

Ship-to-Shore

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September Meeting: Jim Lynch Returns!

Many of you may remember when Jim Lynch came to a Meeting several years ago to share highlights from his book, *The Highest Tide*. Last year, Jim published a book even more interesting to sailors, *Before the Wind*, with locations that, hmmm, sound very much like South Sound landmarks that we're all familiar with! Join us September 13 to learn how Jim transformed his local knowledge into a best-selling novel.

Oh, and our library has several copies if you want to do some research before the Meeting!
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.

Commodore's Corner: All Wrapped Up

Welcome back from summer sailing adventures! I hope you were able to get out on the water and enjoy some of Olympia's warm weather. I'm looking forward to hearing everyone's stories and sharing lessons learned.

I'm writing this message from Tracy Arm Cove in SE Alaska, planning to send it on to Steve for publication as soon as we reached Juneau on August 5. Up to now, summer in Alaska has been cool and generally cloudy, although the weather did always seem to clear in time for glacier viewing. Sailing, when the wind allowed, was spectacular, especially on the day when Mary Fitzgerald, her brother Tim, and I managed to wrap the prop as we tacked down West Crawlfish Inlet south of Sitka.

How did we manage to wrap the prop while sailing? Good question. We'd been having a great time tacking from the head of the inlet west toward the Gulf of Alaska in a steady 10-12 knots on a sunny day. As the wind freshened, we were feeling overpowered and, since I was with crew new to my boat, I decided to start the engine and furl the jib to make it easier for them to hold it into the wind while I reefed the main. Up at the mast, I called to Mary to throttle up a bit, only to hear a sudden CLONK as the engine abruptly stopped. With the main still up, I tried to restart engine and to move the gearshift to no avail.

First order of business was to get the boat back in sailing mode, so Mary and Tim resumed tacking under main alone while I did some troubleshooting to check gear linkages, and other options. By the time I had come back with a report of nothing obvious, the wind had moderated and we rolled out the genny as we reviewed the chart and the cruising guide for an anchorage that allow us to (a) enter safely under sail and (b) find shelter for diving on the prop.

All this took about 15 minutes, during which time adrenaline was pumping as I considered the various possible outcomes. On the plus side, we were only 50 miles from Sitka, and within radio range, it was only two in the afternoon on a beautiful day, and I had competent crew who were doing as good a job as I was at hiding my concerns about being off the Gulf of Alaska in an engine-less boat.

On the other hand, we had not seen another vessel all day, the entry to just about every available anchorage was littered with rocks and islets, and none of my crew had ever anchored



Niko Twilla, Race to Somewhere photo: Steve Worcester

Welcome Back

Thursday August Series 3
September 1

Board Meeting
September 6

Fall Series Race 1
September 10

Fall Dinghy Regatta
September 11

General Meeting
September 13

Visitors Welcome
doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900

Fall Series Race 3
September 17

Commodores' Cruise
September 17-18

Fall Series Race 3
September 24

Fall Series Race 4
October 1

Oysterfest Cruise
October 1-2
Shelton YC

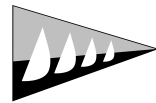
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Dues Due
\$45 or \$80 with Race Fee

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under sail or had many opportunities to release my anchor quickly on command. Nevertheless, we agreed on a plan: we would tack the rest of the way out of the inlet and across Windy Passage, tack north up Windy Passage past the entrance to Seven Fathom Bay, drop the main, run back down into Seven Fathom Bay under genny alone, counting on the wind to follow us around the entrance, where we would round up smartly and drop the anchor. That was the plan.

As we took a lift across the aptly named Windy Passage, we sorted out the what-ifs and assigned roles. An hour of great sailing later found us north of Seven Fathom; Tim held the boat into the wind while Mary and I furled the genny, dropped the main and rolled the genny back out. I helmed us into the bay while Tim jibed the genny and Mary readied the anchor. Pulling into Seven Fathom Bay, we rounded up right in the middle, where we had the maximum swinging room and 7 fathoms of depth everywhere. Mary dropped the anchor; we backed the sail to set it...we all heaved a grand sigh of relief.

