



## Dates to Remember

### January 2020

11 Duwamish Head Race

14 Social at Angelos.

### February

11 Social  
15 Toliva Shoals Race

### March

10 Social  
14 Islands Race  
27- 29 Crab Feed  
Cruise to Blake Island

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# The Barnacle

## Commodore's Corner

Doug Andrews

Happy New Year everyone from Commodore Doug, wife Sharon and our Commodorable little dog Samantha. We trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

A big thank you to Carol Jones for organizing our festive Christmas party at Anthony's. A good time was had by all.

One of the first orders of business for the new year is to assemble the TTPYC 2020 roster. We give kudos again to Tom Hubbard for his masterful talents in producing this publication.

I want to give credit to my wife Sharon for taking on the editing of the member listing and contacting the members to verify or update as much of the info she found questionable. She wants our listings to be as up to date as possible. When you receive your roster, please check your listing and if you find any errors please contact Sharon. We are considering supplement pages to keep your roster as up to date possible.

As I write this, we are in overcast and chilly Hemet, California. I am looking forward to getting back to Des Moines on January 10th for our next big event, the Duwamish Head Race. I told the committee I would like to help in any way I can in this our signature race event. I will be selling the Duwamish Head t-shirts and Tom Hubbard asked if I could help sell the hats promoting the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race he

is participating in. All the proceeds from the sale of the hats go to UNICEF. Tom told me he is personally donating \$10 for every hat sold.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the next social at Angelo's on Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing,  
Doug Andrews

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

We will have our next monthly social at Angelos in Burien on January 14. The social hour will begin at 5:30 followed by dinner and a program at 7 PM. If you are familiar with the Treasure Chest on Stuart Island, you will be interested in hearing our guests. This social will feature Ezra and Loie Benson who have been running the Boundary Pass Traders on Stuart Island for 20 years. Come hear



about "Stuart Island -Family Life and Business" as we start the new year and plan for our summer boating trips. And wear your Stuart Island gear, if you have some!

*Racing News*

*Dean Conti, Race Fleet Captain*

*Duane Rubash, Assistant Race Fleet Captain*

December saw the start of the Southern Sound Series races with Winter Vashon. The course is clockwise around Vashon Island with the start and finish in front of the Tacoma Yacht Club. The race consisted of little wind and strong currents.

Several of the starts were postponed to allow the preceding classes to clear the start line as they were moving so slowly. A few boats got caught by the flood tide that was causing a westerly current and were over the start line early. It took them a LONG time to get back to re-start.

Most of the race consisted of chasing small zephyrs of "wind", but mostly letting the current push the boats north up Colvos Passage. By mid-day the flood tide switched to ebb which accelerated the northward flush. Lots of boats abandoned the race as it was becoming apparent there was little chance of completing the race within the time limit, even with it being shortened at the north end of the island. We kept racing on Equus as the rain had quit, the sun had come out and it was a warm, pleasant afternoon. It would take a miracle for anyone to finish.

Shortly before dark a miracle arrived with enough wind to allow the fleet to actually sail towards the finish. Unfortunately, the wind Gods can be cruel as the

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wind shut off and on several times. As we approached the finish line the wind quit and the current pushed us past the line, missing it by 50 feet. We were not the only ones to receive a Did Not Finish by missing the line. It appears the only TTPYC club boat to finish was Nimbus (but the results page is suspect). That's racing, but we were still glad to be out on the water.

January brings the TTPYC sponsored SSS race, Duwamish Head. Gordon Kells-Murphy ([sailsman@earthlink.net](mailto:sailsman@earthlink.net)) is in charge of organizing our volunteers' group. Our needs start Friday afternoon January 10<sup>th</sup> with helping the incoming fleet dock in guest moorage. We also supply food and drinks to the arriving participants. Saturday morning food and coffee is available from our friends at Quarter Deck bistro at the head of the fuel dock. The actual running of the race requires significant help so contact Gordon if you are available. Come out and cheer on the fleet, it's always a fun spectacle!

