

Ship-to-Shore

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March Meeting: Jeff Madrigali, North Sails

It's a great time in your boat life. You have updated *everything* on your boat and now it's time for your sails. Want to learn how sails are made today? Come and listen to Jeff Madrigali, a sail maker with North Sails. Jeff will be bringing a video on sail making to go along with his talk.

Jeff has been a sail maker for 31 years and a professional sailor for 15 years. He is a two time US Olympia, 1996 and 2000 Soling Class, a 1996 bronze medal winner, 2000 Soling would champion, 1997 Maxi world champion, sailed in 12 Transpac Races, four First to Finish two overall race wins, and 8 class wins. Jeff has also been a multiple national and North American Champion in many one design class, J-24, Etchells, Laser, Moore 24, Santana 35, Star, Farr 40, Mumm 30, Melges 32,, Melges 24, 11 Meter, One Design 35, One Design 48 and Mumm 36. With all this experience Jeff will not only give you good information on sail design, he will have a bunch of stories for us.



Starting the Toliva Shoal Race photo: Peggy O'Brien
More Toliva Shoal photos by Barbara on line

Bill Hutchinson, *Mystify*

IF YOU ARE PARKING AT OYC FOR THE MEETING SIGN IN AT THE DOOR.

Commodore's Corner: Many Hands Make Light Work

How does a forty-five dollar a year club have quality weekly activities? The answer: volunteers and partnerships. Case in point: the Toliva Shoal Weekend. Under the tireless leadership of Don Waterhouse we pulled it off again.

Part of my job is to worry. Since the event is the major fundraiser for Youth Sailing in Olympia, we need to do what we can to encourage the next generation of boaters. I spent the week prior to the Toliva Race gathering raffle items. Thanks to the generosity of West Marine in Olympia, Helly Hansen in Centralia, and the publishers of Northwest Boating guides and Waggoner's guides, I was not empty handed. Unbeknownst to me, others had been busy assembling raffle items too. Together, with the generosity of other businesses. we produced a treasure trove of raffle items that made the raffle a success to all involved.

When I arrived at the yacht club the evening of the dinner and raffle, everything was nicely set up, but there were only a few out-of-town racers hanging around. The kitchen crew was well into day two of the preparations for the benefit dinner. A massive display of beef was prepared, but had not made it into the oven. Will it be ready in time? Of course! Not only was yet another fine dinner produced, but over 150 hungry folks showed up to devour virtually everything. After that excellent dinner, the kitchen crew did it again for breakfast! In total the fearless kitchen crew logged many hours of kitchen time, not counting the menu-planning and shopping. I should learn not to worry!

Thanks again for the small army of volunteers that put on the best gathering in the Southern Sound Series. Thanks also to our co-hosts at the Olympia Yacht Club, the fine Race

Skookum Inlet Race
March 2

Board Meeting
March 5

Examining the New Rules
March 10
ViewPoint Room

General Meeting
North Sails
March 12

Visitors Welcome
Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900

Islands Race GHYC
March 16
last Southern Sound Series race

Dinghy Racing Meeting
March 21
1830 Westbay

Hope Island Cruise
March 23-4

Star Meeting/Potluck
March 24
Bill's

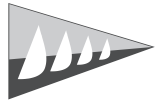
Maclean Memorial Race
March 30

Star Launch
March 31

Board Meeting
April 2

General Meeting
Richard Hazelton
April 9

Visitors Welcome
Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900



Committee and their support crew. When we are looking for volunteers, don't be shy, the Club is what we make it. See you on the water.

Richard Bigley, Osa

Toliva : Short and Sweet

The 2013 edition of the Toliva Shoal Race is in the books. The first year that I had the opportunity to be Race Committee Chair I coined the phrase Toliva, the Race Around the South Sound. Well this year we race around, but due to the lack of wind and strong adverse current the race was shortened at Johnson Point on the outbound leg. I didn't hear single complaint that such a short race should have been longer. There was plenty of sailing that took place in the 7.5 NM that lay between starting area at Olympia Shoal and Johnson Point at the end of Dana Passage.

