

Ship-to-Shore

The South Sound Sailing Society's Newsletter

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April Meeting: Bob Perry!

Yup, *that* Bob Perry! Although he didn't come from a boating family, Bob has been designing boats his entire life. I'll bet many of you have seen or sailed on a boat that he was involved in. A few that he has worked on are the Valiant series, the Islander 28 and the CT54. While he has been instrumental in the design of several production boats, his real love is bringing to life a particular client's vision, making those requirements and desires come together into a beautiful sailing machine. Come hear this Pacific Northwest icon describe his latest projects at the next General Meeting on Tuesday, April 12. If you'd like to learn more about Bob and his work before the meeting, visit www.perryboat.com.

Micki McNaughton,
The Stargazer

Meeting Parking : If you are not an OYC member you can not park in the OYC lot. You can park in the lot behind OYC for \$3.00.



Toliva Shoal Race photo: Glen Hunter

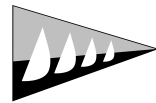
Commodore's Corner: Top 10

In the style of David Letterman, I figured I'd try my hand at creating my own top ten. (drum roll...) Don't forget to laugh at the end of each numbered line.

- Top 10 reasons to become a South Sound Sailing Society board member
- 10) You will get more boat time to see whales in the South Sound.
 - 9) You could find more people with boats like yours, including the ones you admire.
 - 8) It will take you 3 extra hours getting to your boat projects. If you are anywhere near H-dock like me. You will first talk to Dave, then talk to Jeff, then Richard, then Issac, and finally make it 8 slips over to your boat.
 - 7) You'll become an avid reader of the *Ship-to-Shore*. Especially the last 20 years worth because you'll be searching for clues on what to write as a board member.
 - 6) You get to attend the monthly SSSS Lutefisk and Haggis Dinners. Not really! Now leading the meetings, talking in front of people, and representing the Club for Opening Day doesn't sound so bad.
 - 5) You might get two free Seattle Boat Show tickets and a ticket for attending The Burgee Bash.
 - 4) Some board members get an official South Sound Sailing Society officer flag. I post a picture of myself with the commodore flag on facebook to one-up my friends!
 - 3) Most people know your *real* name! Depending if you remember to wear your badge and someone doesn't mistake you for John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt.
 - 2) You can use this as your stepping stone to become an unpaid elected official. (extra drum roll ...) The number 1 reason to become a SSSS board member...
 - 1) Why not, you're already a South Sound Sailing Society Member!

Commodore Ralph Cumberland. Firebird
(yeah, I am still looking for a "new" boat)

- Spring Race 1
April 2
first start noon
- Board Meeting
April 5
- April Cruise
April 9-10
- General Meeting
April 12
Visitors Welcome
Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900
- Spring Race 2
April 16
first start noon
- Portsmouth Dinghy Meeting
April 21
1830 West Bay
- Spring Race 3
April 23
first start noon
- Star Clinic
April 24
- Spring Race 4
April 30
first start noon
- Monday Star Races Start
May 2
first start 1830
- Board Meeting
May 3
- Black Star Regatta**
May 6-7
- General Meeting
May 10
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Sailing Classes

First a note on the High School Sailors. By the time you receive this, we will already have had a very successful It's the Water Regatta at Swantown Marina on the 19-20 March. Thanks to all you volunteers that helped us with our efforts in the care and feeding of over 150 High School Sailors, their parents, coaches, and chaperones.

As I look at the calendar for April and May, I'm realizing that things are heating up for all the sailors in the South Sound Area.

We have an **April Intro to Keelboat sailing class** for beginning keelboat sailors on April 23 and 24. The cost is \$189 and is scheduled for a weekend class time. Saturday April 23 from 0900-1600 with an hour break for lunch, and Sunday April 24 from 1300-1800. *No experience is necessary.*

May starts out with a bang with the start of SSSS sponsored races for Stars, dinghies, and keelboats. It is also the month for the Women's Boating Seminar. Check out the SSSS web site for more information.

May also includes a **Women's Intro to Keelboat Sailing Class** on May 9, 11, 16, and 18. These are on Monday and Wednesday evenings, starting at 1730 and going until dusk.

Both the April and May classes are geared towards students who would like to sail bigger boats, perhaps someday cruising our beautiful NW waters. We will start with the basics of sailing including rigging the boats, knots, finding the wind, points of sail, man-overboard drills and safety issues.

These are both introductory classes with advanced keelboat classes scheduled throughout the summer. Please check the OYC web site and the Olympia Parks and Recreation for more information of classes for both youth and adults.

