

Ship-to-Shore

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December Meeting: Potluck and Charity Auction

Our December Meeting is our annual potluck dinner and fundraising auction, Tuesday December 13, at the OYC. Please note the time change: Doors will open at 18:00, the potluck dinner starts at 18:30.

The auction will once again benefit the Thurston County Food Bank. Last year we raised \$23,015 for their programs. Judy Jones, Development Director for the Thurston County Food Bank, will be present at the Meeting to speak briefly about their programs and tell us how our donation will be used.

Please bring a main dish, salad, or desert for the potluck. It helps others if you place a label on your dish to warn of any allergens, such as dairy or nuts, if they are present. You may also want to label any gluten free dishes that you create. Please help us reduce waste and reduce plastic use by bringing your own place settings. Beverages will be provided.



The auction will feature goods and services donated by local businesses and individuals. Some of the donations featured this year include:

- \$200 gift certificate for Swantown Marina and Boatworks from Bob Berglund, NW Yachnet.
 - Four-hours of sailing instruction with ASA Sailing Instructor Bob Hake.
 - Four-hours of sailing instruction with ASA Sailing Instructor Robert Butts.
 - Two-hours of boat detailing including chemical charge by Trina Laur.
 - Four-hours of sailing instruction or leisure sail aboard *Puelche*, a Jeanneau 45.2, with ASA Sailing Instructor Rod Macaya.
 - Four-hours of docking, anchoring, or sailing instruction on your own boat with instructor Mary Campbell.
 - Sailboat Bottom Cleaning, Hull Inspection and Zinc Replacement (if needed) by Alan Hoffman.
 - Thinking about exploring the Inside Passage? In two, two-hour sessions Mary Campbell will help you think through what you need to do to outfit your boat, plan a route, and prepare yourself for a successful cruise.
 - Thinking about exploring the Haida Gwaii? In two, two-hour sessions Mary Campbell will help you think through what you need to do to outfit your boat, plan a route, and prepare yourself for a successful cruise.
 - Sailboat Hull Cleaning by Villines Diving Service.
 - Four-hours of skilled work or instruction from Meredith Anderson.
 - Aerial photography session of your boat or another subject of your choosing by Jim Larsen.
 - One digital print suitable for framing.
 - Up to 4-hours of rig tuning including dockside and dynamic/under sail tuning, Olympia only, by Jason Vannice and Aloft Marine.
- The list will grow as more donations are received.

Happy Holidays



Vashon Race, TYC December 3

first Southern Sound Series

Lighted Boats, OYC December 3

Board Meeting December 6

Hope Race Briefing December 7

Hope Island Race December 10

Holiday Meeting December 13

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 18:00 eating starts 18:30

Fun Sail December 25

Board Meeting January 3

Duwamish Head Race, TTYPC January 7

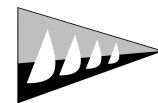
second Southern Sound Series

General Meeting January 10

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 18:30 Meeting starts 19:00

Community Sail : Stars Haul Out : PHRE Dues Due : Andrew Kerr Seminar



Your bid may be doubled in value through a matching gift. An anonymous donor has offered to match all bids with an equal contribution once we have raised at least \$10,000. And we have already received a donation of \$5,000, so we are halfway there!

As soon as we raise another \$5,000, the next \$5,000 we raise will be doubled. Let's go!

In keeping with our traditions, we are asking Members to decorate a wine bottle to sell in the auction. Several Members have indicated that they will be providing decorated wine bottles. If you have additional boating related high value items that you would like to donate for the auction, please contact me or Bob Butts.

Jim Larsen, TYA



Budd Inlet Star Fleet

In October the Star Racers met and made plans for next season. We are interested in getting more Stars out racing as there are many boats in the Olympia area. We are aiming for 12 or more boats on the water next year. Olympia adult sailing program, youth sailing program, and college students in the area were suggested as groups to contact.

Training is important to new Star racers. One way to get to know us is to volunteer for Race Committee. We plan to have a training session next spring on how to run the Race Committee including driving the run-about. There will also be training on Star tuning and introduction to racing. Ingrid Schonfield is our new Outreach Coordinator and will maintain the list of crew, skipper and Race Committee volunteers.

Our **next meeting** will be **March 6, 2023** likely at Tugboat Annie's. This is a good opportunity to find out more about planned activities and how to join the Budd Inlet Star

RC Report

Last month I mentioned the lack of wind this fall. Herron Island Race rewarded us with abundant wind. Several sailors enjoyed posting action videos, showing actual action! It's fun to see others view of their sailing experiences. I hope the Squaxin and Hope Island Races provided sun and 15 knot winds.

