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January Meeting :The Beeswax Wreck

For nearly 250 years, galleons made the long voyage from Spain's colony in Manila to Acapulco, Mexico, carrying luxury goods from Asia to Spanish colonists in the New World. One of those galleons, off course and possibly driven by a storm, wrecked near the Nehalem Spit in Oregon in 1693. The wreck was first reported by fur traders in Astoria, and artifacts from the wreck continue to be found today, including beeswax and porcelain. Scott Williams will discuss the research project to identify the vessel and to locate the wreck.

Scott is a professional archaeologist with over thirty-five years of experience conducting archaeological research throughout the Pacific Northwest, the islands of the Pacific, and Australia. He is currently the Cultural Resources Program Manager for the Washington State Department of Transportation, where he oversees the agency's archaeology and history program.



Squaxin Island Race photo by Bob Butts

In addition to his full-time job with

the WSDOT, he is Vice President of the Maritime Archaeological Society and serves as the Principal Investigator for the Beeswax Wreck Project, a non-profit, multi-disciplinary project investigating the Spanish Manila galleon wrecked on the north Oregon coast in the 17th Century. For more information, search for "Beeswax wreck" on the internet.

In addition to Scott's presentation, you will have an opportunity to chat with small groups of other Members, get information on upcoming races and cruises, and other SSSS activities.

The Zoom Meeting will begin at 19:00 on Tuesday, January 12, with the Zoom Doors open at 18:50. You can register for the Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYrdumrqDsvG9JwoNdUKwgkAnBz2WddawfD>.

If you have not been attending our Zoom meetings, give this one a try. We think you will enjoy it. If you have questions or need assistance with Zoom, contact me at programs@sssclub.com.

RC Report

Welcome to the new year and the Inlet Series of distance races. Details, the Addenda, for each casual race will be posted on the SSSS web site under Racing>PHRF>Sailing Instructions. So far this year we've experienced more drifting than galloping, but don't let your guard down. Stay prepared for stormy conditions, and think through bail out plans in advance, especially when sailing shorthanded. Remember it's just a game and getting home with crew and boat in one piece is the primary goal.

If you haven't cruised enough lately, try racing, especially our casual racing. Racing has made me a better, safer, cruiser, learning to anticipate and avoid hazards under sail. If you're not comfortable sailing near other boats, start late and avoid crowds.

We are still planning for the annual Andrew Kerr Sailing Techniques seminar, probably a Wednesday evening in late March or April. Might be an in-person seminar or Zoom format depending on Covid guidelines. Andrew lives in Olympia and is a world class sailor who coaches sailing professionally. He has an amazing skill in explaining sailing concepts in simple terms.

Eric Egge, Fjord

Diesel Maintenance : Youth Sailing : PHRF Dues Due : Bottle Auction a Success

Happy New Year

**Board Meeting
January 5**

**Duwamish Head
TTPYC
January 9**

Second Southern Sound Series race

**General Meeting
January 12**

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 1850, Meeting starts 1900

**Eld Inlet Race
January 16**

**Jarrell Cove Cruise
January 15-7**

**Board Meeting
February 2**

**Henderson Inlet Race
February 6**

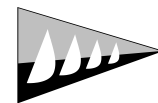
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SSSS & OYC
February 13**

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Southern Sound Series Report

This month's report is a bit of a tale of two Saturdays, Winter Vashon and Hope Island Races.

Both race days were forecast for little if any wind and partly cloudy skies. Typical for a lot of NW forecasts, it turns out they had it all wrong, and so much better for the sailing!

New for this year, the Southern Sound Series is including a single/double-handed class. This was largely driven by concerns about crew numbers and the Corona virus. So far this has been a great success! Though we all had concerns about participation, the sign-up was encouraging with twenty-one of the boats registering as racing the S/D-H class-this was nearly half of all fifty-five Winter Vashon boats registered!

