



Events

October

17 Change of
Watch at Aegis

November

10 Social at
Angelos

December

6 Holiday Party
(TBD)

January

9 Duwamish Head
race

12 Social at
Angelos

Keep up to date!

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ttpyc.org

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The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Commodore Brian Newman



As I write my last Commodore's Corner entry, I am reflecting on this past year and the abundance of activities that you, the members of this club, make happen throughout the year. It begins and ends with the Change of Watch, which is coming up in a few short weeks. And with the pirate theme alone, it should prove to be yet another very good time!

Sunday was an invigorating sail back to Des Moines from Port Orchard, closing out this year's cruising calendar. My hat is off to the hardy fleet of cruisers who braved the winds and swells, both to and from Port Orchard. It leaves me hungry for next year's already chosen cruising destinations, and looking forward to some spontaneous weekday cruises. I also hope to join our seasoned cruisers who venture north into Canada and beyond.

What a great turnout for the annual meeting and picnic this past month with around 40 members in attendance. There was plenty of time for catching up and a lawn game or two. To top it off, we were all regaled with a surprise performance by our local A-6 pilots, closing out our nomination process. The votes have now been counted and next year's bridge and Trustees are confirmed.

Behind the scenes, our Treasurer, Chairs, Committee members and the Board have been diligently working on our 2027 budget and the club's long-range plan. Roster & Records has been reconciling the data for next year's club roster and helping with our website and Change of Watch graphics. Thank you so much to all of you who are front and center and behind the scenes with every club event. We would not exist without your dedication and support.

And finally, thank you all who have supported me throughout this past year. It has been an honor to serve, and a gift to learn so much about what it takes to keep this resilient club afloat, year after year. Fair winds and smooth sailing to each and every one of you.

Brian

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General Meeting Fun!



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A Few Reminders

Your TTPYC Website Account

If you have not yet updated your TTPYC profile name, you can do so using the instructions on the ttypc.org/my-profile-setup page. It's quick and easy, and it allows other club members to see your name, rather than the "default" first part of your email address—which might not give a clue as to who you might actually be. It also enters your name correctly when you go to make online payments for things like Annual Dues, Change of Watch and the Holiday Party.

Online Payments

2027 Annual Dues and the Change of Watch are available for payment in the **Events** section of the **Members** dropdown menu on the TTPYC website, located here: ttypc.org/event-list. If you have not yet created your login (which is needed to access the **Members** section of the site), simply select "Forgot Password" when prompted to log in.

Membership Roster Updates for 2027

You should have received an email from our Roster & Records Chair, Tom Hubbard. This email included your membership information as it currently exists in the printed 2026 Membership Roster. Please look over this information carefully and let Tom know right away if changes need to be made. A quick and accurate turnaround is important, as Tom will then send the roster off to be printed, after which time corrections cannot be made.

Please also plan to make your 2027 Membership payments no later than **October 31st**—per the bylaws—so we may have an accurate account of paid members in the roster.

Thank you!!



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Social Committee

Cailín and Don Hunsaker

Change of Watch

Saturday, October 17, 2026

RSVPs due by Friday, October 2 (this Friday)!!

- Return RSVP by mail or via web site and indicate meal preference.
- Payment: Include check with RSVP, or pay online at <https://www.ttpyc.org/event-list>

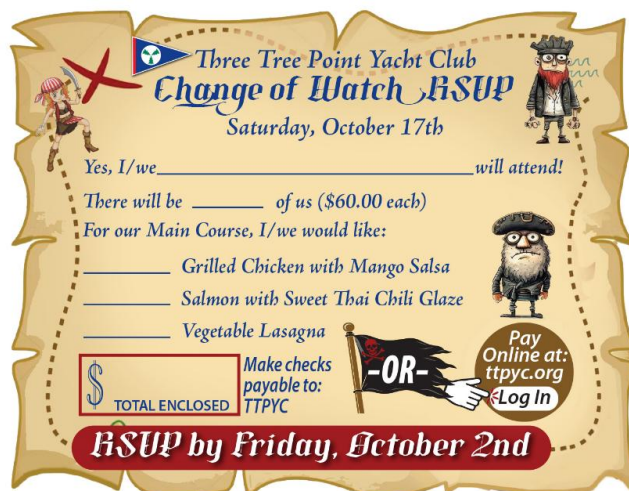
TIME: 5:00-6:00pm Happy Hour
6:00pm Dinner Served
7:00pm Presentations & Club Awards

LOCATION: Stan Head Cultural Center at Aegis Living Newcastle
13056 SE 76th St, Newcastle, WA 98056

COST: \$60 per person

We will have a "Year in Review" slideshow running during Happy Hour. Please drag & drop any photos you would like to share to this site: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/RtC7cZEF6n53cmoCA>

We had another event-filled year with what I'm sure are lots of great photos to share!



Volunteers Needed: Speaking of photos, we are looking for volunteer(s) to take photos during the awards ceremony. If you would like to help document this historic event or help with 'run of show,' please let Cailín or Don know. We will be reaching out for help with other tasks as well. Thank you in advance.

