

# Ship-to-Shore

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## October Meeting: Barkley Sound

Where did you go on *your* summer cruise? Seems like quite a few folks went to Barkley Sound this year, including Mary Campbell, skipper of *Sonrisa II*. Mary and her crew, Joyce Mercuri, Sherry Register and Sandy Whitmore, will share their adventures with us at the October General Meeting. The challenges included changing crew while in Barkley Sound: getting there by land and getting out to the boat, and back!

Mary has shared many of her adventures with us over the years, and those of us who have heard her before know we're in for a great story. Come join us on October 14 to hear for yourself and enjoy!

**Micki McNaughton,**  
*The Stargazer*

### PARKING FOR THE MEETING

If you are not a member of OYC you will not be allowed to park in the OYC parking lot for Meetings this year. OYC gained a lot of new members over the spring and summer and are concerned about the parking lot being available for members.

South Sound has actually been allowed a privilege that even OYC members do not get with the parking lot. As an OYC member if you rent the clubhouse you are not allowed to use the parking lot for the event.

Please plan accordingly, there is some parking on the street and the lot behind OYC you can park for \$2.00. If you have further questions please feel free to contact me.

**Debe Andersen, D'Lavicea**

## Commodore's Corner:

Often at work, after a particularly sunny weekend, someone will inevitably ask me if I went sailing because, well, obviously it was great weather. Because it was sunny. I hate that. I know they mean well and are nice people, so I smile and nod and say "No, but it did look beautiful." I think what bothers me about this assumption, that sailing is best when it approaches a Corona commercial, is that it denigrates sailing and the people that do it.

Sailors value their happiness, of course, and some of the fundamentally happiest people I have met are sailors. But sailing is not simply fun. Sailing is often uncomfortable, and usually one side or the other of frightening or tedious. I prefer the frightening side, but that can easily go too far. Sailing is always complicated, requiring attention and effort. Your fellow sailors, necessary as they are to the team, can be frightfully annoying. There is always someone who can sail better than you, and we all hate that, no matter what we say. Sailing is at least mildly expensive, though far cheaper than many hobbies if you want to do it on a budget. Sailing requires dedication, to the sport, to a boat, to your skippers and fellow crew, and heaven knows that dedication can be a drag. Finally, for each hour on the water there are many hours of preparation, and then who knows if the wind will even come up!

And on a good day, you go slightly faster than a brisk walk. But of course I love it, and so the readers of the Ship-to-Shore and the Members of the Sailing Club, and sailors worldwide.



Fall Portsmouth Regatta photo: Steve Worcester more photos on line  
The dinghy races had record attendance this year!

## Welcome New Members!

Oysterfest Cruise  
**October 4-5**

Board Meeting  
**October 7**

Fall Series Race 3  
**October 11**  
first start noon

General Meeting  
**October 14**

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900

Fall Series Race 4  
**October 18**  
first start noon

Member Social  
**October 23**  
Westbay 1900

Eagle Island Race  
**October 25**

Star Meeting/Potluck  
**October 26**  
Lord Bill's

Halloween Cruise  
**November 1-2**  
Longbranch

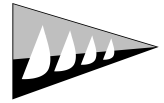
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So why would we spend so much time doing something so un-fun?

I think it is because we realize that chasing simple “fun” is probably the worst way to go about becoming happy. Sure, sometimes we all need a good downhill rush, or a few hours on a beach each year, or a great meal, but the best way to happiness is to make long term commitments, challenge ourselves, and come together regularly with supportive friends.

Sailing is all that. So I sail in great weather and crappy, the same as I have committed myself to my relationships, my school, and my work. I never wonder if I made a good decision by committing myself to something that, to be honest, can be a real pain in the ass. And often I have fun. But even on the worst of days, insofar as I remain committed, I am always happy.

See you all on the water.

**Webb Sprague**

## Secretary’s Report: Handbooks have Arrived!

As reported in the September issue of S-t-S, we are moving toward electronic Handbooks, however paper Handbooks will still be available and can be picked up by Members at SSSS Meetings or received in the mail, \$5 shipping and handling required.



