

Ship-to-Shore

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October Meeting: Travel to the Broughton Archipelago and Discovery Islands

Most of us have cruised north to the San Juans, Canadian Gulf Islands, and to the boating paradise of Desolation Sound. But have you explored the islands, inlets, and incredible fiords just to the north?

Curt Epperson will share with us his cruising experiences in Desolation Sound, the Discovery Islands, and the Broughton Archipelago. This region of northern British Columbia has narrow passages, foggy channels, whales, mountain vistas, and wide-open straits. The Broughtons are commonly acknowledged as one of the most ecologically active sites on the coast.

Over many years, Curt and Mary Epperson have explored the San Juan Islands, the Gulf Islands, the Sunshine Coast, Desolation Sound, the Broughton Islands, and points to the north. They also have cruised extensively in the Caribbean. Curt is an attorney and graduate of the UW Law School. In addition to his law degree, he has a degree in Law and Marine Affairs. He is the author of *Keeping Your Boat Legal*, the creator of the Keeping Your Boat Legal Vessel Documents and Information Manual, and a highly-rated speaker at the Seattle Boat Show..

It promises to be an enjoyable and informative presentation about a place that should be on all our cruising bucket lists.

Doors open on October 8 at 18:30 and the meeting begins at 19:00.

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Commodore's Corner: Fall at SSSS

Fall sets in. The winds begin to grow, the days grow shorter and our races get longer. Foul weather gear takes over, the sunglasses get tucked away and the pfd's become ever more important. These are the months that remind me how much I appreciate a boat with a galley and some good hot coffee. Check your calendars and/or our web site, www.ssssclub.com, for cruising and racing dates throughout October.

Hope to see you out on the water! Stay safe and happy sailing.

Casey Jones



Thursday Night Racing

photo: Chris Reitz

Welcome New Members

Fall Series 3
September 28

Board Meeting
October 1

Oyster Fest
October 4-6

General Meeting
October 8

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900

Fall Series 4
October 12

Eagle Island Race
October 19

Halloween Cruise
October 25-27

Herron Island Race
November 1

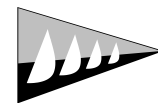
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November 5

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Summer Portsmouth Results : Race Attendance Award : Cruising Connections



Cruise News

HALLOWEEN CRUISE OCTOBER 25 – 27

It's everyone's chance to dress up as that favorite character you have been thinking about all year. You can also decorate your boat if you wish, and to keep things simple, you can bring an already carved pumpkin for judging. The potluck is a must for all.

The Halloween Cruise will be held from 25 – 27 October at The Longbranch Improvement Club. Advanced guard will arrive Friday afternoon with festivities beginning Saturday evening at 1730 with the ever popular costume contest, followed by the potluck, 1800ish, in the comfortable, but unheated cabana reserved for our festivities. Bring your musical instruments to brighten the evening! Hot and cold beverages will be available from the club. Breakfast Sunday will be a community effort, bring your favorite waffle topping to share.

With low waters, 7+ foot, between 1500 and 1700 over the weekend, the currents are favorable, and there will be plenty of water at the dock. Most folks stern tie along the main dock, hail the *Halloween Cruise dock master* on VHF Ch. 72 as you approach and there will be folks on hand to help with docking. Don't forget to bring cash or check for the dock fees, a bargain at \$1.10 per foot per day, 20 amp electricity and Wifi included. Can't stay home for that price!

Prizes will be given for: Best Pumpkin Carving (BYOP – bring your own pumpkin), Best Decorated Boat, Best Costume, and Winner of the Crace

We will keep up the tradition, started last year, of CRACING to the event. This is an optional self-timed 10 mile sail from Olympia Shoal to Devils Head. All participants will receive *fabulous prizes*.

CI 1.0.3.1 You can leave your dock or mooring anytime you want and bring as many or as few crew as you can feed.

CI 2.5.1 You must arrive with all the crew you left with.

