

# Ship-to-Shore

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## February Meeting: Youth Sailing, The Coolest Sport

What is Youth Sailing and why is it important? Right here in the South Sound, youth sailing is growing and evolving. Attend the February 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting to see where it has been and where it is going in 2020 and beyond. This is one boat you don't want to miss.

Over the past five years, the Olympia Yacht Club Sailing Education Program has been supporting and growing a year-round Learn to Sail and Racing Program for Youth for young people of all backgrounds. Forming a combined team of multiple high schools in the South Sound, the team has been all over the country to compete. In 2019, the team broke a string of regional records. It ranked 11th in the United States at the High School Nationals, which is not only the first for an Olympia team, but a first for any team from the entire Northwest.

It is more than a youth sport: It is a growing community that has the potential to change the sailing scene in the South Sound forever.

Also, recently the parents involved in the program founded a 501 (c)(3) booster club called Supporters of Olympia Community Sailing. The group has two initiatives: Fundraise for the sailing program and create a Community Sailing Center in Olympia to increase sailing participation in South Sound.

Please attend to learn about their racing successes and vision for the future. Doors open at 18:30 and the Meeting begins at 19:00 at the Olympia Yacht Club, 201 Simmons St. NW.

*Bob Butts, Emma Lee*



Youth Racing

photo: Jan Anderson

## Commodore's Corner: Our Newest Board Member

"There's nothing better than being out on the water, heeled over, on a close haul tack!" - Glory Dole We have a new Secretary! Glory has decided to step in and fill the roll. We are excited to have her on the board for 2020 and we hope you are too! Glory is avid about giving back to our South Sound Sailing community because in her eyes, she's already been given so much, from constant opportunities to grow as a sailor to invitations from Members to be a part of their family holiday celebrations. Being new to Olympia and new to our Club, the comradery she's experienced in the South Sound's sailing culture has meant a lot to her and her partner. "I've been overwhelmed by the generosity of the sailing community in Olympia. It's my honor to volunteer on the SSSS board; to give back a small piece of all that I've been given by this group.", she says. Make sure to keep a look out for Glory at our next Meeting! You can contact her via e-mail at [secretary@sssclub.com](mailto:secretary@sssclub.com).

*Casey Jones*

The registration problems we mentioned last month should have been cleared up by the time you get this. However if you know someone who believes their dues are paid and is not getting the S-t-S, have them contact Glory or Beth next Meeting.

**Henderson Inlet Race  
February 1**

**Board Meeting  
February 4**

**Salty Sailor Cruise  
February 7-9**

**General Meeting  
February 11**

**Visitors Welcome**

Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900

**Toliva Shoal Race  
Weekend SSSS/OYC**

**Dinner**

**February 14**

**Breakfast**

**Race**

**February 15**

Third Southern Sound Series Race

**Andrew Kerr Seminar  
February 18**

1830 Westbay

**Skookum Inlet Race  
February 29**

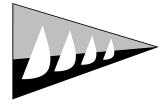
**Board Meeting  
March 3**

**General Meeting  
Pacific Lady  
March 10**

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**50Years of Toliva : Anchoring 104 : Sailing Education Changes : RC Course**



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Design Contest

We are preparing to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the South Sound Sailing Society which, according to legend, was formed in the winter of 1971. So, for the entire year of 2021, and beyond, we will be holding special events and creating many promotional items to commemorate this milestone.

In anticipation of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we would like to create a special commemorative logo that can be placed and/or printed on various shirts, hats, stickers, mugs, plus whatever else we can come up with. So, any Member that has any artistic abilities are being asked to help design the limited time logo. We will allow two types of submissions: 1) a final design that will be used as submitted by the artist or computer designer, or 2) design concept that can be taken to a professional to make a final design.

### DESIGN SUBMISSION RULES

1. All final designs or design concepts must be submitted to the SSSS Board by **June 9, 2020**.
2. All submitters must agree that they will not be compensated for any time or materials for preparing the submission. (We're cheap, we expect you to work for free) However, a prize for the winning submission will be awarded.
3. Once the design is submitted, it shall become the property of the SSSS, for its exclusive use.
4. All Final Design submissions must be print-ready.
5. At a minimum, the designs should have the following features: the name South Sound Sailing Society or SSSS, a version of the SSSS burgee, the words "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1971 to 2021". Artistic license can be applied (but don't get too carried away).
6. The design should not exceed three colors, including black, but not white. More colors will cost more to print commemorative items, so simpler is better.
7. Members can submit as many designs as they like.
8. Selection of the winning design, or designs, will be done by the SSSS Board or a Review Committee.