Last Wednesday Night Race photo: Peggy O'Brien more photos on line

This year, the paper Handbook will look a bit different than in years past. Instead of each new Handbook coming with a front section and new racing sections, all Members will receive only a new front section. Racers will receive sections for PHRF, Portsmouth Dinghy, or Budd Inlet Star Fleet racing, depending on what events they participate in.

This change of format, combined with the electronic Handbook, has allowed us to reduce printing costs by nearly 50%. These savings will help the Club compensate for the additional expenses reported in the Treasure's Note.

Don't forget to pay your Membership dues, still only \$45. If you plan to race PHRF, pay the \$35 race fee too, \$80 total. Fill out the Membership form that came with your September S-t-S and bring it to the Meeting. Or mail it to us, along with your check, or pay on line.

**Mike Buffo**

## Last Chance to Buy a 2014-15 SSSS Photo Calendar

Did you pick up a calendar in September? If not, you have one more chance to pick up a Sailing Calendar for our 2014-2015 year. This 13 month calendar will get you through the General Meeting next September with every race, cruise, Meeting, and special events like Toliva Weekend, Women's Boating Seminar, LifeSling, Soldier Sailing, and Ship to Shore foldings already filled in for you. There's also other relevant information like full moons, daylight savings time adjustments, and holidays. If you do everything on this calendar, you won't have time for anything else!

As in years past, this year's calendar is chock-a-block full of great photos from SSSS sailing events. Lots of people take their cameras with them out on the water and share their photos with the rest of us, some of which find their way into the calendar. Special kudos this year to Barbara Emmons, who had her camera out there often, including the infamous Eagle Island Race last November. You'll find several of Barbara's shots, plus photos from Jim Findley, Glen Hunter, Alan Niles, Drew Phillips, Jeff Hogan, Debe Andersen, Jan Anderson, Catherine Hovell, Garner Miller, Richard Taylor, Steve Worcester, and me. It's fun to see everyone's photos in print; it's a nice way to pull together all the sailing events we sponsor throughout the year.

There are a few calendars available for pickup at the October Meeting, or earlier if that is most convenient. Calendars are \$25 each. If you want to guarantee a calendar, please e-mail me at [thera\\_gram@earthlink.net](mailto:thera_gram@earthlink.net) and I'll set it aside so you're sure to have one. When we run out in October, they're gone until next year.

**Thera Black**

## Portsmouth Racing

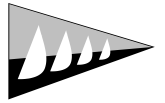
Dinghy racing season has wrapped up and there are only a couple of loose ends to finish off. We had **the** best turnout ever this summer, plus good to great wind for almost every race. The Fall Dinghy Regatta was won by Garner Miller in his Laser. The Season Champions were Jason Donnette in the One Design Laser Class and Kevin French in the Open Dinghy Class. It was a great summer and I hope to see you out there next year.

**Jim Findley,**  
*Nightwind / Not Sirius / Lido 14*

## Member Social

It used to be the new Member social, but the idea is to introduce the new members to the long time Members. That does not work if only new Members come. The Social really is for everyone.

So come to **Westbay October 23 at 1900** and meet new friends and old.



## Cruise News

### HALLOWEEN CRUISE, LONGBRANCH, FILUCY BAY NOVEMBER 1-2

Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my; calling all witches and tin men too. The annual Halloween Cruise to Longbranch will be held on the weekend of November 1-2. Get out your costume and your boat decorations for some Great Pumpkin carving fun and a scrumptious potluck. Boat decorating and pumpkin carving will begin the festivities on Saturday afternoon with the potluck to be held Saturday night. The folks at the Longbranch Improvement Club have reserved the docks and pavilion for us from Friday through Sunday so if you want to come in Friday night you certainly may.

Sunday morning will begin with Rod Tharp's famous waffle breakfast. Coffee, tea and spiced cider will be hot and ready all weekend. This is South Sound Sailing Society's biggest Cruise of the year and in years past we have had over 40 boats. Come join in the fun and you may even meet the Wizard himself.

