



Dates to
Remember

November
11 Social;
Angelo's in Burien

December
6 Winter Vashon
Race
7 Holiday Party
4-6 PM Anthony's

January
3 Duwamish Head
Race

February
14 Toliva Shoals
Race

March
14 Islands Race

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The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner Commodore Brian Newman



As the TTPYC fiscal year comes to a close, and we have another Change of Watch behind us, it amazes me to look back on all that this club has accomplished in the past 12 months. I feel honored to be a part of such a vibrant, outgoing and inclusive group of individuals! At the same time, I feel a tremendous sense of responsibility knowing that it is now my turn at the helm to ensure traditions are maintained, and the health of the club stays strong. That said, the job seems much less daunting knowing that I am surrounded by an active, experienced, and motivated team, ready to make the next event a success!

On that note, our Social team just closed the doors on the Change of Watch project, which had a great turnout, booming with smiles and laughter. A special thanks goes out to Cailín & Don Hunsaker and Dwight & Christa Motz for the extraordinary effort they put into making the Change of Watch the entertaining and memorable evening it was. Honorable mentions also go out to Michael Hamilton for delivering the up-to-date engraved race trophies, and to Carol Jones for setting up a table of historic memorabilia for all to enjoy.

Cailín & Don and their team are already heads down again, getting the Holiday Party planning wrapped up for yet another, sure to be a good time event. And on a final Social note, please join us at Angelo's on November 11th. Read on for details.

January 3rd is what could be considered our largest planning and participation event of the year; the Duwamish Head Race. In parallel with the above mentioned Social efforts, our racing leadership team is already working on the very long list of items that require both new volunteers and race veterans alike to help make this race the success it has been year after year. If you have not had the thrill of experiencing this event—either on a boat, or from the starting line—I highly encourage you to contact our Race Fleet Captain, Andy Norton, to get involved. There are many jobs that need doing that require little to no experience, and will get you front row seats to the action.

A great big thank you to all of our club members who agreed to take on Officer and Trustee positions (The Board Room) for the upcoming year, as well as those who volunteered to either stay on, or join the ranks of our Appointed positions and club Representatives (The Engine Room). You can see who is filling these ranks on our website: <http://tpyc.org/club-officers>.

We are still in need of someone who would like to help grow and maintain our club membership as our Membership Chair. We also need someone who would like to represent our club with the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW). Please let me know if you would like to know more about these opportunities.

Although I think of the spring & summer series **racing** season, and club & personal **cruising** seasons, as the busy times of year on the water, I am finding that the fall & winter socials, and the Southern Sound Series racing season is also keeping my calendar filled with club activities! I hope each of you are finding plenty of opportunities to participate in club events. And, I hope to see every one of you either out on the water, or on dry land, throughout the coming year!

Fair winds, stay safe ~

Brian



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Social Committee
Cailín and Don Hunsaker III

November Social at Angelo's
November 11
5 PM Happy Hour, 6 Dinner, 7 Program



Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day, starting at 5:30pm
Enjoy great food, fellowship and an exciting presentation with Blake Hansen, son of former TTPYC member Dennis Hansen. Blake will share his racing experiences with the SEVENTY48 - 70 miles in 48 hours - from Tacoma to Port Townsend with no motors, no support, and no wind, i.e. - human-powered only. And the WA360, a 360-ish mile human- and wind-powered adventure loop from Port Townsend to Olympia and back with no engines. Hope to see you!

NOTE: For 2026 Socials, please submit topic and/or speaker suggestions to Don and Cailín at dhun3@comcast.net. Thank you!



Holiday Party
Anthony's Homeport
December 7
4 to 6 PM

Mark your Calendars for our Holiday Party, Wear your festive clothes and join us for light appetizers and the No Host Bar. Tickets are available now on the website <https://www.ttpyc.org/event-list>

There is also a flyer attached to the Barnacle email.

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*Three Tree Point Yacht Club
2025 Change of Watch
Saturday, October 25th*



Change of Watch was a great event. The food was fantastic and, of course, the chance to socialize with fellow club members is always fun. Thanks to Dwight and Don for the great pictures. There are more in the Extras Section.



