

Ship-to-Shore

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September Meeting: Where Did You Go in 2018?

How was your summer? When we gather for our first fall Meeting on September 11, you will find a room full of excited sailors eager to tell stories about our recent adventures in cruising and racing over the summer. We want to hear all about your summer!

When you arrive at the Meeting you will see several charts and maps displayed on tables with markers and pens. Take a moment before the Meeting or during the break to put some marks on the map to show us where you went cruising or racing in 2018. We will have these maps available at future Meetings to give everyone a chance to tell their stories of racing and cruising around the Salish Sea, and around the world!

After the break, our program time will feature an open mic to give people a chance to share anecdotes, lessons learned, and tales of glory from summer sailing. Did you learn an important lesson the hard way? Did you see whales? Did you learn something important by observing someone else?



Black Star Regatta, practice race photo: Steve Worcester

We meet at the Olympia Yacht Club, 201 Simmons Street NW, Olympia WA 98501. Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts at 1900.

The **Trophies are In!** The race trophies that were announced in June will be available for pickup at the September Meeting. Please pick up your trophies and awards so that Jeff does not have to take them home!

Jim Larsen, TYA

New! You can park for free in the gravel lot in front of the OYC club house. Parking in the paved lot is for OYC members only.

Commodore's Corner: Welcome Back

I spent some time this evening washing the summer salt off the deck of *TYA* and reminiscing about our fun summer. With fall right around the corner it is time to shift our focus from our summer sailing adventures and start thinking about our Meetings, fall and winter race schedules, and Cruising events.

I want to welcome those of you who are new to the South Sound Sailing Society. We are always happy to welcome new Members into the group and we hope that you enjoy the many benefits that we can offer as a club.

Dee Ann and I started attending Meetings several years ago because we wanted to get acquainted with the sailing community of the South Sound. Participation in the Club has been a great experience for both of us. Now, as we cruise around the Sound, we often run into boats we recognize and people we know. We even see Club burgees on boats that are new to us. It seems that wherever we go we can find someone who knows about the SSSS.

Being a part of this Club has made us better sailors and safer boaters. Spending time on the race course has taught good sailing skills and race tactics, and allowed me to make new friends.

Welcome Back

Board Meeting
September 4

Fall Series Race 1
September 8

Dinghy Regatta
September 9

General Meeting
September 11

Visitors Welcome

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Commodores' Cruise
September 15-16

Fall Series Race 2
September 22

Fall Series Race 3
September 29

Board Meeting
October 2

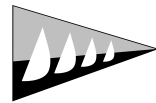
Oyster Fest Cruise
October 6-7

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Dues Increase



Attending Meetings and Club events has increased our focus on safe boating practices. And this year we used enough reciprocal dock space to more than pay for our annual dues!

I am looking forward to our September Meeting and hearing all about your summer.

Jim Larsen, TYA

SSSS Dues

Memberships can be renewed by mail, or in person at the Meetings. Or you can renew your Membership at any time using the SSSSclub.com web site. Follow the links for Membership renewal. It is fast and easy.

New Members can join through the web site at any time. New Member enrollment will prompt you to fill in a form to tell us about yourself and your sailing.

Dues went up. At the start of our Membership Year Dues went up \$10 to **\$55 per year**. Race fees remain unchanged.

Your dues fund the general operations of the Club. The dues increase reflects increases in Club expenses, including rent and bookkeeper expenses, as well as general inflation. Dues had not changed for many years.

Even with the increase, SSSS remains the best deal on the Sound: the least expensive PIYA club, yet one of the most active. We have a very active race program with 55 days of racing per year with races for several types of boats. We have Club Cruises and Meetings with guest speakers, as well as reciprocal moorage privileges throughout the northwest U.S. and Canadian waters.

Silver lining, one of our increased costs is a rent increase, but with it we got parking for our Meetings. You can now park in the gravel lot in front of OYC.

Cruise News

COMMODORES CRUISE SEPTEMBER 15-6

The Commodores Cruise is a September tradition for SSSS, when Cruisers gather on the spit at Vaughn Bay at the northeast corner of Case Inlet to share stories of summer boating adventures. This year the Cruise will happen on September 15-16; those anxious to get a jump on the weekend may arrive on Friday night.

The entry to Vaughn Bay requires careful attention to your depth sounder, since the spit is more hook-shaped than it appears on the chart. For that reason, give the east side of the spit a wide berth, but be sure to turn right into the basin before the shallow bar that extends out from the north shore of the Bay. It's best to tiptoe in with one eye on the depth if this is your first visit. (Or follow someone in, There are benefits to cruising as a Club. Ed.)

Fortunately, the tides on the weekend are relatively high, with at least 6 feet over datum predicted for Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning's low tide will only provide a foot over datum, so pick your site well or you might have trouble keeping the morning coffee in your cup!

