



Dates to  
Remember

March  
31 Practice Race  
Session

April  
3 First Spring  
Series  
Race(Continues  
each Thursday)  
8 Social at  
Angelo's  
11-13 Arabella's  
Cruise  
26 Spring  
Regatta  
28 Practice Race  
Session

May  
2-4 Bell Harbor  
Cruise  
1,8,15,22 Late  
Spring Series

Keep up to date !

Website:

[www.ttpyc.org](http://www.ttpyc.org)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ttpyc>

# The Barnacle

## Commodore's Corner

### Commodore Sarah Caudill

The air is alive with the promise of warmer days, and we're embracing the change of seasons with open arms (and maybe a light or heavy jacket depending on the day). This month has been a whirlwind of growth, both in our gardens and within our families!



Our little one is hitting milestones daily, rolling, exploring, and trying her best to catch Senna! The joy of watching her discover the world and new abilities is truly magical. We've also welcomed four adorable baby chicks to our growing menagerie, adding a delightful symphony of peeps to our daily routine. The garden is waking up. Garlic is growing and seeds are sprouting in my mini green houses.

Thursday night racing officially kicks off this month and the Spring Regatta is just around the corner. We're thrilled to announce that "Solitaire" is back in top form and ready to rejoin the fleet. We're crossing our fingers for fair winds and exciting races! I am personally looking forward to maybe even joining in on some of the races this summer.



Sarah

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## Social Committee

### Cailin and Don Hunsaker III

Upcoming speakers to our monthly Angelo gathering:

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Hour at 5**

**Dinner at 6**

**Program at 7**



**Friends of Saltwater State Park**

**Presenter: Rhoda Green**

Friends of Saltwater State Park is an official Washington State Parks Friends ( 501(c)(3) ) group in existence since 2016.

Please visit our website: <https://www.friendssaltwater.org/> to see some of our current projects related to Saltwater State park, including re-introducing bull kelp to the protected reef area and other projects.

We promote marine and watershed stewardship, habitat restoration, and conservation through education, guidance, fund-raising, and environmental monitoring. We promote safety for patrons and the importance of enhancing land, creek, and marine environments. It's all connected, and we are all connected. Our activities are environmentally friendly and culturally inclusive for all people. Our mission is to support Saltwater State Park for the betterment of patrons and the environment.

Again, please visit our website to see how you can participate or donate to projects.

## May 13

We will have a presentation from the US Coast Guard Marine Traffic Office to reacquaint us with COLREGS and radio procedures.

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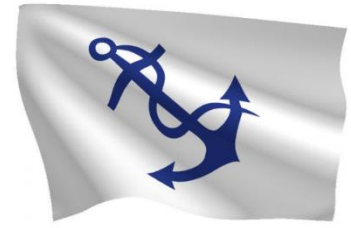
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## Racing News

Michael Hamilton, Race Fleet Captain, Amidala

Andy Norton, Assistant Race Fleet Captain, Seabiscuit

Ross Chamberlain, Past Fleet Racing Captain, Work Release



### NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

J-Mark has experienced a minor in-service mishap and is presenting a sub-optimal profile upon approach. In other words it's broke, it's blue, and you can't see it until you are right on top of it. Your Race Committee is working on a repair plan, but until repairs are complete all racers are advised to keep a sharp lookout and use extreme caution when in the vicinity of J-Mark.



The last race in the SSS is the Islands Race sponsored by the CYCT on March 15<sup>th</sup>. This race runs from Browns Point to Blake Island and back. Official and Final Results have not been posted just yet, but it's pretty safe to say that Morgan Larson and *BRUZER* took the grand prize, with John Leitzinger and *KAHUNA* in 2<sup>nd</sup> followed closely by Derek DeCouteau and *AURORA* in 3<sup>rd</sup>. The TTPYC was well represented with seven boats in the fray. The former leading TTPYC boat *SOLITAIRE* did not race in the Islands Race, so it would appear as though *EQUUS* edged their way into being the best performing TTPYC boat. *LES CHEVAUX BLANCS*, *SEA SENORA*, and *BLUE MAX* made a good showing, while *WORK RELEASE* and *SEABISCUIT* filled out the fleet. Go to <https://cyct.com/event/islands-race-ssss/> for complete details.