CI 3.14159 Keeping the black and white Olympia Shoal marker to port as you head north, look for the green pylon located W and

slightly S of the Olympia shoal marker. Sight along the shoal marker to the green pylon. When the two line up, you will have crossed the **start line**. Note: to be clear, the start line *is not* the line between the two markers; do not sail between them. Rather, the start line is the extension to the east of a line drawn between the two markers.

CI 4.56.78 As you cross that line under sail, record the time at which you cross. This is **your start time**.

CI 5.03.5 Sail 10 nm to Devil's Head, the south end of the Key Peninsula.



Dave Knowlton at the September Meeting Award for Perfect Attendance 2018-19 (racing) and 16 other years, over ten were consecutive photo: Thera Black

CI 6.3.09 You can use any sail plan that you want, as long as you are not using an engine or any other means of propulsion.

CI 7 Keeping Devil's Head to port, when the red pylon bears 00 degrees Magnetic, that is the **finish line**.

CI 8.000 As you cross the line, record your time. This is **your finish time**.

CI 10.31 No eye patches, hooks or peglegs may be worn while cracing. Safety of the crew is paramount.

Longbranch is no longer accepting

reciprocals and guest moorage is \$1.10 / foot, electricity and water included.

The winner will be determined by raw score or even might be handicapped if there are enough participation and we can calculate handicaps!.

**Richard Bigley, Jolly Rumbalow,
and Rich Adams, Mutable Tire**

Portsmouth Racing

The Dinghy Fleet racing season is all wrapped up for the year. We ended our season with a raucous Fall Regatta and awards picnic. Dwaine Trummert won the Season Championship for this year, just a nose ahead of Chris Rulla, last years winner.

Except for putting away and repairing our boats, the next thing on our schedule will be the Annual Spring Dinghy Meeting, the date of which will be announced later.

If you have any questions about the Dinghy Fleet, e-mail them to dinghy@ssssclub.com

Jim Findley, Lido 14

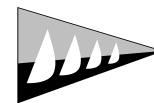
RC Report

We are at the end of what was a great summer sailing season. The captain and crew of *Transition* set courses that provided challenges every week. I want to congratulate our Summer Series Champions: A Class *Altair*, *Spirit*, and *Brilliant* took the top three spots. No wonder *Brilliant* won the Uncle Juicy Trophy for most improved race boat. In S Class it was *McSwoosh*, *Zig Zag*, and *He Lives* sweeping the series. *Urbana* stood alone as the B Class Champion. Come on B boats, let's get out there and give them some competition! D Class saw *Pandora*, *Balder 2*, and *Penoziequah* win against the fleet.

We are headed into fall sailing and I want every racer to check their gear for when the weather starts to pick up energy. Check your required safety items for racing SSSS PHRF online http://www.ssssclub.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc_PHRF/SSSS_SERs.pdf and wear your PFD. VHF radios are required fixed or hand held for the longer Island and Inlet Races. Please contact the RC before each race to check in on channel 72 with boat name and sail number. This process verifies that your VHF is operational.

Part of the obligation of racing with SSSS is the requirement for signing up for RC duty. This is a volunteer organization and your support is needed for all of us to enjoy racing so please email the RC Chair from the web site or direct to rcchair@ssss.com to schedule your commitment to serve on the Race Committee boat. There will also be a Roster sign-up at each Meeting.

Paul Paroff, Cheap Thrills



Cruising Connections

It appears that the 2019 summer cruising season was an incredible time for SSSS Members to find each other all around the Salish Sea. Dee Ann and I spent almost 6 weeks on our first trip to Desolation Sound, and we came across Members everywhere we went.

