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# The Barnacle

## Commodore's Corner

June and July were very busy for us and the club despite the COVID situation.

We were able to hold our Trustees meetings on Zoom thanks to Duane's expertise. Unfortunately, Duane's father is in the hospital, so he wasn't able to host the July meeting and handed the job to me. I have attended many Zoom meetings but never as a host. Crash course I was able to set up an account and run the meeting.



The Bell Harbor cruise/Predicted log race was well attended by land and by sea; I believe everyone had a good time under the circumstances.

The Summer Solstice event across the bay at Tramp Harbor was threatened by weather but the *Mapril June*, *Amazing Grace*, *Blue Max* and *Day Break* turned out and the weather gods were with us. We had a good time.

In May, DMYC held an impromptu opening day boat parade. The parade went from the marina to Three Tree Point to Redondo and back to Des Moines. Participation was a little sparse but Ben and Emmelie Stewart on *Khaos* and Doug, Sharon and Samantha on the *Mapril June* represented TTPYC very well.

The Bremerton cruise was another event that was well attended. Ray and Debra Valpey did an outstanding job hosting the weekend.

It has come to my attention that the City of Des Moines is revisiting the paid parking in our marina parking lot. It appears there are some that would like to go back to the way it was before and others are talking about an honor system of some kind like Redondo, either plan would eliminate the gate system.

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The Marina District Neighborhood (MDN) is drafting a letter to Harbor Master Scott Wilkins to take to the city council, expressing their concerns that there may not be sufficient public input in this process. The draft of that letter is in the EXTRAS section of the Barnacle. Please be sure and review it and add your voice to this process.

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing,

Doug Andrews

*Social Committee  
Janet Sisson and Daphne Mackey, Chair*

Covid 19 has made planning impossible. So the social committee hopes that you are enjoying your boat and summer activities as best you can. Hiking, anchoring, gardening, .... Just enjoying the outdoors and sunshine. We will keep you posted about events as soon as we are able.

In the meantime, here is some promising news about Docton for you to review.

<https://waggonerguide.com/quartermaster-harbor-hidden-trails-and-new-docks/>

<https://kingcountyparks.org/2020/07/14/out-with-the-bulkhead-in-with-the-pilings/>



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## *Racing News*

*Dean Conti, Race Fleet Captain*

*Duane Rubash, Assistant Race Fleet Captain*

## *Cruising News*

There continues to be little racing around the Salish Sea this summer. Putting a full crew on a small boat does not seem like a safe

environment. Rats! Hopefully, everyone is getting out on the water with close family and enjoying this wonderful weather.

We had a successful first work party on the three missing race marks. Forms for three concrete anchors were built and attached to my flatbed trailer. Reinforcing re-bar and the center eye were welded together. A task for next week is to get the concrete poured. We have been successful getting it donated at the concrete batch plant when the trucks return with their excess in the afternoon.

Next is to assemble all the ground tackle. We start with a shackle and swivel attaching a 10-15 foot length of chain to the bottom of the mark. Some of the marks are internally ballasted, others need an external weight that consists of a five-gallon bucket with an eye sticking out each end. A flexible plastic tube is slid over the end of the nylon line and spliced around an over-size thimble. Another shackle and swivel at the anchor completes the assembly. We are trying to incorporate more plastic in the design as it seems to resist chafing and corrosion degradation better. Expect a call for volunteers later in the month when we are ready for assembly. The marks will need their final cleaning and painting at the last minute before splashing them back in the water.

Dean Conti

Race Fleet Captain



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### *Cruising New*

*Dan Downhour and Kim Carroll, Co-Chairs*

We had hoped to have a Labor Day Cruise to Arabellas, but they have closed. At this time, we are beginning to look forward to next year, when, hopefully, things will be more normal for our summer cruising season. Hopefully, you are finding places to go and enjoy your boat with close friends and family in small groups.

Stay safe and healthy, so we can get together at the next opportunity, whenever it is safe.

