The Barnacle

Dates to Remember

February
10 Social @ Angelo's
14 Toliva Shoals Race

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

May
1-3 Bell Harbor Cruise
7,14,21,28 Late Spring Races

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Commodore's Corner
Commodore Brian Newman

Another wintery month is behind us, but despite what the calendar says, we've seen many days of full sun and warm weather, creating the opportunity for some of you cruisers to get back out on the water.

I won't steal our Race Fleet Captain Andy's thunder here, but I must point out that the Duwamish Head race committee—both on the pier, and on the RC/Safety Vessel—did a bang up job of running the race. It was a symphony of flags, horns, blasts and VHF notifications. Replete with a much needed postponement and an over early just to keep it interesting. I was honored to be a part of our "professionally trained" crack team of RC volunteers. We also saw a huge turnout for the Friday soup & chili feed at Anthony's. Standing room only! Thank you to all who helped and brought food for that event.

Another Thank You goes out to our Roster & Records, Treasurer, and Membership Chairs—Tom, Billie, Joy & Dave—for moving the 2026 membership drive across the finish line. And for the production of yet another professionally done *Membership Roster* and *Race Handbook*. Hat's off to you!

In other news, RBAW heads to the state capital for the annual Boating Day on January 29. Read more in their latest newsletter, and register if you would like to attend this event: https://www.ttpyc.org/rbaw#rbaw-newsletter

Our semi-annual General Membership Meeting for February will be held at our February social. Some of you club veterans can begin thinking about past events you would like to see brought back to our summer calendar. This year is the perfect year for this since we have a 3-month gap in between our June and September cruises. Those events might include the Summer Sailstice (June 20th, 2026), a Sleep 'n Creep, a Minto Mingle, or, if there are not enough Mintos, a Cardboard Boat Race at the newly rebuilt Dockton Marina, or a Commodore's Cruise. Lots of options here. The first on the list might be the Daffodil Festival

Parade. Check out the TYC's site for more information if you are interested in entering a vessel to represent our club: https://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil/Daffodil_2026

As you can see, there is never a dull moment here at the *Three Tree Point Yacht Club*! And our chairs & captains will continue to regale and inform you of more activities as you read on.

All the best, and fair winds ~

Brian

Social Committee
Cailín and Don Hunsaker III

Tuesday, February 10, 5:00-8:00pm

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

Our Yacht Club includes members who do fascinating work and Emily Prewett is no exception. She and team members, including a service dog, will lead a presentation about search and rescue work they do in the Puget Sound region. Enjoy great food, fellowship and hear about Emily's important vocation. Look forward to seeing you!

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

Soup Supper at Anthony's To Welcome Racers to the Duwamish Head Race

Racing News

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

The 2026 Duwamish Head Race attracted 30 PHRF and eight ORC boats even though we weren't able to provide moorage for anyone this year. Light winds meant a course shortened at the DH mark and some retirements, but No Protests. Principal Race Officer Brian, competent signal and clock work and a lot of coffee kept the race committee focused. Jerry Day's safety boat Skookum, let's just hope we can get them to do it again next year! Full results posted at TTPYC.org, but Madrona was first in some very close times under ORC (Ocean Racing Congress), about six minutes corrected over Blue and Mist. Jam won PHRF 2, and from our club, EQUUS was third in PHRF 3, Blue Max was third in PHRF 6, and Work Release third in PHRF 7. We have trophies to distribute.

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. (ttpyc.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.

Membership Chairs
Joy & Dave Clifford

It is that time of year for our annual membership renewals. If you haven't done so already, please go online to pay your 2026 membership dues so we may reconcile the books. It's quick and easy to do on our events page: https://www.ttpyc.org/event-list. Please don't hesitate to contact the webmaster at webmaster@ttpyc.org if you need help logging into the Membership side of our website.

Checks are still accepted, but need to be mailed to our Treasurer. Thank you!!
Make check payable to TTPYC, and send to:
TTPYC
PO Box 98700
Des Moines, WA 98198

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

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.

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

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.

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/

WANTED

NEED A PRAM

Calvin had a little accident, so HobbEs (Steve & Janet Sisson) are looking for a replacement. That would be a lightweight 8' pram. If you have such a thing please call us at 206-213-8138.

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.

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. Our guest speaker this month will also describe how she contributes to search and rescue efforts. 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 *EnvironmenalScienceCenter.org*. Event page and ticket sales will open the first week of February.

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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

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

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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*

Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

February 2026