

Ship-to-Shore

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January Meeting: Are you Prepared

Are you Prepared for Drenching Rain and Gale Force Winds? Have you ever been cruising or racing when the wind picked up, the waves got bigger, and you were surrounded by a plethora of whitecaps? Or, been in a South Sound Sailing Race when rain soaked through your gloves, rain jacket, and pants and you began shivering, but did not want your crew mates to notice? Were you in the 2014 Eagle Island Race, or have you heard about it, when the winds picked up in the late-afternoon and a sailboat capsized and Jay Berglund, a Member, drown? Are you and your boat prepared to thrive in gale force winds and cold, wet weather?

Our January 11th Meeting will feature a video prepared for SSSS by Erik Aanderaa, the Modern Day Viking. Eric posts many of his adventures sailing from Norway to Iceland, Greenland, and beyond in a YouTube Channel entitled No Bullshit, Just Sailing.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ErikAanderaa/featured>. In his video for the Meeting, Erik will highlight the safety features incorporated into his boat, the clothes he wears to stay warm, how he responds to extreme winds and weather, and a few exciting clips from his journeys.

In addition to Erik, Member and veteran cruiser Mary Campbell will share her tips for dressing for success in wet and windy weather she has learned in her trips to Haida Gwaii, the Inside Passage, and the Gulf of Alaska. Jason Vannice, owner of Aloft Marine, will discuss his recent trip from the San Juan Islands to Olympia when he encountered huge waves and gale force winds. He also will outline steps that sailboat owners can take to prepare their boats for heavy weather. In addition, Charlie Norman will discuss a storm he traveled through in Massachusetts Bay delivering a boat from Annapolis to Maine. As a bonus, we will ask other Members to tell of their encounters with windy, crappy weather and their recommendations for being prepared.

This will be a hybrid event with an option to attend on Zoom or attend in-person at the Olympia Yacht Club (201 Simmons St NW). The Board has decided that COVID-19 vaccination is a requirement for in-person meetings. We are asking people to police themselves and use the honor system for vaccination compliance.

The Zoom registration link to participate in the Meeting online has been e-mailed out to Members. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Meeting virtually. If you plan to attend in person, there is no need to register.

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

We hope you, your guests, and others who are interested in the sailing safely in inclement weather will join us.

Bob Butts, Emma Lee



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**Board Meeting
January 4**

**Duwamish Head Race,
TTPYC**

**January 8
Second Southern Sound Series Race**

**General Meeting
January 11
Visitors Welcome**

**Race Briefing
January 19**

**Eld Inlet Race
January 22**

**Board Meeting
February 1**

**Race Briefing
February 2**

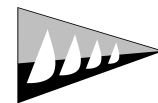
**Henderson Inlet Race
February 5**

**General Meeting
February 8
Visitors Welcome**

**Race Briefing
February 16**

**Toliva Shoal Race
SSSS/OYC
February 18-19
third Southern Sound Series Race**

\$20k for Food Bank! : Sailboat Maintenance 101 : SSSS Fifth Decade



Commodore's Corner: Sailing in Weather

So we're crossing the Strait of Juan de Fuca south from Lopez Island. It's a typical PNY day, six-foot breakers even though there's no wind. And OMG the fog!

Rule #1 of sailing in weather is "wait for better weather." I get it. But we had a schedule to keep. Rule #2 is don't sail on a schedule. I get it.

So there we were, watching marinetransit.org on the phone and calling out to targets on channel 16. "Two small sailboats southwest of Smith Island, don't run over us please!"

"Roger Kind of Blue, we see you on radar."

While it was super fun hearing the engines of a 1,000 foot bulk carrier then getting bounced in the wake, it was not exactly relaxing to never see the ship. Then comes a 50 foot power boat ripping past us at 25 knots. No AIS, no fog horn, no running lights. Thanks guys. Good luck with that!

