

Ship-to-Shore

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June Meeting: the Potluck Is On!

The annual June Potluck Meeting of the South Sound Sailing Society will be held at the Swantown Picnic area on June 8th, starting at 18:30 with a social half hour. We start eating at 19:00.

People attending are being asked to bring some side dish, snack, or dessert for the potluck dinner. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the Club. We will not be allowed to provide alcohol beverages, but people attend can bring other types of beverages. All safety protocols for outdoor gatherings will need to be followed.

We will be conducting some official business: announcements, and elections of officers. Please take time to review our slate of nominees for next year. New terms will starting July first.

SSSS Board Officer Nominees 2021- 22

The slate presented by our present Commodore is:
Returning to the board:
Commodore: Alan Hoffman, was VC this year
Race Chair: Eric Egge
Cruise Chair: Rich Adams
Program Chair: Robert Butts
Joining the board in the coming year:
Secretary: Thera Black
Treasurer: Darris Baldrige
Vice-Commodore: (none yet)
Retiring, Treasurer Beth Brownell She is moving to Michigan to take care of her mother. We want to thank her for her years on the board.



Kelly Coon at the helm of *Koosah* photo: Dave Knowlton

Parking for this event should be near the Marina Office at the public parking area. You can drive to the picnic area to drop off food.

This will be the last Meeting until September.

Richard Wells, *PenOziequah*

RC Report

June is here, and the longest days of the year are upon us allowing us extra hours to leisurely sail in after Wednesday Night Races. For now, we are continuing the Casual Racing format, including having a single start time for all boats. Keep in mind the boat next to you on the start line may have a different level of intensity or level of experience. Remember, be careful, no hitting, and be nice!

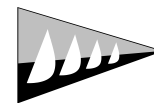
As always, check the SSSS web site for sailing instructions updates at Racing>PHRF>Sailing Instructions. Any Addenda to our standard Sailing Instructions will be posted there.

Here's a big thank you to Bill and Vicky for providing countless hours and their committee boat *Transition*. In addition, big thanks to Mike Visser for setting and maintaining our racing buoys. These volunteer efforts allow the rest of us to enjoy our racing program!

Sail Safe.

Eric Egge, *Fjord*

- Board Meeting
June 1
- Wednesday Races Start
June 2**
- Dinghy Racing
June 3
- Hartstine GT
June 5-6**
- General Meeting
June 8
- Visitors Welcome
Doors open at 1850, Meeting starts 1900
- Wednesday Racing
June 9
- Dinghy Racing
June 10
- Wednesday Racing
June 16
- Dinghy Racing
June 17
- Solstice Cruise
June 18-20
- Wednesday Racing
June 23
- Dinghy Racing
June 24
- Wednesday Racing
June 30
- Dinghy Racing
July 1
- Wednesday Racing
July 7
- Dinghy Racing
July 8
- Red, White, & Blue Cruise
July 9- 11



Cruise News: Summer Solstice Cruise

This Cruise will take place 18-20 June and during the longest day of the year, so there should be plenty of time for a relaxing sail to the north end of Carr Inlet to Cutts Island (047°19'12" N 122°41'13" W), a 351-acre marine park. The island is covered with vegetation, including poison oak.

During seal pup season pups will rest on the beach during low tide — stay at least 100 yards from seals and their pups. In the past years Orca pods have been spotted in the area, which would be awesome to see.

There are eight buoys available at \$15 per night, payable at the

pay station across from the picnic shelter along the lower beach access road at Kopachuck State Park. For those not on a buoy we can raft up on the SE side of the island. Unfortunately fires are not allowed on the island, but we can still gather on the beach to socialize.

It's a bit of a haul to get there, but considering the Club hasn't been able to do a lot of events over the past year, I see it as a really good opportunity to reconnect and stretch your legs. Hope to see you there,

Rich Adams, *Mutable Fire*

Tide Data for Horsehead Bay according to Navionics

(If you go via Pitt Passge, do NOT use these depths and times for your transit. See the appropriate tide table)

Friday 18 June		
High	1212	08.75 ft
Low	1811	02.60 ft
Saturday 19 June		
High	0106	14.10 ft
Low	0801	03.25 ft
High	1343	09.08 ft
Low	1912	04.26 ft
Sunday 20 June		
High	0145	14.19 ft
Low	0853	01.28 ft
High	1511	10.03 ft

Portsmouth Racing

By now the dinghies have been out there for several of our usual Thursday night races. Every Thursday night you could race with us if you have a sailboat that is 20 feet or less and doesn't have a fixed keel. You are welcome to join in on the fun. Just sign in with the committee boat before the start of the race so we know who you are and what kind of boat you have so we can score you.