Potluck dinner on Saturday will begin at 1800. Bring your own beverages and summer adventure tales. **Vaughan Bay Anchorage:** 47 20.39" N, 122 47.15" W

September 15 low tide: 17:02 5.09' High tide: 22:25 12'

September 16 low tide: 05:00 1' High tide: 12:42 12'

Mary Campbell, Sonrisa

SUMMER SOLSTICE CRUISE

The Cruise was held June 15 - 17. Unfortunately the date and destination were finalized and announced at the last minute, but the two boats that attended had an awesome time. *TYA*, Jim and Dee Ann Larsen, rafted up with *Mutable Fire*, Rich Adams and son Aden, Friday evening for some seal watching and an absolutely amazing sunset in the Henderson Inlet.

A sunny Saturday morning was spent on boat maintenance, lounging, reading, new dinghy tryout, and some very poor

fishing. We were able to avert a tragedy after Jim attempted some Thunderbird-type action by flying his drone between the rigging of the boats. *No drones were harmed during the making of this Cruise!*

At midday, as the winds picked up slightly, it was decided to sail to Joemma State Park. A bit stalled and fitful in the beginning, the winds finally filled in and gave us a very comfortable sail the majority of the way.

After picking up mooring buoys, we ventured ashore, our first time there, to check out the facilities and campgrounds. The weather and location was beautiful ... a definite return spot with the kids. That evening we put together an awesome potluck and played a spirited game of Texas Holdem. It was a gorgeous night, and Venus and Jupiter were clearly visible.

After breakfast on Sunday morning we all pitched in to use a favorable tide and the gangway leading up to the park to put spreader boots on *Mutable Fire*. I climbed the railing, Dee Ann helped hold the shrouds to the gangway, Aden maintained a dock line, and Jim used his dinghy as a tug to maneuver the boat. I managed not to fall to my death or get arrested so, all in all, a successful endeavor. Never a dull moment.

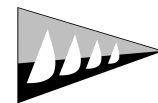
Rich Adams, Mutable



June Cruise photo: Jim Larsen



Penrose Point Cruise photo: Jim Findley more Cruise photos on line



RC Report

It has been one of the most successful summer Wednesday night seasons in a long time. The rain has held off, mild to warm temps and the wind has come in just in time for the start of every race.

On 25 July we left the dock with a perfect reflection of the Olympics on Budd Inlet and temperatures hovering above 90 degrees. Off in the distance I spotted *Altair* but only 1 person in the cockpit. I recalled them passing me as they headed out with a full complement of crewpersons on board. As I approached I saw a few black dots in the water, as we got closer those dots became crew boarding over the stern all refreshed and ready to race. Well done Jason getting your crew cooled off and prepared for a 1st place finish.

Racers, 31 scheduled PHRF races for the 2018 – 2019 season. **Your help is needed too!** Volunteers are needed to be available for RC duty and Stake Boat. Sign-up early if you have a particular race that you favor. There will be a full listing of races, dates and openings that need to be filled at the September Meeting. I will all so be sending the Season RC sign-up sheet in excel out to all the racers of record the end of August.

As we enjoy these warm lazy days of summer Bill, Paul and I met onboard *Transition* to discuss some thoughts on how to improve communication between the RC and racers, when we encounter inclement weather as it relates to wind and below freezing temperatures. Safety of crew is paramount for successful SSSS racing. Many of us have seen boats frozen in from ice, and of course gale force winds. As you get closer to race day I am sure you are checking the forecast every couple of days if not daily. As the winds pick up in an effort to make the race as fare as possible the RC must be able to remain nearly stationary. Bill has encountered a number of big blows on *Transition* and knows at what wind speed he can no longer hold on his ground tackle.

With *safty and farness* in mind, during inclement weather we will be e-mailing all racers of record on Friday evenings around 2000 notifying you of the conditions. Again on Saturday mornings before 0800 another email will be sent if a race is canceled. I hope this will help everyone be safe while racing and give you time to make adjustments if needed. This is a trial program and as with all trials there is always room for input and improvement so please contact me if you have any thoughts on communication improvements during inclement weather.

Jeff Hogan

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Commodores' Series Race 2 both photos: Judy Kruller more race photos on line

Summer Dinghy Racing

We've had a great summer of racing with a good turnout and most nights with a nice amount of wind.

As usual our highlight of the summer was the Race to Somewhere. Again, many thanks go to George and Betty Hanson for letting us use their beautiful facility. The coveted Rubber Ducky award for first place in the race to Gull Harbor was won for the second year in a row by Darris Baldrige in his Harpoon 5.2. After chowing down on a great potluck, we sailed out of Gull Harbor into a dead calm Budd Inlet. Sadly, the race back was canceled for lack of wind and those of us without motors got towed back. Even without the race back, it was a fantastic day on the water.

Jim Findley,
Nightwind, Not Sirius,
Lido 14

It's time! Get your 2018-19 SSSS Wall Calendar

For those of you who just turned to your last page, we have your new calendars ready to go! Get a new 2018-2019 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 2018 until the first General Meeting in September 2019: 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.

