



Events

March

10 Social @

Angelo's

14 Islands Race

20-22 Blake

Island cruise

April

9,16,23,30 Early

Spring Races

10-12 Edmonds

Cruise

25 Spring

Regatta

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>

The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Commodore Brian Newman



I'd like to start by extending a big *Thank You* to our Vice Commodore, Dwight Motz for keeping the club's engine room running smoothly these past couple of months. And, to all of you for your very kind and thoughtful sympathies shared with not only me, but with our Assistant Race Fleet Captain Tyson Geldseth, and to others in the club who have lost loved ones over the past few years. I am privileged to be a part of this group of wonderful people and can't thank you enough for the thoughtfulness and support this club extends to its members. Thank you.



March is finally here! The month we wait all winter for. It is the time to prepare our racing vessels, and get registered for the Spring Series. It is the month that officially kicks off the cruising season. Both the Racing and Cruising fleets are well ahead of the game this year with all of the activity dates for both fleets posted online for your summer planning convenience.

I will be hosting the talk at Angelo's this month and I'm hoping many of you can make it for this interactive *General Meeting*. Your input is important, so check out the Social section for more details, and bring your ideas to make this an extra-fun and event filled summer.

See you on the water!

Brian

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Social Committee

Cailín and Don Hunsaker III

Tuesday, March 10, 5:00-8:00pm
March Social at Angelo's, 601 SW 153rd St, Burien



This month's social speaker will be our commodore, Brian Newman who has been doing some digging with the intent to rediscover and revive some of the fun-filled summertime events held by our club in years gone by. Here is the list of activities that we will be considering as a group to add to the 2026 events calendar and beyond. Please take some time to click on the informative, entertaining, and blast-from-the-past links below to acquaint, or reacquaint yourself with these topics to help you to participate in our Semi-Annual General Meeting, with the theme of, "Let's Bring It Back!"

- **Daffodil Festival Parade (April 19, 2026)**
 - Shall we designate a TTPYC boat and crew to decorate and [participate](#)?
- **The Summer Sailstice (June 20th, 2026)**
 - What do you say we create a Sailstice event for others to join this year?
 - Sailstice [Official Site](#)
 - 2018 [Event page](#)
- **Commodore's Cruise**
 - 2018 Info at the bottom of pages 1 & 3 in the [June Barnacle](#)
- **Sleep 'n Creep**
 - 2018 Info in the [September Barnacle](#)
- **Minto Mingle**
 - 2008 [YouTube](#) video
 - (or, if there are not enough Mintos...)
- **Cardboard Boat Race (at the newly rebuilt [Dockton Marina](#))**
 - What it is [Wiki](#)
 - For fun, and to maybe get you hooked on the idea:
 - Google the term: "cardboard boat race images"

This year is the perfect year to add one or two of these activities to our summer calendar, since we have a 3-month gap in between our June and September cruises. You are also welcome and encouraged to bring fresh new ideas to the table. We look forward to adding to what is already a fun filled calendar for 2026!

Racing News

Andy Norton, Race Fleet Captain, Seabiscuit

Tyson Geldseth, Assistant Race Fleet Captain,

Quantum Leap

Michael Hamilton, Past Race Fleet Captain, Amidala



The Toliva Shoal Race (a Southern Sound Series race based out of Olympia frequented by TTPYC sailors) was run February 14, with some good results—PHRF 3 EQUUS took 5th, PHRF 6 Blue Max took second and Les Chevaux Blancs Won!, PHRF 7 Cherokee (now with CYC Seattle) took second. Wind conditions can be quite variable by year, from extreme drifter to gear breaker. This year finishes were in the four and five hour range, corrected so reasonable for a change.

The next Southern Sound Series race is Islands on March 14. Starting at Brown's Point, head for our Three Tree Point mark rounding to port, up to Blake Island and return for about 35nm of fun. Full details and registration link at ttpyc.org/racing.

The 2026 TTPYC Racing Handbook is out, with several changes and improvements and the 2025 Race Boat of the Year Solitaire on the cover. Cruisers, you might want to try a race some time, just for fun. The cruising class is pretty casual and welcoming.

For those of us that could use guidance, similar to last year, Ross will put on **Racing Practice Sessions, Monday March 30 and Monday April 27, both at 6:30 PM**. A start line will be set at K mark, and we will do a few starts followed by a race to the A or L mark and back. This is a great opportunity to train crew and just have fun, good for cruisers and any level racers too. No registration, just show up and be on CH 72.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to be honored as Race Committee this year. The calendar is filling up fast (really!). And as an RC boat, you are guaranteed a race trophy glass with a beautiful "RC" printed in its center. You can access the Race Committee signup sheet on any of the race pages near the bottom. (ttpyc.org/racing). There is a button labeled "Race Committee" for your convenience.

One schedule note, the 2026 Commodore's Trophy Race date has been changed to Saturday Sept. 12, so don't trust the SARC for that one.