Past commodores from 1997 to 2025!



Race Boat of the Year
Chris Caudill
Solitaire

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Other Awards were
Cruise Boat of the Year
The Jones Family
Brigadoon

The Perpetual Inspiration Award
Steve Sisson for his many years of supporting our
racing and cruising programs.



And of Course the coveted Sinking Feeling
Award...

Merch won for successfully untangling a line
from his rudder.....

Then not being able to get back in his boat!
(He got back in with the help of the Valpeys)

Then..... his cat Jackson decided to
take a dip ! This editor thinks
Jaackson deserves Honorable Mention
for the award!



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Socializing is always fun!



More Photos in the Extras Section!

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Racing News

Andy Norton, Race Fleet Captain, Seabiscuit

Tyson Geldseth, Assistant Race Fleet Captain, Quantum Leap

Michael Hamilton, Past Race Fleet Captain, Amidala



Michael Hamilton has left the Three Tree Point race program in excellent shape, and I will need all of your input, advice, and help to get us through the year. The first race of this South Sound Sailing (SSS) Winter Series is the **Winter Vashon Island Race** sponsored by the Tacoma Yacht Club, and is scheduled for December 6th, 2025. TTPYC racers usually are well represented, and most of you know the current will be against you going North up Colvos Passage and the wind is, well, unpredictable. Registration for this race is already open via REGATTA Network. From my experience, getting to the start line is a lot easier if you bring your boat to Point Defiance the night before. Let's all get out there!

The next race of the series is our own **Duwamish Head spectacular**, which will occur on January 3rd 2026 out of Des Moines Marina. The race starts (09:25 first start) just off our Des Moines Marina Pier and proceeds north past Three Tree Point, then past Alki Beach to round the Duwamish Head crib, then westward around Blakely Rock and returns southward to finish at the Des Moines pier finish line.

This year we are encountering some Duwamish Head planning complications. For example, there seems to be a deficit of guest moorage for our racers coming from out of town. Additionally, handling ORC boats might be a little tricky. As always, Duwamish Head requires significant volunteer effort both for staffing the race committee and social tasks, you will be hearing more about that. I can't tell you how much all of the racers appreciate the volunteers.

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Cruising News

Merch De Grasse, Cruise Fleet Chair

Well the cruising season has concluded for the official TTPYC events and proud to announce that the Jones Family won the 2025 Cruise Boat of the Year in their motor yacht Brigadoon. They attended 4 of 5 cruises and in excess of 400 additional NM. Additionally the Jones family has begun making arrangements of another Cinco de Mayo club cruise to downtown Seattle's Bell Harbor marina.



I'd love to have volunteers to host other cruises for March, April, June, and perhaps July. We do endeavor to avoid scheduling during holiday weekends and sailboat racing weekends. Traditionally we shoot for Blake Island in March.

This past year we didn't go to Dock Street in Tacoma, Long branch in the south sound, Kingston, Bainbridge, or Brownsville. We have gone to these locations in the past. If you really enjoy a particular location, consider volunteering to host a cruise there. Just keep in mind that most of us are limited to 5-7 knots f speed and we are just going out for a Friday-Sunday.

If you are going out this winter (perhaps there will be?) and you would find it fun to have company, consider sharing your plan on our private TTPYC cruiser forum in WhatsApp. If you would like access, please contact me to have me (Merch DeGrasse) send you a secure invitation.



TBD

Membership Chair

We have no new members to announce for the month of October. However, it was great to see some recently joined new faces at last week's Change of Watch.

We are looking for someone who would like to make a difference in the club by taking on the role as the Membership Chair. In this role you will respond to inquiries about membership, process membership applications, which includes presenting applications at monthly board meetings. (This part of the job gives you a great view into how the club is run from the business side of the house.) If you want to know more about this opportunity, please contact Brian Newman.