**Terry Van Meter, *Passages***

## OYC Thanks SSSS

On behalf of the Olympia Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program I would like to thank both the South Sound Sailing Society and individual Members for their generous donations in memory of Jan Visser. These funds will help support the sailing program that Jan started, which continues to operate with the help of many volunteers of the yacht club as well as a staff of certified instructors. This past spring students, from the Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater area, had a great season participating in the high school sailing program, sailing in several regattas. The fall season is just starting and the program, which is open to the public, will have a record number of students learning race tactics, honing their sailing skills and having fun. Thanks Mike Visser for coaching these great sailors!

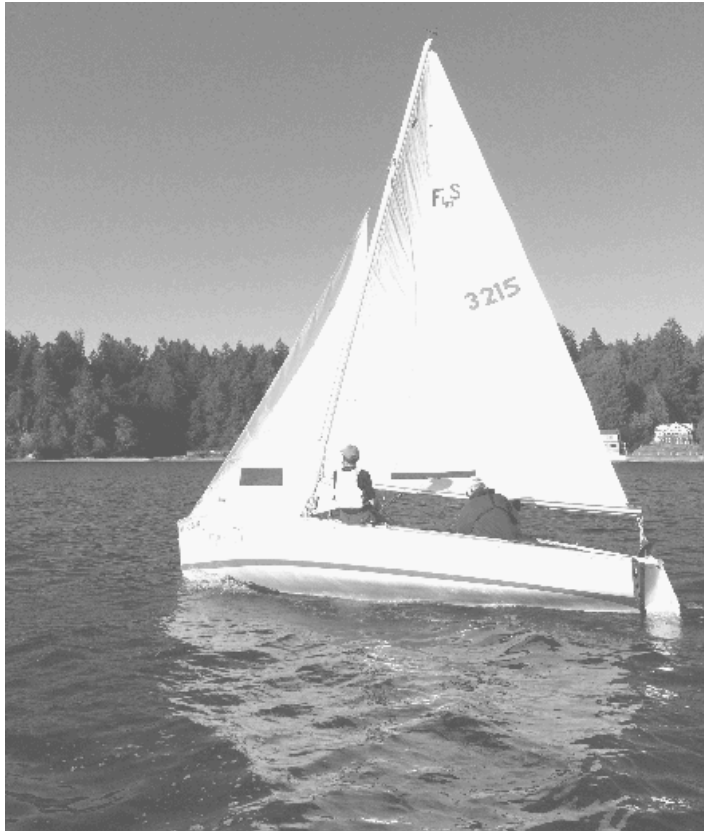
OYC sincerely thanks the SSSS for their continuing support. This partnership is greatly appreciated by OYC as well as by the many hundreds of kids that have attended summer sailing over the years. Just this past summer nearly 200 kids were in the program. Planning is under way to increase this attendance next year. It has taken a number of volunteers to fill Jan's shoes. Thanks go out to Michelle Ripple who picked up a lot of the work, with scheduling classes and instructors. Also, many thanks to Mary Fitzgerald, Mike Visser, Rick Antles, and Susie Zuelke for all their help.

Thanks everyone, once again, for all you do to encourage Junior Sailing!

**Bobby Connolly, *Pandora*, OYC Junior Sailing Committee Chair**

## Star Fleet

It is time for all of us to realize summer is over for another year. The Star Fleet will have all the boats hauled and put away for the winter, except for those that are in the shop for some work, mostly cosmetic. We had a good season with an overall turnout of 14



Last Thursday Night Race photo: Catherine Hovell  
more photos on line

boats per race and good winds for most of the races. We had seven woodys in the water with an average of four out per race. Surprisingly a woody finished first overall in the open division in the District 6 Championships which we hosted in August. I also would like to report we did not break a single mast this season even though at the start of the season

we had some 15 mph winds and a couple of new skippers.

At this time, I have two of the woodys for sale along with six glass boats. Anyone interested, let me know. I will try to list them in the ditty bag section or on the Star site along with asking prices. All are in race ready condition and one is the fleet champion boat for the past number of years. I need to remind everyone, it is not the boat that wins the races, it is the person in front of the tiller.