O.K. TTPYC Racers, make all preparations to get under way, the *Three Tree Point* racing season begins in earnest on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, but before then there will be a practice session on Monday March 31st at 6:30 pm. A start line will be set at K mark. We will do a few starts followed by a race to the A or L mark. This is a great opportunity to train crew and just have fun. No registration, just show up and be on CH 72.

The Spring Regatta is Saturday April 26th. This will be a full day of racing. Wind permitting, we will try to have 4 or 5 races. Details are on the racing page and race book. [We still need a RC](#)

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[boat and crew to step forward as Race Committee!](#) Links to volunteer for RC and to register for each series/regatta are on the club racing page: <https://www.ttpyc.org/racing>

There will also be a practice session on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the TTPYC Late Spring Series May 1, 8, 15, 22.

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### How can I help?

Not a Member

Member

Boat Owner

I am *not* a TTPYC member, but would like to experience being on a Race Committee team.


**Excellent!!** Fill out a [Race Crew Form](#) to start your journey!

- You don't need any experience!
- You will get to learn about racing!
- You will have a start & finish line view of the race!
- And, odds are pretty good that you will have fun!

Please make a note on the Race Crew form that you would like to be a Race Committee volunteer.

Race Committee

Volunteer to Crew



We have 19 events scheduled this season and will need everyone's help to support the schedule by volunteering for at least one race committee date. Please sign-up by clicking on the "Race Committee" button at the bottom the RC web page. Please invite the folks from the crew list to be on your committee boat, it is great experience.

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## Cruising News

### Merch De Grasse, Cruise Fleet Chair

Still looking to find a host and choose a location for our early September cruise. Please let me know if you are interested.

#### TTPYC Arabella's Cruise

April 11-13, 2025

Hosts: Christa & Dwight Motz

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We are making plans for another fun and peaceful cruise to Arabella's Landing in beautiful downtown Gig Harbor. Gig Harbor is a wonderful little town with many fun restaurants, Pubs and shops. There is a gas grill that we will have access to as well as the



Net Shed that we have reserved for dinner on Saturday evening. Even if you can't manage to attend by boat, PLEASE consider joining us on Saturday for the afternoon and evening activities. If you would like to attend any of the festivities arriving by land yacht, please send us a text and let us know the number of attendees and your arrival time.

After arrival and settling in on **Friday** afternoon we will gather on dock (**4:00 PM**) for some warming refreshments and a social hour with snacks and appetizers. We will then head off to town to sample some brew pups and some of the local eating establishments on your own.

On **Saturday** we invite you to check out some of the incredible pastry and coffee shops or the great breakfast options right along the waterfront. At **1:00 PM** we will gather on the Net Shed patio and do a shotgun start scavenger hunt that will also be a good opportunity for a hike while engaging your brain. The "Hunt" will take about 90 minutes and along the way you'll be collecting bits of Gig Harbor Trivia and local historical lore. We will then regather at 7 Seas Brew Pub at **2:30 PM** for a debrief and toast to maritime history of this quaint little town. At **5:00 PM** we will open the Net Shed and enjoy a Hot Meal with side dishes brought by the membership. Details to follow.

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On **Sunday** we plan in having a pancake grill on the dock and we will have coffee, sweet rolls, yogurt and hot pancakes with all the fix 'ins starting at **8:00 - 9:00 AM**.

