



Dates to Remember

April 9 C&D dock
Happy Hour

April 13 Zoom
Social

April 8, 15, 22, &
29 Early Spring
Race Series

April 22 Virtual
Launching of the
Maritime High School

May 7-9 Bell Harbor
Cruise!

May 6, 13, 20, & 27
Late Spring Race
Series

June 25-27 Tacoma
Cruise

July 23-24 Kingston
Cruise

August 13-15
Brownsville Cruise

September 10-11
Blake Island Cruise

October 23 Change
of Watch

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The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner



I am writing this on the last day of a 10 day trip to Hemet California. I am flying home from 84 and sunny tomorrow to 46 and rain in good old Des Moines Washington. I understand while I have been gone the Race Committee folks along with many helping hands have managed to get at least

two of our repaired marks back in the water. CONGRATLATIONS! It is nice to think we may get back to a normal racing schedule.

April 14th at 7:00 PM is the **Des Moines Marina Association (DMMA)** annual meeting. All members, marina tenants, and interested parties are not only invited but strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. The board along with Marina management and City representatives will be there to update us on their plans for our Marina and answer any questions.

Prior to the DMMA meeting at 5:30 to 7:00, the City will be holding a public meeting where Mark Bunzel will present his findings and recommendations for our marina. You can access the study dated March 30th, <http://www.desmoinesmarina.com/marina-master-plan-updates.html> on the City website.

These meetings will be done on Zoom at 5:30PM and 7:00PM on April 14th and I will have Kristie send out the links to all club members when they are available.

I know many of you are loyal DMMA members but if you are like me, if I don't get a notification or an invoice I forget to pay my \$25 dues. There is a DMMA membership application in this Barnacle with a mailing address to send your \$25 dues or you can mail your check to our club address marked for DMMA and I will get your dues to them. You can go to the DMMA website, <http://www.dmmaonline.org> click on Membership application and use this form to register.

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It is vitally important we all stay informed and involved at this time to get the most positive outcome from the changes coming to OUR MARINA.

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing

Doug Andrews - Commodore

Social Committee
Janet Sisson and Daphne Mackey, Chairs

April 13th 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Sandy Haigh, Member No. 493

Getting Into Birdwatching Around Local Marinas



On April 13th at our monthly zoom meeting you will have the chance to learn interesting and amazing things birds can do. In preparation for this event, I asked Sandy two questions.

Why did you get into birding?

I have been interested in birds since childhood. Honestly, I can't exactly say why...they just fascinate me. I decided to major in Wildlife Biology as an undergraduate at WSU and then I was "all in". I went on to earn a Master's degree at Texas A&M, Kingsville, and a PhD. at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Both graduate research projects dealt with investigations of bird populations. My focus for my doctoral research was the effects of invasive plant species on bird populations in desert riparian areas. I taught wildlife biology classes for 21 years at Clark College in Vancouver and am now retired. Retirement has given me time to help with local wildlife habitat rehab projects and time to do more birding both locally and abroad.

Why should the club care?

Bird populations face challenges and are decreasing worldwide mostly due to human causes. Birds are also frequently "biological indicators" of healthy or unhealthy ecosystems. They are valuable in their own right, as well as being indicators of how well the ecosystems function for humans. As boaters, we share space with many species that call Puget Sound home and we directly impact that ecosystem. We need to be good

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stewards of our waterways for all wildlife for their benefit and for the benefit of future generations of people. Being aware of what species are out there is a start to understanding how "good stewardship" happens.

Set your alarm for 6:30 pm. Sandy will begin her presentation at 6:45. Hope you will join us. You then will become a more engaged and active observer of birds who share our planet.

Janet and Daphne, Social Committee

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



I would like to start out with a BIG heart felt thank you to all the many members that have heeded my calls for help in the race mark replacement project. Not sure if you all know but in the span of less than one year all the TTPYC permanent race marks failed. They were all rescued and were placed in the storage lot at the marina. We are installing all new, heavier duty ground tackle and refurbishing the floats with new parts and graphics. Three marks, C, J and L, are finished and back in the water. Our goal is to have at least two more back in the water by the first weekend of April.

