

# Ship-to-Shore

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## June Meeting: Annual Potluck/Awards Ceremony

Join your sailing colleagues and friends on the evening of Tuesday, June 13, for South Sound Sailing Society's Annual Summer Potluck on the sunny deck of the Olympia Yacht Club. We will elect our new officers, honor our racing winners, vote for lifetime members, and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and your favorite beverage.

To supplement the hamburgers and hot dogs, please bring a salad or dessert. 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.

The Meeting will be in-person on the porch, weather permitting, of the Olympia Yacht Club located at 201 Simmons St. NW. Doors will open at 18:00 and the potluck will begin at 18:30. The potluck is open to both Members and non-members, so invite your crew, dock mates, neighbors, and others who are interested in sailing.

Non-OYC members may park in the parking lot on the corner of Simmons and 4th Ave, which is to the west of the Oyster House.

We hope to see you there.

**Bob Butts, Emma Lee**



Star Racing May photo: Eric Harting

## Boston Harbor Fireworks

A huge shout out to the South Sound Sailing Society for supporting this year's Boston Harbor Association's July third Fireworks. We are proud to have SSSS as a supporter. The cost of fireworks has doubled over the last few years and has made it very challenging for the association to raise the money required to put on the show. A huge thank you to the SSSS for supporting us this year.

One of the best ways to see the fireworks is to come by boat. It can get crowded so it's a good idea to come early. Every year I see folks on land set out chairs at low tide not realizing that the water level is going to be very different at 22:00. Boats are a much better option. Be careful not to anchor too close to the fireworks barge. I have seen folks have to move if they are too close at show time. The show starts as soon as it is dark on July 3.

The Boston Harbor Association is a 501c3 non-profit group that has been providing fun activities for families and hosting community improvement projects in Boston Harbor for decades. We are continuing those traditions again this year with our annual Fireworks show. This amazing day of celebration is fully funded by community support from business sponsorships and individual donations.

I also want to thank the Members who supported our Valentine's Day raffle and those that donated individually at our meetings.

**Nina Goodrich**

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**Harstine GT  
June 3-4**

**Star Racing  
June 5**

**Board Meeting  
June 6**

**Wednesday Racing  
June 7**

**Dinghy Racing  
June 8**

**LifeSling Clinic  
June 10**

**Star Racing  
June 12**

**Awards Potluck  
June 13**

**Visitors Welcome  
Doors open at 18:00 eating starts 18:30**

**Wednesday Racing  
June 14**

**Dinghy Racing  
June 15**

**Tolmie Cruise  
June 16-18**

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**Wednesday Racing  
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**Dinghy Racing  
June 22**

**Fun Sail  
June 25**

**Star Racing  
June 26**

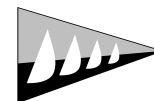
**Wednesday Racing  
June 28**

**Dinghy Racing  
June 29**

**Fireworks at Boston Harbor  
July 3**

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July 5**

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July 6**



- Star Racing  
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**July 26**
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**July 27**
- Star Racing  
**July 31**
- Wednesday Racing  
**August 2**
- Dinghy Racing  
**August 3**
- Single handed Racing  
**August 5**
- Double handed Racing  
**August 6**
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**August 7**
- Wednesday Racing  
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## LifeSling Clinic June 10

Still haven't signed up for this year's LifeSling Clinic. 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 10. It will begin with classroom instruction. Next, we will do dockside drills on the boats. Then, we will do actual rescues in Budd Inlet 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 in the mid to late afternoon.

The cost is just \$15 per person. The fee will be waived for skippers who bring two or more crew members.



Spring Series Non Race photo: Sondra Iverson

Dinghy Racing  
**August 31**

Board Meeting  
**September 5**

General Meeting  
**September 12**

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 18:30 eating starts 19:00

Space 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**

**2021 and 2022 Toliva Awards to be awarded at the June Meeting**

## PHRF Racing

Hoping the Wednesday night races bring a bit more wind than the spring races. Summer racing is a good mid-week break and a good weekly rhythm to fall into. Review the detailed Sailing Instructions on the SSSS web site at Racing>PHRF>Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Then come out and race!

We still need volunteers to assist on the committee boat. Volunteer yourself or a crew member, Covid vaccinated only, to assist Bill and Vicky on their committee boat *Transition*. They need at least one person for each race. Check the SSSS calendar for dates and details. The sooner you volunteer, the better chance of getting your preferred dates. For racers, serving as, or on, the committee boat is a requirement at least once a year (see NOR 2.2 and Sailing Instructions 16.7). Non-racers are also welcome to volunteer. I'll try to keep the online RC Duty Roster updated, so review it then email the Race Chair with your desired dates. Find the roster at Racing>PHRF>RC Duty Roster

Plan to attend the June Meeting hamburger/potluck and receive your awards for this year to date. It's fun to recognize the teams that finished at or near the top of the results.

