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# The Barnacle

## Commodore's Corner

### Commodore Alan Riley

It has been a busy September starting with the cruise to Longbranch for the weekend of 9/10 September. Good weather, interesting activities and plenty of boats attending made for a great weekend. Many thanks to Ray and Debra Valpey for hosting.



The following Saturday, 16th September, was the Commodore's Trophy Race. A beautiful sunny day marred by little to no wind which made for a shortened race. Still a great day on the water followed by refreshments and the trophy presentation in the dockside pavilion after the race. Many thanks to Dwight Motz, the Race Committee, and all the other people who volunteered and supported this event.

Following the after-race event we held the September General Meeting of the Club. The main item on the agenda was the nomination of members to fill the officer and trustee vacancies. The willingness of those nominated to serve if elected is currently being confirmed and when that has been done a Notice of Elections will be emailed to members with a link to the online ballot. Members will have seven days to respond and each membership shall have one vote. (See EXTRAS section for more information.)

The second item on the agenda was the proposal for a Bylaws Change which had been approved by the Board and was presented for discussion. An amendment was proposed and after some vigorous discussion the membership voted to include the amendment in the proposal. The membership will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed Bylaws Change by a ballot which will be included with the online ballot for Officers and Trustees.

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This will be my final article for the Barnacle as I will be completing my year as Commodore at the annual Change of Watch on October 21st. Steve Foss will be your next Commodore and I wish him well.

Many thanks for the support I have received during my time as Commodore.  
Alan

*Social Committee  
Ray and Debra Valpey  
Co-Chairs*



## Change of Watch

Saturday, October 21, 2023

### **"A Whale of a Time"**

This is **our premier social event of the year!** Come one, come all. Your invitation should have appeared in your mailbox by now. The Fairwood Golf and Country Club needs a head count by two weeks before the event, so it's important to **return your reservation card NOW! (by October 5)**

Come, **enjoy the company** of your fellow boaters.

**Savor a gourmet meal.** Adopt the identity (or name tag) of a Southern Resident Orca. **Acknowledge the volunteers** who are our officers and team leads, both in-coming and out-going. Come, **groove to live music!**

See you there!  
- Social Committee  
Ray & Debra Valpey



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## *Racing News*

*Dwight Motz Race Fleet Captain*

*Ross Chamberlain, Assistant Race Fleet Captain*

Commodore's Trophy Race 2023 is in the books and, although the day's racing was a bit disappointing on the wind side of the equation, the sunshine and warm temperatures were certainly enjoyable. Even though the wind faltered, 6 of 8 boats finished within the time limit.

Congratulations to the Commodore's Trophy winner, Chris Caudill and the crew of SOLITAIRE as they patiently and skillfully found boat speed and completed the shortened course in just over three hours.

A big THANK YOU to Steve and Janet Sisson aboard HOBBS for volunteering to act as Race Committee and finding enough wind to get the race completed despite Mother Nature's efforts to the contrary.



The day was capped off nicely with the all-member dock party. What better way to spend a late summer's day than hanging out with your sailing mates at the waterfront.

So as the Sailboat racing season evolves into another year, I wanted to thank a few people that worked with me behind the scenes to make this past year's events happen.

Ross Chamberlain has been such a tremendous resource in getting things done for the racing program. Ross asked me what he could do to help, and I quickly responded (before he was able to withdraw the offer). Take charge of the racing mark replacement project.

Ross designed and sourced a buoy anchoring system and then coordinated acquisition and assembly of all the required components. Ross put in many hours splicing the rope segments, reconditioning the submersible buoy components, and coordinating the use of lift and barge resources necessary to safely float and place A mark back into its salty home. This is but one example. Thank you, Ross, for your energy and your dedication to helping the club in the past year.

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Steve Sisson is another guy that makes our racing program happen. Steve has been the go-to resource for essential Race Committee functions for many years and countless races. From Duwamish Head to Commodore's Trophy race, Steve cheerful volunteers and then executes the plan with skill and precision. Well done, Sir!

Finally, I wanted to thank Shelly Conti for coaching me through the preparation of Duwamish Head supporting documents and for her willingness to answer my stupid questions along the way. Shelley is also the one who makes sure our race results are tabulated and processed in a timely and accurate manner. Thank you, Shelley, for all you do behind the curtain.

There are many others that faithfully support the boats out racing on the water. Dan Downhour, Dave & Joy Clifford, Buzz & Tish Greenman, Leslie Nuttman, and Linda & Ted Stryker helped behind the scenes to make our biggest events happen. Thank you all for manning your posts and keeping each other "warm" on the end of that fishing pier in January!

So onward we go and start planning for the soon to arrive winter sailing season. First up is Winter Vashon Race that happens on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. That race is soon followed by our own Duwamish Head 2024 race scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Hope to see you out on the water.

