

Ship-to-Shore

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January Meeting:

Light winds be damned, I just want to sail a little faster

Whether you're a racer or a cruiser, we all want to go a little faster when the wind nary creates a ripple. January's presentation will feature Andrew Kerr, who will discuss how to trim your sails for speed in light air, as well as uses of all the controls and how to speed build and trim to the shifts to keep your boat moving at all times. If this doesn't make sense, come and find out what it all means.

Andrew is a full time sailing coach and seminar speaker for both Kerrsailing and North U. He is a writer of many coaching articles for Sailing World and numerous one design classes and publications. He has coached teams and conducted seminars all over the world since 1983. He has been a head coach and instructor trainer at a variety of top sailing schools: the Boston Sailing Center, the Offshore Sailing School, and J World San Diego, Newport, Key West and Annapolis.

If you doubt the value of studying the sport, some of his accomplishments as a sailor, and as a coach, can be found in the RC Report. You may find you want to attend his racing oriented presentation February first too.



Miss Conduct, Secretary's Series, photo: Don Waterhouse

Glen Patrick

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

Commodore's Corner:

How fast the year has gone by! It has been an interesting year, and this year should be interesting as well. First, I want to thank everyone who participated in the annual decorated wine bottle auction. We raised more money for the Thurston County Food Bank than ever before. Huge thanks to those who took the time to come up with some really creative wine bottle decorations. And thanks to all who bid for them. For the second year in a row Mary Fitz had the people's choice, with Secil the South Sound Sea Serpent a close second. Thanks, Don, for heading up this event.

The first event of the year is our January Meeting, with a speaker that most of you know, Andrew Kerr. Now, wait a minute, he's not going to go into the finest points of racing, but rather, he will speak on cruising! Don't miss it.

Then we will go to OYC's wonderful Island Home outstation for our annual joint Cruise with OYC. That is always a fun get together with games, talk around the fire pit and great food.

Toliva's coming!!

We're going to have a GRRREAT year.

Debe Andersen, D'Lavicea

STAR FLEET CHANGES : EAGLE ISLAND : HELP S-T-S : PHRF DUES DUE

Happy New Year

Eld Inlet Race
January 4

Board Meeting
January 7

Duwamish Head Race,
TTPYC
January 11
Southern Sound Series Race 2

General Meeting
January 14
Visitors Welcome
Doors open 1830, Meeting starts 1900

Island Home Cruise
January 18-19
guests of OYC

McAllister Creek Race
January 25

Andrew Kerr Seminar
February 1
Westbay

Board Meeting
February 4

**Toliva Shoal Race
Weekend**
Dinner **February 7**
Race **February 8**
Southern Sound Series Race 3

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Race Toliva

Do you have February 7 - 8 reserved on your calendar? You should! Do you know why? Why Toliva Shoal, of course!

We start Friday night with the scrumptious Baron of Beef dinner that Thera, Suzie, and their crew put together. I don't think there's a better deal anywhere, than that meal for only \$10! Come down, talk with racers and crew, maybe even get recruited to sail on one of the boats, if you aren't already on a crew.

Saturday starts with a hearty breakfast, only \$5, to keep us going for the 37 miles to the Toliva mark and back. After the race we come back to the OYC clubhouse for Downwind Soup made specially by our outstanding galley crew. Sit around, drink beer, and tell stories about what happened. The tales seem to become more interesting, the close calls closer, and just plain wilder after a few sips of the real sailboat fuel.

You just aren't up to racing? You can still be part of everything. There are lots of things to do. So, volunteer! To help clean up, to help with set up, to help in the galley, or just be a gofer, ready when somebody needs something.

When you decide how you want help, call me, Terry Andersen, at 459-2650 and I will put you in touch with the person who heads up your section.

I look forward to seeing you there!!!

Terry Andersen

Cruise News

WINE TASTING CRUISE

It was another very successful Wine Tasting Cruise for SSSS. There were about 30 people attending this year and a dozen or so decorated wine bottles on display. A Best Of Show award was given to Rod Tharp for his amazing sea serpent wildly sculpted wine bottle cozy. Other creations ranged from the simply elegant to the masterfully outrageous. Many thanks to all who showed up and participated. The potluck was once again fabulous and a wide variety of wines were shared by the lucky attendees.