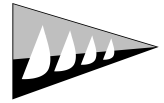
Even better than the pre-loaded schedule are the pictures. Every month features spectacular photos taken by fellow sailors. As you've come to appreciate by now, SSSS Members are also terrific photographers out on the water. Every month you'll find new images that capture the spirit of South Sound sailing 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 45 calendars and when they're gone, they're gone. Look for me at a table near the other merchandise at the Neeting on September 11. If you're writing a check, make it out to SSSS.

Cheers!

Thera





Youth Sailing/Sailing Classes

Congratulations to the OYC Race Team who placed 3rd in Bellingham Yacht Club Youth Regatta, 420's and FJ Fleets, August and 2nd place in Orcas Island Youth Regatta in FJ Fleet in July. Ed.

Hi everyone, things are starting to wind down with the summer Learn to Sail Program. We have held steady for enrollment in our classes. Lots of happy smiles, enthusiastic rigging, new friendships, and adventures on board. What can be better, no matter what your age.

The summer program ends in a few weeks and our High School and Middle School Sailing Teams are anxious to start their practices. In fact we have more young persons interested in sailing in the program than we have spots available. This is the third year in a row for full teams!

So with that in mind, we are looking for some volunteers to offer their ideas and do some brain storming for long range planning regarding where and how OYC's Sailing Education Program can grow. If you are interested, we are

looking for a date in September, just one meeting to throw out ideas, no commitment to any other committee or meetings after that. Give us your name and contact info and we will let you know a date where you can offer your suggestions. We will welcome all



all photos: Sarah Hanavan more photos on line

ideas, as they are bound to be endless. Please contact Sarah Hanavan or myself. Mary Fitzgerald Chair of Sailing Education Program (360) 250-1230 olymfitz@hotmail.com. Sarah Hanavan Director and Coach (206) 931-8802

We will be hosting the Olympia Fall High School Regatta, a one day affair on October 6th. We need help with the Race Committee for this race. If you would like to help out please let us know. Spectators are welcome as all the teams gather at Port Plaza and staging for the races are done right there. .

We also have boats and trailers that will be needing maintenance and repairs. If you have any of those type of skills and would help please let us know. We need help with the following maintenance issues after a



Thursday Night Races Summer Series

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3	786	Findley,Jim	LD14	4	3	9 16
4	1542	French,Kevin	HPN5.2	5	6	5.5 RDG 16.5
5	150978	?	LASEM	8 DNC	10	8 26
6	816	Baldrige,Darris	HPN5.2	8 DNC	12	10.0 RDG 30
7	763	Brown,Adam	HPN5.2	6	21 DNC	4 31
8	204394	Kuehlthau,Bob	Laser	8 DNC	2	22 DNC 32
9	2278	Pruitt,Casey	TASA	8 DNC	21 DNC	3 32
10	2399	Pruitt,Casey	TASA	2	9	22 DNC 33
11	1509	,Sam	Laser	8 DNC	4	22 DNC 34
12	84	,?	FJ	8 DNC	21 DNC	5 34
13	17	,?	OP	8 DNC	5	22 DNC 35
14	85	,?	FJ	8 DNC	21 DNC	6 35
15	86	,?	FJ	8 DNC	20	7 35
16	15	,?	OP	8 DNC	7	22 DNC 37
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19	144413	?	Laser	8 DNC	21 DNC	11 40
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21	18	,?	OP	8 DNC	21 DNC	12 41
22	6103	Long,Jack	LASE2	8 DNC	21 DNC	13 42
23	1304	Harting,Eric	TNZ 16	8 DNC	17	17 42
24	5	,?	420	8 DNC	13	22 DNC 43
25	5008	Hariot,Margaret	LD14	7	21 DNC	16 44
26	99	Gamble,Haley	ZUM	8 DNC	14	22 DNC 44
27	83	,?	FJ	8 DNC	21 DNC	15 44
28	1187	Ciara	MXRAY	8 DNC	18	18 44
29	82	,?	FJ	8 DNC	15	22 DNC 45
30	3510	Snyder,Chris	LASE-2	3	21 DNC	22 DNC 46
31	298	Hinchcliff,Justin	Nacra 5.8	8 DNC	21 DNC	19 48
32	2	Wyeth,Peter	SF	8 DNC	19	22 DNC 49



busy summer.

Major fiberglass repairs on 2 Optis whose mast braces inside the boats have been damaged

Bottom paint on all 4 coach boats

Minor fiberglass repairs on 3 Lasers

Refurbishing wooden Opti blades – centerboards, rudders and tillers

Upcoming Regatta Schedule

McCurdy Cub team Race August 18-19

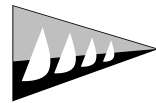
US Sailing Junior Olympics August 25-26

The JAM Youth Regatta held by Port Madison Yacht Club

And the Final Summer Regatta – Oktoberfest Youth Regatta hosted by Sail Sand Point September 15 and 16th

We have had a safe summer full of fun, welcoming new boaters of all ages.