If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

**Capt. Mary Fitzgerald,
OYC Juniors Committee Chair**

RC Report: New Bottom Paint Cocktails

As spring approaches and we are granted a bit more sunlight in our days many racers are thinking about spring boat maintenance and potentially a trip to the boat yard for some fresh bottom paint. Weather you do the work yourself or pay for a set of shoulders, bottom paint is still a cringe-worthy subject for most boat owners. Racers can be found on spring afternoons sipping barley pops, sanding,



admiring their work and batting around the default subjects, "what paint works best, what paint is the fastest, what's your secret to a perfect fair and glossy bottom?" And of course, "It cost how much!?"

Bottom paint is a necessary evil in the brackish waters of Puget Sound and things have recently become more complicated. Last year chemical company BASF decided not to renew its license for Irgarol. This popular pesticide has been used in bottom paints to deter soft growth, slime and algae. If you have been using paint with Irgarol it's probably not too late to get another gallon or two as these products are currently being phased out and are still on the shelf.

Most paint additives are removed due to legal regulations. Tributyl tin based paints were banned in 1988 and copper is next. Washington State will be the first state to ban copper paints for recreational boaters. Work boats and recreational boats over 65 feet are exempt from the new laws. 2012 legislation states that in 2018, no new recreational boats may be sold in Washington with copper paint applied. In

2020, bottom paint with > 0.5% copper will not be available for sale in our state.

With only one state actively phasing out copper paint, bottom paint manufactures have little incentive to cater to Washingtonian's needs. However many boaters nationwide are seeking out more environmentally sensitive solutions for their vessels. Paint companies are courting these customers and have released an array of "copper-free" bottom paints. Although "copper-free" might sound great, the harsh reality is that bottom paint is toxic and companies have simply switched to new toxins that are not as heavily regulated or the long-term effects are unknown. Some of these new toxins are Zinc Omadine, Econeal, Teflon etc... Copper may be the targeted chemical du jour, however these other biocides will be coming under increased scrutiny by the EPA. The cat and mouse game of toxins and environmental regulation shows no sign of slowing.

One interesting outlier in the new offerings is ePaint. ePaint uses zinc and sunlight to generate "benign levels" of hydrogen peroxide. When immersed in oxygenated water, ePaint photochemically generates minute levels of peroxides, making the surface inhospitable to the settling larvae of fouling organisms. I have heard some accounts of ePaint working very well in Puget Sound and I have heard some horror stories. One prominent marina I spoke with told me that they would not offer any warranty with ePaint. By all accounts the paint is tricky to apply, but if done correctly shows promise. It scored high in Practical Sailor's recent (March) 8-month emersion review.

Sometime in the next four years you will likely need to switch to copper-free paint. If any of our members have experience with copper-free paints please let me know and we can do a review of what is working in the south Puget Sound. Most of the new paints are ablatant and not suitable for a hard racing finish – hopefully that will change soon. Are the days of burnishing Baltoplate over? Well, not for a few more years.

**Cheers,
K. Reese Cassal, Redline**



Toliva Kitchen Supports High School Sailing

Despite registration numbers being down a little, Toliva Kitchen had a terrific year. We had a nearly record-breaking dinner, we almost sold out on breakfast, and by the time we closed up shop Saturday night we'd served up many gallons of soup and cleared out the cookies and other snacks we made for returning racers. In fact, we had very little in the way of leftovers and remnants to send to the Salvation Army on Sunday morning.

As always, we rely tremendously on the enthusiastic volunteers who make up the Kitchen Crew, the Toliva crew that cooks! This crew slices, dices, chops, and stirs. They mix and simmer, grill and bake. They clean, scrub, and mop. They set it up and they break it back down. Every year we're amazed and humbled by the incredible teamwork that pulls off the Best Party of the Southern Sound Series.

This year's crew included veterans of many Tolivas: Barb and Rick Bergholz; Karen Elliott; Pat Brower; Steve Worcester; Sandy Whitmore and Jonathan Halling; Tryna Norberg; Maria Chiechi and Brion Dahl; John White; Dee Saller; Marti Walker; Jim Boggs; and Linda and Dave Knowlton. We welcomed returning recruits from last year: Terry van Meter, Paul Paroff, and Bill Brandt. And we were delighted to have support from new crew members: Becky Helman, John Sherman, Mary Campbell, and Susie Zuelke. Debe and Terry Andersen made sure we had access to the kitchen when we needed it, and OYC's caretaker Greg checked in regularly to be sure everything was working as it should.

While the books won't be closed for a few weeks and final tallies known, the Kitchen took in \$2,100 and had outlays for dinner, breakfast, and soup of about \$1,600. Proceeds from the whole event go to support OYC's High School Sailing Program.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this great event!

Suzie Shaffer and Thera Black

Scorer's Report: Check my Work

Our racing season is almost over. We will soon be making trophies, based on the Awards in Class list on our web site. Please check to be sure I gave you all the credit you earned, and that I spelled your name right.