The volunteers from SSSS and OYC put on such a good time for Toliva that even in a year that the race itself is a little trying, the racers still have a great time. The party Friday night was another success with food, fun and prizes raising money for youth sailing. Everybody was having a great time and enjoying the night. Thanks to the galley crew for another wonderful dinner. Thanks to the guys manning the libations, making sure there was fun flowing, but not too much fun.

Race day arrived with the weather that was predicted, light winds and fair skies. The PRO, Norm Smit wisely delayed the start of the race waiting for the morning sun to stir the atmosphere and generate any kind of breeze. After about a half hour delay the race was under way. The racers could tell what kind of day they were in for looking north to Dofflemeyer Point and seeing a fog bank laying just beyond into Dana Passage. The racers had to make a choice right at the starting area, which side of Budd Inlet was going to have the best conditions. Most of the racers chose the eastern shore looking for any advantage they could find. The racers

that went left to the western side made out just as well as those who went east.

What breeze there was let up before the racers could get into Dana Passage, so short taking the shore was going to be necessary to stay out of adverse current. The majority of the racers chose to stay on the southern shore, short taking near the beach. As the racers short tacked and were in close proximity to shore, there were



Aboard *Maranatha*, Toliva Shoal Race photo: Barbara Emmons
More Tolivas Shoal photos by Barbara on line

numerous reports of racers getting a little too close and temporary grounding during a tack. The short tacking duels played on all the way to the finish area at Johnson Point.

The Race Committee boat was on station and accepting finishers, much to the delight of racers that had to put in much more racing in a shorter span than usual. Many of the racers from north of Olympia transferred to boats returning back to Olympia so their boat could make the shorter delivery back. The racers that I talked to back at Olympia Yacht Club said that they had a great time and were happy to get in a race under such trying conditions.

Congratulations to the crew of *Uno*, for First to Finish and First Overall. Thanks to all the volunteers that put on the event that is Toliva Shoal Race. Thanks to all the racers that come and enjoy a great time on and off the water. This year's Toliva was short and sweet.

Don Waterhouse

RC Report

I am writing this just after completing the Toliva Shoal Race which provided some light air challenges on a beautiful day. Although the winds were light there was enough breeze to short tack the south side of Dana Passage and avoid the strong flood current. We finally made it to a welcome finish line at Johnson Point. The shortened course was not a disappointment since I wanted to pick-up the temporary SSSS Z mark which was used for the McAlister Creek Race. It was anchored between

Johnson Point and Zittle's Marina. After the race it was just a short motor to pick up the buoy and then head for home.

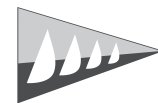
While the Eld Inlet Race and Toliva Shoal were light wind affairs, the McAlister Creek race provided racers the opportunity to air things out as the wind blew steadily over 10 knots from start to finish. The southerly provided many boats with an opportunity for the rare experience to single tack the entire length of Dana Passage. Decade best records were set for the full length

course when both *Nirvana* and *Flying Circus* beat the old corrected course time set by *Bodacious* in 2009 and most of the D Class boats led by *Sassy* smashed the record time set in 2008 for the shorter 17 mile D class course. I spent an enjoyable day helping the RC boat, *Genesis*, with Alan Niles and his crew. We had a nice day watching the starting sequence. We hardly had time for lunch when the first boats were crossing the finishing line at 1230. Alan took a good video of the PHRF fleet start and many photos are posted on-line.

The Rules Seminar will be held in the WestBay Viewpoint Room on Sunday March 10th and I will have copies of the new 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing available for sale at the seminar. The cost is only \$15.00 which is 50% of the retail price. Norm Smit will provide a capsule review of the changes we should expect when we implement the new rules next summer.

I received a quite a few Crew Award nominations for first place boats in the Island Series and presentations were made at the February Meeting. Remember you can nominate a crew person for any first place finishes in the Inlet Races or for first overall in a series.

