



Dates to
Remember

June
8, 15, 22, 29
Early Summer
Races

June 9, 10, 11
Bainbridge
Cruise

June 13
Monthly Social
@ Angelos

July 9 to 26
Informal cruises
to the San
Juans

July 6, 13, 20, 27
Late Summer
Races

July: No
Barnacle this
month.

September 16
Commodores
Race and Social

Keep up to date !

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The Barnacle

Commodore's Corner

Commodore Alan Riley

On Cinco de Mayo I headed north on Pendragon for the Bell Harbor cruise. It rained all the way and my auto pilot failed so was unable to get under cover. I arrived cold wet and miserable but after some dry clothes and adult beverages my mood improved considerably, and the weekend improved from there.

Kathy joined me early on Saturday morning at the Seattle Yacht Club where we had the honour of representing TTPYC at the Opening Day Ceremony. The rain held off and after breakfast and the Opening Ceremony we enjoyed a great day on the water watching the rowing races followed by the parade of boats through the Montlake Cut. The Windemere Cup, the high spot of the rowing events, saw the UW eight vanquish the visiting Australian eight by a good margin. Oh well!

After the day at SYC we returned to Bell Harbor for the potluck and returned to Des Moines on Sunday. The sun came out, my auto pilot recovered, and we enjoyed a pleasant sail south. Thanks to Carol, Chris and Sonni for a super weekend.

On Tuesday the 9th we were treated to another fine evening at Angelos with a presentation by Casey McLean from SR3 (Sealife Response, Rehab, and Research), the organization housed in the facility at the southeast corner of the Des Moines Marina car park. Thanks Ray and Debra for your organization.

Now we are seeing warmer days and more sunshine. The docks are coming to life as people ready their boats for summer on the Sound. I have



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nearly finished my projects for the off season and am champing at the bit to get out on the water. Hope to see you there.

Stay safe,

Alan

*Social Committee
Ray and Debra Valpey
Co-Chairs*

**Second Tuesday Social/ Educational/ Scuttlebutt
Soiree**

Time & Place: THE USUAL

(June 13, 2023; 5:30 PM social; 6:00 PM dinner; 7:00 PM program; Angelo's Restaurant, Burien)

IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND BY ZOOM, CONTACT RAY OR DEBRA AT LEAST A DAY AHEAD. (rayvalpey@gmail.com)

This month, we will hear from our very own Commodore Alan about his personal trials and tribulations attendant to the construction of a dinghy. It should be a hoot. And educational, too.

See you there!

Ray & Debra Valpey

Social/Education Chairs



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Racing News

Dwight Motz Race Fleet Captain

Ross Chamberlain, Assistant Race Fleet Captain

Hurrah! Summer Race weather is finally upon us, and the last two week of May racing have provided warmer temperatures, sunshine, fresh breezes occasional mixed with extended periods of dead calm. As you all know, it certainly tests one's patience and sailing skills when you're trying to move the boat in a 2-knot breeze against a 1.0 knot current. Just another evening of fun on the South Sound.



The 2023 Swiftsure Race will be history by the time you read this article. Peter Stewart and Cherokee raced through the night in some very strong (40+) winds. Cherokee finished safely and placed 26 out of 45 boats finishing in class. Well done Cherokee!

The 2023 R2AK Race kicks off on June 5 out of Port Townsend. Race to Alaska page on FB and the r2ak.com website has tracking and event pictures and updates. We will be following Team "We Brake For Whales" with friends aboard a beautiful custom Lyman Morse 40 as they make their way to Ketchikan, AK.

The last of our Spring Series races happens on June 1st and then it onward to our Summer Series 1 that starts on June 8th. Summer Series 2 goes thru July 27th.

This year we will resurrect the TTPYC Commodore's Trophy Race and that is scheduled for September 16th. We are also making plans to follow the race with a club social to be held immediately following the race. Details to follow.

Stay safe and we hope to see you out on the water.

Wondering about the orange water?

Alan Riley shared this link.

<https://b-townblog.com/photos-heres-why-the-waters-off-burien-was-reddish-orange-and-stunk-really-bad-this-week/>

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Cruising News

Steve and Janet Sisson, Co-Chairs

We are half way through the club's cruising schedule. If you were fortunate to attend the Bell Harbor cruise, you were treated to a good time. Hosted by the Joneses, they went overboard in showing us a good time. On June 9-11 this team is hosting another cruise. Come to Bainbridge Island and participate.

HobbEs may travel to the San Juan/Gulf Islands between approximately July 9th and 26th. Maybe we'll see you there?

Steve and Janet Sisson

[Here is our 2023 Cruising Schedule.](#)

- 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

Bell Harbor 2023 Recap

We had a good turnout for our Bell Harbor/Cinco de Mayo cruise. The weather actually cooperated for the most part. The marina was very accommodating with letting us use their 2 tents and tables. The margaritas were very popular as was all of the wonderful appetizers Friday evening. Everyone was on their own for most of the day but of course we met for a great potluck in the evening. Alan Riley and his wife Kathy represented TTPYC at the opening day of boating season at the Seattle Yacht Club. The following boats that attended the Bell Harbor cruise were: *Amazing Grace*, *Pendragon*, *Saga*, *Salish Mermaid*, *Equus*, *Frolic*, *Down Time*, *Brigadoon*, *Seabiscuit*, *Journey*, *Samba Two*, *HobbEs*. The Valpeys also arrived via their land yacht. Hope to see a lot of boats at our next cruise in June to Winslow City dock on Bainbridge Island.



