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September Zoom Meeting: Mexico, Mainsails, and Race Awards

Do you have a clear understanding of where your traveler should be when the wind is howling and you are beating upwind? And, when should you yank on the Cunningham? More importantly, why is it called a Cunningham? Also, might you be interested in the adventures of a family with two children who cast off from Olympia several years ago and are now sailing in waters off Mexico?

Max Hegewald will share a few good stories about his family's sailing adventure in sailing south from Olympia several years ago, assuming Wi-Fi is available where they are moored. Max, Stephanie, and their two children were Members before they set sail from Swantown headed to Mexico and beyond.

Andrew Kerr will be providing our Tech Tip for the Meeting on how to successfully trim your main sail whether you are a racer or cruiser. Andrew is a renown racer and does seminars across the country for North Sails. He will explain how to use the main sheet, traveler, boomvang, Cunningham, and



Max and fish

backstay tensioner to increase speed and keep your gunnels out of the water.

In addition, Commodore Richard Wells will provide an update on the upcoming Club activities and share other news. Our Race Chair, Eric Egge, also will be announcing winners of our 2019/20 races.

The Zoom Doors will open on September 8th at 18:00 and the Meeting will begin at 19:00. **To register, go to:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkduqgpjgrG9W1ZJB05CAgZD94NRwAlm5j .After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the Meeting.

Skippers are strongly encouraged to invite their crew to join us. Also, feel free to invite others who you think might be interested.

If you need help with Zoom, please contact SSSS Program Chair at bob.butts311@gmail.com or via text at (360) 951-6234

We look forward to seeing, or hearing, you.

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Commodore's Corner: Greetings Fellow Sailors

Well, this is going to be a different year for the SSSS. It is difficult to plan events when we don't know if it will be safe enough to actually hold those events. For the most part, we will schedule regular activities, but they may need to be canceled, postponed, or modified. It appears that our monthly Meetings will continue to be held on-line, at least until we get to Phase 4 of the Governor's re-opening plan.

In many ways, we are more fortunate than others. Early on, boating was identified as an allowed activity, even in Phase 1 of the Re-opening Plan, and the Health Official also advised people to still get outside in order to stay healthy. Of course, we still need to follow the protocols for protecting ourselves and others. And, by all means, use your common sense.

We are quickly approaching the 50th Anniversary year for the SSSS. The Club was formed in 1971, so we will be celebrating all of 2021 as our 50th Anniversary year. That is an important

Sportsmanship Award: Summer Race Results: 30 Years SSSS Dinghy Racing

Board Meeting September 1

General Meeting
September 8
Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900

Fall Series Race 1
September 12
Noon start

Dinghy Regatta?

September 13

Fall Series Race 2
September 19
Noon start

Fall Series Race 3
September 26
Noon start

Fall Series Race 4
October 3
Noon start

Board Meeting
October 6

General Meeting
October 13
Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 1830, Meeting starts 1900

Fall Series is Casual one start.

Meetings are on Zoom



milestone for any organization, and we have come a long way from the initial gathering of sailors back in 1971. We will be selling various memorabilia commemorating this Anniversary, such as: limited-time burgees, shirts, and hats.

One our initiatives for this year will be to try to increase participation in our activities, and to increase Membership in general. This may not happen right away, since we can only do limited activities anyway, but we will continue to be creative and try new things. For

instance, Members can still participate in the new CRace program. This is mostly an individual boat activity, but you can win points and great prizes by the Halloween Cruise in October.

Historically, our calendar year has been from September to August, and your Annual Dues are generally due in September. However, we now track your paid date, and your Membership is good for 12 months. Annual dues are still \$55 and you can pay directly to our Treasurer Beth Brownell or mail a check to her, or pay using the PayPal program. The PayPal program is a great and easy option, but it does cost a small amount to process the payment.

Throughout the year, we will try to balance our activities around racing, cruising and day sailing. We know that not everyone is interested in all of these types of sailboat activities, so we try to offer various and interesting events. But mainly, if you own a sailboat, then get out and use it.

Another one of our initiatives will be increased sailing education. We hope to soon offer workshops and classes for all levels of sailing. And I hope to be able to appoint a Sailing Education Committee to spearhead these activities. So, if you just need to learn how to sail, then we may offer classes, or if you want to learn how to race, then this may also be a class, depending on interest.