**Richard Wells, *Penoziequah***

## RC Report

Please plan on attending the upcoming Race Strategies session with Andrew Kerr on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1830 in the Viewpoint Room at Tugboat Annies. Andrew never fails to enlighten and enhance our awareness of that winning drive that inspires us to race our modest wind-driven crafts around the south sound.

I also want to encourage our Members to participate in and support the upcoming Toliva Shoal race on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>.



Crew Awards at the January Meeting  
photos : Eric Egge

We will be hosting sailors from throughout the region with our world-class dinner on Friday night, February 14<sup>th</sup>.



What more romantic venue could one imagine than a reasonably priced dinner at OYC prepared by a cadre of SSSS volunteers on Valentine's Day? Your significant other will be thrilled with your choice to take them to our skillfully prepared feast rather than fight long lines, surly staff, high prices, and questionable quality at some local restaurant.

Please also consider taking the upcoming Race Officer training on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in Portland. Our Executive board has generously offered to underwrite the \$35 fee, lunch included, for a few Members to attend. Bill and Vicky Sheldon have taken this course with the instructor who will be running this class and they highly recommend both the class and instructor. Bill and Vicky would also appreciate some trained help on the committee boat to support our year-round racing in the south sound.

See more information about Andrew Kerr's seminar and Race Officer training in this issue of the S-t-S.

**Paul Paroff, *Cheap Thrills***

## Cruise News

### SALTY SAILOR CRUISE 7- 9 FEBRUARY

Not for the faint of heart, this year's Salty Sailor Cruise location will be at the Stretch Point State Park **047°19'47" N 122°49'09" W**, on the north end of Stretch Island. The park is about three quarters of the way north up the Case Inlet, or about 18 nm from Olympia. It has 5-6 mooring buoys available. I was there this summer and have a feeling that the only fight for buoys will be between us. If you can't pull a buoy there is some descent anchorage on the north side of the park.

This is an opportunity to get away from a cushy dock tie-up

and become one with your boat in a chilly and austere environment. It's a very peaceful and picturesque anchorage. Bring your warmest blanket, the book you are reading, and

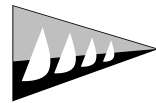
some cocoa, and relax for the weekend. It is also a good opportunity to prepare your boat for the zombie apocalypse, which we all know is coming! Remember, zombies can't swim well

Unfortunately we can't have a fire on the small beach, but it is pet-friendly, for those concerned with that. Weather permitting, we can still gather on the beach around the picnic tables for a potluck Saturday night. If that isn't the case we can just play it by ear and gather on someone's boat ... nothing new there.

I will be leaving out of Swantown Friday afternoon if anyone is interested in buddy-sailing up there. Otherwise, see you there.

**Rich Adams, *Mutable Fire***





## Toliva Party Weekend MMXX

Do you have the Toliva Shoal Race Weekend on your calendar? Toliva 2020 starts February 14<sup>th</sup> with the Best Party of the Southern Sound Series and continues with what can be an epic race on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. It's fun to attend, and it's fun to host. There are lots of good reasons why you should be thinking about getting your boat out on the water, but what I want to talk with you about is the main event; the race is a good excuse for the Toliva party.

Party *weekend* actually, starting with our famous roast beef dinner on Friday evening. Roast beef and horseradish sauce, roasted taters, salads, and desserts. Everything home made by the amazing Toliva Kitchen Krewe, the hardest working crew on Toliva Shoal Race weekend. We'll have kegs from our friends over at Fishtale Ales, Olympia's oldest craft brewery, and decent box wines from wherever they are on sale. Things get rolling around 1600 and we aim to ring the dinner bell at 1800.

How much, you ask, for this sumptuous feast? For the same low price you've been paying for as long as any of us can remember, \$10. Seem like a steal of a deal? It is. Take some of that money you're saving on an expensive, lower-quality Valentine's dinner this year and drop it into the tip box when Thom refills your beer. Or leave the change when Jill sells you a dinner ticket. Once we cover our costs, the rest goes in to support OYC's Youth Sailing program.