Now safe at anchor, I fished my periscope out of the lazarette. The periscope is a 5-foot long pipe with mirrors and a flashlight at one end and an eyepiece on the other that allows you to view the prop and rudder from the side of the cockpit. There was in fact a rope around the prop, and I followed it from the prop up the hull to....my own midships line, which had somehow come unfurled from the lifeline while we were sailing. Mystery solved, although not without some chagrin, since I had been the one who had last furled that line.

As I suited up, Tim sharpened knives, Mary put some water on for my hot shower afterwards, and I thanked the universe that the water temperature in Seven Fathom Bay was a balmy 66.6 degrees. 20 minutes later, the prop released from bondage, and my hair still wet from my shower, we were enjoying cold beers in the cockpit and reveling in the fantastic sail we had enjoyed. Which, despite the circumstances, we had.

Do you have any prop-wrapping stories? If you want to share how it happened, and how you solved it, put together a few sentences and send them to Steve, sts@ssssclub.com We'll print it.

Mary Campbell, *Sonrisa*

Secretary's Report

The SSSS year starts in September. Don't forget to pay your Membership dues, still only \$45. These dues allow you to access SSSS benefits including reciprocal moorage at yacht clubs throughout the Sound. If you plan to race, pay the \$35 race fee before you race. Fill out the form in this S-t-S and bring it to the Meeting along with your check. Or Mail it in. Or pay on line with a credit card. \$45 or \$80



Burger Night photo: Ralph Cumberland

with race fee.

For the 2016-2017 year we will be shortening the grace period before Members who have not renewed their Memberships stop receiving the Ship-to-Shore. In past years we have waited until December to stop ending the Ship-to-Shore to Members who have not renewed. This year we will be stop sending the Ship-to-Shore after the October issue, so, please, renew early.

I look forward to serving as your secretary for another year. If you have any questions about your Membership please contact me via e-mail at secretary@ssssclub.com. Have a great time on the water!

Mike Buffo

S-t-S Report

Been sailing this summer? Have any good adventures? Tell us about it. You need not write up the whole trip. That could be a project. Pick one of the events and tell us about it. We, Members, your friends, want to hear from you.. Ed.

It's time! Get Your 2016-17 SSSS Calendar

For those of you who just turned to your last page... we have your new calendars ready to go! Get your 2016-17 SSSS wall calendar at the September Meeting. As always, this calendar is both functional and attractive. It is preloaded with all of the Club events from September 2016 until the first General Meeting in September 2017, 13 months of races, cruises, celebrations, and special events. This calendar takes all the effort out of staying up to date with each month's sailing activities.

Even better than the pre-loaded schedule are the pictures. Every month features spectacular photos taken by fellow sailors. As you've come to appreciate by now, Members are also terrific photographers out on the water. Every month you'll find new images that capture the spirit of South Sound sailing to tide you over until you can get back out on the water.

This high-quality 13-month calendar is yours for just \$25. We have calendars for those of you with a standing order and a limited number of additional calendars. If we counted right, they should all be gone in October so don't wait too late to pick up yours.

Look for the calendars with the other merchandise at the Vice Commodore's table as I have to miss the first meeting this year.

**Cheers!
Thera Black**

Congratulations to the Winners

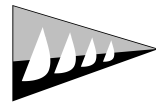
Announced at the June Meeting

2016 Sportsmanship Award: For service to the Club went to Maria Chiechi and Bryon Dahl.

2016 Uncle Juicy Trophy: This award, donated by Bill Maclean in memory of Joe Dubey, is for the boat that most improved her racing this year.

Miss Conduct, Jeff Glandon, won it.

2016 Party Boat Award: goes to the boat attending the most Cruises over the year. This year it went to Terry and Val VanMeter, *Passages*.



New Life Member

One more member has joined the ranks of Life Members of SSSS! Thera Black was inducted at the June 2016 potluck in recognition of her long and luminous history with the Club.

Thera has held every SSSS board chair except Race Committee and Treasurer. As Program Chair/Member-at-Large she brought us some of our most high profile speakers, including Lyn and Larry Pardey. During her two years as Secretary she consolidated Erik Dahl's innovation of printing just the changes in the Handbook, saving the Club money as well as the environment. Even when she was no longer in the office, she was generous with her time in helping new Secretaries get a handle on the Handbook.

She's been a key supporter of the Toliva event, eventually taking over as the planner, organizer and chief of the galley. In fact, if there is a kitchen involved with SSSS, you can count on Thera to be there with her apron: she has cooked burgers for the June Meeting for years, as well as pancakes at the Cruises. She is a regular at the S-t-S foldings and hosts the December folding at her house, serving food as fingers fly.