Joel Rett, *Maranatha* & *LoneStar*



Rules Seminar, March 10

1230 at Viewpoint Room,
Westbay

It is a new cycle for the Racing Rules of Sailing. You need to get the new rule book for the next four years. There have been some changes to the definitions, the rules of Part C that pertain to marks and obstructions, and a few other changes that are not important to every day racing.

We will go over the rule changes, discuss why they were made, and then discuss how the rules apply at different locations on the race course. Come on out and have lunch at Tugboat Annie's and join us for an afternoon of rules.

**Norman Smit, Protest
Chair**

SSSS will have rule books for sale, \$15, which

Portsmouth Race Meeting

The Dinghy Fleet annual spring meeting will be Thursday, March 21st at 1830 in the View Point

Room at West Bay Marina. Anyone that is at all interested in dinghy racing, from watching, to racing, to being on the committee boat, to ??? please come to the meeting. Among other things we will be discussing ways to improve the racing and increase the fun level. Every year we come up with the new thing and I have no idea what that will be this year. We will also be discussing the new dock addition and bringing everyone up to speed on where we are on that project.

In case you're interested in racing your dinghy this summer, we race every other Thursday night, starting at 1830 in Budd Inlet just north of KGY and Anthony's Hearth Fire Restaurant. If you are the slightest bit interested contact me to get more of the specifics, look us up on line, or you can just show up on the water and we'll take it from there.

Jim Findley, *Night Wind / Not Sirius / and others*

Cruise News

JARRELL COVE CRUISE
MARCH 23-24

It's beginning to look a lot like spring and by the time the end of March rolls around, we should all be itchin' for a place to cruise. And we have one for you. If you've never been, Jarrell Cove is a very special place at the northwest corner of Hartstene Island. Also if you've never been, don't try to make it under the



Flying Circus ferrying crew, Toliva Shoal Race photo: Jim Findley

Hartstene Bridge unless you know it's height and the height of your rig. One will be bigger than the other and it's important that you get it right.

Hartstene Island is bordered on the north by a quite large state park with water and even showers. We'll have our potluck at one of the shelters again this year. There's a large dock which can hold a number of boats, also there are several buoys, and the anchorage is sticky and protected.

Plan on sailing up on Saturday. Happy hour will begin at 1700, or sooner depending on personal preference, with the potluck promptly at 1800. In the past we've used the small shelter at the top of the ramp but this year we might shoot for the larger one up the trail and to the left of the parking area. You can't miss it.

Sunday morning, weather permitting, take some time to explore the park and walk around the island a bit. See you all there.

ISLAND HOME CRUISE

Another super successful joint cruise to Island Home. Island Home is the outpost of Olympia Yacht Club. It's a beautiful little island just south of the Hartstene Island Bridge off Pickering Road in Shelton. There is a great clubhouse with a large kitchen and recreation room that easily accommodated our rather large group. There a large outdoor area with a shelter, horseshoe pit, walking trails, and benches from where to sit and look across at the

unspoiled beauty of Hope and Squaxin Islands.

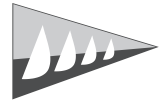
About ¼ of the boats in attendance made the trip out on Friday. We did some mingling and partook of an abundance of hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday was spent socializing, reading, lounging about, playing games, playing music, and generally just soaking-up the ambiance and comradery. We did have the boat bingo game going and around 1800 settled into the fabulous pot luck. Then, for the evening's entertainment, Rod and Susan's friend Melodee

taught a swing dancing class. All seemed to enjoy it, certainly the dancers, but I'm sure the observers as well.

Sunday morning a small but dedicated cooking crew whipped up a fabulous breakfast consisting of eggs, sausage, fruit, and fabulous French Toast.

All in all, another great time at a fabulous location. We're very lucky to be invited to such a wonderful place by our friends at OYC, especially now that they've made it officially an annual event. I encourage all our Members to seriously consider joining the Yacht Club. They're a great group, very generous and gracious, and certainly offer many benefits including their Island Home outpost and marina facilities. They do have memberships and slips available at a fraction of what you're probably paying now. They even have a membership special going if you hurry. So please do look into joining.



