



Dates to Remember

March 14, April 11,
and May 9 Social at
Angelos

March 18 Islands
Race

March 25, 26 Blake
Island Cruise

Racing will begin in
April.

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The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner Commodore Alan Riley

Presidents Day here in Newcastle is wet and blustery with snow possible later in the week. Seeking better conditions and a break from the local weather, Kathy and I are heading to Mexico for the first two weeks of March to enjoy some sunshine and relax on the beach and by the pool.



Unfortunately, because of this trip I will be unable to attend the Celebration of Life for former Commodore Mike Stainsby (1994-1995) on the fifth of March but trust that many of you who knew Mike will be there to pay your respects.

I will also be away for the next Board meeting on the seventh of March but Steve Foss has graciously agreed to stand in for me.

I got sidetracked after starting to compose my comments on Monday and it is now Wednesday morning and the snow predicted on Monday arrived last night. We got a little over an inch and whilst it is cold everything looks beautiful under a mantle of white. Fortunately the snow held off yesterday evening and the trip to Angelos was snow free. What a great evening. Good food and company with a fascinating presentation by John Scragg detailing his Race to Alaska adventure. Thanks John, a terrific performance for the race and for our entertainment yesterday.

We have had some blustery conditions here in the Sound but Mother unleashed some huge winds in Sydney last weekend. The Australia Sail Grand Prix for the big catamarans was being held when hurricane force winds, I believe the strongest ever recorded for Sydney Harbour, arrived. High winds had been forecast but unfortunately the Canadian boat had its sail badly damaged before it could be put away. Nobody was hurt but some of

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the videos show how strong the winds were and how dangerous the situation was. Unfortunately I think major weather events like this are going to become more frequent.

All for now,
Alan
(Not a vegemite fan!)

Social Committee
Ray and Debra Valpey
Co-Chairs

We are back to the **SECOND** Tuesday this month. We'll meet at Angelo's Italian Restaurant in Burien (601 SW 153rd St.) on **March 14, 2023**.

Time: 5:30 pm Social; 6:00 pm Dinner; 7:00 pm Program

Our presenter will be Rick Edel who will demonstrate useful apps for boaters.



Many boaters are now using iPads or other tablets, and smartphones as sources or backups for navigation, tides, weather, and much more boating information.

Whether you have a tablet already or are thinking of purchasing one, this talk will help you sort out what is available to you and how effective these devices and apps are.

Some 'apps' offer comprehensive navigation functionality, that is, chartplotter-like capability, others are simpler.

Some offer integrated tides and currents, weather, AIS, and other utilities that are useful while underway.

An iPad will be the primary demonstration device.

Navionics, TZiBoat, AyeTides, and Weather apps will be demonstrated.

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Here is the zoom link for our presentation.

Topic: TTYPC Social Meeting

Time: Mar 14, 2023 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942592512?pwd=SGl1RmR5THBSNHBwM0ZxL3paNmkvUT09>

Meeting ID: 869 4259 2512

Passcode: 393643

Racing News

Dwight Motz Race Fleet Captain

Ross Chamberlain, Assistant Race Fleet Captain



Collision Avoidance in the Racing Environment

As racing season fast approaches it's a good time to do a bit of scraping of the barnacles off our bottoms as well as our seamanship knowledge. No, I am not volunteering to come down and help you scrub your hull, but I am inviting you to refresh your memory of the rules of the road in the way we deal with and react to the commercial vessels operating in the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Lanes.

A significant incident occurred last Fall that serves as an excellent example of how not to react to a potential conflict between sailboats participating in a race and commercial vessels. The commercial vessel perceived a hazardous situation developing, where the risk of collision forced the commercial vessel to take evasive action and file a deviation report to the VTS manager (ie: USCG). If you haven't read the excellent summary of this incident (48north.com/racing/foulweather-bluff-protest-and-resolution), please add it to your recommended reading list.

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We are fortunate that on the typical Thursday night race, we have a small number of boats and the traffic volume of the VTS lanes of Des Moines is substantially less than the level of traffic north of Seattle. That said, it only takes one close encounter where a commercial vessel *perceives* that you are going to interfere with their operation in the traffic lane, to generate an incident report and potentially restrict our ability to get a use permit for our racing activities in the future.

