

Ship-to-Shore

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March Meeting: *Cosmic Dancer*

Folks sailing in Budd Inlet this summer no doubt noticed a beautiful blue-hulled Bristol Channel Cutter flying about the local waters. Her name is *Cosmic Dancer*, and she is the culmination of over nine years of hard work, sweat, love and dreams. Join us at the March General Meeting as Maria Chiechi and Bryon Dahl share how they brought the *Dancer* back to vivid life, doing nearly every bit of the work themselves from the bare hull on up including making their own sails!

Micki McNaughton, *The Stargazer*

If you are not an OYC member you can not park in the OYC lot.

Commodore's Corner:

Thanks to all of the people who participated in our focus groups at the February meeting. We were so heartened to hear what you like in SSSS, and your suggestions about how we can serve you better! The board will be reviewing all of our notes and deciding how to move forward.

For those of you who were unable to attend, we got the business meeting done in record time, under 12 minutes, and we held 4 focus groups to solicit member input on 4 aspects of the Club: Racing, Cruising, the Web Site and other communication tools, and General Member Support. Here are the highlights by group:



Toliva Shoal Race photo: Bob Butts

Cruising: People enjoy the Halloween Cruise and other locations with docks such as

Jarrells Cove and Island home. Suggestions included varying the length of cruises to include long-weekend cruises, summer buddy-boat events, and day sails that might allow non-boat owners to join skippers for a day on the water. Using social networks such as Facebook, e-mail lists and meet-up was also suggested. Group members saw many opportunities to expand mentoring and get non-boat owners out on the water if the 'cruises' were not all overnight.

Racing: Racers appreciate the committee boat, and suggested that we clarify the roles of the committee boat and the race committee who have signed up for each race. Racers also wanted to see races start on time and be shortened expeditiously, esp. when there was adverse current. They asked that delays be no longer than 1 hour after the last start, and that Members be required to take their boat out to the committee boat. Like the Cruise Chair, the Race Chair left with lots to chew on!

Member Support: Three big ideas came out of this group. New Members without boats would like to find ways to connect with skippers for cruising, not just racing. This suggestion might be addressed with the idea of daylong cruises. Members would like to see programs that are more engaging and relevant to water activities, perhaps bringing back some of the proven favorites who have not been here for a while, such as the shanty singers and Brion Toss. And there was great enthusiasm for a more structured and intentional effort to engage and incorporate younger sailors, such as Evergreen students and OYC sailing program graduates.

Web Site and SSSS Communications : People appreciate having a web site that is the official portal for SSSS, and also having Facebook for timely updates and photos. At the same time,

HANDICAPPER : R2A FINISH: WOMEN'S SEMINAR : SAILING LESSONS

**Skookum Inlet Race
March 4**

**Board Meeting
March 7**

**General Meeting
March 14**

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900

**Islands Race, GHYC
March 18**

last Southern Sound Series Race

**March Cruise
March 18-19**

**McAllister Creek Race
March 25**

**Board Meeting
April 4**

**Spring Race 1
April 8**
first start noon

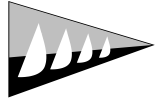
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April 8-9**

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**Star Spring Meeting
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Southern Sound Series Rep Report: Toliva Shoal

What a Drifter! Bruce Hedrick nailed the forecast precisely: little wind, favorable current, and numerous places to shorten the race! Plus great hospitality provided by the Olympia Yacht Club and the South Sound Sailing Society.

Approximately forty-five boats registered for the 18 February 2017 Forty-sixth running of the Toliva Shoal Race. Most of the racers were from OYC/SSSS and 19 others were from north of the Narrows Bridge. Friday around 0900 those who live in Steilacoom could see the parade of boats motoring south past Toliva Shoal. An interesting note was Brad Butlers' Sierra 26, *DOS*, being towed by a power boat!

Of particular absence were Ken Russell and his boat *Rushwind*. Ken had participated in forty Toliva Shoal races, but alas, an electrical problem prevented him from participating this year.

The classes started on time into a soft northerly breeze. The current had started to ebb as the fleet slowly worked their way out of Budd Inlet. Over the next few hours the radio calls were boats announcing that they were retiring from the event. Twenty racers were unable to make it to the shortened finish. Thankfully, and mercifully, Primary Race Officer Norm Smit, aboard Vicky and Bill Sheldon's committee boat, *Transition*, ended the drifter at Johnson Point.

Aboard *Koosah*, the furniture fleet racer, we were the last boat to finish the race around 1730. Our competition, *Balder 2* skippered by Joe Downing, beat us by over three hours! We were elated to reach the finish as the current was changing to a flood and the wind was barely there!

OYC/SSSS sailors did very well. Almost every class was won by one of those boats.

Oh, did I mention it rained the entire race??

Our final race of the Southern Sound Series is the Islands Race sponsored by the Gig Harbor Yacht Club on 18 March.