Her talents don't end at the galley: we would have no calendars if not for her camera and her willingness to herd the many cats to get dates nailed down and photos submitted. She's been a fixture at the Black Star Regatta, moving marks and taking photos.

Somewhat Thera manages to find time to actually *sail*: she's raced consistently with Rod on *Strider* and *Pax*, helping him to many victories, and winning the Sportsmanship award in 2010. She also was on *Brass Ring*, the winning boat for the Benefit Race trophy, in 2003.

Whew! I'm tired just thinking about everything Thera does for the Club, and I am sure I have missed many more contributions! Let's all raise a glass to Thera Black in acknowledgement of all she does for the Club, and the grace and good humor with which she does it.

Mary Campbell



Thera Black becomes a Life Member
photos: Bob Butts



Star Fleet

By the time you're reading this, the Star Fleet will be wrapped up with another summer season, and will be prepping to haul the boats out of the water. After starting with a great Black Star Regatta, we ran sixteen nights of races, make that fifteen plus one night of floating. The fleet was averaging 7-8 boats out a night, with most finishing every race, too! The winds were very cooperative this year: almost every Monday had 10-15 knots steady from the west.

We had some turnover in boats last winter, resulting in two new owners sailing regularly, Lisa Randlette and Johan Hellman. The backbone old faithfuls kept on keeping on, as well. Then there are the rest of us, no longer new but not yet seasoned.

The results to date imply that the Derek DeCouteau Trophy will remain in the hands of Derek DeCouteau. The wood fleet is, with one week left, maybe still up for grabs, though Chris Reitz has been holding first for a few weeks now.

As the boats get packed away for the winter, after the requisite damage repairs and paint touch-ups, we'll start planning for next year. So if you are interested in participating in the best, read: only, one-design fleet on Budd Inlet, reach out to me: e-mail, text, SSSS Meeting.. There are boats for sale, boats available to be chartered, skippers who need crew: the options are many and varied.

Black Star Regatta planning will begin around December with the race scheduled for early May 2017. Put it on the calendar, wait, Thera already did that for you, and we'll see you out there.

Catherine Hovell, Sparkle
cghovell@gmail.com

Portsmouth/Dinghy Fleet Racing Season Almost Over

Our season, weather wise, was very nice, participation wise it was a little low except when the High School team joined us after school was out for the summer. We again had our usual weird and wonderful mix of dinghies.

The unique Race to Somewhere was a little light on wind this year. Niko Twilla was able to finish, winning the coveted Rubber Ducky Award for first place for the trip out to Gull Harbor. Three other boats finished and the rest of us got towed in. After a fabulous potluck/picnic at George and Betty Hanson's we waddled back to the boats for the start of the race back. We waited about an hour for wind, with lots of swimming involved, then gave up. After being towed about half way back, the afternoon wind kicked in and we had a very nice non-race sail back to the dock.

We still have our Fall Regatta, Sunday, September 11. Anybody with a sailboat 20 feet or under without a fixed keel is welcome. The first start will be at 1500 with a picnic/potluck on the grassy knoll at Swantown after the last race. Get out on the water and use that boat more!

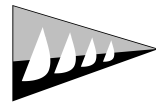
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Southern Sound Series 2016-2017

3 December Winter Vashon
7 January Duwamish Head
18 February Toliva Shoal
18 March Islands Race

Additional Info: www.ssseries.org
Dave Knowlton, Koosah
Series Chair

SSSS did well last year. See the photos of the winners, in the S-t-S photos on line.



RC Report

The 2015-16 SSSS racing season wrapped up with this summer's three Wednesday Night Series. The races came in like a lion with wind and faded away with the August races, though all were sailed in sunshine and great sunsets. All of this year's races, the long Island and Inlet Series as well as the five buoy race series were directed by the unpaid but professional race committee crew aboard *Transition*. Bill and Vicki Sheldon have donated much time and many dollars to provide the Club with an experienced race committee and outstanding committee boat, set-up specifically for RC duty. All racers and the Club want to pass on a big *Thank You* for all that you have done!

