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February Meeting: Lynda Mapes NW Dams and Salmon : Model Sailboats

For our February 8th Meeting, Lynda Mapes will discuss dam removal in Washington State and beyond. From the Nooksack River to the Elwha to the White Salmon, dam removal has emerged from a radical idea to a mainstream tool for solving community infrastructure problems and rebuilding the native ecology of Washington. Lynda will also discuss the Lower Snake River dam controversy, and the biggest dam removal to date on track for 2023 with four dams scheduled for removal on the Klamath River. Lynda will also discuss natural solutions for flood control as an alternative under discussion on the Chehalis River, home to one of the last best Chinook runs in the State. The Quinault and Chehalis tribes are advocating for solutions based on floodplain restoration and forest conservation rather than a dam.

Lynda is a reporter at the Seattle Times where she specializes in coverage of nature and the environment and Indigenous governments and cultures. She also is the author of six books, including *Orca Shared Waters Shared Home*, published by Braided River in June, 2021 and winner of the National Outdoor Book Award for nature and the environment. Kirkus Reviews named *Orca* one of the top 100 non-fiction books of 2021. She lives in Seattle.

In addition, Dan Shier will discuss the Olympia Model Sailors, which is a sailing group that operates model radio-controlled sailboats. The organization's mission is to promote sailing, get new radio sailors started, and hold twice monthly racing regattas following big boat RRS rules.

Based on Dan's experiences, he has found that a large number of top radio sailors are also big boat sailors, and there are an increasing number of SSSS sailors who have purchased these model sailboats.

At the time this is being written, COVID-19 cases are increasing and, as a result, we are planning that this will be a Zoom Meeting. The link to register will be e-mailed to Members in late February.

The Zoom Doors will open at 18:30 and the Meeting will begin at 19:00.

We hope you will join us.

Bob Butts, Emma Lee



Squaxin Island Race photo by Bob Butts



Glines Canyon Dam Removal National Park Service

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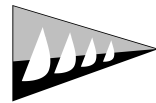
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Toliva Shoal Race

Our Southern Sound Series Race is the SSSS/OYC Toliva Shoal Race on February 19th. Being our race, we'd like to see SSSS racers out on our home waters.

The Race heads out Budd Inlet from the Olympia Shoal start line, leaves the Nisqually mark #3, Anderson Island, Toliva Shoal mark, and Eagle Island, and Balch Passage mark #1 to port, then back to the finish off the Olympia Shoal mark, 38.4 nm.

This is a great tour of the south Sound and should see more than forty boats in eight fleets out for the race. *Come join us!*

Jeff Johnson, Folie `a Deux

Come Race Toliva Shoal

It's been two years since the last Toliva Shoal, and this year's race promises to be one of the most exciting in the event's history. 2022 marks the 51st anniversary, and a dinner, breakfast, and post-race gathering in the OYC clubhouse are planned. Of course, we live in unpredictable times, so the Southern Sound Series's web site ssseries.org, and the SSSS Facebook page will feature updates as the race gets closer.

For now, the dinner is scheduled for Friday, February 18 (see Thera's article this S-t-S, ed.) and the race will take place on Saturday, February 19. We will not know for certain until right before the race, but we anticipate around 50-60 boats.

The Toliva Shoal Race, co-sponsored by the South Sound Sailing Society and Olympia Yacht Club, is part of the Southern Sound Series, which includes four races spaced one month apart, each offering a unique race course in a scenic part of the Salish Sea. February's event is the third race in the series. Members of any PIYA-affiliated club are invited to participate.

Registration takes place *online only* in this year of the continued pandemic. To register go to the Southern Sound Series web site, ssseries.org where the sailing instructions are posted. There you can also see who else has registered, and the Race results when it is over, and register for the next race in the Series, the Islands Race out of Gig Harbor.

Thank you for participating in this Race during the pandemic. Good luck and stay safe! Think of all the tales (and ales!) we can exchange when we finally meet in person together again. For additional information, contact me at frankmighetto@gmail.com

Frank Mighetto

Toliva Race Weekend What Do You Think?

