

# Ship-to-Shore

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## June Meeting: BBQ and Officer Elections

This month's General Meeting, June 14, will be our traditional BBQ/pot luck, on the OYC deck. As usual, it will include the election of our Board Officers. As we are racing "casually," there will not be an awards ceremony. Come meet with friends you may not have seen for a while, and enjoy some good food too.

Thera Black and Thom Abbott will be grilling for us. Beverages will be provided. You should bring something to share to go with burgers: a salad or desert, or maybe an appetizer. You should also bring your plate and silverware.

Richard Wells will hold the election of our 2022-23 Board. Come vote them your support.

The Meeting begins early, **doors open at 18:00, eating starts at 18:30.** It will not be streamed.

This will be our last Meeting till September when it gets dark too soon to sail after work.

## Commodore's Corner: Summer Destinations

As I'm lying here on my bunk counting down days of COVID incarceration, I have lots of time to plan for summer travels. This will be our third summer under the cloud of this stupid virus. Some destinations are open this year, but the threat remains. Like good sailors, we have to plan for every contingency, including ongoing pandemic.

My typical cruising schedule is to depart Boston Harbor after the third of July fireworks, my favorite show ever for the small town nature and up-close view. On July 4 we usually take off early to catch the double header in Kingston, Tacoma, or Seattle. Because what's better than a night of fireworks? Two nights! (My poor dogs!)

Then I keep sailing north. I've learned the hard way that you while you *can* make it to Socia Island in two days from Kingston, maybe a more prudent route is to enjoy the destinations along the way. We'll make it up to Roche Harbor this year to honor a friend. Then we'll pass through Port Townsend on the way back for a little hit of Steampunk and the Northwest Maritime Center.

Where will you go? Bring your stories of your favorite destinations to our beginning-of-cruising BBQ on the OYC deck.

Alan Hoffman

## Lifesling Clinic Returns

Did you read that headline in last month's Ship-to-Shore and promptly forget to sign up? Don't panic. There might still be room for you.

The Lifesling Clinic will be held at the Olympia Yacht Club beginning at 0900 on Saturday, June 11. It will begin with classroom instruction. Next, we will do dockside drills on the boats. We will then take the boats out to do actual rescues with volunteer victims in survival suits. Each participant will complete a rescue while in sole control of the boat, although under the watchful eye of an instructor. Depending on wind conditions, we usually finish mid to late afternoon.

The cost is just \$15 per person (same as last month). The fee will be waived for skippers who bring two or more crew members.

Space really is limited. Please sign up right away by calling or texting me at (253) 732-2129 or by emailing me at hsaller214@aol.com. I will be happy to answer any questions you have about the class.

Please also contact me if you would like to volunteer to be a victim for the on the water rescues.

Andy Saller, *Liberty*

Harstine GT-2  
June 4-5

Star Races  
June 6

Board Meeting  
June 7

Wednesday Race 3  
June 8

Dinghy Racing  
June 9

LifeSling Clinic  
June 11

Star Races  
June 13

Potluck/General Meeting  
June 14

Visitors Welcome

Wednesday Race 4  
June 15

Dinghy Racing  
June 16

Star Races  
June 20

Wednesday Race 5  
June 22

Dinghy Racing  
June 23

Oro Bay Cruise  
June 24-26

Star Races  
June 27

Wednesday Race 6  
June 29

Dinghy Racing  
June 30

Fire Works Boston Harbor  
July 3

Star Races  
July 4

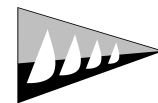
Board Meeting  
July 5

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July 6

Dinghy Racing  
July 7

Star Races  
July 11

*Death of a Sailor : Summer Racing : Oldest Boat : New Members : Going West*



## Stars are Racing Monday Nights

The Star Fleet is in a building year as we try to assemble a fleet again. The racing has started. We have 6 boats at the dock and would like to get a second launch in June-July. Race photos are on the back, links to more on our site. If you are interested in crewing come down to West Bay, Tugboat Annies at 1700 Monday evening. Someone might need crew or you can go out on the Race Committee Boat and help there. If you want to be added to the volunteer crew list, or am thinking of buying a boat, contact me. Hope to see you on the water!

