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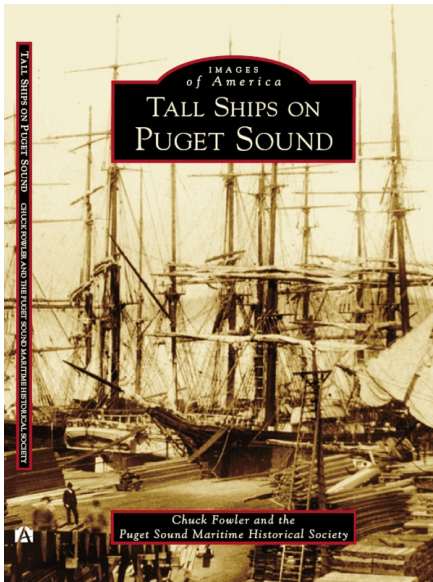
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November Meeting: Chuck Fowler, Tall Ships & Canoes

Our November 9th Meeting presentation will be based on Chuck Fowler's pictorial history book *Tall Ships on Puget Sound*, which tells about the tall sailing ships that came to the Pacific Northwest beginning in the mid-1700s. Met by native Salish people in their voyaging canoes, some equipped with sails, the ships brought Spanish, British, Russian, and American explorers, as well as settlers and entrepreneurs, to the region. Over the next two centuries, during boom and bust periods, these majestic vessels have continued to ply the waters of Puget Sound.



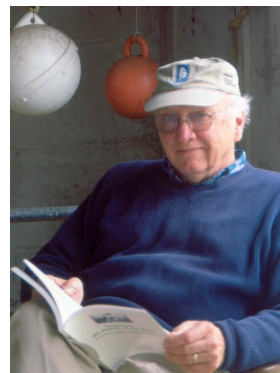
More recently our region's tall ships operate in training and education rather than commercial contexts, and together with tribal canoes they have been increasingly involved in involved cross-cultural heritage activities. With the establishment of the new Maritime Washington National Heritage Area, the commitment to preserving and promoting both State's tall ships and native canoe heritage will become even stronger in the future.

Author and maritime historian Chuck Fowler has hands-on experience aboard tall ships and has researched and written about them for more than three decades. He is a former national board member of the nonprofit

Tall Ships America organization headquartered in Newport, Rhode Island. Chuck is also a cofounder of the Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council, past president of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society in Seattle, and a former board member of Youth Adventure, the original owner of the restored 1913 schooner *Adventuress*, a familiar sight throughout the Sound.

At this point in time, we are planning to have a hybrid meeting in which Members and guests will be able to attend in-person at the OYC or via Zoom in the comfort of their homes. In-person attendees will be required to wear masks and are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. A Zoom link has been e-mailed to Members. If you did not receive it, please e-mail me at Programs@sssclub.com.

The OYC doors will be open at 18:45 and the Zoom Meeting will be open at 18:50. *We hope you will join us.*



Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Commodore's Corner: November

Federal law and maritime tradition requires vessels to render assistance to anyone in need.

One of the greatest things about living and working in the boating community is this ethic that we are responsible to help one another. Turning into our new slip for the first time, I got a little behind the boat and found us drifting sideways toward the piling at the end of the dock. Without hesitation, our live-aboard neighbors, whom we had never met, were on the dock

Halloween Cruise
October 29-31

Board Meeting
November 2

Race Briefing
November 3

Herron Island Race
November 6

General Meeting
November 9
Visitors Welcome

Race Briefing
November 17

Squxin Island Race
November 20

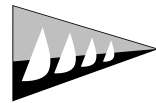
Vashon Island Race, TYC
December 4
First Southern Sound Series Race

Board Meeting
December 7

Race Briefing
December 8

Hope Island Race
December 11

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December 14
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grabbing lines and stanchions. In their pajamas. "I'm Alan, by the way. Thanks for helping us not crash!"