Special thanks to Barb, Suzie, Suzy, Joyce, Richard, Marti, Myra, Micki, Ann, The Musicians, and especially Melodee who came out of retirement to teach us lubbers a dance step or two.

Boats in attendance: *Vintage, Voyager, Inati, Rob Roy, LaForza, Midnight Blue, Balder, Brass Ring, Nightwind, PenOziequah, Loon, D'Lavicea, Mongie Lee, Pax, Mischief, Jabiroo, Osa, Rushwind, Voyageur, Pandora, Maya, Penguin, Kaydee Marie, Kiss Intel II, Sunday's Child, Dawn Treader, Starbright, Passages, Swirl II, Windswept, and Liberte.* Special recognition goes to the wise few boaters who are members of both clubs

Glen & Ann Helman,
Midnight Blue

Perfect Race Attendance

As of the Toliva Shoal Race, two boats have made every race and are, if they keep it up through Spring Series, eligible for the Perfect Attendance Award. They are *Releaf* and *I 5*.

The Bounty Sinking

The *Bounty*, a replica of that famous ship, was lost, along with her skipper, in an Atlantic hurricane a couple years ago. The CG is now holding hearings on the sinking.

There are questions as to why her skipper put to sea in the face of the forecasts. Others did not. However the crew, who were rescued, firmly support their skipper's decision.

The hearing has found that there was extensive rot. The yard manager advised against leaving the yard. The skipper made arrangements to come back for repairs, when they had the money.

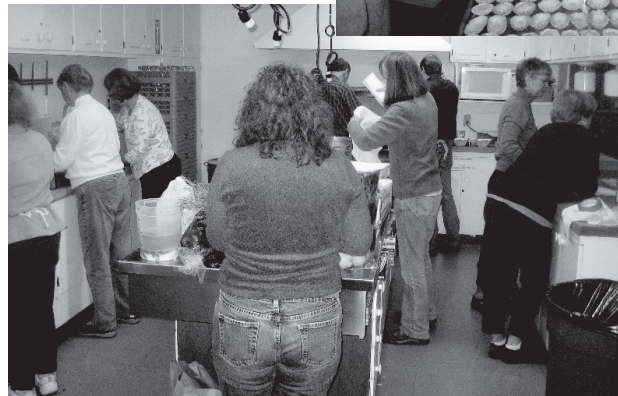
The crew knew about the rot. Many of them were doing the work in the yard. They blame the owner for lack of funding. He has refused to testify.

The hearing continues.

Southern Sound Series Rep Report: Toliva Shoal

Not a spinnaker in Sight! Approximately 70 boats reported to the starting line at Olympia Shoal in a dying southern breeze to be greeted by the postponement flag. Sailors wondered if there was going to be a race if the weather predictions would hold true: no rain and no wind. Thirty minutes later a northerly whisper of wind worked its way down Budd Inlet and the Cruising Classes started at 1005. The thick fog could be seen near Boston Harbor, but the sun burned it off before any of the racers arrived.

The northerly held and sometimes built to five knots and then dropped off to around three knots. Racers tacked their way to Boston Harbor into Dana Passage. Around noon most of the fleet had entered Dana Passage and were fighting a



In the kitchen before the Toliva Shoal Race
photo: Steve Worcester

flood current. All held to the south side of the passage and tacking duels began. Those who went too far into the center paid dearly as the flood slowed their progress. Boats that monitored their Velocity Made Good, VMG, to Johnson Point appeared to make the best progress. As the racers zigzagged their way east, one could hear an occasional Starboard! But there were no collisions or harsh words.

The committee boat, under the supervision of the Principle Race Officer, Norm Smit, announced over channel 72 that the race was being shortened at Johnson Point. You could hear sighs of relieve over the water from the racers. Toliva Shoal is over 38 miles and has an 18 hour time limit. There were current predictions of four and five knots with little wind. Most sailors were not looking forward to finishing the race at Zero Dark Thirty in the cold! Good call Race Committee! Results may be found on the ssseries.org web site.

