



Dates to Remember

March

12 Social
16 Islands Race
22-24 Blake
Island Cruise
30 CYCT Double
Handed Race

April

No Barnacle This month!

9 Social
4,11,18,25 TTPYC
Spring Series 1
12-14 Arabellas
Cruise
10, 17, 24, CYCT
Windseekers

May

3-5 Bell Harbor
Cruise
14 Social
2,9,16, 30 TTPYC
Spring Race
Series 2
1,8, 15, 22, 29
Windseekers
CYCT

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Website:

www.ttpyc.org

Facebook:

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

The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Commodore Steve Foss

Our social/ semi-annual business meeting held at Angelo's was a rousing success. Richard Edel, made a presentation on behalf of the board and finance committee regarding our financial position and offered suggestions as to how we should proceed in order to improve the club's financial health. It was clear that part of our financial difficulties arose from not indexing our dues to inflation, as the previous adjustment had been made in the year 2004. Inflation during this period was 3.12%. A motion was made to amend the by-laws and increase the dues to \$150.00, and a subdued discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the business part of the meeting social director Lynda Stryker entertained us with a very interesting and fun game of Get to Know You Bingo that was informative and provided for a lot of interaction between the attendees.

Check the racing news section for details, Les Chevaux Blancs, Blue Max, Solitaire, Work Release, Seabiscuit, Equus, Frolic and others have all participated in area races including the Harbor Series conducted by our neighbors, the CYCT as well as the Southern Sound Series.

Spring is almost on us, and the Spring/ Summer racing and cruising activities will be beginning in March.

Check the Race and Cruise sections for information and the schedule.

Steve



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Social Committee

Doug Andrews and Linda Stryker

Co-Chairs

Angelo's of Burien

Happy Hour 5PM

Dinner 6PM

Program 7PM



March 12th An RBAW representative will come share the updates and progress made in the boating legislation world. Things like vessel tax, bottom paint code, refurbished marinas, derelict vessel reporting, etc.

April 9th A member of the Hydroplane Museum will come and reminisce about the Miss Burien, and the other stars of our historic hydroplane racing events.

May 14th - We will hear from our SR3 folks about their sea mammal rehabilitation program.

June 10 -Michael Hamilton will give a presentation on his trip to the Pacific Islands.

Hope to see you there!

Racing News

Ross Chamberlain, Race Fleet Captain, Work Release

Michael Hamilton, Assistant Race Fleet Captain, Amidala

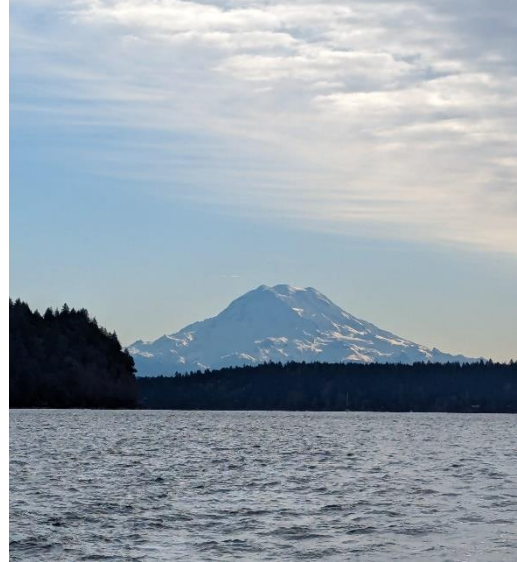


The second and third races of the CYCT Harbor Series are complete. While the official series results are not yet posted, TTPYC's Les Chevaux Blancs and Solitaire made a strong showing throughout the series and will most likely find a place on the podium. Well done.

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The Toliva Shoals race was held February 17. Equus, Les Chevaux Blancs, Blue Max, Seabisquit and Work Release made the trip to Olympia. The crisp clear day Friday for the delivery provided excellent views of the mountains. The race began with modest winds and drizzle in Budd Inlet. After a few hours the precipitation subsided as did the wind. The race shortened at the Toliva Shoal marker.