Communicating to our Members is an important function, especially since we can't have our monthly Meetings in person. We have various way to communicate, and each may serve a different function. This newsletter is one of our best ways to relay information to our Members. But, in order to publish a newsletter, we need, articles, stories, announcements, and photos. Our other ways of communication include: our website, the SSSS FaceBook page, e-mails or texts, and most recently, we have subscribed to the Zoom on-line meeting program.

Stay healthy and safe. Your Commodore

Richard Wells, PenOziequah

Dues Due

For most of us, September means it's time to renew our dues. This year, there are two ways to do so.

Method one: Follow this link to access the form online: http://www.ssssclub.com/wp-

content/uploads/2017/PDFs/SSSS_Membership_Application_ForPrint.pdf

If you have no changes to your information, just write your name and "No Changes." Then write a check to SSSS for \$55.00, and mail it to SSSS, PO Box 1102, Olympia, WA 98507-1102.

Method two: go to ssssclub.com and click on the "Click here to Join

The Club, Renew Your Membership or Pay Race Dues" link in the top center of the homepage, and follow the directions. You will need a credit card to use this method.

Once we receive your renewal, we will mail your Membership card(s) to you!

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at treasurer@ssssclub.com or call (208) 596-8848.



Note that as long as we are holding Casual races, there is no race fee. So come racing.



Casual Wednesday Racing

photo: Dan O'Brien

Casual Racing

Fall Series will be Casual Racing.

When we say that you may well wonder what it means. Normal SSS racing is pretty casual compared to racing out of Seattle. And that is rather relaxed compared to serious racing, like the Olympics or Star Worlds. So what does Casual Racing mean?

On the water it means one start. Everyone starts together as the RC boat is short handed making multiple starts difficult. It means skipper's are encouraged to sail with small crews, for health reasons, and not worry too much about being competitive.

When scored it means there will be no awards. Everyone will probably be scored as one division, unless the PRO and/or RC Chair decide otherwise. Arbitrary changes like that which might not be allowed in a more formal setting may happen. The RC is experimenting. This is not the year to go all out to win the series. Just have fun on the water.

When registering it means **NO** race fee. This is your chance to try racing in an ultra low pressure environment and at no cost. It is PHRF handicap racing so you do need to get a handicap and then register with me to be scored. Besides your handicap I need your boat's name, sail number, and type, plus your name.

See Richard Bigley, our D Class Handicapper, for a free handicap for SSSS races only; or Rafe Beswick, our PHRF Handicapper, for an official handicap good anywhere on the Sound and support the volunteer organization that maintains the handicap system that makes our racing possible.

Dinghy Racing

As with everybody else, this had been a different summer for the Dinghy Fleet. Fortunately, we figured out early in the season a way to be socially responsible and still get out and do some racing. Many of the dinghies are single handed or can be



Dinghy racing August

photo above: Chris Rulla below Jim Findley

single handed with a little care, or if double handed can be crewed by family. And on the race course you are automatically socially distanced, so with a little caution at the boat launch and the dinghy dock, we were able to get underway on June fourth and have been racing every Thursday night through August. I'm sorry for those that have double handed boats and couldn't find compatible crew. Hopefully we'll see you next year on the race course.

Unfortunately we had to cancel one of our favorite outings. On our annual Race to Some Where, we race out to Gull Harbor, tie up to the dock at George and Betty Hanson's and go up to their house and have a great picnic/potluck/award ceremony and generally get to sit around and talk with our competition. Sorry we missed you, George and Betty.

We are optimistic that next year will be back to normal with maybe some added attractions. There are whispers of maybe trying a Round Harstine "race" with an overnight stop at Jarrell's Cove. It would be similar to a junior version of the Salish 100 in that it would be less of a race and more of a nice weekend get-together with a strong emphasis on having fun. Hopefully things will get better by then. In the meantime, wear those masks!

Jim Findley

30 YEARS!

The dinghy program is finishing our thirtieth summer of racing dinghies Thursday nights on Budd Inlet. First year it was mostly Lasers, but over the years all kinds of boats have raced from El Torros to Hobie Cats. We spawned a Star Fleet!

A lot of people made the program what it is. Too many to mention everyone. Curtis Dalgran and I

got it started in 1991. Bill Brosius ran it for a few years, and we are still using his runabout to run the races.