Mary Fitzgerald



Letter: Paddle to Puyallup on *String Games*

This year's Tribal Journey was the Paddle to Puyallup. The Blue Heron Canoe Family needed a support boat. We were game. So off Jim and I went with Sailor Dog Rudi. Rudi is almost 16 but he starts bouncing when he sees his life vest.

The canoes followed a variety of routes to Puyallup. Blue Heron's route began at Neah Bay on Washington's northwest corner on July 16. Other canoes started in the Columbia River in Washington, on the outer coast of British Columbia, or in the Straits of Georgia, or Puget Sound. Eventually, 120 canoes would land at Puyallup for a week of intense cultural exchange.

We started out at Olympia, the southern tip of Puget Sound, planning to meet up with Blue Heron around Port Angeles. We stopped for the night at Dockton on Maury Island (where Josh and Gavin joined us for dinner), Kingston on the Kitsap Peninsula, and Port Townsend.

At Port Townsend the marina was unusually full. We followed someone else's lead and tied up to the fuel dock after hours. Next morning we learned why the marina was jammed. Salmon season had just opened for non-Natives. And the Natives, though not constrained by fishery seasons in the same way, were just as focused on their harvest. We watched from our perch by the fuel dock as pickup trucks backed trailers down the boat ramp to launch small boats piled high with crab pots.

We had an embarrassing moment as we prepared to leave. The throttle/gear on *String Games* stuck in neutral. We drifted toward other vessels, expensive possibilities looming! At the last moment Jim muscled the lever into gear and got the boat under control. But it was clear we needed repairs before joining Blue Heron. When we arrived in Port Angeles, we wasted no time in finding a mechanic. Eric was able to rebuild the throttle, saving us the cost and time to get a new throttle/gear.

The two days for repair gave us time to explore Port Angeles. Once a booming town, Port Angeles started looking pretty seedy in the last part of the 1900's when logging, milling, and fishing declined. Still, there's a certain rough charm along with a sense of whimsy. In the middle of town we found a piano set up in a small square. Every now and then, someone wanders over to plink out a tune.

A wonderful mural depicts the *Kalakala*, an Art Deco ferry boat much loved for its design but not for its bumpy ride. I saw it in its dotage on Kodiak Island, AK, where



photo: Emily Ray

it had been turned into a fish cannery.

Our throttle fixed, we were ready to take up our duties as a support boat. What does a support boat do? Our usual job is to be within eyesight of the canoe to provide help when needed. A puller who gets tired or ill can come aboard and switch places with a fresh puller riding along with us. If the weather is rough, support boats can tow canoes. In an emergency, a support boat races to the rescue. This year's paddle was thankfully free of disasters.

Ironically, the only emergency was that Jim became ill with a reoccurrence of severe vertigo. Friend Bernie Brady drove up to Port Angeles and took Jim and Rudi back home. Lucky for me, son Josh was available. His wife Julie drove him up to Port Angeles. Meantime, I went to Hollywood Beach south of the ferry docks to watch the canoes come in from Pysht, Pillar Point. That trip of 31 miles was their longest pull of the journey.

Blue Heron was built by Mike Evans, the canoe "father." When conditions are right, *Blue Heron* can use a sail.

I caught a ride out to the Lower Elwah reservation to assure Mike that even though Jim had left, *String Games* would with Josh's help support the canoe. I spoke more bravely than I felt! And I enjoyed a wonderful picnic dinner prepared by the casino kitchen.

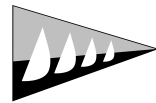
Next day Julie dropped Josh off at the marina in Port Angeles. His sister Bridget, a Blue Heron Canoe Family member, gave us a ride out to camp. Dinner was not provided that night but we were able to observe impromptu singing and dancing. Back at the boat, we dined on Japanese curry that Josh had brought along.

String Games cast off early the next morning, July 22, to meet up with the canoe inside Ediz Hook. We followed Blue Heron along the Straits of Juan de Fuca to Jamestown near Sequim. With us were two passengers who spent several days with us off and on. One was Larry Blair, who has a strong interest in Native American issues and has studied Lushootseed, the language of the Salish Sea. The other was Janice Hicks Bullchild, a member of the Nisqually Tribe. Larry helped with navigation and the helm. Janice watched out for crab pots.

We tied *String Games* up at the John Wayne Marina, hosts picking up the tab, and accepted a ride in Mike's pickup truck to the campground for dinner. The S'Klallams put on a superb meal. Pullers rested and participated in ritual "protocol," during which groups take turns sharing their dances, songs, and stories. This was generally the schedule along the journey.

We had a chance to visit with Bridget at Blue Heron's camp. Bridget has led the Green Team managing recycling, waste, and composting for many journeys. This year the hosting Puyallup Tribe hired her to provide green practices at their site. Bridget is the reason our granddaughter Kiki paddled to Cowichan some years ago, and we served as a support boat to Bella Bella in Canada in 2014.

