



Events

September

5, 19 CVCT Races
12 Commodore's
Trophy Race
25-27 Port
Orchard cruise

October

17 Change of
Watch

November

10 Social at
Angelos

December

6 Holiday Party
(TBD)

Keep up to date!

Website:

ttpyc.org

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[facebook.com/ttpyc](https://www.facebook.com/ttpyc)

The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Commodore Brian Newman

It has been a quiet month for me with regards to Puget Sound. *Gadget* has been poking at me to get a fresh coat of wax on her before the cooler, wet weather sets in, and reminding me that I need to get a crew ready for the Commodore's Trophy race, which is just around the corner.

I did, however, just spend 9 days driving up Hwys 1 & 101 from LA to Lincoln City, OR, enjoying the view out over the ocean, rather than the view some of you experienced this year looking back at the Pacific shoreline from the sea. During my journey, I stopped at every marina and yacht club



along the way in lieu of the tourist shops and beaches. I even managed to drop in on the *Channel Islands Yacht Club* just in time for a Friday evening G&T at their well-stocked bar, and received an invite to stay for a club dinner! What a friendly and welcoming group of fellow seafaring enthusiasts, who also happen to have a reciprocal relationship with TTPYC.

It has been fun keeping up with the individuals and groups of club members cruising this summer. The photos and comments are a great way to make my cruising itinerary for next year. After my trek up the Pacific Coast Highway, I realized how amazing it is to have so many beautiful and nearby cruising destinations to choose from, compared to leaving a marina to be faced with a coast line of limited anchorages or safe harbors. Puget Sound and the Salish Sea are truly a rare and special place to call home!

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I enjoyed wrapping up the racing series this year with *Gadget* as the Race Committee boat for the Late Summer Series. The winds were challenging, as I understand is par for the course in July. However, two of the races were a hoot! Both times, the fleet loitered around waiting for the glassy waters to be consumed by the fixed wind lines far off in the distance. All of the sudden, as if attached to an on-time train, sails briskly filled and the races were on—at the prescribed time!



This month I hope to see many of you at our club Picnic and General Meeting on September 8th, the Commodore's Trophy Race on the 12th, and the cruise to Port Orchard from the 25th - 27th. Be sure to check out the details of these events, and the rapidly approaching Change of Watch as you read on in this action packed edition of *The Barnacle*!

Fair winds ~
Brian

Bylaws Amendment

An email notice of the upcoming General Meeting was sent out on August 29th, which included an attachment of the proposed bylaw amendments. Please review this attachment. There will be an opportunity at the General Meeting to discuss the proposed items. The vote to adopt the changes will be sent via email after the meeting, along with the vote for 2027 officers and trustees.

Your TTPYC Website Account

If you have not yet updated your TTPYC profile name, you can do so using the instructions on the ttpyc.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

And speaking of online payments, it is that time of year where, as noted above, Annual Dues, Change of Watch and Holiday Party payments are coming due. In order to get an early start this year, the *2027 Annual Dues* and the *Change of Watch* tickets & RSVPs are now available in the **Events** section of the **Members** dropdown menu, which is located here: <http://tpyc.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 login. The rest is industry standard.

Mobile Pump Out

The *Recreational Boaters Association of Washington* (RBAW) — of which you are all members — has been working hard to ensure we have mobile pump out options while cruising the West-Central Sound this summer! See below for a map and scan, phone, VHF, or flagging down options. You can check out this month's RBAW newsletter at <http://tpyc.org/rbaw> for more details.

Book Your **FREE** Mobile Pumpout!

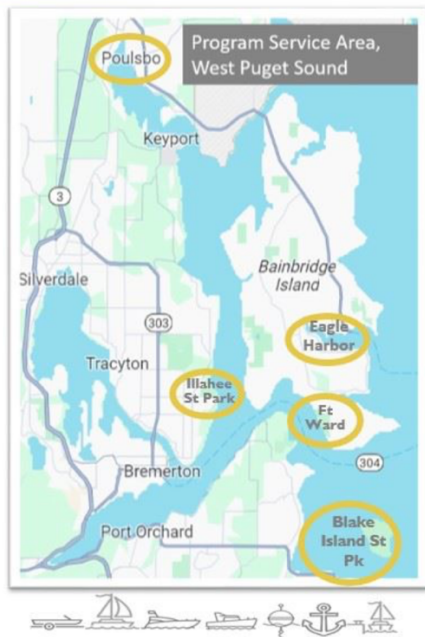
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Membership Roster Updates for 2027

Later this month, you will be receiving an email from our Roster & Records Chair, Tom Hubbard. This email will include your membership information as it currently exists in the printed 2026 Membership Roster. Please look over this information carefully and let Tom know—in a timely manner—if the information is correct, or what 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!!

Social Committee

Cailín and Don Hunsaker

Annual Picnic and General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2026



All members welcome! Make new friends and socialize with fellow boaters.

