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Remember

**February**

2/9 Zoom social

**Looking ahead**

**May 7-9 Bell  
Harbor Cruise!**

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# The Barnacle

## Commodore's Corner

Duwamish Head 2021 was very successful despite the pandemic. Thank you race committee and all that participated. The winds were a little dodgy but we were able to finish by shortening the course at Duwamish Head Dolphin, thank you Committee Boat Brigadoon. Our race is featured on the cover and an article on page 44 of this month's 48 North Magazine. (You can see the issue on line.)



I hope all of you had an opportunity to attend the virtual Seattle Boat Show. I chose to purchase the Admiral Package that gives me the additional week to view the event. I am writing this on the first day of the show, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. If anyone sees a particular presentation, they were unable to watch I may be able to share it on Zoom through the

February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our resourceful Social Directors Janet and Daphne have lined up another interesting speaker, Bud Bronson, Captain of the 90-foot SSS (Sea Scout Ship) Odyssey from the Tacoma Youth Marine Center, for our February 9th Social.

[YouthMarineFoundation.org](http://YouthMarineFoundation.org)

That night is also our scheduled annual club business meeting. Please bring any thoughts or questions you may have regarding the direction and activities of our club. I have some thoughts regarding our Clubs investments of time and money in our "VISION, MISSION AND GOALS.

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing

Doug Andrews - Commodore

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## TTPYC VISION, MISSION, GOALS

**VISION:** TTPYC is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the Waters of Puget Sound.

**MISSION:** Our mission is to create opportunities for:

1. Sharing adventure within a community of family and friends
2. Exploring our marine environment

- GOALS:**
1. Educate ourselves and others about marine stewardship.
  2. Increase membership.
  3. Acquire the use of a facility for education and social activities.
  4. Develop or support a community "Learn to Sail" Program.
  5. Establish monthly or bi-monthly educational/social gatherings



*Social Committee*  
*Janet Sisson and Daphne Mackey, Chairs*

**February 9<sup>th</sup> Speaker      6:30 p.m.**

The Odyssey and the Charles N. Curtis are frequent sights in the South Sound and the San Juans. Have you ever wondered who's crewing and taking care of these historic wooden vessels? Join us on February 9<sup>th</sup> and find out! Our speaker will be Bud Bronson from the Tacoma Youth Marine Center.



Following Bud's presentation, we will have our annual TTPYC business meeting.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on the link in Doug's email which he'll send out before the meeting.

Please mute your microphones during the speaker's presentation. Hope to see you then!

Meeting begins at 6:30 and our program will begin at 6:45.

*Racing News*  
*Dean Conti, Race Fleet Captain*  
*Duane Rubash, Assistant Race Fleet Captain*



Once again, the weather Gods smiled upon us so we could have another successful TTPYC Duwamish Race! The wind forecast was 0-4 knots dropping to 0-2 knots so I was worried we might not be able to even start. Fortunately, dawn arrived mostly clear and enough breeze to get the fleet of 51 registered boats started on time. Steve and his crew did a perfect job, we can't thank them enough.

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Like Winter Vashon another beautiful day on the water with no rain. There were periods of no wind though we also saw a (momentary) gust of 10 knots! Wow! The fleet worked its way north up the sound chasing the light zephyrs across the water. After the turn to the east after Alki Point the wind backed out and it became a big challenge to keep the boat moving. Many boats (including Equus) ended up doing 360 spins in the current. In the end the final few miles from Alki Point to Duwamish Head were painfully slow but the majority of the fleet prevailed. Happily, Carol, Sonny and Chris Jones were patiently waiting at the Duwamish Head shorten course mark aboard Brigadoon to bring the race to a close.

As usual it is the dedication of the volunteers and the participants that make our club events successful. Be sure to get out on the water soon!

<https://www.vendeeglobe.org/en>

Vendee Globe Race: solo, non-stop, no assistance around the world.

