

Dates to Remember

November
6 Race # 4
9 Social (Zoom)

December
4 4pm.
Anthony's
Downstairs

January, 2022 8 Duwamish Head Race

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The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Welcome to the New TTYPC year!! We had a virtual Change of Watch in October that finally let Doug Andrews/Commodore and Dean Conti/Race Fleet Captain move on from their officers" jobs after (2) years of COVID duty. They both did great work in difficult and challenging circumstances. Zoom meetings were the order of the day. Changing COVID restrictions made events, meetings and cruises a moving target. Dean had the added opportunity to lead the club through replacing every Mark the club



owns this last year, the first time that has happened in club history.

As we move forward, we have hope on the horizon that we are through the worst of it with pandemic restrictions, but a new normal seems to have been created. Our Christmas event has been scheduled and you can read about it in this issue. While this will be the first indoor event we have had for some time, proof of vaccination will be required.

This year's Change of Watch was a virtual event because 2/3's of the club attending Kristie and Don's special outdoor meeting said they were either "absolutely not going to attend" or "uncomfortable in attending" the COW at the

Seattle Yacht Club. It was also voted to postpone the celebration part of COW until a Feb/March timeframe. The COVE was suggested as an alternative. A venue for our postponed COW celebration will be on the agenda for our first Trustee meeting of the new year, in November.

Fortunately, Treasurer-Shelly Conti and Secretary-Carol Jones were unanimously reelected and all the appointed positions in the club will remain the same. This dedication and hard work by these folks are invaluable in maintaining the club's activities and making TTPYC fun! We welcome new officers, Vice Commodore - Alan Riley, Race Fleet Captain - Duane Rubash, and Asst. Race Fleet Captain - Melissa Davies. We also welcome new Trustee's Sandy Haigh, Leslie Nuttman, and Dwight Motz. It is great to see so many new faces!

As we move forward with our Trustee meetings, we will maintain virtual meetings, but I would like to see if we can move into a more hybrid approach of in person meeting with the addition of a Zoom virtual attendance as well. Hopefully this will encourage attendance for all club members at these planning meeting.

Talk to you soon.

Chuck

Social Committee Janet Sisson and Daphne Mackey, Chairs

November Social Presentation on Zoom

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 6:30



We hope that you will join us on November 9 to hear Mark Harang speak about his experience in the Rolex Fastnet Race on Jazz, a Beneteau First 40. Look for the Zoom meeting link in your inbox a day before the presentation.

Daphne and Janet

CHRISTMAS PARTY FLASH

OH JOY! There will be a Christmas party on Saturday, December 4th beginning at 4 pm!

The ENTIRE downstairs of Anthony's has been reserved for 50 of you to enjoy an appetizer party. By November 28th, send your reservation form (attached to the Barnacle email), along with \$20 per person, to Jean Spohn, 11925 Marine View Dr. SW, Burien, WA, 98146-2448.

- -bring proof of Covid vaccination
- -your name tag (here is your chance to meet the new board members)
- -your Mask when you go through the food line.
- -got an ugly Christmas sweater or tie? Whatever let's be festive!



I thank Jean Spohn and Sharon Andrews for helping with the planning. For now, mark your calendar and plan to attend. It is sure to be a merry time because you will be there.

Janet Sisson

Since Daphne and I are retiring as Social Chairs at the end of November, a Food Committee will need to be appointed. Here is your chance to volunteer!

Janet Sisson

Racing News Duane Rubash Race Fleet Captain Melissa Davies, Assistant Race Fleet Captain

This marks my first Race Fleet News taking over for Dean who did such a fantastic job the past three years in his role as Assistant and two full years as Captain; Thank You Dean!

Melissa Davies is joining as Assistant Race Fleet this year; Thank You Melissa I appreciate your help!

After the team worked so hard to replace all the marks this past year, I expected this year to be a breeze, but mother nature had different plans. Our recent storm dislodged C-Mark from its location. Several residences of Three Tree Point noticed the mark had moved and notified us. Nice to



see we have great community support, and they are looking out for us and enjoy seeing the race boats round our marks.

Dean and I were able to get out and survey the mark the same day it was reported (Tuesday, October 26), but were not able to retrieve it since it had drifted in to shallow water. The marina has agreed to help us retrieve it once we get a calm enough day, which looks like we will get an

opportunity this weekend (10/30 or 10/31). That Mark was just set in March 2021, so we are all very curious how it failed, we were sure we had a more robust design that we expected would last for years. Duwamish Head Race is just around the corner (January 8^{th} , 2022). Dan Downhour has volunteered Downtime as the committee boat this year, but we could use more help. If you are able to help in any way, please let Mellissa or I know.