Cheryl Rogers *UpStart* [cherylkrogers@hotmail.com](mailto:cherylkrogers@hotmail.com)

## Thursday Night Portsmouth Racing

Well the season has started out slow and with the cold weather we've had it's not surprising. The pendulum always swings so I'm hoping that when you read this it's warm and sunny and we are having great turnouts for the races.

If you have a sailboat that's 20 feet or less and doesn't have a fixed keel, you too can come out and enjoy sailing around with some like minded people. We race every Thursday night starting at 18:30 just north of the Hearth Fire Restaurant. Look for the yellow committee boat. No cost, no club affiliation requirements. If you are new to the group check in with the committee boat. Just bring your boat and have fun. All the useful information is on the SSSS web site under Racing / Portsmouth Dinghy; the most useful, is the Mark Chart.

Hope to see you on the water.

Jim Findley

## Scorer: Come Race

If you have taken time off racing for the pandemic, or for other reasons, Wednesday Races are a great way to get back into racing your boat, or to start racing her for the first time.

If you have raced with us before, just come out and race. If nothing has changed, no new sails or modifications to your boat, we have you covered. Your handicap will tell you which class you sail in and so when to start.

The one catch might be if you do not remember if you used the chute last time you raced. In that case contact me before racing, an email from the dock works [scorer@ssssclub.com](mailto:scorer@ssssclub.com), and tell me which sails you want to use now.

Then get out on the water!

Steve Worcester

## RC Report: Wednesday Races

June is here, with it the longest days of the year. One of my favorite things about Wednesday night racing is sailing in after finishing. Encourage your crew to take the helm or try different jobs around the boat as the evenings racing intensity



Dinghy Racing May 5 photo: Jim Findley

fades. Talk about what went well or what was learned about the boat. Most importantly enjoy and appreciate the summer evenings!

As always, check the SSSS web site for sailing instructions updates at Racing>PHRF>Sailing Instructions. Any official changes or addenda to our standard Sailing Instructions are posted there.

Again, thank you to Bill, Vicky, and Bob for providing countless hours of race management on 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*, [rcchair@ssssclub.com](mailto:rcchair@ssssclub.com)

## Last S-t-S

This is the last S-t-S till September. We will be back strong then, if you help. We will need photos of the LifeSling class, the Oro Bay Cruise, summer racing, and more. We will need stories of your summer adventures nautical. We are counting on you

Steve Worcester

Wednesday Race 7  
**July 13**

Dinghy Racing  
**July 14**

Star Races  
**July 18**

Wednesday Race 8  
**July 20**

Dinghy Racing  
**July 21**

Star Races  
**July 25**

Wednesday Race 9  
**July 27**

Dinghy Racing  
**July 28**

Star Races  
**August 1**

Board Meeting  
**August 2**

Wednesday Race 10  
**August 3**

Single handed Races  
**August 4**

Double handed Races  
**August 5**

Dinghy Racing  
**August 6**

Star Races  
**August 8**

Wednesday Race 11  
**August 10**

Dinghy Racing  
**August 11**

Star Races  
**August 15**

Wednesday Race 12  
**August 17**

Dinghy Racing  
**August 18**

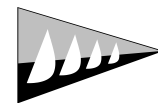
Star Races  
**August 22**

Dinghy Racing  
**August 25**

Star Races  
**August 29**

Board Meeting  
**September 6**

General Meeting  
**September 13**  
Visitors Welcome



## Cruise News

### Oro Bay Cruise June 24-26

Our June destination is Oro Bay. This is primarily an anchoring destination. There is an 82 acre park that can be accessed by dinghy. There is a link to a nice write up about this anchorage and park available on the Cruising page of the South Sound Sailing Society web site.

This may be a great spot to try the wagon wheel raft up! Be prepared for a Saturday potluck onshore at the park or afloat in a raft of boats.

If you find yourself needing to navigate out through Dana Passage against the tide, hug the south shore to play the back eddies in the small bays.

The coordinator for this event will be your Commodore, Alan Hoffman. Alan has volunteered to coordinate this event as we are scheduled to be cruising up north at this time.

### Boston Harbor Fireworks July 3

Come join the fun and enjoy the fireworks at Boston Harbor on July 3. There is a large anchoring field near Boston Harbor. You can anchor in front of the harbor for a close-up view of the fireworks or pick a spot away from the crowds. It can get a little crazy after the show with lots of boats raising anchor and navigating in the dark.