Looking ahead to 2016-17 we have scheduled thirty-one SSSS races plus the SSSS sponsored Southern Sound Series, Toliva Shoal Race. Thirty-one reasons to get out on your boat, year round, to develop your skills in all conditions. These are opportunities for every boat, skipper, and crew to experience the challenge of making your boat perform at its best. In the process, becoming a better skipper and/or competent crew person. Best of all, the club's racing program is a real bargain! The thirty-five dollar season race fee is less than a single race fee for one of the Southern Sound Series races or most single night's cruising moorage. There is one catch, if you are a racer, as a volunteer Club, we need your help with Race Committee duties, either on *Transition* or as mark boat. Racers are a key to making the racing season a success and keeping race fees so low. The RC sign-up sheet will be at the September Meeting or you can e-mail me at rechair@ssssclub.com.

After much effort by Bill Sheldon and Norm Smit, the Club's outdated Race and Sailing Instructions have been updated for the 2016-17 racing season to be in accord with the U.S. Sailing Association guides. Please take a few minutes to look these over. For those of you new to sailing or racing, the Club will be organizing some low key workshops for beginners and old pros on racing and how to get the most out of your boat. Watch for dates and times in future issues of the Ship-to-Shore.

This year we would really like to find a boat for everyone who wants to crew. If you want to get out on the water and do not have a boat, drop me an e-mail and I will get your contact information out to the skipper distribution list. Those skippers are great mentors, nearly always need crew, and will help you along the way.

Finally, this is your opportunity, whether crew or skipper, to take advantage of the SSSS race program, the shared comradery, laughs, occasional yelling, and great times on the water. See you out there!

Fair Winds and Calm Seas,

Jeff Johnson, Folie `a Deux

Scorer's Report: Please Register First

Bill has been getting the raw results to me fast enough I have them posted by the time they, the RC boat, made the dock. I can not promise the results will always be out that fast. I can promise that if you do not register it will take much longer to post.

SSSS registration is about as informal as it gets, but I can not score you if I do not know who you are. Returning boats need only pay their race fee. New racers, or those making changes, need to contact me, before racing. Ed.

Junior Sailing Team / Learn to Sail

The OYC Learn to Sail Program has been going great this summer with over 350 youth signed up for classes starting at age 6 and up to 18 years of age. We have also had over 70 adult participants in our basic Keelboat classes.

Our young sailors this summer have had so much fun, we already have 20 middle and high school sailors signed up for this fall's team practices. Interest in sailing and safe boating is at an all time high in Olympia and OYC and the South Sound Sailing Society



First Wednesday Series Night 4 photo: Peggy O'Brien

are up front and center!

OYC sent four of our young women high school sailors to the Leiter Cup U.S. Sailing Junior Championships (young women sailors only) earlier this summer. This regatta combines workshops with races and is attended by sailors from all over the U.S. Olympia sent the most representatives from one team! Team OYC Sailor Elena Gonick placed in the top 10 overall.

Another regatta that we showed well in this summer was the Bellingham NW Youth Regatta with OYC Sailors Elena Gonick and Farzana Muhammad Ali taking a second place. Congrats to all our sailors efforts to do their best at representing OYC and the Olympia High School

Sailing Team. We wish you luck this fall as well!

Our adult classes have been overflowing with waiting lists requiring us to ask for help from both OYC members and SSSS Members to help provide competent skippers and a variety of boats. We will be looking for skippers to help out for our classes this fall as well. If you are interested in being a mentor for our classes and providing a boat for the classes, please don't hesitate to contact me, (360) 250-1230 or olymfitz@hotmail.com.

We have classes scheduled for September and October. Please check the notices below for our sailing and docking classes, regattas and upcoming Gala to raise funds for boats our High school team. Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

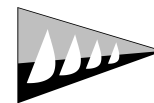
Fair Winds and Safe Boating!

Capt. Mary Fitzgerald, Chair of Juniors Program OYC

Adult Basic Keelboat Classes

September 10 and 24, October 9 and 16

1000 – 1500 Cost \$189.00



Instructor Capt. Mary Fitzgerald and OYC and South Sound Sailing Society Volunteers. More information about this class is in this article in the On Line S-t-S. Registration is through Olympia Parks and Recreation. Please contact them at 360-753-8380

Docking Basics Classroom session October 8th 0900-1030 cost \$25.00 \$50.00 per hour for one on one instruction on your boat. 4 slots available More information about this class is in this article in the On Line S-t-S Call for schedule and info.