In conjunction with the mark replacement and the easing of Covid-19 restrictions we are resurrecting our club Spring race series that run Thursday evenings through April and May. They are listed on the TTPYC web site and are available on Regatta Networks for registration. All start times are 6:30PM.



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Early Spring: April 8, 15, 22 & 29

Late Spring: May 6, 13, 20 & 27

There will be at least two classes, one for PHRF racers and one for cruisers. If you don't have a rating, don't worry, we will assign you one for the series. If you need crew or want to crew let me know. So this is the official call for all of you to get your sailboats out there so we can save our club racing program!

We need a committee boat and typically the race boats take turns running the race. If a power boat would volunteer for the job, that would free up one of the racers. We can supply training and support if you haven't run a race before. Heck all you power boats should come join us. Just get out on the water!

The final race of the South Sound Series, the Islands Race, was successfully run by the Gig Harbor Yacht Club. The course starts near the entrance to Gig Harbor, goes up Colvos Passage, around a mark a short distance north of Blake Island and back. A wacky day that exactly followed the National Weather Service forecast for lots of wind in the morning, shutting down at noon to nothing, and then filling back in big time at 5PM. The wind didn't actually fill in until 5:15. Overall a fun day on the water with no rain.

All of the Vendee Globe solo, non-stop, around the world racers finished and are safely back in port. A few had to stop for repairs which disqualifies them from the race but they went back out and finished their circumnavigation. Truly an incredible, epic journey. More people have flown in space than have solo, non-stop sailed around the globe. It's really hard.

So the 36th Americas Cup finished with New Zealand retaining The Cup by beating the Italian entry seven races to three. The series was tied up three races apiece but then New Zealand reeled off four straight wins to seal the deal.

We followed the racing closely and decided we are not a big fan of the new boats. While they are trick and go quite fast, a lot of the racing was not very compelling. A majority of the races were won by the boat that won the start with no passing for lead changes. In the ten finals races there were only a small handful of passes.

Dean Conti

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Cruising News
Dan Downhour and Kim Carroll, Co-Chairs



Hope everyone is ready to get back to somewhat normal boating again.

As of March 22nd, Washington State opened up to Phase 3. Over the past year covid has restricted group reservations. Thankfully, we are turning the corner and we are excited about 2021.

We have 5 cruises booked for this upcoming season.

Bell Harbor Marina May 7th and 8th Hosted By Carol Jones.

TTPYC has 14 reserved slips. Call marina to make individual reservations

Tacoma Dock Street Marina June 25th and 26th, hosted By Ben and Emmelie Stewart.

TTPYC has 14 reserved slips. Call marina to make individual reservations

Kingston Marina July 23rd and 24th, hosted By Dan Downhour and Kim Carroll

For those whom are heading a little further north in July, we wanted to have a rendezvous point. Kingston has great amenities and a Saturday Farmers Market. I am hoping we will be in Phase at this point. I reserved 12 slips, but I can adjust as I get more feedback from members.

Brownsville Marina August 13th and 15th **Host Needed.**

Brownsville Marina is just up from Bremerton. Peaceful area with great shelter.

Blake Island Cruise September 10th and 11th **Host Needed**

We have reserved a shelter but moorage slips are on first come basis.

This cruise could be done like Crab Feed or like the Dockton cruise.

If anyone would like to host or have any cruise ideas. Feel free to call or email me.

FYI : Not all reciprocal clubs are open for guest moorage. Please call and confirm with marinas.

Dan Downhour

206 369-0884



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TTPYC Bell Harbor Marina/ Post Cinco de Mayo Cruise 2021

This year our Post Cinco de Mayo cruise will be held **May 7th and May 8th, 2021**.

Due to COVID we will not be able to provide Margaritas on the dock or appetizers. We do encourage everyone to bring your own beverages and appetizers so that we can still get together at 5:00pm for happy hour on Friday and Saturday.

Sunday a continental breakfast will be served with individually wrapped items at 9:00am. Bring your own coffee.

We ask that you bring your own chairs and maintain 6 feet when sitting on the dock, and masks must be worn when on the docks.

