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The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Commodore Sarah Caudill

Another fantastic month is in the books, and as we head in to October, let's take a moment to appreciate the great times we've shared.

The social highlight of the month was undoubtedly our September General Meeting, generously hosted by the Newmans! What a wonderful evening of good food, lawn games, and even better company. A huge thank you to the Newmans for opening their home and to everyone who helped organize the event—your efforts made it a huge success!

During the meeting, we had the pleasure of formally welcoming some of our newest members, approved at our September board meeting. The evening also included nominations for next year's elected positions, updates from our webmaster, and the latest racing news, and wrapped up around the inviting fire pit.

Cruising and Racing updates: The club kicked off the month with a wonderful cruise to Port Orchard! It sounds like everyone had a memorable trip. Be sure to check the dedicated Cruising Section for a full recap of that fantastic weekend.

The racing scene this month included the exciting point series down by Tacoma. Don't miss the Racing Section of the full newsletter for all the updates and final results.

Looking ahead we have our next big event the Change of Watch ceremony, where we will formally welcome our new leadership team.

We are currently confirming the vote for next year's elected positions, and I look forward to the ceremony! This is a reminder to please get your nominations in for two of our favorite awards: the Perpetual Inspiration and That Sinking

Feeling. The deadline is fast approaching, so please submit your nominations as soon as possible! See the Social Section for all the event details—I truly hope to see you all there!

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This marks my final edition of *The Barnacle* as I hand the reins over to Brian Newman and our new leadership team. It has been an honor serving you, and I am confident you all will be in incredibly capable hands. I wish you all the very best!

Happy sailing!

Sarah

Social Committee

Cailin and Don Hunsaker III

Annual Picnic and General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 9

Our annual meeting was a great success! Forty two members were in attendance and a great time was had by all. Thank you Brian and Janis for hosting!



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*Three Tree Point Yacht Club
2025 Change of Watch
Saturday, October 25th*



Mail your RSVP no later than Thursday, October 9 for the 2025 Change of Watch dinner and ceremony. You can include a check with your menu order or, to lighten the load on our Treasurer, submit your payment online at <https://www.ttpyc.org/event-list>.

NOTE: A vegetarian option has been added to the menu: Please write in this choice on your RSVP card or contact Cailín and Don dhun3@comcast.net if you have already put it in the mail.

We will have a "Year in Review" slideshow running during Happy Hour. It was another event-filled year with what I'm sure are lots of great photos floating around out there. Please drag & drop any photos you would like to share, to this event folder: <https://tinyurl.com/TTPYC-ChangeOfWatch>

Volunteers Needed: Speaking of photos, we are looking for a volunteer to take photos during the awards ceremony. We also need a Master of Ceremonies to announce the different portions of the Change of Watch program. 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 finally, now is a good time to dig out that "Islands" themed tie, or hit your favorite haberdashery for the latest "Islands - Dressy Casual" accessories.

November Social at Angelo's



Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day, starting at 5:30pm
Enjoy great food, fellowship and an exciting presentation with Blake Hansen, son of former TTPYC member Dennis Hansen. Blake will share his racing experiences with the SEVENTY48 - 70 miles in 48 hours - from Tacoma to Port Townsend with no motors, no support, and no wind, i.e. - human-powered only. And the WA360, a 360-ish mile human- and wind-powered adventure loop from Port Townsend to Olympia and back with no engines. Hope to see you!

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Roster & Records

Tom Hubbard

2026 Membership Dues & COW Fees

Hi TTPYC Members!

2026 Club Membership Dues will be emailed towards the end of September. Please check the pdf form over carefully and let me know of any new changes. Did you change marinas, new slip number, new boat? Please reply to the email with your modifications so I can keep our club records up-to-date.

With the cruising season coming to an end, and the racing calendar starting to clear out, it is time for membership renewals. The great news is, you can do it right now, without leaving your chair! Please consider renewing your membership online with the quick and easy convenience of a credit card, PayPal, googlePay or Apple Pay! You can do it right here with your TTPYC member login (which you all now have): <https://www.ttpyc.org/event-list>. If you have issues logging in, please do not hesitate to click on the "webmaster" link on the Log In page.