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TTPYC

Bainbridge Island Cruise



June 9th – 11th

Wineries, amazing restaurants, farmers' market, & shopping! Come join us for the weekend at Bainbridge Island's public dock. There will be plenty of fun to be had! We have 100 ft of moorage space available to our club, moorage is a first come first serve, you can also tie up to any available public space

Agenda:

June 9th

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Happy Hour

Bring a sharable appetizer

*Blind wine tasting (see note below)

Dinner on your own

June 10th

Explore the town on your own

6:00 PM - Potluck

June 11th

Depart

*Blind wine tasting competition: We ask that you bring a bottle of your choice less than \$25 in value. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 wines.

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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> .

Welcome New Members!

NEW MEMBER PROFILE: Brian and Janice Newman

Brian and Janis have joined the Three Tree Yacht Club while not currently owning a boat. Brian owned a 22-foot open Boston Whaler type boat in the Florida Keys, back in the 80's. He never officially named the boat but admits to calling it his "reef beater" because he enjoyed exploring the mangrove swamps in it.

He describes a powerful boating experience harkening back to his time in the Navy on a destroyer. The ship was steaming through two converging typhoons in the Western Pacific on a 560" destroyer. They spent several days trying to sail out of the colliding storms while punching through 60" swells, burying the bow of the ship along with it 15" tall forward gun mount, over, and over, and over again! For five days the seamen were not allowed to open any hatches, and were ordered light general quarters, which meant closed compartments throughout the vessel.

Other than that, it is always a special time when he is out on the water where there is nothing but the sound of wind and the water lapping against the hull of the boat. It's a bonus to see marine life, and it is especially extra special to be sailing at sunset.

His sailing conversion is rather recent. He just started sailing in October of 2022, and has enthusiastically taken sailing class 101, 103, and is currently taking navigation 105. He will soon start 104 and 114 about open water catamaran sailing. He jumped at the opportunity to be on the PSSI committee boat during a race and began to feel the pull of the racing world.

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He spent 6 years in the Navy, serving in San Diego, Lake Michigan, Norfolk, RA and 1 ½ year at Roosevelt Rhodes in Puerto Rico, followed by three years on the destroyer. Then he put in 16 years as a DOD contractor with electrical engineering experience, and managed to live near the Adriatic, Mediterranean, England and Italy - all while drawn to water. In total, he has lived in or visited 36 countries. He feels it is unfortunate that after having a boat so long ago in Florida, he never bumped into anyone in the sailing crowd. The 16 years that followed were spent in Montana (where he grew up), where he transitioned to a startup software development company. Although he enjoyed a long list of outdoor activities available in the Rocky Mountains, he and his wife, Janis (a UW Alumni) decided to retire and move to the Seattle area where he is thoroughly enjoying going all in with sailing. Janis has a background in Pharmacy. Currently they live out in Maple Valley and are enjoying serious gardening.

They chose to join the TTPYC after Brian signed up for the PSSI racing class with Ross Chamberlain, which included 4 races with TTPYC. After studying all the course material, then reading the TTPYC website from end to end, he felt the club culture along with the racing, cruising, and social events were a good fit. He is looking forward to being an active club participant this summer and beyond.

Welcome Brian and Janis.

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.

Membership Outreach

Council Advisory Committee

Congratulations to Kersten Hubbard on her appointment to the Des Moines Council Advisory Committee representing marina tenants. As the council moves forward on the redevelopment of the marina, we are proud to have a TTPYC member representing our interests!

Outreach to Young Sailors/ Boaters

Our Yacht Club is considering how we can use some Club funds to further support getting more young people connected to boating, and would like ideas from others in the club. Perhaps a "day on the boats" with our club hosting the kids from the Maritime High School, or perhaps a scholarship to sailing lessons, or a service project done jointly? Lots of ideas.

If you have thoughts on how we can further boating and club membership, please contact Doug Andrews or Linda Stryker with your ideas.

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



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Boat For Sale

Longtime member, Jerry Stephenson, has moved to Florida (Margaritaville!) and is selling his boat. For more information, follow the link below.

Delphia 33 For Sale, 33'0", 2007 https://seattle.boatshed.com/delphia_33-boat-315264.html

Need a new dinghy or a fun small boat?

Achilles LSI-310E Sport Tender inflatable (10'2"). Brand new, never touched water. All accessories. Gray. \$2700.00. Contact Sandy Haigh 360-920-2732

EXTRAS

Bell Harbor



Opening Day



Steve and Janet in the Opening Day parade



Alan at Seattle Yacht Club, Opening Ceremony

Editor's Note: The Barnacle isn't published in July.... The editor and writers take a month off! It will return in August with news about our exciting fall schedule.

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Officers for Three Tree Point Yacht Club

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Commodore Alan Riley

Vice Commodore Steve Foss

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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