Jim Findley took over after the Star Fleet got started. He has been at it for more than half of those 30 years. He created traditions: the Race to Somewhere (skipped this year) and the Fall Regatta/Awards Picnic (if it happens this year, it will be in a very modified form).

As important as good leadership is, the

membership is the heart of the fleet. Many of the racers have been racing with us most of those 30 years. They put time and effort into recruiting racers and improving the program. Not to mention acquiring and assembling the dinghy dock. And there are newer, younger, sailors that are now doing their part. I do not want to

try mention names, I don't have room. And I know I would leave someone out.

Our oldest fleet members do get special mention. George and Betty Hansen have hosted the Race to Somewhere, even after they quit racing. And Jean Goose who came up from Shoreline to race with us on Thursday nights for over twenty years, from our first year until she passed away. She is missed all over the Sound.

As you can see from Jim's article above, after thirty years dinghy racing is still alive, active, and fun. You might think of joining us next year. You have all winter to get a boat.

Steve Worcester

S-t-S Report

I edit this rag, but it is written by you, our Members. It reflects the Club. We need your help to live up to the standards set by Members past.

As always, as we start a new year we need new photos. Yet this year there will be fewer opportunities for photos, as we will hold fewer events. So be sure to take your camera sailing.

We need your sailing stories. Now that you are spending more time at home it is a good time to write. Relive a day or two cruising on paper. Or tell us about a regatta you sailed.

This is also a good time to remember our history. After fifty years racing and cruising, thirty years of racing dinghies, and what would have been twenty years of Star racing, I know there are stories worth the telling. We want to hear from you.



The S-t-S put out an on line only version this summer to try to keep abreast of the changes as we restarted first Thursday Dinghy Racing then PHRF racing with the Casual Wednesday Series. In amongst the Things Are Changing articles, are a couple of less dated, including some on cruising destinations. Plus a lot of photos. There are also more photos of summer racing posted on the S-t-S Photos page.

Steve Worcester



Bill and Vicky Sheldon Awarded the Sportsmanship Award

The Sportsmanship Award was presented to Bill and Vicky Sheldon at the Zoom Meeting July 14. This award is slightly misnamed. It is for service to the Club over time: to recognize those who make our Cub run yet do not stand in front of you each Meeting.

Bill and Vicky have a long history with the Club. They are in many ways founding Members, though they were not around 50 years ago this summer when Olympia sailors were meeting on the bay and racing informally. Nor were they at any of the meetings that winter when it was decide to form the Club. They joined a couple years later. Still they had much to do with starting Club institutions: formalizing our race program, starting the Southern Sound Series, and the S-t-S. Bill owned a typography business and set a high standard from day one.

For all of that, and for serving as Commodore two years in a row after his Vice Commodore divorced and his ex kept their boat, Bill was made a Life Member. That was in the 1970s. He then stepped back from the running of the Club, but not from racing.

Bill and Vicky owned and raced three boats over their racing career: *Apprentice, Imposition*, and *Opposition*. They have raced and done well all over the Salish Sea, as well as here with us.

Opposition was one of the first Olympia boats to recruit woman to crew. Women had often been left out of the "serious" racing. But after *Opposition* won a few races with a more than half female crew others caught on. That was in the Club's early years, the 1970s. Women have been involved with the Club, since, both on the water and as officers.

They did not totally ignore the running of the Club. He served as Protest Chair for many Toliva Races, the Black Star, and off and on for our PHRF racing. He was also PRO for several Toliva Races, a J24 regional regatta, and an Adam's Cup regatta, the woman's national keel boat championship. Vicky was PRO for a Star Districts.

Vicky is a member of our Star Fleet. She told us her father had raced on one of our Stars when the boat was new.

Five years ago they bought *Transition*. She is a powerboat: a comfortable platform in most weather with a good view. In short, an excellent boat from which to run races. They fitted her out to do just that. Bill and Vicky both took the USSA race management class. Bill became a certified Race Officer. They have been running races for our PHRF fleet ever since. Some of the best run races on the Sound.

It is primarily for this, but also for years of service to our Club, the Board chose to recognize Bill and Vicky.