July 22 the canoes pushed on to Port Townsend where they camped at the



county fairgrounds. It was a pull of 18 miles, not very long for these experienced people. However, the wind was strong and little whitecaps occasionally flicked the water.

As we approached Protection Island along the way, we watched *Blue Heron* strike a different direction than most of the canoes. Instead of taking the north side of the island, the canoe went to the south. We wondered why. Eventually we heard radio chatter that some canoes on the north side were being blown toward the treacherous rocky island, and support boats had to pull them away. This was one of the many times that we were impressed by *Blue Heron*'s skipper and crew.

Skipper most days was Logan, a Native American from California. He is Mike's understudy, and clearly has Mike's full confidence. This gives Mike time to attend to the many logistics involved in the canoe journey.

At Port Townsend the canoe families camped a bit out of town, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. We tied up *String Games* at Point Hudson for the night and went exploring. It turned out Josh had never been to this charming city!

Then we had all night to worry about the next leg of our trip, through the Port Townsend Ship Canal. Would we be able to pass beneath the bridge? Our mast is 51 feet 7 inches not including the weather vane and antennas. The bridge is 58 feet above mean high tide. The tide was a double high tide, not twice as high but two high tides in a row. It was predicted to raise the water above sea level by 10 feet. How did mean high tide relate to sea level? I was at sea trying to figure this out. Help was at hand, Randy, skipper of the support sailboat *Sparrow*, squinted at the sky and said, "You should make it." Still, we had doubts especially when the people standing on the bridge began screaming, "The mast, the mast!" The three folks on board hung over the port gunwale, and I leaned from the helm. We may have lowered ourselves an extra foot without need. In any case, we sailed through without mishap.

Our destination was Port Gamble, home of S'Klallams, after a 23-mile pull. No docks there, but after a tutorial from Rod

Tharp of *Pax*, Josh and I anchored easily. Host skiffs ferried us to shore, where we found a seafood feast cooking on the beach. Crab, venison, salmon, shellfish.

The formal landing at Port Gamble showed that the number of canoes had continued to climb and was now about 60 from the 11 or so at Port Angeles.

Canoe representatives gave their customary requests to come ashore, rest, and meet with the hosts. We were proud that Logan made his request first in Lushootseed, then in English, in a loud and confident voice.



On the way to dinner at the tribal center, we visited the *Blue Heron*'s campground. We saw Karen frying bacon for breakfast the next day, Janice calling her daughter who would later join us, and others taking much needed rest. We learned that *Blue Heron*'s thin crew needed a day off and would go overland to Suquamish the next day, so Josh and I could make other plans.

Then, back to the boat, but how? It turned out the hosts had made no plans to return people to support boats. We were the only ones without a ride. We waited awhile, seeing no one else around. Then a strapping young woman ran past us, throwing her sweater onto the sand. She dove into the water, swam out to a fishing skiff, climbed in, and started hoisting the anchor. It appeared she was going to load it onto the trailer her father was backing down the boat ramp. We called out, *Academia*, for that turned out to be her name, said, "Sure," and her dad Benjy concurred. Within a few minutes she deposited us back on *String Games*. We learned along the way that *Academia* and her master chef dad supplied three venison and hundreds of pounds of seafood for the beach feast.

String Games ducked into Kingston and docked for the first time ever in the reciprocal slip offered by the Kingston Yacht Club. The tab was \$4.00 for electrical hookup, that's all. We found good food at the Kingston Ale House and were ready bright and early the next day to meet our canoe at Suquamish near Agate Pass. By this time, 100 canoes were on the beach. Launching them took a long time, so we had a second chance to practice anchoring. Here, Janice is helping Josh keep track of the chain as we winch it in.

Then we escorted *Blue Heron* to Alki in West Seattle. By now the number of canoes was so large that it was hard to keep track of our canoe. The white gunwales helped us spot her. So did the blue flag of a blackfish, Orca, in the center of the canoe. Tense times ensued as we twice crossed the major north/south Puget Sound shipping lane. Nine-hundred-foot barges that appeared very small on the horizon loomed immense minutes later. Radio coordination between the barge captain and support vessels helped to create holes for barges to pass between the canoes and support boats spread across the Sound.

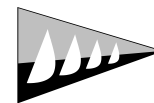
Josh and I tied *String Games* up at Elliott Bay Marina with the other support boats. In the morning, we found that two huge cruise liners had moored in the bay.

With 120 canoes on the Alki beach, the launch took well over an hour. We had a third opportunity to perfect our anchoring technique.

Even bigger boats, barges and tankers, plied the shipping lanes as we moved toward Commencement Bay. Once again we were proud of how *Blue Heron* navigated this dangerous territory. Some other canoes had to be towed to safety.

We left *Blue Heron* as the canoe approached Dash Point. Next day, July 28, would be a short pull of just three miles to the Puyallup landing site. Mike Evans released us, and Josh and I went to Dock Street Marina in Tacoma, preparing to catch the current south to Olympia the next day. The iconic image, ever seared into our memories, is of this frail bark of ancient times in front of Seattle's 21st Century skyline.