Sailboats aren't made for sunny days. As much as we joke about being fair

weather sailors, sunny days are actually kind of boring. When NOAA broadcasts a small craft warning, most of us think Yayy! Wind! The reality of sailing in Puget Sound is that we can often see four seasons of weather in the same day, even snow and ice if it's Toliva weekend!

Given that our boats are, mostly, rainproof it follows that we should be too. I love winter sailing! Winter means having the whole bay to myself, unlimited choices of anchorage, and no jet skis playing tag while we're trying to tack. Assuming the running lights are working, a good source of cabin heat, and foulies to stay warm or dry, rarely both at once, winter sailing can be rewarding and fun.

Don't forget to come out for our January 14, Meeting to hear our own Mary Campbell talk about coping with weather while sailing Alaska's Inside Passage. Doors open at 18:30, meeting starts at 19:00. Happy Holidays!

Alan Hoffman

Sailboat Maintenance 101

Beginning in late January, the SSSS will be offering a series of Zoom sessions on sailboat maintenance. It will be designed for new boat owners and those of us who have owned sailboats for years but want to learn more about keeping the boat afloat and the systems working.

Topics that we plan to cover include *(subject to the availability of experts)*:

Electrical systems installation, replacement, and troubleshooting:



Eagle Island Race photo by Bob Butts

batteries, wiring, solar panels, connectors, etc.

Diesel engine maintenance, troubleshooting, and repowering

Sails and Rigging selection, purchase, maintenance, and repair

Hull and deck fiberglass and woodwork/teak maintenance and repair: bottom paint, gel coat refurbishing/repair, teak refinishing

Electronic systems: wind indicators, chart plotters, auto pilots, AIS, etc.; selection, installation, networking, and troubleshooting

The Zoom sessions will be on Monday evenings from 19:00-20:30 on the following dates: January 24; February 7, 28; and March 7 and 14.

An e-mail will be sent to members in early January with the Zoom registration link and the topic for the first meeting. Put the dates on your calendar and await further information.

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

SSSS's Fifth Decade

As our fiftieth anniversary year comes to a close and we start the second year of our next fifty, it is time to finish my short history of the Club. However we stay interested in our history and always welcome and encourage your version and remembrances.

The last decade is just too recent to have a clear perspective, so I won't even try to write about all that happened. Instead I will just mention a few of the major events and changes.

We became legal again this decade. We caught up with the changes in the tax laws that did away with our old legal status. We are now a 501(c)7. That means we do not have to pay income tax on our dues, race fees, etc. Despite the fact we easily qualified, this was no small feat.

Our regular programs remained active: dinghy, Star, and PHRF racing, Club cruising, LifeSling Clinic, Andrew Kerr classes ... And we started a couple events that had a run of a few years.

We hosted a day of sailing for wounded veterans from Fort Lewis. It

ended for the best of reasons, there were no more recovering veterans to take sailing.

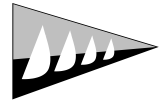
We hosted a Women's Boating Seminar for several years. It filled a need and should not be forgotten just because it is no longer.

The decade ended with the first year of CoVid. All our programs were at best reduced, if not canceled. Not the strong note one wants the decade to go out on as you turn fifty. But maybe the fact we were still doing any thing is a sign of strength. I would like to think so. We will see. The next fifty years are up to you.

Steve Worcester

PHRF Dues Due

PHRF dues were due January first. They will be/were checked at Duwmish Head. SSSS gives you a grace period, until the Toliva Shoal Race. But why wait? Do it now. Get it done.



RC Report

Have you noticed the daylight hours getting longer? If you survived the winter solstice, celebrate by using your boat!

Eld Inlet Race: Another short distance race is up January 22nd for our annual trip into Eld Inlet. Rounding Cooper Point is a refreshing change. Do you trust your depth sounder? As the winter season continues, always check the web site during the week before each race for potential changes, addenda, to the Sailing Instructions. The official changes will be posted on the SSSS web site under Racing>PHRF>Sailing Instructions, as addenda to the standard sailing instructions.

