



The **BARNACLE**

Three Tree Point Yacht Club
OCTOBER, 2009

October 2009		
3	▶	Fall Series 3,4 & 5
17	✉	Change of Watch, Fairwood Golf & Country Club
24	▶	Winter Series Race 1 & 2
31	✉	Halloween Party home of Dean & Shelley Conti 4-8 PM
November 2009		
21	▶	Winter Series Races 3,4 & 5

THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Tom Spohn
Commodore



Ever since my early school years I have always thought of this time of year as the beginning of the year rather than the 3/4 mark. I will complete my year as your Commodore in a few days, but I am very excited about what is coming up in the months to come:

1. We are working on a Youth Sailing Program. The future of any organization like ours means we must attract new and younger people every year. Your Trustees are working on this--stay tuned as the year progresses. If you would like

to help out in any way as an instructor or just help out please let Pat Waters know.

2. Last year we started the "Almost Every Month" dinner meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to socialize, and have informative and educational guests to keep us up to speed on all the latest. Last year we learned some good environmental practices and were informed about the latest AIS systems. Coming up in November and December are two new meetings in a new venue--It will be exciting; please stay tuned.

3. We have a good start on a Vision, Mission, Goals statement. Next year is the time to really refine the goals with plans to move our club forward.

4. Change of Watch is just around the corner. The band this year is fantastic and the menu is very compelling. Please plan to attend and get your reservations in right away if you have not done so yet.

5. We started up a "Wordsmith Team" to look at the bylaws and suggest changes for a membership vote sometime in the Spring.

I am personally grateful for all the help and good ideas I received last year as your Commodore. The cruises, races, social events, and meetings were a team effort and it is the Leadership Team who gets the credit. I know I can count on all members to jump in and help out to make next year the best one yet under Commodore Pat Waters. Thanks to everyone for a great year!

See you on the water,
Tom Spohn

- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR DUES IN BY OCTOBER 31ST.** Furthermore, be sure to take time and fill in your bio sheet with all information that pertains to you.
- Have you sent in your nominations for Cruise Boat of the Year and "That Sinking Feeling Award"? Please do so ASAP so that all entries will be considered.

SOCIAL CORNER

Peter Gelinas,
Chairman

CHANGE OF WATCH OCTOBER 17, 2009 -Fairwood Golf and Country Club
17070 140th Ave SE/Renton, WA 98058

By now everyone should have received their invitation for this year's Change of Watch. Please do note the response cards must be sent in by October 9th, with your entrée selection and money; check made to TTPYC.

"Nautical" is our theme this year, as in going on a cruise aboard the *"USS Fairwood"*. Commodore Tom Spohn and his Commadorable Jean will preside over the event with your incoming Commodore Pat Waters and his wife Sue. A photo will be taken as you enter into the dining room, (sent to you later), the open bar begins at 6:00 PM and the dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Entrée choices: Wild King Salmon, Stuffed Chicken, or 12 oz Rib-Eye. Included with your dinner there will be two bottles of wine and a bottle of Perrier per table, assorted rolls, Fairwood House Salad; mixed greens with gorgonzola, apples, candied pecans, dried cranberries & rosemary balsamic dressing, grilled vegetables and roasted red gorgonzola potatoes and berry crisp for dessert. Back by popular demand, *The Tropics* will provide our entertainment.



I would like to have a couple people offer to help check in our members and provide them with their entrée ticket. Please contact Sue, 253.529.2873

And for those who are The Tropics fans, here is information to help plan time with them.

Where are they playing? Glad you asked. Mostly at private events except.....

This coming Sunday night, October 4th, *The TROPICS* will be playing at the China Harbor Restaurant in Seattle. The Westlake location easy to find and parking is free. Dance in a large, air conditioned lounge with a great view.

Arrive at 7 PM for East Coast Swing taught by Ron Bolin the Dancin' Dj or just Dance to The TROPICS from 8 to 11. Admission is \$5 for the lesson and/or \$10 for the dance. Ages 21 and over.

China Harbor Restaurant, 2040 Westlake Ave North, Seattle. Appearing with us on Oct. 4th will be Craig Webb, former guitarist for Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Lou Rawls, John Denver, Petula Clark, Judy Garland, Peggy Lee and Donna Summers during his "boy-wizard" period in Las Vegas.

Also *The TROPICS* have a new address on the web : <http://www.tropicsband.com>

MORE NEWS: FROSTY is BACK! That's right! Dr. Felix Billingsley, our original guitarist, has been conditionally released by the Mexican authorities and is now appearing with The TROPICS as his schedule allows!

Hope to see you there (or somewhere)!

Greg, Julie & *The TROPICS*

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Dean and Shelley Conti are going to host our Halloween party this year. It will be on Saturday, October 31st from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM in our barn. Eeyore will give horseback rides to anyone who wants one. We have lots of pumpkins in our garden for pumpkin carving, or if you would rather, we will have pictures that you can color. We will have a dark and spooky maze to wander through. It will be a potluck of which we will have chili and "Halloweenies", so bring a desert or salad to go with it. So dress up in your favorite costume, bring your kids and your neighbor's kids and come have a bunch of fun!