Dave Knowlton, *Koosah*

Commodore's Corner continued

participants expressed the need for web site that is visually attractive, easy and intuitive to navigate, and that facilitates quick and easy updates for things like Want to Crew or impromptu sailing events. There was also discussion about nice to have features such as secure Member Rosters, search function, and mobile functionality. Joy has stepped forward to take the lead on a new web site design and will be looking for tech-savvy volunteers to help with the effort.

The board was left with lots of material to consider at our next meeting. There were some very promising themes that wove through the evening, so stay tuned!

And, we finished the business meeting in record time: 12 minutes!

Mary Campbell, *Sonrisa*

Toliva Kitchen Crew Cooks Up Another Yummy Weekend

This crew can whip up a lot of magic over the course of a weekend but wind was not part of the offerings this year. That didn't detract from a tremendous roast beef dinner with all the fixings, a piping hot breakfast to tide racers over the long and arduous drift, and savory soups for those making the long slog back to the clubhouse.

The magic can't happen without the best crew out there: the Toliva Kitchen Crew. It's fun to watch this crew tame the carloads of ingredients that arrive on Thursday and assemble a feast fit for ... well, Toliva Race Weekend! They start on Thursday and don't stop until Sunday morning when we leave the OYC kitchen gleaming for the next users.

This year's team included Alan Marrs, Alex Broman, Andy and Dee Saller, Becky Helman, Bill Brandt, Brion Dahl and Maria Chiechi, Dave Knowlton, Karen Elliott, Mary Campbell, Paul The Coddler Paroff, Sandy Whitmore, Steve Worcester, Suzie Zuelke, Terry Van Meter, Tryna Norberg, and my inestimable Kitchen Sister, Suzie Shaffer. A special shout out to Karen Roe and Maggie Dunlap, two high school sailor moms on

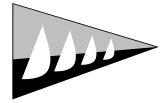


Toliva Shoal Race photo: Glenn Hunter

standby late Saturday afternoon and evening in case we needed help with an extra-late night (which we didn't). Thank you, every one of you, for making it happen year after year!

While he'll be gone by the time this is printed, I also want to recognize Greg Whitaker, the OYC caretaker for the last several years. Greg was an absolute joy to work with. He flexed to accommodate our special needs, odd hours, and pseudo-legit OYC member oversight situations. He was unfailingly kind and helpful, always helping us out above and beyond his duties as OYC caretaker. By the time this is printed, he will be away at boot camp, off to serve all of us as a soldier in the Army. Thank you, Greg, for all you did and all that you're about to do for us/ You will be missed.

I want to share two other quick Kitchen notes. First, our attendance at dinner and breakfast were down by a full third this year. In the 20 years or so since I've been working the Toliva Kitchen I've never seen the numbers like this. It matters because our net proceeds go to support the OYC youth sailing program. I think we barely covered our kitchen costs this year, which means we won't have a lot to pass on to the high school sailor program (a thin silver lining is that the Salvation Army was thrilled to see us on Sunday morning). We did as well as we did because resourceful Suzie sold off an entire roast we didn't even cut, taking bids on big hunks that otherwise would probably have gone to Salvation Army, too. I'm hopeful this year was just an



anomaly and that we'll be back to normal next year.

Second, several people asked about the tortellini dish I made for our Race Committee boats (the best Race Committee of the Southern Sound Series, I'm told). Apparently, this year's hot meal was a winner. In case you're interested, you can find it on-line: tortellini with chicken, pesto, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, olives, and feta. Good hot or room temp. Super simple, super yum.

Hope to see you in the dinner and breakfast line at next year's Toliva!

Thera Black

RC Report: Building a Sail and other Boat Improvements

All of us have looked at our sails and wondered about the process of actually building a sail. A few South Sounders have gone through this process and understand the work required. Well Joy and I, really mostly Joy, are learning first-hand what it means to build a sail.

After getting quotes for a light #1, a few words of encouragement, and Steve Lewis providing a SailRite sewing machine, we purchased a 2.8 oz. laminate SailRite kit. When it arrived, we were surprised by the 25 sail panels and the number of *long* seams to be sewn! However, the instructions provided are impressive and thorough with the parts well organized.

After some hesitation and a healthy dose of trepidation, we finally started double sided taping and sewing the seams. After a while you really do get a hang of the process and Joy was able to do many solo. We are now nearing completion with leach tape and line going on and only the #6 luff tape and a few final touches to go.

If all goes well, and the winds are light, the sail will be flown on *Folie* for the Toliva Shoal Race. Not sure how she will perform and look on the boat, but it will be a sail we know very well.

What's the point of this? As you look at your boat and its gear, also take a look at those of other Members. There are many little DIY projects and improvements you can make to increase your enjoyment and the ease of sailing your boat. As we all know, when you first get a boat there is that long list of to-dos and desired fixes.

As you sail and get to know your boat you add to that list. We have gotten ideas from many sources, but the best ones come from other sailors. Here are a few gems that we've found really helpful!