Once again, sincere thanks to West Bay Marina and Tugboat Annes for the use of their Viewpoint Room.



South Sound Sailors are Awesome!

Well you did it again; you topped the amount of money raised last year at the December Potluck for Thurston County Food Bank. Thank you so much for displaying such generosity for those who need the help we can provide.

The wine bottle auction proved to be a fun way to raise money again this year. It appeared that the bidders enjoyed one upping their competitors in the name of charity. By the way, I took photos of the winning bidders and their booty, decorated bottles. Be sure to look for these online. The auction brought in \$2400 dollars this year, another record. With the other monies donated you topped last year's total of \$3528. You raised \$4100 this year! You also donated 255 pounds of much needed food items.

It is because you, that this has turned into such a special event. A representative from Thurston County Food Bank will be at the Meeting in January to receive a ceremonial check. Please plan on attending to cheer on that event.

Thanks again for showing such charity. Just another reason South Sound sailors are awesome.

Don Waterhouse, McSwoosh

Decorated wine bottles auctioned at the December Meeting photos: Don Waterhouse More photos of the bottles and their winner on line

The S-t-S Needs Photos and Letters

The headline says it. We want photos of any and all SSSS events, but particularly the Toliva Race and the Island Home Cruise. Take your camera sailing.

We are also in need of your sailing stories.

Go Fly a Kite

Black Friday was a beautiful day for those of us that participated in the kite flying at the Meadows at Chambers Bay Properties in University place in Tacoma. There were 8 from the Club as well as a few kites from the kite club I belong to. The winds were 3-6 mph and though overcast, it was still warm enough to enjoy it all. I will try to set up another day of kiting later in the spring. After all, we are lovers of the wind and kiting is just a part of that love.

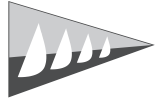
Bill Brosius

ISLAND HOME CRUISE JANUARY 17 – 19

This one is not to be missed. Island Home is the outpost for Olympia Yacht Club, and it is an amazing place. There's the wonderful clubhouse with its warm fireplace, beautiful grounds, waterfront, views, and a large marina with power. The island is located just North of Hope Island. Head toward the Hartstene Island bridge and keep a look-out over your left shoulder. When the marina comes into view, turn in and you're there. Come in for Friday night hanging out and milling about. Saturday will be filled with games, music, and more. The potluck dinner will be as usual at 1800. Followed by who knows what, but for sure, a raucous good time.

This is a joint Cruise thanks to the generosity of OYC. It is a great opportunity to meet those gracious folks and learn about the numerous opportunities available through membership in their marvelous organization.

Ann Heyerdahl, Midnight Blue



Southern Sound Series Rep Report: Winter Vashon

The first race of the four-race Southern Sound Series lived up to its name: **Winter!** Seventeen SSSS boats registered for the romp around Vashon Island and at least three decided that the weather was too cold and windy while another two did not finish. It was **Freezing** and **Windy!**

The delivery from Olympia to Tacoma required the boats moored in Swawntown to cut their way through the ice. Those who delivered on Thursday had it easier than those who chose to go on Friday. Friday saw stiff northerly winds against an ebb tide. The smaller the boat, the more spray froze on the deck and the rougher the ride.

Tacoma Yacht Club hosted a warming prerace party and taco bar Friday night. Class breaks were announced and then most sailors retired to their boat or went back to their warm home! For those who slept on their boats, the wind howled all night and the temperatures plummeted below freezing.

Crews started arriving around 0700 and by 0800 the two cruising classes headed out to the start. This year the slower classes start ahead of the faster boats. The start witnessed strong, cold north winds and several boats had to reef their main. As the fleet tacked their way up Colvos Passage, the wind moderated ever so slightly. Most of the faster fleets started passing the cruising classes at the north end of the Island.

As the racers rounded the mark boat at the island's north end spinnakers were launched and the race to the south began. The wind moderated even more and those who had a reef in their main shook them out. Ice still remained on the decks from the spray on the beat up Colvos Passage.

The spinnakers were held to the finish line in front of the Tacoma Yacht Club. All finishers were able to cross the line before dark.