Portsmouth Dinghy Racing Spring Meeting

Time to wash the green slime off that dinghy, look at old frayed lines to be replaced, check for holes in sails, in other words it's time to get ready to go dinghy racing.

If you've had that Laser, C-Lark, Lido 14 or whatever out sailing around and thought you'd like to try racing but are a little intimidated by the race rules and close quarters, do we ever have a place for you. The SSSS sponsors **free sailboat racing** to anybody with a sailboat that is 20 feet or less and doesn't have a fixed keel, and you don't have to belong to any club or organization. We would like you to register, online or on the water, so we can score you and so we can let you know when other activities come up. We race on alternate Thursdays at 1830 starting May 12th on Budd Inlet just north of KGY and Anthony's Hearthfire. The racing is fairly low key and the other skippers are glad to give a hand.

Along with the regular Thursday night racing we also have the famous **Race to Somewhere** which will be on Sunday, August 14th (the date varies each year because of the tides). We start in our usual racing area and have a drag race, no handicap first to finish wins, out to Gull Harbor, the winner receiving the coveted

Rubber Ducky Award and the last place winner gets the coveted Beer Award. Then, the big reason for the race, we have a potluck picnic at George and Betty Hanson's. After the food and awards, we jump back into the dinghies and race back to near where we started in a handicapped race and usually with much more wind. This second half of the race counts in the series championship. It makes for a fun, laid back day and everyone that has done it raves about what a good time they had.

So, if you have any questions, or just want to chit chat with other people interested in racing small boats, discuss a few of the rules, or maybe complain to me that things didn't go right last year, come to the **Spring Dinghy Meeting**, Thursday April 21st, at the View Point Room at West Bay Marina at 1830. If you have a question and can't make the meeting or just can't wait that long, you can email me at dinghy@sssclub.com.

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

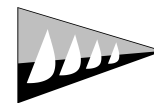


Saturday Toliva Kitchen crew
photo: John Sherman



Toliva Dinner Friday, above
Dinner prep Thursday below
photos: Steve Worcester





Cruise News

SPRING FLING CRUISE APRIL 9-10

New Destination McMicken Island

N47° 14.87' W 122° 51.74'

Monitoring VHF Channel: 72

SSSSCruise Group MMSI: 0 360 04200

Distance from Olympia: 20 NM

Saturday AM High Tide (Budd): 0718 (15.57ft)

Saturday PM Low Tide (McM): 1401 (-1.41ft)

Potluck Dinner ashore: Saturday 1800

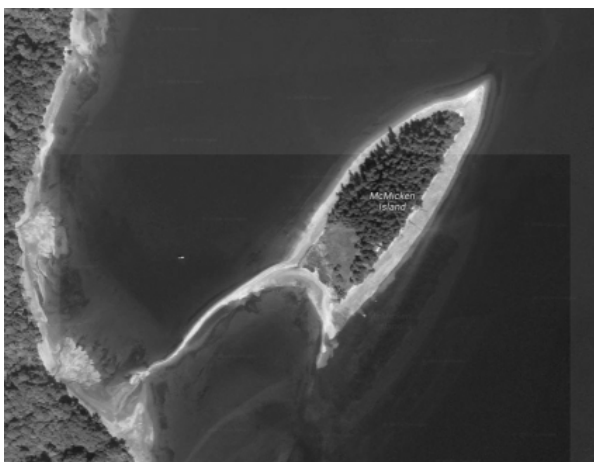
After some deep soul searching and no response from the folks on Anderson Island, I've decided to move the Spring Fling Cruise to its, now traditional location of McMicken Island on Case inlet.

I can't improve much on Terry's description for last year's trip other than to mention that we will see some minus tides. So here goes:

This serene and well protected little island cove lies just off the east side of Harstine Island about half way up. Just make your way through Dana Passage with the tide or if you must go against, hug the south shore of Harstine island in 30 to 50 feet of water and take advantage of a very nice eddy.

Watch your depth as you round Wilson Point and the shiny roof on the old homestead on McMicken Island will appear straight ahead. When you get to McMicken Island round the north end watching your depth as the island tapers down and enter the natural bay created when the island becomes connected at low tide to Harstine. There are three state park's mooring buoys and lots of great anchorage in 30 feet of water at the head of the bay and closer to either island.

Our four legged friends our welcome here with an easy motor or row to shore. There is a very nice picnic space on McMicken Island with a table or two and a grassy meadow and a self composting toilet. There are lots of trails through the island and one can walk



around the island on the beach. At low tide you can walk the spit to Harstine Island and maybe find some shellfish to harvest.