New Assistant Race Chair: I'm happy to announce that Derek DeCouteau of *Aurora* has agreed to serve as Assistant Race Chair. Derek brings a wide range of experience including dinghies, one design and big boat racing. He'll be a good influence on our racing program!

Have you started or finished a race lately? Ongoing thanks are due for Bill, Vicki and Bob on *Transition*. These

volunteers provide professional quality race management for the racers enjoyment. Give them a wave!

Andrew Kerr Seminar scheduled for Wednesday March 16th

This seminar will tune up your boat handling and tactics for the upcoming



Eagle Island Race photo by Bob Butts

racing. Take 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 with optional Zoom participation. Stay tuned.

Race Fair,

Eric Egge Fjord

Eld Inlet Race Briefing

We will have our Race Briefing on January 19 for the Eld Inlet Race, which is scheduled for the following Saturday on January 22. We will discuss the results of the Hope Island and Duwamish Head Races and the course, currents, weather, and strategies for the Eld Inlet Race. We will also explore how to have successful starts.

Skippers, crew, and especially individuals who are interested in crewing are encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity to match up individuals who want

to crew with skippers.

An e-mail with the Zoom link will be e-mailed out to Members in early January. Non-members who want to attend may get the link by e-mailing programs@ssssclub.com. Join us.

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Island Series

RC Boat : *Transition*.

No Over All in Series as the Divisions sailed differennr course

place	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Skipper Name	Rating	#Str	Eld	Herron	Squax	Hope	Total
Div. Green Races: 1 to 4, 1 throw out * = throw out										
1	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	Dave Elliott	72	4	0.75	4.00*	2.00	0.75	3.50
2	12	PAX	Rod Tharp	10	4	8.00*	0.75	0.75	7.00	8.50
3	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	Mel Schaefer	90	3	2.00	3.00	5.00*	4.00	9.00
4	38044	MAKO	Vannice/Cassal	30	3	6.00*	2.00	5.00	5.00	12.00
5	18324	ROCK PAPER SCIS	Hans Seegers	72	3	3.00	7.00*	5.00	6.00	14.00
6	10115	ZIG ZAG	Aaron Schofield	75	2	5.00	5.00	5.00	9.00*	15.00
7	007	007	Scott Rowley	81	3	9.00	10.00*	4.00	2.00	15.00
8	35	ANGEL EYES	Tim DuMontier	78	2	4.00	13.00*	4.00	9.00	17.00
9	69051	SPIRIT	Steve Jones	81	2	10.00	11.00*	5.00	3.00	18.00
10	79	RUFUS	Tucker Smyth	93	1	10.00*	6.00	5.00	9.00	20.00
11	69432	SUNNISU	Matt Miles	96	2	7.00	9.00*	5.00	9.00	21.00
12	60	PERIL	Mike Visser	111	2	9.00*	8.00	4.00	9.00	21.00
13	175	TRICKSTER	Rafe Bewswick	46	1	10.00	13.00*	3.00	9.00	22.00
Div. Pink Races: 1 to 4, 1 throw out * = throw out										
1	29718	AURORA	Chery Bideman	156	4	3.00	0.75	5.00*	0.75	4.50
2	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	Jeff Johnson	132	4	2.00	2.00	0.75	6.00*	4.75
3	69927	BALDER II	Myra Downing	144	3	0.75	9.00*	4.00	2.00	6.75
4	63337	DASH	Garner Miller	135	4	4.00*	3.00	3.00	3.00	9.00
5	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	Richard Bigley	135	3	5.00	10.00*	2.00	5.00	12.00
6	59924	ECHO	Steve Miller	156	4	12.00*	6.00	5.00	4.00	15.00
7	69804	REIFF	Tom Nelson	123	2	6.00	5.00	6.00	9.00*	17.00
8	69825	GRENDLE	John Sherman	195	2	11.00*	4.00	6.00	9.00	19.00
9	39110	KOOSAH	Dave Knowlton	177	4	9.00*	7.00	5.00	8.00	20.00
10	1102	FJORD	Eric Egge	195	1	7.00	10.00*	6.00	9.00	22.00
10	51496	PANDORA	Bob Connolly	188	2	8.00	10.00*	5.00	9.00	22.00
12	427	DESERT SAGE	Alberto Napuli	147	2	13.00*	10.00	6.00	7.00	23.00
13	2222	PENOZIEQUAH	Richard Wells	231	1	14.00*	8.00	6.00	9.00	23.00
14	5421	EMMA LEE	Bob Butts	225	2	10.00*	10.00	5.00	9.00	24.00
15	64985	LIBERTY	Andy Saller	141	1	14.00*	10.00	5.00	9.00	24.00
16	69667	SASSY	Mike Gowrylow	129	1	13.00*	10.00	6.00	9.00	25.00
16	79128	COLOR MY WORLD	Mark Holt	225	1	13.00*	10.00	6.00	9.00	25.00