The Southern Sound Series implemented the US Sailing Regatta Network program for registration and scoring. The results were posted on the TYC site shortly after the last boat finished.

The delivery back to Olympia was with a flood tide and wind behind us. *Koosah* was able to view the OYC lighted boat parade as we entered Budd Inlet. Very pretty! We had to motor through the ice to get into our Swawntown slip, but happy to arrive!

The second race is Duwamish Head on 11 January. Registration may be accomplished on the web site, ssseries.org. The third race is our own Toliva Shoal on 8 February followed by the Islands Race on 15 March.

Dave Knowlton, *Koosah*

RC Report

The Island Series is complete with very few boats competing due to too much and too little wind. Of the four races only Hope Island produced more than a handful of finishers. Since D Class did not have enough boats participating in the Fall and Island Series we will not have a split fleet this year and all D class boats will be scored as a single group for each of the series which make up the Season Championship.

The first two Inlet Series races are in January with Eld Inlet on January 4 and McAllister Creek on January 25. RC boats are *Aquavit* and stake boat *Tushita* for Eld and *Kaitlin* for McAllister. Thank you to all who volunteer but there are still two RC openings for the Henderson Inlet race on February 4 and for the Maclean Memorial on March 29. Please sign up for RC duty if you haven't done so yet.

The Race Committee met in December to discuss several proposed changes to the racing program.

Next year the Herron Island Race will include an

alternate course to Itsami Ledge if wind conditions warrant a shorter course.

Johnson Point will be added as a mark of the course and a possible shortened course point for the Eagle Island and McAllister Creek Races

Beginning in the 2014-15 season each skipper who intends to race in the Island or Inlet Series Races will be required to submit a PIYA Category III certificate indicating that their boat meets the equipment requirements designated for Category III. VHF Channel 72 will be used race communications.

The Race Committee will endeavor to include a short safety presentation at each Meeting.

The committee discussed changing the Maclean Memorial race to a double-handed, reverse start, overnight race to either Tacoma or Longbranch. Clark McPherson agreed to work on the logistics for moorage and race details for a future decision by the Committee.

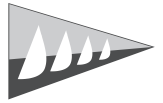
ANDREW KERR RACING SEMINAR

There will be an Andrew Kerr racing seminar on Saturday February 1 at WestBay, the Viewpoint Room, beginning at 1300. The cost is \$20/person at the door, \$10 a piece for each crew member you bring. This quality of coaching for this price is a real bargain

Andrew is an excellent speaker, experienced professional sailing coach, and has all the answers to proper preparation, sailing and winning. Teams he has coached have won the J80 North American's and Midwinter's, Farr 40 Nationals, J27 Midwinter's, Mumm 30 North American's, Benetau 40.7 North American's three times, Key



Starting the Herron Island Race photo: Peggy O'Brien
More Herron Island photos on line



West race week, the SORC, J35 Great Lakes Championships, J24 Pacific NW championships and Western Regional championships, Block Island Race Week, American YC Spring and Fall series, boat of the regatta at both the Chicago and Seattle NOOD regatta's, the Sail Newport Regatta & the Chicago to Mackinac and Bay view to Mackinac races. Teams have also placed 2nd in the S2 7.9 North American

Championships and 3rd in the J105 North American Championships.

Some of his accomplishments include winning the J24 Nationals 7 times, the J24 North American's, the J27 North American's, US Sailing's Offshore National Championships, the Santana 20 Nationals 8 times, the Holder 20 Nationals and numerous regatta wins at the SORC, Key West race week and Block Island Race week.

He has placed 2nd through 5th overall a total of 32 times in the National or North American Championships of 9 different one design classes as well as finishing 3rd, 4th and 5th at the J24 World Championships and 5th at the J22 World Championships.

This is just before Toliva Shoal so bring your questions about tactics or sail trim. Hope to see you and bring your crew

Joel Rett, *Maranatha* and *LoneStar*

PHRF Dues Due for Toliva

They were due at the first of the year but here at SSSS we give you a grace period. We start checking with Toliva, which means now.