### *July After-The-Fourth TTPYC Bremerton Cruise - 2020*

A good turnout of 13 boaters joined forces for a mid-late pandemic rendezvous in Bremerton, the weekend AFTER July 4th. Four boats (Sloe Tango, Hobbes, Mapril June, and Sarabande) and their crews arrived by water, while crews of Daybreak and (former crew of) Viva arrived by land.

We maintained "social distancing" while sharing libations, some meals, and made use of a scavenger hunt provided by the marina staff. Highlights included Friday evening's scrutiny of history (Did you know that the Declaration of Independence was actually SIGNED on August 2?), and Saturday evening's poetry slam.

Instructions were provided by Debra Valpey to write about "something you saw in the natural world", including what about it we saw, heard, smelled, touched, and wondered. The offerings are here reprinted with authors' consent.

**The following poems were created by TTPYC folks who attended the Bremerton July, 2020 Rendezvous.** (any errors in transcription are Debra Valpey's fault.)

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### Untitled by Ray Valpey

They say, with much gravity  
(without a hint of levity)  
that the pull 'tween earth and sun (and 'tween you 'n me)  
is but WARP in space-time

See that swarm of hatchlings take a swim  
Are they headed up-current for a reason, or just on a whim?  
They seem to be unaware that their world is movin'  
with the rapidly incoming tide.

Hear the gulls, flying high & low.  
No matter which way they go,  
They callout their warning: Mine, mine, mine.

I wonder if the tide can know  
which way it makes us go:  
Fisher, sailors, jellies, and mo'.

Or are we all  
destined to go with the flow  
as we feel gravity warp us along for a ride.

### Here in Bremerton by Janet Sisson

Unique Lion's Mane  
swiftly swimming by,

squawking gulls  
soaring all around,

stinking barnacles  
residing on a nearby piling,

For your sitting pleasure try a bench  
that has a top smooth as glass.

What I saw today made me smile,  
will it be long lasting?

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### Song for Nori by Debra Valpey

pungent aromas  
cool acrid saline waters  
scent of far away

setting sun sparkles  
through your golden verdant flesh  
sinewy sea plant

I finger your shape  
bumps from life lived painfully  
stretching adapting

crinkled surface sings  
as oceans quietly rest  
linking us tonight

I savor your skin  
tasting cells of connection  
between yours and mine

trapped soon in plastic  
shall you yearn for home waters?  
make me your home now

### Water Musing by Jean Spohn

Standing on the stern of Kittitas Ferry  
I watch the water swirl and swish  
between distinct fractal patterns  
lie smooth olive swaths and deep green snakes.

Here a whirlpool, there a wave  
and suddenly one stern thruster roars  
turning boat and waves to the right  
and patterns follow the dynamic  
I wonder how jellies and plankton  
cope with being tossed abruptly about

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### A Bright Flash of Light by Sandy Haigh

A perfect disguise for my life in the flow  
I'm dark from above, and silver below

Thousands of others keep me safe in the fray  
But a bright flash of light gives our presence away

You might think that it's raining when our crowd passes by  
But rings on the water don't mean drops from the sky.

We look confused on our journey in search of a meal  
But we're moving in unison, in spite of our zeal.

We're small and unnoticed in the large ocean blue  
But don't let our size be the thing that fools you

For it's numbers that count in the grand scheme of things  
And the few that we give is what our school brings  
To salmon and gull and orca in fact  
So I wonder if humans will keep our ocean intact

### Anticipation by Frank Olson

I woke this morning with sense not keen  
my first thought was a romance with a coffee bean

With great anticipation and the water kettle about to spew  
soon I would be ready to take this day anew

As I smelled the lure of that wonderful coffee aroma  
my taste buds and brain cells were eager to come out of this coma

My last sip helps prepare me for the day  
As its my 33rd wedding anniversary—later I'm hoping for a roll in the hay.

As I finished my second cup I began to wonder  
how many trips to that restroom I'd have to make over yonder.