But wait! There's more!  
Keep a \$5 bill handy for breakfast. That's right. We're still charging \$5 for breakfast, too. Homemade stratas, think thick quiche with bread in it instead of a crust, coffee, fresh fruit salad, coffee, muffins, orange juice, Terry Van Meter's amazing hash browns that he starts grilling at 0530 in the morning, and coffee. Terry and the rest of the breakfast crew gets to

OYC at 0500 so that this hale and hearty breakfast is ready to go at 0700 sharp. Nothing beats Toliva Kitchen when you're feeding your crew before a long day out on the water.

Finally, where are you going to go after the Race to connect with others over stories, a cold beer and a bowl of wonderful, hot soup? OYC, of course. You can smell those soups when you walk through the door, can't you? The jury is still out as to which is better, cheesy potato



Eld Inlet Race photo: Dave Knowlton

or beef barley. Some would say it is a combo bowl with both. You know what I'm talking about. Cost for that? Nada. Just come on by. But remember, tips support the next generation of South Sound sailors. Feel free to tip heavily.

Our goal, at the end of the day, is to host a great party for the Toliva Race and put

## SSSS Raises \$8500 for Food Bank

Our December Meeting food drive/decorated bottle auction was successful despite having few bottles to auction. To be precise, we donated \$8537.68 cash, plus food, for the Thurston County Food Bank.

forward a good impression of SSSS to the regional sailing community, cover our costs, raise money to support youth sailing, and have fun doing it. That's probably why so many people volunteer year after year to make the Toliva Race Weekend happen.

Does this sound like something you want to be a part of? If so, get in touch with me at [thera.black@comcast.net](mailto:thera.black@comcast.net) and we'll get you plugged in. We prep Thursday right after work, roll all the way through the weekend, and put OYC back in order Sunday morning. Truly, it's a fun event to be a part of, whether you're attending, racing, or helping to pull it all off. Come join us.

As we're proud to say, this Toliva Race Crew Cooks! See you there

**Thera Black**

## PHRF Dues Due Now

Dues were due the first of the year, but here at SSSS we give you a grace period. It ends with the Toliva Shoal Race. We are starting to check, so be sure your 2020 dues are paid. so your handicap is valid.

## SSSS Presents: Andrew Kerr

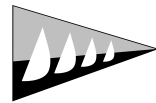
February 18, 2020 at 1830 hours I

View Point Room (below Tugboat Annie's, Olympia).

Speed wins races. The difference between mid-fleet and podium is just a couple percent. Get the critical increment of Fast with Andrew Kerr. This seminar is offered at a huge discount of only \$20 Skippers and \$10 crew. Take advantage of this offer and cruise and race faster.

Andrew was born in Plymouth, Devon, England and graduated from the London School of Economics with a bachelor's degree in Government and politics. He is a resident of Olympia, Washington and his wife Stephanie, a former America's Cup sailor with the America3, full time coach, seminar speaker and North U instructor. Andrew has given seminars all over the world for a wide variety of groups, classes and yacht clubs. Some of his accomplishments include winning the J24 Nationals 7 times, the J24 North American's, the Santana 20 Nationals 12 times, the J27 North American's, US Sailing's National Offshore Championships (Lloyd Phoenix Trophy), the Holder 20 Nationals, Block Island Race Week, the SORC, BVI Spring Regatta, and Key West Race Week multiple times. Andrew also enjoys writing coaching articles and is a contributor to Sailing World and a wide variety of one design class web sites and newsletters.

**Paul Paroff, Cheap Thrills**



## Southern Sound Series Rep Report: Duwamish Head Astern Toliva Up Ahead

Race two of the 2019-20 Southern Sound Series featured the Three Tree Point Yacht Club's Duwamish Head Race on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Unlike the Winter Vashon drifter, Duwamish had plenty of wind. Sadly only six SSSS boats committed to the Race and the related transits to and from the start at Des Moines Marina. In some ways this is understandable as the weather predictions for the transits and the race were on and off: little wind to potentially too much wind with rain and possible snow! For health reasons I could not participate in the Race but did get several reports on conditions.