Tired of stowing that whisker or spinnaker pole on the deck? How about a simple pole sock along the boom? It's simply a long cloth tube with a luff tape attached along its length that fits in your boom's channel. A short piece of 6 inch PVC sewer pipe can form a rigid



Eld Inlet Race photo: Peggt O'Brien

opening to ease placing the pole in the sock. Suddenly you have an open deck with easy access to your pole when needed! J and *Bodacious*, thanks for this idea.

Problems with a reefed main's sail shape? Normal reefing systems will get the main reduced but sail shape is often pretty poor. If you have an unused in-boom line, rig this a reef outhaul. A snap shackle on that line can be attached to the reef point and provide the needed outhaul tension to improve sail shape of the entire reefed sail. When not in use simply attached the snap shackle to the main sheet connection point on the boom. It is out of the way but always ready for use.

Do you have lines or sails hanging up on your forward cleats? A set of cleat covers is a simple DIY project. The covers are simply a pair of wooden or plastic trapezoid open bottom boxes just big enough to fit over a cleat. A hole is drilled through the center bottom of the box for a bolt that goes through the opening in the lower center of the cleat.

Your cleats are now snag proofed. Again, J and *Bodacious*, thanks for this idea.

If you bury your bow in a wave, will green water flood into your anchor locker or other open bow area? A bow bra is another sewing project. This is simply a piece of durable material sewn to fit over your anchor roller and back over any deck openings in the bow area. You may need to install Velcro to allow the fabric to go around your forestay,

and stanchion bases if needed. This is then secured to your toe rails. No more worries of flooding those forward storage areas. Thanks Gordon, *Les Chevaux Blancs* for the idea.

These are only a few DIY projects gleaned from other sailors and their boats. Each of us is proud of our boats and the ideas we have incorporated into our equipment. Similarly, we are more than

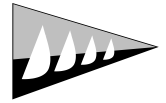
willing to share what we have found works for us. Ask around, you will likely find some easy DIY projects. Maybe not quite sail building but you never know.

Watch for the new sail on the water,
Jeff Johnson, *Folie 'a Deux*

PHRF-NW Annual Meeting

The attendance of the regional handicappers was modest Sunday at the CYC Seattle clubhouse with only about 10 of the roughly 20 potential participants present. There were four new handicappers and one appearing via phone from Juneau. We had a positive discussion regarding the status of PHRF-NW, and turns out most of the big boat fleet up north have returned to the fold of PHRF after trying out IRC for a while. The new chief handicapper encouraged everyone to be active and attentive to their handicapping duties, though that was a message probably better directed towards those not attending.

Not much of substance was addressed, although there was a brief back and forth on whether the current protocol is punitive



or not in the way it addresses add-on sprits. I, for one, think it is. Nothing was done regarding that. There was a brief presentation made by Charlie Macaulay regarding his dislike of the pattern of a few boats that elect to sail with smaller headsails for the rating break it gives them and that he would like for that to be discouraged. He offered no ideas for how to do so and met a general resistance from the handicappers to take action on it because of the negative effect such a change would have on more casual sailors and the difficulty of transition, though it was acknowledged there is merit to the point.

There was one item of substance addressed, and that was an appeal of the handicap of Hobie 33s, of which there none down here. They have rated 90 as long as I can remember, just about the lowest rating in the nation, an anomaly for the NW where we generally have ratings a bit higher than most places. The appeal for a change to 96 was granted, and then the meeting was adjourned with a provision for potentially having a midyear meeting just before Whidbey Island Race Week.

Rafe Beswick, *Dragonfly*

Portsmouth, Dinghy, Racing

Wake up, all you dinghy racers, from your winter hibernation. The weather is warming up. It is time to start thinking about what needs to be sanded and painted or varnished, what lines need replacing, is the hiking strap still good enough to hold you in the boat?

For those of you that have not tried dinghy racing but are interested in acquiring a racing dinghy, join us, we will have a Spring Dinghy Fleet Meeting April 20th at 1830, at the View Point Room at West Bay Marina.

For those that don't have any idea what Dinghy Fleet Racing is all about, we race small boats all summer in Budd Inlet every other Thursday night starting May 4th at 1830. We use the Portsmouth Handicapping system so different boats can race against each other. Any sailboat, 20 foot or less that doesn't have a fixed keel is welcome to come out and join us for three or four short races in the evening.

You only need to report in to the people on the committee boat before the racing so we know who you are and what type of boat you're in. The short races will give you lots of practice at starting and mark rounding and if you don't do well in one race there's always the next to try and do better. I hope to see you on the water.

Jim Findley, *Nightwind, Not Sirius, Lido 14 #786*



Island Home Cruise: Joyce facing a jenga pile Susan Hardin won/lost the Lei contest and had to wear all the leis. Mark Welpman officiated. photos by Mike Gowrylow

Cruise News

Sign up for the Cruisers' e-mail notification list by emailing your request to cruises@ssssclub.com. Members on the list will receive late breaking announcements on upcoming cruises from the SSSS Cruise chair.