During the General Meeting we will finalize nominations for next year's officers and trustees, and present proposed bylaw changes that will be included in this year's ballot. We will then hear from some of our chairs and representatives, and finally open the floor for new business.

<i>Time:</i> 3-6pm	Lawn Games and Happy Hour
6pm	Potluck Dinner**
7pm	General Meeting
8pm	Fire pit with s'mores, hot chocolate and hot cider

Hosts: Commodore Brian and Janis Newman

Location: See Membership Roster for address and phone information.

Bring:

- Potluck**: main dish, salad or dessert
- **Email or text Don and Cailín with your potluck item to ensure we have a balanced meal: Dhun3@comcast.net or 619.709.2268
- Favorite beverage
- Chair (important for sitting at dinner and the meeting)

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Change of Watch Dinner and Ceremony
Saturday, October 17, 2026

Invitations will be mailed first week of September. RSVPs due by Friday, October 2, 2026 returned by mail or via TTPYC web page at ttpyc.org/event-list.

A pirate-themed RSVP form for the Three Tree Point Yacht Club Change of Watch event. The title "Three Tree Point Yacht Club Change of Watch" is in a large, stylized blue font, with "RSVP" in a smaller font. Below it, "Saturday, October 17th" is in a blue font. The form includes fields for: "Yes, I/we _____ will attend!", "There will be _____ of us (\$60.00 each)", and "For our Main Course, I/we would like:". The main course options are: "Grilled Chicken with Mango Salsa", "Salmon with Sweet Thai Chili Glaze", and "Vegetable Lasagna". There are checkboxes for "TOTAL ENCLOSED" and "Make checks payable to: TTPYC". A large red banner at the bottom says "RSVP by Friday, October 2nd". The graphic is decorated with cartoon pirates, a skull and crossbones, and a compass rose. A large red 'X' is drawn over the top left corner.

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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!

Racing News Race Fleet Captain Andy Norton

Racing is not over yet! The most fun Commodore's Trophy contest is coming up September 12—trusty Steve Sisson and Hobbes will be the race committee, which is a good thing. I implore you to get signed up now, before we reach our capacity of 1,000 boats. Check your calendars because this event was rescheduled by popular demand earlier in the year. Because Dwight Motz is taking care of permits and maintaining friendly terms with the Coast Guard, they seem amenable to letting us run this race again. As usual, stay away from orcas and very large, well *any*, commercial traffic.



L Mark—I don't think we need it for Commodores Trophy but with much attention by the Commodore himself, and other members who know what they are doing, we should have it back in place before too long. Maybe hopefully we won't have to dive on it.

We are trolling for a new Assistant Race Fleet Captain, have some potential victims in mind but have not hooked one yet. The problem is that it turns out that somehow these Assistants become the actual race fleet captain (which they forgot to tell me). Volunteers appreciated.

Oh, and as far as awards and Change of Watch and other official things, race fleet captain may be a teensy bit behind, but his schedule has cleared up and things may start falling into place. If not, Tyson will take care of it.



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Cruising News

Cruise Fleet Chair Merch De Grasse

I'm hoping everyone has had a great cruising season this year. Mine has been changed due to losing my wife and has turned into short overnight ventures.

The Hunsakers and myself are co-hosting the final official cruise of the year to Pt Orchard Marina on Sept 25-27. If you plan on attending, be sure to call the Pt Orchard Marina (360 876 5535) to reserve one of the slips held for us. Our basic itinerary will be to have an informal BYOB cocktail hour on Friday evening followed by encouraging people to explore the various eateries for dinner. On Saturday there will be pastries, coffee, tea and cider provided at 9 am. For dinner there will be a stir fry of noodles and fresh veggies with the option for meat (likely chicken). We would ask for potluck contributions of side dishes, salads or desserts. On Sunday morning will be pastries and hot drinks again. If you plan on attending, please RSVP on the WhatsApp chat or in email to the Hunsakers or myself.



Discussions are already starting about next year's cruise schedule. There are places we virtually always cruise to and others only occasionally. I would like to take a poll of which three locations are your favorite destinations that could handle a YC sized group that we can get to in a day (i.e., places we have gone to before or new ideas that aren't too far away). Dwight Motz has already reached out to Arabella's in Gig Harbor where Ben and Emily Stewart would like to host again, however booking there in June is proving problematic. I'm also considering an early-to mid-July cruise in addition to March-June and September dates. Let me know your ideas!

Finally if you are a newer member and haven't yet come on a Yacht club cruise, please consider doing so, they're fun and we'd love for you to join in.

Nomination Committee

Chair Dwight Motz

In accordance with the Bylaws Article XI, the Nominating Committee has been formed and vacant officer and trustee positions for FY2027 were shared with all members in an August 12th email titled "Get Involved! Nominations Open for TTPYC Leadership (FY2027)." Please review that email for detailed information on open positions and how to submit a nomination.