Instructor Capt. Ace Spragg of the NW Maritime Center in Port Townsend

One on one hands-on lessons using your boat sessions are available. Registration is through the OYC Adult Keelboat Program chair

NW Interscholastic Sailing Association Regatta in Olympia at Swantown Marina October 22 and 23

Sponsored by the Olympia High School Sailing Team

We will host approximately 160 high school sailors from Portland to Orcas Island and all points in between.

High School Sailing Team Gala and Dinner Auction!

November 12, at the OYC Club House

Guest speaker and Local author Jim Lynch will speak about his latest *Before the Wind*. Theme: Boats, Beer and Barbeque!

We do not currently own the type of boats that are sailed competitively in the interscholastic regattas. This results in not being able to compete in some regattas when there aren't enough boats to charter from other clubs. . Proceeds from the dinner and auction will help us purchase a fleet of Flying Juniors (FJs) for our Sailing Team. We are planning on buying 6 four year old boats from another club in the NW. Our Goal for the dinner and auction is to raise \$15,000.00 towards the purchase price of these boats.

Please put this date on your calendar for family, friends, sailors and other boating enthusiasts to come support us. Help us create enthusiastic, responsible boaters in the South Sound area through the Olympia's High School Sailing Team, sponsored by the Olympia Yacht Club.

Please Contact Mary Fitzgerald at (360) 754-1516

Mary Fitzgerald



Junior Sailing photo: Sarah Hanavan

Cruise News

Maclean Memorial

Race/Cruise to Narrows Marina

We were doing 6 to 6 1/2 knots in a close reach in the sunshine approaching Toliva Shoal. Enough to make any SSSS racer's heart beat faster. Even though this wasn't the Toliva Shoal Race, it still felt good to be out in that area

with some nice wind for a change. I looked back South and saw a sailboat near the South end of Anderson, still in the doldrums. We found out later that it was *Nauti Dog* and shortly after that they also got into the good wind.

This was the MacLean Memorial Race/Cruise and we joined in, representing the cruisers. Since we started from Jarrells Cove, only sailed about half the way and took the short cut through Balch Passage, we weren't actually racing, just enjoying a very nice day.

After arriving at the marina, we got our slip sorted out and settled back for a rest and a beer. About an hour later *Nauti Dog*, with Michael Farley and his crew Rob, came into the marina and eventually settled into the slip next to us. I tried to explain to them that we were actually racing but they couldn't be convinced since they knew there was no one else doing the correct course. Which of course makes *Nauti Dog* the winner of the MacLean Memorial Race/Cruise, and good for them because I know that they spent at least two hours near Nisqually Reach, just sitting there drifting while we had good wind on the North side of Anderson.

I had enticed Diana to go on this Cruise by telling her that there was a very nice restaurant near the marina. Thank goodness it turned out that I didn't lie. We had a very enjoyable dinner at the Boathouse 19. One thing: if you stay at the Narrows Marina it would be best if you like the sound of trains. If you live there I suppose you'd get used to it after a while.

Sunday was not a sailing day. Michael left about 0700 to catch the good incoming tide. We left about 0900 and

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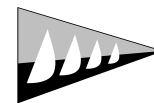
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caught the tail end of it and had to motor all the way back to Jarrells Cove. Even so, it was a beautiful weekend to be on the water.

Jim Findley, *Nightwind*

An oft-repeated axiom faults recorded history for being written only by the winners. That fault is unavoidable in the description of the 2016 Maclean Memorial Race; I was the only Member to participate in the race and the only witness to the entire event.

Choosing to believe the weather forecasts, the triumph of hope over experience, I eagerly anticipated riding a ten knot beam wind from Johnson Point down to the foot of Anderson Island. The fact that winds were light at the beginning, *Nauti Dog* only crossed the start line at 0902, wasn't discouraging since that was somewhat in accord with the forecast. Unfortunately, the winds continued to be very light the rest of the way to Johnson Point.

We had a nice conversation with a guy on a paddle board off Boston Harbor. He suggested that if we wanted to continue watching the pod of dolphins, who were apparently chasing a school of salmon, we could steer off toward Eld Inlet

where he'd seen them last. We thanked him for the information, but explained that we were in a race. He looked around and, not seeing any other sailboats, paddled nervously away from the two obviously-deranged characters in the sailboat. But I digress.

