The Barnacle

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Commodore's Corner
Commodore Brian Newman

Once again, TTPYC logs another month chock-full of activities. The *Southern Sound Series' (SSS) Winter Vashon* race was nothing less than exciting for our seven competitors, with big winds and waves to keep the race crews engaged throughout the day—and into the evening. Check out the details from our Race Fleet Captain below.

And, on the topic of SSS races, TTPYC is up next to host the Duwamish Head Race—the 2nd of the 4-part race series—this Saturday, January 3rd. The Race Committee and Social teams have been hard at work preparing for this event. There will also be a free *soup and chili supper* inside the warm and dry event room in the back of Anthony's of Des Moines on Friday from 5-7PM. You don't need to be a racer, or volunteer, to join in on sending off the Duwamish Head racers and wishing them luck! Check out the *Social Committee* details below for what to bring, and come join us Friday evening, and again Saturday morning on the pier, to watch the exciting 7 (or 8) separate race starts. And, to witness our crack RC team in action.

A big *Thank You* goes out to Cailín and Don for, once again, putting together an outstanding club social event: The 2025 Holiday Party! It was very well attended, replete with prizes and a real head-scratcher of a game. It was great to see so many of you there.

Up next in club socials, word on the street is, we have our very own global racing personality who will be honoring us with a recent Mediterranean race recap at the next Angelo's Social. Stay tuned below for more details. It's sure to be a packed house.

On the cruising front, all five of the cruises for 2026 have been booked! Nicely done! Merch has the full details in the *Cruising News* below.
On an important closing note, if you have not yet paid your membership dues for 2026, time is running out. Please see the *Membership* section for details on the two payment options for getting your payment out **today**, and why it is important to do so.

Thank you to all of you who put in so much of your time and expertise in keeping the longstanding traditions of our club alive and well. Your hard work is invaluable to newer members and veterans alike.

Hope to see you at the race and club social!

Happy Holidays ~

Brian

Social Committee
Cailín and Don Hunsaker III

Friday, January 2, 2026, 5:00-7:00pm
Duwamish Head Race Pre-race Social at Anthony's Des Moines Banquet Room,
421 S 227th St, Des Moines

Support racers and the club's Race Committee by enjoying a variety of soups, stews and sweets to nourish participants for next-day's activities. Feel free to bring finger foods as you like, but just showing up to share the camaraderie is what counts.

January Social at Angelo's, 601 SW 153rd St, Burien
Tuesday, January 13, starting at 5:00pm

In October last, our own Tom Hubbard participated in the Middle Sea Race in the Mediterranean - see videos via the 'Galleries + tab' at www.rolexmiddlesearace.com. Some countries represented were Argentina, Australia, China, France, Germany, Monaco, Serbia, Spain, United Kingdom and United States. Route is 606 nautical miles starting and finishing in Malta and encompasses a near-complete circumnavigation of Sicily. Enjoy great food, fellowship and hear about Tom's adventure. Look forward to seeing you!

REMINDER: For other 2026 Socials, please submit topic and/or speaker suggestions to Don and Cailín at dhun3@comcast.net. Thank you!

Racing News

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

TTPYC showed up for the December 6 Winter Vashon, and from all accounts it was a bit rough just getting to the start line. The Contis on Equus took first place in PHRF class 3 by twenty two minutes corrected, and I believe they finished first overall as well. Le Chevaux Blancs and Blue Max finished fourth and seventh in PHRF 6, Work Release was fourth in PHRF 7, and Blown Away was third in PHRF 10. This year seven boats raced ORC, (none from TTPYC), so it looks like we can expect more ORC in the future.

On to Duwamish Head race preparations, as of Dec. 29 so far we have 25 boats registered, and four of those are ORC. This is lower than years past mostly because of the lack of participant moorage space as docks are replaced. In the last few days, the registration is trending up, so we'll see. We are still working on accommodating some boats Friday night, but it is not easy. Our illustrious commodore Brian has put together a race committee training session for December 30, so no problem handling the ORC start, flags, radios, safety, general recalls, keeping track of all the racers, marks, etc.

Hope to see many of you racers, race committee volunteers, and spectators at the training session or Saturday at the race.

Cruising News

Merch De Grasse, Cruise Fleet Chair

Happy New Year all! We have an official 5 cruise itinerary scheduled for 2026. The dates and locations are posted on the website. (ttpyc.org)

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.

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 by the 31st, and publish the membership roster for the upcoming year. 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 *today* in order to get to our Treasurer in time. Thank you!!
Make check payable to TTPYC, and send to:
TTPYC
PO Box 98700
Des Moines, WA 98198

Sad News

In Memory of Bruce Willard

Bruce was member #239, and was a member from 1983 to 2008. His sailing vessel,
Ranger Rick, was a 1974 33' Ranger, which was moored at the Des Moines Marina. We are sorry to hear of Bruce's passing.

Bruce and Lois were active members with TTPYC and we often enjoyed their company at Club events.

Bruce WILLARD

Oct 28, 1938 - Dec 3, 2025

Bruce Michael Willard, 87, of Kent, WA, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2025. Born in Yakima, Bruce studied engineering and moved to Seattle where he spent 40+ years with The Boeing Company's Aerospace Division, contributing to the Minuteman Missile, Lunar Rover, and Hydrofoil programs.

Bruce loved sailing with the Three Tree Point Yacht Club, skiing with his family, volunteering for Ski For All, and using his talents in wood turning and woodworking to create many pieces for friends and family. He also contributed his skills to the construction of the St. John the Baptist Church building in Covington. He cherished time with family and friends and supporting his grandchildren in their many activities.

Bruce is survived his wife of 64 years, Lois; children Lisa (Vic), Brett (Yvonne); grandchildren Hunter (Anna), Lily, Drake and Rory; and beloved dogs Winston & Lorenzo. He will be greatly missed.

A mass of Christian burial will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Monday, 12-22-2025 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 25810 156th Ave SE, Covington, WA

In Memory of Frank Shriver

We received word that Frank Shriver has also passed. Services are pending.

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

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.

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

Roster & Records
Tom Hubbard
2026 Membership Dues

2026 Club Membership Dues were 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.

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.

Boat for Sale

Amazing Grace
1989 36 foot Catalina

Contact Rick Luce
Signature Yachts
425-359-0831

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.

Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

2024-2025

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: TBD 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.

January 2026