QUIET NIGHT, PLENTY OF SAILING

We knew it would be breezy but we never had a clue about the garlic chicken. The *Dog* headed for Hope Island at mid-day and set sails right out of the marina, hoping for an easy ride and a mid-day arrival. We accomplished both, under the watchful eyes of Terry Van Meter and Mike Buffo in the *Passages*. We made our way to Squaxin Passage with plenty of light to spare. Terry found an anchorage on the **East** side of Hope and the *Dog* rafted to him (after some hollered requests for room while we dropped our sails).

Eventually we settled in to a comfortable, dry and mild anchorage. The Squaxin current built a bit pushing our boats to the North and generating a minor slap and babble sound between our boats.

As the sun dropped behind the trees, Dennis McDermot oared his new Walker dingy from the *Lookfar*, moored at the one of the South buoys, up to the raft. We hauled him and his payload aboard and prepared for the evening.

What can I say about the Salty Sailor Cruise

evening? It was warm. It was comfortable aboard the *Passages*. It was garlic-infused.

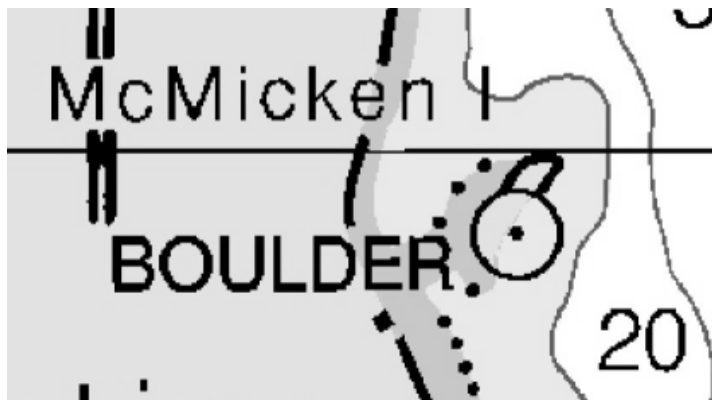
The following morning Terry regaled us with a great pancakes and bacon breakfast as the wind rose with the next weather front.

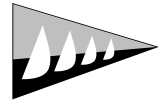
We broke up the raft at 9:30 and headed South in the building breeze. The *Dog* followed *Lookfar* past Boston Harbor. Dennis, of sound judgment dropped his sails and motored home. On the other hand, we raised our genoa and beat our way home against the rain and squalls for the rest of the afternoon. All in all, we had a very nice day.

Marvin Young, *Beware of Dog* ☐



Toliva Shoal Race photo: Devin Proctor





Star Fleet

It is surprising how fast time goes by when you over load your plate with things to do. I have been super busy working on the boats I have here at the shop and prepare the fleet for the upcoming season, along with helping the Black Star Regatta committee prepare for our regatta, scheduled for the first weekend in May. We are still looking for a PRO as I sit here writing this.

So far it looks like we will have a good turnout of boats in the water and for the races this season. We also have three new boat owners and skippers so far and a couple of request for chartering a Star for the season. If you are interested in racing with us, let me know and we will try to get you involved. Due to the fact my left shoulder has started to mimic the right before my surgery, I won't be able to skipper a boat. But I will be able to crew and train others to sail these boats.

We will be launching the fleet April 17 at West Bay Marina using a boom truck. The time has not been set yet, depends on the

Women's Boating Seminar Next Month

tide and the truck operator. I will be launching 6 boats at Zittles Marina the week of March 28 and tow them around. These boats belong to me or the new boat owners/ The early launch will ensure there



photo boat Toliva Shoal Race photo: Adam Harris

will be time for training and practice. Also by launching at Zittles, I have fewer boats and trailers I to have to haul to West Bay.

This winter the youth sailing group from OYC had their boats in the shop for repairs and repainting the hulls. There was a good turn out of the high school kids involved in

that part of the sailing program. The boats left here looking in great condition. Sara and Casey are really doing a great job with that program along with Mary, who towed the boats from OYC to Zittles and back.

Last but not the least, my wife and I had a wonderful two weeks in Costa Rica in February where it was warm and mostly dry. We had wind and mist up in the cloud forest areas but then that is why it is called the rain forest. We didn't see as many birds and other animals this time as in the past but that was due to the weather conditions before we arrived. It was nice to be able to share this time with my twin brother and his wife who live on the east coast.

That's it for now, hope to see you at the meetings.

Bill Brosius, Alcor

Letter: Becoming a Sailor

"Hey, I can see Mt. Rainier!" exclaimed my new-found friend as we walked toward my boat.

"Is this the first time you've seen the mountain from the water?" I asked. "

No, it's the first time I've seen the mountain since I moved here two weeks ago" was his reply. That's when I knew that I might have a bit of local knowledge to contribute the collective wisdom of our crew for the day. But I'm getting ahead of the story here.