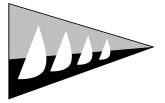
Duwamish Head Race

One week after this S-t-S mails TTPYC's Duwamish Head Race, the second Southern Sound Series Race, happens. You can register, and/or, when it is over, see the results at ssseries.org.

Toliva is Coming

While you are there, you can sign up for the third Series Race, our own, the Toliva Shoal Race, happening next month. As of now, we are planning on a pre Race dinner, though not as elaborate as normal.

SSSS boats at TYC's Vashon Island Race First Southern Sound Series Race		
Peril	2 PHRF5	16 OA
Korina Korina	5 PHRF4	31 OA
Folie `a Deux	7 PHRF7	33 OA
Intrepid	8 PHRF4	36 OA
Koosah	1 NFS	
Jolly Rumbalow	2 NFS	
Emma Lee	4 Commodore	



SSSS Raises > \$20,000 for the Food Bank

Our 2021 charity auction for the Thurston County Food bank was a great success. At the time of this writing, the total for the donations is at \$20,350! This compares to \$8,600 in 2020. Thank you to all who participated in person and online.



Our Zoom team above
Our dinner below, the bar team below right
Photos by Steve Worcester

We could not have raised this money without the generous donations from individuals, vendors, and local businesses that joined with us to help feed the hungry people in our community. Our special thanks go to the donors for this year's event. 2021 Donors:

- Aloft Marine**, Jason Vannice
- Gull Harbor Yacht Detailing**, Trina Laur
- Gull Harbor Yacht Services**, Tim Laur
- Meredith's Marine Engineering Services**, Meredith Anderson
- NW Panoramas**, Robert Butts
- NW Yachtnet**, Bob Berglund
- Olympia West Marine**, Dawn Shores
- Swantown Boatworks**, Port of Olympia
- Villines Diving Services**, Travis Villines



- West Bay Marina**, Neil Falkenburg
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- Captain Bob Hake**, Sailing Instructor
- Captain Robert Butts**, Sailing Instructor
- Captain Rodrigo Macaya**, Francille Williams
- Jim Larsen**
- Marti Walker**
- Mary Campbell**
- Mel Schaefer**
- Nina Goodrich**
- Rich Adams**
- Rod Tharp** and **Susan McRae**
- Thera Black**
- Wendy Eklund**

The pandemic has had an impact on everything we do as a club. The leadership team thinks that everyone did an



Meeting in progress, above and below Photos by Alan Hoffman

wrapped up at a decent hour. We had more than 40 in-person attendees with another 22 families attending on Zoom.

Thank you for making this event a resounding success, from your 2021 charity auction team: Robert Butts, Jim

Larsen, Thera Black, Darris Baldrige, and Alex Broman, and the partners and spouses who jumped in to help.

