The Barnacle

Events

November
10th Social at Angelo's

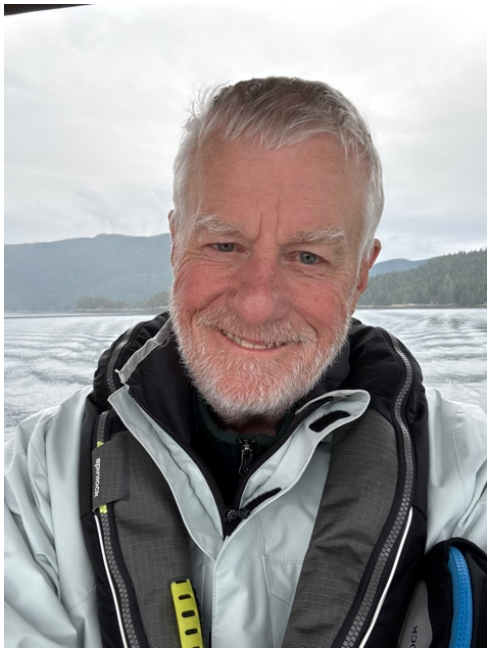
December
6th Holiday Party at Anthony's Des Moines

January
9th Duwamish Head race
12th Social at Angelo's

February
9th Social at Angelo's

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Commodore's Corner
Commodore Dwight Motz



Bridge Ramblings

Our 2026 edition of the Change of Watch is in the history books. We hope you enjoyed the fellowship and great food and drink as we got to recognize new past Commodore Brian Newman, his lovely supportive wife Janis, and all the elected and volunteer members who made this past year so successful and enjoyable. We also got to welcome and recognize the "Class of 2027". Judging by the effort people put into their costumes and makeup, the costume-themed COW was well received and put a smile on everyone's face.



My personal favorite was when Captain Jack Sparrow walked in the room. There was a noticeable lull in the conversations. Ross played it extremely well, keeping silent combined with the penetrating stare. The makeup that his own crew skillfully applied, and the lack of glasses really had most people stumped. Only after Ross started to speak did we get a clue to Captain Jack's real identity. Well played Ross! ALL the costumes were creative and highly original.

Even though this was our third year working with Aegis Living and the talented folks from Renton Technical College Culinary Arts Program, it still felt very fresh and new with all the Pirate-themed decorations. Every year we look at alternative venues; however, the cost of comparable facilities and food run 30-50% more than our 2026 costs and our ticket revenue covers 90% of our event costs. Hard to beat numbers like that all thanks to Cailín and Don Hunsaker. BRAVO!

Even as the COW was still in the setup phase, we were made aware that our “K” racing mark was now reported among the missing. That meant a total of three racing marks in need of replacement or significant refurbishment. Arrgh.....

Fortunately, Coast Guard reports indicated “K” was seen on Sunday floating south of Three Tree Point. Our fearless past Commodore Brian launched Gadget single handed on Monday morning and started his search for the fugitive. Brian took custody of K out in the middle of the Southbound shipping lane and dragged the mark to the marina. After finally being tied up to the dock the prisoner appeared none the worse for wear given its weeklong excursion drifting the East Passage.





The next day K was subject to a through interrogation and failure analysis. After hauling 100 feet of sea life-encrusted chain and ¾” nylon rope to the surface it was determined that a shackle near the anchor failed or came unscrewed. That explained why the mark was so difficult to tow in the shallows of the marina.

The good news is that with the help of the staff at CSR Marine the top section of K was lifted and loaded into Dean’s trailer and relocated to Brian’s barn and Race Mark Repair Facility. The bottom section of chain and rope, teeming with sea creatures, was returned to the water and will be returned to the East Sound depths where the critters can continue to grow and prosper.

Race Fleet Captain Tyson Geldseth is already working on race mark repair coordination as well as Duwamish Head initial planning. Tyson has hit the ground running and we all need to support Duwamish Head Race activities as an All-Hands-On-Deck event. This year we will be back to mooring visiting boats and crews again for our Friday evening chili feed and Saturday AM coffee and bagel breakfast. There are many opportunities to work the RC gang and other race support activities. Even if you’re not a racer this is a great opportunity to get to know your club better and work as part of an incredible volunteer team.

All I have for right now. Please check out the rest of the Barnacle for upcoming social, racing and cruising schedule. Looking forward to another fun, busy and rewarding year at TTPYC.

