



Dates to
Remember

January

1/9 Duwamish
Head Race

1/12 Zoom
Social

February

2/9 Zoom social

Looking ahead

May 7-9 Bell
Harbor Cruise!

Keep up to date !

Website:

www.ttpyc.org

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ttpyc>

The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Hi all,

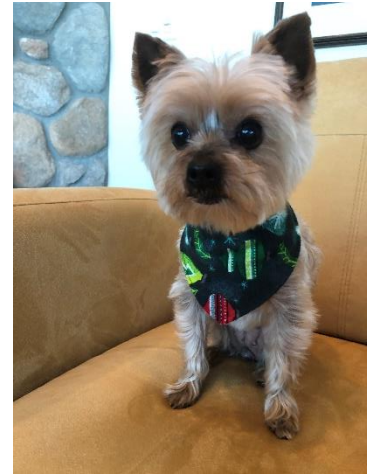
Samantha here with my observations of what went on in 2020. I can see that Mom and Dad are feeling immensely relieved that last year is over. The year brought so many challenges for all of us in so many ways. For the Three Tree Point Yacht Club, how were we going to hold trustees meetings, monthly

socials, cruise events, races, not to mention the annual meeting to nominate new officers, hold elections and celebrate Change of Watch and then there was the expected Christmas/Holiday party.

Thanks to Duane our webmaster for getting us started with Zoom. We were able to safely assemble the trustees to plan our events. Cruises for the most part were postponed or canceled but we did manage to get to Bell Harbor and Bremerton. The most memorable for me was the socially distanced dock party that won me "That Sinking Feeling" award when Clover Valpey chased me off the dock. Dean and Duane replaced the traditional sail boat races with predicted log races so I was able to participate. Janet and Daphne put together some

very informative Zoom socials that I was able to attend. Dave Clifford and the nominating committee worked out the slate of officers for 2021. I think all are ok with the results.

I was lucky enough to be able to attend the Zoom Change of Watch with some of my pet friends from other boats. It appeared to me everyone enjoyed the event. We finished the year off by inviting all the members and their pets to our home for a year end Zoom social. We were pleased so many were able to participate.



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Here is the link to the Tacoma Youth Marine Center Facebook page showing the Schooner Odyssey in dry dock.

<https://www.facebook.com/seascoutship190.odyssey/> Our clubs' generous donation of \$500 to this organization went to help maintain this historic ship. We hope Monique Valenzuela, the executive director of the Tacoma Youth Foundation, will join us at a Zoom social early this year. When we are allowed, I hope our club members will visit their facility.

Membership for this year is looking good. I have been helping Commodore Doug call the members who have not paid and it sounds like most will be sending in their dues.

Thank you all for your support and participation in our club during this difficult time,

Samantha June Andrews,
Your 2020/2021 Commodorable little Dog

Social Committee
Janet Sisson and Daphne Mackey, Chairs



Will your boat survive the tsunami that follows the next earthquake? Find out by joining the January 12th zoom meeting.

Title: Understanding Pacific Northwest Earthquake and Tsunami Risks

Topics: Fundamental geology of earthquakes; the three very different types of earthquakes and associated risks of each; personal Preparedness

Why: The science of Pacific Northwest earthquakes has progressed significantly in recent years. Understanding the various risks and being prepared can be of great benefit to all of us.

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

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Racing News

Dean Conti, Race Fleet Captain

Duane Rubash, Assistant Race Fleet Captain



January begins with the TTPYC Duwamish Head race on Saturday the 9th. The starts begin at 9:30am off the end of the fishing pier. The thirty-mile course goes from Des Moines, rounding the Duwamish Head light leaving it to port, then west to round the Blakely Rocks leaving it to port and back to finish at Des Moines. The time limit is 30 hours for the full race though it drops to 13 hours if the course needs to be shortened at Duwamish Head due to light winds. Besides the normal race boat classes there are cruising classes, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker. That allows any boat to come out and participate. This year single handed and double handed classes were added so skippers could decide to go out without having too many people on their boats.