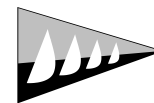
This is my last column as Race Chair. I'm happy to announce a peaceful and orderly transfer of power to my successor Derek Decouteau of *Aurora*. I know he will be a good influence on the racing program. I've enjoyed the job, even the year that required creative, Covid friendly, racing. My favorite was extra casual races when we started by clock time and emailed self reported finish times. The 1970 roots of our Club had races starting at Olympia Shoal when each boats clock said noon, rounded a mark at Squaxin and back, then entered times on clipboards at the marinas. It felt like back to the future!!

In closing, I owe a huge *thank you* to the Board and all the other volunteers that helped us keep our race programs running.

Sail while you can!

**Eric Egge, your outgoing race chair!**  
rcchair@ssssclub.com





## S-t-S Report

This is the last S-t-S for the summer, the last until September. So it seems the time to thank those who brought you this year's S-t-S. I will not list them, there are more than 20 or so who wrote something and nearly 30 took photos. Their names are on their work. And do not forget the mailing crew, around ten people, the most regular were Thom Abbott, the Mars, and Thera Black. If you enjoy the S-t-S you have them to thank.

### Photos On Line

Larger versions of all the photos in the S-t-S are posted on our site, along with extra photos I did not have room to print. There are links there to more photos of SSSS events posted elsewhere. On our web site choose: *newsletter/current issue/S-t-S photos*.

Of course by September we will need more photos of our summer events: Monday races, the June Cruise, Wednesday races, the LifeSling clinic, Thursday races, the fireworks, the short handed races, ... Really some are needed by mid August, for the September S-t-S. Take your camera sailing and send me copies.

### Sailing Stories

This is the time of year one creates sailing stories. If you go cruising, whether you go north, west, or stay in the south Sound, you will have stories. If you race, particularly if you race out of the area, you will have stories. Even if you do not know whether you are racing or cruising, maybe sailing the Hartsine GT or Salish 100, you will have stories. Share.

Member surveys have told us the stories are one of our Members' favorite things in the S-t-S. You need not cross an ocean. It need not be a multi volume tomb detailing all of your four month cruise. We are looking for shorter stories: a most memorable day, good or bad, a lesson learned, a favorite spot, some one you met, ... We want to hear from you.

**Steve Worcester**  
sts@ssssclub.com

## Hood Canal Bridge Advisory for Sailors

Are you planning to venture into Hood Canal this summer? Be aware that from May 22 through September 30, requests from recreational boaters for Hood Canal Bridge openings will be rejected between 15:00 – 18:15 and are discouraged outside that window except for all but the biggest boats. The vertical clearance of the bridge truss on the Kitsap County, east, side of the bridge is 50 feet at Mean High Water. The vertical clearance of the bridge truss on the Jefferson County, west, side of the bridge is 31 feet at MHW [it is shown



Spring Series Non Race photos: Sondra Iverson



on your chart, Ed.). Those with masts too tall to clear will require a bridge opening but be prepared to wait.

Once vehicles and cyclists on SR104 have stopped, it takes at least 45 minutes for the Hood Canal Bridge to open for marine traffic and then close again. This severely disrupts traffic from Poulsbo to Port Angeles and every community between. A closure impacts thousands of people: intercity transit, freight and services, first responders, commuters, tourists, and

residents with no other way around except a long detour through Shelton and Olympia. This in turn snarls local traffic for miles on either side of the bridge, not just those parked on SR 104. It's one thing when that havoc is caused by a Navy vessel, though that is less frequent than it used to be. It's something completely different when that region wide impact is due to a recreational cruiser just passing

through. In the summer and on weekends, a single bridge opening can take hours to recover from, and WSDOT gets more than one request a day. Reducing recreational requests for Hood Canal Bridge openings is key to keeping state legislators from pursuing more severe opening restrictions with the Coast Guard.

Also be advised that WSDOT must do bridge repairs this summer. They are working to minimize the time it is out of service but expect some delays. To stay up to date on the latest, whether you're traveling by land or by sea, visit [www.HoodCanalBridge.com](http://www.HoodCanalBridge.com) for WSDOT updates on Hood Canal Bridge operations.