SPRING EQUINOX CRUISE MARCH 18 -19

Location:
Jarrells Cove
N47° 16.95' W
122° 53.23'
Monitoring VHF Channel: 72
Distance from Olympia: 20 NM
Saturday AM High Tide (Budd):
0951 (13.08ft)
Saturday PM Low Tide (Jarrells):
16.43 (1.54ft)
Potluck Dinner ashore: Saturday 1800
Pancake Breakfast ashore: Sunday 0830

Spring will spring forward in March and the evenings will arrive later. Sunset will be at 1922 on Saturday March 18 with the official Vernal Equinox taking place on Monday at 0329. That means we will be able to dine ashore at 1800 in the picnic area above the dock, or on the dock if it suits our mood.

Jarrells Cove has a nice State Parks dock with room for many boats and a

dozen mooring buoys, just in case. Getting there is easy: just make your way through Dana Passage and north up Case Inlet past Herron Island. Round the north end of Hartstene Island, giving a wide berth to the shallows off Hartstene Point and enter Pickering Passage. Jarrell Cove is on the north end of Hartstene Island about two miles down Pickering Passage. The State Parks dock is towards the back of the cove on your

left. This is a nice facility with heads and showers up in the state park and there are RV spaces for those who wish to attend by road vehicle.

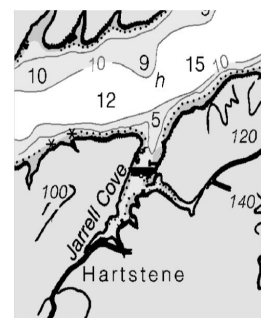
SALTY SAILOR CRUISE, FEBRUARY

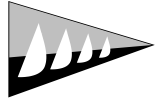
The Salty Sailor Cruise was another pleasant weekend spent on the water. After a run up and down Dana Passage on cooperative tides with steady winds, the *Pleiades* crew was joined by recent members Carlos, Georgia and Megan on *Full Moon*. Commodore Campbell lent a hand on the *Full Moon's* trip to and from Raccoon Cove and spent an anchorage-worry free night aboard the *Pleiades*.

JOINT OYC/SYC/SSSS ISLAND HOME CRUISE

Island Home Cruise in January was a pleasant weekend with an island flavor. A mix of SSSS and OYC sailing boats attended, including *Nightwind*, *Passages*, *Grendel*, and *Cygnets*. We want to thank OYC for hosting us.

**Marvin
Young,
*Pleiades***





Star Fleet: Stars Stars Stars!

No, we're not out on the water yet, but since it's March we're **less than a month** away! Which means ...

- * schedule your boat in the shop for repairs
- * plan your bottom painting
- * prepare for an awesome spring meeting, details TBA
- * start your calisthenics program in anticipation of racing

The fleet is coming out of hibernation, with primary focus right now on planning the Black Star Regatta. Friday-Saturday May 5-6. There will be a practice race and social hour Friday night, then racing all day Saturday, followed by an awards banquet and dinner Saturday night. The social events are open to all, and the racing events are open to Stars, Lasers, i550s, and Race Committee volunteers! If you're interested in racing, organizing, or RCing, please contact me. If you want to come be social, mark your calendar! Festivities normally start around 1900 Saturday.

The showcase event of the Saturday night Black Star dinner is our annual raffle. The day we hoped to put off a few more years occurred this winter,- the little yellow runabout needed a new engine. The raffle is the major source of funding, other than member dues, for the Star Fleet, which owns and maintains that boat, which is also used for dinghy racing and, prior to *Transition*, PHRF racing. I will be at the April SSSS Meeting selling tickets and awarding a few prizes. What I request from you: got any great raffle donations? Send them over! Want to support the fleet? Buy tickets, or make a donation. We have a long way to go, and every dollar counts.

Fair winds

Catherine Hovell, Sparkle

Letter: Race to Alaska

Continued from the last two months. John explained why he was on a cat, Nice Pair. We rejoice him on the last leg of the Race.

Leaving Bella Bella, the second required check point we found the southerly breeze again. I had told our ground crew, Fran Reisner, that we would be entering Ketchikan late Sunday if not Monday, so she booked a flight for Saturday afternoon. GPS was now telling us we would complete the race by Saturday morning.

We blew through Hecate Strait that night, never slowing below 14 knots, and often surfing at 20+ knots. The fastest that we clocked was 21.8 knots. And this was with reefed main alone! The wind didn't feel that great since we were going down wind at 18 knots, but several of the other boats were scared enough that they were periodically calling in their positions to the Coast Guard just in case. I heard others claim that the wind was over 35 knots.