I'm the proud co-owner, with my husband, of an Island Packet 32. A wonderfully stout go anywhere boat with a cut-away keel and, essentially, all the comforts of home in her broad belly. A truly sound haven. Although we've owned the boat for five years, until this year I really didn't know how to sail her. That's right. Own a boat for five years and not know how to sail.

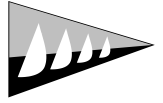
How does this unfortunate circumstance come to be? Life gets in the way of sailing! The month after we brought the boat home to our small community dock at Kamilche Point, we decided it was time to move my elderly mother in with us. Our time was split between working at the office, and caregiving at home. No time for sailing.

Fast forward. Mom passed on just a month shy of her 94th birthday. Missing my mom, and Dad, but appreciating them more and more every day, I decided the time had come to learn to sail the boat. Now, my husband had, in another life, lived aboard and cruised to

Skookum Inlet Race, March 5

Transition was the RC Boat. Jolly Rumbalow was mark boat.
Thank you both.

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2.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	96	13:35:36	13:24:24
3.00	83179	HE LIVES	JBOA 92	114	13:52:13	13:38:55
A CLASS Start Time: 10:25 Distance: 7 nm						
0.75	18351	MISS CONDUCT	OLSN 29	102	13:32:44	13:20:50
2.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	13:34:58	13:25:31
3.00	69804	REIFF	J35C	105	13:43:06	13:30:51
4.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	126	13:48:59	13:34:17
5.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	135	13:53:17	13:37:32
B CLASS Start Time: 10:20 Distance: 7 nm						
0.75	69063	GIZMO	HARM22	201	13:42:35	13:19:08
2.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	207	14:00:21	13:36:12
3.00	260	SPIFF	RANC 26	216	14:00:45	13:35:33
D CLASS Start Time: 09:40 Distance: 7 nm						
0.75	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	13:51:32	13:30:53
2.00	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	183	14:00:10	13:38:49
3.00	777	DOLPHIN	SPEN 42	186	14:07:07	13:45:25
4.00	923	WHITE RAVEN	CAV45	147	14:05:36	13:48:27
5.00	427	DESERT SAGE	CATA 42	147	14:08:08	13:50:59
D2 Start Time: 09:35 Distance: 7 nm						
0.75	28877	SHOWTIME	OLSN25-1	192	13:39:00	13:16:36
2.00	79157	FINALLY FREE	ERC 32	207	13:48:29	13:24:20



faraway lands on his previous boat. He knows his way around our boat and took care of everything when we were on the water, so it was easy for me to read a book, take photos, and take the occasional nap. But, I still wasn't really learning to sail.

Oh, I took a basic sailing class, but that was several years in the past. I didn't really recall much beyond port, starboard, bow and

stern. I had never raised the main sail, opened the boat, nor navigated the shallow, current-heavy waters of our neighborhood, Totten Inlet, on my own. I decided the only way to learn was to take *Soundhaven* out without my husband onboard. But, I wasn't quite ready to single-hand.

So, my first "solo" trip was to Hope Island with my best friend from high school, her husband, 12-year-old son, and 80-plus year old parents. None of whom sailed. But, hey! I

could motor to Hope and ease the boat to a near stop at a mooring buoy, which I was certain someone on the boat could grab. It worked! We caught a buoy, had a lovely lunch, and the youngsters on board rowed ashore in the dinghy for a little exploration. I was the skipper of my own vessel. And then we had to dock.

Now, the little community dock at Kamilche Point is a patchwork of repairs and various styles of dock surface. It's also at the mouth of Little Skookum Inlet, where the current runs wickedly strong and the shallow water leaves little room for error. Remember that mention of the big, heavy, one-foot-wide-

at-the-base wall extending from the bottom of my boat, otherwise known as a cut-away keel? Sigh.

I slowed down, sucked it up, gave explicit instructions to my conscripted crew. With my heart pounding its way out of my chest, apparently to avoid the seemingly inevitable destruction that was about to happen, my hands sweating and my tongue so

dry it was sticking to the roof of my mouth, I said to myself, "What's the worst that can happen? We have insurance on the boat, the community has insurance on the dock, everyone onboard is wearing a PFD, if I ram the sucker into the dock and completely destroy everything, the insurance will pay for it and I'll never have to face this challenge again. Okay, let's do it." And, we did!

Then my friends went home to San Diego. And, I still hadn't actually sailed on my own. Here's where you, my amazingly helpful, supportive and inspiring fellow sailors from South Sound Sailing Society and the South Sound Women's Sailing Group come in! First, I called upon Joy Johnson, *Folie a Deux*, who was willing to crew, read coach, for me! An accomplished woman who possesses the most wonderful qualities of sailing competency and seemingly endless patience, Joy and a young cousin of mine, first time sailor, went with me for a windless day of motoring on the boat. But we were out!