This is not a hosted event like our other Cruises. We offer this information as an opportunity for you to meet up with other Members and enjoy the fireworks. Look for those SSSS burgees on other boats!

### Cruise Report: McMicken Island

The Spring Fling to McMicken Island was attended by four boats and crew. The weather was a mix of sun, rain, and an occasional light breeze. A series of rain squalls blew through throughout the day Saturday, and this made it hard to plan for the potluck. Normally we would meet on the beach to share our meal. But with no cover from the weather and with another rain cloud heading our way, the Cruise Chair made the call to cancel the gathering on the beach. We created a "dinghy potluck" and ferried our food offerings around to each of the other three boats. Then, as luck would have it, the rain clouds dissipated and the sun came out for a wonderful warm evening.

Bill and Kathy Velez were the victorious winners of the McMicken Island Scavenger Hunt. Those attending the Cruise were Kevin and Alina French aboard *Sans Souci* (Catalina 26), Bill and Kathy Velez aboard *Karen Ann* (Dana 24), Darris and Joleen Baldrige aboard *Noel* (Newport 30 Mk2) and Jim and Dee Ann Larsen aboard *TYA* (Hunter 36).

**Jim Larsen, TYA**

## Welcome New/Returning Members!

Welcome to these Members who recently joined SSSS or are returning after some time away.

**Kris and Lisa Engvall** are long-time members who took a hiatus from Club activities for a few years and are back. They are still sailing *Sugar Magnolia*, a S2 7.9 that is familiar to these waters.

**Russel and Bonni Opt'hof** are cruisers out of Gig Harbor who learned about SSSS from other Members. You'll find them cruising the Salish Sea on *Eagles Wings*, their Hunter 36.

**Murray Buckman and Vickie Lau** recognized a community of like-minded people when they perused the SSSS web site and decided

to join. Look for them out racing and cruising on *Sally Lightfoot*, their Yankee 38. And give them a shout if you need race crew!

**Mark and Erica Crudge** hail from Fox Island. Look for them out cruising these waters on their *Amberjack 25*.

Find contact information for these and other Members through the Member Login

## Going West

The first time I stopped in Ucluelet we arrived after dark. Coming from Hot Springs we had seen a beautiful sunset, red sky at night. So we had to make our way up the long inlet in the dark. We tied up with the fishing boats, about the only boats there.

When the skipper of the boat next to us heard we come in at night without an Inlet chart, he lectured us on the danger. Then, as he was headed home, he gave me all his charts. The fishermen never did quite figure out what we were doing there in a plastic boat without being paid.

It was a rough fishing village. We went to the one bar, a big open place seating over 100. Strip show in progress. On our way out we saw a drunk trying to pick a fight. The man he was hassling finally hit him; down with one punch. Not exactly our type of town, but they had a Co-op Grocery and a liquor store, plus a bank open three days a week and we hadn't re supplied since the top of the Island.

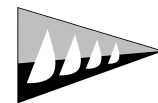
The next time I was in Ucluelet was ten years later. The fishermen were long gone. We tied up with the First People's boats. It was expected we would moor with the yachties, which we might have if we had gotten to that marina first. (I had gotten used to yachties in Barkley after being over taken by the SYC Cruise in Bamfield, but that's another story). As we were out of place, we drew a crowd. Soon we were sitting in the cockpit drinking beer and swapping stories with the locals. I bought some illegal smoked salmon from one of our new friends, though I'm not sure what law I broke. He showed me his smoker, hidden in plain sight by looking like an outhouse.

Re supplied we head west to Clayoquot Sound.

**Steve Worcester**



*Koosah* crew celebrating 20 years of Perfect Attendance, September through May photo: Richard Bigley



## Death of a Sailor: Gary Pedigo

Gary always had time for a game of cribbage. Many race day mornings started at Pellegrinos down by Yard Birds or at The Spar. He'd have the game board out before the coffee was served. Often times he'd showed his opponent a thing or two about being in the cat bird seat. On weekdays, Gary's best friend Bill Maclean would meet him daily at the original Batdorf and Bronson's coffee store. They'd grab one of the window tables to sit down and peg their points while discussing strategies for the upcoming sailboat races.