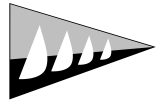
I will be having a potluck social and short business meeting here at the shop October 26 starting at 1500. The meeting will start at 1700 and we usually present changes and or recommendations for the fleet to vote on at the spring meeting. It is also a time to let everyone know who the

champion is for the past season in both the glass and woody divisions as well as the overall fleet champion.

Overall, it has been a great season and a big thanks goes out to all the Members who helped us with the Black Star and the District Championships. None of this could happen without your support. I also want to give a big thanks to Norm Smit for all he has contributed to our fleet in time and expertise, as well as John Thompson as race chair. There are many more I could list, you know who you are and we could not function without your being there when needed.

There will be little news to write about in the coming month or two so don't be dismayed if I don't include an article or two through the winter. Again, thanks to all from all the Star Fleet members.

**Bill Brosius, *Alcor***



## RC Report

Thank you very much for singing up for Race Committee duty at the September Meeting. If you did not get a chance to sign up you can contact me at rcchair@ssssclub.com or find me at the October Meeting. After the October Meeting I will begin assigning RC duty to boats that race and have yet to select a date. To see what dates are still available you can view the current race duty assignments on the web site. Enter the PHRF door at the top of the page and then select RC

Assignments on the left side of the page. Thanks again, volunteerism keeps everyone involved and keeps our dues and fees incredibly low.

The Jack and Jill race and the Single Handed races were held on August 23 and 24. We had solid participation this year with 10 Jack & Jills, and 8 Single-handers testing their skills in zero to little breeze.

The RC boats were challenged to set a course but succeeded in getting a few races off. Some racers were un doubtable frustrated with the lack of wind while others enjoyed the challenge. Regardless



The Sailing Team held a couple regattas on Thursdays  
photo: anonymous more photos on line

of what camp you were in, it was a beautiful weekend and it sure beats the heck out of going to work!

The class breaks for 2014-15 are changed to divide D Class, non-spinnakers, into D1 and D2. Boats that rate 190 and lower will be assigned to D1, boats that rate 191 or higher will be assigned to D2. For the Fall and Spring

Series D1 and D2 will start together. For the Island and Inlet Series, D Class starts a half hour before the other PHRF boats. Then D1 and D2 will have separate starts, with D1 following D2 by five minutes.

If you would like to race in D Class please talk to me or see Kelly Coon for a rating. This is a growing class and a great opportunity to get you boat off the dock over the winter and go sailing with a great group of boats.

As Fall weather approaches and races lengthen it's a good time to reconsider your and your vessel's means of communication with other racers and the RC boat. Our race rules do not require you to carry a VHF radio, but SSSS encourages all racers to carry a VHF for communication. Decent hand held VHF radios can be found for less than a hundred dollars today. That's a small cost for a valuable means of communication. Although it's not required, it is especially helpful for the RC boat to monitor channel 16, for emergencies, and 72 during races. This can be very helpful not only in times of distress but also to communicate more mundane messages such as a boat retiring from the race.