By working together as a sailing community, both inside the Club and alongside other like minded organizations, we have so many opportunities to expand this exciting sport and way of life. I encourage anyone who has been around a while to get involved on the board; we still need a Vice Commodore, and more help is always welcome organizing Club cruises, racing events, and reaching out to the surrounding community. One example is how the board has been working with our friends at Olympia Yacht Club to deepen our longstanding partnership for use of their beautiful clubhouse and to create shared educational and community service events.

Our Club is a connection for newer boaters to learn, and experienced sailors to teach. For a lot of people, the first year of boat ownership is all about figuring out how it works and fixing things that break. Having a good mentor, or a friend with the right kinds of tools, can make all the difference between an agonizing money pit or becoming a lifetime boater. In time, the boat becomes a comfortable floating home and vehicle to take us beautiful places where our friends are going to be.

Speaking of beautiful places, with a little luck and a few nights turning wrenches, I hope to be underway again in time for our Halloween Cruise to Longbranch, Filucy Bay on October 29-31. Longbranch is an easy first-time destination with a nice comfortable dock, shore power, and a fun potluck. If anyone wants to buddy boat, come up on our Facebook page or plan to meet by government marker #5 at 1500 Friday to catch a nice outgoing current and arrive by sunset.

See you out there!

Alan Hoffman

2021-22 Southern Sound Series Coming Soon!

The Southern Sound Series, four regional long distance races, are scheduled as follows, get them on your calendars!

Winter Vashon, 30.7nm **December 4th**, TYC

Duwamish Head, 30.8 nm **January 8th**, TTPYC

Toliva Shoal, 38.4 nm **February 19th**, SSSS/OYC

Islands Race, 29.5 nm **March 19th**, GGYC

Racers from across the Sound participate in these races which are some of the largest events in the NW for the year.

Again this year, due to the continued COVID-19



pandemic, there will be a single/double handed fleet in addition to the normal PHRF and Cruising Class fleets. With a 17 boat turn out last year, this single/double handed fleet is intended to encourage those concerned larger crews to participate in the race series. Fleets will be assigned based on boats that register to race the Winter Vashon.

The Tacoma Yacht Club sponsored Winter Vashon Race, starts just off the TYC Clubhouse, heads north up Colvos Passage, around the mark boat above the

north end of Vashon Island, and back down the east side of the island to the finish line at TYC. If the winds are light the race can be shortened at the mark boat off the north end of the island. Free moorage is available at the TYC guest docks for racers Friday and Saturday nights with only a minimal charge for power if connected.

Registration for the Winter Vashon Race will open on November 1st via the Regatta Network. There will be a **link on the Series web site ssseries.org**.

Note that to participate in the Series you must be a member of PHRF NW with a rating for your boat for PHRF racing fleets, or if sailing in the cruising classes or single/double handed fleets a rating from your local club's rater. If you are new to racing or do not have a PHRF rating please contact Rafe Beswick at rafebeswick@hotmail.com, for a PHRF rating, or if sailing in the Cruising or Single/Double Handed fleets contact Richard Bigley at bigleyre@gmail.com for a Series rating. Check the Southern Sound Series web site for not only the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, but also any COVID-19 precautions to be observed by each boat, skipper, and their crews.

Watch for any up-dates in the Ship-to-Shore, or the series web site at ssseries.org. Hope to see you on the water!

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

PHRF Dues

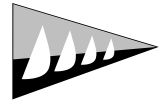
PHRF NW is no longer mailing annual bill notices. We are now sending electronic annual bill invoices to the e-mail address you listed when you made your 2021 annual payment through the PHRF NW web site. PHRF members, watch your inboxes starting November 15th. If you do not see your invoice around the 15th, please check your spam/junk folders.

PHRF NW

The Pacific Handicap Fleet of the NW is the organization that makes our racing possible by supplying our handicaps. And you need a handicap to compete in a handicapped race, be it one of our races or the Southern Sound Series. PHRF handicaps are good all over the NW, including Canada. D Class ratings are basically an unpaid for copy of the PHRF rating.