Gary and Judy photo: Mike Visser

One of times he was committee boat and his crew got the fleet started on a blustery day. We went below and played several games of cribbage.

After a bit we noticed that we were dragging anchor, but we kept playing. A boater came alongside hailing us. We were over a mile North of Olympia Shoal. We all laughed and got busy weighing anchor.

Gary's first sailboat was an Islander 30, *Sky Hi*. In 1992 he started racing a CAL 33, *Flirtation*. He raced his J 36 *Charlemagne* from about 2007 to 2012. [He quit only because his health was bad. Ed.] Gary was competitive in all his races, but when the winds faded he'd shared his good stories.

One of my favorites was about when he was working as a bank manager in Anchorage when the big one hit in 1964. He pulled several clerks out from a collapsed building.



Charlemagne under sail photo: Thera Black

He was deputized to protect the bank with a double barreled shotgun. During the night the looters understood he meant what he said and they moved on. City Officials took his suggestion on what to send on the first plane following the earthquake. That plane landed loaded with nothing but cash and booze.

During these long races we'd share stories about our families. Gary adored his family. He often shared how blessed he felt and gave us updates about his families accomplishments. Sometimes he made investments in the boat and say, "Don't tell Carol". She'd always find out.

Gary was happy to bring on new sailors to encourage them to learn the sport. He donated his boat and time to the LifeSling Clinic and other events. Gary was humble amongst the great competitors of our fleet in the South Sound. He loved the camaraderie of Members in the South Sailing Society. He will be missed.

**Judy Kruller**

Gary was very active within the Club, centered on the racing program. He helped the Race Chair with many things over the years, from buoy tending to taking the top job.

He went through the Commodore cycle. The biggest challenge of his term was when our insurance was canceled a week before the Eld Inlet Race, unless we agreed to new and totally unacceptable conditions.

Our Treasurer quit when we decided to run the race uninsured. But we before

the next race we found much better insurance for less money.

Gary was also active in the early years of the Star Fleet. He owned a Star until sailing it was too hard on him. I remember standing ankle deep in the cockpit of his Star, watching the water pour over the rail as Gary released the jib sheet. Stars are a bit more athletic than *Charlemagne*.

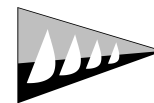
A lot of people sailed with Gary on one or another of his boats. He leaves behind many friends. But none was as close as Bill Maclean (who died years earlier). They were a pair. Competitive against each other, but united in what they wanted and expected from sailing/racing. It is hard for me to think of Gary without thinking of Bill, and of cribbage.

**Steve Worcester**

## Spring Series

*Transition* was the RC Boat. Thank you.

place	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Skipper Name	Rating	#Str	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
<b>Div. Green</b> Races: 1 to 4, 1 throw out * = throw out										
1	60	PERIL	Mike Visser	111	2	0.75	6.00*	4.00	0.75	5.50
2	12	PAX	Rod Sharp	10	4	5.00*	0.75	3.00	2.00	5.75
2	18324	ROCK PAPER SCIS	Hans Seegers	72	4	3.00	2.00	0.75	5.00*	5.75
4	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	Mel Schaefer	84	3	2.00	3.00	2.00	8.00*	7.00
5	35	ANGEL EYES	Tim DuMontier	78	3	7.00*	5.00	4.00	4.00	13.00
6	69051	SPIRIT	Steve Jones	99	2	6.00*	7.00	4.00	3.00	14.00
7	38044	MAKO	Vannice/Cassal	30	1	4.00	7.00	4.00	8.00*	15.00
8	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	Charles Norman	78	2	8.00*	4.00	4.00	8.00	16.00
9	69432	SUNNI SU	Matt Miles	96	1	10.00*	7.00	4.00	6.00	17.00
<b>Div. Pink</b> Races: 1 to 4, 1 throw out * = throw out										
1	39110	KOOSAH	Dave Knowlton	177	4	0.75	4.00*	4.00	0.75	5.50
2	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	Richard Bigley	135	4	3.00*	2.00	2.00	3.00	7.00
3	29718	AURORA	Chery Bideman	156	2	6.00*	0.75	0.75	6.00	7.50
4	59128	FEVER	Jeff Hogan	212	4	2.00	5.00*	5.00	4.00	11.00
5	3220	CHEAP THRILLS	Paul Paroff	186	2	6.00	6.00*	6.00	2.00	14.00
6	69927	BALDER II	Myra Downing	144	1	6.00	6.00*	3.00	6.00	15.00
7	210	SANS SOUCI	Kevin French	237	1	6.00	3.00	7.00*	6.00	15.00
8	4157	KATANA		186	1	4.00	6.00	7.00*	6.00	16.00
9	51496	PANDORA	Bob Connolly	188	1	6.00	5.00	7.00*	6.00	17.00
9	99	BLOWN AWAY	Daniel Jackson	213	1	5.00	6.00	7.00*	6.00	17.00