Jim Larsen

We think we have heard from everyone. Those bidding on line have checked in and accounted for. We are done counting and we have a new Final and Complete Total: \$20,940.

We know this help is much needed and

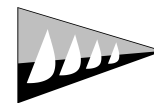


excellent job of being accommodating to the adjustments we had to make for this event. The hybrid in-person Meeting with an

online option seemed to work well. The light meal in place of the traditional potluck seemed to simplify the event for many people, and it also helped us get

appreciated.





S-t-S Needs Your Photos

We tend to think bright sunny days are best for photos. This is in part because sunny days are when most people get out and about. But NW sailors are out all year. And the more defuse light of a NW winter can make for better photos than the bright but harsh light of a sunny day. Use it. Remember to take your camera sailing. *Send us copies.*

We would **also need your cruising stories.** Write us about one of your more memorable days cruising: Desolating Sound, Barkley Sound, or the South Sound. We want to hear from you.

Hope Island Race December 11

Transition was the RC Boat

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
Div. Green Start Time: 10:00 Distance: 13 nm						
0.75	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	12:34:59	12:19:23
2.00	007 007		J 99	81	12:38:58	12:21:25
3.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	12:39:55	12:22:22
4.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	90	12:43:12	12:23:42
5.00	38044	MAKO	SYD 38	30	12:31:27	12:24:57
6.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	12:41:04	12:25:28
7.00	12 PAX			10	12:27:44	12:25:34
Div. Pink Start Time: 09:30 Distance: 13 nm						
0.75	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	156	12:20:48	11:47:00
2.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	144	12:20:11	11:48:59
3.00	63337	DASH	BEN 345	135	12:21:19	11:52:04
4.00	59924	ECHO	CATA 38	156	12:35:17	12:01:29
5.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	12:34:03	12:04:48
6.00	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	132	12:34:23	12:05:47
7.00	427	DESERT SAGE	CATA 42	147	12:46:53	12:15:02
8.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	13:34:29	12:56:08

Ditty Bag For sale

Free charts: I have a bunch of nautical charts of the Puget Sound, Vancouver Island, and British Columbia, neatly stored in tubes. 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 (360) 259-6537

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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Island Home Cruise to be Rescheduled

OYC invited us to join them for a weekend at their out station, Island Home. We thank them. It is a nice facility and makes for a very civilized winter cruise. This Cruise is a tradition going back several years. However the January date was picked without consulting a tide table. The low tide the planned weekend limits usable dock space. So we are looking for a new date, maybe in March.

Aloft Marine llc

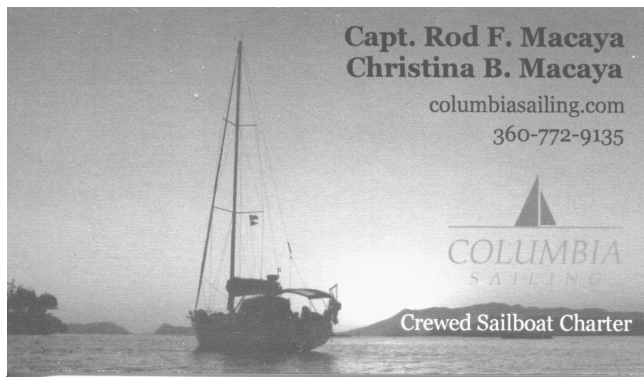
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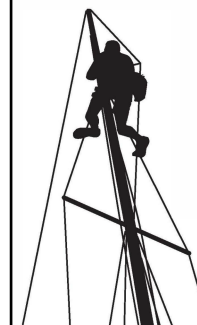
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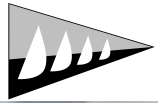
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Above: Erik Aanderaa's, book Come, if you are vaccinated, see him talk about the adventure at our January Meeting, or watch on Zoom.



bottom left, middle and top right Eagle Island Race, from the RC boat photos by Paul Paroff
RC boat Squaxin Island Race right Photo by Bob Butts

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