First off there was the Friday transit north. *Koosah* reported high winds with gusts to 40 knots and large seas! Bob related it was as bad as anything in the seven years cruising the South Pacific with the bright spot being that there was a known end point, TYC! J, with *Bodacious*, brought the boat north on his own with wind driven rain pounding from the south and large waves that overpowered the auto pilot, resulting in a long wet transit at the helm.

After a wet and windy night at the TYC dock and a bleak forecast, in a very uncharacteristic move *Koosah's* skipper, Dave, informed her crew to stay home warm and dry. He and Bob were going to head back south rather than battling the elements for two days. I saw *Koosah* off the TYC dock at 07:30, more on this later. Shortly thereafter *Bodacious* headed north, joining *Altair*, *McSwoosh*, *Rock Paper Scissors*, and *Korina Korina* for the start of the race and reports of heavy rain in Seattle.

As predicted the winds were a bit lighter further north ranging from single digits to gusts in the 30s. Fortunately for the racers the rain also avoided the race course. With the wind variations many sail changes ensued as the racers worked their north along with judgement calls on currents and staying inshore or more in the open water. *Miss Mayhem*, a San Juan 24, had a foredeck MOB during a spinnaker jibe toward Alki. The bowman was able to grab the toe rail but even with a LifeSling the crew could not get him back on board. Fortunately, *Sonic*, a TP52, was able to raft

up aside to offer help. All turn out well, but this emphasizes the need to always have your PFD on when on deck!

I'll let *Bodacious* tell her own story of the race:

### DUWAMISH HEAD RACE A BODACIOUS PERSPECTIVE

Friday's delivery to Tacoma Yacht Club was a quick ride with a southerly pushing J all the way. With gusts to 40 on the stern, 9 knots was seen under power. As usual, and most enjoyable, was the Friday dinner



Vashon Island Race photo: Jeff Hogan

at TYC with Mr. Dave Knowlton coordinating a table for all the SSSS sailors to enjoy a fantastic repast before retiring to boats headed to Des Moines early to get to the starting line on time.

The crew showed up by 08:00, and lines were let go for the 10 mile trip. With the southerly still pushing, *Big Bo* made the passage with time to spare to pick up two crew ferried out to the course from the Des Moines dock.

The starting horns and flags were on time, as the Southwesterly gave us 12 to 18 knots for the run to Alki Point. The # 3 jib was the call. A *great* start by J, and good crew work, gave us a slight lead on the tight reach to the middle of the course before setting the spinnaker and the run to Alki was on. The breeze held until about halfway to Alki, then started to die. Tactics

now came into the equation. Go out to the West, or go East to the beach? We traded the lead with our competition, *Chinook*, also known as *Smoked Salmon* on our boat) several times in the light breeze before reaching Alki and gybing for the Duwamish Head mark.

*Smoked Salmon* led us to the mark, and fine rounding's by all the fleet, resulted in a nice quiet rounding! The reach to Blakely Rocks began in approximately 10 knots. As the breeze slowly built, the #1 jib proved the correct call as we retook the lead about halfway to the rocks. We lost our slight lead as we rounded, and noticed the wind building down course. Here we go again, another sail change!

Tim Webb, foredeck extraordinaire, called for the #2, and set the sail for a quick peel after a short tack. Back on a tight reach in 16-20 knots all the way back to Des Moines, *Big Bo* started to use her waterline to reel in and pass our competition. Another lead change! That must have been 6 or 7 times in less than 6 miles! What a sporting event this game of sailboat racing is.

The long reach to the finish was a comfortable ride to the gun for *Big Bo*. Finishing in 25 knots, getting the sails down was a chore before motoring into the marina to flake almost every sail on the boat.

What a fun, exciting, tactical race it was.

P.S. Many thanks to the *Chinook* for delivering crew from the Des Moines dock."

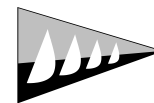
### Matt Crollard

The report captures this particular race, some of the excitement of sailboat racing, and the team work of the crew to make it all work. *Bodacious* finished 1<sup>st</sup> in her PHRF class and 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall for the race, very well done! *Altair* and *Rock Paper Scissors* finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively in PHRF-4, a very competitive fleet!

*McSwoosh* took 5<sup>th</sup> in PHRF-3. All in all, it sounds like it was a great race.