Please let me know if you can make it. Call Shelley at (home) 253-630-7007 or (cell) 253-569-4044.

I would love help, if you are able. This is a list of jobs that I would like help with.

On Friday Afternoon Oct 30th, I need someone to pick up 4 tables from locker, and then people to help set up the maze and move hay.

On Saturday Noon Oct 31th, before the party, I need help putting the finishing touches on maze and set up tables.

On Saturday Oct 31th, at the party, I need people to oversee pumpkin carving, read ghost stories and about 3 people to bring Chili for 12 people.

On Sunday Afternoon Nov 1st, I need help with clean up, take down the maze, put the hay back and someone to take the tables back to locker.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the general membership meeting on the September 8th, or you can call me at the above numbers. Hope to see you there! Flyer available on website.

THE TACOMA LIVE ABOARD ASSOCIATION is presenting a discussion concerning boat and marina fires by Lt. Joe Stiles of the Tacoma Fire Department. One of Tacoma's fire boats will be available for tours and a fire extinguisher demonstration is planned.

The inventor of the new *SmartPlug* power cord retro fit system will talk about this new product. This product eliminates one of the biggest causes of boat fires, over heated shore power plugs.

Join us at the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum Saturday October 24, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM its free and open to everyone. For more information contact Madhuri Hosford (253) 272-2750 ext 102 or Detlev "Will" Willoughby (509)675-4158

RACE FLEET CORNER

Tom Davis,
Race Fleet Captain

September has been a busy month for the Three Tree Point Yacht Club racing program.

THE FALL SERIES started on Thursday the 10th. The weather couldn't have been any nicer and the wind was a steady ten to fifteen knots. It was a beautiful night to be on the water. It was great to have ten boats out for the first race of the series with three of those being in the cruising class. I do have to admit that I was a little sad to know that we had sailed the last Thursday evening race of the 2009 season.

The second race was scheduled the following Saturday and again the weather was beautiful with a high temperature of around 85 degrees. The down side was that there was very little wind. The Race Committee made up of seasoned sailors, David Garman, Debra Lowell and other members of the crew of *Giant Slayer* was able to find a little wind to the north and moved the fleet up to "L" Mark for a good race to Three Tree Point and back.

The final races of the series will be run on October 3rd. The weather definitely feels like fall but let's hope there's a little wind.

THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE AND *CLAM BAKE* was held on September 26th. We were again blessed with beautiful weather but light winds. Nine boats came to the starting line with five in the Cruising Class. All the boats struggled to get north to Three Tree Point with the "Cruisers" just not having the horse power to get around the course so their course was shortened at the Three Tree Point Mark. The "Racer's" course was shortened after one lap. It all worked out quite well with all boats being able to get off the water by 3:30 and then the crews were able to head down to guest moorage for clams, garlic bread and fresh corn on the cob purchase from the local Farmer's Market. It was good! Following the food the awards were handed out.

The winner in the PHRF Class was *ZZZAP*. Alex Zaputil accepts the Gold Burgee for their first place finish in the PHRF Racing Class in the 2009 COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE.

The winning boat in the Cruising Class was the Hart family in their boat, *Sweet Surrender*.

What makes these two boats special winners is the fact that they are all family crews, *ZZZAP* with Alex, Vanessa and Greg Zaputil and *Sweet Surrender* with Jeff, Quinn, Riana and Emma Hart.

Congratulations to both of you for a fine job of sailing to win your classes!



The winner of the two tickets to the Change of Watch is *Cherokee*.

I would like to thank everyone for their help, especially Donna Beaux and Mary Stainsby. Besides helping run the race they also helped setup and prepare the food.

THANKS

Tom
PS. Winter Race Series, October 24, (races 1 & 2) November 21, (races 3, 4, & 5) Registration forms are available on our website. Results also may be viewed within two days- most of the time!

THE CRUISE CORNER

Tish & Buzz Greenman
Co-Chair

We had two cruises the month of September. First there was the LONGBRANCH CRUISE for the famous dance at the community club. We all tied up to the dock with plenty of room for more boats. Friday and Saturday the weather was better than expected. Saturday Claudia Gahard from Trillium Creek Winery visited the marina to get people to tour there winery. Nine TTP members took Claudia up on her offer to give us transportation to the winery. She made two trips to get us all there. The first group sat sipping wine waiting for the second group. Claudia gave us the tour of the vineyards and the cellar. We hiked the vineyards and she tried to educate the group on the different grapes they use to make their wines. She handed us over to her husband Claude for a detailed explanation of the wine making process. He was very interesting and entertaining. I lost count on how many bottles of wine Claude opened for us to taste. We all did make it back to our boats feeling better then when we left. We had time to make our potluck dishes and meet on the dock for dinner before the van came to pick us up for the dance. *The Blues Brothers Band* was loud [or maybe I'm just getting old], but much fun was had by all. Sunday morning we gathered on the dock in the shelter for coffee cake and coffee. The weather turned cold rainy and windy. I think in less than 30 min. the captains decided to leave Longbranch and get under the narrows before the tide changed. Three boats went into Gig Harbor to had lunch at the *Tides Tavern* and a walk through town. Then the rain came and we all headed for home.