The Cruising Classes showed up in force for this race: Eight in the Commodore Class, spinnaker, and fifteen in the Non Flying Sails class. These classes allow the local boats to enter a longer race and see what It may be like before moving up to the PHRF classes. They start thirty minutes before the PHRF classes which allow them to inspect the entire fleet at they get passed on the course!

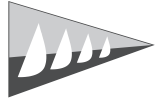
Toliva Shoal was a huge success! Great party and food on Friday night, and a race that was completed before dark in some wind!

The final race of the four-race Southern Sound Series is the Islands Race on 16 March. Sponsored by the Gig Harbor Yacht Club, it is usually conducted in warmer weather with longer days that the other three races. There is free moorage at the City Dock, the one below the huge American Flag pole, and some great places to eat and have a good time. See you in Gig Harbor on 16 March!

KEEPING CREW

Mary Campbell wrote an excellent article in the *Ship-to-Shore* which provided suggestions to the crew on how they could contribute to the smooth operation of the sailboat. On a different tack, listed below are some suggestions the skipper of a PHRF boat could take to make the experience more enjoyable for the crew. The crew is what makes the boat a race boat. Without a crew the skipper is simply single-handed and just managing to survive over the race course.

New Crew member: Invite a new crew member come to the boat about half an hour before the other crew members. Have the new member sign in a guest book with an email or phone number. You now have the contact information you need for the next race or if something was left aboard after the race. It also lets the crew member know you care enough to learn more about him/her. Use this half hour to orient the new member on how the head works; man overboard details; jack lines; first aid kit; sails; flotation devices to include PFD's; anchor; electronics to include the VHF, Chart



plotter, depth sounder, radar, knot meter, anemometer, and light switches; spinnaker pole; sails: where stored and when to use them and any other item you may use during the race.

Provide a place to **store personal gear**. This should be the same location for each race. Perhaps a name tag above the storage area could add a personal touch. This also allows stuff no longer needed on deck to be placed where it can be found quickly when needed again.

Crew Comfort. Some boats with younger crew are able to hang it out on the rail the entire race! For most of our PHRF boats however, the crew may need a break down below. Discuss the food plan; ensure the crew is hydrated before the start; let them know where the snacks, if any, are located along with other drinks. For the longer winter races, it helps if some form of heat can be provided down below. Also it may pay to have an extra set of clothes and bath towel in a waterproof bag in case a crew member becomes soaked! If a crew member becomes cold, send them down below to warm up!

Discuss the race: the course, the currents, the weather, the boat position in the series, the duties each crew member is assigned. On some boats the crew duties are rotated every hour or so. This allows a crew member to helm during a race which may be the only chance they may ever have. Be patient; the crew member only sails on *your boat* once or twice a month and will not be as familiar with it as you. Every time the yacht departs the dock, it becomes a learning experience. Keep the crew in the race by asking their opinions on what should be done next.

Keep the crew informed. Let them know how you did in the race and where we could have improved our experience. Also keep them up-to-date on any changes or improvements made on the boat. Remind them of the next race and after you discover who will be able to make the race, let the rest of the crew know.

Dave Knowlton, Koosah

Star Fleet

Believe it or not it is time to start getting the Stars ready for another season. The Black Star planning is almost completed with a new T-shirt design that will knock your socks off. If you haven't already planned to get your boat in Bill's shop it is time to do so because the first launch is coming up at the end of March. Here are some important dates to put on your calendar.

Rules Seminar: March 10, 1230
Viewpoint Room



15, McAlister Creek Race photo: Alan Niles More McAlister Creek photos by Alan on line

Spring Meeting: March 24, Bill's
First Launch: March 31, West Bay
Second Launch: April 14, West Bay
Kick off the Rust Clinic: April 21, West Bay Marina

Black Star Regatta: April 26- 28, West Bay Marina

We always need help for the Black Star and appreciate all that have helped us in the past and are willing to help out this year.

We look forward to a wonderful year of Star sailing, see you on the water.