We reached the short course line off Johnson Point at 1150 and, following race directions, duly recorded the time and the fact that there were no boats ahead of us and none that were identifiable behind. Lacking any other activity, other than bringing the main around for the occasional change from wing-on-wing

Genoa, so I furled the main and was at least able to maintain an uninterrupted run.

About a mile from Lyle Point, we began to pick up a good breeze coming off the Nisqually Delta. That provided a refreshing beam reach until we made the turn up channel toward the finish line and changed to a broad reach. This lasted until we were past the entrance to Oro Bay at which point the wind shifted toward the West, eventually giving us five miles of a glorious close reach which put *Nauti Dog* over the finish line at her maximum hull speed.

Crossing the finish line at Toliva Shoal at 1544, we had completed the course with an average speed of almost exactly three knots. Finishing at all was probably less a result of seamanship skills than a tolerance for frustration, plus a certain amount of "there's got to be pony in here somewhere" optimism.

Later that evening, the participating race skippers, me, held a meeting with Race Chair, Jeff Johnson, and we arrived at a consensus decision that because Sunday was predicted to have mostly adverse currents

and little if any wind, that the race would be called as of Saturday's finish. Also considered was the fact that *Nauti Dog* was the only participating boat and, therefore, even if we were to continue the following day, the final standings were unlikely to change.

That decision was validated the next morning in that the water between Toliva Shoal and Balch Passage, or at least what small portion of it could be seen between fog banks, was calm and glassy.

On several occasions, Jeff asked the question as to what alternative courses might restore the Club's participation in the Maclean Memorial. It's a question that I think deserves inputs from many more of the Members. On my part, I have to wonder if the lack of participation is not as much a function of course layout as it might be from staging the race at a time of year in which winds have proven to be unreliable. It may be worth considering moving the race either forward or backward by two months.

Mike Farley, *Nauti Dog*



After the Saturday leg of the Maclean Memorial photo: Mike Farley

to broad run, I calculated our average course speed so far: 2.6 knots. Had it not been for the ebb current, our speed would have undoubtedly been even less.

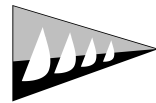
My somewhat Micawberish faith in the wind prediction was rewarded by a brief and refreshing increase in wind from Johnson Point past the entrance to Drayton Passage, but once we began the run toward Nisqually Reach, with Anderson Island on our port side, the wind slacked off yet again and we resumed alternating between wing-on-wing and a broad run from either port or starboard. Experimenting with various jibes and sail positions, I concluded that the mainsail was actually detracting from the boat's performance by shadowing the 163

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Soldier Sailing

The fifth annual Soldier Sailing hosted by SSSS, OYC, and the Swawntown Marina occurred on 11 June 2016. The weather the night before was iffy with rain and strong winds forecasted for the Olympia area. As with all Military Operations, much is unknown before the line of departure/line of contact (LD/LC) is crossed. Will the soldiers retreat and not come because of the forecast? Will the skippers decide to surrender due to adverse conditions? Well, that is one time you do not miss: THE LD/LC, and the soldiers and families along with all the skippers appeared on time!

Over 85 soldiers and their families were welcomed by skippers and organizers on the grassy area near the boat launch at Swawntown Marina. Prior to the soldiers arriving, a skippers' meeting was held to ensure all had the plan of attack: timing, rations, life jackets, safety, communications; identical to the Five-Paragraph Field Order that all soldiers know so well.

As the soldiers and their families arrived, they disembarked near the HQ area and their vehicles were escorted to the approved assembly area away from the marina tenants' parking lot. Dependents were treated to snacks and the youngsters were fitted with lifejackets.

Orders were then issued for the soldiers and their families: He is your skipper! You could sense the anticipation, especially from the children! One young lady (4 years old) ran up to the registration desk and announced: "I passed my Pollywog test at Kimbro Pool on post so I can go sailing, but I'll wear a lifejacket anyway!" Needless to say that really loosened everyone up!

They Are OFF! What a day for sailing! Winds kind of from the west at 10-15 knots, **no rain!** A wonderful day to be out on the water! Most boats reefed to keep their passengers comfortable, but they were still heeled over! The kids thought it was more exciting than Wild Waves!