To summarize, these are the salient parts of Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea:

- Vessels under sail DO NOT always have the right of way over power driven vessels.
- A sailing vessel shall not impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessel following a traffic lane.
- Race participants are expected to yield to vessels in the traffic lane even to the detriment of competitive position.
- If a race participant needs to contact Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) they should use VHF Channel 14

The very last item is potentially the most effective tool in communicating your awareness of a potential conflict and advising both VTS and the commercial vessel involved of your intentions to clear and remain clear of the VTS lane. If you see an approaching commercial vessel (visually or on AIS display) and you are approaching or inside a VTS lane, a call to VTS on Channel 14 is highly recommended. State your vessel name, approximate position and your awareness of the commercial vessel and your intentions to clear/remain clear of any potential conflict. Preemptive communication of this sort gives the commercial vessel with very limited maneuvering capability the assurance that collision will be avoided and may have done much to avoid an incident.

Lastly, Captains are authorized and expected to start their auxiliary engine to expedite exiting the VTS lane in the most expeditious way possible and then log duration, course and length of deviation and report this incident to the race committee at the conclusion of the race.

So, scrub those hulls and get ready for our first race beginning April 6, 2023. See you on the water!

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Toliva Shoals Recap

Tom Hubbard

Toliva Shoals Race is the 3rd race in the Southern Sound Series and attracts boats from all over Puget Sound. The Toliva Shoals Race usually means one thing; wind and lots of it. This year's race didn't disappoint. The two boats representing TTPYC, EQUUS and Cherokee, headed down a day early to take advantage of the Olympia Yacht Club's hospitality.



The race course starts (and finishes) in Olympia near the east marker of the Olympia Shoal heading in a northerly direction. The fleet left Dofflemyer Point with Johnson Point to starboard, then the government mark #3 off Nisqually Delta, the Toliva Shoal buoy, Eagle Island, the government mark #1 at the west end of Balch Passage, Johnson Point, and Dofflemyer Point to port. The finish was in a southerly direction between the race committee boat and the east marker of the Olympia Shoal.

During the week leading up to the race, forecast predicted that the "Big Wind" Toliva Shoals Race was known for, was going to skip this year's event. Once again, the forecasters got it wrong. The fleet saw winds ranging from 10-30 knots throughout the day. A large portion of the fleet was overpowered and reefs were seen in most of the main sails. However, the conditions were perfect for the big boat EQUUS.

As the race went on, long range forecasts called for lighter air combined with a strong ebb tide. All of the crew of EQUUS agreed with the RC's call to shorten the course at Johnson Point and EQUUS was the third boat to cross the finish line, first in her class and second overall.

From Scott Perry

Experienced race crew available for Spring Series. 54 years of sailing and racing experience. Currently co-owner of Waiquez 35 Freyja. Please contact Scott Perry at Sperry1123@gmail.com or 206 226 0183.

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Cruising News
Steve and Janet Sisson
Co-Chairs

Attention Cruisers

Here is our 2023 Cruising Schedule.

- Blake Island, Hosted by the Sissons/ Contis, March 25
- Bell Harbor, hosted by Carol, Chris and Sonni Jones, May 5 & 6
- Winslow, Bainbridge Island, hosted by Chris & Sonni Jones, June 9 & 10
- In July HobbEs hopes to travel to the San Juan's. It would be dandy if you could join us (rendezvous?), probably on anchor.
- Longbranch, September 8,9,and 10



2023 CrabLESS Feed

WHEN: March 25th & 26th, put it on your calendar

WHERE: The Point Shelter at Blake Island

Come rendezvous with us at Blake Island and participate in the possible renaming of our first cruise of the season. The point shelter is reserved for Saturday. We plan to arrive Thursday night.

Moorage is tight so come early to help reserve spots if you can.

Come join us for the cruise opener for the 2023 season

FUN Activities begin at 2:30 pm

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Blake Island offers lots of trail hikes and some sea glass collecting. Bring a bag to haul away beach trash.

Saturday Dinner at 5:30 pm

The club will supply wine. We ask you to bring yourselves and friends.

WHAT TO BRING?

- A delicious POTLUCK item (like main, sides and veggies) with serving utensil for Saturday night. Your OWN plate, utensils and cup
- WOOD for the firepit

RSVP would be appreciated by email. Let us know when you plan to arrive. HobbEs plans to arrive on Thursday. The more the merrier so please JOIN us.