Emily Ray, *String Games*



Death of a Sailor: Jim Christopher

Long time Member, Jim Christopher, passed away unexpectedly of pancreatic cancer four days after his 83rd birthday. Jim was a world class Laser sailor and Venture 21 National Champion, as well as Toliva Shoal and PSSC winner, among others. Jim made a lasting impression on those he sailed against. From the Laser web site:

“Older Master Laser sailors on the west coast will have no trouble remembering the inimitable Jim Christopher on the race course. We are sorry to inform you of his death on April 29th. Jim was a one of a kind guy. He was small in stature but incredibly strong in physique as well as character. He has sailed dinghies and blue water boats since his youth in Olympia, Washington. From the late seventies he has been a consistent winner in Lasers. The Eureka Yacht Club sailors who benefited so much from his exemplary sailing and teaching will forever hold him in the highest esteem. He will be missed.

Bruce Braly and Mike Eichwald

Additional note from D25 Secretary, Jorge Suarez:

When I met him, he was already a Great Grand Master, driving up and down the West Coast in his pickup truck looking for Laser racing wherever he could. He was as wise as he was fit, independent as he was kind. He inspired so many of us to continue sailing Lasers at the highest level possible and to become a human being at the highest level possible too!”

Laser sailors may remember him, but many of our Members might not. Most of his sailing with us was during our early years. You might remember his brother, Ian, who owned *Uproar*. Or if you have looked at our trophies, noticed the Christopher Cup and seen that the family has roots deep in Olympia sailing. Even though he moved to California many years ago, Jim remained connected to the Club, coming north to race with us, particular the Toliva Shoal Race, and a dues paying Member until he died.

However the last time Jim raced with us was in the early 1990s, a Thursday night race. The dinghy races were just getting started. Several kids from the high school program, including Mike Visser, were racing Lasers against each other very competitively. Jim joined us one night on his way to the North Americans in Seattle. He horizoned the the kids in all the races.

Jim raced Lasers, as noted above, and also his Venture 21 one design. His Venture was regularly the smallest boat racing Toliva Shoal. I remember him blowing by us, planing on a white sail reach, during the very windy and wet 1979 Toliva Race. Later I also watched the boat go over mast to the water. Jim climbed out on the center board and levered her back on her feet, like she was a Laser. That cost him one place, he had to settle for second in class and somewhere in the top five PHRF.

Jim also cruised. I met him at the boat ramp one year. He hauled the boat north from California to cruise the San Juans. He splashed the boat here in Olympia to sail to the Islands and back. And I do mean sail.

We can not recount all his 83 years here. If you look around on the web, you will see a lot of people echoing the statements above by the Laser Class. The Olympian has a long obituary. I will not reprint it here, but I will recommend it. It can be found on line at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theolympian/obituary.aspx?pid=189460619>.

Our Club and the west coast sailing community lost something with the loss of Jim.

Our condolences to the family, who lost more.

Ed.

Crew Sheet

Want a ride? Need Crew? You could be listed here 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 For sale

Avon/West Marine 280 air floor inflatable dinghy/oars/pump. Still floats but needs some repair.

Free. Gary Wilson gw62469@gmail.com

1983 US 21' Racer/Cruiser Full sail package, 5 hp Tohatsu ob, Escort trailer, new bottom paint (used one season) Nice cruiser - Fun racer \$6,500 (360) 352-9549 Rick

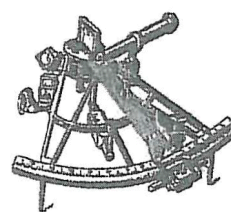
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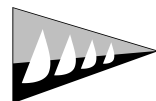


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more race photos on line



photo: May 31, Jim Findley



2 photos below: July 26, Chris Reitz

Summer Dinghy Racing



photo: May 3, Steve Worcester



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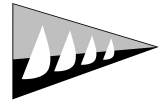
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Rubber Duck Award,
photo: Micki McNaughton





Secretary's Series

Redline, Bodacious, Rufus, Euphoria, and Transition were the RC Boats. Thank you.

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4	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	Jeff Johnson	132	3	4.00	8.00*	3.00	4.00	11.00
6	69051	SPIRIT	Steve Jones	81	2	5.00	5.00	8.00*	6.00	16.00
7	64985	LIBERTY	Andy Saller	123	3	6.00*	6.00	6.00	6.00	18.00
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2	82	MCSWOOSH	Clark McPherson	66	4	2.00	3.00	0.75	4.00*	5.75
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4	10115	ZIG ZAG	Aaron Schofield	75	2	4.00	5.00*	5.00	2.00	11.00
5	50921	REDLINE	Kyle Reese-Cassal	90	1	6.00*	5.00	2.00	6.00	13.00
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3	51496	PANDORA	Bob Connolly	183	4	3.00*	2.00	0.75	3.00	5.75
4	69927	BALDER II	Myra Dwning	144	4	4.00*	3.00	3.00	4.00	10.00
5	22884	CHRONOS	Scott Walker	168	1	6.00*	5.00	6.00	5.00	16.00

@ = points for RC duty

One More Magical Star Season Wraps Up

The Budd Inlet Star Fleet had an excellent 2018 summer season, from Black Star Regatta in May, through 16 weeks of racing. I'm writing this just before our final night of racing, but so far, there has only been one night without wind, which isn't too bad at all.