## *Cruising News*

### *Steve and Janet Sisson, Co-Chairs*

#### Longbranch Cruise Report

The weather couldn't have been better for the September **Longbranch Cruise**.

This was a two-club event, shared with the Hunter Association of Puget Sound (HAPS). (A few of our members have dual membership.)



Eighteen (18 !) boats showed up. Crew of an additional 3 boats arrived for at least part of the festivities via land conveyance for a total of 21 boats represented: Perchance, Rhumb Runner, Joyce Marie, Mapril June, Tula Gi, Sloe Tango, Equus, Airloom, Journey,

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Endeavor, Fre Moment, Eagles Wings, Salish Mermaid, Saga, Frolic, Hobbes, New Shoes, Pendragon, Brigadoon, Prime Meridian, and Cara Linda.

Friday's Happy Hour featured tales of "your first scar" and of "your longest cruise". Saturday's sunny weather prompted the emergence of various watercraft including an electric-propelled SUP, and searches for exotic species. (Is the Goldeneye duck exotic?)

We couldn't stay at the Longbranch Marina without watching a few episodes of the Longbranch Saloon (er, Gunsmoke, circa 1950s).

Currents at the Narrows prompted an early-morning departure for many, after a club-provided breakfast.

-Hosts: Ray & Debra Valpey

*Thanks to all who made our cruises great this year! Looking forward to Summer 2024!*



*Ted and Linda Stryker, Chair*

*Membership Chairs*

*Reminder: Send your annual dues by November 3!*

Our best way to recruit new members is through our members talking with fellow boaters. Direct them to our website [ttpyc.org](http://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](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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## Membership Outreach

### Council Advisory Committee

Congratulations to Kersten Hubbard on her appointment to the Des Moines Council Advisory Committee representing marina tenants. As the council moves forward on the redevelopment of the marina, we are proud to have a TTPYC member representing our interests!

### Outreach

Our Yacht Club is considering how we can use some Club funds to further support our community. Ray Valpey convened a group via zoom to begin organizing everyone's thoughts. The consensus seems to be that we will do research and will advise the Board and membership regarding philanthropic opportunities, and suggest manners in which we might invest a portion of our assets. A primary goal is to live our TTPYC mission and vision. Minutes from the first meeting are available. Contact Ray Valpey if you are interested.

## 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](mailto:K6352@aol.com) and we will place it in this 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

### 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 costs \$23.75 Large costs \$27.75

**REPLACEMENT NAME BADGES**  
Did you lose 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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## Boat For Sale

Longtime member, Jerry Stephenson, has moved to Florida (Margaritaville!) and is selling his boat. For more information, follow the link below.

Delphia 33 For Sale, 33'0", 2007

[https://seattle.boatshed.com/delphia\\_33-boat-315264.html](https://seattle.boatshed.com/delphia_33-boat-315264.html)

## EXTRAS

Here is a summary from our **General Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>**.

A report from the **Nominations Committee** was provided by Debra Valpey, and additional nominations were taken from the floor, yielding the following slate:

Vice Commodore:	Sarah Caudill
Secretary:	Ray Valpey
Treasurer:	Shelley Conti
Assistant Race Fleet Cap'n:	Michael Hamilton
Trustee-at-large	(1-year term, completing Sarah's term if she's elected to VC spot) Liam Burke
Trustee-at-large.	(Two 2-year term positions open; 3 candidates) Chuck Hendricks Dwight Motz Tom Hubbard

A **proposal for a Bylaws Change**, as crafted by Chris Caudill and approved by the Board was presented for discussion. Commodore Alan determined that any bylaws change would need a vote by ballot, so the actual vote will take place on a mailed, written ballot to accompany the ballot for officers. In the discussion, an amendment to the proposed Bylaws Change was offered by Debra Valpey:

Between the first and second sentences of Section III.3, insert a new second sentence "Associate Members are not allowed to fly TTPYC burgees on their boats, and their membership cards will reference the exclusion of reciprocal privileges." More discussion ensued. It was moved, seconded, and by hand vote, passed to include the amendment to the proposal.

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**Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club**

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Commodore Alan Riley

Vice Commodore Steve Foss

Past Commodore Charles (Chuck) Hendrick

Secretary Ray Valpey

Treasurer Shelley Conti

Race Fleet Captain Dwight Motz

Assistant Race Fleet Ross Chamberlain

Past Race Fleet Captain Duane Rubash

Trustees: Sandy Haigh, Leslie Nuttman, Andy Norton, Chris Caudill, Sarah Caudill

Appointed Officers

Cruise Fleet Captain: Steve and Janet Sisson

Social: Debra and Ray Valpey

Webmaster: Duane Rubash      Communications Coordinator: Kristie Brame

Membership: Ted and Linda Stryker      Historian: Carol Jones

Ship's Store: Janet Sisson      Facebook: Linda Stryker

Records and Roster: Tom Hubbard      PHRF Ratings: TBD

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