Steve Worcester



Thursday Night Races Series 1

	S a	il Skipper	Туре	Night 1	Night 2	Night 3	Night 4	Total
1	541	Trummert,Dwaine	TASA	0.75	2	3	0.75	6.5
2	3510	Snyder,Chris	LASE-2	2	0.75	0.75	8 DNC	11.5
3	109	Douglas,Roy	MBYT	4	3	10 DNC	2	19
4	19	Snyder,Charlie	Laser	3	5	4	8 DNC	20
5	208821	Bonnato,Sam	LASEM	8 DNC	7 DNC	2	4	21
6	763	Brown,Adam	HPN5.2	5	4	6	8 DNC	23
7	C15	Downing,Joe	COR15	6	7 DNC	10 DNC	3	26
8	195939	Rulla,Chris	Laser	8 DNC	7 DNC	5	8 DNC	28
9	60	Beswick,Rafe		8 DNC	7 DNC	10 DNC	5	30
10	786	Findley,Jim	LD14	8 DNC	6	10 DNC	6	30
11	2399	Pruitt, Casey	TASA	8 DNC	7 DNC	7	8 DNC	30
12	1304	Harting,Eric	TNZ 16	8 DNC	7 DNC	9	7	31
13	6103	Long,Jack	LASE2	8 DNC	7 DNC	8	8 DNC	31
14	2	Miller,Garner	SF	7	7 DNC	10 DNC	8 DNC	32

Thursday Night Races Series 2

	Sai	l Skipper	Туре	Night 1	Night 2	Night 3	Night 4	Total
1	541	Trummert,Dwaine	e TASA	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	3
2	195939	Rulla,Chris	Laser	2	10 DNC	3	5 DNC	20
3	1542	French, Kevin	HPN5.2	7	2	6 DNC	5 DNC	20
4	C15	Downing,Joe	COR15	4	6	5	5 DNC	20
5	19	Snyder,Charlie	Laser	3	7	6 DNC	5 DNC	21
6	2	Miller,Garner	SF	5	5	6 DNC	5 DNC	21
7	1304	Harting,Eric	TNZ 16	9 DNC	4	6 DNC	3	22
8	763	Brown,Adam	HPN5.2	9 DNC	3	6 DNC	5 DNC	23
9	786	Findley,Jim	LD14	9 DNC	8	6 DNC	2	25
10	3510	Snyder,Chris	LASE-2	9 DNC	10 DNC	2	5 DNC	26
11	5008	Hariot, Margaret	LD14	6	10 DNC	6 DNC	5 DNC	27
12	60	Beswick,Rafe		9 DNC	10 DNC	4	5 DNC	28
13	402	B,Zachary	C-LK	9 DNC	9	6 DNC	4	28
14	109	Douglas,Roy	MBYT	8	10 DNC	6 DNC	5 DNC	29

Single Handed Races August 8

Fjord was the RC boat. Thank you.

Races	s: 1 to 3	No.	o. Race 1 Race 2 Race 3					
place	Sail No. Yacht Name	Skipper Name Ra	ating	Strt	3 Strt	3 Strt	3 Strt	Total
1	50105 JOLLY RUMBALO	W Richard Bigley	135	3	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.25
2	63337 DASH	Garner Miller	135	3	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00
3	59128 FEVER	Jeff Hogan	212	3	3.00	3.00	3.00	9.00

Double Handed Races August 9

Fjord was the RC boat. Thank you

Races	s: 1 to 3	N	o. Rad	ce 1	Race :	2 Rad	ce 3	Total
place	Sail No. Yacht Name	Skipper Name	Rating St	trt ·	4 Strt	5 Strt 5	Strt	
1	87652 ALTAIR	Jason Va	annice	72 3	0.75	0.75	3.00	4.50
2	35 ANGEL EYES	Tim Dul	Montier (78 3	2.00	4.00	2.00	8.00
3	69927 BALDER II	Myra Do	wning 1	44 3	3.00	2.00	5.00	10.00
4	50105 JOLLY RUMBA	LOW Richard	Bigley 1	35 3	4.00	3.00	4.00	11.00
5	29718 MARANATHA	Chery B	ideman 1	77 2	6.00	5.00	0.75	11.75



