

Ship-to-Shore

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May Meeting: John DeMeyer, Round Vancouver Island

As your program chair for the 2012-13 year it has been a pleasure to provide you with the different slate of speakers we have had this year. I feel this position has the potential to be the most challenging and to give the most pleasure to the person who chooses to be next year's program chair. Whether you are a racer or a cruiser I hope you choose to come and listen to the people who have presented the many different aspects of the sailing world.

Those of you who take off on your boats for part or all of the summer, or those of you who just take a few days off need to come to the May Meeting. We will have one of our own, John DeMeyer talk about circumnavigating Vancouver Island. He has taken *Balder* on four other trips and will have a show of his past trips plus a how to for what has to be done



Portsmouth, dinghy, racing last Summer photo: Jim Findley
This Summer starts this month

to get ready for the next trip. He will talk about pre-planning, provisioning, picking anchorages, what you need to get into and stay out of trouble with the Canadian officials. Fuel, fishing, hot springs, which way to go, charts, food, spare parts, etc.

Balder and his son and daughter in law's boat *Carmanah* will be going together which presents a whole other set of challenges. So, come and get the info on how to, where to, and where not to go, what to do and what not to do.

And once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you all.

Bill Hutchinson, *Mystify*

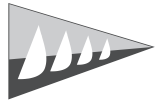
IF YOU ARE PARKING AT OYC FOR THE MEETING SIGN IN AT THE DOOR.

Commodore's Corner: Welcome Halcyon Days to Come

The next time you are looking for a good anchorage or debating which inlet to travel, watch for omens of tranquility and prosperity: kingfishers! As the Greek legend goes, after the death of her husband in a shipwreck, Alcyone threw herself into the sea, transforming herself and her husband both into kingfishers. When they attempted to nest, the waves threatened to destroy the eggs. Alcyone's father, who conveniently happened to be a Greek god, restrained his winds and made the waves be calm during seven days in each year, so she could lay her eggs. This period became known as the Halcyon Days, when storms never occur. If you are looking for sunny days of calm seas and winds, follow the kingfisher.

Even though the original halcyon days occurred around the winter solstice, I think we can hedge our bets and follow kingfishers anytime. Halcyon is the family of European tree-kingfishers; our belted kingfishers are in the fish-kingfisher family, so by my calculations should be even more auspicious. By the same logic, summer solstice should work as well as winter. To double the benefit of kingfishers, the Fisher King of Arthurian legend, another myth

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Visitors Welcome
Doors open at 1800, Meeting starts 1830



featuring kingfishers, is the mysterious keeper of the Holy Grail in his hidden River Kingdom. You just can't go wrong with kingfishers.

The phrase "halcyon days" today also signifies prosperity, joy, liberation and, of course, tranquility. In the Puget Sound we can have halcyon days anytime one is tucked into a quite anchorage. See you on the water,

Richard Bigley, Osa

Cruise News

MEMORIAL WEEKEND CRUISE, MAY 25-26

I hope all of SSSS will join us for the Memorial Weekend Cruise to Penrose State Park. Penrose Park is a marvelous place to spend some quality cruising time. There are numerous moorage buoys and plenty of good holding anchorage. Ashore there is a long stretch of beach, walking trails, and picnic areas. Lots to explore.

To get there you'll have to navigate Pitt Passage. It is a narrow channel but mind the markers and you shouldn't have any trouble. It is best to go through at a slack tide but I've through at high tide, low tide, and most tides in between without any problems. Do remain mindful of shallows once through though and give all points a wide berth.

Follow the West shore North a ways, heading up Carr Inlet, and pick up a buoy or anchor in Mayo Cove. There are buoys along the South shore as well. As always, our famous pot-luck will be at 1800 sharp. Hope to see you all there.\

JARRELL COVE CRUISE

A truly beautiful week-end to be at such a beautiful park. Fourteen boats attended with a little better than twice that number of people. The weather was so nice we had the potluck right on the dock and it was fabulous! Much good cheer and camaraderie was shared by all.

Boats in attendance were *Nightwind*, *Gadzooks m2*, *Starbright*, *Paraiso*, *Karen Ann*, *Endurance*, *Dawn Trader*, *Drummer Girl*, *Lonbra de Luna*, *Tushita*, *Zephyr*, *Penguin*, *Windswept*, and *Midnight Blue*.

Glen Hellman, *Midnight Blue*

RC Report

The Maclean Memorial Race was well attended compared to previous years with 17 boats participating in the distance and endurance race. With no shortened course options and a 12 hour time limit the race appeals to the hardy, the dedicated, or the self-abusers. The last finisher completed the 36.6 miles just under the time limit a little before 2300. Congratulations to

The Race Committee met in April to discuss changes to the Sailing Instructions, course changes, and to nominate this year's Uncle Juicy Award winner for the most improved racer. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions, Race Committee guidelines, or race course descriptions should be in the June S-t-S.

Thanks to Larry Kutz for servicing and re-fitting the Budd Inlet buoys and for help re-setting them for the Spring and Summer racing. Also, special thanks to all the Race Committee and stake boat volunteers who have taken their turn at managing the races. So far we have a perfect record this season of everyone fulfilling their time slot without a change.

There is still time to compete for the Andrew Jackson Trophy which goes to the boat with the fastest elapsed time to Hope Island and back to the Olympia Shoal. To compete for this year's award you must complete

the course before this month's Meeting and so far there are only a couple of entries. Rules and course instructions are online and in the Handbook.

The Port of Olympia has added some costs and requirements if we are going to continue having our burger nights following selected Wednesday night races. As of this writing we are trying to negotiate some terms that will allow the Club to continue having our post-race BBQs without any significant impact to the racing program budget.