As this first race of the Series approached, two of your club's boats, *Jolly Rumbalow* and *Folie `a Deux* made the transit north to TYC on a warm and windless pre-race Thursday. *Zig-Zag*, *Willie Tippit*, *Balder 2*, *Korina Korina*, followed on Friday, while a few SSSS boats decided the race forecast look too bleak and skipped the race. Sadly, they missed out on a great day!

That Saturday morning, with a bit of frost on the decks, the sky cleared and the fog bank started to lift from the south heading north. The first start was quite crowded with all the S/D-H, Commodore, and Cruising NFS boats heading out with the 9:30 start. A nice southeasterly breeze filled in and those with spinnakers quickly set their chutes. As the morning progressed, the winds slowly increased to occasional gusts up toward 10 knots. The later, PHRF starts had a bit less wind for their starts but everyone celebrated that there actually was a breeze and sunshine!

Sailing up Colvos Passage, with a following current, and colorful spinnakers in every direction, really brought home the joys of sailing! As the first big TP-52 reached the mark boat at the north end of Vashon Island the radio call went out, are

we doing the full course? The race committee wisely said no, the winds on the east side of Vashon were following the predicted 0-3 knots. With that, the boats from up north crossed the line and headed further north and home while the SSSS boats after crossing the line, sailed for a bit and then as the afternoon winds died switched to the iron sails.

It was such a calm late afternoon, most of the SSSS boats simply kept heading south back to Olympia. With calm waters, a bit of moonlight, and lights



Vashon Island Race photo by Jeff Johnson



Hope Island Race photo by Dan O'Brien

reflecting off the water, it had to be one of the more pleasant, though chilly, night transits. By nine that night the boats were snug in their Olympia berths.

Surprisingly, the Hope Island Race was a near repeat. Forecast, 0-2 or maybe 3 knots and partly cloudy skies. Driving down to Olympia, as I passed through patches of fog, I was thinking this does not look very encouraging. However Swantown and Budd Inlet were fog free. There was even a bit of wind, and hopes for the day improved. As the boats headed out for the race the sun popped out to melt any remaining frost on the decks.

The start was a bit slow with a southeasterly light breeze which quickly turned to a northeasterly as the air warmed. The question for this race is always which way to round Hope Island? Most of the boats chose the counter clockwise route. Thinking that it would be easier to fight the incoming tide, a clockwise route paid off for *Folie* with a spinnaker set shortly after rounding the north end of Hope.

As the day progressed Budd Inlet was scattered with white and multi-colored sails, lots of smiles, and a surprisingly amazing mid-December sail! All this is to simply say, we are so fortunate to be able to sail year round on some of the most spectacular waters in the world. Come join us and celebrate!

Next up, the second of the Southern Sound Series Races, the **Duamish Head on January 9th**. Like Winter Vashon this race requires a pre-race transit from Olympia to TYC, guest dock is available, Gig Harbor, or possibly on to Des Moines marina. The Race itself starts just outside the Des Moines

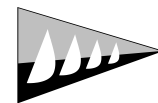
marina, heads north into Elliott Bay, around the Duamish Head dolphin, across the Sound to Blakely Rocks and back to the finish line at Des Moines. This race often draws the biggest fleet of boats for the Series races and often has the best winds. The link for more race

information is: www.sssseries.org. Give it some thought, and round up a crew of one or more, or solo sail it! The S/DH class is making for an interesting variation this year. Hope to see you out there!

Jeff Johnson, *Folie `a Deux*, SSS Rep.

PHRF Dues are Due

Dues are due January 1. We, SSSS, give you a grace period, until Toliva. But they will be checking at Duamish Head. Possibly even more than usual as there is controversy about having the Double/Single class scored in the race for the PHRF Over All trophies. PHRF needs our support this year more than most.



Decorated Bottle Fundraiser

About twenty-five Members of the club participated in the annual SSSS Decorated Wine Bottle Fundraiser via Zoom during the December Meeting. A total of \$8,150 was raised for the Thurston County Food Bank, which is comparable to the amount raised in 2019.

