



Dates to  
Remember

### December

12/5 Winter  
Vashon Race

12/8 Zoom  
Monthly Meeting

12/20  
Commodore's  
Holiday Party via  
Zoom

### January

1/9 Duwamish  
Head Race



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# The Barnacle

## Commodore's Corner

Wow, who would have thought Sharon and I would get to represent the Three Tree Point Yacht Club as Commodore and Mate a second year in a row. The other amazing honor, for the first time in recorded history, a power boat, our own Mapril June, won race boat of the year. To top it all off, our Commodorable Mask-ot Samantha received the coveted Sinking Feeling Award. Congratulations to Steve and Janet Sisson for winning Cruise Boat of the Year in Hobbs their 26' Capri.



I want to thank all of you that attended the online Zoom Change of Watch Dinner. My feeling was everyone that attended the event enjoyed the opportunity to see each other, chat, and interact. I believe we successfully completed the clubs' yearend business, thanking all the people that contributed to the years' activities and introducing the two new trustees Melissa Davies and Chris Jones.

I have had some challenges hosting the Zoom events. We only had a couple of glitches but were able to recover. A special thanks to Ben and Emmelie Stewart for providing us with the background music and to Ray and Debra Valpey for the special entertainment and games.

Due to the pandemic we have had to cancel our traditional Christmas get together. Sharon and I were saddened not to have the opportunity for club members to get together in this Holiday season. We have decided to offer this opportunity by opening up our home via Zoom on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 or so for you to log on and visit with your fellow members. The link will be sent out several days ahead of the event and then shortly before the event on that Sunday. No formal

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program, although I might be able to convince Sharon to share one of her favorite short Christmas stories. You are welcome to share something as well.

You should all have received your dues notification and roster update sheet from Tom Hubbard the end of September. If you have not already, please get these in as soon as possible. Tom needs your information so he can get the roster out in a timely manner.



Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing

Doug Andrews - Commodore

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

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Speaker**

Ranger Tugs are a familiar sight at the Des Moines Marina, at the boatyard on Pacific Highway in Kent, and, of course, everywhere we cruise! Please join us for a Zoom presentation by Andrew Custis, General Manager of Ranger Tugs and Cutwater Boats. Andrew will talk a bit about the company, the production process, and the market in a short presentation followed by Q&A.

Here's the schedule:

6:30 Join the Zoom meeting.

(Click on the link in Doug's email. It will be sent a few days before and also an hour or so before the event.)

6:45 Speaker: Andrew Custis

Please mute your microphones!

??? Social Time



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## Holiday Greetings

When you send out holiday greetings, don't forget our oldest member, lovely Betty Haines (Age 100!) ! Here is her address in case you would like to send her a card: 601 S. 240<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, WA 98198-3841.



## Racing News

*Dean Conti, Race Fleet Captain*

*Duane Rubash, Assistant Race Fleet Captain*

The pace of South Sound racing picks up this month. Specifically, the Southern Sound series starts with the Tacoma Yacht Clubs Winter Vashon contest, this Saturday December 5th. It starts and finishes in front of the TYC club house and requires a clockwise circumnavigation of Vashon Island. Due to the virus situation single and double hand classes have been added to give more options for those skippers that want to minimize their potential exposure. Currently there are 37 boats registered.



January 9<sup>th</sup> brings the second race of the series, the TTPYC sponsored Duwamish Head. The start and finish are off the Des Moines marina fishing pier, heading north to pass both the Duwamish Head light and Blakely Rocks to port and return.

Since our club is responsible to run this race, we are looking for volunteers to assist the day of the race. Steve Sisson is the person in charge and is assembling a team so please call him at 206-218-8138 to give him a hand. Due to the virus we will NOT be offering food and drinks on Friday night or breakfast Saturday morning. We WILL be manning the guest moorage Friday night to help with race boats arriving then. I will be there starting around 5PM and if you would like to help let me know at 206-795-2312.

The Vendee Globe solo around the world race is in full swing. All the boats are in the southern hemisphere and moving quickly to pass the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa. Equipment breakage and impacts with floating objects are starting to take a toll on the fleet, which is an expected risk the skippers need to contend with. New on boat videos are posted every day. With their entry into the Southern Ocean Roaring 40s and Furious 50s the pace will really be picking up.

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A last minute up-date. The boat that was in third place this afternoon had a catastrophic failure and started taking on water. The skipper was forced to abandon his boat and to get into his life raft. Four of the other racers have diverted to look for him. The location is approximately 800 miles offshore. Not good news.

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

The Americas Cup is really starting to heat up. The four teams have launched their second boat which is the one they will be campaigning. All four teams have made many significant changes from the first-generation designs. Preliminary racing starts December 17<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup> with all boats competing in a double round robin series.

The Prada Cup Elimination series runs from January 15<sup>th</sup> through February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Americas Cup finals from March 6<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>. I am really looking forward to seeing how these speed machines compete against each other.

Here is a link to an older AC video that is worth watching. Nerves of steel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26NE0saKea0>

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

Enjoy!

Dean Conti  
TTPYC Race Fleet Captain



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## *Cruising News*

*Dan Downhour and Kim Carroll, Co-Chairs*

We are beginning to look forward to next year, when, hopefully, things will be more normal for our summer cruising season. Hopefully, you are finding places to go and enjoy your boat with close friends and family in small groups.

Stay safe and healthy, so we can get together at the next opportunity, whenever it is safe.

## *Membership News*

*Ted and Linda Stryker, Chair*

Scott Perry turned over the task of Membership Chair to a recent new member herself, Linda Stryker. Linda and her husband, Ted, are the owners of a Hunter sailboat, Cara Linda, moored at Foss Harbor Marina in Tacoma. Linda hopes to promote the club through increased use of the Facebook page, as well as encouraging existing members to extol the virtues of club membership to their friends and Marina neighbors. One of the best parts of the welcome Linda and Ted recall is the warmth of the group, and the "smorgasbord" of activities and interests of fellow members.

I look forward to diving deeper into the club and encouraging new members. Let me know if you have ideas to share about this endeavor.

## **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](mailto: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](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.

### *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!*



60lb stainless CQR plow anchor. Very lightly used. \$300

Contact Chris Jones if interested.  
[c.w.jones@comcast.net](mailto: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

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**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.



## *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.*



*Happy Holidays from the Crew of Amazing Grace!*

*Kristie, Don, Bandit, and Buddy*

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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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