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## The Lesson by Leslie Nuttman

Absent minded walk along the dock,  
Relishing in the welcome rush of familiar salt air  
Moving my thoughts beyond four walls,  
Slowly closing in for weeks. Months.  
Masks, Blame. Distance Fear. Questions.  
The unknown  
Now giving way to momentary escape.  
Freedom. Calm. Breathe!

A sudden thrust of powerful wings, just  
up above, barely out of reach.  
My reverie broken by the deep, gravelly  
voice, a mild rebuke.  
The whisper of feather upon feather,  
neck neatly folded, feet streaming behind.  
Modern day pterodactyl!  
The sentinel fluffs its feathers and  
settle once more. Dignified. Silent.  
Stately tall, Watching again.  
Always watching. Waiting. Calm.  
This embodiment of patience has  
taken one more disturbance in stride.  
No fear. No questions. No blame.  
Eternal freedom. Breathe in. Breathe out.

Lessons learned?

## Blue Marble by Doug Andrews

The water stretches out before me for miles  
the sound of the waves on the shore is never ending  
The smells of salt, sand, life and death are ever present.  
I take in the warmth the chill and the ever present moisture  
Why does all this bring out such a deep emotion?  
What I do know is this water brings comfort to my soul.

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### My Path by Sharon Andrews

As I walk about the neighborhood,  
flowers grow and flowers wither

sounds of birds tweeting in the trees,  
the rustling of the leaves

sweet smells of new mown grass  
and the fragrance of the flowers

feeling the breeze on my face  
the droplets of rain on my arms

I wonder when the God of goodness and mercy  
will help me see my way through these difficult days.

### Untitled by Tom Spohn

In the red glow of sunset  
stands the madrona

Murmuring waves are stirred  
by the sight and  
The air is filled by  
the scent of the night

It was a fine day here slowly  
sliding into the next.

Will this tree remember her  
admirer when I  
slide into next.

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## Hanging Flower Baskets by Steve Sisson

I see them brightening up the city with living color  
purple, pink, and white

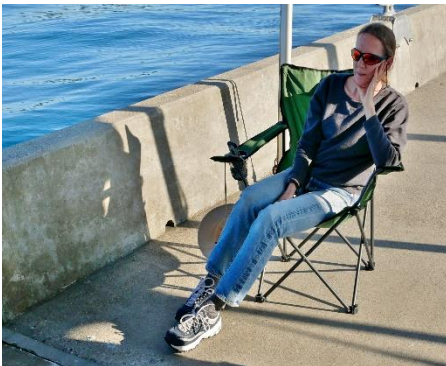
I hear silence; but maybe the bees and  
hummingbirds bring noise in the city.

What I smell is to be determined,  
slight sweetness when close

I feel they are out of reach

I wonder how many there are downtown.

Thanks to all the authors..... and here are some photos of the fun...



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And for those who requested the recipe for Tom's Pie

<https://www.cooks.com/recipe/w685774p/carolina-colonial-pie.html>

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### *Membership News* *Scott Perry, Chair*

To get or share important club-related news, use our Facebook account. And be sure and check regularly for updates between Barnacles.

To post on Facebook, go to Facebook.com and, in the search box on the upper left side, search on **Three Tree Point Yacht Club**. When the results come up, by clicking on the club name next to the burgee you will be taken to the home page. In the home page menu, click on "Posts", and there will be a box that says "Write a post..." You can type something, or add a photo or video that is on whatever device that you are working on. Smart phones may look slightly different depending on the phone type, but the concept is the same. I would also encourage you to explore the site. You may get lost (sometimes I do) but it's a good way to learn what is there. Ready, set, POST!

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## Member News



Welcome new members Bo and Kimberly Corby. Bo and Kimberly own White Rhino, a 49' motor yacht moored in slip N-1. If you see them say hi.