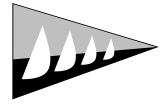
**Thera Black**

## April Fun Sail

It was a beautiful sailing day on Budd Inlet! Connie and Scott Voltz aboard *Traveler* met me on *Yardbird* to host new friends Danny, Scott, Emily, along with Kat and Greg for the April Fun Sail. We enjoyed ideal big boat conditions of 5-7 knots of SW wind, dodging between raindrops. It was not quite Hope Island Dash weather, but we made some good boat speed while practicing tacks and gybes. We got to answer many questions about the Club, sailboat cruising, and boat ownership. And thanks to Danny for bringing snacks! "Thank you so much for having us for the sail despite the weather," said one of the participants. "It was definitely a selling point for a comfortable ship!"

**Fun Sails happen off Port Plaza at 13:00 on the fourth Sunday of every month.** Please bring your boat! As the days get longer and sunnier, we expect more Olympians will be curious about sailing.

**Alan Hoffman**



## Budd Inlet Star Fleet Tune Up Clinic

The tune up clinic started early for some at West Bay Marina in Olympia. Dave Branch and I were at the docks two hours early to work on my mast. David Geeraerts joined soon thereafter, and for the two new Star sailors. It was a master class on how to splice the main halyard to the shackle. A preventer was reattached to the spreaders, and Dave taught David and Dan the order for attaching the lower, intermediate, and upper shrouds to the spreaders. There was also an unplanned lesson in how to retrieve the halyard when it gets pulled up the mast, something that happens all too frequently according to Dave. He naturally had a thick 40' wire to send through the mast to retrieve the halyard and pull it back through. The newbies made sure to cleat it the second time in preparation for stepping the mast.



photo: Jim Findley

photo below: Frank Newman

After some congenial greetings over bagels and banana bread, the entire Star Fleet, including three new participants, convened. We were treated to a Star boat tuning clinic by nationally ranked Star racer Derek DeDecouteau. After a brief lecture during which Derek described the general procedures of tuning, the group headed down to the dock to put their newly gained knowledge into action. Starting with *The Flagship*, Derek demonstrated how to begin checking measurements, the order that must be followed when measuring, and shared the range of specs needed at each point. He also outlined how various wind conditions would cause adjustments to the baseline settings. Next up was the latest addition to the fleet, the Rubicon, to repeat the tuning process. Every skipper's boat was given some tune up attention in preparation for getting out on the water later in the day. Many skippers and crew were taking notes, and our Outreach Coordinator recorded and disseminated a video of Derek's excellent coaching for posterity.

Despite all the careful attention to

lines and halyards and shrouds, three boats were on the water with twisted main halyards which were fixed with "lucky" line throws or in one case, removing the mast to clear the halyard and re-stepping the mast. This was a shake out event after all. Luckily this Fleet, with many newer Star sailors, also has plenty of seasoned skippers who generously share tools, advice, and lend a hand to get everyone's boat sailing fast.

After much futzing about with the race boats and the bright new inflatable marks, the race committee led four boats out of the marina to set up a race course. The conditions were ideal with 5 - 8 knots of warm breeze and sunshine. The race committee inaugurated our new automated starting sequence timer which provides precise, audible starting signals. According to the Race Committee, Eric Harting and Greg Pries, the timer is user friendly, if a bit too loud.

The racers liked it too, as it provided a smooth and consistent starting sequence for every race.

After a handful of races in ideal conditions, boats were put away, and the day ended with dinner at TugBoat Annies. New and old faces shared stories and excitement while looking forward to the official start of the 2023 racing season.

Opening race was Monday, May 8th. There's still room for more skippers, boats, and new crew. Please see the Fleet's web page [www.ssssclub.com/star](http://www.ssssclub.com/star) and fill out the Interest Form to get STARTed! Hope to see you on the water soon!

**Daniel Kelten**

## Portsmouth Racing

By the time you read this our dinghy racing season will be well and truly underway with races every Thursday night. Our Harstine GT3 is over and was a rousing success (I hope) and if you are a dinghy racer and missed it ... well there is always next year. Still in the planning stage is the Race to Somewhere. And who knows, we may come up with some other wacky things to do in small boats.

The main thing is to get out on the water in whatever boat you have. If your sailboat is 20 feet or less come out on a Thursday night by 18:30, check in with the yellow committee boat, and join us for several fairly casual, short course races. Lots of practice on starts and mark roundings. If you make a mistake we'll try to help. It's really not that hard. Our web site should answer most questions, but if you still have some, email [dinghy@sssclub.com](mailto:dinghy@sssclub.com)

**Jim Findley, Catalina 30  
Night Wind, Star The  
Flagship, Lido 14 786.** (I'm planning on a busy summer)



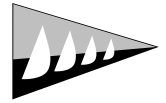
### Thursday Night Races May 4

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1	1623	Downing,Joe	COR15		1	1	3	5
2	195939	Rulla,Chris	LASE		2	2	4	8
3	1542	French,Kevin	HPN5.2		3	3	2	8
4	3033	Beach,James	LD14		4	4	1	9