Tom Hubbard also has a cool new Duwamish Head Race Hat design and is taking pre-orders through November 30th, email Tom (thubbard84@msn.com) for details.



We also have draft dates published for the 2022 Spring and Summer Series published on the website. They will be finalized soon as the SARC 2022 planning meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2021 and we hope to share those dates and get them published on their calendar this year.

PHRF News Mark Harang

Reminder to PHRF NW members- in 2020, PHRF NW moved away from hard copy USPS delivered annual bill notices. They are now sending electronic annual bill invoices to the email address you listed when you made your 2021 annual payment through the PHRF NW website. Watch your inboxes starting November 15th. If you do not see your invoice around the 15th, please check your spam/junk folders.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Pat Stewart

This year the Club gave out a very special Racing Award, it was the Pat Stewart, Lifetime Achievement Award. Pat has been a TTPYC member for over 30 years and has received many racing awards with his boat Cherokee. He was Commodore in 1989-1990. Pat has sailed in 38 Swiftsure races (not all with Cherokee). He has mentored many sailors in the racing community and harassed many competitors during his time with TTPYC. Many times, you will hear competitors mutter "how does he get that boat to go that fast?" During a ten -year period from the late 1990's to the mid 2000's, at Swiftsure, Cherokee was first in class 8 times (9 if you count an improper rating on the boat that came in first one year). One of those years Cherokee was first overall. Cherokee has been successful in PHRF races up and down the Puget Sound. Pat still gets out but now you are more likely to see Gordon and Pete (Pat's sons) on Cherokee, but

the day he got this award he had just completed a Point Series race. Dean Conti, Race Fleet captain, thought this year the club needed to acknowledge and honor Pat with this special lifetime achievement award for all his success and contribution to the club. And I think we all agree!

Congratulations Pat!!

Photo Courtesy of Jan Anderson Jan's Marine Photography, 821 Dock Street, PMB 2-10,Tacoma, WA 98402 (253) 905-5972



Cruising News Dan Downhour and Kim Carroll, Co-Chairs

We had a pretty good cruise year, 5 cruises great turnouts. Thanks to everyone that hosted and helped out.



and

We are already planning destinations for next year. Hopefully more marinas will be open for group reservations. I am open to input on new and fun ports.

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

Dan Downhour and Kim Carroll 206 369-0884 dandownhour@comcast.net

Cruising Boat of the Year for 2021 Ørn - Steve Foss

Ørn is Steve Foss' 1978 Tartan 37, the name comes from Old Norse

and is loosely translated as "like an eagle"



or "strong as an eagle." Steve started the cruise in September of 2019 with his nephew Jimmy and Danny (Jimmy's college buddy). The original plan was to sail south to Baja Mexico have some fun in the sun and then onto the islands of the South Pacific over a multi-year cruise. But as everyone knows the timing worked against him, the pandemic hit and Steve moored Ørn at Marina Puerto Escondido, just south of Loreto,

Baja Mexico. After months of fun, Jimmy had to move on, (Danny left the boat in California, due to a lack of funds). Steve made the boat secure at Puerto Escondido and flew back to Seattle just as the pandemic curtain started to fall. Steve visited Ørn many times in Puerto Escondido but waited till the summer of 2021 (July 4 start) to make the trip home. His wife, Laurie, made it clear to him, "it is time to bring Ørn home." Steve solicited help from his sailing community and got commitments to help him sail Ørn back around the tip of Baja and then north to Seattle. Recruiting



for the first couple legs was easy, the Sea of Cortez is 80 degrees in the summer and the fishing

is great. The details of the trip back are too many to discuss here but the great thing about this adventure was the help Steve got from the sailing community and specifically TTPYC members: Gordon Kells Murphy, Steve Sisson, Andy Norton and Chuck Hendrick all crewed on the trip back. Others not in the club were Steve Wittrock, Gary Oltman, Russ Chamberlain, David McDonald, Derek Youngblood and many others that helped. After sailing over 3000 nautical miles and having many adventures, Ørn returned Oct 3rd, 2021.