Fair Winds, Kyle "Reese" Reese-Cassal, *Redline*

## Fall Series Race 1, September 13

*Spirit* was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
<b>A-CLASS</b> Start Time: 13:15 Distance: 4.8 nm						
0.75	18633	I5	SANZ 33	117	14:52:55	14:43:33
2.00	64985	LIBERTY	C&C 35	123	14:53:58	14:44:08
3.00	69382	OPPOSITION	HUMB 30	102	14:52:38	14:44:28
4.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	138	14:59:22	14:48:20
<b>S-CLASS</b> Start Time: 13:15 Distance: 4.8 nm						
	12	PAX		-10	14:31:48	14:32:36
0.75	131	DRAGONFLY	VIPER 640	105	14:50:56	14:42:32
2.00	83179	HE LIVES	JBOA 92	108	14:54:39	14:46:01
<b>B-CLASS</b> Start Time: 13:33 Distance: 4.8 nm						
0.75	69063	GIZMO	HARM22	204	15:05:28	14:49:09
2.00	1102	FJORD	THUN	195	DNF	
2.00	59851	D'LAVICEA	HUMC 40	108	DNF	
<b>D-CLASS</b> Start Time: 13:33 Distance: 4.8 nm						
0.75	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	143	15:07:19	
2.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	15:16:42	15:02:32
3.00	923	WHITE RAVEN	CAV45	147	15:16:17	15:04:31
4.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	132	15:15:43	15:05:09
5.00+	69141	JODY V	C&C 29	206	15:22:05	15:05:36
6.00	11	TOUCHRAIN	ERIC 38	158	15:20:48	15:08:10
7.00+	39458	RELEAF	PEAR 30	247	15:33:45	15:13:59
8.00	67521	OZYMANDIAS	C&C 34	163	15:30:16	15:17:14
9.00+	36	PROMISE	HUNT 36	217	16:08:08	15:50:46
10.00+	335	R TIME	CATA 28	239	DNF	

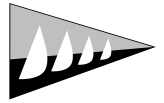
+ = boats in Division 2 for the Season Championship

## Star Fall Regatta Report

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

We did our fall regatta a bit differently this year just to change things up. All those that wanted to participate were given a teammate based on their place in the Season Championship scoring. The competitors were placed in two fleets based on their finish place with the higher placing boats in A Fleet and the lower in B Fleet. The boats were then paired into a team with one from the A Fleet and one from the B fleet with the highest placing A Fleet member paired with the lowest placing B fleet member, etc. The score for the regatta was the total score of A+B. Awards were given to the first place A Fleeter, first place B Fleeter and the first place team of A+B. The awards were coveted five dollar gift cards to West Marine. This was the plan.

Of course the best laid plans never seem to work out as planned, since this type of regatta require folks to tell the organizer if they plan on participating and many don't seem to realize that they actually have to communicate their plans. Second, it requires those that say they are planning on participating, to actually show up. Early in the week there were going to be 10 boats, 5 teams. As the regatta approached it was down to 8 boats, 4 teams. The night before the regatta is was down to 7 boats, 3.5 teams. The day of the regatta it was down to 6 boats, 3 teams. So, it was a smaller group, but a fun group in the end with very close racing.



As the organizer of such an event you just have to roll with it, as last minute changes to teams are made and people drop out and in. It was decided at the competitors meeting that, since it was a smaller group than planned, there would be one start for both fleets instead of two starts. However, the most important part of the regatta, for which there could be no compromise, was the choosing of a team name. To be eligible you had to have a team name. Although it was a small group of sailors, I must say they were a clever group when it came to team names.

The following were the participating teams:

*Team Crash Test Dummies*

(CTD): A Fleet: Bow #35,

*Puffin* - Dave and Sue Branch;

B Fleet: Bow #10, *Stella Luna* - Eric Egge and Colby Cavin

*Team Would Win* (both boats are woodies): A Fleet: Bow #06, *Mary's Boat*

- Jeff Causey and Caitlin Coleman-Holder;  
B Fleet: Bow #05, *Sparkle* - Catherine Hovell and Dave Martin

*Upstart* - Sherwood Smith and Burke Anderson

We were able to get in 3 races in a light 2 to 4 knot Northwesterly breeze before the wind shut off at about 1530 as the third race was ending. The racing was close and the course length short. The winning team was *Would Win* with a team score of 9 points; the Winner of A Fleet was Jeff Causey and Caitlin Coleman-Holder with 5 points; and the winner of B Fleet was Catherine Hovell and Dave Martin with 4 points. Congratulations to *Team Would Win* for their spectacular results in the final regatta of the year, and a clean sweep of the awards with fabulous prizes. Also, thanks to Alex Bromen and



Stars Districts photo: Thera Black more photos on line

*Team Star Rats* (say it backwards): A Fleet: Bow #17, *Mari*: Derek DeCouteau and Michelle Apodaca; B Fleet: Bow #27,

Brandon Raftery for their help with running the races.