Social Committee
Cailín and Don Hunsaker

Thank You for the Change of Watch



The Hunsaker's would like to recognize a few people integral to making the TTPYC Change of Watch 2026 event such an enjoyable event. First to all who set the tables, centerpieces and pineapples including the Motzes and their bottomless bag of props. From the rats and treasure chests to the Jolly Roger pineapple eye patches, the centerpieces set the theme of 'Pirates of the Salish' perfectly. The artistic programs designed and created by Brian Newman, with the paper antiqued by moist teabags and edges burnt for a treasure-map look were excellent. Also, the pirate-themed wall hangings and flags provided by Barbara and Phil Chin set a festive background for all the costumed participants. Both the Aegis Living personnel and the Renton Technical Center catering team did a fantastic job. And a big THANK YOU to all for attending with your costumes and cheer - well done!





You can enjoy the roughly 30-minute slide show of the *TTPYC 2025-2026 Year in Review* which was playing at the Change of Watch here:
https://photos.app.goo.gl/RtC7cZEF6n53cmoCA

Photos of the *2026 Change of Watch* event itself—and all of the amazing outfits—can be viewed at the link below. It is truly amazing the amount of time and effort that went into assembling all of the attire that made this event what it was—a really great time!
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Social at Angelo's of Burien
Tuesday, November 10, 5:00-8:00pm
601 SW 153rd St, Burien

The Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, or Ballard Locks, carry more boat traffic than any other lock in the US. The locks, along with the fish ladder and surrounding Carl S. English, Jr. Botanical Gardens, attract more than 1 million visitors annually. Many of our Club members use the locks to travel between Puget Sound and Lake Washington. Join us for a discussion with Michael Hand, Lock Master, US Army Corps of Engineers, about past, present and future projects that keep this 109-year-old complex vital. Bring your own questions, too! Enjoy good food, great fellowship and maybe learn something new. Look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for suggestions for future Social topics - contact Don and Cailín Hunsaker.

Holiday Party at Anthony's HomePort
Sunday, December 6, 4:00-6:00pm
421 S 227th St, Des Moines

RSVP by Tuesday, December 1

Relax in a festive Holiday atmosphere with Club members while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and the no-host bar. A time to recap stories and accomplishments from this year - racing, cruising, social presentations, boat upgrades and more. Please submit your RSVP and payment by Tuesday, December 1, either by check to Carol Jones or online via the TTPYC web site: https://www.ttpyc.org/event-list (see attached flyer).



THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB

HOLIDAY PARTY



Sunday, December 6, 2026

4pm to **6pm**

Anthony's Home Port Restaurant, Des Moines

Raised area of the main lower-level dining room

Appetizers to share will be provided

$30.00 per person

Please make your reservations by December 1st

Mail a check to Carol Jones made out to TTPYC

Or… pay online at ttpyc.org/event-list (Scan below)

I/We plan to attend: _____

Enclosed is our check for: $ _____

Send to: Carol Jones
19648 134th Court SE
Renton, WA 98058
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Racing News
Race Fleet Captain Tyson Geldseth

Avast, Ye Mark-Hunters & Rocker Pirates!

A Quick Introduction (and Pirate Post-Mortem)



For those who don't know me (or only know me from the docks), I'm Tyson Geldseth, your Race Fleet Captain and owner of *French Curve*. If you were at the pirate-themed Change of Watch, you might remember me as the guy who looked less like Captain Jack Sparrow and more like the lead singer of an 80s glam-rock band who accidentally wandered onto a pirate ship. The wig has been safely stowed away, but the high-seas enthusiasm is here to stay.

The Tale of the Runaway Mark (and Crustacean Sabotage)



While we didn't host any official club races in October, behind the scenes there's been enough nautical drama to rival a soap opera. As if L-mark failing and J-mark getting decapitated wasn't enough, *K-mark* decided earlier this month to make a break for it and set sail on its own solo voyage!

Thankfully, the search-and-rescue party was a success, though not without its hitches. When Brian was towing the rogue mark back toward the marina, the boat came to a sudden, bone-jarring halt when that massive trailing mooring line dragged deep and caught bottom. To make matters more suspicious, an entire family of crabs was found squatting on the line—meaning they were likely living there *before* it broke free. I'm not saying it was an organized crustacean insurgency that snipped our line, but I'm not ruling it out either. A huge thanks to the team who jumped into action to recover K-mark so we don't have to start from scratch!

Mark Restoration & Duwamish Head Planning

Just today, we held a planning meeting focused on two big fronts: getting ready for the upcoming **Duwamish Head Race** and fixing our race mark situation once and for all. We're officially testing out a new style of float designed to hopefully resist decapitation, rogue drift, and crab-instigated sabotage. If you haven't volunteered during the Duwamish Head Race in the past but would like to, please reach out to any leadership team member and we will get you involved!