Normally at this time of year I'm coming to tell you about February's Toliva festivities and encouraging you to attend the Best Party of the Southern Sound Series. You know we like to do a big throw-down on Friday night and come back with a hot breakfast on Saturday morning before simmering up huge vats of soup for post-race repast. We get multiple kegs for the weekend. This is when I'd be looking for volunteers to make it all happen and drafting various lists for procurement and logistics.

That was in the Before Times. As you can imagine, planning any kind of social event these days is really challenging. Toliva Race Weekend is no exception.

At the moment I can't say for sure what we'll do other than it won't be our traditional roast beef dinner on Friday and big hot breakfast on Saturday. Too many wildcards in play right now. That said, I know there is interest in having a dinner event if conditions will allow, and some kind of post-race gathering.

What I don't know is how comfortable people will feel about gathering indoors in a social setting such as we'd be looking at for Toliva, presumably on the back end of Omicron. Attendees are

expected to be vaccinated. Realistically, opportunities for social distancing will be modest, and eating and drinking will make mask wearing spotty at best. People have different levels of comfort these days with being in social settings like a Toliva event, even with pandemic precautions. It is a big factor influencing what we should be planning for in terms of food, beverage, and logistics.

That's where I could use your help, please.

I have a simple one question Survey Monkey poll out to gauge likely interest in attending a Toliva Dinner Party on February 18th. This is not reservations or any commitment to attend, just a gut check: *if we host a dinner party, are you likely to attend?* Click on or follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Toliva> It'll take less than a minute to complete. Thanks for helping us assess the situation. As we confirm details we'll update the web site.

Thera Black

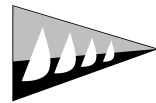
S-t-S Report: Toliva Photos Sought

2022 Toliva racers will be part of history, The Pandemic Race, something to tell your grand children about. And we want photos, for next month, for history. Go racing and take your camera (Eld Inlet photos would not be frowned on).

We would also like your Toliva stories from your more memorable Races. We are counting on you, our Members.



Duwamish Head Race photo by Jeff Johnson



Cruise News

Jarrell Cove, February 25-27

Please join us as we cruise to Jarrell Cove State Park on February 25, 26, and 27, 2022. The Olympia Model Sailors club will be joining us for a demo sail at noon on Saturday. Model boats will be available for Members who want to try a few heats of racing model sailboats.

The dock at Jarrell Cove has electricity, but no water. Park mooring buoys are also abundant. There is a pump-out dock. Campsites are available on shore.

The current ebbs in our favor in Dana Passage on Friday from Noon until 19:30. It ebbs on Saturday from 13:00 until 20:00. The flood tide for a return home on Sunday are from 10:00 to 14:00. You can always get out of Dana Passage on an incoming tide by playing the back eddies on the southern shore. You can always get into Dana Passage on an ebb tide by hugging the north shore along Harstine Island. There is a -1.2 tide on Saturday night. Depth at the end of the long dock is 7'11", depth at mid dock is 6'4" at a 0 tide. Please save the space at the end of the dock for the deep draft boats.

We will be taking precautions to keep everyone safe as we cruise in the time of COVID. We will be responsive to health department guidance on meeting in groups and take prudent precautions. This event could be canceled if warranted by local health mandates.

The CDC currently recommends against potlucks and family style serving of meals. So we will gather at 18:00 on Saturday evening and people can bring their own dinners in a "no-share" potluck, or just bring your favorite beverage and join us around the camp fire.

Joint Cruise to Island Home, March 18-20

The Olympia Yacht Club has invited us to join them for a joint cruise to their beautiful outstation at Island Home on March 18, 19, and 20, 2022. This is a new date for the event. The weekend activities will include an appetizer potluck on Friday evening, a prepared meal on Saturday evening, and a grab-and-go snack for Sunday breakfast. As guests, we will be on kitchen duty for the Saturday meal. The Yacht Club is was rescheduled from January to avoid some low tides.

asking us to be responsible for planning the menu for the Saturday meal, which we will be responsible for preparing and serving.

Attendance at the indoor events is not required. If your personal Covid protocols restrict you from socializing indoors, you are welcome to come enjoy the docks and the grounds for this special weekend.

It is **very important** that we receive an **RSVP** from those Members planning to attend. We need an idea on attendance for meal planning and staffing for the Saturday kitchen duties. Please register your interest in attending this event by signing up for the event on the SSSS Facebook Events page, or by sending an email to cruises@ssssclub.com.