Save the date for the Andrew Kerr seminar. January 18th. More details in this newsletter.

Race Fees are still due. \$35 for the 2022-2023 season, September through August. Pay online via PayPal online on the SSSS web site at Home>

MemberLogin>QuartermasterStation, then the pull down below the burgees and hats, OR pay at the meeting, no cards, OR by check via snail mail.

Volunteer yourself or a crew member, Covid vaccinated, to assist Bill and Vicky on their committee boat *Transition*. They need at least one person for each race. The sooner you volunteer, the better chance of getting your preferred dates. For the racers serving as or on the committee boat at least once a year is a requirement. See NOR 2.2 and Sailing Instructions 16.7.

Participate. Remember, plan your holiday season to include race days.

Eric Egge, soon to be named Yamaha 33

top: Stars on the way to the haul out to the right Fleet members photos: Jim Findley

Fleet. The Stars are a one-design fleet so it is your skipper and crew's skill in

racing that decides how you cross the finish line. Our season runs May through August on Monday nights departing from West Bay Marina. We encourage you to show up under the porch at Tugboat Annie's if you want to volunteer,

We decided, as a trial for next year, to increase the hull number limit to 7804. Boats above 7200 will be considered as Grand Prix and the boats below will be considered Classic or Wood. This lets a few more boats into the fleet so we can continue to grow the fleet and keep the racing playing field level.

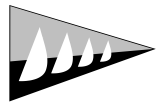
We were appreciative to have Darris Baldrige, SSSS Treasurer, come join us. We decided that Star Skippers dues will be \$40 per season and plan to collect dues when we put the boats in the water on April 15, 2023.

The **Black Star Regatta** will be a casual Saturday event planned for **April 29**. This will be a local regatta instead of an invitational event with the goal of getting everyone out on the water. We will have a get-together with food after the regatta.

Think wind and hope to see you on the water next year!

Cheryl Rogers UpStart





Southern Sound Series Report

The First Race of the 2022-23 Southern Sound Series, Winter Vashon, was December 3rd. The Duwamish Head Race is up next, kicking off the New Year on January 9th. That race is sponsored by the Three Tree Yacht Club, with the start off the Des Moines Marina. It goes north into Elliot Bay then across the Sound before returning to Des Moines.

If you are heading up from Olympia for the Race, spaces will be available Friday and Saturday nights at the TYC guest docks, if you do not want to go all the way in one day. Friday night dinner can be had at the TYC dining room. As you might expect, any conditions are possible this time of year. We've had windy sunny skies tempered with spray freezing on the deck to balmy drifters and everything in between!

If you are new to the Series, these races are the biggest draw in the southern Sound with boats ranging from Cal 20s to TP 52s and larger. Those of us, myself included, in the slower boat fleets get the earliest starts and get to watch as the faster boats play catch-up. If it is, as normal, a southerly wind, watching the rainbow of spinnakers behind you is quite a sight!

Beyond the normal PHRF fleets, there are also a Commodore's flying sails fleet, a non-flying sails Cruising fleet. Over the years, these races have been some of the most interesting and at times exciting races I've done. Being a part of a big race fleet is something special.

If you are new to racing and do not have a PHRF rating please contact Rafe Beswick at rafebeswick@hotmail.com, for a PHRF rating, or if sailing in the Commodore flying sails or Cruising non-flying sails fleets contact Richard Bigley at bendigo@comcast.net for a Series rating.

Keep an eye out for the posting of the 2022-23 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions on the Southern Sound Series web site at <http://www.ssseries.org>. Registration for the races this year will again be through Regatta Network which should be linked off the Series web site.

Watch for any updates in the Ship-to-Shore, or the Series web site at [ssseries.org](http://www.ssseries.org). We'll see you on the water!

**Jeff Johnson,
Folie `a Deux**



Cruise News Halloween

The Cruise was very well attended with a total of 14 boats and over 30 people. Loren Ferro, *Gitana*, was the winner of the costume contest, and she was a runner up for best decorated boat. Marvin Young and Fran Williams, *Pleiades*, won the contest for best decorated boat. Jim Findley, *Nightwind*, won the prize for the best pumpkin carving.



