that I can continue the energy and enthusiasm he brought throughout the coming year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
NOVEMBER-2007	
10	Winter Series Race (5)
DECEMBER-2007	
1	Winter Vashon Race (TYC SSS1)
12	Christmas Party, Des Moines Christmas Ship Parade
30-31	Dock Street Marina, Tacoma New Year's Eve Party

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

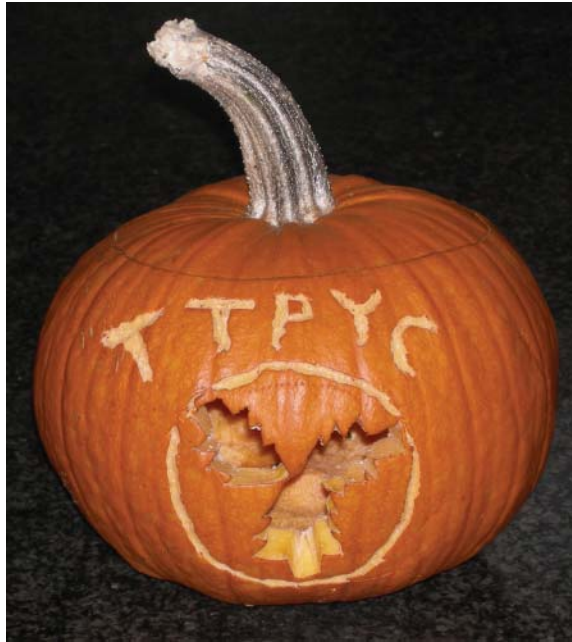
*Lois Willard*

The Halloween Party returned to the Conti farm on Saturday. Many thanks to Shelley for so generously allowing all of us to enjoy this great Halloween experience at the farm, even while Dean was unable to attend. The party was well attended by many old friends in a wide variety of costumes: witches, skeletons, pirates, animals, fairies, dancers, Cleopatra, Dick Cheney, "cereal killer" suomo wrestler, cowboy, ghosts and of course Eeyore.

This is a fun party for the entire family. Eeyore (Shelley) led beautiful horse Stevie around the corral accommodating every child who wanted a ride. The haunted house was scary and full of surprises. And the huge swing was a very popular ride. Many enjoyed selecting and carving a favorite pumpkin to take home. The weather was perfect and the Husky game was early, followed by a beautiful sunset and the harvest table laden with typical TTPYC faire of wonderful goodies. A great way to end a wonderful day!

The Halloween party is really a 3-day event and requires many hands to make it happen; beginning with harvesting the pumpkins and preparing the barn and then decorating with various treasures. The day following the party is spent restoring the barn to a stable and stalls for the horses. Thank you to all who participated! You are soooo appreciated!

We had about 35 people at the party, including kids. There were many costumes, including a baby calf and bee, Cleopatra, a "Cereal Killer" and the wicked witch, Pirates, Scottish lass, Eeyore, and I can't remember who else. We (of course) had lots of food, with four kinds of chili, "halloweenies" and many



side dishes. The Maze was very dark, and Phil would slip in the back to scare someone as they went in the front. Lots of pumpkins were carved and rides were had on the horse as well as the swing. Everyone had a good time and went home with pumpkins and goodies.  
*Shelley Conti*



### Three Tree Point Yacht Club Race Registration Form

Sailboat Name	Sail #	LOA
Manufacturer/Model		
Hull Color		
Race or Series Entering: Winter Series		Entry Fee Enclosed \$
___ PHRF	Rating: sec/mi	Rating Code
___ Performance Class	Rating: sec/mi	Call Pat Waters for handicap (253.529.2873)
___ One Design - Boat Type		
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 choice 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:	
E-mail Address:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	

Send the registration form and any race fee to: **TTPYC RACE FLEET**  
Attn: Registrar  
P.O. Box 98700  
Des Moines, WA 98198

Courses and class breaks will be displayed on the Committee Boat

Entry fee: \$30. for the series

**FREE PERFORMANCE CLASS!**

We will have a performance Class with off the cuff handicaps with separate start.