**Norman Smit, Star 7094, *Tantalus***

## August Portsmouth Series

### Overall

Sail	Skipper	Type	Total	Night 1	Night 2	Night 3
1 204394	Kuehlthau,Bob	Laser	5.5	0.75	0.75	4
2 100821	Donnette,Jason	Laser	5.75	2	3	0.75
3 542	French,Kevin	HPN5.2	15	6	4	5
4 41636	Miller,Garner	Laser	21	7	2	12
5 165885B	,Ezra	Laser	22	10	10	2
6 162244A	,Elena	Laser	25	3	10	12
7t 5	Trummert,Dwaine	Laser	26	13	10	3
7t 5A	Grable,Judy	420	26	4	10	12
7t 2614	Brown,Adam	COR15	26	13	6	7
10 150933	Singelis,Theo	Laser	27	5	10	12
11t 14B	Bird,Orion	420	29	13	10	6
11t 100	deGive,Henry	RS100	29	8	10	11
13 6922	Gosse,Jean	DS	30	11	10	9
14 816	Baldrige,Darris	HPN5.2	30	13	5	12
15t 22	Anderson,Mark	C-LK	31	13	10	8
15t 6103	Long,Jack	LASE2	31	9	10	12
17 3215	Donahue,Dan	FSCT	32	13	7	12
18t 187934B	Lawrence,Charlie	Laser	33	13	8	12
18t 1306	Slosson,Jim	TNZ16	33	13	10	10
20t 186539C	,Ezra	LASEM	34	13	9	12
20t 1509B	Far,Zana	LASEM	34	12	10	12

### Lasers

Sail	Skipper	Total	Night 1	Night 2	Night 3
1 204394	Kuehlthau,Bob	5	1	1	3
2 100821	Donnette,Jason	6	2	3	1
3 41636	Miller,Garner	12	5	2	5
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The S-t-S needs your photos and stories

## STAR FALL REGATTA

**NORMAN SMIT RAN THE REGATTA. THANK YOU.**

Place	Team	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	Team
1	<i>Would Win</i>					
	A - Bow #06	1	2	2	5	9
	B - Bow #05	2	1	1	4	
2	<i>Star Rats</i>					
	A - Bow #17	2	3	1	6	11
	B - Bow #27	1	2	2	5	
3	<i>CTD</i>					
	A - Bow #35	3	1	3	7	16
	B - Bow #10	3	3	3	9	

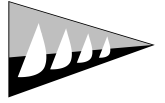
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2 100821	Donnette,Jason	Laser	3.75	3	0.75
3 786	Findley,Jim	LD14	7	4	3
4 100	deGive,Henry	RS100	9	2	7
5 542	French,Kevin	HPN5.2	10	6	4
6 816	Baldrige,Darris	HPN5.2	11	5	6
7 191555	Zonig,Elana	Laser	12	7	5
8 187794	Miller,Max	Laser	16	8	8
9= 8858	Gosse,Jean	LI	19	10	9
9= 22	Anderson,Mark	C-LK	19	10	9

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2 41636	Miller,Garner	3	1	2
3 191555	Zonig,Elana	6	3	3
4 187794	Miller,Max	8	4	4



## Letter: A VERY Long Day Cruising!

Linda and I departed our sailing friends, *Infinity* and *Kabloona*, in Port Browning, Canada, and cleared US Customs and Boarder Protection in Roche Harbor. *Koosah* sailed and motored to Hunter Bay on Lopez Island and anchored for the night. Our plan was to go through Deception Pass on the next day's slack at 1012 hours.