Tom Hubbard

Racing News

Michael Hamilton, Race Fleet Captain, Amidala

Andy Norton, Assistant Race Fleet Captain, Seabiscuit

Ross Chamberlain, Past Fleet Racing Captain, Work Release



Photo, just after the start of the Early Summer Series Race#1 June 5, 2025

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A big thanks to all who participated in the 2025 TTPYC Racing program.

Andrew Norton is your 2026 Race Fleet Captain. Andy is a veteran racer and "Seabiscuit" his Tartan/Thomas 35, is often seen at the head of the race pack. Join me in congratulating Andy in his new role.

2025 Perpetual Trophy Winners

As the year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to look back and recognize all of the 2025 Winners.

RACE BOAT OF THE YEAR 2025

SOLITAIRE Chris Caudill

Congratulations to the TTPYC 2025 Racing Boat of the Year "Solitaire". Owned and raced well by Chris and Sarah Caudill. The award recognizes the TTPYC boat placing the highest among all TTPYC racers not only in the series sponsored by our club, but also the Southern Sound Series and selected CYCT series. Quite an accomplishment!

2025 WINDWARD MARK TROPHY

The winners of each seasonal series are:

Early Spring	PHRF	Solitaire	Chris Caudill (TTPYC)
	CRUISING	HobbEs	Steve Sisson (TTPYC)
Late Spring	PHRF	Les Chevaux Blancs	Gordon Kells-Murphy (TTPYC)
	CRUISING	Gadget	Brian Newman (TTPYC)
Early Summer	PHRF	Solitaire	Chris Caudill (TTPYC)
	CRUISING	Gadget	Brian Newman (TTPYC)
Late Summer	PHRF	ZZZAP	Zaputil Family (RVYC)
	CUISING	Entropy	Dereck Richardson (TTPYC)

TTPYC Spring Regatta

PHRF1	Short Circuit Jay Pyles (CYCT)
PHRF2	Solitaire Chris Caudill (TTPYC)
CRUISING	Joyce Marie Merch DeGrasse (TTPYC)

COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE

PHRF	ZZZAP	Zaputil Family (RVYC)
CRUISING	Gadget	Brian Newman (TTPYC)

AZIMUTH CIRCLE AWARD

The Winner of the 2025 Duwamish Head Race goes to USA #22, Cody Pinion (SWYC) and his boat *TIGGER* representing the South Whidbey Yacht Club. He completed the 13.5 mile course in 3 hours 16 minutes. Well done!

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AND,.... Just when you thought it was time for a well-deserved break and respite. The Southern Sound Series is fast approaching.



The Southern Sound Series (SSS) organized by the South Sound Sailing Society (SSSS) is one of 48° North's Top 25 events. The series consists of four races sponsored by different South Puget Sound yacht clubs. Each sponsoring club conducts one race.

The Southern Sound Series Races are:

Winter Vashon Island Race	Tacoma Yacht Club	December 6, 2024
Duwamish Head Race	Three Tree Point Yacht Club	January 3, 2026
Toliva Shoals Race	Southern Sound Sailing Society	February 14, 2026
Islands Race	Corinthian YC Tacoma	March 14, 2026

The NOR(s) and SI(s) are in work and will be posted soon.

Preparations are well underway for TTPYC to host the Duwamish Head Race. In the past our club members turned out enthusiastically and made the event a resounding success. Mark the date on your calendar and maintain a sharp lookout for opportunities to volunteer.

Our 2026 Racing Handbook and our 2026 Calendar of Race Events will be published soon. It is worth noting that the *Spring Regatta* is back again and will be held in April. There is a full slate of *Spring and Summer Series Races*. The *Commodores Trophy Race* has moved back to September.

Thank you for a safe, fun and exciting 2025 racing season!