Joel Rett, *Maranatha & LoneStar*

Our PHRF Sailing Instructions are here Amended

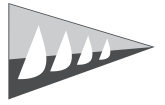
Sailing /Instruction 1. Rules, change: "The races will be governed by the 2009-12 Racing Rules of Sailing ..." to "The races will be governed by the 2013-16 Racing Rules of Sailing ..."



Koosah crossing ahead, Spring Series Race 1 photo: Glen Hunter
More Spring Series photos on line

Charlemagne for taking first overall and thanks to *Vintage* and *Rushwind* for running the long race.

The first Spring Series race was held on April 6th amid thunderstorms and interesting wind changes. The race started with conditions matching the forecast, a good southerly breeze of 10-15 knots. Things got interesting after the first leg, when conditions went bizarre with each new black cloud that came across the course. First, the wind died completely followed by a 180 degree shift to the north for a short time A shift back to the southwest and 25 knot gusts brought lots of rain followed by a little sun and then another lull. Before the finish there was another cloudburst and then wind from the west. At different times of the day there seemed to be wind from nearly every point of the compass except east. I refused to get a third sail wet and decided to just finish the course with what was up and a protest to the wind gods.



Opening Day Celebration at OYC

A weekend of celebrating
boating in South Sound
May 10 - 11

If it floats on Budd Inlet, it is invited to the celebration of Opening Day of Yachting Season, May 10-11, at the Olympia Yacht Club. This year our theme is South Sound Rocks!

A special invitation is extended to the South Sound Sailing Society to take part in any and all activities for Opening Day. Friday evening 1700 to 1900, we welcome everyone to celebrate TGIF with pizza, salad bar, ice cream sundaes, beer, wine and soda, all for \$5.00. We will have great music by our very own Glenn, Mike and Matt and various guest players. Parade signups will be done at TGIF.

Saturday, Opening Day, we will start with a hardy breakfast for parade participants and guests. \$5.00. We will still take signups for the parade during breakfast. The ceremony and blessing of the fleet will happen from 1000 to 1045 and the parade will start at noon.

The theme for the parade is South Sound Rocks! So get creative. Dress up your boat or decorate by theme! Bring the kids, grand kids, grandparents and guests and have a good time. There will be prizes for things like the best spinnaker, best decorated dinghy, and who knows what. The Lake Fair Princesses will be doing the judging.

We are going to let you rest until 1400, then we are going to have a BBQ. This is all in the works as I write this. The BBQ will be hamburgers and hotdogs, sides and fixings, again this is for parade participants and honored guests. So make sure you participate in the parade. Beer and maybe even ice cream will be available. The BBQ will cost \$7.00. Look for our fliers.

Susie Zuelke

Save the Date For LifeSling Clinic

Our annual LifeSling Clinic will be held at 0900 on Saturday, June 8, 2013. This is a fun and challenging way to learn the proper use of the LifeSling so you will be able to get an overboard victim back onto the boat without needing anyone else to help you.

The clinic will begin with about two hours of classroom instruction. Next, we will do dockside drills on the boats. It is especially helpful to learn how to use the LifeSling on the boat you own or regularly crew on.



Charlemagne and Silverheels, Maclean Memorial Race photo: Sharlyn Russell
More Maclean Memorial Races photos on line

Once the dockside drills are finished, we will go out to Budd Inlet to do actual rescues with volunteer victims in survival suits. Each participant will complete a rescue while in sole control of the boat. This is an opportunity to build confidence in your ability to rescue an overboard victim as you learn from your own mistakes and those of others in the class. If you have taken the class before, it is a good idea to take it again to refresh your skills.

The cost is just \$10 per person. Please bring your life jacket, lunch, basic sailing skills and all of your questions. Space is limited so advance registration is encouraged. Please sign up at the May Meeting or call Dee Saller or me at 491-0175. You can also e-mail us at hsaller214@aol.com to sign up or get more information. We will be happy to answer any questions you have about the class.

Andy Saller, Liberty

Portsmouth Racing Starts May 9

The Dinghy Fleet had their Annual Spring Meeting in March and the main results are that once again the racing schedule dates are changed. Our first race will be May 9th, then every other Thursday until for July 4th. Around that date be sure to check with the online calendar. The Race to Somewhere will be on July 20th and again it will be to Gull Harbor for a stop for a picnic and then a race back.

The update on the dinghy docks is that they have arrived in the rough. We will have work parties to clean up the docks and build Laser racks. We should end up with storage space for 7 or 8 Lasers. A reminder, these docks are *only for boats that are racing* in our fleet.

Remember, our racing season starts on May 9th at 1830 out over the mud flats north of KGY and Anthony's. It is free, just come out early if you are new or are racing a boat that's new to us and report to the yellow committee boat so we can get you registered. Launching at

Swantown is easy and close. And remember the racing is free and open to any one with a sailboat 20 feet or less that doesn't have a fixed keel. Free sailboat racing, you won't see those words together very often.

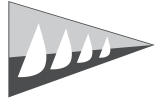
Jim Findley, Nightwind/Not Sirius and a Lido 14 to be named later

Scorers Report

Check my work. This month we make our Awards in Class. If you have not already, check on line to be sure I have your awards correct and have your name, and boat name, spelled right. See Results/Awards in Class. But do it now. I do not want complaints in June.

If you are coming out to race after some time off, you need only make sure your fees are paid — unless something has changed. Then contact me before racing.

Steve Worcester, Star 6932



Join us on May 18 for the Fourth Annual Women's Boating Seminar!

This year's South Sound Women's Boating Seminar, held Saturday, May 18, from 0800 to 1700 at the Olympia Yacht Clubhouse, promises to be yet another fun day of learning for women boaters, whether power or sail, novice or experienced.

