



Dates to Remember

December

7 Vashon Island Race
8 Holiday Party at Anthony's

January

4 Duwamish Head Race
14 Social at Angelo's

Keep up to date !

Website:

www.ttpyc.org

Facebook:

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

The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner Commodore Sarah Caudill

I hope you all had a wonderful thanksgiving and were able to spend quality time with friends and family.

Our first board meeting after the change of watch has taken place, and everyone is settling into their new roles. We're still looking for volunteers to take up the roles of Membership Chair and Social Chair. These are vital roles to the club's continued success, and we encourage anyone interested in welcoming new members or organizing social events to reach out.



The November social with Elsie Hulsizer discussing her book *Glaciers, Bears, and Totems*, and *Voyages to Windward: Sailing Adventures on Vancouver Island's West Coast* sounds like it was a great success. Our next social is the Holiday party at Anthony's December 8th. Please RSVP to Carol

Jones by December 1st. Thank you to Linda Stryker for all your excellent work planning our social events in 2024.

Winter Racing is kicking off with the Winter Vashon race December 7th. The next race in the series will be the Duwamish Head race, sponsored by TTPYC, in early January. Michael Hamilton is doing a great job at organizing this event, and if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to him.

Hope you all have a lovely Holiday Season!

Sarah Caudill

Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

December 2024

Social Committee

TBD



THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

December 8th - Three Tree Point Yacht Club Holiday Party

4:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, in the ground floor north seating area.

No host bar. Fellowship, appetizers (not dinner) and a few games with prizes.

RSVP to Carol Jones. \$20 per person.

January 14th TTPYC SOCIAL

Program: BEYOND THE BOAT

In our effort to get to know our fellow club members better, our January focus is going to be on "what else" we love to spend time on beyond our boats.

We are inviting all attendees to bring along a sample or illustration of what else they like to do besides go boating. This could be a craft, hobby, poetry, brew, pastry, quilt, painting, bowling trophy, photo of a garden, travel brochure, axe throwing, golf, etc.

In addition, prepare to describe your passion for a brief minute to illustrate what your "beyond the boat" interest is.

We will go around the room and reveal this additional side of ourself that gets us through the crummy weather while dreaming of more boating time.



Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

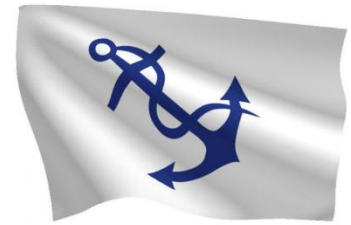
December 2024

Racing News

Michael Hamilton, Race Fleet Captain, Amidala

Andy Norton, Assistant Race Fleet Captain, Seabiscuit

Ross Chamberlain, Past Fleet Racing Captain, Work Release



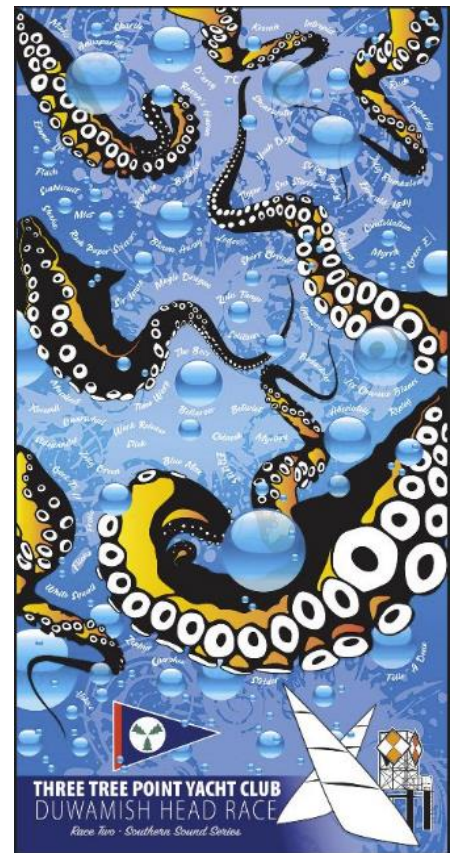
So, it's getting pretty chilly in the PNW with snow in the mountains and freezing temperatures almost every night. You would think that the Yacht club crowd would be settling back in their big easy chair and reading a good boating adventure story in front of a crackling fire while sipping some fine wine. Well I'm here to tell you even though that sounds like a pleasant way to spend our winter months, it's just the opposite of what will be going on for many of our TTPYC sailing populace.

On December 7th, Tacoma Yacht Club sponsors the first race of the Winter South Sound Series by hosting the *Vashon Island* race. This is a 30+ nautical mile circumnavigation of Vashon Island that frequently has boats finishing the course well after sunset as long as the wind holds out. With a 13-hour time limit and a 09:30 start, boats frequently finish well into the darkness and need to illuminate their sail number as they cross the finish line so the race committee can register their finish.

TTPYC sponsors the second race in the South Sound Series and for sure the biggest event on our club's racing calendar. Our own *Duwamish Head Race* will be held on January 4th, 2025. This is definitely an "all Hands" event with lots of members volunteering to serve in a myriad of functions that are essential to putting on an exciting, competitive, safe, and well administered event. Please come join in the fun and support your club organizers when they ask you to volunteer your time and skills in support of our regatta.