Soldier Sailing photo: Mary Campbell

Around 1500 the start of the Race Back to the Dock started. *Transition* was the committee boat and *Surfing Bird* was the finish boat. The optional race revealed that **all** the boats participated! Of particular note: *Silverheels*, Tucker Smyth Skipper, had Richard Bigley crewing for him since *Jolly Rumbalow's* keel had fallen off (well taken off). Richard had the helm the entire afternoon; until the race! Then Tucker, the competitive racer that he is, said: 'I'll take it from here Richard!' Race results: Who knows? All had a competitive time!

Upon arrival back at the assembly area, all were escorted to the mess hall area, dining facility, and were treated to ½ pound Angus Beef burgers broiled to perfection with all the trimmings, chips and deviled eggs, cupcakes, soda and a lot of **war stories!**

Some of the stories overheard: *Emma Lee*, Skipper Bob Butts, sailed all the way to Hope Island. He had his dingy along, so he ferried his passengers to the Island! Upon returning, you could see a five-year-old girl proudly displaying her Zip-Lock bag with a crab shell, some clam shells,

and some valuable rocks! After enjoying the meal, she said:

"Bob, I hope I see you again" and Bob replied "Good luck in

Kindergarten this fall!"

Another family on *Ursa Minor*, well, the wife related that this is the first time she has seen her husband relaxed since returning from combat. Their kids had a fun time also.

There are so many stories associated with this event. You must

talk with the skippers to find out what they are!

Why do this? Less than 1% of our nations' population is in the military and we in the South Sound are fortunate to have so many living in our area. Ask yourself, when is the last time you talked with an active duty military person? Soldier Sailing is one way to communicate with our fellow citizens and their families in the military.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Glenn Sutt, owner of Papa Murphy's Pizza, Costco, Cash & Cary Smart Foodservice, the Olympia Yacht Club, and Swawntown Marina.

It has been **our** pleasure to work with **our** volunteers and **our** soldiers.

Thank you!

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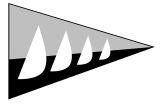
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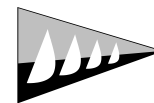
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RaceQs

RaceQs is a phone app that many of our Star and PHRF racers have been using for some time now. It tracks your race, using your phone, and plots it on a chart on a web site. What it does that your GPS can not, is that it overlays the courses of all the other racers who are using the app.

The more boats that use the app, the more you can learn from reviewing the race. So those using it encourage you to join them.

To that end Richard Wells sent us the instructions on using the app that follow.

South Sound Sailboat Racers: We would like to invite all racers to sign up for the free race tracing app & web site.

On your smartphone:

Load app on Smart Phone. Just search for "RaceQs", then install free app.

May need to create an account. (it's free)

Enter information about your boat (at least the name)

When racing, open app & select "Start Tracking"

When done racing, select "Stop Tracking", then "Save & Upload"

On your computer:

Go to RaceQs.com

Create or open your account

View your uploads race tracks. It will also show all other boats in the area that are using RaceQs.

You can also search and view other boats or boat captains for different races.

You don't need to be the captain to have a RaceQs account. (it's still free)

Tricks & Tips: When racing:

Keep phone above deck for better signal.

Make sure phone is fully charged. Not a big battery hog, but you don't want to shut down before the end of the race.

You can pre-set the timer to begin tracking at the start of the race, and when to automatically shut off.

You can calibrate the phone to track heel, but it must lay flat.

Only one person should be running the app on your boat, otherwise it will show up a two boats.

When viewing on RaceQs.com:

You can have multiple boats on your account.

You can set the start & turn marks.

You can compare your performance to other boats

The color of the track indicates speed- blue is slow (1-3 kts), red is fast (+8 kts)

When viewing just your own track, you can set it to full track.

When viewing multiple boat tracks, set it to 3 or 10 minutes, otherwise it gets confusing.