PHRF is a volunteer organization run by racers for racers. It needs the support of the racers. If racing is something you do and enjoy, you should think of joining PHRF and supporting the organization your racing depends on, even if you race D Class.

Steve Worcester



Race Briefings

Now that the days are shorter and we are getting out our winter clothes, it's time to resume our Wednesday evening Zoom SSSS Race Briefings for the long-distance Island and Inlet Series races and Toliva Shoal.

In the one-hour Zoom sessions, we plan to share information on the upcoming courses, currents, weather, and race specific tips. In addition, we hope that the experienced racers, including those who always get to the finish line before we do, will provide us with their racing strategies and what they do to make their boats go so darn fast.

We also hope that SSSS members who want to crew will join us. We will attempt to match them with skippers who need crew for the upcoming race.

The Zoom link for **all** of the briefings will be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7408756697?pwd=eWx4RzllRFFya0FRcXpoNVFySDhrZz09>

Meeting ID: 740 875 6697

Passcode: SSSS

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The schedule is below. All start at 19:00, the Wednesday before the race. Get the dates on your calendar: Don't procrastinate.

If you have questions, please contact me at programs@ssssclub.com.

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Race	Date (Saturdays)	Briefing 19:00
Herron Island	November 6,	November 3
Squaxin Island	November 20,	November 17
Hope Island	December 11,	December 8
Eld Inlet	January 22,	January 19
Henderson Inlet	February 5,	February 2
Toliva Shoal	February 19,	February 16
Skookum Inlet	March 12,	March 9
McAllister Creek	April 2,	March 30

Remote Control Sailing

On Sunday October 17 about a dozen sailors met at the Port Plaza dock for fun sail, to gauge interest in creating a RC (remote control) Sailing group. Several Dragonforce 65 class boats, a Dragonforce 95 class boat, and two Laser class boats turned up, with light wind conditions. We all got a chance to try out the different boats, ran a few races, and ended with a lot of enthusiasm for creating a regular RC Sailing program. If you are interested, check out Olympia Model Sailors Facebook Group for more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/388585112724764>. Shout out to Dan Shier for organizing this!

Garner Miller, Dash



Sailing Physics

We launched the Hobie at the mouth of McAllister Creek. We wanted to look at the hulks abandoned on the east side of the delta. After circling them a couple times we looked for something else to do. We had sailed up McAllister Creek before. So we decided to sail up the Nisqually River.

The trees ahead blocked the wind. As we beat up the river the wind got lighter and lighter; we went slower and slower. Eventually we slowed to the speed of the current and could make no headway. But we did not stop sailing.

We found ourselves pushed against the river bank. A quick look at the diagram of forces explaining how boats sail up wind, below, solves the mystery. You add speed to leeway to get the course you actually sail. The current exactly matched our speed, canceling it out. That left us with only leeway.

After a couple of trips across the river we were off to new things.

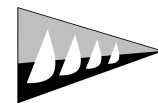
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CV Fall Race 4 October 9

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0.75	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	90	14:29:49	14:11:49
2.00	12	PAX		10	14:15:14	14:13:14
3.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	14:29:29	14:15:05
4.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	DNF	
4.00	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	DNF	
Div.Pink Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 8 nm						
0.75	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	144	13:54:22	13:35:10
2.00	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	156	13:56:49	13:36:01
3.00	1102	FJORD	THUN	195	14:03:33	13:37:33
4.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	132	13:58:50	13:41:14
5.00	4157	KATANA	J24	186	14:07:16	13:42:28
6.00	64985	LIBERTY	C&C 35	141	14:02:12	13:43:24
7.00	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	188	14:08:57	13:43:53
8.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	14:04:11	13:46:11
9.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	14:12:16	13:48:40
10.00	3220	CHEAP THRILLS	J 24	186	14:14:16	13:49:28
11.00	394	MAGIC	CAP 25	186	14:16:17	13:51:29
12.00	59944	SPEED RACER	SJ24	231	DNS	



SSSS: our Fourth Decade

This year being the Club's 50th anniversary, I have been looking back. Last Spring I wrote about each of our first three decades. Time now for our fourth, 2001-2010.