All was well until we got close to Rose Point on the west side of Hecate Strait. I hadn't allowed for the surf over the shallow waters when I plotted our course. The waves grew steeper and started breaking as we crossed the shoal, leading to some incredible surfs and our highest top speed of the day. But it also almost led to disaster as we stuffed our bows into a particularly large wave and came close to pitch-poling her. One moment we were tearing along at 20 knots, and the next we were stopped dead. I was launched from the tiller all the way across the boat grappling for anything to check my slide before I went over. The skipper had dumped the main sheet as we plunged down the wave, which really doesn't help



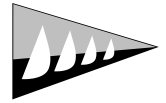
when you are going down wind. But it did accomplish pulling a section of main track right off the mast and forcing us to douse the main. We had already blown out the screacher, so we were down to only a working jib and a spinnaker.

We traversed Dixon Sound and entered the United States again in the middle of the night under jib alone surfing along at a leisurely 14-16 knots. The GPS was still telling us that we would be in port by 1000, good news to a very tired crew. But not so for poor Fran who was frantically trying to change flights to get there in time. We sighted Alaska for the first time at dawn, and about that time the wind began to wane. GPS was now predicting noon for an arrival time. By 1000 we were rowing. At first, just one of us, then two, and eventually three as the wind failed us completely and the current turned against us. We probably should have just anchored, but we were so close to the finish. On we rowed, barely making any headway. The fourth rowing station had come apart in Queen Charlotte Sound, which wasn't really a problem since the three of us in Team Ghost Rider were doing all the rowing anyway. Two hours turned into three, then four and finally we turned the corner and could see the finish line. But it would take two more long hours of rowing to reach it against the current. At least the lack of wind gave Fran a chance to catch up and she was able to get to the finish line when we were still a mile away.

Team Golden Oldies / Ghost Rider officially finished 10th and completed the course in 6 days and 6 hours. Had we not had to stop for repairs we would have beaten Team Elsie paddock's winning time from 2015. All those ahead of us did so. The winner was Team Mad Dog Racing who sailed a Marstrom 32 catamaran non-stop to an incredible winning time of 3 days and 20 hours. Two monohulls were second and third, Team Jungle Kitty and *Madrona*, followed by another catamaran, Team Turning Point Design, and finally a slew of trimarans.

After we finished, the wind never did quite recover leaving the rest of the fleet stranded. It would be five more days before the next boat finished. Twenty six boats completed the race, plus Team Alula who required outside assistance and was therefore disqualified. I averaged about 2-3 hours of sleep each day, and finished the race with blisters on every finger and all over my palms. And I'm still planning my next attempt, maybe in 2018 after I retire.

John Thompson, Gizmo



South Sound Women's Boating Seminar Chart Your Own Course

Join us for a full day of interesting, informative presentations *for women by women*, with other sailors and power boaters. This is the eighth year South Sound Sailing Society and Olympia Yacht Club have sponsored the South Sound Women's Boating Seminar. Our theme this year is Chart Your Own Course. You'll enjoy developing new skills and building confidence, plus you'll have a great time meeting other women boaters!

This year expanded to *two days!* Saturday, workshops and hands on demonstrations. Sunday on the water.

Saturday, May 20th 08:30-16:30

Workshops and hands on demonstrations on:
Navigation Essentials
Understanding Weather on the Water
Docking Your Boat
Marine 12 volt Systems

Women power boaters and sailors will learn essential skills from other experienced women. The novice can build a solid foundation, while more experienced boaters strengthen essential skills. Gain critical information and techniques to feel safer and more confident on the water. Chances to win great prizes! Raffle proceeds will help fund scholarships for Girls at the Helm participants! Network with other women boaters! Enjoy a sumptuous lunch and laugh with each other! Registration includes parking and lunch!

\$45 by April 30, \$50 after April 30 Reserve your spot early. Seating is limited to the first 80 registrants.
Register now!

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2803493

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

Register *separately* for the following three *optional* opportunities to practice boating skills

Docking your own boat w/ Capt. Ace Spragg: \$50

Ace will meet you at the dock for a 75 minute session on your own boat, practicing docking in real life. Sessions will be scheduled at 9:30, 11:00, 13:00, 14:30 and 16:00.

Anchoring your own boat w/ Capt. Mary Campbell: \$50

Mary will meet you at the dock for a 90 minute session on your own boat, practicing anchoring in real life. Sessions will be scheduled at 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00.

Introduction to Sailing w/ Capt. Mary Fitzgerald: \$55

Bring your bag lunch and your windbreaker for a day on the water on a keelboat. You'll learn the basics of raising and trimming sails as you glide across Budd Inlet. 09:00-15:00

Register now!

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2858855

Questions????? boatingseminar@gmail.com

Lisa Randlette

Adult Sailing Classes

These classes are put on by OYC and Olympia Parks. All Enrollment is only through Olympia Parks and Recreation (360) 753-8380.

KEELBOAT SAILING

Keelboat sailing is a class we offered last year using the club's new J 24 keelboat and because of its popularity we enlisted the help of Olympia Yacht Club Skippers who provided a variety of their own boats for this class. This proved to be a great class model that we are repeating this year. If you are thinking of buying a sailboat, a new boat owner with little or no experience, you are encouraged to take these classes to gain knowledge and experience before heading off on your own excursions.