Friday night we normally have a crew at the dock to meet the arriving boats to direct parking and to offer food and drinks. Unfortunately, with the pandemic we will have a very limited presence. I will be down there starting at 4PM, let me know if you want to help.

Steve Sisson will be running the race from the end of the fishing pier. He has been putting together a crew and you can him at 206-218-8138 if you want to help.

As you are probably aware TTPYC owns and maintains a series of permanent race markers around Des Moines area. They are all included on the official paper and electronic charts. For some inexplicable reason, over the past 15 months we have had six failures, only one mark remains. (Usually there is one failure every year or other year. What did I do to deserve this to happen during my watch???) The final one was rescued two weeks ago just outside of the breakwater. Once we get past our Duwamish Head race, we will start the process of repair, assembly and launching, unfortunately a big job. I'll put out a call for volunteers when the time arrives.

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

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

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My December report ended with the news that one of the race boats sank with the skipper abandoning the boat for his life raft. Four of the race boats stopped racing to start searching since they are the only boats in that section of the Southern Ocean. Fortunately, he was found within 16 hours (in the dark), though the transfer from the life raft was delayed a few hours due to the extremely rough sea state. To understand how difficult this race is, many more people have climbed Mt Everest than have completed this circumnavigation. The current race leaders are passing point Nemo in the southern Pacific, which is the location farthest from all points of land. If you go to the Marine Traffic web site:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/centerx:-108.6/centery:-47.8/zoom:3>

you can see how few boats are down there. The race fleet represents the majority of all boats in the Southern Pacific.

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

The 36th America's Cup preliminary racing started and ran from December 16th through 19th. From these early results it appears that teams New Zealand and American Magic have an initial advantage. The boats are large and fast and are difficult to control. Lots of good video on YouTube. Development continues on all the boats with racing to resume on January 15th and run through February 22nd. The final series for the Cup are in March.

Your Race Committee hopes you have all had a safe and satisfying holidays AND HAVE BEEN OUT ON YOUR BOATS! We have had some beautiful weather and there's nothing like getting out there, even for an afternoon, to experience some healthy escape from our crazy situations.



Dean Conti

TTPYC Race Fleet Captain

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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)

Linda Stryker, membership chair

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

Member News



UPDATE: TTPYC Membership Dues Billing Statement

An email was sent on 9/22 to all club members regarding your 2021 Club Dues. There was an error in the "return by date". Please mail in your Dues and Roster Information Sheet by November 8, 2020, (not 2021).

Please let Tom Hubbard know if you did not receive this 2021 Dues email. You can contact him at: thubbard84@msn.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 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 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

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
The cost of new name badges is \$8.30 each.



The image shows two rectangular name badges. The top one is white with a blue and red pennant on the left side. It has the text 'FIRST LAST NAME' in blue and 'Boat Name' in smaller blue text below it. The bottom badge is similar but partially obscured.

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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.

Sad News

Gail Stahl has passed away. Although Gail was never a yacht club member, she worked at Anthony's for years and was well known to old (ie: experienced) sailboat racers. She and Donna Beaux worked on many yacht club projects, often serving on the safety boat for races. She will be missed.



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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Happy Holidays and Thank You!

The Youth Marine Foundation sent us Holiday Greetings and thanked TTPYC for our donation to their group. They give young people a chance to learn about boating as well as develop skills and confidence through training in leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness that instills strength of character and positive life values.



Holiday Reflection Message RWHG (Shared by Janet Sisson)

Is Covid fatigue getting you down?
Put a smile on your face instead of that frown,
Crafting, baking and sewing
have really kept us going,
Weekly, daily online Zoom,
Just don't seem to give us enough room,
Outside is the place to be,
Let your mind wander happy and free,
Together we're not,
That's only a thought,
We'll get through this together,
Knowing it's not forever,
Keep telling yourself,
Your own best elf,
I am happy and loved,
Waiting to be shoved,
Back to a world I once knew
Yet again refreshed and new!



You are invited to play the Merry Christmas jigsaw puzzle. Enjoy the puzzle at:
<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=364ea8587ab6>

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And who are these Merry Santas spreading Cheer?

(The Cliffords!)

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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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