This year's program is packed with experienced women boaters sharing their expertise:

- Your Boat's DC System: All Charged up with Places to Go – Alison Mazon
- Sound Like a Pro on Your Radio – Lynne Reister
- Wind, Waves and Weather – Judy Grable
- 12-Volt Circuits Made Simple – Alison Mazon
- Going with the Flow: Planning Your Trip Around Tides and Currents – Capt. Ace Spragg
- Paper or Vector? Turn Your Laptop into a Fully-Functional Chart Plotter – Capt. Mary Campbell

Do you wish you could ask someone how to prepare your boat for single-handing? *Table Topics*, new this year, is an open-forum discussion during lunch. Each topic will be featured at its own table and led by women with experience in

single-handed boating, cruising with pets, living aboard, and other areas of interest.

Also new this year is the *Hands-on Fair*. Reminiscent of exhibitions at the County Fair, each station presents an in-depth demonstration of a useful skill. Participants may visit each station or repeat stations at their own pace. The four demonstrations are:

- What's Knot to Know? – Jeanne Rynne
- Keep on Pumpin': Replacing a Water Impeller – Micki McNaughton
- Shaft Seals: Up Tight and Out of Sight – Lynne Reister
- Keeping A Head: Marine Head Maintenance – Capt. Mary Fitzgerald

Great gear, one-on-one tutoring on your own boat, beautiful items by local artists and *more* are among the exciting items that will be raffled this year. Proceeds from the raffle fund scholarships for the Girls at the Helm program hosted by the *Adventress*. Last year's scholarship recipients will be on hand to share their adventures, made possible by the generosity of 2012 seminar participants.

What could be better after such an exciting day than sharing dinner with your new friends and learning buddies? A barbecue on the Clubhouse deck overlooking beautiful Budd Inlet rounds out the day.

Registration is \$35, and includes lunch, dinner and a chance to win valuable door prizes.

For more details or to register online, please visit

www.ssssclub.com/wbs.htm.

Micki McNaughton, *The Stargazer*



Tiffany Brissette at the helm, Spring Series Race 1 photo: Glen Hunter
More Spring Series photos on line

Star Fleet: the Racing has Started

The Star Fleet has launched and the Stars and spent the month of April getting ready for the season. This year there are 21 Stars in the water ready to race in our annual Black Star Regatta. There are a lot of people required to make this event a success. Thanks to Sherwood Smith for being regatta chair for the second year. The preparations went smoothly, as always, with food and drink at the meetings, and a little event planning thrown in for good measure. Thank you Rod Tharp for being our PRO and Bill Sheldon for being the Protest chair and executioner.

If you are interested in racing Stars come on out, any Monday starting in May, to West Bay Marina and you might get a ride for the night since crew are always needed, or you can help on race committee for the evening. Bill Brosius has some Stars available to charter, so contact him at 357-6932 if you are interested.

Norm Smit, *Tantalus, Star 7094*

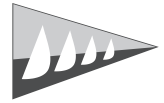
The Star Fleet thanks everyone who donated items to the raffle, and everyone who purchased tickets. In addition to supporting the Stars, a portion of the proceeds are donated to youth sailing.

Susan Willis, *Mako*

Spring Cleaning with the Environment in Mind

At a Cruise one fall, Barb and I had the pleasure of being on the same finger pier as Al, Susan and their grand daughter. Al and Susan's grand daughter found a beautiful sea slug and as you may know some of these are beautifully colored, fascinating creatures to watch. This one was particularly beautiful being white with a purple line down its back. There were close to forty boats and over a hundred people on that dock; all of us enjoying, using and abusing the waters of Puget Sound. There in lies the dilemma for those of use who boat and want to enjoy Puget Sound and yet pass a sound worthy of love and wonder on to our children and grand children.

The South Puget Sound Ecosystem is predisposed to problems. It has large areas of tidelands exposed to sunlight and low water in the summer. These mud flat



tide lands collect silt and nutrients and are a great place to be an algae for most of the year. Then in summer when the mud is exposed to extreme heat and drying during the mid day low tides; much of the algae dies and is then decomposed by bacteria in the water. This process uses oxygen that was dissolved in the water. That same oxygen that larger marine life, like clams and fish need to survive. This silting fertilizing and dying is known as eutrophication, the natural aging of bodies of water.

Along come humans and we log forests, adding soil nutrients; we fertilize fields adding fertilizer; we use septic tanks, build roads, and contribute to LOTT sewer sludge. These factors and more add nutrients to South Puget Sound. Because of these nutrients, even more algae growth builds up on the mud flats and shallows. Along comes summer with high sun angles and low tides killing algae and decomposition raises the carbon dioxide levels and lowers the oxygen levels. Dissolved oxygen levels plummet to levels that cannot support life.

In the words of an executive summary of the 2008 study of dissolved oxygen and nutrients done by the Dept. of Ecology "the results show that human-related sources of nitrogen must be reduced to keep the South Sound healthy" (W.A. Dept of Ecology 2008) A dead zone is a possibility. There are many of these dead zones along the east coast of the U.S. (Clyde Ford 2008) Dead zones have already been identified in Hood Canal. My point in all of this is because of the existing conditions; in South Puget Sound, a little is a lot when it comes to nutrients being added to our waters. It's already close to the edge, let's try not to push it over. With respect to our spring cleanup, what can we do?

I don't plan to chainsaw my boat and deliver it to a landfill in eastern Oregon. So I'm going to try to use practices and products that can at least lower the impact on Puget Sound's sensitive ecosystem. We can use that

holding tank. We can minimize gray water impact by reducing the use of dish soap, and use that sink strainer. We can choose products with fewer harmful substances in them and choose practices that minimize the amount of harmful substances that enter the water. We can keep an ongoing dialog about the products and practices we all try to use.