We buddy-boated across the Strait of Juan de Fuca with Noreen and Myron on *Sound Haven*. When we made it to Desolation Sound we heard from others through Facebook who were there at the same time. We never met up with them, but we think we did holler and wave once. We stopped at Friday Harbor on the way home and connected with Myron and Noreen on *Sound Haven*, again, and Jim Landin aboard *Delilah*. They left the next morning, then Barry and his family on *Soul Catcher* pulled into the slip right next to us! Rick and Lauren Ferro of *Gitana* were there that night as well and joined us for a nice visit aboard *Soul Catcher*. We ran into Bill and Cathy Velez on *Karen Anne* when we stopped at Poulsbo on our return trip, along with our new OYC liaison Mike Growrylow and Esther Baker on *Sassy*. Later that same evening we found out

that Rick and Lauren Ferro were anchored nearby on *Gitana* and we enjoyed an evening of sailor stories with them.

Every Member we met seemed to have a story about other Members they connected with while cruising up north. This is exactly why I joined the South Sound Sailing Society. I wanted to be in a sailing community that would keep us connected while on the water. This year our wish came true. It seems we were never far from our comrades at the wheel — or the tiller.

Jim Larsen, TYA

We clearly have a lot of Members who were cruising this summer, exploring B.C. I bet several of you were cruising closer to home. Some may have raced elsewhere? We, our Members, your friends, want to hear about it. Write and tell us. You do not have to write up the whole trip. Maybe just the best day? We want to hear from You. Ed.

Crew Award Winners

Awarded at the September Meeting

Summer Championship Series

Casey Jones, *McSwoosh*, S Class

Secretary's Series

Don Waterhouse, *McSwoosh*, S Class

Vice Commodores' Series

Matt Perkins, *McSwoosh*, S Class

Jesse Barham, *Altair*, A Class

Commodores' Series

Casey Jones, *McSwoosh*, S Class

Sasha Porter, *Altair*, A Class

Season Championship Series

Justin Hinchcliffe, *McSwoosh*, S Class

Come Race: Scorer's Report

We are starting a new racing season, which is a good time to start racing your boat. If you have raced with us before, simply pay your race fee and come out. You are in the computer.

If you are new, or changed class, handicap, or a new boat, e-mail me per race, from the water if need be. We'll score you faster.

Race to Somewhere July 28

Race To Finish Order, not handicapped

Chris Rulla won The Duck, Niki Alden, Adam Brown, Jim Findley, Eric Harting, Margaret Hariot won the beer, Joe Downing started late

Pos	Sail	Skipper	H'Cap	Type	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	195939	Rulla,Chris	92.3	Laser	18:16:43	01:16:43	01:23:07
2	786	Findley,Jim	99.1	LD14	18:22:42	01:22:42	01:23:27
3	1304	Harting,Eric	98.8	TNZ 16	18:23:28	01:23:28	01:24:29
4	C15	Downing,Joe	92.6	COR15	18:19:29	01:19:29	01:25:50
5	14	Alden,Niki	88.4	470	18:28:34	01:28:34	01:40:11
DNF	763	Brown,Adam	96.7	HPN5.2			

Fall Dinghy Regatta September 8

Overall Results

Pos	Sail	Skipper	Type	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	541	Trummert,Dwaine	TASA	0.75	0.75	1.5
2	195939	Rulla,Chris	Laser	3	2	5
3	C15	Downing,Joe	COR15	4	3	7
4	14	Alden,Niki	470	2	7 DNF	9
5	786	Findley,Jim	LD14	7	4	11
6	763	Brown,Adam	HPN5.2	6	5	11
7	5008	Hariot,Margaret	LD14	5	6	11

Race 1 WindSpeed:8 StartTime: 15:37:00

Pos	Order	Sail	Skipper	H'Cap	Type	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Score
1	1	541	Trummert,Dwaine	89.9	TASA	16:01:22	00:24:22	00:27:06	0.75
2	2	14	Alden,Niki	88.4	470	16:02:30	00:25:30	00:28:51	2
3	3	195939	Rulla,Chris	92.3	Laser	16:04:02	00:27:02	00:29:17	3
4	4	C15	Downing,Joe	92.6	COR15	16:04:44	00:27:44	00:29:57	4
5	5	5008	Hariot,Margaret	99.1	LD14	16:10:38	00:33:38	00:33:56	5
6	6	763	Brown,Adam	96.7	HPN5.2	16:11:22	00:34:22	00:35:32	6
7	7	786	Findley,Jim	99.1	LD14	16:12:46	00:35:46	00:36:05	7