Stevenjanet@gmail.com

See you there, Steve (206-218-8138) and Janet (206-724-4792)

Steve and Janet, cruise chairs



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*Ted and Linda Stryker, Chair
Membership Chairs*

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

TTPYC NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION - Gary and Kaven Oltman

Gary and Kaven (Sounds like cabin with a V) connected with TTPYC and decided to join due to their friendships with Steve Foss and Gordon Kells Murphy. Actually, Gary used to work with Steve. Gary has participated as race crew on both Steve's and Gordon's boat for over 10 years. When asked why the Oltman's wanted to join TTPYC, Gary responded that it was time to slow down a bit, and as Kaven was not a racer, they wanted to connect with the cruising meet ups and social events done through the club. They both still work, so they will squeeze things in as they are able.

Gary and Kaven own a 1999 Beneteau 411 named 7th Sojourn. He explained that the name was derived from several factors - it is their 7th sailboat, a sojourner is a traveler or person experiencing get away time, and he liked the old Seventh Sojourn Moody Blues album. They currently moor her at Elliot Bay Marina in H-41.

When describing a meaningful experience while sailing, Gary described a bareboat charter from the Whitsunday islands at the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef in Australia as being a very powerful experience. They love enjoying wildlife while boating. They also cruised a few weeks in the San Juans in recent years, and Gary participated at times in Steve's adventure to Mexico and back.

In their lives while not sailing, Gary works as an FAA program manager, and Kaven owns a construction project management business. They live on Mercer Island, and they have two grown daughters - one married with a one year old grandson, and a second daughter currently in Costa Rica. Kaven enjoys cooking, which Gary enjoys eating. They like to hike, but currently their beloved dog "Bear" has been ill and his care has required their focus.

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We welcome them to our Club and look forward to meeting them in person. I understand they attended our Christmas party already, and past races, so many of you know them already.

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.

Mike Stainsby Celebration of Life

March 5 1- 3 PM
Dining Hall at the Beach Park in Des Moines
22030 Cliff Ave S
RSVP MJSSail20@gmail.com

May 21 Celebration of Life for Rose Edmiston

Her Celebration of Life event will be held at the following venue:

Rose Marie Edmiston
Sunday, May 21, 2023
1:00 am - 4 pm
Brookstom Creek
834 Sheets Rd.
Buckley, WA 98321



Rose was an active person with many interests. Her family requests that those of us who knew her through sailing wear our name club nametags or other indications that we are sailors. The airline folks are wearing their wings, walkers are designing a pin with walking sticks. The family will wear red roses.

RSVP at chiefcook62@gmail.com, Subject line: ROSE

Please call me at 253-262-8732 if you have any questions. We hope to see you all there.
Blessings, Sue Ellen Edmiston

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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, 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!

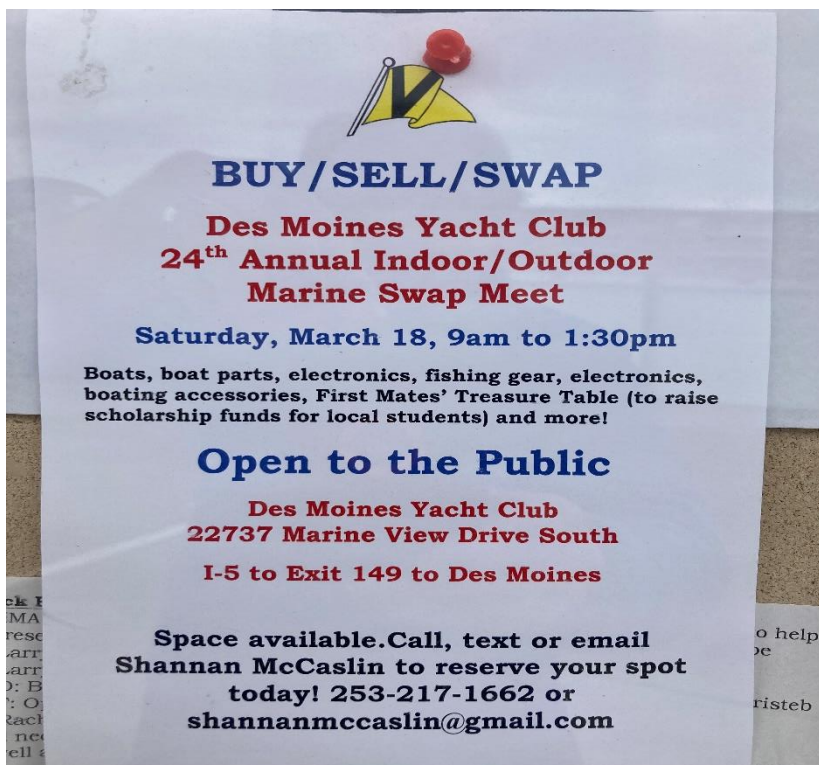
News Flash from the Ship's Store: If you want to order custom embroidered clothing, a TTPYC Store has been set up. Visit this website: <http://gramsgiftcloset.com/team-and-company-stores/three-tree-point-yacht-club-flag>. Janet Sisson 206-724-4792