Casual Wednesday Series

Transition was the RC Boat. Thank you. The Series is scored per RRS Appendix A9, as an experiment

	s: 1 to 8 2 throw outs $*$ = th		,	No.	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3		Race 5	Race 6		Race 8	Total
place	Sail No. Yacht Name Skippe	r Name I	Rating	Strt	14 Str	9 Strt	9 Strt	16 Str	15 Str	14 Str	14 Str	17 Str	
1	69399 FLYING CIRCUS	Dave Elliott	72	8	2.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	6.00*	4.00	5.50*		14.00
2	87652 ALTAIR	Jason Vannice	72	7	3.00	4.00	1.00	6.00*	4.00	5.00	3.00	30.00*	20.00
3	1102 FJORD	Eric Egge	195	7	30.00*	1.00	12.00*	4.00	3.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	22.00
4	18324 ROCK PAPER SCIS	Hans Seegers	69	7	5.00	2.00	8.00	9.00*	1.00	7.00	4.00	30.00*	27.00
5	35 ANGEL EYES	Tim DuMontier	78	6	30.00*	30.00*	2.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	7.00	5.00	36.00
6	69051 SPIRIT	Steve Jones	81	6	7.00	30.00*	6.00	8.00	30.00*	11.00	9.00	6.00	47.00
7	29718 MARANATHA	Chery Bideman	177	5	30.00*	30.00*	5.00	30.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	3.00	48.00
8	3220 CHEAP THRILLS	Paul Paroff	186	6	30.00*	30.00*	11.00	7.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	9.00	55.00
9	69927 BALDER II	Myra Downing	144	5	30.00*	6.00	7.00	11.00	5.00	30.00*	30.00	14.00	73.00
10	2222 PENOZIEQUAH	Richard Wells	231	7	30.00*	8.00	15.00*	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	77.00
11	69302 STRATEGERY	Mike Visser	132	4	30.00*	9.00	10.00	3.00	7.00	30.00*	30.00	30.00	89.00
12	12 PAX	Rod Tharp	10	4	30.00*	30.00*	9.00	30.00	12.00	1.00	30.00	8.00	90.00
13	10115 ZIG ZAG	Aaron Schofield	75	4	4.00	30.00*	30.00*	5.00	30.00	9.00	30.00	14.00	92.00
14	64996 WILLIE TIPIT?	Charles Norman	78	4	30.00*	30.00*	4.00	30.00	11.00	30.00	13.00	7.00	95.00
15	50105 JOLLY RUMBALOW	Richard Bigley	135	3	6.00	7.00	30.00*	14.00	30.00*	30.00	30.00	30.00	117.00
16	51496 PANDORA	Bob Connolly	188	3	30.00*	30.00*	14.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	12.00	4.00	120.00
17	79838 SEAQUEL	Henry Brooks	240	3	8.00	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	30.00	30.00	17.00	10.00	125.00
18	146 SONRISA	Mary Campbell	189	3	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	30.00	13.00	12.00	30.00	11.00	126.00
19	64985 LIBERTY	Andy Saller	141	3	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	10.00	30.00	14.00	17.00	30.00	131.00
20	28912 REMEDY	Kyle Reese-Cass	al 141	2	30.00*	5.00	30.00*	30.00	9.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	134.00
21	69315 NIRVANA	Justin Hinchcliffe	120	2	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	12.00	30.00	8.00	30.00	30.00	140.00
22	33333 GRACEFUL MAE	Scott Rowley	135	2	30.00*	30.00*	13.00	13.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	146.00
23	151 NIRVANA	Scott Schoch	201	1	1.00	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	151.00
23	175 TRICKSTER	Rafe Bewswick	46	1	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	1.00	30.00	151.00
25	63337 DASH	Garner Miller	135	1	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	5.50	30.00	155.50
26	82 MCSWOOSH	Clark McPherson	66	1	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	8.00	30.00	158.00
27	22 KIND OF BLUE	Alan Hoffman	210	1	9.00	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	159.00
28	79089 LIGHTLY SALTED	Mel Schaefer	90	1	30.00*	30.00*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	11.00	30.00	161.00
29	22884 CHRONOS	Scott Walker	168	1	30.00*	30.00*	16.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	166.00



Wednesday Racing, last race in July

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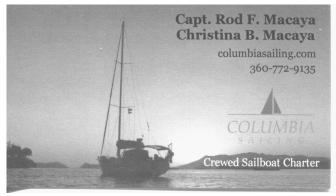
COVID-19 and SSSS

In light of the COVID-19 restrictions, for the foreseeable future the General Meetings, which are the second Tuesday of the month, will be via Zoom.

Cruises have been canceled through mid-October.

The Stars canceled their 2020 season.

When things change, we will make the needed changes.



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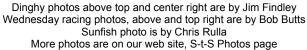






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