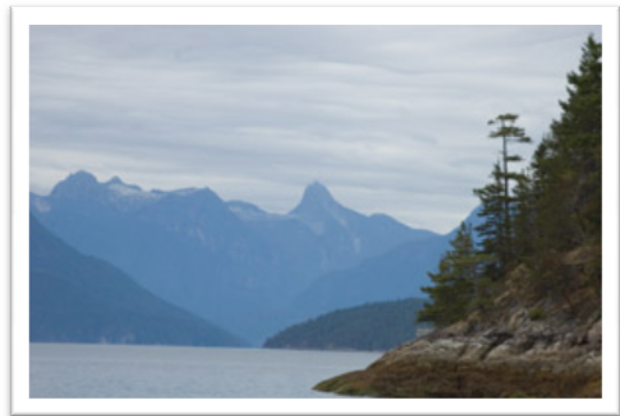
The last cruise of the season was to Dockton for the traditional SLEEP AND CREEP. Again the weather was iffy. I took the ferry with my van loaded with all the supplies and the grill for the pancakes. Nine boats showed up. Steve and Janet Sisson road their bikes from the ferry. We had the shelter for the pot luck and the judging of the pancake sculpture contest. Big thanks to Debra Valpey for making all those hard pancakes for the contest. The categories were: creepy, artistic, nautical and structural I think. The men in the group were up early to taste the bloody marry mix that Phil Chin made and delivered to *Prime Meridian* before Buzzy left the dock. That was some spicy mix so I heard. The men did a great job on the pancakes, ham and the fruit. I know that I sure appreciated the breakfast. Before I knew it the clean up was done and the van was loaded up for my trip home.

Buzz and I want to thank everyone for all the help they gave us with the cruises. The year went by fast and we had fun.

Tish and Buzz Greenman

Ah, the wonders of cruising!

Sarah Pt. - Entrance to Desolation Sound



THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Janet and Steve Sisson
Co-Chairs

Our newest member, Loren Smith, is enthusiastic about being our club's newest member. Do welcome him when you meet him. His association with TTPYC began this summer at the first race of the Mid Sound Summer Series.
Janet Sisson, Membership



THIS IS THE SYNOPSIS OF MY SAILING CAREER

One spring evening in 1978, a friend took me for an evening sail on Elliot bay aboard his 16 foot wooden cuddy cabin sailboat. I had never given a thought to sailing and it took just under a week for me to realize my life had been forever changed. In only a week after that, I had bought my first boat. That a new 22.5 foot (6.8 Meter) S2. It came with a trailer and free Lake Union moorage for the summer. I took delivery and immediately discovered I knew nothing about sailing. "Doesn't the boat just go?" At first I sailed Lake Union, then Lake Washington.

Experience brought confidence and soon it was out in the Sound. A Christmas Day adventure from Shilshole to Gig Harbor that first winter tempered my young exuberance when some heavy weather set in, and taught me two things well: never stop learning, and never start thinking I know it all. Even our protected waters of the Puget Sound can dish up more excitement than a sailor might be in the mood for, and usually when you're least prepared for it.

A couple of years later a 28 foot S2 (8.5 Meter) became not just my new boat but also my new home. Owing to a flaw in the original design, the good folks at S2 Yachts replaced that boat (S2 8.5 hull #2)

with the one I still have, (S2 8.5 hull #99) all these many years later. This generosity, at the time, was the genesis for the name of my boat "WINDFALL" I lived onboard at various marinas on Lake Union until I got married and "moved ashore" in 1991.

I have single handed many times to the South Sound, many more to the San Juans, and most everyplace in between. Back in the mid 80's I did a bit of racing on board an aluminum One Tonner, and once sailed from the South of England to Spain aboard a cold molded Two Tonner. That boat was tiller steered, and only 2 of us board ever stood a watch. We sailed across the Bay of Biscay through an Atlantic Gale that lasted 3 days. Ah, youth!

Anymore I prefer even a short cruise to just day sailing. With my daughters, Hazel and Sarah, we take a few weeks in June/July, to visit the San Juans. My wife Liz..... well I'm still working on her, she is the consummate "fair weather sailor" and enjoys just short stints on board, so long as the wind doesn't blow. I'll never give up on her though!

Aside from boating activities, cats, and of course things family, I enjoy motorcycles. (No! Not those motor-cycles!) Besides trail bike riding, I like Vintage Motocross racing, doing occasional restorations, and bike shows. Anything involving neat hardware is good for me!

While a sailboat can be a great way to get away from it all, now in the Yacht Club, I am looking forward to doing a bit more getting together, with others who share a love of sailing, and the simple pleasures on board and off, reserved for those of us who are fortunate enough to have our own boats.

I'll see you all on the water,

Lorin Smith