### Thursday Night Races May 11

Position	Sail	Skipper	Type	Race	ScoreMethod, Portsmouth			Total
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1	1542	French,Kevin	HPN5.2		1	1	1	3
2	786	Findley,Jim	LD14		2	2	3	7
3	171059	Visser,Alden	LASEM		3	3	5	11
4	1623	Downing,Joe	COR15		5	5	2	12
5	763	Brown,Adam	HPN5.2		4	4	4	12





# Ocean Passage

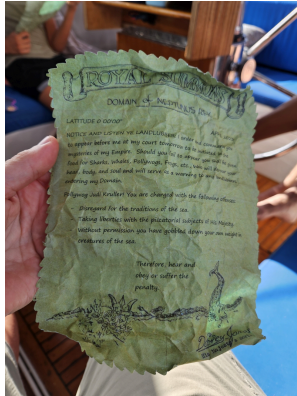
Last month Judi Kruller wrote us about leaving Mexico. Her voyage continues as they cross the Line.

She sent a lot of photos; link with the S-t-S photos: newsletter/current issue/S-t-S photos.

Dolphins swam by this morning to wish Ari a Happy Birthday. He turns 8 years old today. About 100 of them. A few of them jumped really high out of the water. It was about 15 minutes after my watch. I was already asleep.

We're on a 240 true heading. We'll cross the doldrums at a thinner spot West of here. It's sunny and we're comfortable. A few boobies are still with us. One is bossy. Can you spot it? Hahaha!

Upside down Pineapple cake is on the dessert menu tonight. I love this birthday kid! All is well here.



More photos from Judi on our site

The swell is 3 meters. We're running downwind and we're rolling side to side. We can connect to starlink for a few seconds at a time. Sunday and Monday will be calm winds, and the swell should minimize. My leecloth held me as we just rolled to starboard. Weeeee!

We're all listening to Harry Potter audio books. Goblets. Boobies are still riding with us. About 10. Atop of our solar panels on the back arch.

All is well on board. Good spirits. And we have completed 1,000 nautical miles! Yay!

We're motoring through the doldrums. The equator is within 356 nautical miles. Magnum is just a little North of us. The last 2 nights we've had a few small squalls. Yesterday afternoon there was a 10 minute rain downpour and the boys grabbed the soap and got a quick shower on the back deck. They reported that the

rain was warmer than the holding tank. Adam named our last boobie Karl. Karl is hanging tight on the bow pulpit. I asked Karl to keep us away from the squalls tonight. Our shore team thinks we have a great swim lane.

The green apple this afternoon tasted so good. Dinner was minestrone soup. Delish. Cookies for dessert. We've been enjoying the Harry Potter audio series. Tomorrow, the boys will teach me how to play the game Who Among Us. I've been enjoying watching the birds and flying fish. The clouds have lots of interesting shapes ... duck, elephant, sloth, crocodile, and teddy bear to list a

picked up. He was talking to me last night at 22:30. Maybe he was telling me his departure plans. Before Karl departed, he gave me gifts to give to all on board. After dinner tonight, we extracted our messages from the bottles. We have been summoned. Shudder!

Judi

Weather will be building from today, peaking Tuesday, and subsiding late Wednesday. It will be the biggest weather we've encountered on this voyage. Keep us in your thoughts. We'll see you on the other side of it.

All is well. Judi

Channel Fever!!! We're 125 nautical miles from Cape Matafenua on Hiva Oa. Our eagerness is starting to show! Hahahaha!

We have a 15 knot breeze from the SE and a calmer swell this afternoon. Last night, the wind was peaking at 19 and the waves were lumpy, making an unrestful sleep for all those below deck. Before sunset last night a school of dolphins welcomed us to their territory. They swam on either side of the bow. A few were airborne. So beautiful to watch them swim. The attached photo shows one in the air, just under the top lifeline.

This afternoon Adam caught a small fish using the hand reel. The fish was too small, so we released it. We just got a few bites at the bait again, but the hook didn't set.

We're looking forward to hearing "Land Ho!" tomorrow morning.

All is well. Judi



## Who Has Clear Air?

Do you know which boat has clear air at the

Star Worlds with 100 boats stacked up, on the starting line, which is perfectly square to the wind, with no room to spare? When the gun sounds all boats are within six inches of the starting line.

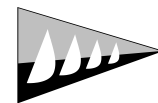
Only one boat has clear air. Did you know it was the leeward boat? The boat at the left hand, pin, end. It is the only boat not sailing in another's back wind.

few. The blue water and sky are endless.