And, here is Ross's boat Work Release with Gordon at the helm beating the pants off a J 30:



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Cruising News

Merch De Grasse, Cruise Fleet Chair



We have an official 5 cruise itinerary scheduled for 2026. The dates and locations are posted on the website. (ttypc.org) and below.

Blake Island	March 20-22	Hosts: Motz and Hunsaker Families
Edmonds	April 10-12	Hosts: Janis and Brian Newman
Bell Harbor	May 1-3	Hosts: The Jones Family
Gig Harbor	June 12-14	Hosts: TBD
Port Orchard	September 25-27	Hosts: TBD

We continue our traditions of cruising to Blake Island in March and Bell Harbor in early May. We will cruise to Edmonds for the first time since I've been a member in April. Rounding out our schedule will be perennial favorites of Gig Harbor and Port Orchard in June and September. Aside from Blake Island, these locations have lots of shore appeal and ability for people to join without bringing a boat.

The Gig Harbor and Port Orchard dates have been booked without a host(s) so far. If you would like to help by organizing some social activities for these cruises, please let me know. We will also be taking suggestions for cruises between June and September at our February social.

Here's to anticipating next season's adventures and great weather.



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Spring 2026 TTPYC Cruise to
Blake Island Marine State Park
Friday, March 20 - Sunday, March 22, 2026
RSVP to cdmotz@comcast.net by Saturday
March 14, 2026



Happy March dear cruisers,

Our cruising schedule begins this month to Blake Island on March 20-22:

- For those who are new, this location is a state park dock. The tie ups at the docks are first come first serve with no reservations for dock space. We have always figured out how to get everybody tied up with creative rafting.
- There is shore power for those in regular spots at the dock but the only water comes from a spigot on shore.
- In the last couple of years, an electronic kiosk has become a way to make the payment for park usage utilizing your bank card. Pay envelopes also accept checks.
- If your cruising season may include stops at other state park docks or mooring balls, you might want to consider purchasing a Washington State Parks Marine pass which covers mooring balls and dock space but not shore power. You can go online and purchase an annual pass or find the park ranger at Blake Island and pay in person.
- There is a webpage for Blake Island that features a marina cam if you want a preview of the docks prior to arrival. I purchased my pass last month and I believe it cost \$17 a foot (if memory serves).
- Also be aware that the island has no garbage disposal. Visitors are required to leave with any garbage generated.
- The dock at Blake Island is famous for bold Raccoons that will board boats and steal food. I've even had food taken from inside my boat in the middle of Saturday morning in the middle of our group when my wife was napping.

For those who are new to club, I really encourage you to join us on our monthly cruises. We like to have lots of social fun getting know each other, sharing good food and drink and participating in a variety of games or activities.

Merch deGrasse (Joyce Marie), Cruise Captain

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Blake Island Schedule

Co-hosts: Dwight and Christa Motz (*Frolic*), Don and Cailín Hunsaker (*Pipé*)

Theme: *Primavera (Spring = March 21)*

Itinerary

Friday afternoon - Arrive

Friday evening

4:30pm Happy Hour. Mulled wine and hot toddies provided by Club
Potluck appetizers (bring some to share)

Question: *What is your favorite out of the way anchorage location?*

6:15pm Ongoing potluck appetizers and/or dinner on your own

Saturday morning

8:15am Coffee on your own

Club Breakfast - blueberry pancakes, sausage, turkey, fixin's

10am-12pm Service project - Trash pickup and scavenger hunt around island

Saturday afternoon

12-1pm Lunch on your own

1:30-3:30pm Nature hike around island

3:30pm Free time and table games

Saturday evening

4:30pm Happy Hour - beer, wine, cocktails provided by Club
Scavenger hunt awards

6:15pm Potluck - *Bar de Tacos y Bocaditos (Taco Bar and S'Mores for dessert)*

Sunday morning

8:15am Coffee and pastries provided by Club

Anytime - depart

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Edmonds Cruise

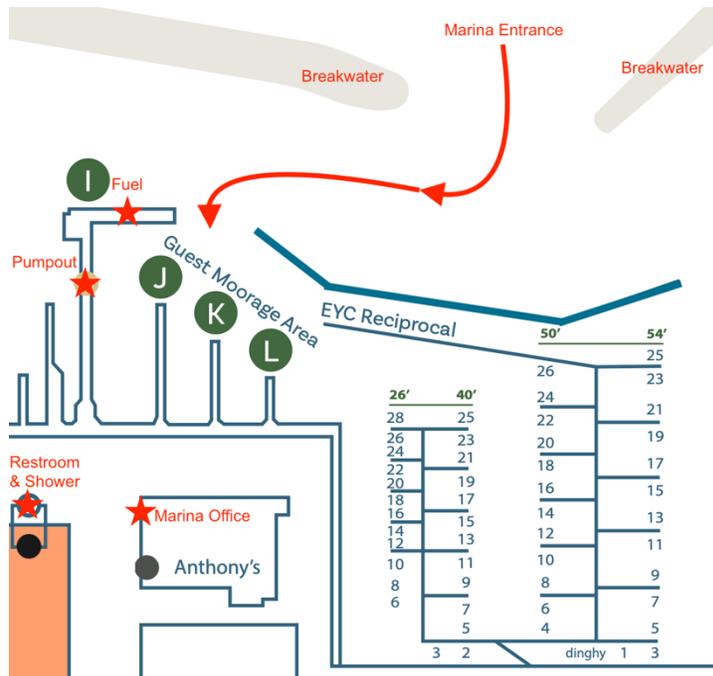
April 10th - 12th
Hosts: Brian & Janis Newman

We are looking forward to heading to the far reaches of our cruising radius with a cruise to the Port of Edmonds Marina. With a voyage of around 26NM, it is the same distance as last year's Poulsbo cruise. We have the entire guest moorage area reserved, and the marina office will be accepting boat information next week.