Decorated bottles that were auctioned off were created by Richard Bigley, Marti Walker, and Richard Wells. Michelle Aguilar-Wells donated a miniature decorated Christmas tree and her husband, Richard, donated a wood carving of a lighthouse. In addition, Bill Hutchinson donated two framed art pieces depicting sailing vessels and Bob Butts donated a framed photo of your sailboat that was taken during SSSS races. Bill served as the Auctioneer.

Judy Jones, Development Director for the Foodbank, and Paul Paroff shared information about the food insecurity challenges facing many families in the county and the efforts of the Food Bank to provide much needed food.

If you missed the Meeting but want to assist the Food Bank in its efforts to help our neighbors, go to: <https://thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/>. Please indicate that you are with the South Sound Sailing Society.

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Cruise News Jarrell Cove Cruise January 15 – 17

For those who have never been Jarrell Cove is a great wintertime getaway. The docks are new and have shore power so staying warm won't be an issue. Jarrell Cove, 47°16'52"N 122°53'13"W, is a picturesque location on the north side of Harstine Island that has an awesome dock, fire pit, hiking trails, bathrooms and shower facilities.

Even though we won't be doing the Chili Dump potluck, you can still enjoy the company of other Members from a safe distance while tied to the dock. The fire pit is



Shark by Richard Bigley
Santa bt Marti Walker

still available and I will be lighting it up come Saturday night for any who wish to partake.

COVID protocols of social-distancing are to be observed, just as they were at the Halloween Cruise at Longbranch (which was a blast). We can be safe *and* still cruise the South Sound as a club.

I will be there Friday evening to act as a welcoming party for those arriving Saturday, and will monitor Channel 68 for anyone coming for the first time or who might need assistance ... just ring me up.

Be advised that if you are approaching north through Pickering Passage from Hope Island you will have to negotiate the Harstine Bridge. The charts are labeled: fixed bridge // HOR CL 95 FT // VERT CL 31 FT. The 31 feet is measured above Mean High Water. If you time the tide wrong or your mast is just too tall you'll have issues with the bridge, which might make for a good article next month. In that case you will have to transit up the Case Inlet and buttonhook around the NE corner of Harstine Island.

If you have questions contact me. See you there!

Rich Adams, Mutable Fire, cruises@ssssclub.com

Youth Sailing

Greetings, Sailing Community!

Normally, in November we would host our annual Boats, Beer and BBQ dinner auction, bringing the community together to raise funds for boat upgrades, replacement and maintenance. Sadly, we aren't able to hold the dinner auction this year.

Ironically, during this year of social distancing when so much has been canceled, we have seen record numbers of youth sailors joining the race teams as people look for safe activities and sports, so this year our equipment needs are greater than ever. Our teams have continued practicing safely, and we are looking at emerging from this period with

full teams that are ready to compete at all levels.

However, we can't do this without the generous support of our community and donors like you. In the past few years, we have come a long way in upgrading our dinghy fleet by replacing six aging FJs and three aging C420s. Our goal is to replace the remaining three old C420s by fall 2021.

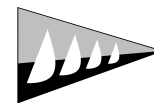
Our hope is that you will support us by making a tax-deductible contribution to help fund the purchase of three new C420s. Each fully equipped C420 is about \$12,500. We have already

raised about 30 percent of the total \$37,500 needed, so we are well on our way. With your help, we hope to reach our goal in the next few months.

Contributions of any size are helpful and appreciated by our growing ranks of youth sailors. Not only will our current youth sailors benefit from learning in these new boats, but up-and-coming sailors will gain experience and skills in these boats for many years to come. Contributions can be mailed to the address below or made online via PayPal to olympiacommunitysailing@gmail.com.

When you see the FJs and C420 sailing around Budd Bay during summer sailing lessons or during the middle and high





school sailing practices, please recognize that you made that possible with your donations.