The weather for Friday and Saturday was clear with warm afternoon sunshine. It made life on the dock very comfortable. We were able to keep the sides rolled up on the picnic shelter for many of our gatherings. Sunday was wet and windy for the trip home, with strong southerlies and showers that gave a bumpy ride. *TYA* and *Soundhaven* stayed in Longbranch and came home Monday in calmer weather.



Halloween Cruise photos

photos: Jim Larsen

Jim Findley and I sailed our radio-controlled sailboats in the Marina on Saturday.

Pastor John Day and three members of the Longbranch Community Church joined with our own Cruise Chair to provide a bluegrass jam session after dinner. There were lots of familiar sing-along songs and even some dancing going on.

The Club provided a hot waffle breakfast on Sunday. Nina Goodrich, Diane Rudi, Richard Bigley, and Mary Campbell teamed up to do the cooking. Rod Tharp and Susan McRae loaned us the cook stoves and the waffle recipe. Waffle toppings were provided by the Cruise attendees.

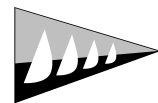
You will find more pictures of the event in the Facebook Group for South Sound Sailing Society.

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported this fun event. Next year's event is already on the calendar. Our next Halloween Cruise will be October 27, 28, and 29 at the Longbranch Marina in Filucy Bay.

Jim Larsen, TYA

PHRF Dues Due by Duwamish

PHRF dues are due January 1 and TTPYC will be checking. Here at SSSS we give you a grace period, till Toliva, but why wait? Renew now. Our dues are what funds PHRF, a volunteer organization of/for racers. We could not race without it.



Sailing Education

The **Andrew Kerr Seminar**, a chalk talk with North American and World Champion and Coach Andrew Kerr, will be held **Wednesday evening 18:00-21:00, January 18th** at Westbay Marina's View Point Room (below Tugboat Annie's Restaurant). *There will not be a Zoom option.*

Andrew Kerr will return for a one-night seminar on Sail Trim, Starting Tactics, and Strategy. He will answer questions about tuning your boat for optimum performance in any sailing conditions.

Andrew has been a full-time racing coach for the past 35 years in many places, including for North U and Kerr Sailing. Andrew has a calm demeanor in his coaching approach to maximize every team's performance, from America's Cup Crews to Weekend Warriors. He has helped many teams win championships from regional to North American to World Championships.

All are invited: Members, non-members, and crew. *Admission is \$10, an amazing value.* Cash or check at the door.

Food and beverages are available by ordering upstairs at Tugboat Annie's for curb service delivery in the Viewpoint Room. *Arrive early to order and socialize.*

If you have specific areas or subjects you'd like Andrew to address at the seminar, email him at KerrSailing@aol.com. If you have any questions about the event, contact Eric Egge at rcchair@sssscclub.com

Derek DeCouteau,
Assistant RC Chair

Participate

SSSS has no facilities. Our activities and Members are the Club. To get the full benefits of being a Member you need to be an active Member. You need to participate out on the water.

We are first and foremost a racing club: our most numerous and best attended events are our PHRF races. Join us and come race. Get on a race crew. You will learn a lot racing, and make friends.

Or race your boat. Members will help you get started, if you ask. That is about the only way to learn to really sail. To race you do not need a modern race boat, just a boat similar to yours.

Steve Worcester

SSSS, OYC, Olympia Community Sailing team up for First Monthly Community Sunday Sail

October 23rd dawned sunny, with light winds and about 15 wannabe sailors meeting at the docks at Port Plaza. This was our first Sunday Sail, free to the Olympia community and was a perfect palette for introducing new sailors to the world many of us in these three clubs take for granted.

Our new sailors ranged in age from mid-20's to 70 and smiles were all around as we watched seals, sails and surf scoters fly by our flotilla. A couple of morning dock walkers were even enticed to join us and had a great time. Skippers included Grant Tibbetts, Rod Macaya, Alan Hoffman, and Mary Fitzgerald.

Our purpose is to reach out to the broader Olympia community and let them learn more about our three organizations and learn a little about sailing. We do not charge for this event, but donations can be made to the Olympia Community Sailing folks on their web site or through Mary Fitzgerald.

Our next Sunday Sail is the Sunday

sail is November 27th and regularly scheduled for, usually, the fourth Sunday of the month. Once again we will meet at the dock at Port Plaza at 1300 at the dock in front of Anthony's seafood restaurant. Some boats may be at the dock, others will still be in their

home berths and as we split up crews, they will disperse to various marinas.