Thursday Night Races Spring Series

Sail	Skipper	Type	Night 1	Night 2	Night 3	Total
1 4377	Trummert,Dwaine	505	0.75	5 DNC	0.75	6.5
2 214	Brown,Adam	BNSH	5	0.75	4	9.75
3 12	Twilla,Neil	Mod HLR12	3	5 DNC	2	10
4 3510	Snyder,Chris	LASE-2	2	2	7 DNC	11
5 786	Findley,Jim	LD14	7 DNC	5 DNC	3	15
6 1306	Slosson,Jim	TNZ16	7 DNC	3	6	16
7 816	Baldrige,Darris	HPN5.2	4	5 DNC	7 DNC	16
8 1928	Willis,Susan	LD14	6	5 DNC	5	16
9 7023	Margret	HLR	7 DNC	4	7 DNC	18

Secretary's Wednesday Night Series

Liberty, Redline, Bodacious, Opposition and Transition were the RC Boats. Thank you.

place Sail No. Yacht Name Skipper Name Rating #StrRace 1Race 2 Race 3 Total

A CLASS Races: 1 to 3

			4 Strt	5 Strt	5 Strt		
1	69399 FLYING CIRCUS	Dave Elliott	72	3 0.75	0.75	2.00	3.50
2	87652 ALTAIR	Jason Vannice	72	3 2.00	2.00	3.00	7.00
3	69051 SPIRIT	Steve Jones	81	3 4.00	4.00	0.75	8.75
4	64985 LIBERTY	Andy Saller	123	2 3.50@3.00		4.00	10.50
5	79182 FOLIE A DEUX	Jeff Johnson	135	3 3.00	5.00	5.00	13.00

S CLASS Races: 1 to 3

			5 Strt	3 Strt	5 Strt		
1	131 DRAGONFLY	Rafe Beswick	105	3 0.75	0.75	0.75	2.25
2	79 RUFUS	Tucker Smyth	99	3 2.00	2.00	5.00	9.00
3	82 MCSWOOSH	Clark McPherson	66	3 3.00	3.00	4.00	10.00
4	83179 HE LIVES	Steve Kirkpatrick	114	2 5.00	4.00	2.00	11.00
4	79089 LIGHTLY SALTED	Mel Schaefer	96	2 4.00	4.00	3.00	11.00

B CLASS Races: 1 to 3

			3 Strt	4 Strt	6 Strt		
1	69063 GIZMO	John Thompson	201	3 3.00	0.75	0.75	4.50
2	1102 FJORD	Eric Egge	195	3 0.75	2.00	3.00	5.75
3	122 SPITZE	Andrew Christensen	276	3 2.00	3.00	5.00	10.00
4	3220 CHEAP THRILLS	Paul Paroff	186	1 4.00	5.00	2.00	11.00
5	28877 SHOWTIME	Henry Brooks	174	2 4.00	4.00	4.00	12.00
6	69141 JODY V	Jack Shincke	188	1 4.00	5.00	6.00	15.00

D CLASS Races: 1 to 3

			6 Strt	4 Strt	6 Strt		
1	29718 MARANATHA	Joel Rett	177	3 0.75	2.00	3.00	5.75
1	18124 SURFIN BIRD	Erik Dahl	189	3 3.00	0.75	2.00	5.75
3	69927 BALDER II	Myra Downing	144	3 2.00	3.00	6.00	11.00
4	2222 PENOZIEQUAH	Richard Wells	231	3 5.00	4.00	4.00	13.00
5	50105 JOLLY RUMBLOW	Richard Bigley	135	1 8.00	6.00	0.75	14.75
6	51496 PANDORA	Bob Connolly	183	1 4.00	6.00	8.00	18.00
7	59924 ECHO	Ray Maly	156	1 8.00	6.00	5.00	19.00
8	67521 VOLIAMO	Philip Cramer	162	1 6.00	6.00	8.00	20.00

Crew Sheet

more information on line

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I recently moved to Olympia and have racing experience from the East coast **Don** (828) 206-1465 don@santoshachocolate.com

Southern California native recently relocated to Olympia. 30 years racing experience **Chris** crulla123@gmail.com (310) 344-9975 - Looking to race.

I moved to Olympia recently and am interested in crewing because I want to take a more disciplined approach to learning to sail. **Kim** (808) 631-9447. kimnunlist@gmail.com

Living on a sailboat within the next year. I am a novice; energy, enthusiasm, and an outgoing, friendly attitude.(asterope641@gmail.com) (360) 890-8156. **Jezana Rainforest**

30 plus years of racing experience. (360) 819-4429 Thanks **Brad** rocksbybrad@yahoo.com

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Almost no experience sailing but I do have a flexible schedule and a willingness to take directions and learn. Thanks. **-Stephen** stephen.sureau@gmail.com

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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.