Vintage, RC boat Maclean Memorial Race photo: Barb Bergholz

Spring Cleaning the Exterior

The Big Job. I plan to try the following.
 1. Clean boat and decks with 1/2 cup vinegar to 1 gal hot water.
 2. Spot clean with Simple Green solution (follow dilution directions)
 3. Baking Soda and Boraxo for more stubborn stains
 4. Wax with a cleaner wax. I like Sea Power.

Routine Maintenance I plan to try.

1. Fresh water wash

2. White vinegar wash
3. Spot cleaning with Simple Green in a spray bottle
Bright Work
1. Doing nothing is recommended in *Boat Green* by Clark Ford
2. Teak cleaners (Oxalic acid is an organic acid) Materials safety data sheet <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/REDS/factsheets/4070fact.pdf>

3. Sanding - Wet sand to touch up and have oil absorbent pads at the ready in case you get some in the water. If dry sanding, use a skirt and a dustless sander as recommended by *Boat Green*.

4. When varnishing, have oil absorbent pads ready. I'm going to wet sand and varnish with oil absorbent pads at the ready.

Give some of these alternatives a try and let me know how it goes.

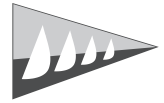
I will not be perfect but I do think about the environmental cost of

what I do on my boat? Yes. I would love to discuss the choices I have made with you and if we all discuss what we are trying to do to minimize the impact of our boating activities on the Puget Sound environment, maybe we all can reduce our negative impact on the waters we love and want to share and pass on to our children and grand children.

Rick Bergholz, Inati

The S-t-S needs letters and photos. We want to hear from you.

Item to Clean	Traditional Product	Alternative
Stains	Cleaners with Bleach	Hydrogen Peroxide
Counters & Deck stains	Soft Scrub Cleanser	Baking soda or Boraxo
Counters, decks	Dishwashing detergent	½ cup white vinegar in 1 gallon water
Windows	Windex	1 cup White Vinegar 1 qt warm water
Brass polish	Brasso	Worcestershire sauce, or paste of salt, vinegar, water
Stainless Steel	SS Polish	Baking Soda & water paste
Fiberglass Stains	Soft Scrub	Baking Soda paste
Mildew remover	Something with bleach	paste of vinegar & salt or paste of salt & lemon juice
Hand cleaner	Waterless hand cleaner	Baby oil
Drain cleaner	Drano liquid plumber	Put baking soda down drain, then vinegar, snake?
Dirty stern	Soft Scrub	Baking soda paste / cleaner wax
Sails and canvas	Laundry detergent	IOSSO http://www.zcare-cleaners.com
Rubber dingy	Inflatable Dingy Cleaner	Baking Soda, Baby Oil on the black smudges
Toilet	Cleanser	borax, allow to sit for couple of hours



Joe Downing putting numbers on his sails photo: Mike Gowrylow

Your sail number is how the RC boat, and the scoring application, can tell who you are. Racers are suppose to have them, same number on all sails. If for some reason you do not, be sure to tell the RC who you are.

Maclean Memorial Race March 30

Vintage was the RC Boat. Rushwind was the Mark Boat Thank you.

Place	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Correctd Time
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S-CLASS Start Time 10:00 Distance: 36.6 nm						
1	36528	CHARLEMAGNE	JBOA 36	81	19:53:47	19:04:22
2	1005	SILVERHEELS	SYN	54	20:05:04	19:32:08
3	82	MCSWOOSH	11M	66	20:14:36	19:34:20

A-CLASS Start Time 10:00 Distance: 36.6 nm						
1	69315	NIRVANA	MERI 28	120	20:52:34	19:39:22
	18351	MISS CONDUCT	OLSN 29	102	DNF	
	18633	I5	SANZ 33	117	DNF	
	28877	SHOWTIME	OLSN25-1	174	DNF	

B-CLASS Start Time 10:05 Distance: 23.8 nm						
1	69063	GIZMO	HARM22	216	19:18:13	17:52:32
2	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	165	19:27:29	18:22:02
3	97560	WHISPER	NEWP33	180	19:38:17	18:34:01
	160	BEEP BEEP	ULT 20	162	DNF	
	260	SPIFF	RANC 26	216	DNF	

D-CLASS Start Time: 09:35 Distance: 23.8 nm						
1	39458	RELEAF	PEAR 30	247	20:04:11	18:26:12
2	000	MIDNIGHT BLUE	HUIMC 37.5	165	19:59:52	18:54:25
	69220	OH MERCY	CAPR 22	248	DNF	

D1-CLASS Start Time: 09:35 Distance: 23.8 nm						
1	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	19:44:48	18:34:35
2	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	153	19:35:20	18:34:39

New PHRF Racers

If you are new to racing PHRF with us, or have a new boat, and are going to start racing this Spring, you need to do three things: Get a handicap from Rafe, our PHRF handicapper, or Kelly if racing D Class. Make sure your race fee is paid to our Secretary, Barbara. Then register with the Scorer, yours truly.

Spring Series Race 1, April 6

Balder was the RC Boat. Thank you

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Correctd Time
A-CLASS Start Time: 12:00 Distance: 12.6 nm						
0.75	69382	OPPOSITION	HUMB 30	102	15:09:50	14:48:25
2.00	73392	BODACIOUS	BENE 35 S5	129	15:15:42	14:48:37
3.00	18351	MISS CONDUCT	OLSN 29	102	15:10:19	14:48:54
4.00	18633	I5	SANZ 33	117	15:17:54	14:53:20
5.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	96	15:20:50	15:00:40
6.00	64985	LIBERTY	C&C 35	123	15:42:28	15:16:38
7.00	69095	MYSTIFY	WILD 30	120	15:52:44	15:27:32