Toliva Shoal Race

photo: Jeff Hogan



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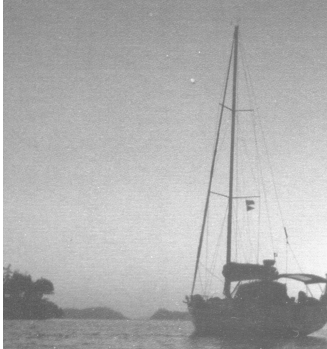


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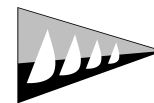
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Next, Mary Campbell put together a “speed-matching” session at a SSSS Meeting, so that those who needed crew and those needing a boat to crew upon could connect. And, I was thrilled to meet Frank Jasper, who had sailing experience, but no boat, yet! Also, through a chance meeting on the dock at Swantown, I met John Hooper, another experienced sailor, who was brand new to Puget Sound. Reread the first paragraph of this tale. Both were brave enough to join this newly-minted skipper for some time on the water. Did I mention this was in the Pacific Northwest in November? I was on a mission!

King Neptune smiled upon *Soundhaven* and her merry band of sailors as John, Frank, and I enjoyed two consecutive Saturdays in November with 10-15 knots of wind and lots of practice. Those two days filled me with confidence and new skills. And also the pleasure of making two new friends. A few more trips with Members Joy, Cari Hornbein, Susan Willis, and a couple of tours of duty as crew on *Folie a Deux*, railmeat, to be more

precise, and I was starting to feel like a sailor.

I also motored over to the Island Home Cruise to have a fun time working the breakfast shift. Where I had my first jello



Skookum Inlet Race photo: Bob Butts

shot, yes for breakfast. with a fellow sailor, she-who-shall-not-be-named. I met more friendly sailors by volunteering to greet incoming skippers and crew at the Toliva Shoals dinner. Plenty of opportunities for social engagement in the SSSS!

Fast forward again to a recent day sail with sustained winds of 15-17 with gusts of

22. On this day, Frank was at the helm while John and I managed halyards and sheets. Notice I no longer say “ropes”. Frank’s partner, Ann, also joined us. It was her first sail and she was a trouper! We

made a pact as we headed out that we would keep the heeling to a minimum, so that Ann would want to come out with us again. She was still smiling as she left the dock that day, so I think it was a successful experience.

All-in-all, I am so very grateful to the South Sound Sailing Society, South Sound Women’s Sailing Group, the Women’s Boating Seminar leaders, my new sailing companions, and especially Joy and Jeff Johnson for so much encouragement and support

as I evolve into a sailor. I have lots and lots to learn, so if you’re looking for a daysail, rain or shine, any season, and you’d like to share your expertise with a still-learning skipper, you’re welcome aboard *Soundhaven*!

Noreen Light, *Soundhaven*



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more information on line

Crew Wants Ride
Daysail race. Crystal, (360) 485-3751,
littleleesclan@comcast.net

Looking for Crew
D’Lavicea, Terry dbleupher@aol.com, 459-2650

*Want a ride? You could be listed here, and on line, for free:
Ads run three months and can be renewed. Contact me to be
listed on line now and printed in the next S-t-S.*

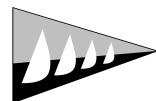
Ditty Bag

Wooding Lightning Asking \$4,000 but I would be willing to make a great deal to some one that can give her a good home. She is the prettiest boat on the lake. crouse40@msn.com More information about her on line.

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C-Lark 14, decent condition, ready to sail, with almost new trailer. Contact Dennis McDermot, (360) 742-8795
kaydrup17@gmail.com.

More information about both Crew and Ditty Bag ads can be found in the ads on line.



Black Star Regatta

Calling all current, past, and future Star boaters! And all your friends! The Star season is almost upon us!

If you attended the March SSSS Meeting, you got to listen to me ramble on about the Black Star Regatta and its very important raffle. To highlight the key points: each year, the Star fleet hosts a regatta, May 7 this year, and runs a raffle. The proceeds from the raffle primarily go into The Little Yellow Runabout Fund.

If you are unfamiliar with the Little Yellow Runabout, just keep your eyes out this summer. It is used to run Star races, run dinghy races, set PHRF race buoys, tow SSSS sailors in need of assistance, and almost anything else you can imagine the Club needs. The boat is cared for by the Star fleet, which far too often means, by Bill. We are continuously raising money to keep her shipshape.