With perennial champion Derek DeCouteau not racing this summer, the race for a new champion was on. Norm Smit led from the start, first by winning Black Star. Catherine Hovell and *Sparkle* gave him a run for his money, but came up way short in the end. Even without the final night of racing, it seems likely that Norm will get his name on the plaque this year.

Final statistics on the season, number of races, final scores, will be sent in October. We only put eight boats in the water this summer, which is low for the fleet, but the good news is almost every week had five or six or seven boats. Great commitment from those boats. We also had many new folks out crewing, and a new(er) member of the fleet, Cheryl Rogers, got her First First August 13.

As we wrap up, haulout will be in early September, we are already beginning to think about next year. We will have a fall potluck meeting in October; the date will be online and in the October S-t-S. All SSSS Members are welcome; we would always love new racers. It is also never too early to remind everyone that space and time in Bill's shop is limited, so plan early and get your winter work done soon.

Catherine, #4833, Sparkle
Congratulations MRS. Catherine!

Jack and Jill Races

August 18

Christina and Aaron Schofield was the RC. Thank you.

Start Time:	15:03	Finish	
Place	Sail No.	Yacht	Time
1	28912	Remedy	16:12:38

Maclean Memorial Race Cruise, July 15,
RC boat Strategy : mark boat Brilliant
Thank you both

Started at 10:07:26 Finished at
Itsami Ledge, on the way back
from Anderson Island, 24.9 nm
79182 Folie A Deux 19:17:02
39110 Koosah DNF
22 Kind of Blue DNF

Register Before Racing

PHRF is handicap racing: I can not score you if I do not know your handicap, and for that matter, whether you are racing PHRF or D Class. Your boat name, and sail number are also helpful. Which is why you need to register to be scored. Registration is easy, just send me the information above, plus the type of boat and your name.

If you need a handicap, see Rafe Beswick for a PHRF handicap, or Richard Bigley if you race D Class. They can help you register.

Once you are in the computer you need not register again, ever, *unless you change something*. Like switching in or out of D Class. People changing classes is the major reason for delays in posting the results. You do not remember where you last raced? The computer does. If in doubt, let me know what you are doing. All it takes is an e-mail, from the dock or even from the water.

Sportsmanship Award

This award is to recognize service to the Club, usually for someone less visible than a Board member. Our volunteers are what make SSSS the club that it is. Norm Smit was last year's winner.

Jim Jones received the Award at the June Meeting in recognition of the work he put in setting up and maintaining the new web site. Thank you Jim.

Uncle Juicy Award

This is for the most improved PHRF racer this year. *Altair* won it last year.

It was presented at the June Meeting to *Desert Sage*. Congratulations Alberto Napuli.

Hope Island Dash

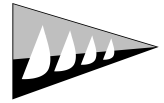
Myra made a run over the summer. It was a good run, a time of 2:05:33, correcting to 1:38:15. But it is not unbeatable.

You have till the May Meeting to try.



Thursday Night Races Spring Series

Sail	Skipper	Type	Night 1	Night 2	Night 3	Total	
1	195939	Rulla,Chris	Laser	0.75	2	3	5.75
2	1542	French,Kevin	HPN5.2	5 DNC	0.75	0.75	6.5
3	4377	Trummert,Dwaine	505	2	4	2	8
4	763	Brown,Adam	HPN5.2	3	3	4	10
5	816	Baldrige,Darris	HPN5.2	4	5	6	15
6	1509	,Sam	Laser	5 DNC	11 DNC	5	21
7	84	Pruitt,Casey	FJ	5 DNC	6	11 DNC	22
8	3220	Twilla,Nicolas	Mod HLR12	5 DNC	11 DNC	7	23
9	3033	Anderson,Mark	LD14	5 DNC	7	11 DNC	23
10	4	Kate,Avian	420	5 DNC	11 DNC	8	24
11	1	Gamble,Haley	LASPCU	5 DNC	8	11 DNC	24
12	6	Sophia,Ella	420	5 DNC	11 DNC	9	25
13	2	Wyeth,Peter	SF	5 DNC	9	11 DNC	25
14	8	Evan,Finn	420	5 DNC	11 DNC	10	26
15	5008	Hariot,Margaret	LD14	5 DNC	10	11 DNC	26



PHRF Season Championship

Your best 6 Wednesday Night Races. You must finish a race to count it. Only your best 6 count, except to break ties.