## Spring Series Race 4 May 14

Transition was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Correctd Time
<b>Div. Green</b> Start Time: 12:00 Distance: 9 nm						
0.75	60	PERIL	V460	111	13:34:26	13:17:47
2.00	12	PAX		-10	13:20:05	13:21:35
3.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	99	13:39:01	13:24:10
4.00	35	ANGEL EYES	J99	78	13:36:12	13:24:30
5.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	13:35:40	13:24:52
6.00	69432	SUNNI SU	HOB33	96	13:58:08	13:43:44
<b>Div. Pink</b> Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 9 nm						
0.75	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	13:58:03	13:31:30
2.00	3220	CHEAP THRILLS	J 24	186	14:01:53	13:33:59
3.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	13:55:14	13:34:59
4.00	59128	FEVER	SJ 28	212	14:07:35	13:35:47

## Spring Series Race 3 May 7

Transition was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Correctd Time
<b>Div. Green</b> Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 12.2 nm						
0.75	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	14:15:01	14:00:23
2.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	84	14:23:02	14:05:57
3.00	12	PAX		-10	DNF	
<b>Div. Pink</b> Start Time: 12:10 Distance: 12.2 nm						
0.75	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	156	14:43:17	14:11:34
2.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	14:46:39	14:19:12
3.00	69927	BALDER II	ERIC 38	144	14:55:03	14:25:46
4.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	15:03:59	14:28:00
5.00	59128	FEVER	SJ 28	212	15:15:32	14:32:26
6.00	3220	CHEAP THRILLS	J 24	186	DNF	

## Spring Series Race 2 April 23

Transition was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Correctd Time
<b>Div. Pink</b> Start Time 12:05 Distance: 5 nm						
0.75	12	PAX		-10	14:06:07	14:06:57
2.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	14:19:44	14:13:44
3.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	84	14:38:16	14:31:16
4.00	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	C&C SR33	78	14:38:43	14:32:13
5.00	35	ANGEL EYES	J99	78	14:40:24	14:33:54
<b>Div. Green</b> Start Time 12:00 Distance: 5 nm						
0.75	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	156	14:44:47	14:31:47
2.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	15:10:12	14:58:57
3.00	210	SANS SOUCI	CAPRI 26	237	15:24:29	15:04:44
4.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	15:44:30	15:29:45
6.00	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	188	DNF	
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## When was the First Boat Built?

We will never know. Made of wood, reeds, and other organic matter it did not survive. We have pictures of boats from the beginnings of civilization, ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. Irving Finkel found the plans for The Ark, on baked clay tablets, and built a copy. But boats, sea going boats, go back much further. Boats predate Modern Humans. Neanderthals must have built boats to get to Crete, over one million years ago.

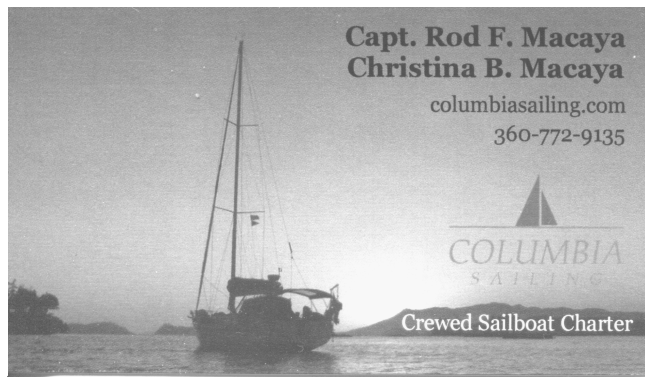


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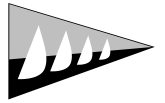


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