No one person can run a good race series. It takes a village and with only a few weeks to go to the *Duwamish Head Race* the TTPYC village needs to assemble a consummate team of experienced professionals to committee the race OR... If we can't find those folks we will have to fill the positions with warm bodies from our ranks.

We are going to need a staff of upwards of 20 volunteers to support all the functions of the RC.



Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

December 2024

2025 Duwamish Head Support team:

Race Management: Steve Sisson Lead Race Official/Starter to run the show from the pier and Finish if race goes the distance. Michael Hamilton Principle Race Officer on the Safety Vessel to make the on-the-water decisions like shortening the course, finishing the race at the DH. AND,... A dedicated group of Spotters, Recorders, Timers, Signalers, Scorers, and Safety crew. WOW,... The end of the Des Moines Fishing Pier is getting crowded.

Club Representatives: Dean Conti, representing TTPYC to the SSS. Dwight Motz acting as Coast Guard Liaison securing the all important USCG Event Permit.

Visiting Boat Arrival Committee: Ross Chamberlain, Alan Riley, Dwight Motz. These folks organize the mooring plan and coordinate with Des Moines Marina in accommodating boats arriving the day prior to the race. They also direct the arriving boats to their moorage slips and assist when necessary in securing the boats safely at the guest dock.

Hospitality committee: Linda Stryker and her crew. These ladies have volunteered to plan and coordinate the Soup Supper on Friday night and the Breakfast Bar that will be set up on race day morning. Both these events will take place at the Activity shelter at the Des Moines Marina Guest Pier. Events are open to all regatta participants and TTPYC members.

Behind The Scenes: These folks do the gritty nuts and bolts tasks that are absolutely vital to success and they rarely receive the recognition they deserve. They are Shelly Conti, Scorer and Regatta Network guru, Brian Newman, Web support, and Tom Hubbard, artist extraordinaire, who gives our Trophies and Merchandise their style.

You would think that cast of characters could handle the task, but we still need volunteers to step-up as Spotter/Recorders. These folks get the best seat in the house to watch the race because they have to be in the middle of the action to spot and record that action. We could use a power boat to serve as the on the water RC & Safety vessel. We still have open positions on the Protest Committee and Technical Committee.

Don't miss out on these opportunities! Please be generous and help make our regatta a success.

See you on the water!

Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

December 2024

Cruising News

Merch De Grasse, Cruise Fleet Chair

This is our tentative cruise schedule for 2025 Boating Season. You can begin dreaming of summer!

March 21-23	Blake Island	Hosts: Janet and Steve Sisson
April 18-20 (tentative)	Arabella's	Hosts: Dwight and Christa Motz
May 2- 4	Bell Harbor	Hosts: Carol, Chris, and Sunni Jones
June 13-15	Poulsbo	Hosts: Brian and Janis Newman



Ray and Debra Valpey, Membership Chairs

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

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.

Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

December 2024

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 and we will place it in this section each month. Remember... this is for members only!

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 \$24.75 Large costs \$28.75



EXTRAS

This is a great way to share memories or information with our members. If you have a blog post to share send it to Kristie at K6352@aol.com.

Friends of Salt Water State Park (Shared by Don Hunsaker)

Friends of Saltwater State Park is an official Washington State Parks Friends (501(c)(3)) group in existence since 2016.

Please visit our website: <https://www.friendssaltwater.org/> to see some of our current projects related to Saltwater State park, including re-introducing bull kelp to the protected reef area and other projects.

We promote marine and watershed stewardship, habitat restoration, and conservation through education, guidance, fund-raising, and environmental monitoring. We promote safety for patrons and the importance of enhancing land, creek, and marine environments. It's all connected, and we are all connected. Our activities are environmentally friendly and culturally inclusive for all people. Our mission is to support Saltwater State Park for the betterment of patrons and the environment.

Again, please visit our website to see how you can participate or donate to projects.

Thank you,

Rhoda Green

Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

December 2024

Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

2024-2025

Commodore Sarah Caudill

Vice Commodore Brian Newman

Past Commodore Steve Foss

Secretary Ray Valpey

Treasurer Shelley Conti

Race Fleet Captain Michael Hamilton

Assistant Race Fleet Andy Norton

Past Race Fleet Captain Ross Chamberlain

Trustees: Chuck Hendrick, Liam Burke, Gordon Kells-Murphy, Alan Riley, Doug Andrews

Appointed Officers

Cruise Fleet Captain: Merch DeGrasse

Social: TBD

Webmaster: Brian Newman Communications Coordinator: Kristie Brame

Membership: Ray and Debra Valpey Historian: Carol Jones

Ship's Store: Janet Sisson Facebook: Linda Stryker

Records and Roster: Tom Hubbard PHRF Ratings: Mark Harang

RBAW Representative: Richard Edel Reciprocal Chair: Chuck Hendrick

Financial Advisory Committee/Future Task Force: Richard Edel

Des Moines Harbor Liaison/CAAC: Kersten Hubbard

SARC, SS, USSA, PIYA *See Racing Handbook*

Three Tree Point Yacht Club is an affordable family boating club that promotes
enjoyment, appreciation, and care of the waters of Puget Sound.

December 2024