These classes will introduce you to sailing terminology and we will help you identify how they apply on different types of boats. You will become familiar with how to find wind, specific knots used on the boats, the concepts of points of sail and sail trim and hands on experience in applying them to get you where *you* want to go.

Our Basic classes include 12 hours of instruction, our Intro classes include 6 hours of instruction. We have set up our summer classes so that you can start with an intro or basic class and continue sailing through the summer by taking an advanced class or the Sailing to Hope Island class. This way you are increasing your skills and experience as the summer progresses. Fair Winds!

ONE DAY INTRODUCTION TO SAILING

6 hours of instruction
Adult (mixed) \$125

Sunday May 7, 10:00-1600 : Sunday June 11, 10:00-16:00

This is an introductory class for novice sailors who have always wanted to sail, but have never had the opportunity or have been on a sail boat only as a passenger, not a participating crew member. No experience is necessary.

In this one day class, we hope to give you a taste of the fun of sailing in a non-competitive, supportive atmosphere. This one day seminar will be an abbreviated version of classes that we offer over a period of 12 hours of instruction. You will have a short classroom session plus on the water hands-on practice.

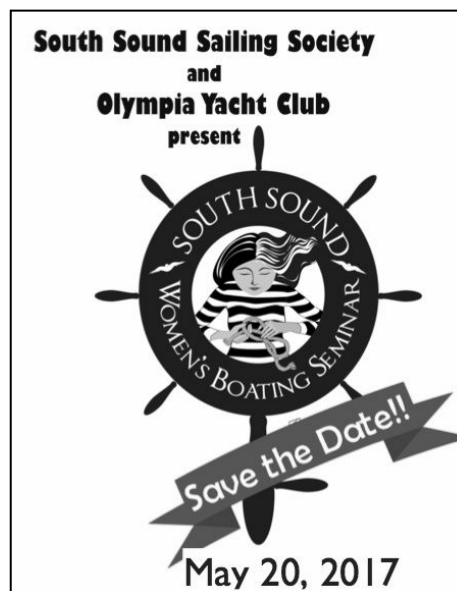
For Intro classes where we are sailing all day long, please bring a brown bag lunch and beverages that you can grab and go with. We will sail no matter what the weather. Low or no wind is harder to learn in than strong winds, but I retain the right to cancel if the winds are too strong for everyone to be comfortable.

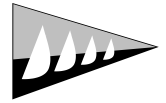
WOMEN'S INTRODUCTION TO KEELBOAT SAILING

7 hours of instruction \$135

Saturday May 6, 10:00-17:00 : Sunday June 18, 10:00-17:00

If you think because you are a woman that you can't skipper or own your own sailboat you are wrong. There are plenty of woman owned and skippered boats in the area and we will have several of





these sailors here to help introduce you to Sailing. Please come join us for a class that will be supportive and inspiring.

We will be sailing almost all day long, please bring a brown bag lunch and beverages that you can grab and go with. We are looking forward to seeing you.

BASIC KEELBOAT SAILING

12 hours of Instruction, \$225
 June 20, 23, 27 30 1800 – dusk
 July 1 and 2 11:00 – 17:00 (bring a brown bag lunch)

This class will cover the basics of sailing and incorporate more on-the-water hands-on practice for students to acquire a confidence and experience. We will cover boat rigging, knots, points of sail, sail trim, finding wind and give each student time to learn the various roles that a skipper and crew fill. We will also cover rules of the road and use of navigation aids for safely traveling from our moorage slips out into the harbor for our outings.

This is a great beginning class for anyone who has the dream of someday owning their own boat and cruising in the Puget Sound area. You will get a full 12 hours of class with most of it being on the water. For those wanting more practice and experience, this is a class that you can repeat.

The number of boats available for this class will be determined by the number of participants who sign up. I will try to keep our ratio of students to boat owners low so that everyone gets a chance to experience participating as a crew and helmsperson.

ADVANCED KEELBOAT SAILING

12 hours of instruction \$225
 SESSION 1 : July 20 1800-dusk, July 22, 10:00-16:00 (bring brown bag lunch), July 25 1800 until dusk
 SESSION 2 August 5 and 6 10:00 – 1600 each day (bring a lunch)

This is not a beginner class so you need to have previous sailing experience either by attending an Intro or Basic class or from previous experience. This Advanced Keelboat Sailing class will include a review of the basics and introduction to the different systems that keelboats all use to get you from place to place. Our review will include standing rigging, running

rigging, points of sail, sail trim. You will have time for practicing skills learned in previous classes or prior experience on keelboats. We will practice tacking, gybing, reefing sails and overboard drills. We will introduce you to Systems used for safety such as VHF radios, and anchoring. You will also be introduced to reading charts and shown how to plan a day long trip. Our discussions will cover how to unground a boat, safety tips, and knowledge that only comes from personal experience. This is a class designed to provide you



2016 Women/s Seminar
 Photos: top left by Cari Hornbein, others by Julie Szten

with a step-up to cruising our local waters safely.