Yesterday, Adam hooked a beautiful marlin. I ran for my camera that stowed in the forepeak and ran back. The fish was 3 boat lengths abeam jumping in the air. Beautiful!!! It must have been a 50#. The camera caught his tail and splash. Sorry that I hadn't hit the video to record. We hope the hook falls out.

All is well. Judi

We're sailing across the Equatorial Counter Current (it flows East). Karl departed this morning as the SE wind



## The Voyage Ends

*Judi sent us the final email from the trip, along with many more photos. A link is posted with the June S-I-S.*

On Monday 5/8, we weighed anchor to relocate to Hiva Oa. The next morning our immigration check in process with Gendarmerie nationale in Atuona, village on Hiva Oa, went smoothly. The found the nearby ATM to get cash to spend at the local grocery store: fruit, drinks, ice cream, fresh and warm baguettes, etc. Our walk through Atuona included a few visits in the buildings

with air conditioning! The post office had benches for customers to sit upon while conducting

business at the counter. Everything was interesting and it was great to walk. Yes, I was little drunk with sea legs. Hahahaha! I would stumble occasionally. Those darn shoes!

The next day, we decided to return to Tahuata Island. A dozen large manta rays greeted us at the entrance of the popular Hanamoenoa Bay. They swam by on either side, a few showing their white undersides to us. The water was warm and clear and with a variety of tropical fish to see while swimming. We saw people gathering on their skiffs and inflatables (including a sea dragon inflatable ---

<https://www.amazon.com/Luxy-Float-Inflatable-Golden-Dragon/dp/B01MRZMM46?th=1>) I was bit jelly. I don't think I could have fit one of those in my seabag. Haha!

A new daily appointment commenced. A sundowner party, a gathering where friends and relatives come together, have drinks, groove to the beats of music, and admire the beauty of the sunset. Our first featured piña colodas with another crew from Canada, Rob and Sharlene Cormack from *Cambria*

<https://cormacksoncambria.com/>. Soon, we were visited by Lars and Susanne from *Sea Wind* (<http://syseawind.blogspot.com/>). We shared stories of our passage and plans for the near future. The social was refreshing. We watched a beach fire light



up the sky for a few hours. Soon we all need to rest more. We all slept well.

Friday before I departed, we returned to the protected harbor on Hiva Oa. To our surprise, there was a second freighter tied up at the freight dock and there were large swells making their way inside the breakwater. We searched for a good anchorage and found one. Within a few hours the freighter departed and we relocated to reduce our exposure to the ocean swells.

The next morning we rented a car to explore the island. First, we visited The Paul Gauguin Center, featuring his beautiful original art pieces commemorating his life-long works. Next door was the Jacques Brel exhibit with his plane *JOJO* hanging from the ceiling. We attempted to find the cemetery where they

were both buried, but some of those roads looked like driveways towards the

Northwest, and our map was a snapshot of a squiggly line without labels. We retraced our way back to the core Atuona and decided to travel to the Southwest.

We came upon a quiet village with a stone church. Along the way we saw coconut groves and several pastures corralling goats. Returning to Atuona we shopped for a picnic lunch, yellowtail tuna sushi and ice cream, my favorite is vanilla, and aimed towards Hanaiapa Bay on the Northside past the airport. At the top of the hill, we picked up two French hikers that had recently disembarked from a sailboat traveling from Panama. They encouraged us to explore the East end of the island, saying it was well worth the visit to see the large Tikis. Oh, they were right. This road trip filled our adventure ticket!

We enjoyed the lush forest, including the pine forest near the airport, friendly looks from horses, cattle, and mules tethered on the roadside, roosters

accelerating across the road, and the winding roadway with really tight hairpin turns. Much of the steep cliffs were unguarded; elevations changed from 2,500ft to sea level; and with occasional rock fall in the road. Really tight hairpin turns!!! Zoom in on that map in the link below and look at that northern road!

In Paumau, we quenched our thirst with Pamplemousse, pomelo; better than grapefruit juice at the Snack Bar. We purchased our tickets to see the Tikis and traveled up the road. About 50 meters before the Tiki exhibit entrance, we spotted the owner of our vehicle. We stopped to chat. He and his family were visiting his father. I give five stars for his business <https://www.hivaoalocation.com/>. In one of the attached photos, I'm in Paumau and I'm pointing to Puerto Vallarta! We sailed from there!

I flew home Sunday-Monday, Mother's Day. After two hours my first fight flew over two atolls in the Tuamotus, the Takaroa and the Takapoto. The view was great at 20K feet. For the remaining hour we saw bigger atolls. I arrived in Papeete at 14:00 local time. During my layover I discovered my family was celebrating Mother's Day with my parents and my siblings

were sharing photos and these emails with them and celebrating my journey.