I am not the only one who was around years ago. Other people have memories of SSSS past, of things I have missed. We want to hear from you.

This was a very busy time, with much happening. Probably the biggest change was the start of our Star Fleet. Twenty years ago this summer saw our first Star races. We finally found the one design fleet the dinghy fleet had been looking for for ten years. But it was far from the only thing happening. All our programs were growing and going strong.

The idea of an old Star fleet caught on. Boats \$80k new now going for \$2k. Used sails sold cheap that are newer than any of our PHRF races generally have. We even got national recognition and support. Bill Brosius received an US Sailing award for one design class organization.

We did a little match racing, but summer buoy racing is at the heart of the program. After a year or two we got organized enough to put on our annual Black Star Regatta with awards, dinner, and bling, which funded the program.

We organized enough to join the International Star Class Yacht Racing

Association. Before the end of the decade we had the largest Star Fleet in the country. We hosted a District Championship. A couple of Members went to Nationals, a few more to regional championships.

The Stars took the public sailing on two occasions. Once we invited the general public. We took anyone who wanted to come for a short sail. The other time we limited it to kids. We had too many people on the float at the bottom of the ramp at Westbay and sank it, enough to set off an alarm at the fire station.

The Star Fleet took a lot of energy out of the dinghy program, but only for a little while. Jim Findley took over and decided to build back better before that was a thing. Thursday night racing continued, A distance race was added, the Race to Somewhere. Somewhere turning out to be George and Betty's on Gull Harbor. Race out for the Rubber Duck; race home handicapped. Lunch on the lawn between races. Also added, a fall regatta with a season ending BBQ. And a dinghy dock. We salvaged a couple of floats and brought them to Westbay where we made a deal. Only our boats will be kept on those floats, the marina gets their fees.

Our core program did not suffer from all the energy devoted to small boats. PHRF racing started strong and stayed that way all decade. We were regularly turning out thirty plus boats for some Wednesday night and the fall distance races. We became the third largest PHRF club in PHRF NW: that is we had (have?) more

boats paying PHRF dues than all but two other clubs.

Our Members got more involved in running the Southern Sound Series. We promoted shortening races when it was light. Our No Flying Sails Class, started as a Toliva only class years before, became a popular Series class. We set up a Series web page for entry forms, race results, etc. with a simple ip address that would not change each year. We promoted the site and Series with posters and in *48 North*.

One downside of so much happening here is that we sent fewer boats down Sound. But several of us went.

Our Cruising program was also going strong. The Commodores', Memorial Day, and Halloween Cruises were big events. For me, the most memorable Cruise was the one Dave Knowlton organized to the Puget Sound Museum on Stretch Island. But everyone has their favorite.

Halloween was particularly for the kids, and the kids in all of us. Costumes, boat to boat trick-or-treating, pumpkin carving, ... The skits at the October Meeting to promote the Halloween Cruise got more and more elaborate. What started as slap stick bits starring Kelly Coon as the Great Pumpkin turned into elaborate costumed productions.

LifeSling classes continued through the decade here, but not everywhere on the Sound. When we found that Andrew Kerr, a professional instructor, and national champion several times in several classes, lived in Olympia we added a yearly lecture/question and answer class on going fast. As he needs no airfare or hotel accommodations, we get a real bargain.

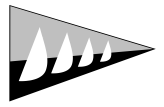
Our web site expanded. At the start of the decade we set up a PayPal account and started taking payments on line. We had a "forum" where our Members, and others, could post and react to posts. We were hearing from people from all over, including New Zealand and the UK. Until it was taken over by those kicked off Sailing Anarchy and degenerated into insults. We shut it down for a while, but had it back up and running on a smaller scale until it came down for the site redesigned.

With lots happening this rag was expanding, often being ten plus pages. Members were cruising and racing other places and wrote us about it. A third to half the Members contributed each year with photos, a story, or help mailing.