December's Sunday Sail has been scheduled for the third Sunday, the 18th at 12 noon as it gets dark earlier. The fourth Sunday is Christmas day. If you would like to join us as a boat skipper or as a sailor, we have many former sailing students taking part, please rsvp me so we have enough boats for crew, contact info below. If you are part of a group or organization that would like to take part in a specific Sunday sail date, please let us know a month ahead of time so we can organize and meet the needs of your group.

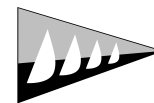
Fair winds, hope to see you on the water.

Mary Fitzgerald
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Olymfitz@hotmail.com



Aboard the *Clara McDougal* : Kristi Ferguson, Keving Tientchen, Amy Navine and Dave Threedy, and skipper Mary Fitzgerald below first-time sailor Kevin Tientchen helming photos: Mary Fitzgerald





Herron Island Race November 5

Island Series Race 2 1

Transition was RC Boat, Jody V was Mark boat

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
Div. Green Start Time: 10:00 Distance: 24.5 nm						
0.75	175	TRICKSTER		46	13:16:03	12:57:16
2.00	79	RUFUS	MEL	93	13:47:07	13:09:09
3.00	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	13:47:15	13:17:51
4.00	12	PAX		10	13:24:58	13:20:53
5.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	13:53:26	13:24:02
6.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	84	14:06:06	13:31:48
7.00	69432	SUNNISU	HOB33	96	14:19:43	13:40:31
8.00	007	007	J 99	81	14:18:19	13:45:15
9.00	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	C&C SR33	78	14:25:57	13:54:06
10.00	33	GRU	CORS 300	48	DNF	
Div. Pink Start Time: 09:30 Distance: 20.8 nm						
0.75	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	13:35:59	12:34:37
2.00	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	156	13:37:16	12:43:11
3.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	144	13:33:41	12:43:46
4.00	63337	DASH	BEN 345	153	13:30:37	12:37:35
5.00	241	INDIGO	CATA 380	147	13:50:40	12:59:42
6.00	69667	SASSY	C&C34	129	14:07:59	13:23:16
7.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	207	DNF	
7.00	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	188	DNF	

FYI

As of January 1st 2022 the Sailing Education Program transferred management from the Olympia Yacht Club, to the Olympia Community Sailing (OCS), a 501c3 Non-Profit. All programs continue to operate uninterrupted at the lovely OYC, *however the oychighschoolsailing@gmail.com address is now dormant.* We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you are attempting to reach Sarah Hanavan, have questions about the Varsity Sailing Team, or other programs, please email Sarah at: Sarah Hanavan, Executive Director, executivedirector@olympiacomunitysailing.org

Ditty Bag For sale

Cal 25 1975 with Honda 9.9 ob, skif, and four sails. \$2,000 or best offer. Interested? Contact Thom (360) 456-3339

These ads are free for Members, run three months, and can be renewed. Contact me by the Meeting to be listed.

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S-t-S Seeks Sailing Stories

Winter is upon us. The summer's cruise is just a memory. Why not keep that memory alive by sharing it? Tell us about the best day. Or the best stop. Or the worst. Maybe it's been long enough that it is time to purge that bad experience by turning it into a good story? Maybe one we can all learn from? Share.

Eagle Island Race October 22

RC Boat: *Transition* Mark boat: *Deviled Egges*
Race Abandoned

Squaxin Island Race November 19

RC Boat: *Transition*
Race Abandoned

RC Boat, "*Liberty* is the [unofficial] winner, being well ahead when the tide turned."

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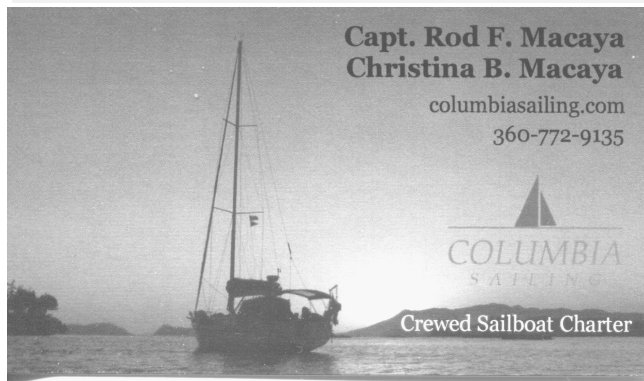
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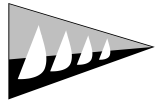
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