On to the Toliva Shoal Race, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Next up is the Toliva Shoal Race, SSSS and OYC's premier race of the year on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Toliva is the longest race of the Series at 38 nm. The race has a reputation for light to gale winds, sunny to snowy skies and everything in between. Normally fifty to seventy boats turn out for





this most southerly of the Southern Sound Series. We kick off the event with the best pre-race Friday night dinner, thanks to all the volunteers! Jan Anderson of Jan's Marine Photography also comes down to capture the event with great pictures on race day.

Come out, join us, and see what a big fleet race is like. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are available at [www.ssssclub.com/ssseries](http://www.ssssclub.com/ssseries); on our web site, under Racing, choose Southern Sound Series. The Regatta Network will again be used for registration and scoring, making it easy to sign-up using a credit card. Line up your crew and get ready for some fun times on the South Sound's home waters.

**Jeff Johnson, *Folie `a Deux*  
Your Series Rep**

## Pacific Lady March Meeting Presenter

Sharon Sites Adams was the first woman to sail solo from mainland United States to Hawaii. Following that adventure, she was the first woman to sail solo from Yokohama across the Pacific Ocean to San Diego. Her book, *Pacific Lady*, tells the story of those journeys and more.

Sharon will be our guest at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting. We all will marvel at her gumption, resourcefulness and savvy during the pre-GPS years of long-distance sailing in the early 1960's.

**Bob Butts, *Emma Lee***

## Sailing Education, More Heart and Soul

"It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do." J. Austin  
The month of January has been full of repairs to boats, boat houses, and other projects. There are always chores to do that include tiller extensions to



Eld Inlet Race photo : Casey Jones

repair, fiberglass repairs, and summer schedule planning with both Olympia Parks and Recreation and Tumwater Parks and Recreation. This is the part of the year that is a little slower in activity, but busy in yearly planning. The Sailing Education Program always has something to do.

I don't know if you have been on the docks to notice, or perhaps just looking out the windows of your boat or from Budd Bay Café, or Anthony's, but some of our sailors are practicing this winter and have been out in some very inclement weather: hard rain, 20-25 knot winds, sleet. That is the level of

commitment our coach and sailors have made to practice and compete. It takes a lot of heart and soul to put on your wet/dry suit and foulies and head out when the rest of us would be sitting inside drinking a hot beverage and listen to the halyards slap and the wind howl. Of those kids that have been practicing we had a team of eight sailors attend the Rose Bowl Regatta in L.A. in early January. This is a regatta that requires that the sailors submit a type of a resume of their sailing experience, wins and losses. This regatta includes college level races as well as high school. Our Olympia High School team has practiced hard in the last few years and with its NW championships under its belt, we were accepted into the regatta along with about 30 teams from all over the U.S. We placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the gold fleet for high school sailors. That heart and soul pays off, here's another example.

OYC members Shari and Bob Buel's daughter Annie's commitment has paid off in her acceptance to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy after she graduates this spring. She will be sailing for their

## Race Officer Certification Course

Saturday, March 14 Willamette Sailing Club  
6336 SW Beaver Avenue, Portland, OR

Would you like to learn some of the best practices for running races? Does your club want to provide better quality racing for your members? Would you like to have US Sailing liability insurance coverage when serving on a race committee? You can become a US Sailing Certified Race Officer.

Presented by US Sailing, this one-day workshop on Race Officer training is open to all experience levels and is instructed by Eric Rinkus, National Judge and Regional Race Officer, and Craig Daniels, National Judge, Regional Umpire and Club Race Officer.

Race Officers set and adjust the course, call the starting and finishing lines, and are in charge of the racing on the water. Race Officers are responsible for choosing courses to give competitors the best possible races, adjusting the course in response to changing conditions, starting and finishing the fleet, scoring the event, and ensuring the safety of competitors and the race committee.

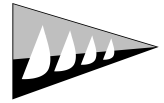
The goals of the Race Officer Certification program are:

- To make racing more enjoyable by improving the quality of race management
- To standardize race management practices for the benefit of competitors
- To identify qualified race officers and make them available to event organizers
- To provide structured training and continuing education for race officers
- To provide insurance coverage to certified race officers under US Sailing's general liability policy

**Fee:** \$35 seminar fee includes workshop, course materials, and online testing for certification. Lunch will not be provided. **You must be a member of US Sailing to take the course.**

Questions? Please contact Eric Rinkus at [eric@gladiatorsailing.com](mailto:eric@gladiatorsailing.com).