And now is a good time to dig into your closets for "Pirate" paraphernalia or hit your favorite costume store for accessories that highlight your 'skullduggery.'

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Social at Angelo's of Burien
Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: 601 SW 153rd St, Burien, 98166

Speaker: Michael Hand, Lockmaster, Hiram M. Chittenden Locks

Join us for great food, fellowship and to hear the about the past, present and future of the incredible Ballard Locks!



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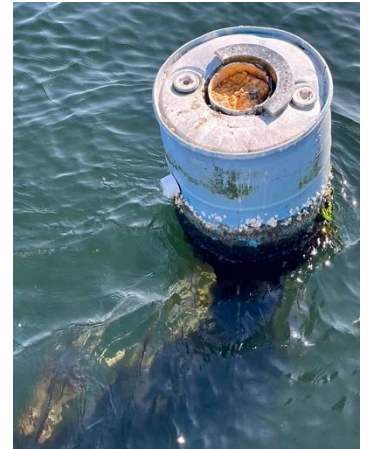
Racing News

Race Fleet Captain Andy Norton

Commodore's Trophy race—trusty Steve Sisson on Hobbes ran it and acted as Race Committee. According to Steve it was a low wind situation but all ten boats finished once around K, C, what was left of J, and K. Solitaire—Chris Caudill won the PHRF, followed by Sunrise—Dennis Caputo and Work Release—Ross Chamberlain. The rest were not too far behind. In Cruising Class, we had French Curve—Tyson Geldseth in first and then Joyce Marie—Merch DeGrasse in second. I was very sorry to miss this race, it is one of my favorites.

Race Boat of the Year—we have one.

L and J Race marks restoration—quite a bit of work to do, luckily much done already but now J mark has been decapitated so there will probably have to be diving done. Our Commodore and also our past Race Fleet Captain have been very active in making sure that both marks will soon be restored to usefulness.



Southern Sound Series prep—A bunch of TTPYC folks attended the SSS planning session at Tacoma Yacht Club, where we set tentative dates for all the series races, including Jan. 9th 2027 for the Duwamish Head, as it was too close for comfort to New Year's the previous Saturday. We also discussed rating classes, making sure there were foolproof methods to contact race officials upon retiring from the race, and contacting race officials AND the Coast Guard in a person-overboard situation. Accommodating ORC was also discussed, not sure that is in its final form yet.

Assistant Race Fleet Captain—we have a victim lined up, Tyler Wilson, and we made sure he was not aware that he would become the actual race fleet captain.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Change of Watch.



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Cruising News

Cruise Fleet Chair Merch De Grasse



The 2026 "official" cruise season is in the books! Our September cruise to Port Orchard was very memorable. Sailboats had as much downwind wind as they could handle, power boats had windshield wipers. We put both our wet weather gear and sunscreen to use. We ate fresh food and had children attending. Attending boats were: Brigadoon, Samba Two, Equus, Saga, Frolic, Sloe Tango, Blown Away, Gadget, Quantum Leap, Mapril June, Tracer II, Pendragon, Downtime, and French Curve.



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Kudos to the Hunsakers who came by land yacht to be great hosts and organizers. They organized our potluck and worked with Janis Newman to utilize "Newman's Own" fresh vegetables from their garden to cook a fresh stir fry for the feature of our Saturday dinner, Also thanking the Contis for the fresh clam feed on their boat Friday evening. I don't ordinarily eat shellfish but these were good and maybe I'll start a new habit. Dwight and Alan (with Don's help) continued the pancake breakfast feed tradition. TTPYC the emphasis is on Food? On a personal note, thank you to Rob Wham for sharing his new boat with me since my crew fell through.

2026 Official Cruise Attendance:

5 Cruises: Frolic, Blown Away, Gadget and Brigadoon

4 Cruises: Joyce Marie

3 Cruises: Samba Two, Equus, Saga, Sloe Tango, French Curve, Downtime, Pendragon

2 Cruises: Work Release, Tracer II, Hobbes, Mapril June

1 Cruise: Pipé, Journey, Cara Linda, Quantum Leap

2027 Cruise Schedule:

At the September meeting those in attendance voted on the locations they wished to cruise to in 2027. So far:

The Contis-Motzes volunteered to host Blake Island in March

The Stewarts (Ben & Emily) will host at Gig Harbor (Arabella's) in April

The Jones' will host Bell Harbor in May

The Wilsons will host Poulsbo in June

The Strykers will host Tacoma (Dock Street) in September

We could potentially schedule a July cruise in Port Orchard (host needed).

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.

See you at the Change of Watch where the Cruise Boat of the Year will be announced! Let's keep making cruising fun, with the emphasis on Fun (and Food).

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

Joy and Dave

Member News

How to submit 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 Janis Newman at janissmoke@gmail.com.

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 at janissmoke@gmail.com 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



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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 at janissmoke@gmail.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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Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

2025-2026

Commodore Brian Newman

Vice Commodore Dwight Motz

Past Commodore Sarah Caudill

Secretary Ray Valpey

Treasurer Christa Motz

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 Committee Cailín and Don Hunsaker III

Webmaster Brian Newman

Barnacle Editor Janis Newman

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 Rob Wham

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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