Membership News Ted and Linda Stryker, Chair

Just a reminder, club dues need to be mailed in this month. You should have received an email from Tom Hubbard that you need to print and send back with your check.

Our best way to recruit new members is through our members talking with fellow boaters. Direct them to



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our website 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.

NEW MEMBER - Sarah (Sally) Esterhay

Sally is a newer citizen to our area, having retired from working as an archivist, most recently at the University of Kentucky. She moved to Normandy Park to be near her son and daughter-in-law, and their two sons, ages 7 and 9. She has moved 19 times in her adult life, but also had a few longer runs that include 10 years in Rochester, Minnesota, and 10 years in Lexington, Kentucky, and years in Boca Raton, FL. Her early years were in Wisconsin, and that is where her love for boating was born. Her family had a 39' steel bottomed motor cruiser, called a Roamer. They cruised up to Georgian Bay, Canada, and up into Lake Michigan. In addition, her brother has a 38' Pearson sailboat in Wisconsin. Her racing experience was in Lake Pepin, which she described as a bump on the Mississippi River south of Minneapolis/St. Paul. She was the "winch" grinder.

Sally would like to meet more people in the area and appreciates a diverse group who share a common interest in boating. She especially likes that the TTPYC has continuing education programs, and that the yacht club has a philanthropic community connection as well. She was pleased to hear about the new Youth Maritime High School, and our past history of supporting Hospitality House. She marked the boxes for both social events, and volunteering opportunities on her application.

Sally does not own a boat but would like to participate as is possible in our club activities.

Welcome Sally!

NEW MEMBERS - Ronald and Marcella Lawhon

Ronald and Marcella Lawhon are new members from late this summer. Ron is a retired aircraft mechanic, and Marcella is retired from being a paraeducator in the Kent School District, although she does still occasionally substitute. They live in Renton and just celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary the day prior to this interview.

Ron is the long-time sailor, and Marcella is a supportive partner. Ron was raised in Northern California and began his love affair with boats at a young age, and worked in a boat shop in high school, where he was able to participate in building a 47" catamaran. He also raced Hobie catamarans there. He grew up and moved to Alaska to work on the pipeline, and in the late 80's he lived in Ketchikan. There, he owned a J-30 and raced frequently. He tells of an ongoing race

series that alternated hosting with the Prince Rupert Club, and this involved crossing the Dixon entrance on alternate years. He describes that as a real test of his abilities. Twenty-five years ago, he moved to Seattle, where he met his wife. He still participated in the J-30 racing but commented that folks were pretty serious about racing down here in the Puget Sound. They owned a Catalina 30 and cruised the area. Recently, this past June, they bought a 34' Catalina, named Laff'n Gecko. When they first bought this boat, they sublet at K-dock in Des Moines, but just a day before they were to leave for a stretch in Arizona, they were informed that guest moorage was not available at the end of the sublet, and they had to scramble to find moorage – and ended up at Chinook Marina near Tacoma. The name Laff'n Gecko was given by the previous owner, and Ron feels they need to sail her for a year while they ponder any name change.

Ron's kids live far away, and his grandchildren are too young to crew. Marcella has a son who might be interested in learning the seafaring ways.

Their hobbies include a past history of Ron flying his own plane, camping and bicycling.

Occasionally he gets called in to consult on repairs for corporate aircraft, and helicopters, down at Boeing Field. Marcella still substitutes in the schools.

We welcome the Lawhons to the Three Tree Point Yacht Club, and look forward to visiting in person as soon as we are able.

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 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, or a service to recommend, just send the info to Kristie at <u>K6352@aol.com</u> 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-flaq.

Janet Sisson 206-724-4792





Extras

Des Moines Marina Association Update

Reminder: Dues need to be sent. Make sure you <u>do not</u> 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. The application for membership is attached to the Barnacle Email.

Need a grill?

If anyone would like this cast iron gas grill please contact Doug Andrews 206 992 3236 before November 3^{rd} , if no one wants it its next home will be at the recycle event November 4^{th} at the Marina.



Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club 2021-2022

Commodore Charles (Chuck) Hendrick

Vice Commodore Alan Riley

Past Commodore Doug Andrews

Secretary Carol Jones

Treasurer Shelley Conti

Race Fleet Captain Duane Rubash

Assistant Race Fleet Melissa Davies

Past Race Fleet Captain Dean Conti

Trustees: Sandy Haigh, Leslie Nuttman, Dwight Motz,

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

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