SSSS will pay the fee, should you want to go. See the RC Report in this S-t-S



college team as an OYC member and Oly High School alumnae. Our SEP sailors go out into the world and carry their experience and affiliations with them. Congrats Annie. We are so proud of you!

Other news that is important to note is that I will be stepping down from Chair of the OYC Sailing Education Program committee at the end of May. I have spent the last 4.5 years totally committed to the success of the program and feel it is time to let others take the reins. I have acted as chair and co-chair, planned and taught adult sailing classes and put out many fires. so to speak Our successes are way too numerous to list though I do have a list if you ever want to see it. Thanks to everyone who has helped out, given donations and encouragement. Our Coach and Director, Sarah Hanavan will be a speaker for the February Meeting and provide you with news about our long range plans of starting a Community Sailing Center here in Olympia for small boats. Interested members of the community, parents of our sailing teams, and OYC and SSSS members will be welcomed to work on that becoming a reality. If you are interested, please let us know.

FYI, I will still be collecting old sails that we send to the SeaBags company in Maine. They then provide us with beautiful totes for our Dinner Auctions. I will pick up.

**Thanks, Mary Fitzgerald,  
OYC Sailing Education Program**

## Eld Inlet Race January 18

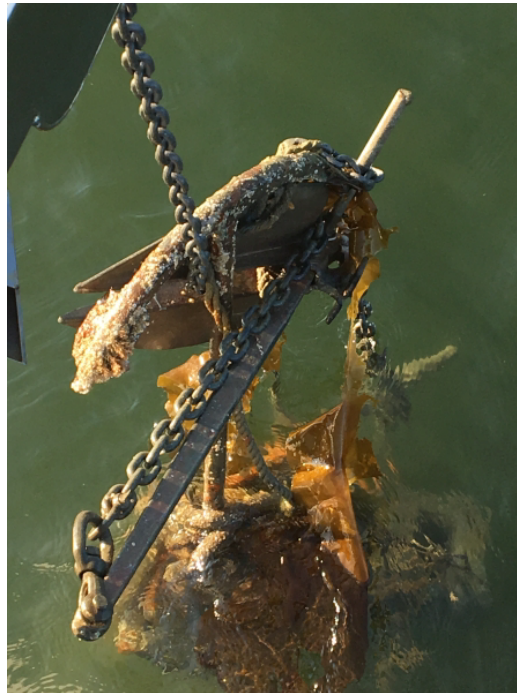
*Color My World/Transition was the RC Boat.  
Koosah was the mark boat. Thank you all.*

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3.00	87652	ALTAIR	J 35	72	12:11:02	11:57:43
4.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	69	12:12:39	11:59:53
5.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	12:29:05	12:14:06
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2.00	82	MCSWOOSH	11M	66	12:21:24	12:09:11
3.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	90	12:25:56	12:09:17
4.00	50921	REDLINE	ANT 27	90	12:27:15	12:10:36
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3.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	12:13:25	11:48:27
4.00	59924	ECHO	CATA 38	156	12:25:21	11:56:29

## Anchoring 104: Dragging Anchor?

In ten years of cruising, I can only think of two times that the anchor may have dragged. And in the first case I am not sure it did. It just seemed that we had changed position compared to the other boats around us by the time we raised the anchor. And in that same event my chain ended up tangled around a collection of abandoned anchors on the bottom, an I brought up several anchors when it was time to leave.

The first remedy for a dragging anchor is to increase your scope by letting out more rode. You can do this if there is room between you and the lee shore. It may seem counter intuitive to let out more line or chain, but this increase in scope may be just what your anchor needs in order to get a better gripping angle on the seabed.