I visited my parents soon thereafter to share my

love. We enjoyed strawberry/chocolate shakes from Dick's Drive-in and talked about this adventure.

I miss Adam, Ingrid, Atticus, and Ari. Safe travels my friends and enjoy your new playground!

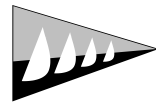
Thank you all for joining me during my adventure. I've been asked what's my favorite part of the trip. My response, All of it! Yes, there are a few ways to recount this passage, but it's a package deal and this was a beautiful journey.

It's good to be home. I hope to see you all sometime soon!

**All is well. Judi**







## Cruise News

### June Cruise to Tolmie State Park

Come with us and enjoy a fun weekend at Tolmie State Park on Nisqually Reach, June 16-18. Our coordinators for the Tolmie Cruise are Darris Baldridge and Kevin French.

We have reserved the kitchen shelter for the whole day on Saturday June 17. Bring your favorite board games or card games and enjoy your time on shore. The Saturday evening potluck will be in the kitchen shelter.

Tolmie State Park has 3 miles of shaded walking trails, 154 acres of park land, and 1,800 feet of shoreline. Looking to dig up some dinner? Bring your muck boots and permits, check the tides and get out on the flats, because clamming is big here, as are crabbing and saltwater fishing.

There are five mooring balls at the park. Standard park moorage rates apply. Space for anchoring is plentiful. The beach is a large tideland of sandy mud at low tide, so plan your landings accordingly.

### Spring Fling to McMicken Island April

It is hard to ask for better weather for a trip to McMicken Island than what we had this year. Those who arrived on Thursday enjoyed a fun day of sailing to get to the island. The early arrivers on were Jim Findley on *Nightwind*, Bill and Kathy Velez on *Karen Ann*, and us, Jim and Dee Larsen on *TYA*. Jim Findley left early on Friday so he could participate in the Star sailing event on Saturday. Jim makes it to most of our Cruises, and it was nice to see him again even if he could not stay for the whole event.

If there is an award for good citizenship in the boating world, it goes this month to Bill Velez. He spotted a deadhead that was grounded in the anchorage and decided to move it out of the way. He tied it to his dinghy and rowed for an hour to get it to the beach, and then drug it to the top of the tombolo. It was adrift again the next morning, so he repeated the process and got it to the beach once again. Thank you Bill for keeping the the anchorage clear of this hazard.

The wind started to howl out of the west-southwest at about 02:00 on Saturday morning. There were about 8 boats in the anchorage that night, and I think most of us woke up in a slightly different place

than we were in when we went to bed on Friday night. We were up for an anchor watch aboard *TYA* from 02:00 until 05:30. We used the range finder and the GPS anchor alarm to monitor our movement and that of the boats around us. The tide was high at around 03:00, which is also when the wind was at its strongest. Three boats relocated the next morning after the weather settled down.

There were 17 Member boats participating in the potluck on Saturday. When you count Jim Findley and *Nightwind*, we had 18 Member boats participating in the event! The promise of warm sunshine after a wet dreary winter helped encourage people to come join the fun. Alan Hoffman invited a young family of three to come join us for the potluck. They are prospective Members who are thinking of buying a boat. They parked their car at the Harstine Island State Park, then walked down the beach for a mile or two and flagged us down for a dinghy ride to the island. After dinner they walked across the tombolo to Harstine Island and back to their car. They missed the path to the parking lot on their return trip, due to darkness, and this added a couple of miles to their trip. We wish the best for Ben and his family and we hope to see you at a Meeting soon. Ben is interested in being on a race crew. We can testify to his fortitude!

The rooster knows the way home! Why does the windex always point to our destination? It was an upwind journey from Olympia to McMicken Island on Thursday, and it was an upwind journey to get back to Olympia on Sunday. We did not have the benefit of the warm sun for the return trip, but we had lots of wind. Conditions varied throughout the day, but most everyone chose to sail home into the wind. *TYA* rarely sees hull speeds over 7 knots, but she did it on Sunday in Budd inlet.

The good days are easy to remember, and this is a trip we will talk about for a long time. We got to hang out with some of our regular cruising friends, got to meet some new cruising friends, had some great weather, fantastic food, and awesome sailing.

### Cruising Season is Here!

Summer is here, and that means it is cruising season in the pacific northwest. For some it will be weekend trips on the

boat. For others it may be an extended vacation to the San Juan Islands or the Gulf Islands of Canada. And for those lucky enough to be retired, well, they just seem to drift off in a northerly direction until the leaves start to turn and it is time to come home.