Star Fleet

We had our annual fall gathering to discuss the state of the fleet, get started on Black Star Regatta planning, and to make proposals to be brought to the fleet in the Spring. The following are the Meeting Notes:

Black Star Regatta committee - Vicky Sheldon will chair Black Star Regatta committee this year. Thank you Vicky for volunteering. The first Black Star Regatta meeting is to be at Vicky's on December 18. The usual pot luck starting at 1800. The second meeting is



Squaxin Island Race photo: Jeff Hogan More Squaxin photos on line

tentatively scheduled for January 29 and will be confirmed at the first meeting.

The following have been nominated and seconded for officers: Fleet Captain - Sherwood Smith, Race Chair - John Thompson, Treasurer - Larry Kutz, Secretary - Steve Worcester. This slate of officers will be voted on at the spring meeting pending acceptance of those nominated.

Treasurer Report: Larry Kutz reported that the Star Fleet has been provided with a separate checking account under the SSSS account at Twin Star Credit Union. The Treasurer, and fleet Captain when the treasurer is not available, will be able to write checks for fleet expenses. The current balance in the account is \$1,816.

The following budget is proposed for 2014 to be voted on at the Spring Meeting: \$900 - Runabout maintenance and repairs \$200 - Fuel \$100 - RC Gear \$100 - Season Trophies (TBD) \$516 - Outboard Replacement Account

This is the regular season budget, the Black Star Regatta budget will be established by the Black Star Regatta committee. The fleet dues are proposed to remain \$20 for the coming season to be paid by the first Monday of the season.

It has been seen that participation is declining since the peak in 2009. We discussed some of

the possible reasons for the decline this past season. To address this Bill wants to take the lead in getting more of the available boats out. He indicated that there are at least 30 boats available to race. The following participation goals have been set for the coming year: Black Star Regatta - 22 boats; Average number per night 16-18 boats

We would like input from the fleet on what would get you out on the racecourse more, and increase participation in the racing program this coming year. The following proposals have been made and seconded for discussion and adoption at the Spring Meeting:

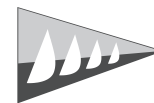
Proposal #1 - Eliminate the series scoring. Score the night and the season only. Post the season score each week. Reason for the proposal - the series scores really do not do anything. People seem to just want to know how they did for the night and the other series are an afterthought.

Proposal #2 - Race 3 Mondays and on the 4th Monday of the month the fleet will be split into 2 fleets based on the results of the previous 3 nights.

The two fleets will have separate starts with those in the upper half in A Fleet and those in the lower half in B Fleet. Teams will be established with the highest seeded member of A paired with the lowest seed of B, etc. the winner of the night will be the lowest combined score of A+B. The night will count for participation toward the 50 percent participation for the season, but the scores will not be included in the season scoring.

Proposal #2 -Alternate: The score will be counted in the season with the placing for a race being based on the combined score of A+B. Reason for the proposal - to help with participation by changing things up for one night a month. It would allow for upper half teaming up and encouraging their teammate in the lower half of the fleet. Giving separate starts will allow boats of the same skill level to race against each other once a month.

Proposal #3 - Fun Mondays. There would be up to one fun race a month. The night would be counted toward the 50 percent participation for the season but the races would not be scored for the season or series. The races would be designed to have fun and change things from the normal racing. Reason for the proposal - to promote fun and seamanship and give fleet



members an opportunity to do some different activities and promote participation.

The following possibilities for fun races were discussed. There are other possibilities that could be implemented, the important thing is to decide if this is something we want to include in the program for the coming season.

Envelope Race - the race committee sets a number of marks around the race area and a starting line. The race is started normally, however, the racers are given a series of numbered envelopes to be opened in order. After starting the racers are allowed to open the first envelope which will tell them where they are to go next and what they need to do. After the last envelope task is completed the boat can finish as required. All normal ROW rules apply during the race.

Flag Race - the marks are set around the inlet with colored or numbered flags attached to them. The race will be started normally and the racers can go to the marks in any order. The first boat to finish in the same direction as the start with all the required flags wins.

