The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Commodore Brian Newman

Late October has always felt like a magical time of year for me, with the changing of the season and the anticipation of getting together with family and friends for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas time holidays and New Year's.

I'm now beginning to feel this way about spring in Puget Sound, with the onset of warm sunny days and the anticipation of cruises, racing, and all the socializing associated with being a member of our club. For that, I am grateful to each of you for being active participants, which is what makes all of this possible.

This year I have been given a special gift of being invited to crew on *EQUUS* for the upcoming Swiftsure race. I am excited to get to participate in this event and to take my racing experience to the next level.

Another area of boating where our club members are involved is with The Mountaineers out of Tacoma. Ross Chamberlain, Tom Jardine and Michael Hamilton, all being Mountaineers instructors, have provided me with the opportunity to be an instructor on *Gadget* for the Basic Crewing/Sailing course. I have thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with those who are somewhat new to sailing. It is also a great chance to introduce new sailors to our TTPYC race crew opportunities. Just this past weekend, I saw a Mountaineer student on *Work Release* participating in the Spring Regatta.

Opening Day with the Seattle Yacht Club is the first weekend in May, and TTPYC will be represented by our own Vice Commodore Dwight & Christa Motz. The following weekend is the Des Moines Yacht Club's South Sound Opening Day where all TTPYC club members are invited to attend. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Events

May
1-3 Bell Harbor Cruise
7,14,21,28 Late Spring Races
June
4,14,18, 25 Early Summer Races
12-14 Gig Harbor
July
9,16,23,30 Late Sumer Races
September
12 Commodore's Trophy Race
25-27 Port Orchard

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www.ttpyc.org
Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/ttpyc

On a final note, I would like to welcome our newest vessel to the TTPYC fleet. Gordon and Karen Kells-Murphy's soon to be renamed, "White Horses" is in transit from Southern California to Puget Sound. Gordon is joined by TTPYC crew members Dean and Shelly Conti along with Tom Hubbard and Chuck Hendrick. Fair winds to you all. We are looking forward to your safe return home.

Here's to sunny days, with just the right amount of wind for whatever your time on the water requires.

Brian

Social Committee
Cailín and Don Hunsaker III

Tuesday, May 12, 5:00-8:00pm

May Social at Angelo's, 601 SW 153rd St, Burien

Join us at Angelo's to enjoy great food, fellowship and an exciting presentation by our own Tyler Wilson *(Blown Away)*. Continuing an aeronautics theme, have you ever wondered what a Test Pilot does? Hear Tyler speak about his experiences as a Test Pilot at Boeing. We look forward to seeing you!

Suggestions for future Social topics are welcome - contact Don and Cailín Hunsaker, dhun3@comcast.net

South Sound Opening Day Events

Our neighbors to the other side of Anthony's of Des Moines are hosting their annual South Sound Opening Day on May 8th – 10th. Please see the flyer below for more information. Let's show DMYC our camaraderie by attending their events throughout the weekend.

Racing News

Andy Norton, Race Fleet Captain, Seabiscuit
Tyson Geldseth, Assistant Race Fleet Captain, Quantum Leap
Michael Hamilton, Past Race Fleet Captain, Amidala

I hope some of you were able to get to the April 27 race practice put on by Ross, I couldn't be there but that just means those of you who were will start significantly better than me.

Results for the Early Spring Series (only three races scored, number 4 there was really no wind) Solitaire #1, Frolic #2, Betwixt #3 with excellent race committee, Blue Max.

Spring Regatta had noticeably more nice breeze, all races won by Goes to 11, Solitaire #2, and Work Release #3. Excellent race committee, Frolic, and the after event at the Quartermaster was fun, too.

This is also a good time to register for the Late Spring Series, as Race 1 is this Thursday April 30. All you need to do is go to Racing at the TTPYC web site, and follow instructions to sign up. It is only $35 for the four races, and frankly that is much less than about any part of your boat cost, even before tariffs. There are both cruising and PHRF starts, so you can get out there even if your boat does not have a rating. A reminder, to race PHRF you need a rating and you need to join PHRF-NW, and get listed. Let me know if you need any help with that.