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 \$23.75 Large costs \$27.75

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.





BUY/SELL/SWAP
Des Moines Yacht Club
24th Annual Indoor/Outdoor
Marine Swap Meet
Saturday, March 18, 9am to 1:30pm
Boats, boat parts, electronics, fishing gear, electronics,
boating accessories, First Mates' Treasure Table (to raise
scholarship funds for local students) and more!
Open to the Public
Des Moines Yacht Club
22737 Marine View Drive South
I-5 to Exit 149 to Des Moines
Space available. Call, text or email
Shannan McCaslin to reserve your spot
today! 253-217-1662 or
shannanmccaslin@gmail.com

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EXTRAS

More Three Tree Point Yacht Club Charter members reunion December 2022, a trip down memory lane



The first Minto Mingle Ranger sailboat races



The grown kids and mothers of some of the Charter members reunion at the Three Tree Point Store in Burien on December 29, 2022. Patti Anderson, Denise Groth, Debbie Duncanson, Kristen Anderson, Lori Duncanson, Tricia Anderson.

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Tacoma Mountaineers Basic Crewing/Sailing Course Registration opens Feb 6th

Learn the skills to be a welcome member of the crew on a friend's sailboat! This course will cover the knowledge needed to feel comfortable stepping aboard a sailboat and contributing to the fun of sailing the boat on the Salish Sea. We will cover:

basic crewing skills, names for all the stuff onboard, basic sail trim, points of sail, staying safe while on a sailboat, what to wear and even learn some useful knots.

This course consists of three classroom sessions and four on the water sessions, one at the dock and 3 out sailing in the Tacoma Area. **The classroom sessions will be Monday, April 3rd, Monday, April 10th and Monday, April 17th. They will be held at the Tacoma Mountaineer's Program Center, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

The dockside session be held on Saturday April 8th at 10am at the Foss Waterway Public Dock.

Students will pick the various scheduled sails based on what are most convenient for them.

Our lessons are based on the textbook *Sailing Made Easy*, by the American Sailing Association. Note - This is not an ASA sponsored course, and those who complete it will **not** earn their ASA 101 certification.

Cost of the course is \$150 for Mountaineer members, \$175 for non-members. This does not include the cost of the text book.

To register or for more information see the Mountaineers website on or after February 6th www.mountaineers.org

You can also contact co-leaders Eric Johnson erdjohnson@comcast.net or Terri Benz: terribenz5@yahoo.com with questions.

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Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

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Commodore Alan Riley

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Past Commodore Charles (Chuck) Hendrick

Secretary Ray Valpey

Treasurer Shelley Conti

Race Fleet Captain Dwight Motz

Assistant Race Fleet Ross Chamberlain

Past Race Fleet Captain Duane Rubash

Trustees: Sandy Haigh, Leslie Nuttman, Andy Norton, Chris Caudill, Sarah Caudill

Appointed Officers

Cruise Fleet Captain: Steve and Janet Sisson

Social: Debra and Ray Valpey

Webmaster: Duane Rubash Communications Coordinator: Kristie Brame

Membership: Ted and Linda Stryker Historian: Carol Jones

Ship's Store: Janet Sisson Facebook: Linda Stryker

Records and Roster: Tom Hubbard PHRF Ratings: TBD

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