Crew Building & Skipper Calling

Speaking of preparing for the upcoming season: now is the perfect time for all our race skippers to take a look at the volunteer crew list! Reach out to prospective crew members early and start getting your teams dialed in and locked down for next year.

CYCT Point Series, Espionage & Trimming Secrets

On the water, TTPYC was well-represented at the recent CYCT Point Series #3 race! I was personally out there sailing alongside Chris on *Solitaire*, with *Work Release* and *Blue Max* charging hard right along with us.

Congratulations to *Solitaire* for taking **Race Boat of the Year**! Naturally, my decision to crew with Chris was a purely strategic cover operation to infiltrate their boat and steal their secrets so someone else can claim the trophy next year. So far, the primary takeaway was a revolutionary mainsheet trimming method that involves looping the sheet directly around your neck for maximum tactile response—though I'm still weighing the tactical benefits against the obvious safety hazards.



I am really enjoying learning the racing ropes and stepping into this role. I'm pumped for Duwamish Head, getting our mark fleet properly sorted, and seeing what this next year brings for our club.

Clear skies, full sails, and keep your eye on your moorings!

Tyson Geldseth
Race Fleet Captain (and French Curve owner)

Cruising News
Cruise Fleet Captain Merch DeGrasse



Cruise Boat of the Year

The Cruise Boat of the Year for 2026 was, to no one's great surprise, Equus! According to the nomination form, Equus and her noble crew covered 4097 miles, racing in the Toliva Shoal Race in March and the Swiftsure Cape Flattery Race in May; and cruising the San Juans, Gulf Islands, and to Anacortes in June, and then to Canada and Alaska in July and August. Shelley reported lots of wildlife sightings and seemed most enthusiastic about all the puffins they saw off Baranof Island.

Congratulations Dean and Shelley Conti!

2027 Cruise Schedule – Dates!

The Contis-Motzes volunteered to host Blake Island, **March 12-14**
The Stewarts (Ben & Emily) will host at Gig Harbor (Arabella's), **April 16-18**
The Jones' will host Bell Harbor, **April 30-May 2**
The Wilsons will host Poulsbo, **June 18-20**
The Strykers will host Tacoma (Dock Street), **September 10-12**

If you would like to host a July cruise, we could schedule one for Port Orchard. Please contact Cruise Fleet Captain DeGrasse.

Cruise Communications

Use of our WhatsApp private chat seems to be increasing for communicating our short-term cruise plans (weather this past Friday was quite an issue), RSVPing, organizing potlucks, sharing pictures (it's always fun to receive pictures of your own boat in action), sharing marina codes, broadcasting vacation or short cruise plans to rendezvous, etc. I believe virtually everybody who went on the Port Orchard cruise is in the "private" group. If you aren't and want to be, just contact me and will add you. I text a link to your phone and you can join.

Membership Chair Update

As of this printing of the Barnacle, we still need a volunteer for the Membership Chair position. If you attended the Change of Watch, you may recall that we were all sworn in as part of the Membership Committee. Lacking a chairperson should not deter us from coming up with a plan of action to contact potential members. So here is the follow up:

The plan

We need an organized and productive effort to reach out to Des Moines and other nearby marina boaters. We particularly seek members who are inclined to be active in our racing, cruising and social activities and not just seeking reciprocal moorage benefits.

Dock/Marina Ambassador

As a dock ambassador you would be asked to contact a prospective member and obtain their contact information (see below). Then forward the contact information to the Membership Chair, the Vice Commodore and Commodore. Would you be willing to act as a dock/marina membership ambassador to make contact and follow up with people? If you're willing, please let Commodore Motz or Vice Commodore Jardine know.

Initial Contact

Having a plan to make personal contact with a prospective member and having a club brochure available to hand to them would be the primary goal. We have a very good supply of the club brochures, and I would like every club member to have 5 or more brochures that you could offer to a prospective member. I'm going to carry a stack of these in a plastic bag and I will have them available at the Nov 10th Social and the Holiday party on Dec 6th. Carry them aboard your boat and have them handy. The most important piece of information on the brochure is the club website address, www.ttpyc.org. The website has a wealth of information and event calendar.

Follow up

If your first contact is promising, attempt to get the prospective member's contact information and share yours. Then please forward this information to the Membership Chair (or Commodore). Inviting the prospective member to a club event is the next essential step and there are many different types of events to invite them to. Socials, monthly cruises, racing as crew or participant.

Also pondering a spring membership sale where we could reduce the initiation fee for a limited time (Jan-March). This will be a Board of Trustee discussion item.

