



## Events

### 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

Summer Races

### September

12 Commodore's

Trophy Race

25-27 Port

Orchard

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# The Barnacle

## Commodore's Corner

### Commodore Brian Newman

It's official! The 2026 yachting season is here! Our first cruise of the year was a grand success, and a huge Thank You goes out to Dwight & Christa Motz and Don & Cailín Hunsaker for going above and beyond in making this a fun-filled, memorable and nutritious event. If there was a lesson to be learned here, Don and the hosts discovered it while hauling leftover beer—what?!—grills, generators, shed totes, etc. to their vehicles upon returning to port: "Don't plan your return at a minus tide!" The ramp was painfully steep.



Janis and I will be hosting the next cruise to Edmonds. My recon mission to the marina last week proved to be time well spent. Details are in the Cruise section below.

Another Thank You goes out to Ross Chamberlain for organizing the first of two "Practice Races" on April 30<sup>th</sup> to help us knock some of the rust off our lightning-fast starting line reflexes. This is also a great opportunity to introduce new crew to racing. I'm looking forward to seeing some of our new club members and their boats at the K-Mark this summer. And, I'm excited about having some new crew members on Gadget this year.

I enjoyed all of the interaction at the last Angelo's meeting. And, as hoped, I learned a lot about some of our traditional summer events from our pre-covid days that merit renewing. I received great feedback, and am hearing of some action being taken to revive one or two of these activities, either this year, or next.

Here's to blue skies and sunny days. See you on the water!

Brian

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**Social Committee**  
**Cailín and Don Hunsaker III**

**Tuesday, April 14, 5:00-8:00pm**

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

Join our very own Vice Commodore Dwight Motz (*Frolic*) for a presentation about his years as a pilot with Alaska Airlines and what it was like to fly in the state of Alaska. Technology being developed in the early 2000's is still relevant to current airline operations and allows planes to land safely in challenging conditions that are so prevalent in 'The Last Frontier.' Enjoy great food, fellowship and hear about Dwight's important contributions. We look forward to seeing you!

Mark your calendars, too, for the May Social (12th) with our own Tyler Wilson (*Blown Away*) and June (9th) with Paul Grove of CSR Des Moines. Future presentations will be from the Environmental Science Center and a members' pet pictures presentation with the help of Tom Hubbard.

Suggestions for future Social topics are welcome - contact Don and Cailín Hunsaker, [dhun3@comcast.net](mailto:dhun3@comcast.net)



## Racing News

**Andy Norton, Race Fleet Captain, Seabiscuit**

**Tyson Geldseth, Assistant Race Fleet Captain,**

**Quantum Leap**

**Michael Hamilton, Past Race Fleet Captain, Amidala**



By now the March 30<sup>th</sup> race sailing practice is done, but if you missed it there will be another scheduled for April 27. This is a great way to sharpen your start line skills, whether you are new to racing or just freshening up for the Spring Series. This is also a good time to register for the Early Spring Series, as Race 1 is this Thursday April 2. All you need to do is go to Racing at the TTPYC web site, and follow instructions to sign up. It is only \$35 for the four races, and a haircut costs more than that nowadays. There are both cruising and PHRF starts, so you can get out there even if your boat does not have a rating. Contact Andy if you want to get a PHRF rating, or if you just need something to use for cruising class competition.

Regarding races, we still need race committees for the Early Summer series, and for the Commodore's Trophy. You can sign up for race committee under Racing at the TTPYC web site. Our Commodore promises a fancy glass with big letters RC on it for your service.

The Southern Sound Series finished up with the Islands race run by CYCT March 14, and only a few boats were able to get through to the end because of lack of breeze. Many retired around eleven hours, compared to 2025 when most finished in 4-5 hours. This year most TTPYC boats retired with low points assigned, which may be a good thing for overall series standings.

Hope to see you all for Thursday night races.



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## Cruising News

### Merch De Grasse, Cruise Fleet Chair



Here is the remaining cruise itinerary scheduled for 2026. The dates and locations are posted on the website. ([tppyc.org](http://tppyc.org)) and below.

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

Happy springtime! Cruising season has commenced with our first official cruise of the year to Blake Island. There was some weather-worry going into the weekend, but it turned out to be a generally nice weekend. A couple boats travelled up to Blake Island on Thursday. Most travelled up on Friday morning which was a little damp with drizzle but had a delightful south wind 12-20. Several of us simply rolled out our headsails and went on a direct course on a broad reach. Upon arriving to Blake Island, the weather began clearing until it was sunny by our cocktail hour. The wind kicked up overnight, but the remainder of the cruise was dry. The Sunday return was calm with flat water and very little wind.

Thanking the Hunsakers and Motz's for a great itinerary, and food organization. Vive el Taco!  
Participating boats included: Saga, Equus, Joyce Marie, Journey, Gadget, Slo Tango, Cara Linda, Frolic, Pipe', Brigadoon and Blown Away. Additional attendance by Alan Riley who hitched a ride with Frolic.