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Cruising News

Merch De Grasse, Cruise Fleet Chair



We have September's cruise to Port Orchard in the books. Thank you to the Valpey's for cohosting the cruise with me and creating an itinerary of activities. In attendance were: Brigadoon, Pipé, Downtime, Sloe Tango, Saga, Joyce Marie, Pendragon, Blown Away, Airloom, Frolic, Hobbes and Maypril June. We had a theme of history and what our story is. The Valpey's arranged with a museum in town that provided a guided tour that described the founding of Port Orchard as well as encouraging us all to share some of our own recollection of memorable historical moments.

Additionally we reviewed safety strategies on our boats specifically equipment to hoist people who are in the water back on board. We hoisted people (from the dock) multiple times. This was inspired by the Valpey's being witness to my struggle to get back onboard Joyce Marie after jumping overboard to cut loose an anchor rode that had wrapped around my prop shaft after having an anchor stuck in Gig Harbor.

Thanks to everybody who has attended this year's cruise events and especially those who hosted each cruise.

This year we had 1 boat (Hobbes) that attended all 5 cruises and 7 boats that attended 4 of the 5 cruises, (Brigadoon, Frolic, Gadget, Joyce Marie, Maypril June, Pendragon and Saga). We had Pipé attend their first ever cruise.

I have asked for an accounting of mileage from the leading boats in attendance and will announce the cruise boat of the year at the change of watch ceremony.

I also established a WhatsApp private chat group for Three Tree Point YC with the intention of sharing our cruising plans whether related to an impending club cruise, vacation plans or short notice good weather window opportunities. If you would like to be added to the private access, let me know and I can share an invitation to join link.

I also encourage members, particularly new members to discuss cruising with me and what and where they'd like to cruise to next year. I would also love to have some volunteers to host next year's cruises.

See you at the Change of Watch!

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2025 TTPYC Magical History Tour (Port Orchard) – review



The cruise to Port Orchard (Sept 5-7, 2025) was well attended and well enjoyed. Twelve boats participated, including Airloom, Blown Away, Brigadoon, Downtime, Frolic, Hobbes, Joyce Marie, Mapril June, Pendragon, Pipé, Saga and Sloe Tango. We had full use of the activity float and shelter. Friday Happy Hour's signature beverage, "Sea Breeze" slipped down a bit too breezily. The **HISTORY** topic for discussion was "What historical event during your life was particularly impactful?" Lunar landings had almost as many mentions as assassinations.

The weather was very cooperative for a variety of activities, ranging from a browse through the Farmers' Market, to a foot-ferry cruise to Bremerton. A highlight for several of us was a docent-led tour of the local **HISTORICAL** museum and a 1914 preserved log cabin. Another educational highlight was a case of "the blind leading the blind" in reviewing overboard recovery procedures. At least we now know which equipment needs tweaking.

No cruise is complete without the Saturday evening pot luck and the Sunday morning send-off breakfast.

Cruise hosts were a team: Merch DeGrasse for reservations and pot luck organization; Ray & Debra Valpey for activities and club-provided vittles.



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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 ttpyc.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/ttpyc> .

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 Also remember to talk with new boaters on the dock. The best way to find new members is through conversations with our members.

New Ways to Pay!

There is BIG news in the TTPYC membership corner this month - our own Vice Commodore Brian Newman has marshalled the bits and bytes with the help of our finance team, and ***you can now pay your membership dues right at your computer.*** That's right, re-read if you need to, but there are no typos. Feel free to send in a check as you have in the past, but also, consider renewing your membership online with the quick and easy convenience of a credit card, PayPal, googlePay or Apple Pay. You can do it right here with your TTPYC member login (which you all now have): <https://www.ttpyc.org/event-list>. If you have issues logging in, please do not hesitate to click on the "webmaster" link on the Log In page.