P.O. Box 2786 Olympia, WA 98507
OlympiaCommunitySailing@gmail.com

Regards,

**Katie Hurley, Vice-President,
Supporters of Olympia Community Sailing**

Marine Diesel 101: How \$8 cost me \$2,000

The trip was going great! The engine ran smooth and hard for 13 days and our morning departure routine was down to a science.

We spent our last night anchored out in Gig Harbor, 500 feet from the boat yard. Our old tractor engine is always a little feisty in the morning after running hard the day before. So no worries: glow 10 seconds, crank ... nothing. Crank again ... nothing. Wait five minutes. Lather, rinse repeat.

Somewhere along the way, I noticed the glow solenoid wasn't firing. No problem. I rigged a little jumper cable and cranked some more. Nothing. You didn't think it was gonna be that easy, did you, Silly Rabbit?

After an hour of trying every trick I knew, I called Meredith Anderson my favorite marine mechanic. "Sounds like you hydro locked the engine!"

At that point I didn't mind risking throwing a rod. I just wanted to go home. It turns out a squirt of WD-40 in the intake makes decent starter fluid. We got one cylinder firing ... then another ... big puffs of white smoke, thumping like an old lawnmower for a few turns, then success!

We made it home, and she never started again. So off with her head! Yup ... salt stains in the #3 cylinder.

Lessons learned:

There's a reason marine parts cost more. My \$8 glow-no-more solenoid from Cut-Rate Auto broke after only 11 months.



cheap part

Starter fluid is a very very bad idea but sometimes you have to fight evil with another kind of evil.

Always open the petcock on the waterlift muffler after cumulative 20 seconds of cranking.

Alan Hoffman

Did you like this article? Have you any advice you could share? You must have some sailing stories. Write us. We want to hear from you.



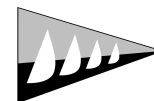
Squaxin Island Race photo by Judy Kruller

Hope Island Race December 12

Distance:	13 nm	Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
Div. Pink Start Time: 09:30								
0.75	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	177	14:16:58	13:38:37		
2.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	132	14:18:23	13:49:47		
3.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	14:20:05	13:50:50		
4.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	207	14:36:12	13:51:21		
5.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	14:31:53	13:53:32		
6.00	63337	DASH	BEN 345	153	14:28:13	13:55:04		
7.00	69804	REIFF	J35C	123	14:27:00	14:00:21		
8.00	33333	GRACEFUL MAE	TAR 3500	135	14:32:00	14:02:45		
9.00	79838	SEAQUEL	CAL 27	240	15:14:00	14:22:00		
10.00	59924	ECHO	CATA 38	156	15:02:53	14:29:05		
Div. Green Start Time: 10:00								
0.75	50921	REDLINE	ANT 27	90	13:25:39	13:06:09		
2.00	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	13:27:15	13:11:39		
3.00	175	TRICKSTER		46	13:27:57	13:17:59		
4.00	35	ANGEL EYES	J99	78	13:40:05	13:23:11		
5.00	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	C&C SR33	78	14:02:34	13:45:40		
6.00	69315	NIRVANA	MERI 28	120	14:15:45	13:49:45		
7.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	126	14:17:37	13:50:19		
8.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	14:07:57	13:50:24		
9.00	10115	ZIG ZAG	TART 101	75	14:09:52	13:53:37		
10.00	87652	ALTAIR	J 35	72	14:10:46	13:55:10		
11.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	14:16:39	14:01:03		