You will be responsible for making your own moorage reservations for this cruise. We have 14 slips reserved. [206-787-3952](tel:206-787-3952)

Agenda:

Friday May 7, 2021

Happy Hour on the dock at 5:00pm
Dinner on your own

Saturday May 8, 2021

Explore Seattle waterfront and Market on your own
Happy Hour on the dock at 5:00pm
Dinner on your own

Sunday May 9, 2021

Continental breakfast of individually wrapped breakfast items and individual yogurt will be provided at 9:00am

Check out is at 11:00am

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TTPYC Tacoma Dock Street Rendezvous (First Draft - Some items may change.)

Tacoma Dock Street Rendezvous - **June 25th to June 27th**

Pre Rendezvous Cruise **Option** - June 20th to June 24th

Due to the continued COVID warnings there will be no planned shared food or drink. We encourage everyone to bring your own beverages, meals and appetizers. We are also asking folks to bring a CD, Flash Drive, or Phone with Blue Tooth to share your favorite Music with the group while gathering on Saturday. This is certainly not required and we are just looking for 30 minutes of songs. This memo may be updated as activities open up or the Covid restrictions change. Please watch the May and June Barnacles for updates.

We ask that you bring your own chairs and maintain 6 feet when sitting on the dock, and masks must be worn when on the docks. We also need to comply with the current Dock Street Marina rules. As a reminder for the taller sail boats, please call the 11th Street Bridge (Dock Street Side) in advance for Friday's arrival and Sunday's departure. Phone : 253 627 4655

We currently have 14 slips reserved. Dock Street will not be taking prepayments for your slips until the month of June. Please email Ben Stewart at bstew1944@comcast.net if you plan on attending the Rendezvous. Please include the name and length of your boat.

Dock Street Phone Number: 253 250 1906

Dock Street Agenda:

Friday June 25, 2021

Happy Hour on the Dock

Dinner on your own

Saturday June 26, 2021

Head out and enjoy the Area on your own

Dock Party starts at **3:30**, Come and go as you wish

Appetizers, dinner and beverages on your own

Music playlists and Prize Drawings

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Sunday Breakfast TBD
Depart by 11:00

TTPYC South Sound (Pre Dock Street) Cruise "Option"

All TTPYC Members are welcome to join us for a short South Sound Cruise. You are also invited to possibly join for one or two days anywhere along the way.

Tentative Schedule:

- Sunday June 20th **Gig Harbor** Anchor out, Public Dock,

- Monday June 21st Leave Gig Harbor around 10:00
 - Tacoma Narrows:
 - Slack 9:54AM, Max flood 12:48 = 4.4Knots, Slack 4:18 PM

- Monday June 21st **Jarrell Cove** State Park buoy or docks

- Tuesday June 22rd **Jarrell Cove**

- Wednesday June 23rd **Filucy Bay** Anchor out or dock in Longbranch

- Thursday June 24th Open to several options.
 - **Dock Street Early**, Gig Harbor, Filucy Bay, etc....Tacoma Narrows:
Max Ebb 8:36 AM = 5.2 Knots, Slack 12:12 PM



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Membership News *Ted and Linda Stryker, Chair*

We are still trying 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. "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. This is an extra way keep the club more connected in this time. If you have any FB experience or ideas, please send them to me. (LLstryker@gmail.com)



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



Member News

Debra Valpey went to the yard "sale" at Betty's house. She shared this with us.



This painting was done by Betty. And this is the beautiful young lady who was destined to sail Shady Lady and celebrate 100 years!

Editor's Note: Betty's family will keep us informed of the date for this celebration of life and I will share that information when I receive it. For those who wish to join the celebration, we are invited to create a flotilla of boats for the occasion.



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.

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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 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



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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.



Highline to Open Maritime High School

Learn how a student-centered, equity-driven, and maritime-focused education can make a difference for our youth and community.

Join us for the kickoff event! Meet the inaugural principal and discover how project-based learning will ignite the first four years of powerful learning experiences.

Thursday April 22, 2021 | 5:30 PM (PST)

News from the Recreational Boating Association of Washington

Rick Edel shared the latest update from this group. The entire report is attached to the Barnacle email and it provides information about proposed public policies related to boating in Puget Sound.

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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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