We are looking forward to wrapping up the 2027 Officer and Trustee nominations at the General Meeting on September 8th. Please consider supporting this awesome club by filling one of these roles!

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Membership Chairs Joy & Dave Clifford

Last month we listed in the Barnacle five new members to our club and we have two more new members in process. Most of them are in the Des Moines marina. Please help them feel welcome.

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

Susan "Candi" Barnhart

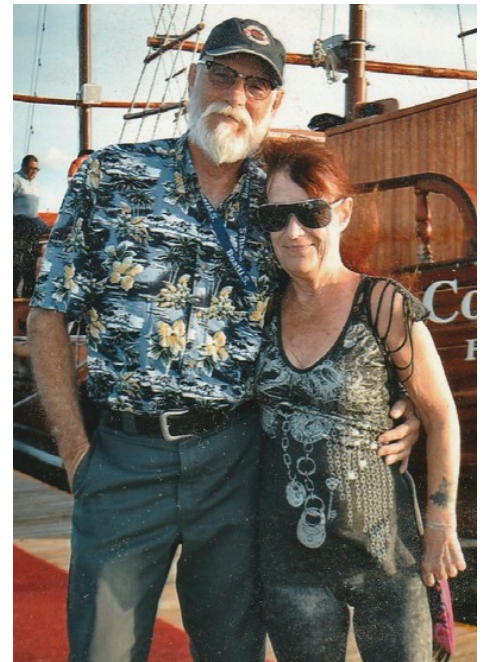
Susan May Barnhart, age 72, known to most as "Candi" passed away this last week. She was born in Tacoma, WA on July 28, 1954 and she passed on Tuesday, August 18th at the home she shared with Michael Hamilton in Renton, WA.

Candi was a kind and caring soul with an uncanny ability to befriend all God's furry and feathered creatures. She was feisty and fought the conditions that took her life with bravery and grace.

She is survived by her son, Alan Stone, two brothers, Robert & Kenny Stephens, a sister Vivian Williams, and her longtime partner Michael Hamilton.

She will be missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 19th. A separate email will be sent to club members with invitation details.



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Bud Musselman

Bud (Lloyd) Musselman was born on May 14, 1951, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and set off on his final sail on August 8, 2026, at the age of 75.

Bud grew up in Bloomsburg Pennsylvania in which he met Tina, his beloved wife and first mate of 54 years. Bud's career in hospital finance allowed for the family to move around and explore the country, to Atlanta, GA, then Portland, OR, and last stop Seattle, Washington. Each location he lived created forever friendships, who



provided support and love in his final days. After retirement, he moved to Gig Harbor, Washington, a lovely harbor for the boat, home to the family and close to the grandchildren.

Bud had several fulfilling hobbies. Music was one of his passions. He played in several bands in each location where he lived. These included church bands in Atlanta and Portland, and his final gig was with the Lineman in Seattle, WA just weeks before his diagnosis of a Glioblastoma. Music was always part of his life. He played for family gatherings, singing and strumming Christmas hymns, and even recorded a few records. He taught his family about music and how it brings people together.

Boating and spending time on the water was another passion of his. In the early days, he motored the family around in the 'mad max' for fun adventures of water skiing, fishing and crabbing on the east coast. When he moved out west, he captained a Tolley Craft, Graceful Spirit, which included cruising the inside passage. After years of cruising, he found his true passion of sailing the Tina C. The quiet flap of the sail, the smooth cutting of the water, the skill of knots and reading the winds/waves. He was in his element when at sea, especially when joined by first mate Tina, and boat dogs, Yuki and Poppy.

Bud will be remembered for his friendly demeanor, calm and collected approach. He was a family man and loved his family dearly. He was known as 'granddaddy' to Lily and Lawson and made special bonds over Costco hot dogs, always supporting them from the sidelines in their many sports, and of course helping them gain a love of being on the water. He was a wonderful dad to Alicia and Brooke. He was a rock, a solid anchor, a quiet protector supporting them always through life. As the daughters grew up and had families, he became a friend to them, a best friend guiding them through life. He had a love so deep for his wife Tina. Married for 54 years, they shared so many adventures and milestones.

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In the morning on the day he passed, a friend rode in the Obliterate to raise funds for cancer research in honor of his friend Bud. Donations would be appreciated for glioblastoma research.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, September 25th at 11 am. at The Tacoma Yacht Club. The group Bud played in, The Linemen, will play some favorite songs. We will have food and hopefully people will want to share some special memories.

It will be a fitting sendoff for Bud.

Haven of Rest is serving the Musselman family.

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 Kristie, the Barnacle editor at K6352@aol.com or Janis Newman atjanissmoke@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 Kristie, the Barnacle editor at K6352@aol.com or Janis Newman atjanissmoke@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

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.



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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 Kristie, the Barnacle editor at K6352@aol.com or 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/ Kristie Brame

Membership Dave and Joy Clifford Historian Carol Jones

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