Norm Smit, Tantalus, Star 7094

BLACK STAR REGATTA RAFFLE

The Black Star Regatta Raffle is looking fantastic again this year! Tickets

will be on sale at the March and April Meetings as well as the Black Star Regatta dinner. This raffle is the primary way the Budd Inlet Star Fleet raises funds for its operations and support for Youth Sailing. Just a few of the confirmed items include: breakfast and kayaking at Tugboat Annie's, \$50 gift certificate to Olympia Supply, a Fantastic dinner

for six, prepared by Thera Black, ...

We appreciate the support we get from everyone who donates items and purchases tickets! Thanks.

Susan Willis, Mako

South Sound Women's Boating Seminar

Here's a small sampling of the speakers and topics coming to this year's Seminar to whet your appetite:

- Alison Mazon – understanding your boat's electrical systems
- Judy Grable – 'reading' the weather
- Ace Spragg – how tides and currents affect trip planning
- Lynne Reister – cutlass bearings

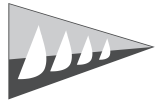
The seminar is Saturday, May 18, at the Olympia Yacht Clubhouse. Doors open at 0800. Registration is \$35, including lunch and a chance to win valuable door prizes.

Great gear, one-on-one tutoring on your own boat, beautiful items by local artists and *more* will be raffled to fund scholarships for the "Girls at the Helm" program hosted by *The Adventuress*. A post-seminar barbecue at the Clubhouse rounds out the day's activities.

For more details or to register online, please visit www.ssssclub.com/wbs.htm.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available; contact Capt. Mary Fitzgerald at (360) 754-1516 for more information regarding sponsorships or donations.

Micki McNaughton, The Stargazer



SSSS Boats at the Toliva Shoal Race

1	Class 10	Gizmo	10 OA
1	Class 9	Strategy	25 OA
2	Class 7	Gayle Force	3 OA
2	Class 8	Mis Conduct	16 OA
2	Class 10	Showtime	20 OA
2	Class 4	Korina-Korina	42 OA
3	Class 5	Silverheels	15 OA
3	Class 10	Kaitlin	34 OA
3	Class 9	Bodacious	42 OA
4	Class 5	McSwoosh	30 OA
4	Class 10	Beep Beep	39 OA
5	Class 6	Flying Circus	19 OA
5	Class 8	I 5	36 OA
5	Class 10	Pandora	43 OA
6	Class 7	Skookum	31 OA
6	Class 8	Mystify	37 OA
6	Class 10	Genesis	46 OA
8	Class 6	Lightly Salted	40 OA
8	Dnyo 7	Skookum	47 OA
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DNC	Class 10	Mariah	
1	Cruising NFS	Folie A Deux	
2	Cruising NFS	Koosah	
3	Cruising NFS	Balder	
4	Cruising NFS	Maranatha	
6	Cruising NFS	Vintage	
7	Cruising NFS	Mongie Lee	
8	Cruising NFS	Osa	
10	Cruising NFS	Boru	
11	Cruising NFS	Aquila	
12	Cruising NFS	Aeolian	
13	Cruising NFS	Releaf	
14	Cruising NFS	Gray Wolf	
DNF	Cruising NFS	Endless Summer	
DNF	Cruising NFS	Sidetrack	
1	Commodore	Sarah Jane	
2	Commodore	String Games	
5	Commodore	Spiff	
6	Commodore	Rushwind	
7	Commodore	Steamy Windows	

Teams

at Toliva : total

SSSS-2 : 85/3rd : 233/3rd
Bodacious, I 5, Showtime

SSSS-1; 110/2th : 372/7th
Korina-Korina, Skookum, Mystify

If I missed someone, please tell me.

The Web Site Moved

SSSS changed servers. Our site is now hosted by a local company, MRM, run by Mike Visser.

However the way you access the site has not changed. We are still at ssssclub.com. It is like we changed phone companies and kept our number.



McAlister Creek Race photo: Jeff Hogan
More McAlister Creek photos by Jeff on line

Letter:

Lake Pleasant or Bust!