Proposal #4 - when the race is canceled those that show up ready to race count toward the 50 percent participation for the season, but are not scored in the season scoring. If there are series scores, those showing up to race will be given the score of 1 plus the number that came to race and those not coming out will be scored DNC as it is currently scored for the series. Your 3 best scores will be counted for a series as it is currently. Reason for the proposal, to give those that show up to race credit for showing up, even if the race is canceled.

Eric Egge is making a Season Champion trophy to be put in the trophy case at Tugboat Annie's. He is also continuing to make the First First Award for those that get their first first place finish in a race with our fleet.

If you have other proposals for the spring meeting please submit them for consideration. The fall meeting is tentatively scheduled Sunday March 16 at Lord Bill's. If you want to make a formal proposal to the program for the coming season at the meeting, please send them to me 2 weeks prior so they can be sent out to the fleet beforehand.

Norm Smit, Star 7094, Tantalus

SHOP TALK

As I write it is almost Christmas. When you get this it will be time to think about getting all the Stars ready for the up coming season. It has been a busy fall in the Star shop. Five Stars had project work done on them and the race committee boat got a long needed face lift. Its amazing what a fresh coat of paint will do; along with fixing up and cleaning things on the boat. At this time, I still need to finish the last of my woodys, Glisten, and make up one boom and three masts before launch time. Starting

around the first of February, we will be doing the bottoms of the fleet and some of the Gig Harbor fleet. Somewhere along with all of this, my wife and I will be gone for two weeks in January or February for a short vacation somewhere it is dry and warm. However the shop will always be available for boat work while I am gone.

The Gig Harbor fleet captain has told me they will have five of their boats participating in the Black Star Regatta as well as our first Monday night series. This year, I am setting a goal for the Black Star Regatta of having 24 boats participate and an

average of 18 boats per Monday night races. We have a total of 33 boats in our fleet and 14 in the Gig Harbor fleet. This season we will have seven woodys in the water, three available for charter. I have a glass boat Jim Findley had for sale. I would like to sell. at least three of the five woodys I have.

Besides the Black Star Regatta and the Monday night races, our fleet has been invited to host the 6th District Championships in August. This will make for a good season of racing and provide for good use of the boats. We will be asking for volunteers to assist with race committee and other things

Island Series

RC Boats : Rushwind, Balder, Midnight Blue, and Liberty.

Fjord and Scarlett were mark boats. Thank you all.

Nirvana was First Over All in Series with 5.75 points

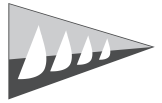
place Sail No. Yacht Name Skipper Name Rating Strt Eagle Herron Hope Total

		A-CLASS Races: 1 to 3				6 Strt	6 Strt	6 Strt	Total
1	69315 NIRVANA	Scott Schoch	120	3	2.00	0.75	0.75	3.50	
2	73392 BODACIOUS	J Rosenbach	129	3	0.75	2.00	2.00	4.75	
3	18633 15	Dan O'Brien	117	3	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	
4	79182 FOLIE A DEUX	Jeff Johnson	138	3	2.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	
5	79089 LIGHTLY SALTED	Mel Schaefer	96	2	3.00	6.00	5.00	14.00	
6	74363 BLUE CANARY	David Smith	105	1	3.00	6.00	6.00	15.00	
7	69095 MYSTIFY	Bill Hutchinson	120	1	2.00	6.00	8.00	16.00	
7	18351 MISS CONDUCT	Erik Dahl	102	1	3.00	5.00	8.00	16.00	
7	154 SKOOKUM	George Brown	99	1	2.00	6.00	8.00	16.00	

		S-CLASS Races: 1 to 2				0 Fin	5 Strt	5 Strt	Total
1	592 GAYLE FORCE	Drew Phillips	99	2		0.75	0.75	1.50	
2	82 MCSWOOSH	Clark McPherson	66	2		2.00	2.00	4.00	
3	69399 FLYING CIRCUS	Dave Elliott	72	2		2.00	4.00	6.00	
3	1005 SILVERHEELS	Tucker Smyth	54	1		3.00	3.00	6.00	
5	69051 SPIRIT	Steve Jones	81	2		2.00	5.00	7.00	
6	83179 HE LIVES	Steve Kirkpatrick	108	1		2.00	7.00	9.00	