S-CLASS Start Time: 12:00 Distance: 12.6 nm						
	12	PAX		-10	14:47:45	14:49:51
0.75	82	MCSWOOSH	11M	66	15:07:05	14:53:13
2.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	84	15:14:26	14:56:48
3.00	1005	SILVERHEELS	SYN	54	DNF	

B-CLASS Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 8.4 nm						
0.75	69063	GIZMO	HARM22	216	14:53:02	14:22:48
2.00	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	165	14:54:06	14:31:00

D-CLASS Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 8.4 nm						
0.75	000	MIDNIGHT BLUE	HUIMC 37.5	165	14:56:16	14:33:10
2.00	39458	RELEAF	PEAR 30	247	RAF	

D1-CLASS Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 8.4 nm						
0.75	69667	SASSY	C&C34	143	14:40:58	14:20:57
2.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	14:47:10	14:22:23
3.00	49914	VINTAGE	RANC 33	188	14:53:45	14:27:26
4.00	29718	MARANATHA	RANC 33-1	176	14:54:16	14:29:38

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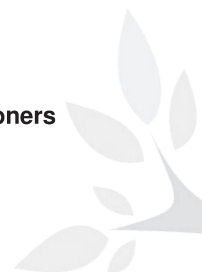
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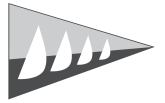
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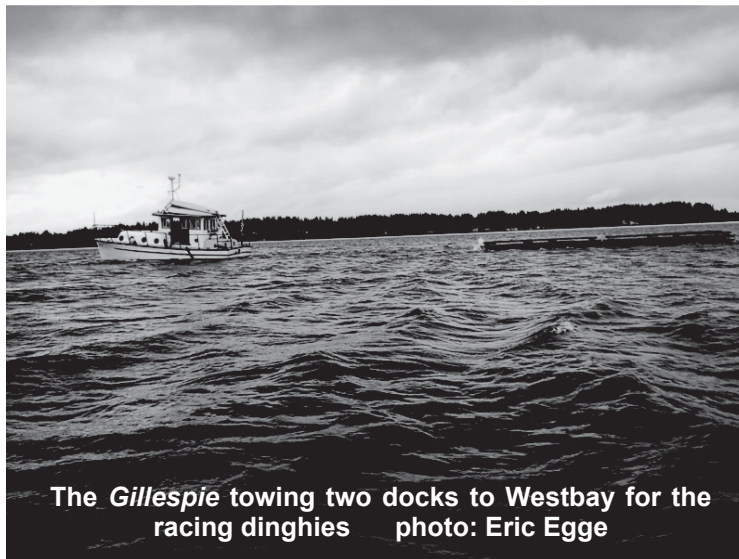
Making of a Mermaid part 2: "Sailing Alone"

We steered into Gig harbor in Debra's 30 ft. Newport and selected a spot to drop anchor. We were heartened by successfully anchoring in Wollochet Bay the evening before, another first for us in this boat named *Liberte*. I lowered the anchor and Debra motored the boat back to set the anchor. Afterwards we were standing on deck discussing whether we were far enough away from the nearest boat. As it turned out her skipper was about to haul anchor and move anyway. He saw us on deck and asked if we were alone. I looked at Debra, standing two feet away and quickly quipped, "No, there are two of us."

This August was my second weeklong cruise in the South Puget Sound on *Liberte*. Last year we sailed for six days in October, meeting up with the South Sound Women's sailing group in Jarrell Cove State Park. How sweet to stand at the dock as boats full of women came sailing in. Sunday morning three or four sailing

dinghies were assembled and playing about in the sunlight bay.

Here in Gig harbor we were three days into our cruise and looking to procure some fresh water and ice. Oh, and perhaps a nice bottle of white wine. Debra rowed the dinghy to the public dock, showing the benefits of having grown up with summer



The Gillespie towing two docks to Westbay for the racing dinghies photo: Eric Egge

camp. It took us a while to find what we needed and by the time we did the roar of trucks and cars combined with the hustle and bustle of the trendy shopping area had us both saying, get me out of here!

We settled back into the boat to rest for a while, but a brisk wind had built up and we soon found ourselves pulling anchor and sailing out to our next bay. It was brilliantly

sunny, as the whole week turned out to be. That brisk wind turned out to be quite so, as it came shooting down the next passage at 18 knots. We had put the big Genny on the roller-furler before we left the home marina and now it seemed just a bit too big. It did not want to roll up into a smaller configuration despite my firm coaxing. So

we sailed on to the end of the passage where the wind dropped to nothing. We rolled up the sail and motored around the end of Vashon Island where once again the wind picked up, this time to 22 knots.

So...now our next chore was to try to empty the water that had accumulated in the towed dinghy, while still towing it in choppy conditions. Previously on our trip it had filled and I had perfected a technique of throwing a five gallon bucket on a line into the dinghy hard enough for it to end up in a position where it would fill,

then I would pull it out and up to the stern where I emptied it. I was quite eager to teach this technique to Debra so I could give her a break from standing at the wheel, steering the boat. She soon decided that perhaps we could motor on with some water in it.

Someone recently told me that sailing was a much too sedentary. Clearly we had not gotten to that part yet.

Lexi Z

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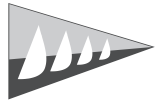
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Soldier Sailing June 1

Crew Sheet

more information on line

Crew Wants Ride

Race or day sail, 866-3732, tmjones175@gmail.com. Tom crewed off and on for about 15 years Karie 350-8255

Looking for Crew

Leaving Juneau Alaska approximately 20 July. Going to Sitka and then an offshore leg, non-stop to Port Angeles.

Crew members will be responsible for their own transportation wherever they embark or disembark.

Passports required. Experience offshore needed.

I will also be joining the Coho HO-HO and Baja Ha-Ha Rallies this year if all goes well.