Take your camera sailing

Single-handed Races August 19

McSwoosh did RC duty. Thank you.

	total points	Number of Races	Score	place
A Class				
Altair	14.00	9	7.00	1
Dash	25.50	8	14.50	2
Brilliant	24.00	7	18.00	3
Flying Circus	18.00	6	18.00	4
Folie A Deux	32.75	9	18.75	5
Spirit	38.75	9	21.75	6
Liberty	43.00	9	24.00	7
Bodacious	2.25	3		
S Class				
Rufus	8.00	9	5.25	1
He Lives	25.75	11	10.75	2
McSwoosh	13.50	6	13.50	3
Zig Zag	10.00	4		
Lightly Salted	10.00	3		
Redline	2.00	1		
B Class				
Urbana	10.00	10	4.50	1
Fjord	23.25	11	8.25	2
Cheap Thrills	23.00	9	14.00	3
Seaquel	16.00	4		
Strategy	8.00	3		
D Class				
Maranatha	15.75	11	5.75	1
Penzioquah	21.25	9	9.25	2
Balder 2	23.50	9	12.50	3
Fever	24.00	6	24.00	4
Pandora	12.75	5		
Remedy	3.00	1		
Chronos	5.00	1		

Races: 1 to 3	place	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Skipper Name	Rating	Strt	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Tota
1	63337	DASH	Garner Miller	135	3	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.25
2	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	Richard Bigley	135	3	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00
3	10115	ZIG ZAG	Aaron Schofield	75	1	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	11.00

Vice Commodore's Series

Altair, Pandora, Opposition, and Transition were the RC Boats. Thank you.

place	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Skipper	Rating	#Strt	Race 1	Race 3	Race 4	Total
A CLASS Races: 1 to 3									
						5 Strt	7 Strt	5 Strt	
1	87652	ALTAIR	Jason Vannice	72	2	7.00	0.75	0.75	8.50
2	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	Dave Elliott	72	2	7.00	2.00	2.00	11.00
3	63337	DASH	Garner Miller	135	2	2.00	3.00	7.00	12.00
4	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	Jeff Johnson	132	3	3.00	6.00	4.00	13.00
5	64985	LIBERTY	Andy Saller	123	3	4.00	7.00	3.00	14.00
6	69051	SPIRIT	Steve Jones	87	3	5.00	5.00	5.00	15.00
7	73392	BODACIOUS	J Rosenbach	129	1	0.75	9.00	7.00	16.75
8	7169	BRILLIANT	Tim DuMontier	90	1	7.00	4.00	7.00	18.00
S CLASS Races: 1 to 3									
						2 Strt	4 Strt	3 Strt	
1	79	RUFUS	Tucker Smyth	99	3	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.25
2	83179	HE LIVES	Steve Kirkpatrick	114	3	2.00	3.00	2.00	7.00
3	10115	ZIG ZAG	Aaron Schofield	75	1	4.00	2.00	5.00	11.00
4	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	Mel Schaefer	96	1	4.00	4.00	5.00	13.00
4	82	MCSWOOSH	Clark McPherson	66	1	4.00	6.00	3.00	13.00
B CLASS Races: 1 to 3									
						4 Strt	4 Strt	3 Strt	
1	4906	URBANA	Frank Newman	186	3	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.25
2	3220	CHEAP THRILLS	Paul Paroff	186	3	2.00	4.00	2.00	8.00
2	1102	FJORD	Eric Egge	195	3	3.00	2.00	3.00	8.00
4	59687	STRATEGY	Mike Visser	186	1	6.00	3.00	5.00	14.00
4	79838	SEAQUEL	Henry Brooks	222	1	4.00	5.00	5.00	14.00
D CLASS Races: 1 to 3									
						4 Strt	5 Strt	5 Strt	
1	29718	MARANATHA	Joel Rett	177	3	0.75	0.75	2.00	3.50
2	2222	PENZOIEQUAH	Richard Wells	231	3	2.00	4.00	0.75	6.75
3	69927	BALDER II	Myra Dwning	144	3	4.00	2.00	3.00	9.00
4	59128	FEVER	Jeff Hogan	212	3	3.00	5.00	5.00	13.00
5	28912	REMEDY	Kyle Reese-Cassal	180	1	5.00	3.00	7.00	15.00
6	51496	PANDORA	Bob Connolly	183	1	5.00	7.00	4.00	16.00

Commodore's Series

Flying Circus, Liberty, Lightly Salted, He Lives and always Transition were the RC Boats. Thank you.

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* = throw out @ = RC duty points

S-t-S Report

Member surveys have consistently told us that your two favorite parts of the S-t-S are the photos and the Members' stories. I agree, these are what make this rag better than the average newsletter. However these are always in short supply at the start of the year.

This is where you come in We are counting on you, our Members. Write us. Tell us where you took your boat this summer. You do not have to report on your whole three month trip, one day's adventure may be a lot more manageable. Then again, maybe your trip was just a day. Or you went racing away from the Club. Or you had an experience in a boat yard. The S-t-S is as good as you, our Members, make it. We want to hear from you.