After an amazing 80 days at sea and covering 24K+ miles the fleet began finishing this week in France. Typically, there is a clear leader as they near the finish and the boats are spread out over a large distance. This year the first eight places finished within 19 hours. Since three of these boats were to receive redress due to their losing time searching for the skipper who had to abandon his boat, the final results weren't known until all the exact finish times were known.

Of the 33 boats that started eight so far had to abandon due to equipment failure (or boat sinking). As an average this is a little lower than previous versions. One skipper, Sam Davies from the UK, stopped at Cape Horn, repaired her boat and then restarted. She is no longer in the race since she received assistance, but for her just finishing her adventure is just as important. BTW of the six women that started the race, four are still competing.

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<https://www.americascup.com/>



As you are all probably aware the USA boat Patriot had a significant mishap while trying to perform a difficult mark rounding maneuver. A couple small errors combined with a doubling of the wind velocity in a gust at exactly the wrong moment launched the boat bow 20-30 feet in the air and then it crashing down on the water. A large area of the hull failed as that location typically doesn't even touch water, so it was not designed to handle any significant load. The boat laid over on its side but was quickly righted by a chase boat using a process that they have perfected. Unknown at the time there was a big hole and the boat almost sank. There is great video and commentary available on YouTube.

( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2iyVMMsO2k> )

Team USA was forced to sit out the next series to repair the boat. Lots of carbon fiber plus all the electronics and wiring since everything was under salt water. Immense effort to get back out on the water with only a week's time available. They are now racing against the Italian Prada boat for the final slot to advance to the next stage. A big challenge for them with time lost.

Regardless of who advances there will continue to be amazing racing in New Zealand with great coverage so stayed tuned!

Dean Conti

TTPYC Race Fleet Captain



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## *Duwamish Head Photos Available from Jan*

Thanks, Jan for this link to great photos and an interesting review of race day! With just a little research, we've discovered that the term "duwamish" is actually an ancient Sanscrit term for "whatever" ... yup, really! In retrospect, it turns out this descriptor was a *perfect* fit for Saturday's race, which turned out to be ... *whatever*. So how was the racing today? Plenty of breeze? How did you finish? Did you nail the start, as usual? How was the wind off Alki? Didn't the whole day make you overdue for a hot shower? Yup ... *whatever*. Apparently racing comes in many, many forms. Yet another fundamental sailing truth, reinforced with today's event. Enjoy these photos ... *Duwamish!*

### **2021 Duwamish Head Race**

<https://janpix.smugmug.com/Events/Duwamish-Head-2021/>

Jan Anderson

#### **Jan's Marine Photography**

821 Dock Street, PMB 2-10

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## *Thanks To All the Volunteers Who Made the Race Great!*

I'd like to send a thank you to the people that helped me with the Duwamish Head Race.

- Dave & Joy Clifford for keeping track of who started and who didn't.
- Commodore Doug Andrews for working the shotgun.
- Buzz & Tish Greenman for working the flags.
- Ray Valpey for videoing the start.
- Gordon Kells-Murphy for setting the starting line mark.
- Special thanks to Brigadoon and crew Chris, Sunny & Carol Jones and Janet Sisson for being the safety boat and finishing the race at Duwamish Head.



Thank you,

Steve

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## *Cruising News*

*Dan Downhour and Kim Carroll, Co-Chairs*



Hi TTPYC members.

Looking forward to 2021.

Blake Island is still not taking group reservations or renting shelter. Once we are in phase 4, we can book Blake Island. Since Dockton is still under repair, I was planning on booking the last cruise of the year at Blake Island. Hopefully, the weekend after Labor Day.

Bell Harbor will be the first cruise of the year., May 7th -9th, hosted by Carol Jones.

Tacoma Dock St will be June 25th- 27th, but at this time, they are limiting groups to 10 boats. This is likely to change as restrictions are lifted. We are looking for a host for the Tacoma cruise.

I would like to get at least one more cruise booked for mid-summer, I will have a better idea once places start to reopen for groups.