Contact Cpt Jim, svdowntreader@yahoo.com

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Want a ride? You could be listed here for free: Ads run three months and can be renewed. Contact me by the next Meeting to be listed in the next S-t-S.

Ditty Bag

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Ranger 29 Watts sails: 150% genoa, Bannana stay sail thrown in \$50, Mainsail Free. **Reaching strut** \$20. **Solid fuel stove parts** Free.

Rick Bergholz 866-4230

IRIDIUM 9505a Satellite Phone. Bought for a trip to Alaska - worked great to phone and text. Includes AC power adapter; 12-volt power adapter; mobile mount antenna; hands-free headset; International adapter kit; wrist strap and leather phone case; users' manual, rugged, watertight Pelican box for storage; Sim card for Canada and Alaska. \$600. Mel Low 481-2510 or mel@eofd.org.

4 CNG tanks \$150 each, all 4 for \$500. **Dodger frame and canvas** from Morgan 384 sailboat - good condition, make offer

Fuel tank with gauge, 5 gallons, for dinghy - make offer Barbara Emmons 402-0163

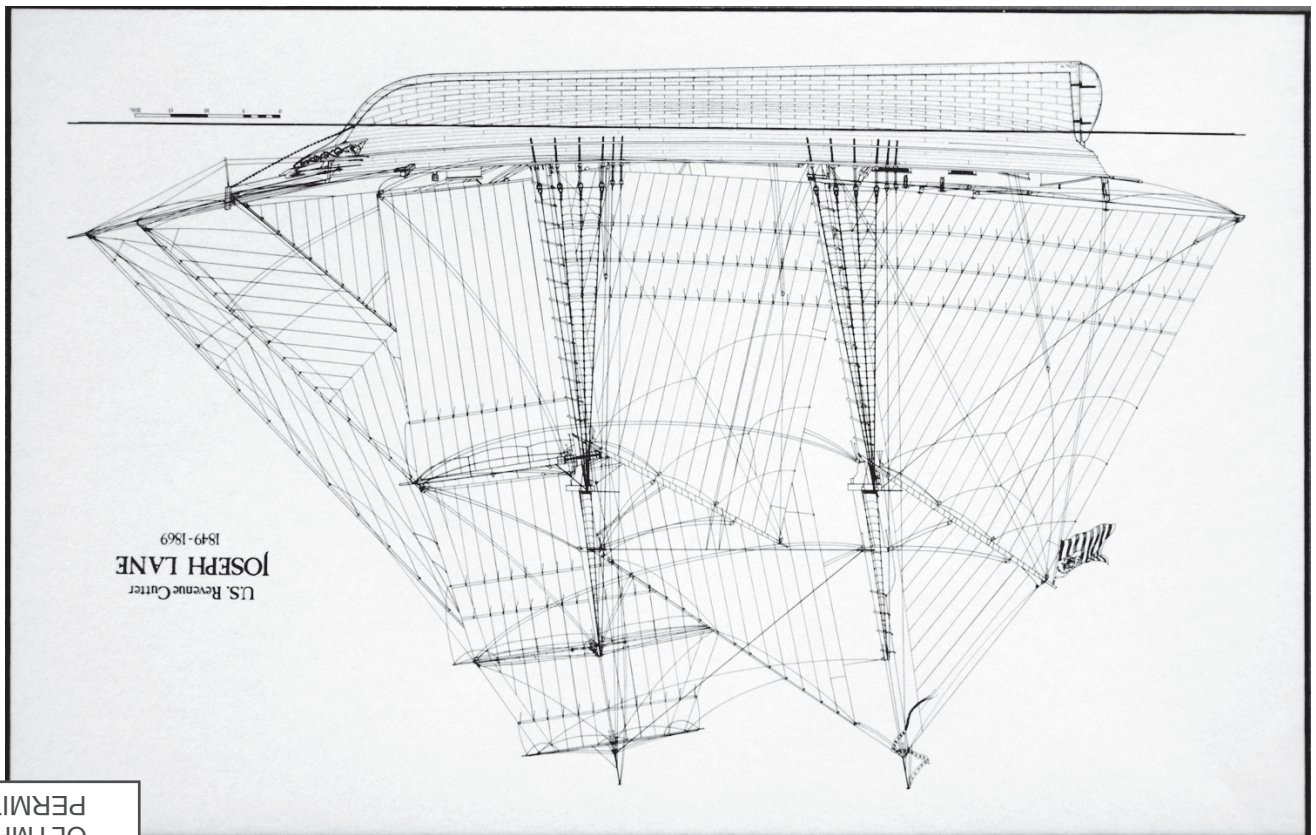
C Lark 14, \$1,300. 1975 or so. Very clean. Set up for racing . Calkins trailer. Glenn at 561-0897 or g.briskin@comcast.net.

Wanted

main for Columbia 24, I've got a huge list of things I need to outfit this boat ... Jay at cliffordbemis@gmail.com

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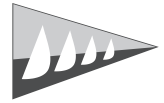
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Budd Inlet Star Fleet Black Star Regatta

The 2013 BSR was held in windy conditions on Budd Inlet on the weekend of April 26-28. Nineteen Star boats were registered, of which sixteen competed. An interesting addition to this regatta was the inclusion of the i550's, a fleet of home built wood-and-carbon sport boats, of which four competed. The courses were designed to allow separate starts for the two fleets, with the ability to roll from one start right into another, while still keeping the two classes safely separated. As a result, after a practice race Friday evening, five races were completed on Saturday, and four on Sunday.

Conditions were ideal. The wind blew from the west/southwest all weekend, with building breezes in the afternoon to about 14 knots on Saturday, with gusts oscillating some 30 degrees, to Sunday's blow of over 16 knots, with gusts on a spectator boat's anemometer reaching 26 knots. Conditions were a real test of Star boat preparation and seamanship. Considering that it was the first race of the

season, all boats which survived intact proved to have been well prepped by their owners. Numerous bits of broken gear included a separated bulkhead, snapped headstay, broken tiller, stretched and torn sails, snapped vang lines, crunched bows, and one dropped mast.