If you would like to join in on this please text or email (406.548.5767 or bnewman521@gmail.com), your name, LOA and draft as soon as so I may compile and send our information to the marina to have first choice of slips on I, J, docks (see map below).

I will have the cruise itinerary in the April Barnacle.

You may also find the full marina



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map [here](#):



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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

Welcome New Members Michael and Merit Rome

We are originally from Kansas. We moved to Washington after our medical residencies and fellowships.

Hiking, cycling, cross country skiing and kayaking have been our passions since we moved here in 1995.

In 2020 we worked with Puget Sound Sailing in Tacoma to pursue another lifelong passion, sailing. After our first classes, we started initially in the PSSSI club with a Hunter 28 and later with lease program with a Beneteau 38.

In 2024 we purchased Bonnie, a Beneteau 30.1.

We are excited to join Three Tree Point Yacht Club and look forward to meeting others in the South Sound who are pursuing their passions and to start to learn technique and skills as a crew member on a racing team.

Michael and Merit

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In Loving Memory of.....

Members of our Club family have recently lost family members:

Brian Newman lost his sister Salli Newman in early December. Salli was a very accomplished producer of film and TV who lived near Burbank, California. Salli lived in the foothills of the mountains and she developed a love for the wild horses that would frequently visit her property. In lieu of flowers, your club made a donation to Salli's favorite charity, Lifesavers - Wild Horse Rescue. Lifesavers provides rescue, rehab, adoption and lifelong sanctuary for Wild Horses in the California mountains. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Tyson Geldseth lost his father Gary Joe Geldseth on February 3, 2026. Gary's career at Boeing spanned 40 years. Gary was happiest in motion. He enjoyed restoring and riding motorcycles and loved carving a good turn on skis, fishing and of course sailing. In Lieu of flowers, a donation has been made by your Club in Gary's memory to the non-profit Orion Industries. Orion Industries provides rehabilitation, training, mentorship and employment for developmentally disabled candidates to succeed in aeronautical parts manufacturing. To the Geldseth family, we share your loss and will miss seeing Dad crewing aboard Quantum Leap. **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

RBAW Representative Needed

Our club is in need of someone who will represent TTPYC at the regular RBAW (Recreational Boaters Association of Washington) board meetings. We have information on our web site at <https://www.ttpyc.org/rbaw>. From there, you can find links to the RBAW site directly where you can get further information about this organization and what they are doing for us as boaters.

If you would like to know more, or are interested in filling this important role with the club, please contact Brian Newman at webmaster@ttpyc.org.

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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

REPLACEMENT NAME BADGES
Did you loose your club name badge?
Did you change boats or boat names?
Or, do you just want to replace your current name badges with the club's new style of name badges? You can order new ones by contacting Tom Hubbard at: thubbard84@msn.com
The cost of new name badges is \$8.30 each.



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/>



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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.



NEEDED A PRAM

Calvin had a little accident, so HobbEs (Steve & Janet Sisson) were looking for a replacement. That would be a lightweight 8' pram.

Update: Calvin is being rebuilt!



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 Don Hunsaker and 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.

Heroes for Nature Fundraising Gala, Environmental Science Center Saturday, March 28, 2026

Environmental Science Center (ESC) is a nonprofit organization offering experiential environmental education programs for all ages at local beaches, streams, forested areas, and school gardens throughout south King County. Their goals are to inspire and foster environmental stewardship actions for all program participants, and to offer knowledge and resources for communities to deepen their relationship with their local environment.

Join the annual 'Heroes for Nature Gala' on **Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Renton Technical College, 6-8:30pm**, a night dedicated to celebrating and supporting the future growth of ESC. This unforgettable evening will feature inspiring programming, keynote speakers, engaging presentations, and opportunities to connect with like-minded advocates for sustainability. Guests will enjoy a thoughtfully curated experience while contributing to ESC's mission of environmental education and stewardship. Proceeds from the event will directly support initiatives aimed at expanding ESC's impact, ensuring their work continues to inspire and empower future generations. Together, we can cultivate a thriving, sustainable future for our community and planet.

Find out more at EnvironmentalScienceCenter.org. Event page and ticket sales will open the first week of February.

Don Hunsaker III, Dhun3@comcast.net, 619.971.5634, Renton, WA

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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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Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

2025-2026

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: Dave and Joy Clifford 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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