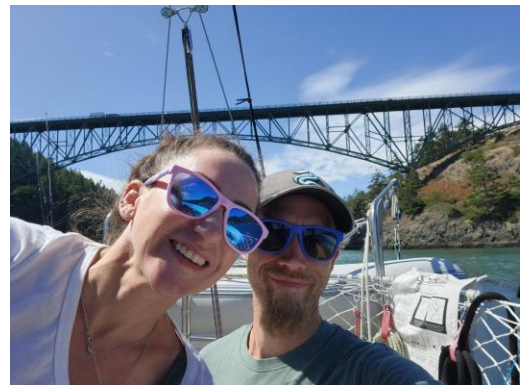
The good news doesn't stop there. We have added four new members (two voting memberships) this month!

Welcome New Members!

Tyson, Amanda, and Freyja Geldseth

We're thrilled to welcome Tyson, Amanda and Freyja (age 7!) Geldseth as our newest members, hailing from B Dock in Des Moines! You might've already seen Tyson around—he

dove into racing this summer after submitting a crew request form on the website and was snapped



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up by the *Gadget* crew, where he participated in the Early Summer series and the Commodore's Trophy race. He then did Race Committee on both *Amidala* and *Gadget* for the remainder of the Summer Series races.

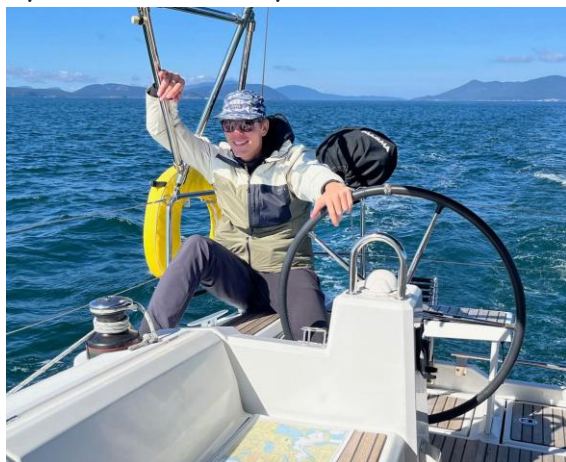
The Geldseth's trusty Quanta 28, *Quantum Leap*, is moored at B-29, where they've been docked for the past five years. When they're not racing, they're cruising with family to serene South Sound destinations like Eagle Island and Hope Island. They're fans of secluded anchorages and have ventured as far north as Patos Island. They have also spent two weeks anchoring at night without ever touching a dock slip! (Nice work out there!).

And if Tyson's name rings a bell, it might be because he was on the ballot for TTPYC's 2026 *Assistant Race Fleet Captain*. Thank you Tyson!

We're so glad to have Tyson and Amanda aboard. Be sure to say hello next time you're on the dock or out on the water!

Scott Mortensen

And, our other new member this month is Scott Mortensen, who is joining us as an associate member! Scott spent his childhood summers commercial fishing in southeast Alaska. Much of that time was spent in and around small fishing vessels, and being on the water quickly became one of his favorite ways to spend time. His first sailing experience came in 2011 when, as part of the Peace Corps, he sailed with a group of friends for five days from Panama to Colombia. He got to sail again in 2018 when he spent a summer in Santa Barbara cutting his sailing teeth on a friend's Hobie Cat in his free time.



Scott has been sailing with Brian Newman in Puget Sound for the past few years. They started with PSSI club boats doing day trips out of Des Moines and Bell Harbor. Most recently, he joined the *Gadget* crew for the 2025 racing season, including doing the Late Summer Series Race Committee. It's great to officially welcome you Scott!

Welcome again to all our new members, and thanks to Brian for bringing them in!

Fair winds!

Liam

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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 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



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Endeavor for sale

1984 Grand Banks 42' Classic

- Fiberglass hull and house
- Walk around decks
- Beautiful teak interior and
- 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



trim

It will be listed with Chuck Hovey Yacht Sales in Seattle through Todd Powell, a former Poverty Bay Power Squadron member.

Boat for Sale

Amazing Grace

1989 36 foot Catalina

Contact Rick Luce

Signature Yachts

425-359-0831



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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.

On a side note, 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.



May this never happen to your Boat!

(Taken near Tacoma Yacht Club by Steve and Janet Sisson)

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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

Barnacle Editor: 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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