For on-the-water spectators, besides the enjoyment of watching a matched fleet of aesthetically beautiful sailboats, the sight of three Stars in echelon, planing at over 15 knots in a gust of over 25 knots, into the finish line in Sunday's fourth race, was thrilling. On board one of those boats, I can state that it was scarily fast, and puckering to the maximum degree. It made one appreciate the engineering effort that has been incorporated over the years into this 1910 boat design.

Race committee work was superb, led by PRO Rod Tharp, and his fleet of three chase boats, who ably moved six marks around the course in clocking wind conditions. Courses were always square, and the only biases were those of large tides, and wind oscillations.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, many items were raffled off, the proceeds of which, added to that generated by the

raffle of items at the March and April SSSS Meetings, will fund the activities of the Star Fleet for the year. Sales of the newly-designed T-shirts, with graphics by Judith Smith, along with buttons crafted by Rod Tharp, were brisk. After the bills are settled, 10% of our net profit will, as usual, be donated to local youth sailing programs.

Besides awards for placing, numerous other awards covering the spectrum from folly to lunacy were announced, notable among them being the initiation of Joe Downing, *Starlight*, into the Order of the Mangled Mast.

My thanks to the 2013 BSR organizing committee, who helped make my job as Chairman, easy and fun. They include Bill Brosius, Jim Findley, Catherine Hovell, Larry Kutz, Frank Neumann, Norm Smit, Judith Smith, John Thompson, Susan Willis, and Steve Worcester. Thanks also to Jeff Kloppel for the beer arrangements, Bill Sheldon, for serving as Protest Chair, and Marti Walker for the popcorn and smiles. Special thanks should also be given to Jan Visser, who manned the registration desk, and served notably as Viewpoint Room prefect during the regatta.

Sherwood Smith, UpSTART, Star 6660

Black Star Regatta

Principal Race Officer: Rod Tharp, Jury Chair: Bill Sheldon

Finishes in [brackets] denote throwouts

Stars

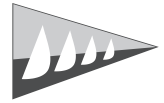
Pos	Bow/Sail	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1	17/17	Derek DeCouteau	Linda Koran	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	[5]	4	14.00
2	13/13	Norm Smit	Jim Lynch	3	[5]	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	19.00
3	30/30	Jeff Kloppel	Dwaine Trummert	4	3	2	1	[8]	6	3	1	1	21.00
4	2/2	John Thompson	Jay Berglund	2	2	5	5	6	4	[9]	8	5	37.00
5	10/10	Eric Egge Melody	Denman/Tom Nelson	[8]	8	4	6	4	5	4	4	3	38.00
6	15/15	Joe Downing	Richard Wells	7	4	8	4	2	8	5	[20/DNF]	20/DNC	58.00
7	27/27	Sherwood Smith	Burke Anderson	5	9	6	8	7	[11]	10	7	6	58.00
8	4/4	Jim Findley	Dave Serdar	9	11	11	11	9	10	7	9	[20/DNF]	77.00
9	33/33	William Ide	Steve Henley	11	[12]	10	12	11	9	8	10	7	78.00
10	24/24	Larry Kutz	Andres Keinbergs	13	13	13	13	12	7	11	6	[20/OCS]	88.00
11	6/6	Paul Stewart	Nick Hubbard	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	5	2	6	3	20/DNF	96.00
12	12/12	Alex Bromen	Joel Rett	10	6	9	10	10	[20/DNF]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	105.00
13	20/20	Frank Neumann	Kathie Oeser	6	7	7	7	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	107.00
14	34/34	Mike Mitchell	Rene' Mitchell	14	10	15	9	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	128.00
15	14/14	Vicky Sheldon	Bob Johnson	12	14	12	14	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	132.00
16	25/25	Susan Willis	Ganar Miller	15	15	14	15	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	139.00
17T	1/1	Bill Brosius	Steve Brown	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	160.00T
17T	32/32	Frederick Commons	Ray Maly	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	160.00T
17T	35/35	David Branch	Sue Branch	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	160.00T

Subdivision: Wood

Pos	Bow/Sail	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1	2/2	John Thompson	Jay Berglund	2	2	5	5	6	4	[9]	8	5	37.00
2	4/4	Jim Findley	Dave Serdar	9	11	11	11	9	10	7	9	[20/DNF]	77.00
3	6/6	Paul Stewart	Nick Hubbard	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	5	2	6	3	20/DNF	96.00
4	1/1	Bill Brosius	Steve Brown	[20/DNC]	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	20/DNC	160.00

i550s

Pos	Bow/Sail	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1	250/250	Brian Lockwood	Alex Reed	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	[5/DNC]	13.00
2	410/410	Steve Moran	David Moran/Greg Moran	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	[5/DNF]	5/DNC	17.00
3	263/263	David Hickman	Dan O'Brian Jr.	3	1	3	3	[5/DNC]	5/DNC	5/DNC	5/DNC	5/DNC	30.00
4	269/269	Eric Rimkus	Mark Foley/Kim Rimkus	4	4	[5/DNF]	4	3	2	3	5/DNC	5/DNC	30.00



Soldiers Sailing

Scheduled for Saturday June 1st

Things are moving right along for our event. Port of Olympia and Swantown Marina will be an official sponsor this year. They are donating the park area, picnic tables, grills and any utilities we might use, plus they are also donating the labor to set everything up for us.

Dave Knowlton has sent out his request for sailors and we have had an excellent response. The flyer has been published with great pictures from last year, so the soldiers are beginning to sign up for the event. JBLM is expecting a good turnout, but like everything, we won't know until the week before how many soldiers are actually coming.