The 2024 race book is published on the website.

https://www.ttpyc.org/_files/ugd/2da82e_bf3d3d4bd8be40e9ae763617be67bd5e.pdf. Please give this a review before racing. Notable changes for 2024:

- Cruising class will not use handicaps and be scored on elapsed time.
- An orange flag on the race committee boat will define the boat end of the start and finish line.

The TTPYC Spring Series begins Thursday April 4. There will be a practice session on Monday April 1 at 6:30. A start line will be set at K mark. We will do a few starts followed by a race to the A or L mark. This is a great opportunity to train crew and just have fun. No registration, just show up and be on CH 72. There will also be a practice session on Monday April 29.

The Spring Regatta is Saturday April 20. This will be a full day of racing. Wind permitting, we will try to have 4 or 5 races. Details are on the racing page and race book. Thanks to Frolic for stepping forward as Race Committee.

Links to register for each series/regatta are on the club racing page:

<https://www.ttpyc.org/racing>

The relaunching process for "C" mark is underway. Dwight Motz has designed the anchoring/ground tackle system like that used for "A" mark last year. The aim is to have it in the water before racing begins.

A goal for 2024 is to increase the number of boats participating in races and provide opportunities for those who want to crew. Doing so is good for our sport, our racing program and TTPYC. Each one of us can help by encouraging our dock mates to come out and race their boats. Tom Hubbard has placed posters around the marina to promote our racing. As for crew, we have individuals signing up via our website looking to crew. We need your help to get them involved. The names of those wanting to crew will be forwarded to our skippers.

We have 18 events this season and will need everyone's help to support the schedule by volunteering for at least one race committee date. See race book page 11 for scoring a boat performing RC duties in a series. Please sign-up on this Google Doc: <https://shorturl.at/tzLV2> Please invite the folks from the crew list to be on your committee boat, it is great experience.

Looking forward to a safe and fun 2024 racing season!

Questions? Ross 513 708 5683

Cruising News

Christa and Dwight Motz, Co-Chairs

With the boat show behind us and Spring on the way we turn our thoughts to the start of another great TTPYC cruising season!

Dwight & Christa are looking for another couple willing to co-host our season opening cruise to Blake Island. We have the shelter reserved for activities on Saturday evening so remember to bring your firewood contribution.

Just so you know the budget tightening realities are with us this year for our cruising activities. The club has allotted \$200.00 per cruise (\$1,000.00 for the 5 cruises) to support rental fees for shelters or any other administrative fees. Depending on the destination, that doesn't leave much/any money for the hosts to use for food or drink. So, the event host may have a small amount of funds available to use for the specific cruise. Expect most events to be BYOB and Potluck events with a theme.



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2024 Cruise Season Schedule:

Blake Island Cruise

March 22nd through March 24th

Co Host: Christa and Dwight Motz and



Come join us for the cruise opener for the 2024 season at Blake Island. We have reserved the picnic shelter on the Point for Saturday PM, but moorage is on a first come first served basis.

<https://parks.wa.gov/find-parks/state-parks/blake-island-marine-state-park>

The harbor is well sheltered from Southerlies and because its early in the season, it's usually not too crowded. Blake Island offers lots of trail hikes and some sea glass collecting.

Beach Trash Collection Contest on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 PM. Bring a compostable bag to collect your treasure.

PLEASE BRING A COUPLE BUNDLES OF FIREWOOD per boat for campfires.

The weekend plan is for a no host Happy Hour on Friday pm starting around 5:30 PM on the dock. If the weather is foul, we will seek shelter in the biggest boats. It will be BYOB and please bring an appetizer to share.

Saturday, starting at 5:30 we will gather at the shelter for a potluck dinner and games to follow. We ask you to bring a delicious POTLUCK item (like main, sides and veggies) with serving utensil, your own plate & utensils. The host will supply cups, wine and some non-alcoholic options.