I see some light at the end of this long tunnel.

Thank you, be safe and stay healthy.

Cruise Chairs,

Dan Downhour and  
Kim Carroll



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## *Membership News* *Ted and Linda Stryker, Chair*



After discussing PR with the TTPYC board/trustees, we are making attempts to increase the use of Facebook to build community, advertise our activities, and generally pep up our club members enthusiasm. There is some difficulty and confusion with our page being listed as an organization vs a group. Organizations are often \$\$ generating, groups are more internal communication. We want the public to find us, but we also don't want advertisements, etc. Please stay tuned and check with the page on Facebook. "LIKE" us, explore both the home site and the group site. Share bits of interest you find about sailing or boating in this area, great reads, upcoming programs elsewhere. In no way do we want to compete or change our monthly newsletter, only augment it, and keep the club more in the forefront of our lives. If you have any FB experience or ideas, please send them to me. (LLstryker@gmail.com)

**Note:** Our facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/ttpyc>



### **Member News**

Good morning, my name is Jonathon Addison and I'm a member of the TTPYC. I recently sold my San Juan 21 and I am looking for someone who has a cruising sailboat at the Des Moines marina who is interested in shared ownership. I am a retired civil engineer and I have always taken very good care of my boats and am handy at fixing, cleaning and repairing things as I did for over five years with my San Juan 21.

If you have any suggestions or recommendations on how to get the word out to members of the yacht club or boat owners at the marina who may be interested in a joint ownership, or where else I can look for a joint ownership opportunity at the Des Moines marina I will sincerely appreciate your suggestions.

Thank you,

Jonathon Addison, [addisontm@yahoo.com](mailto:addisontm@yahoo.com)

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

### *MARKET PLACE*

*This is a section for the benefit of our members. If you have something boat related to sell or trade, just send the info on to Kristie at [K6352@aol.com](mailto:K6352@aol.com) and we will place it in this new section each month. Remember... this is for members only!*



60lb stainless CQR plow anchor. Very lightly used. \$300

Contact Chris Jones if interested.

[c.w.jones@comcast.net](mailto:c.w.jones@comcast.net)

**News Flash from the Ship's Store:** If you want to order custom embroidered clothing, a TTPYC Store has been set up. Visit this website:

<http://gramsgiftcloset.com/team-and-company-stores/three-tree-point-yacht-club-flag>.

Janet Sisson  
206-724-4792

**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.



The image shows two white rectangular name badges. Each badge features a small pennant logo on the left side and the text 'FIRST LAST NAME Boat Name' on the right side.

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## *EXTRAS*

### **Des Moines Marina Association Update**

*Reminder: Dues need to be sent. Make sure you do not include your DMMA membership payment with your Marina tenant payment. These are two different systems and addresses. The address for DMMA is: P. O. Box 98337, Des Moines, WA 98198. Incoming dues will be applied to 2021.*

### **Did you know?**



According to a Seattle Times article, the Landmark's new owners have applied for a demolition permit.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/with-renovation-deemed-too-costly-historical-des-moines-masonic-building-set-to-be-demolished/>

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Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

2020-2021

Commodore Doug Andrews

Vice Commodore Chuck Hendrick

Past Commodore Dan Downhour

Secretary Carol Jones

Treasurer Shelley Conti

Race Fleet Captain Dean Conti

Assistant Race Fleet Duane Rubash

Past Race Fleet Captain Gordon Kells Murphy

Trustees: Merch DeGrasse, Rick Edel, Duane Rubash,

Melissa Davies, and Christopher Jones

Appointed Officers

Cruise Fleet Captain : Dan Downhour

Social : Janet Sisson and Daphne Mackey

Webmaster: Duane Rubash      Communications Coordinator: Kristie Brame

Membership: Ted and Linda Stryker      Historian: Carol Jones

Ship's Store: Janet Sisson

Records and Roster: Tom Hubbard      PHRF Ratings: Mark Harang

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