I am still looking for some help with the Friday night prep and help decorating and

setting things up for the bbq. We are still finalizing money to help supplement our food budget. Last year we had cupcakes which I baked at home and we frosted during prep night. This year I would like some help with that, Roger and I are moving from Yelm into Lacey on the 17th of May and I suspect I may be unpacking boxes rather than baking cupcakes. Now we just need you to come by about 1700 and meet the soldiers and thank them for their service and share a bite to eat. If you know you are stopping by please let me know at naturescenes@comcast.net so I make sure there is enough food to go around.

The soldiers arrive at Swantown Marina about 1400, last year they arrived at 1330 so this year we are prepared. They will sail for several hours and Erik Dahl and his crew will set up a rubber ducky race. Everyone returns between 1630 and 1700 and we have dinner and presentation of the rubber ducky awards.

Let's hope for winds and fair skies

Suzie Shaffer, Boru

Andrew Jackson Trophy

This award is given for the "world's fastest time around Hope Island" that year, May Meeting to May Meeting. Which means the deadline for this year's Dash is upon us. Last month McSwoosh made a run, but it was slower than their first run of the year. If you head to the boat now, you may still be able to beat Vintage's time, which has stood since last summer. It is a good time, but not a record.

As one year ends an other begins. You have a whole year to make the run that wins the engraving of Andy. More information about this award can be found in our Handbook.

Ed.

Crew Award

Awarded at the April Meeting
Maclean Memorial Race:
 Mark Turner, *Charlemagne*,
 S Class

Crossword Puzzle by Richard Wells on line

Find it in the S-t-S On Line.
 The answers will be posted there, after the May Meeting

Barbara Stuart Memorial Regatta

The Regatta is June 29. There will be four Star Clinics on the four Sundays before the Regatta: May 26, June 2, June 9 and June 16. This is a change from what I originally announced since I will be out of town for a good chunk of May. While the Regatta is only open to women, the Star clinics are open to anyone that wants. They will start on the water at 1300 sharp. If you need personal instruction on handling the back stays, let me know and I'll come down early.

John Thompson

Spring Series Race 2, April 20

Mistify was the RC Boat. Thank you.

	Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
A-CLASS Start Time: 12:29 Distance: 7.2 nm							
0.75	69315	NIRVANA	MERI 28		120	14:08:16	13:53:52
2.00	69382	OPPOSITION	HUMB 30		102	14:09:55	13:57:41
3.00	18633	I5	SANZ 33		117	14:16:03	14:02:01
4.00	64985	LIBERTY	C&C 35		123	14:18:09	14:03:23
5.00	18351	MISS CONDUCT	OLSN 29		102	DNF	
S-CLASS Start Time: 12:29 Distance: 7.2 nm							
0.75	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37		72	13:56:36	13:47:58
		12 PAX			-10	13:47:18	13:48:30
2.00	82	MCSWOOSH	11M		66	14:04:18	13:56:23
3.00	1005	SILVERHEELS	SYN		54	14:04:13	13:57:44
4.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7		81	14:08:55	13:59:12
5.00	131	DRAGONFLY	VIPER 640		105	DNF	
D-CLASS Start Time: 12:34 Distance: 7.2 nm							
0.75	69220	OH MERCY	CAPR 22		248	14:45:22	14:15:36
2.00	39458	RELEASE	PEAR 30		247	14:47:36	14:17:58
3.00	243	FULL CIRCLE	CAPR 26		263	15:09:39	14:38:05
4.00	000	MIDNIGHT BLUE	HUIMC 37.5		165	DNF	
D1-CLASS Start Time: 12:34 Distance: 7.2 nm							
0.75	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5		153	14:23:46	14:05:24
2.00	69927	BALDER	ERIC 38		143	14:23:36	14:06:26
3.00	69667	SASSY	C&C34		143	14:53:36	14:36:26
4.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1		177	DNF	

No Race **B**-Class No Finishers

Welcome Aboard New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following Members to South Sound Sailing Society. Look for an opportunity to welcome them to South Sound's best sailing community.

New Members - Welcome aboard!

Tom & Mary Jones, Olympia,
 Brad & Sandy Older, Rainer

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1	Class 10	Showtime	21 OA
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3	Class 5	McSwoosh	42 OA
4	Class 8	I 5	34 OA
4	Class 5	Silverheels	35 OA
4	Class 10	Genesis	57 OA
5	Class 10	Pandora	71 OA
6	Class 10	Gizmo	55 OA
6	Class 8	Miss Conduct	56 OA
7	Class 7	Skookum	52 OA
7	Class 8	Mystify	64 OA
7	Class 9	Strategy	66 OA
8	Class 7	Gayle Force	48 OA
9	Class 10	Kaitlin	744 OA
11	Class 6	Flying Circus	58 OA
11	Class 7	Dyno	83 OA
12	Class 6	Lightly Salted	67 OA
12	Class 10	Beep Beep	77 OA
14t	Class 10	Mariah	88t OA
1	Cruising NFS	Folie A Deux	
2	Cruising NFS	Koosah	
3	Cruising NFS	Osa	
5	Cruising NFS	Balder	
7	Cruising NFS	Maranatha	
10	Cruising NFS	Boru	
12	Cruising NFS	Vintage	
14	Cruising NFS	Mongie Lee	
15	Cruising NFS	Aquila	
16	Cruising NFS	Aeolian	
17	Cruising NFS	Releaf	
18	Cruising NFS	Gray Wolf	
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19t	Cruising NFS	Sidetrack	
3	Commodore	Steamy Windows	
5	Commodore	Sarah Jane	
6	Commodore	String Games	
8	Commodore	Spiff	
10t	Commodore	Rushwind	