Tony Chapman first put the bug in my ear at Whidbey Island Race Week about how fun the mid-January Birthday Regatta on Lake Pleasant is. It sounded pretty good last July. It sounded even better in January in Olympia, Washington where it's between 30 and 40 degrees, gray and damp every day for months. It was also an easy sell to the wife, who loves Arizona, but not so easy for producing a third crew. Having sailed the boat often double-handed with my wife, I worried not and took off with Viper 131 in tow behind the trusty Astro Van on the 1400-mile trek to central Arizona with an e-mail sent to Tony seeing if he could procure a third for us to sail with.

The trip down was relatively uneventful, leaving late Monday and

You might have had problems with parts of the site as it was moved. Everything should be working now.

Except the archived photos. The software that created the thumbnail pages that allow us to access the photos is obsolete and will no longer run. We are working on this problem.

Steve Worcester, Star 6932

stopping early at the Troutdale, Oregon McMenamain's hotel that has a fantastic heated outdoor wading pool. Day two saw us bed down in Wells, Nevada and wake to the coldest temperature I've ever seen, -9° F. After fueling up that morning my fingers were almost white, and I was wearing gloves. The drive south on Highway 93 was lovely as always. I've passed through on this road three times now, and the beauty of the area never

fails to impress. And it's lightly traveled, always a plus.

Rather than press on all the way to our motel in Anthem, we stopped over at Arcosanti, a rather anachronistic leftover from the '60s and '70. I could go on overly long about the place, and I won't, but Google it. It's architecturally fascinating, in a beautiful location, and they have guest accommodations that are basic, but nice. It's about 50 miles north of Lake Pleasant right next to a federal wilderness area in the Cordes Lakes area.

After a beautiful morning hike to view an ancient petroglyph, we continued on south and eased into Anthem to check in at the Hampton Inn where we'd be staying for the regatta. They deserve a plug. Really nice facility with a good breakfast, and pet friendly with no surcharge for having our dog with us. After

The S-t-S Needs Stories and Photos

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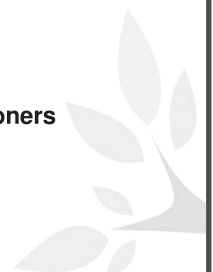
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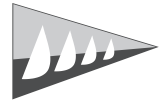
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dropping off a few items, we made the 20-minute commute to the marina to set up, found a few fellow Vipers there doing the same and got ready for launching Friday.

The arrangement of things at Lake Pleasant is a bit different than I'm used to, probably a function of it being a manmade lake. There are two launch ramps a bit removed from the marina, one at either end, and no parking immediately adjacent to either the launch ramps or the docks at the marina. This resulted in a bit of hiking each morning and afternoon, or you could snag a ride on one of the golf cars that zoomed up and down the boardwalk as ersatz shuttles, but when there are clear blue skies and temperatures in the mid 70s every day, a 15-minute walk is not a burden.

We were fortunate enough to have an excellent local sailor whistled up by Tony, Jason Schwyn. His experience with the lake and local race management was instrumental in getting us off on the right foot as we flirted with being tardy to the start area, as did many of the other Vipers. With Jason on board I was able to focus on racing and not worry about the starting sequence or course, and we secured a second in the first race. I won't go through a blow-by-blow

of the regatta, but of the 10-boat fleet, two California boats were dominant, James Sears' 148 and Brad Milligan's 143, finishing within three points of one another



Aboard *Boru*, Toliva Shoal Race photo: Barbara Emmons

at the end of the event, and halving the point total of Tim Carter and Tony Chapman on 187 in third. I was pleased to finish with a fourth overall, four points out of third, given I sailed with just two on Saturday and Sunday, and with dog and wife Friday and Saturday.

RC work was very proficient and appropriate for the event, making best use of the wind we had, focusing on getting races off, sometimes at the cost

of a biased line or course. We got three races started each day, though the last on Saturday was abandoned by most of the classes. I'm proud to say the Vipers were first to quit. There was definitely a repeating wind pattern of strong morning northerlies that eased off by noon and then the wind ghosting in and out from other directions. Tony's going to see if he can't get the Viper starts earlier next year to take advantage of the morning breeze.