Jim Larsen

RC Report

The Inlet Series continues. When you read this the Series is half gone, meaning half is yet to enjoy. Skookum and McAllister Races are coming up March 12 and April 2. Also if you enjoy the longer races, consider sailing the Toliva Shoals race February 19

Our annual Andrew Kerr Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday March 16th. This seminar will tune up your boat handling and tactics for the upcoming racing. Andrew promotes communication within the team on board, so

bring your crew!

Andrew is a world class sailor with an amazing skill of explaining sailing concepts in simple terms. Currently we are planning an in-person group at the View Point Room, downstairs from Tugboat Annie's, with optional Zoom participation. Last year, the Club provided the seminar at no cost. This year we will charge \$10 per person in an effort



Eagle Island Race photo by Bob Butts

to recover some of the costs. This is an amazing opportunity to learn from one of the best! More details to come on the web site and the March S-t-S.

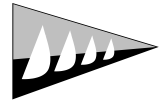
Andrew Kerr was born in Plymouth, England and graduated from the London School of Economics with a Bachelors degree in Government and Politics. He is resident of Olympia, Washington and his wife Stephanie is a former America's Cup Sailor with the all woman's team America 3 in the 1995 America's Cup. Andrew has won 28 National and North American Championships in a wide variety of classes ranging from the J24 to the J80, J27, antana 20 and many more. A full time coach for the past 35 years with North U and Kerrsailing, his goal is to maximize every teams performance and help them accomplish all of their goals. Teams he has coached have won numerous Major regattas as well as Regional, National, North American and World Championships in classes ranging from the J80, Farr 40, Benetau 40.7, J120, J80, ID 35, T10, S2 7.9, Ensign, J22, J24, Melges 24, J27, J35, J105, J109, Mumm / Farr 30 and countless more.

Eric Egge, *Fjord*, rcchair@ssssclub.com

Sailboat Maintenance 101 Continues

February 7, 28, and March 7

For information see our web site or contact Bob at programs@ssssclub.com



Southern Sound Series Report Duwamish Head A Perfect Race!

Duwamish Head, the second of the Southern Sound Series races on January 8th could not have been better. Following heavy rain on Thursday and gale winds on Friday, race day brought partly cloudy skies and steady winds of 8 to 15 knots. The best conditions for a January race in many many years!

The week's earlier rains and then the heavy winds caused several boats to decide not to make the transit for the race. With COVID spiking and those conditions it is understandable why that decision was made. The COVID spike led us to decide not to have *Folie* join in the Race. After *Koosah* made a "full conditions" transit, I met Dave Knowlton and *Koosah* at TYC with the intent of helping them onto the dock. My help was not needed but Dave related that two of his planned crew could not make the race due to the flooding of I-5 and closure of the Amtrac train route. I related that if needed, I could join him for the race rather than leave him short-handed. That was a great decision!

Koosah's early morning transit from TYC to the race sponsor's TTPYC start was encouraging with peaks of sun and steady winds. It was easy to decide not to reef with the downwind start. The Cruising NFS and Commodore start went smoothly with a strong beam/broad reach. The spinnaker boats tended to go out to mid-channel for the sail toward Three Tree Point with easier spinnaker sets. Heading north, we enjoyed watching the rainbow of colorful spinnakers of boats trying to catch up with our cruising fleets. It only took just a couple of gybes and then wing on wing to reach Alki Point. With the southwesterly winds, after rounding Alki, it was a quick reach to the Duwamish Head mark. We

were all pleased to be rounding the mark by noon and fifth of all racers! It was classic to watch the racing sleds douse their A-syms and head west with crews lined up on the windward rails.