Also welcome Dale and Sandra Watkins, who own Tulagi, a 27' Ranger Tug moored at I-10. They have done some small sailboat racing but are now interested in cruising.

And welcome back Joe and Dorothy Fry! We hope to see you soon!

Hooray for new and returning members!



Ben Stewart shared some information on what is open and what is not. Below is some recreational boating information for the current time. Some of the best guidance I've seen to date. It came from HAPPs (Stuart).

<https://waggonerguide.com/covid-19/>



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 & Don, the Barnacle editors, [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.

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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, 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!*

**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.*



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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 2020.*

### **Marina District Neighborhood Response to Parking at the Marina**

Here is the draft Bill Linscott sent to me.

Doug

**"MDN 2020-7-25 Update**

**Update - Marina District Neighborhood (MDN)**

*First and foremost, we hope all of you are safe and doing well during these terrible pandemic times. Please take care and stay safe as we progress to better days ahead.*

It has been a while since we've sent out a *Marina District Update* regarding the City's activities of interest to our neighborhood. Understandably, the City has been focused on attending to the virus issues and immediate City business. In the more recent City Council meetings, however, they have begun to return to several plans and actions to move forward with City improvements and economic development. One of these actions was mentioned in the July 16 City Council Meeting and deals with paid parking controls at the Marina and Redondo. This will need our community attention and comment.

#### ***The Current Setting:***

*Marina Parking* controls have a gated access method and two options for visitors: An electronic pass card that can be purchased by the public; or hourly parking which is accommodated with dispensing a ticket upon gate entry and paying at several pay stations or at the gate with a credit card as you leave.

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*Redondo Parking* controls have a “pay and display” method. This method does not have an access gate controlled parking lot. Instead, you park your vehicle as you arrive. Then, proceed to the pay station to purchase a ticket for the time you intend to stay, which is to be displayed in your vehicle.

We understand the City would like to have a common system for paid parking and control methods that is consistent at both locations. Public comment is being sought from residents, visitors and Marina boating tenants regarding these controls. This insight will be used by the City in making a decision on the best solution to be maintained and how those controls will work. This may also be the time to offer other thoughts on parking controls that you believe could be considered for these locations.

With the COVID 19 restrictions on public gatherings, it looks like a public meeting would be difficult to hold. As such, individual written comments are essential.

**Your Action:** Please take time for your consideration and communication to the City Council, letting them know what and why you want parking controls. A City link for public comment is shown below.

**Timing:** We should have our comments in by no later than August 20, as we understand City staff will be assembling their recommendations for a City Council presentation in the September time period.

**Link:** City Council Comment Form:

<https://www.desmoineswa.gov/FormCenter/City-Forms-3/Council-Meeting-Comments-49>

Regards,

*Bill & Patti Linscott*

## **Des Moines Area Boating Community Members Help in Times of Need**

The South Sound boating community has been contributing to the greater community in these times of need.

Recent contributions this year include:

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□ Des Moines Marina Association ( DMMA ), the organization comprised of Marina tenants and others interested in the health of the Des Moines Marina, contributed \$1,000 to the Des Moines Food Bank, and \$500 to the Des Moines Farmers Market for signage, Personal Protective Equipment, and advertising to run a safe market. The Board of the DMMA is looking into additional ways to help with contributions and awareness for the needs of our community.

□ Three Tree Point Yacht Club donated \$2,100 to the Des Moines Food Bank. In lieu of holding their normal spring sailboat race series, canceled due to COVID-19, they organized a socially distanced predicted log contest, with participants donating money to the Food Bank.

□ America 's Boating Club, formally known as the Poverty Bay Power Squadron, has an annual fundraising campaign that raises nearly \$1,000 for the Food Bank and other needy causes.

□ Des Moines Yacht Club awarded three \$1,000 college scholarships to outstanding Mt. Rainier graduates through their Navigating the Future Scholarship program. They also donated \$750 to the Des Moines Food Bank.

(Article from Waterland BLOG July 7th 2020)

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