We have reserved **10 slips** for the weekend. **Each participant must make their own reservation** using the instructions provided below:

1. Go to Arabella's Landing Marina website - [www.arabellaslanding.com](http://www.arabellaslanding.com)
2. Select the red *Book Reservation* button partway down the page.
3. Enter the dates (Apr 11 to Apr 13)
4. Enter this Event Code: **ttpycapr2025**
5. Select "Search for availability"
6. You can view slips held for TTPYC, but not yet reserved by another participant.
  - a. These slips will be held for the club until 5 days before the scheduled arrival date on **Friday, April 11, after which time** they become available to the general public. Club participants may continue to reserve slips without using the event code, if slips are still available.
7. When reservation is complete, you will receive a confirmation email noting:
  - a. Payment: 100% of moorage cost is due at time of booking.
  - b. Cancellations: Must cancel by the date in the slip confirmation email to receive a refund for the entirety of the reservation period, less \$10.00 processing fee.
  - c. Additional information regarding: Door codes for Marina's main gate, restrooms and showers, and WiFi access details.



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## **TTPYC Bell Harbor Marina / Cinco de Mayo Cruise 2025**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 4th**

**\*\*\* You will need to make your own moorage reservations we have 14 slips reserved \*\*\***

**When making reservations please call their cell phone 206-462-9567**

### **Friday May 2, 2025**

5:00pm - Happy Hour on the dock, Margaritas will be provided, bring a Mexican inspired appetizer to share.

Dinner on your own

### **Saturday May 3, 2025**

9:00am-5:00pm Out and about on your own. Explore the new Overlook walkway, which makes for an easy trek to the Pike Place Market.

Also, the first Saturday in May the Amazon Spheres are open to the public 10am-6pm. You must register ahead of time by going to their website: [www.seattlespheres.com](http://www.seattlespheres.com) . A form of ID is also required at check in. Reservations become available 15 days before the date.

5:00pm- Happy Hour on the dock BYOB

6:00pm- Potluck on the dock

### **Sunday May 4, 2025**

9:00am-10:00am Continental Breakfast (provided) on the dock, bring your own coffee

12:00pm- Departure Time

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**June 13-15** at Poulsbo marina hosted by the Newmans.

**July and August** will not have official club cruises scheduled. I would like to establish a forum to share vacation cruising plans or short notice, great weather opportunities to enable smaller social get-togethers up north or at anchorages. Perhaps sharing on Facebook or maybe a more private secure place that doesn't put people at risk sharing their whereabouts to criminal elements. Perhaps somebody might know of a secure forum such as a WhatsApp group. If anyone knows of an appropriate vehicle for sharing cruising plans without being too public, let me know.

Merch DeGrasse

## Blake Island Re-cap

There were 21 attendees over the wet, sometimes sunny, windy weekend. There are 19 in the photo minus Rick and Alan who had to leave early. Twelve power and sailing vessels were present: Amidala, Avanti, Brigadoon, Cara Linda, Endeavor, EQUUS, Frolic, Gadget, HobbEs, Orn, Samba Two, Slow Tango.



At happy hour all were encouraged to offer their best belly laugh and reply to talking points. The appetizers were rather deluxe so all skipped dinner and enjoyed lots of s'mores well into the evening thanks to Dwight. He lugged his generator and a string of lights to make the shelter festive. On Saturday there were games involving ping pong balls, pennies and drawing on your head. Heather and Shelley collected some trash so this tradition was kept alive. There was ample firewood and potluck food.

Despite the early vacancy due to Sunday's forecast, everyone was flexible to make the first cruise of 2025 enjoyable. Since some of us arrived early, it was still a 3-day cruise. Many bought a season pass so we will see you again on beautiful Blake Island.

Steve and Janet, Hosts

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## Liam Burke Membership Chair



Our best way to recruit new members is through our members talking with fellow boaters. Direct them to our website [ttypc.org](http://ttypc.org) and they can find a membership application under the home tab/joining. To learn more about our club go to our facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/ttypc> .

### 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](mailto:K6352@aol.com) Also remember to talk with new boaters on the dock. The best way to find new members is through conversations with our members.