I have three rules for cruising. Be safe. Have fun. And don't embarrass yourself! We have been working hard as a Club to build our boating skills so that we can be safe and have fun on the water. Every time we leave our home port we gain knowledge, skills, and experiences that will help us venture farther the next time we go out. As your Cruise Chair, it is my hope that you have an opportunity to scan new horizons this summer, see new sunsets from the deck, and have many nights of restful sleep in the gentle rocking of a quiet anchorage.

Mishaps will happen. Things will break. Boats will go aground. Anchors will drag. Storms will blow. Just remember that calm seas do not create skillful sailors. The salty sailors are the ones who faced adversity and found their way through it.

My father once gave me some advice on the two things you should do if you go aground. First, take down your burgee. Second, get out the boat brush and start cleaning the bottom. Everyone will think you grounded on purpose to clean your hull.

**Jim Larsen, *TYA***

## Come Race

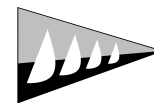
Summer is here. The sun stays out late. It is warm and dry, mostly. Time to use your boat if you are ever going to. If you can not take the whole summer off to go cruising, come race. Commit to sailing at least one night a week, even if you do not think of yourself as a racer. Put the races on your schedule so you sail regularly.

However well you do in the races, when the summer is over you will have spent considerable time aboard. Maybe learned a little. That is why you bought her?

To race your keel boat, see Richard Bigley to get handicapped. He can tell what to do next. To race dinghies, come out early and talk to the yellow RC boat.

Whether you are racing PHRF on Wednesdays or dinghies on Thursdays, you will find that it is a great mid week break. The season has just started.

**Steve Worcester**



## Thursday Races Series 1

Place	Skipper	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	Total
1	French, Kevin	3	1	DNC 6	2	12
2	Brown, Adam	DNC 5	5	2	4	16
3	Miller, Garner	DNC 5	DNC 6	3	3	17
4	Snyder, Charlie	DNC 5	DNC 6	DNC 6	1	18
5	Findley, Jim	DNC 5	2	DNC 6	6	19
6	Rulla, Chris	2	DNC 6	1	DNC 11	20
7	Baldrige, Darris	DNC 5	DNC 6	4	5	20
8	Downing, Joe	1	4	DNC 6	DNC 11	22
9	Harting, Eric	DNC 5	DNC 6	DNC 6	7	24
10	Visser, Alden	DNC 5	3	5	DNC 11	24
11	Beach, James	4	DNC 6	DNC 6	8	24
12	O'Sullivan, Jane	DNC 5	DNC 6	DNC 6	9	26
13	Heriot, Margaret	DNC 5	DNC 6	DNC 6	10	27

## Thursday Night Races

May 25

ScoreMethod=Portsmouth

Sail	Skipper	Type	Race	1	2	3	Total
1 158715	Snyder, Charlie	LASE	LASE	1	2	1	4
2 1542	French, Kevin	HPN5.2	LASE	3	3	2	8
3 3092	Miller, Garner	LASE	LASE	2	4	4	10
4 763	Brown, Adam	HPN5.2	LASE	8	1	3	12
5 816	Baldrige, Darris	HPN5.2	LD14	5	5	7	17
6 786	Findley, Jim	LD14	TANZER 16	4	6	9	19
7 1304	Harting, Eric	TANZER 16	LD14	6	7	8	21
8 3033	Beach, James	LD14	LASE	7	8	6	21
9 106152	O'Sullivan, Jane	LASE	LD14	10	10	5	25
10 5008	Heriot, Margaret	LD14	LD14	9	9 DNF	10	28

## Thursday Night Races May 18

Sail	Skipper	Type	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1 195939	Rulla, Chris	LASE	1	2	1	4
2 763	Brown, Adam	HPN5.2	4	1	4	9
3 1623-GM	Miller, Garner	COR15	3	4	2	9
4 816	Darris, Darris	HPN5.2	5	3	3	11
5 171059	Visser, Alden	LASEM	2	5	5	12