We will have S'more fix- ins for dessert!

RSVP would be appreciated by email (bubba5557@gmail.com). Let us know when you plan to arrive.

The more the merrier so please join us.

See you there, Dwight (253-670-0425) Christa (253-670-0426).

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Arabella's Landing Marina Gig Harbor

April 12th through April 14th

Emmelie & Ben Stewart & Tina and Bud Musselman

All slip reservations are done online. We have reserved the Netshed (Clubhouse) for Friday (half day) and Saturday (all day).



To reserve a slip -

- Go to Arabella's Landing Marina website www.arabellaslanding.com
- Select the Book Reservation button under "overnight moorage information" then enter the club's event code (ttypcapr2024) and select dates April 12-14th to view available slips.
- Follow the steps to make a slip reservation and provide payment for the moorage. You will be able to view slips held, but not yet reserved by another club member.
- These slips will be held for the club until 5 days before the scheduled arrival date on Friday, April 12, 2024, after which they become available to the general public. Club participants may continue to reserve slips without using the event code, if slips are still available.
- When you make your reservations, you will receive a confirmation email noting:
- Payment: 100% of moorage cost is due at time of booking Cancellations: Must cancel by the date in the slip confirmation email to receive a refund for the entirety of the reservation period, less \$10.00 processing fee

Here is the schedule for the weekend:

Friday

1:00 PM to ... Boats Arrive

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Happy Hour Signature Drinks Supplied. Bring a small appetizer to share. Dinner on your own

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Saturday

Breakfast and Lunch on your own

4:30 BYOB Happy Hour

5:30 Italian Main Course Provided,
Bring a Salad or Dessert

Sunday

8:00 AM Breakfast on your own



Notes:

Hosts: Tina and Bud Musselman & Emmelie and Ben Stewart

Rendezvous Theme: Mediterranean Holiday

Guests will be asked to either bring an Italian or Mediterranean (Greek) dessert or salad for Saturday's dinner and an appetizer for Friday's Happy Hour. Once you have made your slip reservation, please email Ben Stewart (bstew1944@comcast.net) with your slip number and the Saturday salad or dessert you are bringing. If you are coming by car to the Saturday dinner, please drop us an email so we can plan the quantities for dinner. Thanks.

Bell Harbor Marina Seattle

May 3rd through May 5th

Host: Carol Jones and company

Bell Harbor Marina Seattle

Great destination with so many attractions and eateries.

<https://www.portseattle.org/maritime/bell-harbor-marina>

Join us again for the Bell Harbor/ Cinco de Mayo cruise and opening day of boating season on May 3, 2024 to May 5, 2024.

*****You will be responsible for making your own moorage reservations for this cruise.**

We have 14 slips reserved. ***

More information will be provided at a later date.



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Port Orchard Marina

June 14th through June 16th

Co Hosts: **Mick and Candy Rice and Janet and Steve Sisson**

Thought it would be fun to go somewhere new!
Port Orchard is a fun town with a lot to offer



Port of Poulsbo Marina

September 20th through September 22nd

Host Needed

By popular request we have changed our September 2024 cruise plans to visit the Port of Poulsbo instead of Longbranch. The date for this cruise remains the same, Sept 20-22. **For**

reservations purposes we need to come up with a fairly accurate count of boats and boat length/beam so we can insure that we have appropriate accommodations. We will be reserving the floating multi-purpose room and the party float for use by club members.

Please take a moment to respond to all and if there is greater than a 50% chance that you will attend this specific event, give us a yes and the length and beam of your boat. Those not attending need not reply.

Should be a fun time and Poulsbo is a great destination with lots to do in the quaint town.

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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.

Editor's Note: Next month there won't be a Barnacle. This edition contains all the dates for events for March and April. Don and I are planning an extended vacation to visit family and friends from Mid-March through the end of April. The Barnacle will return in May... maybe a few days late! Kristie

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!