CV Fall Series

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place	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Skipper Name	Rating	#Str	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
Div. Green Races: 1 to 4, 1 throw out * = throw out										
						5 Strt	3 Strt	7 Strt	5 Strt	
1	12	PAX	Rod Tharp	10	3	0.75	4.00*	2.00	2.00	4.75
2	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	Mel Schaefer	90	2	6.00*	4.00	3.00	0.75	7.75
3	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	Dave Elliott	72	2	6.00*	4.00	0.75	4.00	8.75
4	38044	MAKO	Vannice/Cassal	30	2	3.00	0.75	8.00*	5.00	8.75
5	18324	ROCK PAPER SCIS	Hans Seegers	72	3	6.00*	3.00	4.00	3.00	10.00
6	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	Charles Norman	78	2	2.00	4.00	6.00*	5.00	11.00
7	10115	ZIG ZAG	Aaron Schofield	75	2	4.00	2.00	8.00*	5.00	11.00
8	69432	SUNNISU	Matt Miles	96	2	5.00	4.00	5.00	5.00*	14.00
9	69051	SPIRIT	Steve Jones	81	2	6.00	4.00	7.00*	4.00	14.00
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						10 Str	6 Strt	12 Str	12 Str	
1	29718	AURORA	Chery Bideman	156	4	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.00*	2.25
2	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	Jeff Johnson	132	4	2.00	3.00	2.00	4.00*	7.00
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5	4157	KATANA		186	4	5.00	4.00	6.00*	5.00	14.00
6	64985	LIBERTY	Andy Saller	141	3	4.00	7.00*	7.00	6.00	17.00
7	59128	FEVER	Jeff Hogan	212	2	8.00	7.00	4.00	13.00*	19.00
8	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	Richard Bigley	135	4	7.00	5.00	8.00*	8.00	20.00
9	3220	CHEAP THRILLS	Paul Paroff	186	3	6.00	7.00	11.00*	10.00	23.00
9	51496	PANDORA	Bob Connolly	188	2	11.00*	7.00	9.00	7.00	23.00
11	39110	KOOSAH	Dave Knowlton	177	4	9.00	6.00	10.00*	9.00	24.00
12	394	MAGIC	Hebry Brooks	186	2	11.00	7.00	11.00*	11.00	29.00
13	22884	CHRONOS	Scott Walker	168	1	10.00	7.00	12.00	13.00*	29.00
14	59944	SPEED RACER	Jimmy Grant	231	1	11.00	7.00	12.00*	12.00	30.00



Our PIYA Rep, Jan Vissor, was building an area wide youth sailing program. The Olympia youth program finally found a stable home at OYC. She worked to replace the a youth regatta circuit, which she had started, with a high school sailing program. That involved getting Olympia area schools on board, as well as the rest of the Sound. She started clinics at the Gorge for juniors. Jan really deserves an article in itself (are you listening Mike?).

I know I have missed things. For example, I didn't mention Clark McPhearson sponsoring the Budd Cup, a one time match racing regatta. He bought two thirty foot sister boats. Before he sold the second, he invited skippers to come match race them.

I'm counting on you who were there to help fill in what I missed, to tell me where I got it wrong. This, our fifty-first year, is a good time to tell us what you remember.

Of course you can write us about more than Club history. We still want to hear about sailing in the time of Covid. We want to hear from you.
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11.00	3220	CHEAP THRILLS	J 24	186	DNF	

Ditty Bag

For sale

Free charts: I have just found a bunch of nautical charts of the Puget Sound, Vancouver Island and British Columbia, neatly stored in tubes. These may be of value to some cruisers. They hopefully could find a good home in some one's boat. north.dahlhaus2015@gmail.com or phone (360) 736-4595

1977 Catalina 27 \$10,000 in very good shape, clean and ready for more adventures. Yamaha 9.9 4 stroke w/high output alternator almost new much more, Dennis at

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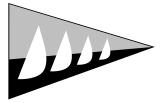
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