Kudos to AYC for a very nice event, and thank you, Tony, for arranging some group moorage for the Vipers at the marina. I think I can speak for everyone who participated that we felt welcome and looked after, and one couldn't have asked for nicer weather in the middle of January.

The trip home for us was uneventful for the most part, but the cold returned quickly, sinking into the teens as we traveled up through Utah into Idaho to soak in the abundant hot natural mineral water at Lava Hot Springs. The worst driving conditions lay ahead in Oregon where we had to brave a brief spat of freezing rain in eastern Oregon and then some snow on I-84 between Troutdale and Portland that sent a Mustang skittering about, but the all wheel drive on the Astro took all that in stride and we made it home without incident back to the now welcome and almost warm feeling 38° F of the Pacific Northwest.

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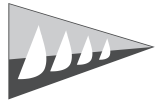
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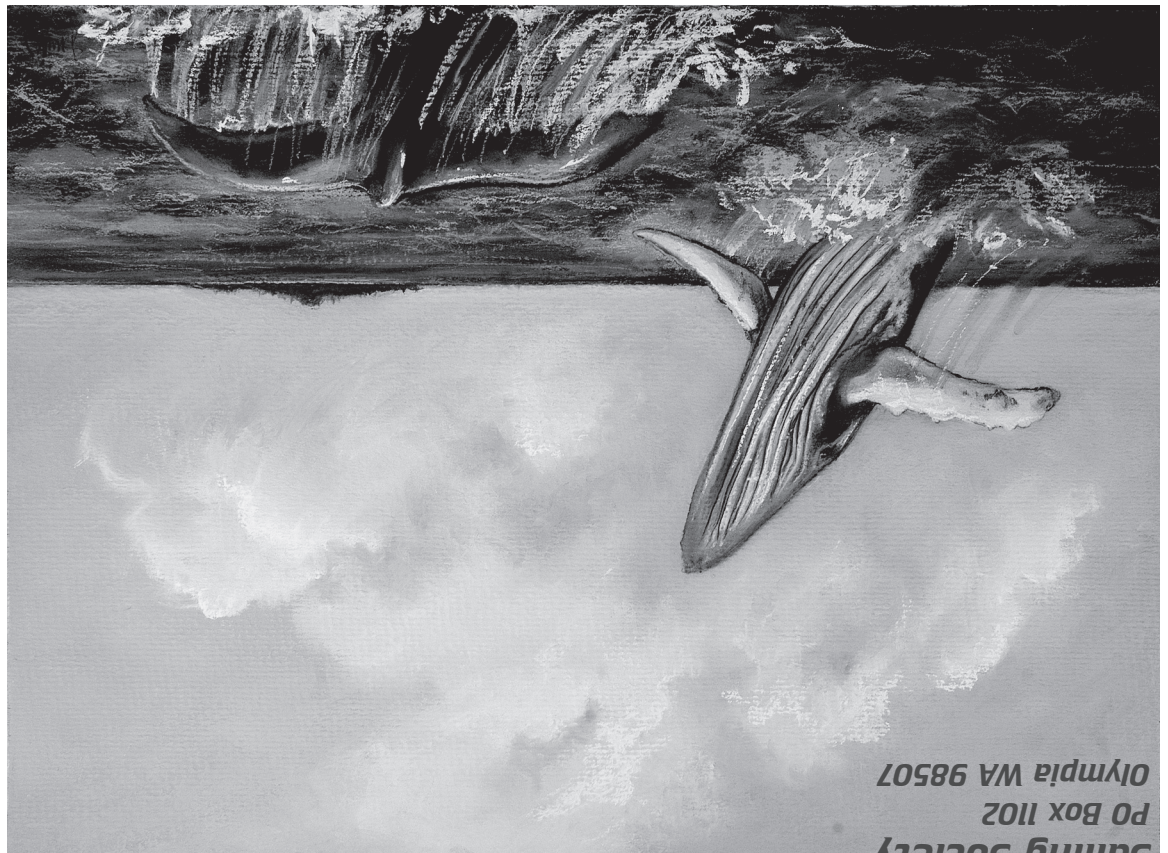
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