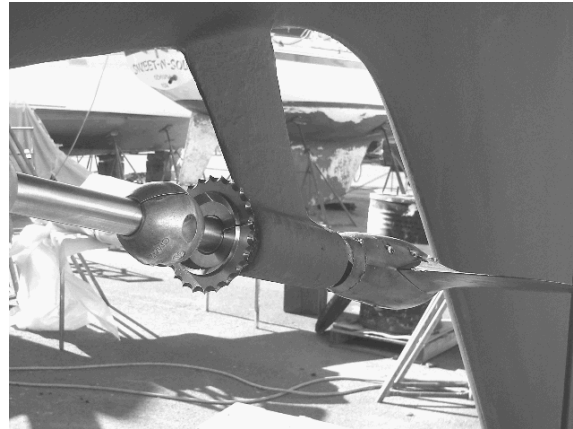
We awoke around 0700 and prepared for our passage. There was a little fog in the bay and we decided to go ahead and begin the crossing. As we navigated through Lopez Pass into Rosario Strait the fog filled in. Visibility was approximately 100-200 feet with the sun attempting to burn its way through. We entered the Deception Pass way point into the chart plotter and small GPS that put a lollypop of the way point on our radar screen. We looked at our AIS screen and there was only one target appearing. We tuned on our automatic fog horn through the Standard Horizon 2100 VHF and were shocked the first time it blasted on! It was loud!

The compass bearing was determined. I was at the helm; Linda was monitoring the instruments at the chart table.

The first half of the journey was uneventful; stay on course, put on a wool hat and gloves to keep warm in the cold fog, and keep looking around outside and at the instruments inside. As we crossed the traffic lane we knew that something big was approaching ... it was on radar and the AIS. *Koosah* turned south so we would pass port to port and the huge barge and pusher tug passed us closer than I thought she would! Approximately ten minutes later a sailboat sounded her fog horn and slipped past our stern ... we could barely see her. As we approached Deception Pass more blips appeared on the radar. There were no new AIS targets. About a half a mile from the bridge the sun broke through! We had arrived at 1000 and were able to motor through the pass. We were elated but exhausted because of all the attention, and tension, we had to devote to the passage.

We motored to Strawberry Point passing racers returning from Whidbey Island Race Week; knowing that they had missed the slack and them not knowing how dense the fog was in Rosario Strait.

We were able to unfurl the genoa and motor sail for a few miles until the wind died. After Clinton the wind started to pick up from the northwest. We again set the genoa and headed for Kingston, anticipating a dock, showers, and a meal out. Upon our arrival in Kingston,



*Koosah* is armed, crab pots beware!! photo: Dave Knowlton

Saturday evening, all the slips were filled and those that weren't had a huge red RESERVED sign. No room at the inn!

We decided to continue south to Blakely Harbor and anchor. As we were departing I noticed a huge amount of crab traps. Then the heart-stopping sound of the prop: THUD, THUD, THUD. We had hit a crab trap and wrapped the line around our prop! The engine would run, but when it was put in gear, the THUD began again. We were on a lee shore and the wind was blowing around 15 knots from the northwest. The genoa was unfurled and we started slowing moving forward, but still slipping towards

the lee shore! We hoisted the main as quickly as we could and picked up some speed and headed out to the traffic lanes. Away from the lee shore and with wind behind us we could now sail to Blakely Harbor.

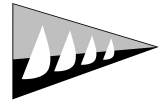
About a half-hour later other boats began to pass us. *Koosah* should be going faster than them! Looking around and over the stern the lead line to a crab trap could be seen three feet underwater! The boat hook was able to reach the line but the pressure on it was too much to bring aboard. Linda headed *Koosah* up into irons to relieve the pressure on the line. I was able to grab some line and bring it close enough to cut off whatever we were dragging. We turned downwind and *Koosah* accelerated as she should have been doing all along! The prop was put in gear, but the THUD, THUD, THUD was still there; in reverse it killed the engine. We were not going to be able to use the engine until the line was cleared.

We made it to the navigation markers at Eagle Harbor, just north of Blakely Rock and the wind started to die. We had to make it to the harbor under sail! We entered Blakely Harbor under main alone and drifted to a stop in 80 feet of water. The anchor went down and all of our 50 feet of chain and 150 of nylon rode went down. Not quite a 3:1 scope, but that would have to do. Since it was almost dark we decided to deal with the issue in the morning.

I didn't sleep much that night, pondering over the options: call for a diver Sunday morning; dive it myself (we carry a mask and snorkel but no wet suit); cut it off using a dive knife taped to a boat hook; tie the dinghy to the side of *Koosah* and push her home ... well, you get the idea.