We all fit on the dock without the need for rafting, the beach was patrolled for trash and unauthorized broccolli. Nature was observed. Raccoons were well-behaved and not spotted on the docks.

The April cruise will be a new location (at least for the last many years) to Edmonds marina on April 10-12. Our esteemed Commodore, Brian Newman and his wife will be hosting. If you haven't already, please RSVP to Brian soon as the Edmonds marina needs to plan where they are putting us. Personally, I am going to make the journey two legs up and back with an intermediate stop at the Elliott Bay Marina since my boat only goes so fast. I'll be leaving on Thursday April 9.

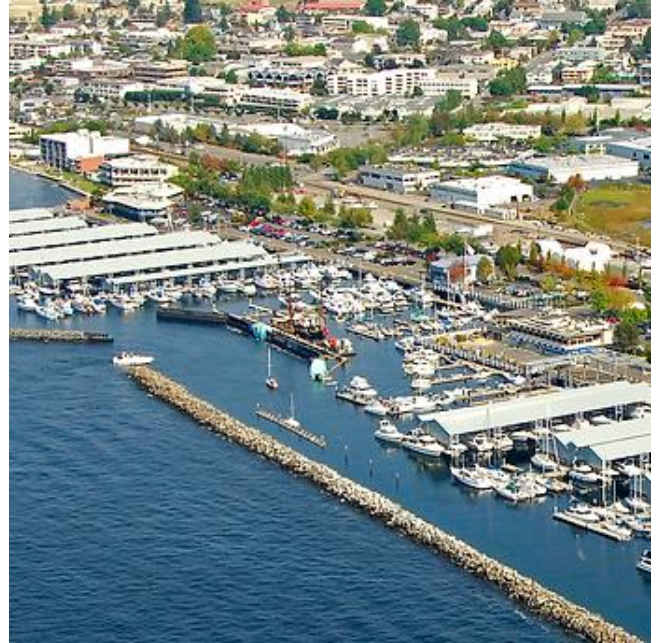
We do have official cruises scheduled for May at Bell Harbor (downtown Seattle), June in Gig Harbor and September in Port Orchard. The Jones are hosting the Bell Harbor cruise, but **we still would like hosts to volunteer for the Gig Harbor and Port Orchard cruises.**

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**Edmonds Cruise**  
April 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Hosts: Brian & Janis Newman

Janis & I are looking forward to a weekend at the Port of Edmonds Marina. We have nearly filled the guest moorage area, but have room for a few more boats. If you would like to join in on this cruise, please text or email me at 406.548.5767 or [bnewman521@gmail.com](mailto:bnewman521@gmail.com) with your boat **name** and **LOA**. As this is a small marina, and the 10<sup>th</sup> is rapidly approaching, the remaining guest slips could soon be gone.



We have a fun filled weekend with plenty of sight-seeing planned, both short nature walks and longer self-guided tours of the historic and art filled downtown area.

Here is our high-level agenda. A detailed email with event information will be sent to the cruise attendees:

**Friday:**

- **5:00PM**
  - **Happy Hour** under the marina office pavilion:
    - Provided: Assortment of beverages
    - **Bring: Chairs** and an **appetizer** of your choice
- **Later**
  - Dinner on your own
    - There are many 4.5+★ restaurants within walking distance
- **7:30PM**
  - Short 5-minute stroll to **Marina Beach Park** to watch the **sunset at 7:52PM**. And to let the cruise-pooches stretch their legs in the fenced, "Off Leash Area" of the beach.

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May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026

TTPYC Bell Harbor Marina

*You will need to make your own moorage reservations we have 12 slips reserved*

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

#### Friday May 1, 2026

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



[Place your derby bets! The final race commences at approximately 4 PM on Saturday](#)



- ❖ Dinner on your own

#### Saturday May 2, 2026

- ❖ **9:00am-5:00pm:** Out and about on your own. Explore the Overlook walkway, The Great Wheel, Seattle Aquarium, Pike Place Market, and Olympic Sculpture Park.
- ❖ **6:00pm:** Derby inspired potluck
- ❖ Winners of the derby announced!

#### Sunday May 3, 2026

- ❖ **9:00am-10:00am:** Continental Breakfast provided on the dock, bring your own coffee.
- ❖ **12:00pm:** Depart!



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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: [ttypc.org/joining](http://ttypc.org/joining) There is also more to learn about our club on Facebook: [facebook.com/ttypc](https://facebook.com/ttypc)

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

### **RBAW Representative (Recreational Boaters Association of Washington)**

I am pleased to announce that Vice Commodore, Dwight Motz has offered to officially be our club's RBAW representative. Dwight has already been very in tune with the current events of this important organization and has shared updates at the last several club gatherings from information learned by attending monthly RBAW board meetings.

Thank you Dwight! Your continuous, wide-ranging involvement in the club is needed, and very much appreciated!

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

## 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 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](mailto:K6352@aol.com) by the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 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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