## OFFICERS-2007-2008

COMMODORE	Paul Jones
VICE COMMODORE	Tom Spohn
TREASURER	Caroline McShane
SECRETARY	Joe Thomas
PAST COMMODORE	Tim McShane
RACE FLEET CAPTAIN	Pat Stewart
ASSISTANT FLEET CAPTAIN	Tom Davis

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

CRUISE	Debra & Ray Valpey
REGISTRAR	Bob Post
SOCIAL	Larry & Jamie Wheir
RACE SCORER	Tom Davis
RACE HANDICAPPER	Pat Waters
MEMBERSHIP	Janet Sisson
HISTORIAN	Rose Edmiston
SHIP'S STORE	Carol Jones
BARNACLE/WEBMASTER	Sue Waters

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### CRUISE CORNER

*Tom Spohn*

The helm of the Cruise Corner has now been turned over to Debra and Ray Valpey who will be co-captains for Cruise in 2008. I have been looking over their shoulders and WOW!! what a cruise year coming up.

But wait—we have one more cruise in 2007—the New Years Eve Cruise. Partygoers will cruise to the Dock Street Marina on Saturday, December 30 for some pre-new year's activities. On Sunday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> we will go to the other side of the waterway (transport provided) to the Delin Docks Clubhouse where the Party will take place. We will have plenty to eat and lots of champagne and maybe an appearance of the local bagpiper at the stroke of midnight. Sleep in on Sunday and head for home while thinking about New Year's resolutions. Look for the signup in next months *Barnacle*, but **mark your calendar now!** This was a lot of fun last year—you don't want to miss it.

### RACE CORNER

*Pat Stewart*

The race Fleet will be starting a new season soon. January, 2008. One more race in the Winter Series on November 10<sup>th</sup> will complete the 2007 season.

Sadly, only two boats are active in the winter series, and that is because Mark Rider and his J35 FLASHBACK has come out to race CHEROKEE. We badly need people to pick it up and come out and race. I can look around the South end of the marina and from CHEROKEE and count a dozen boats that used to race.

Thanks to Pat Waters and his effort this year, we are getting some interest in the Performance Class. SEABISCUIT came out for the Winter Series, racing in the Performance Class.

Any sailboat owner that is uncomfortable in a racing environment or anyone who would like to experience and learn racing, contact your race fleet captain, Pat Stewart and I will get you a ride in one of our races.

If you think you may enjoy becoming a crew member, we have boats looking for crew. Call me. 206.824.4814



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Janet & Steve Sisson

Here is a grand story from a team of new recruits to our club.

### SEABISCUIT AND CREW JOIN THE RANKS OF TTPYC

It all began in 1995 when Andy Norton and Denise Lathrop were returning from cruising in the San Juans. At a stopover in Anacortes, they spotted a bedraggled Yankee 28' in need of much TLC with a "For Sale" sign tacked in its grimy window—Seabiscuit. They thought that this old girl might boat have a few more furlongs in her, so Andy made a 'ready for the glue factory' offer. The offer was rejected with prejudice. So Andy and Denise continued on their way but now with a bad case of three-foot-itis.

Two years later, Andy, Denise and daughter Della (then two years old) received a call from the owner of the Yankee 28' asking if they were still interested in buying the old thoroughbred for Andy's earlier offer. Seeing the potential in this thoroughbred, the deal was quickly sealed and Seabiscuit headed for Seattle.

Seabiscuit was hauled out, and given a lot of attention in the yard until her coat shined again. She had gained some weight over the years. Originally designed to the trim ½ Ton rule,



she had become downright matronly. While we had her completely disassembled she shed much of that temporary water weight gain found in her deck core. During the refit we found some early history of this boat competing in several San Diego to Encinitas races in the early 70's.

It was a long canter from her old paddock on Lake Washington to get to the Sound – up the lake, through the ship canal and out the locks. We wanted a better moorage and what better spot than Des Moines –close to Maury Island, where we spend many weekends at a family cabin. You might find Seabiscuit often anchored in a greener pasture just south of Piner Point if not in Des Moines. In 2004 we secured a spot on "C Dock" across from "Sarabande." Since her arrival at C Dock, Seabiscuit has enjoyed many runs over to Vashon, and to the South Sound. But we are planning more extended cruises as we stabilize Seabiscuit's old Atomic 4, and figure out how to make sheet handling a little more convenient. Next steps: Measure for PHRF, learn how to race, and get to the boat early enough to brush the bottom before the next race!

In June 2007, Seabiscuit and crew joined the ranks of TTPYC. It has been a great several months and Seabiscuit and crew have enjoyed meeting new folks, participating in the summer racing series, and most recently in the October 27<sup>th</sup> Winter Series race where he finished dead last (doldrums). We (Andy, Denise and Della) look forward to more fun sailing with the TTPYC gang.



Moments caught throughout the Change of Watch, October 17, 2007

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