Next up is the Late Spring Series, notice that there is a skipped Thursday to allow Swiftsure boats time to get up to Victoria. TTPYC is usually well represented at Swiftsure, and we want that to continue. I highly recommend you go to Swiftsure.org to follow your favorite club boats, this is the 50th year, and you might be interested to know Cherokee, Les Chevaux Blancs, Equus and a bunch more have been in a lot of them. I bet you didn't know that Cherokee won one of the first Vic Maui races…

Seabiscuit is RC for the Late Spring Series so don't be surprised to hear shotgun blasts.

Regarding upcoming races, we still need race committees for the Early Summer series, and for the Commodore's Trophy. The Early Summer Series is Thursdays June 4, 11, 18, and 25. You can sign up for race committee under Racing at the TTPYC web site. The Commodore's Trophy is September 12. Our Commodore still promises a fancy glass with big letters RC on it for your service. If you don't have previous race committee experience we can fix you up with someone who does, to help with waving flags, looking at stopwatches, blowing horns, doing radio things, setting up courses, looking for whales, calling the coast guard, all those details. I like doing race committee because there is no danger of finishing last.

Hope to see you all for Thursday night races.

Cruising News
Merch De Grasse, Cruise Fleet Chair

Here is the remaining cruise itinerary scheduled for 2026. The dates and locations are posted on the website. (ttpyc.org) and below.

Bell Harbor	May 1-3	Hosts: The Jones Family
Gig Harbor	June 12-14	Hosts: Ben and Emmelie Stewart
Port Orchard	September 25-27	Hosts: TBD

We do have official cruises scheduled for May at Bell Harbor (downtown Seattle), June in Gig Harbor and September in Port Orchard. The Jones are hosting the Bell Harbor cruise and Ben and Emmelie Stewart volunteered to host the Gig Harbor Cruise. Flyers for those cruises are attached to the Barnacle email. We still need hosts for the Port Orchard cruise in September.

Port of Edmunds Cruise ReCap

April 10th – 12th **Hosts: Brian & Janis Newman**

The Edmonds Cruise is now in the books, and I believe a great time was had by all. Well, except for getting a good night's rest on Friday. The sea lions were barking and partying all night long—at top volume—on the dock just across from our slips. The weather could have been a little better, but that did not slow folks down too much. Edmonds downtown had lots of interesting sights to see, and the marina office went above and beyond to ensure we were well taken care of. They indicated that TTPYC had the best turnout of any other club cruises that they have hosted, and are looking forward to us returning.

Boats in attendance were Brigadoon, Frolic, SÄGA, Down Time, Joyce Marie, Blown Away, Work Release, Gadget, and our newest vessel, French

Curve of the Geldseth family. We were also glad to see the land yacht alter egos of Sloe Tango and HobbEs for the Saturday exploration and pot luck.

On a side note: I missed the opportunity in last month's Barnacle to include the group photos from the Blake Island Cruise. So here they are:

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Membership Chairs
Joy & Dave Clifford

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

.How To Share 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

The New White Horses is Coming!

I will be posting on our EQUUS Blog, our trip up the coast from the LA area in Gordon and Karen Kells-Murphy's new boat. If all goes per schedule, we will be leaving Redondo CA on April 24, and getting back up here around the second week of May. The blog name is https://www.equus60919.com.

Shelley Conti
Cruise Director, EQUUS 60919

Sad News

Frank Shriver who was commodore from 1982-83 has passed. David Jones let us know. David wrote that Frank was very adamant that every TTPYC boater knew how to use the life sling, even using himself as the man overboard for drills! He was also a member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and volunteered to sail his 40' Passport to Maui acting as the radio ship between racers and Victoria. These were the days before satellites! David closed with "Rest in peace, my friend. May the wind always be at your back."

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

Amazing Grace for Sale

Amazing Grace
1989 36 foot Catalina

Contact Rick Luce
Signature Yachts
425-359-0831

Quantum Leap for Sale

https://www.boattrader.com/boat/1986-quanta-28-10047003/

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.

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. This month Doug Andrews sent some examples. If you wish to highlight other ways to give back to our community, please send that information to Kristie Brame at K6352@aol.com 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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Cruise Fleet Captain: Merch DeGrasse

Social: Cailín and Don Hunsaker III

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Ship's Store: Janet Sisson Facebook: Linda Stryker

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