Spring Series Race 2 photo: Peggy O'Brien

Harstine GT

On June fifth and sixth we will be doing the Harstine GT. It is a sail and/or human powered race around Harstine Island counter clockwise starting at 10:00 in Olympia, with an overnight stop at Jarrell Cove. We will

have room at the Jarrell's Cove Marina campground for several tents. At 09:00 on the sixth we will have a second start and race the rest of the way around finishing near the Hearthfire restaurant. There will be several chase boats to help herd the group around. If you get this early enough and are interested in joining in please e-mail me at dinghy@ssssclub.com

Jim Findley *Nightwind*, and several other boats

This is the thirtieth anniversary of the dinghy program. The first Thursday dinghy races were thirty years ago this month.

Come Race this Summer

Race your boat: if you have raced this boat with us in the past and nothing has changed, just come out, PHRF or dinghies. *New dinghies* register with the yellow RC Boat, at Westbay or on the water. *New PHRF racers* need to get a handicap; see Raph Beswick for an official handicap or Richard Biglet for a SSSS one. Then register with the scorer.

Crew on a boat: get vaccinated. Richard Wells, our Commodore, is putting together a crew list on our web site. Or walk the dinghy dock at Westbay.

Buy a dinghy: see Jim Findley for ideas. Ed.

Salish 100 Starts
June 9

Wednesday Racing
July 14

Dinghy Racing
July 15

Hood Canal Cruise
July 18-23

Wednesday Racing
July 21

Dinghy Racing
July 2

Wednesday Racing
July 28

Dinghy Racing
July 29

Wednesday Racing
August 4

Dinghy Racing
August 5

Single-handed Races
August 7

Double-handed Races
August 8

Wednesday Racing
August 11

Dinghy Racing
August 12

Wednesday Racing
August 18

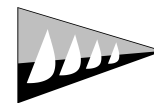
Dinghy Racing
August 19

Hot Summer Night Cruise
August 20-22

Dinghy Racing
August 26

Board Meeting
September 7

General Meeting
September 14



Perfect Attendance Award

Thirty years ago, at the start of our third decade, SSSS first offered an award to any boat that sailed in every Club race for a racing season, September through May. Few boats have managed to earn it. It takes dedication, good organization and crew management, not to mention trustworthy dedicated crew.

Few have won it once. *Koosah* has won this award 19 times! That is 19 out of 30 years. That is almost two thirds of the time the award was offered. Over ten years were consecutive, that is a decade without missing a race!

Congratulations to Dave Knowlton and crew on another year of Perfect Attendance, 2020-2021, their nineteenth year! They will receive the award at our awards banquet. However they have already received their real reward: time on the water, time sailing. After all that is why we buy our boats.

Rules Review Room at a Leeward Mark

If one boat is clear ahead at the Zone most people understand the rules involved. She has rights to round as she pleases. The boat behind must stay out of her way. The fastest rounding is to come in wide, turning before the mark so as to pass it close while close hauled: a tactical rounding. She has the right to the room needed to do so.



Spring Series Race 3 photo: Dan O'Brien

With other cases things can be confusing. While overlaps between boats on opposite tacks generally do not matter, they do at marks. People often confuse themselves by thinking the inside boat has right of way rounding a mark. Not so. Being inside boat only gives you room to round.

If the boats are overlapped on opposite tacks when the first boat gets to the Zone, starboard will be inside at the mark. (That boat coming in from the far corner on a hot angle has probably overlapped you for a long time.)

As inside boat she has rights to room to round the mark, which includes room to gybe as she has to gybe to round. As she is on starboard port is also required to keep clear of her. She can sail her proper course to make a tactical rounding.