### A word about security...

**When submitting information to be published in the Barnacle that contains phone numbers or email addresses, please indicate if you would like this contact information to be removed before being uploaded to the club web site's Barnacle archive. ([ttypc.org/barnacles](http://ttypc.org/barnacles))**

**Monthly Barnacles that are emailed to members will not be edited.**

### Sad News

Penny, my wonderful wife of 58 years, passed away on January 3rd. We were on our way to Oro Valley, our second home, when she died in Springfield, Oregon. We are planning a Celebration of Life later in the year.

Bill Walton

Bill was Commodore in 1991-92, and raced his boat, Farr-Ari, 3 times in the Vic-Maui race.

## Welcome New Members

### Mike and Sue Williams

We are pleased to introduce new members, Mike and Sue Williams. Mike grew up on Three Tree Point! He even has a second degree connection to one of TTPYC's founding members, Guy Harper. When a youth, Mike was able to monitor construction of the Des Moines Marina from his skiff that he'd motor over from the Point. Sue also grew up near the water - in the fishing village of Ilwaco. Both of them were school teachers, though after a few years, Mike took over the family construction company. Their boating background includes sailing in the remote past, including racing with TTPYC, though they made the switch to power boating 35 years ago. Mike & Sue enjoy spending every July and August exploring Puget Sound aboard their Corsair 4200 (moored at Johnny's Dock) while sharing the experience with their grandchildren (#15 on the way). A description of their amazing volunteer activities would triple the length of this article, so we'll leave it to you to engage them in conversation. Please welcome Mike & Sue.-



Ray & Debra Valpey

## 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](mailto:K6352@aol.com) and we will place it in this section each month. Remember... this is for members only!

**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](mailto:thubbard84@msn.com)  
*The cost of new name badges is \$8.30 each.*



### 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 costs \$24.75 Large costs \$28.75

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## BRAND NEW, IN-THE-BOX B&G V60 VHF RADIO FOR SALE!



- Full featured VHF with internal AIS receiver and NMEA2000 connectivity. Large screen with intuitive user interface
- Built in AIS Receiver - AIS receiver helping to improve situational awareness with a view of who else is around you.
- DSC (Digital Selective Calling) allow a user to easily call friends, and in emergency situations with DSC Messages displayed onscreen.
- Distress key allows any vessel in VHF range to be notified of a problem with a single key press.
- Advanced channel scan and favorites features allow quick access to commonly used channels

**\$599.00**  
(\$100 off List Price)

Contact: **TOM HUBBARD** if interested.

Note: I will happy to program the radio for you with USA Country Code, your MMSI Number and your Boat name!

## Boat for Sale



**Amazing Grace**  
**1989 36 foot Catalina**

**Contact Rick Luce**  
**Signature Yachts**  
**425-359-0831**

## 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](mailto:K6352@aol.com).*

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**Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club**

2024-2025

Commodore Sarah Caudill

Vice Commodore Brian Newman

Past Commodore Steve Foss

Secretary Ray Valpey

Treasurer Shelley Conti

Race Fleet Captain Michael Hamilton

Assistant Race Fleet Andy Norton

Past Race Fleet Captain Ross Chamberlain

Trustees: Chuck Hendrick, Liam Burke, Gordon Kells-Murphy, Alan Riley, Doug Andrews

**Appointed Officers**

Cruise Fleet Captain: Merch DeGrasse

Social: TBD

Webmaster: Brian Newman      Communications Coordinator: Kristie Brame

Membership: Liam Burke      Historian: Carol Jones

Ship's Store: Janet Sisson      Facebook: Linda Stryker

Records and Roster: Tom Hubbard      PHRF Ratings: Mark Harang

RBAW Representative: Richard Edel      Reciprocal Chair: Chuck Hendrick

Financial Advisory Committee/Future Task Force: Richard Edel

Des Moines Harbor Liaison/CAAC: Kersten Hubbard

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

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