Other south end races happening soon:

01/25/2020 CYC Tacoma Harbor Series 1

02/08/2020 CYC Tacoma Harbor Series 2

02/15/2020 Southern Sound Series/Olympia YC - Toliva Shoal

02/22/2020 CYC Tacoma Harbor Series 3

See you out on the water!

Dean Conti



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## *Cruising News*

*Dan Downhour and Kim Carroll, Co-Chairs*



Planning for cruise season is just beginning, so if you have suggestions or want to host a cruise this year, email or talk with Dan or one of the board members.

Attached to the Barnacle email, you will find the registration form for our first cruise, the Crab Feed at Blake Island. The cruise will be March 27 - 29, and reservations must be in by March 16<sup>th</sup> so we can order the crab.

### **TTPYC Blake Island CRAB FEED March 27th, 2019**



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**Come join us for the cruise opener for the 2020 season.  
Activities begin at 2:30 pm:**



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**Putt Putt Golf Tournament  
Tabletop Displays**

**Dinner @ 5:30pm**

The Club will supply liquid refreshments, cocktail sauce, cups, napkins, plasticware, and paper plates. We ask you to bring yourselves and friends and sign up for a potluck dish and set up, cleanup, haulout activity. Bring your old candles for the tabletop displays. Firewood, too. Complete the order form below and mail with your check (made out to TTPYC) by **March 16th** to:

**Dan Downhour  
621 S 195th St  
Des Moines, WA 98148**

Your prompt attention will be appreciated, since we need to have an accurate count of crab halves for ordering from the Fish Peddler.

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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!

## **Member News**



Tom Hubbard has been named to the crew on the "Seattle" for the Round the World Clipper Race! His leg of the race will start in Seattle. For more information about this race, see [www.clipperaroundtheworld.com](http://www.clipperaroundtheworld.com).



Welcome to our new members! Geoff Jacks, Leslie and John Nutland, and Ted and Linda Striker joined us in December.



Reminder: Pick up your 2020 decals for parking if you have your boat in the Des Moines Marina.

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!*

From Jim Carey:

I would like to put a business recommendation in the Market Place section of the next Barnacle.

I just replaced my Espar Hydronic heater and want to recommend Guy at Foenix Tech. His shop is in Ocean Shores but we were able to troubleshoot by email, pictures and overnight mail. Great place for all things Espar, very reasonable prices and willing to spend time explaining how-to to someone who has never worked on a hydronic system. If you want to do it yourself with expert advice, he is the guy to contact. <http://foenix.tech/>

**News Flash from the Ship's Store:** If you want to order custom embroidered clothing, you can order directly from a Burien store or bring your own item in to be embroidered. 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.*



### **USPS Engine Maintenance Course**

**When: Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 January 8<sup>th</sup> through March 4<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Where: Des Moines Public Works Class Room**

**2255 S 223<sup>rd</sup> street. Des Moines WA 98198**

**Instructor: Gene Kautzman, Rick Mortensen, and Dan Leenhouts**

This course covers the engine basics and routine maintenance on gas and diesel engines as well as a look at inboard, out board and I/O drive units. A common-sense approach to troubleshooting and preventive maintenance. We will have some expert guest speakers from the local marine maintenance shop speak to us.



**Contact Dan Leenhouts [education@pbps.org](mailto:education@pbps.org)**

**Cost \$60.00. If you want to share a book with someone very close. They may also attend the course for only \$20.00. So, two for \$80.00**

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Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

2019-2020

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

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Bud Musselman, and Scott Perry

Appointed Officers

Cruise Fleet Captain : Dan Downhour

Social : Janet Sisson and Daphne Mackey

Webmaster: Duane Rubash

Communications Coordinator: Kristie Brame

Membership: Scott Perry

Historian: Carol Jones

Ship's Store: Janet Sisson

Records and Roster: Tom Hubbard

PHRF Ratings: Mark Harang

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