		B-CLASS Races: 1 to 2				0 Fin	5 Strt	6 Strt	Total
1	28877 SHOWTIME	Kyle Reese-Cassal	174	2		0.75	0.75	1.50	
2	69063 GIZMO	John Thompson	207	2		2.00	2.00	4.00	
3	47914 KAITLIN	Roger Edwards	168	2		2.00	3.00	5.00	
4	59851 D'LAVICEA	Terry Andersen	108	2		2.00	5.00	7.00	
4	40 RUSHWIND	Ken Russell	186	1		3.00	4.00	7.00	
6	49436 STRATEGERY	Mike Visser	141	1		2.00	6.00	8.00	
7	51496 PANDORA	Bob Connolly	165	1		2.00	7.00	9.00	
7	97560 WHISPER	Ray Maly	162	1		2.00	7.00	9.00	

		D-CLASS Races: 1 to 3				9 Strt	6 Strt	11 Str	Total
1	69927 BALDER	John DeMeyer	143	3	4.00	0.75	0.75	5.50	
2	39110 KOOSAH	Dave Knowlton	177	3	0.75	2.00	3.00	5.75	
3	49914 VINTAGE	Joe Downing	176	2	3.00	4.00	2.00	9.00	
4	923 WHITE RAVEN	Rick Antles	147	1	5.00	4.00	4.00	13.00	
5	200 AQUILA	Jason Vannice	270	2	4.00	4.00	6.00	14.00	
5	69667 SASSY	Glen Hunter	143	1	5.00	4.00	5.00	14.00	
7	79179 GENESIS	Alan Niles	252	3	2.00	3.00	10.00	15.00	
7	37079 OSA	Richard Bigley	182	2	5.00	3.00	7.00	15.00	
9	59571 JUDY LEE	Brad Smith	260	2	4.00	4.00	9.00	17.00	
9	52834 AQUAVIT	Gaute Syversen	186	1	5.00	4.00	8.00	17.00	
11	39458 RELEAF	Kelly Coon	247	3	4.00	3.00	11.00	18.00	
12	328 TUSHITA	Steve Roth	155	1	4.00	4.00	13.00	21.00	
12	335 R TIME	Dan Miller	239	1	5.00	4.00	12.00	21.00	
12	29718 MARANATHA	Joel Rett	176	1	4.00	4.00	13.00	21.00	
12	69141 JODY V	Jack Shincke	206	1	5.00	3.00	13.00	21.00	



SSSS Boats at Winter Vashon, TYC

Bodacious	3	Class 7	19	OA
Showtime	3	Class 8	30	OA
Something Special	4	Class 4	31	OA
Korina Korina	5	Class 3	26	OA
Dulcinea	5	Class 8	41	OA
I-5	6	Class 6	24	OA
Taku	7	Class 7	43	OA
Nirvana	8	Class 8	32	OA
Folie `a Deux	8	Class 7	44	OA
Steamy Windows	3	Comm		
D'Lavicea	6	Comm		
Koosah	1	Crus		
Free Bird	2	Crus		
Puelche	5	Crus		
McSwoosh		DNC		
Skookum		DNC		
Dyno		DNC		
Pandora		DNC		
Osa		DNC		

Team Race

SSSS-1 1st 81 points
 Bodacious, Showtime, Nirvana
 SSSS-2 2nd 98 points
 I-5, Korina Korina, Pandora

Hope Island Race, December 14

Liberty was the RC Boat. Thank you.