Race 2 Wind Speed:9 StartTime: 16:26:00

Pos	Order	Sail	Skipper	H'Cap	Type	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Score
1	1	541	Trummert,Dwaine	89.9	TASA	16:30:06	00:04:06	00:04:34	0.75
2	2	195939	Rulla,Chris	92.3	Laser	16:31:02	00:05:02	00:05:27	2
3	3	C15	Downing,Joe	92.6	COR15	16:31:09	00:05:09	00:05:34	3
4	4	786	Findley,Jim	99.1	LD14	16:31:33	00:05:33	00:05:36	4
5	5	763	Brown,Adam	96.7	HPN5.2	16:31:33	00:05:33	00:05:44	5
6	6	5008	Hariot,Margaret	99.1	LD14	16:34:05	00:08:05	00:08:09	6
DNF	7	14	Alden,Niki	88.4	470				

Cruise News

COMMODORES' CRUISE

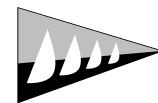
The forecast for Saturday night and Sunday looked awful, so Diana and I and our intrepid Catalina 30, *Night Wind*, decided to do a Friday and Saturday Cruise. Our plan was to leave Vaughn Bay about 15:00 to 16:00 Saturday and while leaving, hand off our potluck to whoever showed up and be back in our slip before the rains hit.

We left Jarrells Cove about 15:00 Friday and had a great sail, broad reaching and wing on winging. About 16:30 we doused sail and motored into Vaughn Bay past the spit, hugging the North shore until we got to the "house right after the gulch" (it used to be the red house after the gulch but darn it, they painted it). At the house after the gulch we made the 90 degree right turn before hitting the small spit that comes out of the North shore and motored slowly across the shallower center of the bay to the deeper anchorage on the South shore. We spent a gorgeous Friday evening and Saturday on the hook. By 14:00 the tide

was high enough to allow us to cross the center of the bay again but by 16:00 when we left, there were no other SSSS boats in site so we packed up our potluck and sailed for home.

Before we went around Dougall Point on the north end of Harstine Island I looked up and down Case Inlet and saw not one boat on the whole inlet. I hope all those people crowded into the San Juans never figure out what we have down here. What a gorgeous place this is where we live.

Jim Findley *Night Wind* / *Not Sirius* / *Lido 14*



Sailing Stories

This month we dip into our archives for a cruising story. There we have cruising stories from most destinations in the North West. The Meeting raise your interest in the Broughtons? Members have been there, the Schaffers on *Boru..* As well as Hawaii, Europe, ... and Mexico.

But that is not all you will find. Want to know our Club's history? Some of it is there, along with a mix of other sailing topics. Scroll down the S-t-S menu page and find a link to Past Reports, Stories, and Letters. It is all there, and a lot more.

Here is one of the first cruising stories printed in the S-t-S, from November 1994.

LETTER HOME 4: TO MEXICO

This AM 91 boats checked into the San Diego VHF Net. We felt it was time to cut the lines before all of Mexico filled up. Donna was concerned as she could see the possibility of all of the lobster being devoured before our arrival. The waterline on the boat has been raised another 2 ft to accommodate the chain of grocery stores that we purchased during our brief stay in this beautiful city.

November 15, all of our concerns about the boat vanished with a perfect day of sailing across the border into Mexico and down to Ensenada. Oh, what a difference a day or 60 miles makes!

We were told that upon arrival at the harbor a bandido in his panga would welcome us and the bargaining for a slip would be on. This turned out to be entirely true: fluent in English, bucks not pesos. The young man led us up the harbor to Bandit's Marina.

We had been told the immigration office closed at 1500, so we inquired as to our legal boundaries before checking in tomorrow. The bandido said, "Go where ever you want senior, this is a free country."