So how can you help? Well, come on down to the April SSSS Meeting. We'll have another 4-6 items on raffle that evening. Then, swing on by Tugboat Annie's on May 7th. For \$20, you can have a delicious dinner. Or, if dinner isn't your thing, come down for the socializing and the big raffle payoff. This year, we have several beautiful pieces of art along with West Marine and Olympia Supply gift cards, Cutter's Point Coffee, and a Stearns Float Coat! Go to the Black Star Regatta page on our web site to see the art and the prize list.



Even if you're not the big winner, I can promise a fun night of socializing with your fellow sailors, the ones who happen to be a little crazy when it comes to one-design boat racing.

Catherine Hovell



Photos above: Thera Black

Photos of the 2015 Black Star Regatta



photo: Steve Worcester

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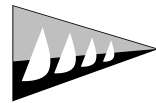
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Member-to-Member Program

SSSS has a new program to connect skippers with crew and members with others who are willing to mentor them in sailing, boat maintenance, engine repair, etc. Please take a look at the lists below and see if you can make a connection.

If you would like to add or remove your name from this list, contact Mary Campbell, vicecommodore@sssscclub.com.

This list can be found on our web site. Go to the Bar for the link.

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Letter: Inside Advantage

Glen Hunter's photo on the first page of the March S-t-S captured an interesting situation for us on *McSwoosh*, the leeward boat with a blue A-sail.

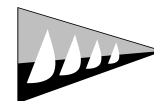
There were four boats rounding from Budd to Dana. *Dragonfly*, not in photo, was the most windward and very close to shore at Dolfermeyer Point. Our outside position was not good, being blanketed by two taller boats. Although we were leeward and had rights, we thought shore room would trump that. So we had limited choices to consider: continue on in the blanket and hope to get our bow out as we made the turn up into Dana, or head down to try to gain space enough to get cleaner air. Both of these seemed to be too passive and low percentage for positive results.

After a lively yet whispered discussion so *Salty Dog's* crew wouldn't hear, we decided to do a quick dive down to gain space between us and de-trim to slow a tad to allow us room to take their stern. We made a swing behind her then sheeted back in to a hard reach for speed and windward position. After the initial maneuver we found the sheeted in swoop gave us additional speed so we held on to it just to gain that little more to windward and speed to burn off as we came down to our desired heading.

The results: *Dragonfly* nicely ahead; *McSwoosh* to weather of *Salty* and going fast enough to pass her. *Circus* continued farther out toward to middle. All that for a couple of boat lengths then but it grew to more (for a while; *Circus* got us by a boat or so at the finish line).

Great photos Glen.

Clark McPhearson, *McSwoosh*



Southern Sound Series Rep Report: Islands Race

The final race of the four-race Southern Sound Series was hosted by the Gig Harbor Yacht Club on 19 March 2016. The Islands Race is an approximately 30-mile course starting and finishing near the entrance to Gig Harbor. Yachts race north up Colvos Passage to a mark on the north side of Blake Island and then a return to the start/finish line.

Patience and perseverance were required this year!! The starting sequence went off at the correct times, but with a whisper of wind and an adverse current, all classes made it across the starting line about the same time. It took *Koosah* 45 minutes to clear the line!

The fleet then broke into two bunches. Some were able to break out into a favorable northerly wind and ebbing current, while about half the fleet was stuck in the vicinity of the starting area. This situation persisted until late afternoon. We knew it was going to be a long day

Eld Inlet Race, March 26

Transition/Altair was the RC Boat. R Time was mark boat. Thank you

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
A CLASS Start Time: 10:33 Distance: 11.1 nm						
0.75	73392	BODACIOUS	BENE 35 S5	129	15:53:20	15:29:28
2.00	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	15:53:40	15:40:21
3.00	18351	MISS CONDUCT	OLSN 29	102	16:00:27	15:41:35
4.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	15:58:49	15:43:50
5.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	126	16:13:39	15:50:20
6.00	87562	ALTAIR	J 35	72	16:05:57	15:52:38
7.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	135	16:24:31	15:59:33
S CLASS Start Time: 10:33 Distance: 11.1 nm						
0.75	1005	SILVERHEELS	SYN	54	15:10:59	15:01:00
		12 PAX		-10	15:08:33	15:10:24
2.00	131	DRAGONFLY	VIPER 640	105	15:30:09	15:10:44
3.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	96	15:36:21	15:18:35
4.00	82	MCSWOOSH	11M	66	15:54:2	15:42:11
B CLASS Start Time: 10:28 Distance: 11.1 nm						
0.75	69063	GIZMO	HARM22	201	15:55:05	15:17:54
2.00	260	SPIFF	RANC 26	216	16:12:51	15:32:53
3.00	47914	KAITLIN	RANC 32	168	16:14:31	15:43:26
4.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	207	16:53:18	16:15:00
D CLASS Start Time: 09:40 Distance: 5.1 nm						
0.75	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	14:17:25	14:02:22
2.00	923	WHITE RAVEN	CAV45	147	14:24:55	14:12:25
3.00	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	183	14:37:33	14:22:00
4.00	59924	ECHO	CATA 38	138	14:34:50	14:23:06
5.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	14:44:46	14:33:18
6.00	777	DOLPHIN	SPEN 42	186	15:06:44	14:50:55
7.00	427	DESERT SAGE	CATA 42	147	15:09:09	14:56:39
D2 CLASS Start Time: 09:35 Distance: 5.1 nm						
0.75	28877	SHOWTIME	OLSN25-1	192	14:18:31	14:02:12
2.00	79157	FINALLY FREE	ERC 32	207	14:34:30	14:16:54