One of the best ways to recruit new members is by current members talking with other boaters; on the docks, at Anthony's, the Quarterdeck, or anywhere else you run into a boater. Please send them to our website where they can find more information, and our membership application: ttpyc.org/joining

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There is also more to learn about our club on facebook: facebook.com/ttptyc

Member News

If you have news you want to share with members (think new grandchildren, addresses, boats, jobs, retirements, trips and/ or great photos of a trip, etc.) Just let us know. Email your announcement to Kristie, the Barnacle editor, K6352@aol.com

Roster & Records

Tom Hubbard

2026 Membership Dues & Holiday Party

Hi TTPYC Members!

2026 Club Membership Dues were emailed towards the end of September. Please check the pdf form over carefully and let me know of any new changes. Did you change marinas, new slip number, new boat? Please reply to the email with your modifications so I can keep our club records up-to-date.

With the cruising season coming to an end, and the racing calendar starting to clear out, it is time for membership renewals. The great news is, you can do it right now, without leaving your chair! Please consider renewing your membership online with the quick and easy convenience of a credit card, PayPal, googlePay or Apple Pay! You can do it right here with your TTPYC member login (which you all now have): <https://www.ttptyc.org/event-list>. If you have issues logging in, please do not hesitate to click on the "webmaster" link on the Log In page. You can also sign up for our Holiday Party at Anthony's.

Tom Hubbard



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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 Kristie at K6352@aol.com and we will place it in this section each month. Remember... this is for members only!

Burgees for sale.

Is it time to replace your tattered and faded burgee? If so, contact me so we can meet. Writing a check to TTPYC speeds up the sale. Small cost \$27 Large costs 31.25



New in the box GARMIN VHS 110

I purchased from Fisheries several years ago for \$195, changed my mind purchased the GARMIN VHS 210 AIS.

Is a discontinued model. **\$100 OBO**

Doug Andrews 206 992 3236



New marine halogen spot light with remote control (12/24v).

\$60 OBO

Call Doug Andrews 206 992 3236



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Endeavor for sale

1984 Grand Banks 42' Classic

- Fiberglass hull and house
- Walk around decks
- Beautiful teak interior and trim
- Tri-cabin
- Large salon and two ensuite staterooms
- Latex mattresses
- Full galley
- Freshwater macerating heads
- 55 gallon black water tank
- Up to date electronics: 3 VHF radios, AIS transmitter, color HD radar
- New forced air diesel furnace
- Twin Ford Lehman diesels with 5500 hrs; new motor mounts and pumps
- 600 gallons of diesel for long range
- New FW system
- 300 gallon FW tankage
- Serviced annually by Gig Harbor Boatyard
- Boathouse in Tacoma available



It will be listed with Chuck Hovey Yacht Sales in Seattle through Todd Powell, a former Poverty Bay Power Squadron member.

Boat for Sale

Amazing Grace

1989 36 foot Catalina

Contact Rick Luce

Signature Yachts

425-359-0831



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EXTRAS

*This is a great way to share memories or information with our members.
If you have a blog post to share send it to Kristie at K6352@aol.com.*

The Des Moines Marina Guest Moorage will be closed to all boaters from July 27, 2025 through February 28, 2026. The Fuel Dock will operate normally.

More Change of Watch Photos!



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Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

2024-2025

Commodore Brian Newman

Vice Commodore Dwight Motz

Past Commodore Sarah Caudill

Secretary Ray Valpey

Treasurer Billie Klein

Race Fleet Captain Andy Norton

Assistant Race Fleet Tyson Geldseth

Past Race Fleet Captain Michael Hamilton

Trustees: Tom Jardine, Robert Wham, Linda Stryker, Alan Riley, Gordon Kells-Murphy,

Appointed Positions/ Representatives

Cruise Fleet Captain: Merch DeGrasse

Social: Cailín and Don Hunsaker III

Webmaster: Brian Newman

Barnacle Editor: Kristie Brame

Membership: TBD

Historian: Carol Jones

Ship's Store: Janet Sisson

Facebook: Linda Stryker

Records and Roster: Tom Hubbard

PHRF Ratings: Chris Caudill

RBAW Representative: TBD

Reciprocal Chair: Sarah Caudill

Financial Advisory Committee/Future Task Force: Richard Edel

Regatta Network: Shelley Conti

SARC, SS, USSA, PIYA *See Racing Handbook*

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