Morning arrived and we decided to try the boat hook and knife option. As I was in the dinghy trying to make progress, a father and daughter came by in a kayak and asked if we needed assistance. We explained. The father said he could jump in and see what the prop looked like and we gratefully said that would be wonderful! He put on our swim mask and jumped in. He came up and said that he thought he could unwind it and that it was





not tight around the prop since it was a lead line. He went down the second time and came up with a float and ten feet of lead line and stated that all should be fine! Whew! Were we relieved.

We attempted to donate some money for his daughter's college fund but he only accepted some ice cream money for them. We started the engine and put it in gear. It worked!! We thanked him again, raised the 200 feet of anchor line and anchor and slowly motored out of the harbor. We were able to motor sail through the Tacoma Narrows to our destination anchorage in front of our friends home in Filucy Bay.

We made it back to Olympia the next day.

Afterthoughts: Although *Koosah* has radar, radar reflector, AIS, chart plotter, fog horn, most of the other vessels in the fog do not. Next time we may stay anchored until the fog lifts! We

are aware of crab pots, but eventually one is bound to hit one. We are now thinking about adding those spurs to our



The Stars come out for the season photo: Thera Black more photos on line

shaft for the next time. We had motored and sailed for over 15 hours. It had been a very long day!

**Dave and Linda Knowlton, Koosah**

## S-t-S Report

We have made the minor change in the S-t-S layout to save a nickel a copy mailing. Mailing the way we have become much more expensive, as our Treasurer tells us. Mailing as a "flat" is now the cheapest way to mail at about half to a third the cost of first class. Ed.

## Treasurer's Update

In June I mentioned that the Board had created a reserve account to provide a buffer against unforeseen demands. Little did we think that we would be glad of it so soon. Even before August was out we learned that we would have to face up to two financial hits.

One is an increase in rent for the OYC clubhouse from \$60 to \$100 per monthly meeting, plus a one-time increase of \$550 (from \$250 to \$800) for the deposit that the OYC requires.

The second is a significant increase by the Post Office in the bulk mail rate for Ship-to-Shore that is likely to cost an additional \$700 a year.

We had no warning of either of these at the time of our budget meeting at the end of the year so the small deficit we were forecasting is now a substantial one of over \$1,000. We have enough money in our reserve to absorb it for this year, but we won't want to repeat it next year. Here is an abbreviated version of the budget.

Here are the amounts we had in the bank on August 31. The Reserve account should have \$7,000 in it but we have transferred \$2,000 to take care of the unforeseen expenses. It will be replenished as dues flow in.

Checking Account	2,187.81
Prime Share Acct	1,004.52
(for capital expenditures)	
Reserve Savings (for rainy day)	5,000.68

**Peter Wyeth**

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projection
	2013-14	2013-14	2014-15	2014-15
Advertising	200	390	300	300
Ship & Handle	350	381	350	350
Members' Dues	11,250	11,565	11,250	11,250
Race Fees	1,750	2,245	2,030	2,030
<b>Income</b>	<b>13,550</b>	<b>14,581</b>	<b>13,930</b>	<b>13,930</b>
Past Commodore	1,000	-861	800	800
Race Program	1,800	-1,601	1,800	1,800
Cruise Program	500	-147	400	400
Program Chair	1,600	-837	1,300	1,300
Secretary	1,900	-1,914	1,900	1,900
StS Newsletter	4,000	-4,926	5,500	5,700
OYC Rent	600	-600	600	1,000
Insurance	1,300	-1,298	1,430	1,362
Other*	925	-1,022	380	930
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13,625</b>	<b>-13,205</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>15,192</b>
Savings	(75)	1,376	(180)	(1,262)

*\*2013/14 Other expenses include buying a new projector for \$661 but exclude a \$2,000 gift to OYC Junior Sailing in memory of Jan Visser.*



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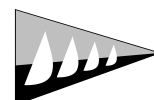
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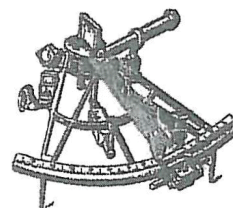
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