If the boats are overlapped on port when the leader gets to the Zone, *the inside boat is entitled to room to round* in safe, seaman like, way. But that is all the outside boat must give her. She is the burdened boat. The outside boat has right of away. However she also an obligation to give inside room.

Inside must round in the room given by an outside right of way boat; but she must be given enough room to make a safe seaman like rounding with no heroics needed. It need not be enough room for a tactical rounding.

If the boats are overlapped on starboard at the Zone, the inside boat will also be the leeward, right of way, boat. Like our first case, she can round as she pleases, outside and windward must keep clear (there is a restriction to taking too long to gybe, not a problem we often see here).

Take a minute to think about a starboard rounding if: both boats are on starboard tack; both are on port and must gybe; they are on opposite tacks and one must gybe. In each case: who is the inside boat? Does she also have right of way and the right to make a tactical rounding, or only the right to round?

Steve Worcester

Let's look at some examples, to find the principles behind the rules. To start, let's assume the mark is to rounded to port:

Spring Series Race 4 May 8

Transition was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
Div. Green Start Time/Date: 12:00 Distance: 8.2 nm						
0.75	73392	BODACIOUS	BENE 35 S5	129	13:45:26	13:27:48
2.00	38044	MAKO	SYD 38	30	13:35:30	13:31:24
3.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	90	13:44:19	13:32:01
4.00	175	TRICKSTER		46	13:39:28	13:33:11
5.00	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	13:45:06	13:35:16
6.00	12	PAX		10	13:40:42	13:39:20
7.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	13:55:58	13:44:54
Div. Pink Start Time/Date: 12:00 Distance: 8.2 nm						
0.75	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	177	13:55:13	13:31:02
2.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	144	13:55:57	13:36:16
3.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	13:58:52	13:40:25
4.00	64985	LIBERTY	C&C 35	141	14:00:22	13:41:06
5.00	59128	FEVER	SJ 28	212	14:10:17	13:41:19
6.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	14:07:27	13:43:16
7.00	79838	SEAQUEL	CAL 27	240	14:22:17	13:49:29
8.00	8	MENPACHI	YMK 28	219	DNF	



Hope Dash

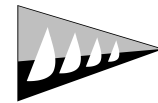
The Andrew Jackson Award is awarded annually for the fastest time around Hope Island that year, May Meeting to May Meeting. This is a take your own time, timed run around the Island. Details on our web site. This year's winner with "the world's fastest time" is *Balder 2*.

Wile her time was not a record, it was faster than everyone else. Can you sail it faster? You are invited to make a run. Maybe this summer when the westerly is blowing strong, so you can reach out and back in Budd? Give it a try, then report your time.

Ed.

Thursday Night Races Series 1 Night 1 : May 6

Overall Results		Score Method=Portsmouth			Total
Sail	Skipper	Type	Race 1	Race 2	
1	3510 Snyder, Chris	LASE-2	0.75	2	2.75
2	541 Trummert, Dwaine	TASA	3	0.75	3.75
3	1542 French, Kevin	HPN5.2	2	4	6
4	763 Brown, Adam	HPN5.2	4	3	7



SSSS Third Decade

The 1990s were a good decade for sailing in Olympia. SSSS grew and expanded, building on the first two decades while changing with the times.

Membership increased, both people and boats, bucking the regional trend. After selling our RC run-about, we had money to give back to Members. We did this by cutting dues in half for three or four years. Old Members came back and we got new ones. More racers. More boats at Cruises. More boats equals better races/Cruises, and better races/Cruises brought out more boats ...

We shortened the distance race time limits; much less floating around at night. We stopped rerunning races we couldn't finish. The new policy was to make the best we could of the day we had, shortening the race if needed, then moving on to the next race. That idea spread from our local races to Toliva, and by the next decade to the Southern Sound Series. Shorter races did not mean less racing. If we didn't have to leave days open for possible reruns, we



could schedule more races. We added four more point to point races and a third Wednesday Series.

Thursday dinghy racing started thirty years ago this summer. Being the only Portsmouth racing on the Sound, it drew interest and Members from points as far north as Shoreline. By the end of the decade it was going strong with a dedicated core of racers.