SAILING TO HOPE ISLAND OR ISLAND HOME

Cost \$225

August 8, classroom 1800-2100,
 August 12 10:00- return On the water

This class is for students who have either personal experience or have attended our Advanced Keelboat Class. We will take your previously gained knowledge and apply it to actually going somewhere and getting home again.

This class will include one three hour session and one day long session to historic Hope Island, 6 miles from Olympia just off the end of Steamboat Island. Hope Island is a beautiful water-access-only State Park whose history includes truck farming and is the original home of the Island Belle grape grown in

the early part of the 1900s. Deer, otter, sea life, eagles and shell fish abound.

If the wind is favorable or the current next to Hope Island is too strong for anchoring, we will continue two miles farther North to OYC's beautiful outstation, Island Home. This small island is just south of the Hartstene Island bridge and North of Hammersly Inlet. It is owned and operated by the Olympia Yacht Club and open to OYC members year round.

We will plan and execute our trip using tide and current charts, hopefully with enough wind to sail. You will gain experience in anchoring, docking or picking up mooring buoys. We will tow an inflatable boat with us to provide shore access if we stop at Hope Island.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All Enrollment is only through Olympia Parks and Recreation (360) 753-8380

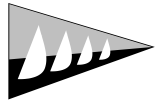
We will be sailing in beautiful Budd Inlet, just outside of Olympia's commercial harbor. You should plan on having comfortable life jacket, foul weather gear/rain gear with you in case it is needed. We will sail no matter what the weather unless the marine forecast includes small craft warnings. Please bring sunscreen, biking, sailing, or gardening gloves, hats, sunglasses, shoes with toes: no bare feet or toeless shoes/sandals.

Please meet at the Olympia Yacht Club next to the little Light House. The OYC Parking lot is restricted to members only. Students may park in the parking lot on the corner of 4th and Simmons, payment by cell phone, at Capital Lake Park, free, on the SE corner of 5th and Simmons or in public parking on the street.

All students will be required to sign a waiver of liability for OYC, its employees, members helping with class, and all boats used.

If you have any questions regarding further instruction or sailing in general, please don't hesitate to call. Capt. Mary Fitzgerald (360) 250-1230
 oycadultsailing@gmail.com or
 olymfitz@hotmail.com

Mary Fitzgerald



Toliva Shoal Race 2017

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below that by Glenn Hunter
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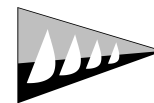
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New!! Help : Wanted/Offered

Do you have a skill you are willing to share with other boat owners? Do you need help or advice with a boat system or maintenance issue? We will post it here and help hook you up! Send your name, e-mail and issue to sts@ssssclub.com.

Ralph Cumberland is willing to offer an hour of troubleshooting electrical system issues.
pastcommodore@ssssclub.com

My boat is an old Ericson. I am discovering a few leaks. Does someone have expertise in cabin leak problems?
I would also like to get some sailing experience in maybe as a one of a crew team?
Pat Honeysuckle 970-2898, joliedanser@gmail.com

Take Your Camera Sailing

Ditty Bag For sale

Sails for 24ft Pacific Seacraft Flicka: 110% hanked on genoa tanbark, two 90% hanked on working jibs white, and staysail white. All in good condition.

Ocean kayak yak-board, a sit-on-top surf kayak **Canoe/kayak sail conversion kit** It sort of works. Free to a good home.. Must sell Contact Dennis McDermot, (360) 742-8795 or kaydrup17@gmail.com.

Dreamspeaker The West Coast of Vancouver Island, ?25. I find myself with 2 copies of this ?50 book and only need one.

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Charter a Catalina 30 fully-equipped for bareboat charter. Call or text Bob at (360) 951-6234.

Theses ads are free for Members, run three months, and can be renewed. Contact me by the Meeting to be listed.

Henderson Inlet Race February 4

Transition/He Lives was the RC Boat. Jody V was mark boat. Thank you both.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Correct Time
A CLASS Start Time: 11:35 Distance: 10 nm						
0.75	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	15:08:09	14:56:09
2.00	73392	BODACIOUS	BENE 35 S5	129	15:35:49	15:14:19
3.00	87652	ALTAIR	J 35	72	15:32:55	15:20:55
4.00	69804	REIFF	J35C	105	15:47:25	15:29:55
5.00	18351	MISS CONDUCT	OLSN 29	102	DNF	
5.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	126	DNF	
S CLASS Start Time: 11:35 Distance: 10 nm						
0.75	50921	REDLINE	ANT 27	90	15:02:22	14:47:22
2.00	83179	HE LIVES	JBOA 92	114	15:14:44	14:55:44
3.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	96	15:14:03	14:58:03
4.00	131	DRAGONFLY	VIPER 640	105	15:39:21	15:21:51
B CLASS Start Time: 11:30 Distance: 10 nm						
0.75	69063	GIZMO	HARM22	201	15:40:00	15:06:30
2.00	47914	KAITLIN	RANC 32	168	DNF	
D CLASS Start Time: 11:20 Distance: 13 nm						
0.75	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	16:31:38	16:02:23
2.00	49241	SCIMITAR	MART30	108	16:29:08	16:05:44
3.00	427	DESERT SAGE	CATA 42	147	17:23:28	16:51:37
4.00	923	WHITE RAVEN	CAV45	147	DNF	
4.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	225	DNF	
4.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	DNF	
4.00	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	183	DNF	

Crew Sheet

more information about all on line

Crew Wants Ride

Katrina (847)331-2141, e-mail katrinakeleher@gmail.com.