place/Points	OA Class	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Correctd Time
A-CLASS Start Time 10:00 Distance: 13 nm							
1	0.75	69315	NIRVANA	MERI 28	120	13:22:38	12:56:38
7	2.00	73392	BODACIOUS	BENE 35 S5	129	13:44:27	13:16:30
8	3.00	18633	I5	SANZ 33	117	13:46:53	13:21:32
10	4.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	138	13:59:01	13:29:07
13	5.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	96	13:52:59	13:32:11
14	6.00	74363	BLUE CANARY	C&C 99	105	14:01:18	13:38:33
S-CLASS Start Time 10:00 Distance: 13 nm							
2	0.75	592	GAYLE FORCE	MEL	99	13:23:18	13:01:51
3	2.00	82	MCSWOOSH	11M	66	13:16:41	13:02:23
4	3.00	1005	SILVERHEELS	SYN	54	13:16:20	13:04:38
9		12	PAX		-10	13:21:17	13:23:27
11	4.00	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	13:45:16	13:29:40
12	5.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	13:47:39	13:30:06
B-CLASS Start Time 10:05 Distance: 13 nm							
5	0.75	28877	SHOWTIME	OLSN25-1	174	13:49:17	13:11:35
6	2.00	69063	GIZMO	HARM22	207	13:59:36	13:14:45
15	3.00	47914	KAITLIN	RANC 32	168	14:22:17	13:45:53
16	4.00	40	RUSHWIND	FP 39	186	14:26:14	13:45:56
17	5.00	59851	D'LAVICEA	HUMC 40	126	14:21:44	13:54:26
18	6.00	49436	STRATEGERY	SJ30	141	RAF	
D-CLASS Start Time 09:35 Distance: 13 nm							
0.75		69927	BALDER	ERIC 38	143	13:42:07	13:11:08
2.00		49914	VINTAGE	RANC 33	176	13:53:40	13:15:32
3.00		39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	14:00:18	13:21:57
4.00		923	WHITE RAVEN	CAV45	147	13:55:07	13:23:16
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that might need more help than just the fleet members can do.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas with family and friends and is looking forward to the new year, filled with health and happiness, doing what we most enjoying doing, Boating!!!!

Bill Brosius Star shop supervisor and whatever

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!

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- Mike & Pam Peterman *Serenity* Newport 28
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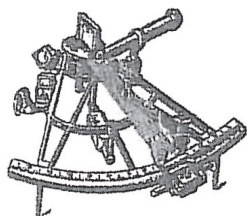
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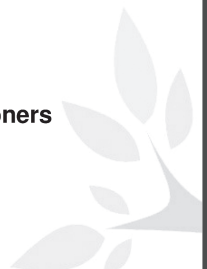
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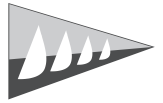
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Letter: Eagle Island Race

"Know when to fold 'em." -Kenny Rogers. Ok, Kenny wasn't singing about sailboat racing but it's still good advice.

Pandora, our sturdy 1965 Cal 36, left the dock with a single reef in the main and our 110% jib. Predictions were for 15 to 20 knot winds, building to 35. We had a crew of six, most were experienced in strong winds. We were confident that we were prepared for these conditions. We had a great start and a lot of fun sailing to Dofflemeyer Point but the wind was building rapidly beyond predictions. The tops of the waves were blowing off, creating white foam all around us. As we turned east it was apparent that we needed to shorten sail further. We ducked into the lee of Squaxin Island to put in a second reef and switch to a storm jib. After the sail change, we decided to get back into the wind to see if we wanted to continue racing.

We re-entered Dana and it was immediately obvious that the wind was not letting up. The radio was busy with boats abandoning the race. Retreating boats were beating into a brutal chop which we knew would get worse as soon as the tide turned. We turned back inside Squaxin to consider our options. No one on board wanted to drop out but as captain I wanted to keep it fun for the crew especially for the one crew member only on his third sail.

I explained that in these conditions it might be better to abandon the race, to stay in one piece with no one hurt and no damage to the boat so that we could race another day. Could we have finished? Yes. Would there be injuries or damage to the boat? Maybe not, but was it worth the chance? We retired from the race and



photo: Dan O'Brien
Breaking the ice to get home from Vashon

headed off to anchor.

Before I start any long distance race, I always gather weather information, review the tides, and have a "get out of jail free" plan, a place to duck into or a route that puts us out of harm's way if need be. In this case, we ended up sailing to OYC's Island Home. Most of the crew got a ride home. One crew member and I brought the boat back the next morning. We had to motor because there was *no* wind.

I look forward to the SSSS Island and Inlet Series each

year. These races can see heavy winds which are good training for the bigger races like the South Sound Series, Smith Island, Swiftsure and Southern Straits. These races are PIYA Category II and III which *Pandora* is equipped to manage. We race because we like to, at times it is a challenge, but I believe it is up to each skipper and crew to determine whether they should go on or not.