Do you have any other ideas on how we can attract new members?
Please share and keep the suggestions flowing.

Member News

The Caudill's newest crew member

Grant Christopher Caudill born 10/27 in the afternoon, weighing in at 8 lb. 11 oz. (Read: rail meat not bow). Sarah's doing great.





Side note / service reminder: racing sailboats on Thursday nights is easier than child delivery…in case you forgot.

Congratulations Sarah and Chris on this admirable addition to your family!

How to submit Member News

If you have news you want to share with members (new grandchildren, addresses, boats, jobs, retirements, trips, photos you love, or anything else you'd like us to hear about) just let us know. Email your announcement to Janis Newman.

Market Place

This is a section for the benefit of our members. If you have something boat related to sell or trade, or a service to recommend, just send the info to Janis Newman and we will place it in this section each month. Remember… this is for members only!

Burgees and Name Badges

Is it time to replace your tattered and faded burgee? If so, contact our Ship's Store Keeper, Janet Sisson.

Writing a check to TTPYC speeds up the sale.
Small = $27.00
Large = $31.25





Giving Back

Our members not only participate in our club and the boating community, many are active in our community contributing to groups that seek to make our larger community better. If you wish to highlight ways to give back to our community, please send that information to Janis Newman by the 26th of each month.

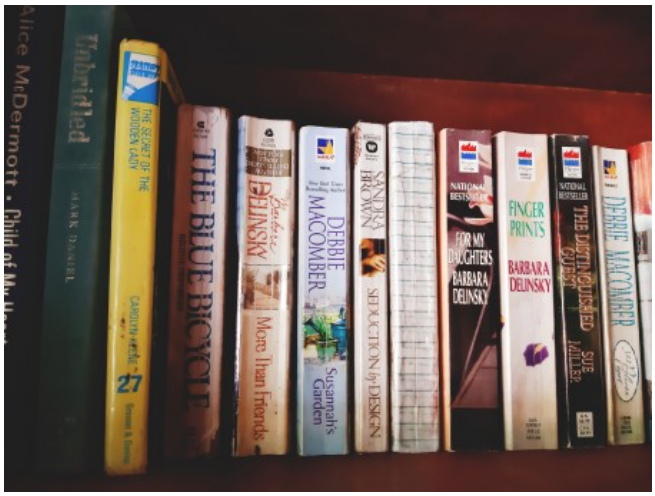
Recycle paperback books and magazines

TTPYC members, we have an opportunity to give back to the less fortunate in our community. There is a couple in our neighborhood that has been volunteering their time maintaining the library at our SCORE jail for several years. As you can imagine this is a huge undertaking. They have an ongoing need for material to stock this library. Attached is a list of the types of PAPER BACK books and magazines they need. (There are very specific rules this couple has to follow, so they must be paperbacks not hardback books.) Sharon and I thought maybe the club would like to be a part of this endeavor. Members can bring books or magazines to our monthly social. Sharon and I will then take them to the collection point at SPC.

Paperback books and magazines for SCORE jail

B	Biog/Autobiog/Memoir	Boating and Travel magazines	
C	Comedy/Humor	R	Reference
F	Fiction, Miscellaneous	P	Poetry
FH	Fiction, Historical	NF	Non-Fiction
FRF	Fiction, Romance	FW	Fiction, Western
FSF	Fiction/Science Fiction		

Doug and Sharon Andrews



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2026-2027

OFFICERS

Commodore	Dwight Motz
Vice Commodore	Tom Jardine
Past Commodore	Brian Newman
Secretary	Janet Sisson
Treasurer	Christa Motz
Race Fleet Captain	Tyson Geldseth
Assistant Race Fleet	Tyler Wilson
Past Race Fleet Captain	Andy Norton

TRUSTEES

Linda Stryker | Rob Wham | Tom Hubbard | Carol Jones | Andy Norton

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Cruise Fleet Captain	Merch DeGrasse
Social Chairs	Cailín & Don Hunsaker
Membership Chair	OPEN
Communications Chair	Janis Newman
Technology Chair	Brian Newman
Records & Roster	Tom Hubbard
Facebook Administrator	Linda Stryker
Historian	Carol Jones
Ship's Store	Janet Sisson

REPRESENTATIVES

Reciprocal Chair	Brian Newman
Rec. Boaters Assoc. of WA (RBAW)	Rob Wham
Regatta Network	Shelley Conti
PHRF-NW Board of Directors	Chris Caudill
PHRF-NW Race Handicapper	Mark Harang
SARC, SS, USSA, PIYA	See Racing Handbook

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