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.

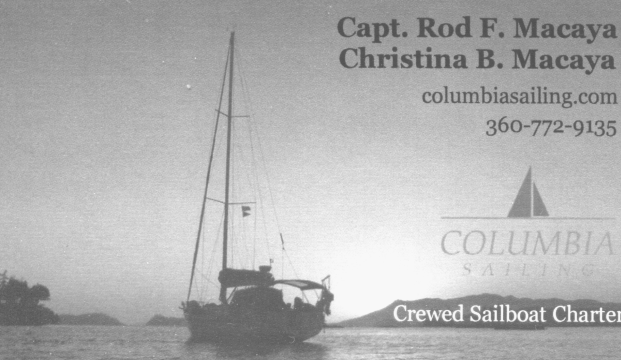


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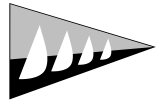


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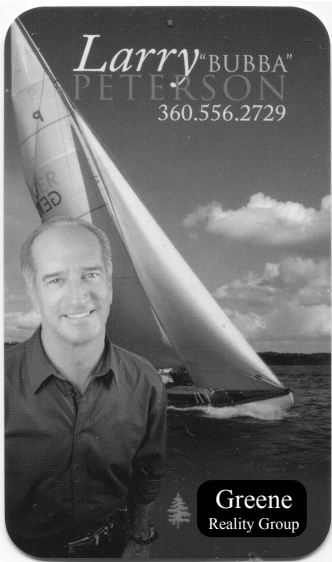


Andrew Kerr Seminar Successful

True to form, Andrew Kerr's sailing seminar was a big success with the View Point Room filled to near capacity. Andrew's Australian accent and gentle demeanor charmed the crowd as he spoke about light air sailing and the importance of keeping weight centered, the boat balanced, roll tacking, and gentle movement around the boat.

Andrew spoke about several topics as he took questions from the crowd. We tried to bring some focus some topics for cruisers as well as racers. We'll work on this even more for next year. Andrew has already give the thumbs up to a seminar next year. It is a few dollars and an evening well spent. I know I'm looking forward to next year already. Thanks Andrew!

**Jeff Johnson, Race Chair,
Follie `a Deux**



Death of a Sailor: Glenn Sutt

Glenn was a B Class regular. His Santana 20, *Flasher*, was the slow boat in the class for years, but that did not keep him out of the winners circle. He had been active in the Santana 20 class too.

He has not been racing for the last two years, as he got tired of looking for crew. He stayed busy with his other interests, including cars, Porsche, and old guns, flintlocks.; between running three pizza stores.

Glenn had a heart attack and passed away on February third. We will have details on a service on line when we get them.

S-t-S Report

We are inviting you to come help us prepare the S-t-S for mailing. We meet at Fish Brew Pub once a month after work. It takes maybe an hour to do a mailing and finish the beer. If you are interested, see me.

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Redline	1 PHRF 5	1 OA
McSwoosh	1 PHRF 3	4 OA
Something Special	1 PHRF 4	5 OA
Bodacious	1 PHRF 6	8 OA
Show Time	1 PHRF 7	10 OA
Flying Circus	2 PHRF 4	7 OA
Korina-Korina	3 PHRF 3	16 OA
Lightly Salted	4 PHRF 5	9 OA
Altair	4 PHRF 4	14 OA
Folie a Deux	4 PHRF 6	17 OA
Pax	1 PHRF 1	na
Balder 2	1 NFS	
KOOSAH	2 NFS	
Reif	2 COM	
Scimitar	DNF PHRF 5	19 OA
Dulcinea	DNF PHRF 7	19 OA
Jody V	DNF PHRF 7	19 OA
Silverheels	DNS PHRF 2	19 OA
Jolly Rumbalow	RAF NFS	
Desert Sage	DNF NFS	
Puelche	DNF NFS	
Steamy Windows	DNF COM	
Emma Lee	DNF COM	
Spiff	DNF COM	
White Raven	DNF COM	

Team Score

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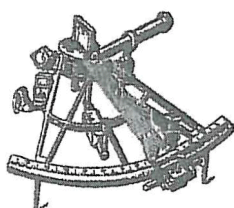
1st/2nd. Race/Series 28/166 points
McSwoosh, Korina-Korina, Bodacious

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2nd/5th Race/Series 36/209 points
Folie a Deux, Altair, Something Special

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