Anchor tangle, see the article photo: Jim Laesen

The second remedy is to hoist the anchor and reset it in a new location. The second time our anchor dragged was in Sturt Bay at the north end of Texada island in Canada. We were rafted with friends with one anchor set in the bay and a shore tie line going to the rocky bank behind us. The breeze picked up on the second day and was hitting us broadside. Our setup was just fine when things were calm, but didn't hold up when the breeze picked up a day later. With the boats still rafted together, I started the engine and provided enough thrust to keep us off the rocks while our buddies got their anchor on deck. We circled the small shallow end of the bay several times like a dog looking for a place to settle down. I reminded our cruising partners that the marina only charges 80 cents a foot, Canadian. So we elected to stay at

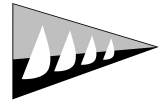
the dock and see the town. Ironically, the marina in Sturt Bay sits over 80 feet of water. Their docks are on anchors instead of pilings!

The trouble with a dragging anchor is more likely to come from someone else's boat dragging into you. It is always a good idea to watch other boats as they set their anchors near you. If they don't set enough scope, or if they don't back down to set the anchor, they may not be staying put for long. In calm weather it is likely not much of a concern. But we have witnessed boats dragging their anchor in a breeze almost every year. And sometimes they were coming right at us. If someone is aboard the boat that is dragging its anchor, you can shout or sound your horn to get their attention. If they don't see you, or if no one is on board, you may have to fire up your motor to move out of the way. We have seen good Samaritans board an unmanned boat that was dragging through the anchoring field at Friday Harbor. It is usually good if you can keep a boat off the rocks.

So, if your anchor is dragging, try letting out more rode. If that doesn't work, pick up your anchor and reset it in a new location. If the problem is that another boat is dragging anchor, get the attention of the skipper and crew to help them resolve the problem. And don't worry, because its the bad days that make the best stories.

**Jim Larsen. TYA**





## 50 Years Racing Around Toliva Shoal

2020 is the 50<sup>th</sup> year SSSS has held the Toliva Shoal Race. The first Race was the first year of the Club, 1971. It has been on the calendar since. That first Race was a club race. It was not until the next year that we invited other clubs to come race with us. This led to SSSS, TYC, and TTPYC creating the Southern Sound Series. That is another story for another time, hopefully told by someone who knows more about it.

We have held the Race for 50 years, but this is not the 50<sup>th</sup> running of the Race. We were snowed out one year. It had been a snowy week, with a major snow storm Friday night through Saturday. The snow was coming down so fast that, going to the boat I could not keep the car's back window clear. It was covered again by the time I got back in the car. Some sailors tried to remove the snow from their boat with the traditional method of pouring bay water over it. There was so much snow that rather than melt, it turned to ice and clogged the cockpit drains. The Race was first postponed from shore, then canceled. Thinking it too dangerous to race in a snow storm, we opened the keg and sent people out on the roads. As soon as the word got out that the Race was canceled the snow stopped and the sun came out.

The Race has not changed much. That first year you could go either way around Anderson Island. That changed early. In the 1990s we started aggressively shortening the Race at rounding marks when there was little wind, so most could finish. We added the McAllister Creek buoy to give us another finishing possibility.

A couple of Races we stopped the Race in places we learned we should not. Adverse current stopped the fleet in sight of the finish. The fleet convened there to wait for the tide.

The time limit has changed. We used to have until the next morning and many a Race went all night. The time limit was shortened several times. Now the Race is over before midnight, more often by dark.

The best attended Race was 1979 with 150 boats racing. It was a fast Race. *Weatherly* set a course record that stood for years. A photographer from *The Beauty of Sailing* shot a photo spread for the magazine (scans are on our web site).

Come see what Toliva brings this year. Be part of it.

**Steve Worcester**

### SSSS Boats at Duwamish Head, TTPYC

Bodacious	1 PHRF 7	2 OA
McSwoosh	5 PHRF 3	15 OA
Altair	5 PHRF 4	18 OA
Rock, Paper, Scissors	9 PHRF4	27 OA
Korina Korina	DNF PHRF 3	
Koosah	DNC NFS	

### SSSS Team

#### Bodacious, Altair, McSwoosh

3<sup>rd</sup> Vashon 60 pts / 2<sup>nd</sup> Duwamish 35 pts

If I missed you, tell me.

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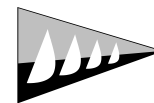
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# Race Toliva Shoal or at least come to the party



**2019 Toliva Shoal Race**  
Photos: above Dan O'Brien, below Frank Mighetto,  
the two to the left Bob Butts



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