I said, "You mean that we can walk uptown and have something to eat?"

He proudly repeated, "Anywhere, stay as long as you want, this is a free country."

After the proper gratuities he walked up the clean dock, pouring oil

from a quart can onto the steel pilings so they would slide silently while adjusting to the tidal range. Sixty miles north in San Diego a boat owner paid over \$3,000 recently for allowing sawdust, from the sanding of his rails, to fall into the water. He also received one year suspended jail sentence, three years probation, and was required to do 100 hours of community service.

All of the yachties are concerned about the formalities of checking into the country: having the proper paper work filled in, in Spanish, possibly having your boat searched, communicating in a foreign language, etc.

The morning was unusually cool as we walked with friends for our first encounter with the federalizes. We entered a sterile building where the employees wore coats and sweaters and sat at dimly lit old desks. An official wearing an olive drab uniform and a stern look approached the counter and picked up our companions papers. Without a word, he sorted, stamped, and initialed them in various places. He returned the necessary papers without a question about contents of our vessel or our planned subversive activities. We were painlessly processed in the same manner. Sign, Private club in Ensenada: Members and No Members Only

SCENE : Full moon, Donna standing at the amp meter for the solar panel array, at 2200. Hands on hips, she's demanding output and insisting we have defective panels because they aren't using the beautiful bright reflected sun light????

We have no newspaper, TV, USA radio, VHF weather. Overnight we went cold turkey and we hadn't prepared for this sudden withdrawal. We were honestly depressed. No Calvin and Hobbs, BC, politicians, sports, NPR, talk radio, or CNN. We didn't have a clue as to what was happening away from the West Coast of Baja. Then we found a Time Magazine. We were elated, racing back to the boat to catch up on events. You know what? We hadn't missed a thing. It was just the same old same old.

Sign: Blankets \$4.00 cheaper than K-mart

There are only 2 towns on the west coast of Baja of any size, Ensenada and Cabo San Lucas, approximately 700 miles apart. In between these cities are only ocean anchorages at small fishing villages. Most are unprotected from the winds. It is imperative that we pick good weather windows or we will find ourselves more involved in Rock-N-Roll than we really want to be. Sign, night club: Partly live entertainment.

The stormy weather broke on the morning of November 19. After 5 days in Ensenada we continued our journey south. Motor sailing early, then under full sail we continued south into the night under a beautiful starry and moonlit canopy.

Committed to Cedros Island, some 90 miles away. The seas started to build and with a double reef and storm jib we were having a wild ride on short steep snarly seas.

The next morning talking over a quiet breakfast. We both agreed that this cruising lifestyle might not be for us, but resolved to follow it as planned for one year. We could return home put a hot tub in the rec room along with 10 yards of sand and sun lamps. We were really down as we headed over to Turtle Bay cold and with no wind at all.

The winds rose to 8 knots, the sun shone

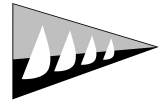
hot. Now we remembered that this is what we came for. Our spirits soared. We sailed into huge beautiful bay and dropped the hook with some 30 other cruisers. We rest at anchor. Almost unnoticeable swells passes beneath the hull to crash on the shore. Sitting in the cockpit we look directly out the the mile wide mouth of the bay into the ocean. Do you want lobster or fish for dinner? Boy that's a dumb question. We have forgotten our morning conversation. What a difference a day makes!