when *Jam*, who was first overall for Toliva Shoal, retired, closely followed by *Wildflower*, another GHYC yacht. These yachts were the local knowledge experts and they had retired!

Throughout the day, boats would be doing well, only to fall into a hole, no wind, and see all of their gains lost to the competition on the other side of Colvos Passage.

To make a long day and race short, the Race Committee wisely shortened the race at the turning mark north of Blake Island. The Seattle area moored boats were delighted because they had a short motor home; for the Olympia boats, well *Koosah* arrived home at 0330 Sunday morning! Results may be found on the Series web site: www.sseries.org

The 2015-2016 Series is concluded. Next year's series dates are: Winter Vashon, 3 December 2016; Duwamish Head, 7 January 2017; Toliva Shoal 18 February 2017; and Islands Race 18 March 2017.

Dave Knowlton, *Koosah*

SSSS BOATS DID WELL

SSSS brought home two of the Series trophies Dave has been hauling around for the last month or two.

Bodacious had the best Series score in class with three bullets. So J Rosenbach and crew were First Over All.

Our team that consisted of *McSwoosh*, *Something Special*, and *Korina Korina* won the Team Race Trophy.

These are not the only boats doing well. Our other team was third. SSSS dominated the No Flying Sails Class. And ... better see the results. Congratulations to all! In a very real sense, all who raced are winners! Ed.

Scorers Report: Summer Racing

Summer racing is almost here. If you are thinking of racing your boat with us, please do. If new you need to register to get scored..

PHRF racers need to pay the race fee and get a handicap from Rafe Beswick. Then tell me their name, boat name, sail number, and handicap.

D Class racers need to do the same, except get a handicap from Richard Bigley.

Dinghy racers need to register, on line or on the water. No fees.

SSSS Boats in the Southern Sound Series

1 PHRF-6	Bodacious
1 PHRF-3	McSwoosh
1 PHRF-4	Something Special
1 PHRF 1	PAX
2 PHRF-6	Folie `a Deux
4 PHRF-7	Gizmo
4 PHRF-3	Korina Korina
5 PHRF-4	Altair
5 PHRF-5	Dragonfly
6 PHRF-4	Flying Circus
7 PHRF-7	Showtime
8 PHRF-5	Lightly Salted
10 PHRF-2	Silverheels
10 PHRF-5	He Lives
10 PHRF-7	Kaitlin
13t PHRF-7	Snowbird
13t PHRF-7	Dukcinea
1 NFS	Skookum
2 NFS	KOOSAH
3 NFS	Klatawa
4 NFS	Jolly Rumbalow
5 NFS	Finally Free
6 NFS	Desert Sage
7t NFS	French Leave
7t NFS	Puelche
9t NFS	FreshAireII
15 NFS	Pyxis
3 FS	White Raven
4 FS	Steamy Windows
5 FS	Reiff
6 FS	Emma Lee
7 FS	Rushwind
10 FS	Inati

SSSS Boats at the Islands Race GHYC

1 PHRF-6	Bodacious	7 OA
1 PHRF-4	Something Special	8 OA
2 PHRF-3	McSwoosh	6 OA
2 PHRF-4	Altair	9 OA
2 PHRF-6	Folie `a Deux	20 OA
3 PHRF-3	Korina Korina	10 OA
5 PHRF-5	Lightly Salted	15 OA
DNF PHRF-7	Gizmo	23 OA
DNF PHRF-7	Snowbird	23 OA
DNF PHRF-7	Dukcinea	23 OA
1 NFS	KOOSAH	
2 NFS	Skookum	
DNF NFS	Klatawa	
DNF FS	Steamy Windows	
DNF FS	Emma Lee	
DNC NFS	Pyxis	

Team Race Scores

Place and points Race/Series

SSSS 2 2nd/2nd 41/106
McSwoosh, Something Special,
Korina Korina

SSSS 1 3rd/3rd 54/108
Bodacious, Folie `a Deux, Gizmo