Race to the Mark

Distance:	6.5 nm	Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
Div. Pink Start Time: 09:30								
0.75	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	177	12:00:04	11:40:54		
2.00	33333	GRACEFUL MAE	TAR 3500	135	11:58:38	11:44:01		
3.00	63337	DASH	BEN 345	153	12:02:26	11:45:52		
4.00	69804	REIFF	J35C	123	12:00:48	11:47:29		
5.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	132	12:12:00	11:57:42		
6.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	12:17:24	12:02:47		
7.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	12:22:38	12:03:28		
8.00	59924	ECHO	CATA 38	156	12:30:35	12:13:41		
9.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	207	12:42:00	12:19:35		
10.00	79838	SEAQUEL	CAL 27	240	12:51:01	12:25:01		
11.00	214	KID A	I550	138	12:49:55	12:34:58		
Div. Green Start Time: 10:00 Distance: 6.5 nm								
0.75	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	11:47:33	11:39:45		
2.00	50921	REDLINE	ANT 27	90	11:50:59	11:41:14		
3.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	11:52:28	11:43:42		
4.00	35	ANGEL EYES	J99	78	11:52:30	11:44:03		
5.00	175	TRICKSTER		46	11:51:48	11:46:49		
6.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	11:55:28	11:47:40		
7.00	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	C&C SR33	78	11:56:10	11:47:43		
8.00	87652	ALTAIR	J 35	72	11:56:02	11:48:14		
9.00	69315	NIRVANA	MERI 28	120	12:05:06	11:52:06		
10.00	10115	ZIG ZAG	TART 101	75	12:06:38	11:58:31		
11.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	126	12:14:52	12:01:13		



Squaxin Island Race November 21

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
Div. Green Start Time: 10:00 Distance: 8 nm						
0.75	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	13:02:04	12:52:28
2.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	13:17:28	13:06:40
3.00	35	ANGEL EYES	J99	78	13:23:23	13:12:59
4.00	64996	WILLIE TIPPIT?	C&C SR33	78	13:24:55	13:14:31
Div. Pink Start Time: 09:30 Distance: 8 nm						
0.75	64985	LIBERTY	C&C 35	141	13:01:08	12:42:20
2.00	33333	GRACEFUL MAE	TAR 3500	135	13:35:00	13:17:00
3.00	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	177	13:42:45	13:19:09
4.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	13:40:48	13:22:48
5.00	241	INDIGO	CATA 380	147	13:42:28	13:22:52
6.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	13:47:20	13:23:44
7.00	63337	DASH	BEN 345	153	13:49:52	13:29:28
8.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	207	14:38:05	14:10:29
9.00	79838	SEAQUEL	CAL 27	240	DNF	

SSSS Boats at Winter Vashon TYC

Zig Zag	6 S/D	17 OA
Folie `a Deux	8 S/D	20 OA
Willie Tippit	9 S/D	22OA
Balder 2	10 S/D	26 OA
Jolly Rumbalow	11 S/D	29 OA
Korina Korina	7 PHRF	38 OA
Emma Lee	DNC NFS	

Ditty Bag

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Great **sunbrella dingy cover**, that fits an 8'6" inflatable dingy. It is the right price free!! J Rosenbach rosenbachplumbing@hotmail.com

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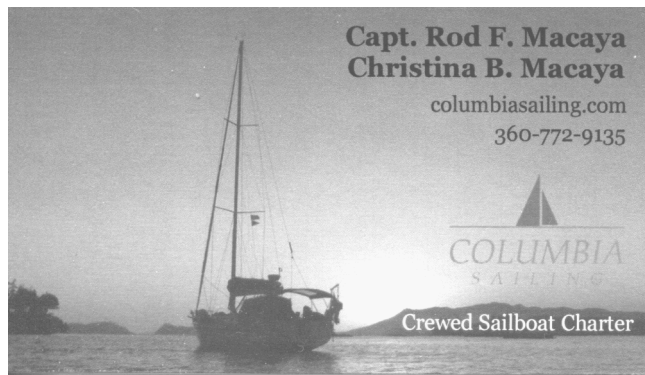
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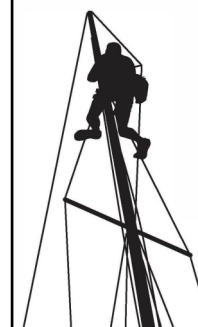
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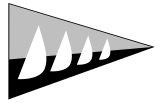


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