After rounding the mark, with sails trimmed and an occasional buried rail, it was a quick hour crossing to Blakely Rock. We were all somewhat surprised to think that we might do a full 30.7 nm race in daylight, in January! After a quick debate, and even with two crew unfamiliar with *Koosah*, a quick reef was set and the



Duwamish Head Race
Jeff Johnson helming *Koosah*
photo by Dave Knowlton



Duwamish Head Race photo by Jeff Johnson

beat back to Des Moines began. As is standard aboard *Koosah*, Dave treated his crew to fresh baked lasagna and Caesar salad between shifts trimming sails and manning the helm. The starboard tack was strongly favored but getting back to the finish line required several zero velocity made good tacks. Planning a route and tacks was key. A few boats stayed to the western shore but suffered lighter winds, mid channel was definitely the preferred line. After rounding Three Tree Point, *Koosah* swapped tacks and then work to

SSSS boats at TTPYC's Duwamish Head Race

Second Southern Sound Series Race

Rock Paper Scissors 6	PHRF4	26	OA	
Korina Korina	7	PHRF4	27	OA
Koosah	1	NFS		
Emma Lee	4	Commodore		
Strider		DNC	PHRF7	

maintain her lead over faster rated boats *Les Chavaux Blancs* and *Charlie* for a near photo finish. There were smiles all around as *Koosah* crossed the line and got the gun.

Personally, and as I'm sure many who started sailing on *Koosah* will understand, Dave's smile was especially appreciated. Thinking back, my first PHRF race was Duwamish Head with Dave on *Koosah* back in 2010. Dave gave a great introduction to racing on the Sound with Dave mentoring early morning starts and finishes in the dark. It was nice to see my name still on *Koosah's* bulkhead, designating my space along with all those others who have sailed with Dave before and since. *Koosah* and Dave have touched so many sailors and I'm proud to be one of

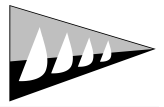
those fortunate crew members.

While we headed back to TYC, we enjoyed toasting with beers and finger foods. Amazing, we were tied to the TYC dock before dark. What a day, by far the best of the thirteen

Duwamish Head races since I started racing. Thinking of all the mid-west and northeastern boats that are on the hard for the winter makes you really appreciate that we can sail and race year round.

Speaking of year round, the next Southern Sound Series Races is the SSSS/OYC Toliva Shoal Race on February 19th. Being our race, we'd like to see SSSS racers out on our home waters. *Come join us!*

Jeff Johnson, *Folie`a Deux*



To Learn to Sail

One Thanksgiving many years ago I was visiting family in Seattle when my friend Bruce asked me to come by. His brother was visiting and wanted to know how to learn to sail. This is what I told him:

Buy a boat and go sailing. A small one design boat, a dinghy, one with a large class and an active fleet in your area. Then buy the book. If the class is large, there will be a book on how to sail the boat, or now days, at least a good web site. Read it. Go sailing, a lot. When you can get around the course, join the local fleet and go racing.

You want a small one design boat for several reasons. It is much more responsive than a heavier boat, making it easier to learn on and more fun to sail. One definition of high performance: a small change in trim equals a *noticeable* increase in speed. You learn better and faster with a responsive boat. Almost all the great helmsmen learned in small boats. And you can buy a used boat for not a lot, then resell it later without taking a big hit.

You want a large one design class because they have figured out how to sail the boat. There will be a book, and/or web site, on what the class has learned about sailing the boat. Plus there will also be information on fixing just about any problem you might have. At least one person has had your problem and fixed it somehow.

An active local fleet is most important. Racing with them will teach you how to sail your boat. Learn by watching: same boat, same sails, so what is he doing your not? Ask, you will be told. They will help you learn. That is how a fleet/class grows and if it is a large class they have learned that lesson. They may even help you find a used boat to buy.

You really can not learn sail trim without boats to compare your speed with. You may think you are moving well you, until someone in the same type of boat blows by you. To learn to use the wind and currents you also need other boats to compare courses with. Most races are won by the boat that sailed the shortest distance without sacrificing speed. You do not know if you read the course well and found the shortest way to your destination without someone taking a different route. And it is on the race course you find boats to compare to. Which is why I say you need to race to really learn to sail.

Most importantly, sail a lot. You learn to sail by sailing.

That was the advice I gave then and I would say the same now. Of course that is just how to get started. There is always more to learn.

Steve Worcester

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Sailing Program Auction

The auction to support the junior sailing program has been relegated to online only because of COVID. It will start February 5th and go through the 12th. To participate take out your phone and photograph the graphic on the right.



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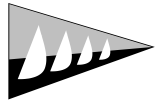
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