We made several stabs at having a one design class within the fleet. We had multiple Lasers several years, three Hobie 16s for a couple of years, two of a lot of boats. But none took off, this decade.

After discovering Portsmouth Handicapping, we used it to hold a couple Under 30 Regattas, to include small keel

boats that did not fit well in our the PHRF program.

Mid decade photos started appearing in the S-t-S along with our Members' stories of their sailing adventures.. First cover photo, *Koosah* with a comment on one year of Perfect Attendance. The first two stories were about Members racing to Hawaii and winning the National Keelboat Championship. We soon heard from Members in Mexico. Some wrote us about their charters; others about racing from serious to the Baha Ha. Not to forget those writing about adventures closer to home, including rating reciprocal moorage stops. To print photos we had to collect them. This gave us photos for our new web site.



1996: *Silverheels* above right; *Savage* below left, dinghy racing above
photos: Steve Worcester

We were posting race results at the marinas. You were never sure exactly when they were posted, if it was worth the trip to look. They called out to be on line, but there was no server to post them on ... until the web. One's ISP use to give one a small amount of server space with your

account. So we used it. Race results were the "killer app" that brought Members to the site. However the S-t-S, the Handbook, ... everything on paper, was an electronic document before going to the printer.

We had one of, very possibly the first, sailing club web sites on the Sound. By the end of the decade we had moved to a server run by a Member with our own domain name. It should have been a dot org, but it was free.

Our Cruises got renovated with the introduction of a new batch of kids at the Cruises. They were more popular as family events than they had been as drinking parties. The Fathers' Day Cruise was the big event at the start of the decade. The Halloween Cruise to Longview replaced it

by the end of the decade, with pumpkin carving, costume contest, and boat to boat trick-or-treating.

The tradition of inviting Members to this



Cruise with a skit at the October Meeting began. The skits got much more elaborate by the next decade.

The Race Awards Dinner transitioned to the Awards Potluck, adding a Cruising award.

The Hope Dash was started.

Jan gave up on OYC for the time, and her youth sailing program was on its own. She not only kept the program running, she got involved with PIYA as SSSS Rep. She was a major player in starting a series of regional kids regattas, a youth circuit. Members helped her when we could. We helped host a couple of the regattas here. We included their newsletter in ours.

With Jan's help we lobbied PIYA for some Race Management and Rules courses in our Area. We sent a contingent of guinea pigs to Seattle to help develop/test some of them.

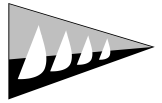
When the LifeSling was developed, we paid to send a few Members to learn how to use it and come back to teach its use. We have been holding LifeSling classes here since, Years later people from Seattle had to come to us to relearn the lost art of how to hold the classes.

The century ended with the decade, but 2001 saw SSSS still very active and growing.

I am far from the only one who remembers our history. Some of you were there to make it. Now, while we are celebrating our Fiftieth anniversary, is a good time to share those memories.

We want to hear from you.

Steve Worcester



Spring Series Race 3 April 24

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6.00	4157	KATANA	J24	186	15:00:02	14:28:06
7.00	59128	FEVER	SJ 28	212	15:05:34	14:29:10
8.00	2222	PENOZIEQUAH	NEWP 31	231	DNF	

Ditty Bag

For sale

1977 Catalina 27 \$10,000 in very good shape, clean and ready for more adventures. Sailed to San Juan Islands and Canada and very sea worthy. Yamaha 9.9 4 stroke w/high output alternator almost new and very quiet with cockpit controls and electric lift; dinghy motor mount, Danforth anchor; VHF, depth sounder, LifeSling; much more, main sail, 110, 150 and spinnaker. Dennis at (360) 259-6537

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Danforth anchor with chain and heavy rope in a bucket
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J/35 Altair. Race/cruise ready, many upgrades. Asking \$36,500 see web site olypaccup.wixsite.com/j35altair (360) 556-5200

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Last S-t-St

This is the last S-t-S till September. Check the web site for the details and changes to our events over the summer.

This year has not produced the best S-t-Ss ever. We could have used more Members stories and opinions, not to mention photos. Hopefully in the coming year there will be more to take photos of, and Members will have not stayed home all summer so have stories to tell.

We want to hear from you.

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