WE understand that grams gift closet is no longer providing our burgees. If you need one, contact 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 \$24.75 Large costs \$28.75

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.



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EXTRAS

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

Commodore Steve's Blog Post

It's Sunday, February 25, 2024, and as I sit here at my desk with the wind beginning to blow, (the prediction is for gusts in the 30's), I can't help but remember an event that happened while in the Sea of Cortez a couple of years ago. Covid was waning and we were once again free to return to Loreto and wake up Ørn, (our Tartan 37) which had been moored on a double tether in the protected harbor of Puerto Escondido for a period of almost a year.



Before starting this adventure, leaving Puget Sound, making the great left turn down the Pacific Coast, I equipped Ørn with an HF radio and obtained my ham General license (KI7WKW). It was one of the smartest moves that I have ever made.



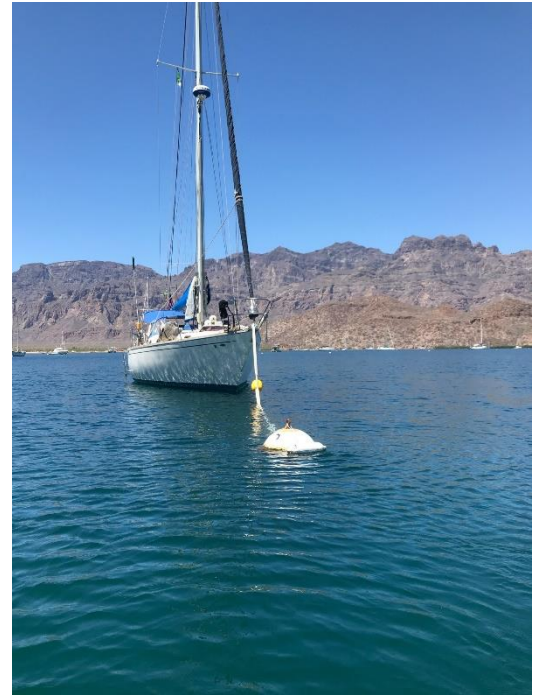
There are several amateur ham radio nets that provide boat following and weather briefing services to vessels operating in Mexican waters. Among those is the Chubasco net. A group of experienced and mostly retired boaters, these folks are on the radio early every morning.

Waking up our boat turned out to be a more daunting task than we anticipated. And it took the greater part of my son's two-week vacation to deal with various problems that cropped up. Finally, we departed for Isla Carmen and Punta Colorado, where we anchored for the night.

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The following morning, I tuned up my radio and connected with the Chubasco net. After I checked in, and told them where we were, a conversation began. A retired boater named Dave, speaking from Arizona, told me that we were in a very beautiful place and that he had visited there many times. He even pointed out a nice beach for picnicking and told us about a sea cave nearby. Then he said, "you better check your anchor and get a good book, because the wind is going to blow upwards of 40 knots and you're going to be stuck there for about four days". Another operator broke in and added, according to Buoy Weather .com it was beginning to blow just north of us.



Yikes! It was Saturday, and we had flight reservations for Monday. I started the motor, pulled the anchor, unfurled the genoa and headed downwind to Puerto Escondido. An hour later, as we crossed the channel towards the protected bay of Puerto Escondido, the wind was blowing in the high twenties.



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Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

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Commodore Steve Foss

Vice Commodore Sarah Caudill

Past Commodore Alan Riley

Secretary Ray Valpey

Treasurer Shelley Conti

Race Fleet Captain Ross Chamberlain

Assistant Race Fleet Michael Hamilton

Past Race Fleet Captain Dwight Motz

Trustees: Dwight Motz, Chuck Hendrick, Chris Caudill, Andy Norton, Liam Burke

Appointed Officers

Cruise Fleet Captain: Dwight and Christa Motz

Social: Doug Andrews and Linda Stryker

Webmaster: Duane Rubash 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*

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