The standard of care for sail boat racing is clear. We have the PIYA Category Requirements and *The Racing Rules of Sailing* which includes as a Fundamental Rule, Decision to Race, "the responsibility of whether or not a boat races must rest finally with the boat and her crew. The organizers cannot be blamed or held responsible for not abandoning a race because of bad weather." We should abide by these and not put the burden on the Race Committee or the Sailing Society. It is up to the Captain and Crew of each vessel to decide when to fold'em.

Bob Connolly, *Pandora*

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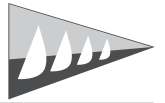
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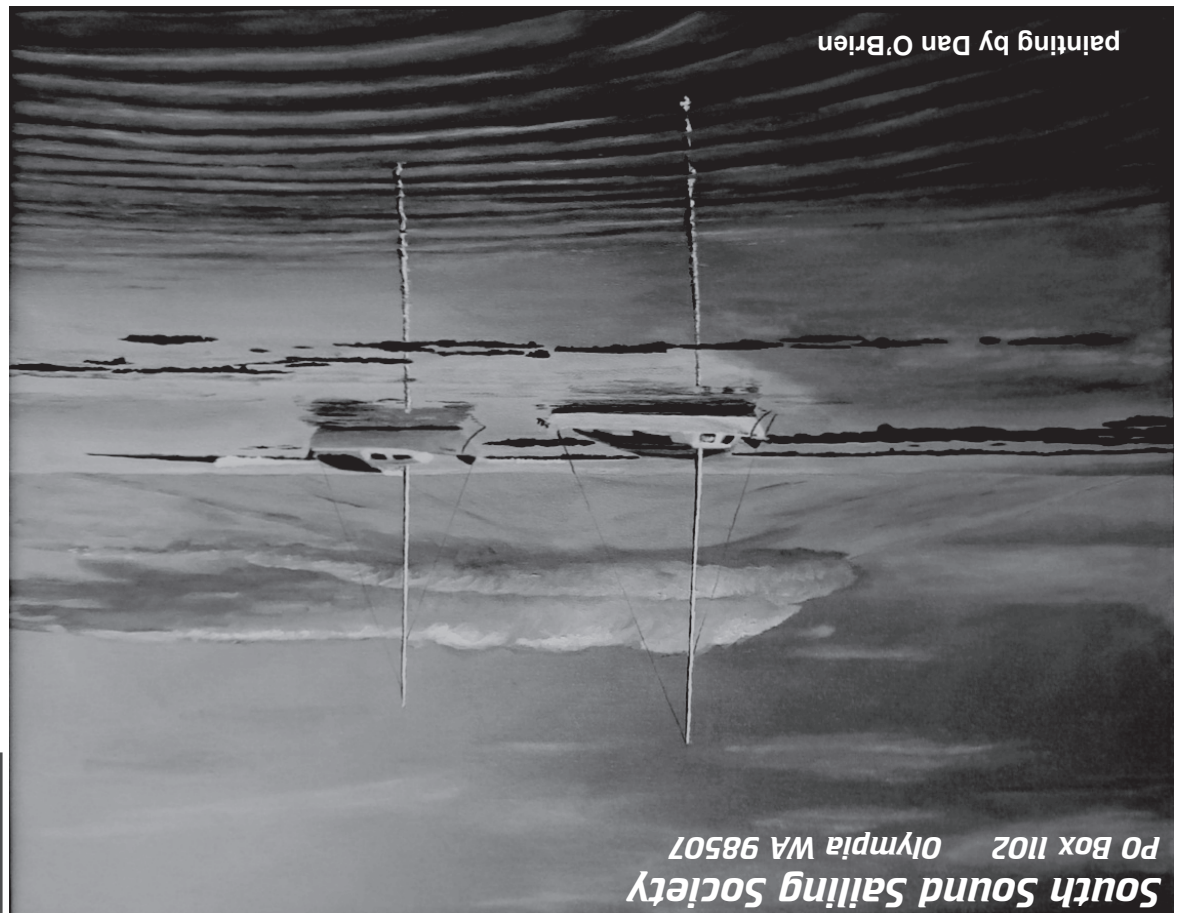
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