**Chuck & Donna Kinsey,
Summer Snow**

Fall Series Race # 1 September 21

Zig Zag / Transition were the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
A CLASS Start Time: 12:00 Distance: 1.1 nm						
0.75	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	69	12:41:21	12:40:05
2.00	87652	ALTAIR	J 35	72	12:42:08	12:40:49
3.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	12:44:37	12:43:08
4.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	132	12:48:54	12:46:29
S CLASS Start Time: 12:00 Distance: 1.1 nm						
0.75	82	MCSWOOSH	11M	66	12:37:21	12:36:08
2.00	79	RUFUS	MEL	90	12:41:30	12:39:51
		12 PAX		-10	12:39:56	12:40:07
3.00	83179	HE LIVES	JBOA 92	114	12:48:08	12:46:03
D CLASS Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 1.1 nm						
0.75	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	13:04:00	13:00:45
2.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	13:08:57	13:06:29
3.00	59128	FEVER	SJ 28	212	13:12:17	13:08:24
4.00	22884	CHRONOS	PER 10	168	13:21:24	13:18:19



Thursday Night Races August Series

Sail	Skipper	Type	Night 1	Night 2	Night 3	Total
1	195939 Rulla,Chris	Laser	5	3	3	11
2	541 Trummert,Dwaine	TASA	13 DNC	0.75	0.75	14.5
3	14 Alden,Niki	470	7	4	4	15
4	763 Brown,Adam	HPN5.2	9	5	2	16
5	83 ,?	FJ	0.75	8 DNC	9 DNC	17.75
6	85 ,?	FJ	2	8 DNC	9 DNC	19
7	87 ,?	FJ	3	8 DNC	9 DNC	20
8	86 ?	FJ	4	8 DNC	9 DNC	21
9	84 ,?	FJ	6	8 DNC	9 DNC	23
10	3510 Snyder,Chris	LASE-2	13 DNC	2	9 DNC	24
11	3033 Anderson,Mark	LD14	13 DNC	6	6	25
12	1304 Harting,Eric	TNZ 16	10	8 DNC	7	25
13	2399 Pruitt,Casey	TASA	8	8 DNC	9 DNC	25
14	816 Baldrige,Darris	HPN5.2	13 DNC	8 DNC	5	26
15	82 ,?	FJ	11	8 DNC	9 DNC	28
16	1928 Willis,Susan	LD14	13 DNC	7	9 DNC	29
17	197053 Haley,Alice	Laser	13 DNC	8 DNC	8	29
18	5 ,?	420	12	8 DNC	9 DNC	29

**Fall Series Race 1 September 7
Race Abandoned, no wind**

Spirit / Transition were RC. Thank you.

**Capt. Rod F. Macaya
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Thursday Night Races Summer Series

Sail	Skipper	Type	Night 1	Night 2	Night 3	Total
1	541 Trummert,Dwaine	TASA	2	0.75	2	4.75
2	195939 Rulla,Chris	Laser	3	3	3	9
3	3510 Snyder,Chris	LASE-2	3.5 RDG	6 DNC	0.75	10.25
4	2399 Pruitt,Casey	TASA	0.75	6 DNC	6 DNC	12.75
5	12 ,Tim	SF	4	6 DNC	6 DNC	16
6	300 Wyeth,Peter	SF	5	6 DNC	6 DNC	17
7	3510A Snyder,Charlie	LASE-2	10 DNC	2	6 DNC	18
8	1304 Harting,Eric	TNZ 16	6	6 DNC	6 DNC	18
9	15 ,?	ZUM	7	6 DNC	6 DNC	19
10	786 Findley,Jim	LD14	10 DNC	6 DNC	4	20
11	763 Brown,Adam	HPN5.2	10 DNC	4	6 DNC	20
12	301 ,Chris	SF	8	6 DNC	6 DNC	20
13	3033 Anderson,Mark	LD14	10 DNC	6 DNC	5	21
14	5008 Hariot,Margaret	LD14	10 DNC	5	6 DNC	21
15	1187 Shevline,Seamus	C-LK	9	6 DNC	6 DNC	21

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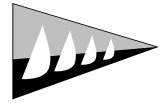
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Still Life with Sail Boats
Fall Series Race 1 photo: Paul Paroff



Dinghy Regatta
photo: Steve Worcester



Photo right:
by Casey Jones
Photo left:
Secretary's Series
Race 2
by Dan O'Brien
Photo below left: by
Clark McPherson
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Secretaries' Series Race 1
photo: Paul Paroff



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