Summer is Here  
The Time to go Sailing is Now

## Spring Series Race #2 May 20

Flying Circus/Transition was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
<b>Div. Green</b> Start Time: 12:00 Distance: 3.2 NM						
0.75	79 RUFUS	MEL		93	13:17:15	13:12:17
2.00	69432 SUNNISU	HOB33		96	13:41:19	13:36:12
3.00	64996 WILLIE TIPIT?	C&C SR33		78	13:42:55	13:38:45
4.00	33 GRU	CORS 300		48	13:50:41	13:48:07
5.00	12 PAX			10	DNF	
<b>Div. Pink</b> Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 2.4 NM						
0.75	29718 AURORA	RANC 33-1		156	13:13:33	13:07:19
2.00	69927 BALDER II	ERIC 38		144	13:20:58	13:15:12
3.00	3220 CHEAP THRILLS	J 24		186	13:31:27	13:24:01
4.00	394 MAGIC	CAP 25		186	13:36:51	13:29:25
5.00	63337 DASH	BEN 345		135	13:37:35	13:32:11
6.00	50105 JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34		135	13:46:04	13:40:40
7.00	61959 EGGESQUISIT	YAM 33		162	13:51:34	13:45:05
8.00	39110 KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1		177	13:52:45	13:45:40

## Race 2 Commodore's Series May 31

Transition, with help from Balder 2, was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
<b>Div. Green</b> Start Time: 18:30 Distance: 6.2 nm						
0.75	69399 FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37		72	19:49:33	19:42:07
2.00	79 RUFUS	MEL		93	19:52:38	19:43:01
3.00	60 PERIL	V460		111	19:56:29	19:45:01
4.00	18324 ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37		72	19:52:37	19:45:11
5.00	12 PAX			10	19:48:16	19:47:14
6.00	35 ANGEL EYES	J99		78	19:55:59	19:47:55
7.00	007 007	J 99		81	19:59:05	19:50:43
8.00	33 GRU	CORS 300		48	20:08:37	20:03:39
9.00	69432 SUNNISU	HOB33		96	DNF	
<b>Div. Pink</b> Start Time: 18:35 Distance: 4.6 nm						
0.75	4157 KATANA	J24		186	19:48:36	19:34:20
2.00	61959 EGGE BEATER	YAM 33		162	19:51:08	19:38:43
3.00	50105 JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34		135	19:50:19	19:39:58
4.00	3220 CHEAP THRILLS	J 24		186	19:54:34	19:40:18
5.00	69927 BALDER II	ERIC 38		144	19:51:23	19:40:21
6.00	64985 LIBERTY	C&C 35		123	19:50:46	19:41:20
7.00	79128 COLOR MY WORLD	CATA 30		225	20:03:35	19:46:20
8.00	394 MAGIC	CAP 25		186	20:03:54	19:49:38
9.00	2222 PENOZIEQUAH	NEWP 31		231	DNF	

## Spring Series Race #1 May 6

Transition was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Finish Time
<b>Div. Green</b> Start Time: 12:00 Distance: 4.5 NM						
0.75	79 RUFUS	MEL		93	13:35:40	13:28:42
2.00	12 PAX			10	13:31:59	13:31:14
3.00	69432 SUNNISU	HOB33		96	13:53:43	13:46:31
4.00	18324 ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37		72	13:53:44	13:48:20
5.00	33 GRU	CORS 300		48	DNF	
5.00	69051 SPIRIT	BENE 36.7		99	DNF	
5.00	69399 FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37		72	DNF	
<b>Div. Pink</b> Start Time: 12:05 Distance: 4.5 NM						
0.75	210 SANS SOUCI	CAPRI 26		237	14:06:41	13:48:55
2.00	394 MAGIC	CAP 25		186	14:06:16	13:52:19
3.00	3220 CHEAP THRILLS	J 24		186	14:06:25	13:52:28
4.00	39110 KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1		177	14:07:22	13:54:06
5.00	79182 FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5		132	14:05:28	13:55:34
6.00	50105 JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34		135	14:06:00	13:55:53

## Race 1 Commodore's Series May 24

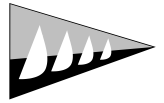
Transition/Liberty was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
<b>Div. Green</b> Start Time: 18:39 Distance: 2.7 nm						
0.75	79 RUFUS	MEL		93	19:45:17	19:41:06
2.00	60 PERIL	V460		111	19:48:15	19:43:15
3.00	69432 SUNNISU	HOB33		96	19:58:59	19:54:40
4.00	64996 WILLIE TIPIT?	C&C SR33		78	19:58:22	19:54:51
5.00	12 PAX			10	19:56:15	19:55:48
6.00	69051 SPIRIT	BENE 36.7		99	20:01:34	19:57:07
7.00	007 007	J 99		81	20:08:53	20:05:14
8.00	33 GRU	CORS 300		48	DNF	
8.00	35 ANGEL EYES	J99		78	DNF	
<b>Div. Pink</b> Start Time: 18:44 Distance: 2.7 nm						
0.75	29718 AURORA	RANC 33-1		156	20:05:57	19:58:56
2.00	394 MAGIC	CAP 25		186	20:08:03	19:59:41
3.00	69927 BALDER II	ERIC 38		144	20:06:30	20:00:01
4.00	3220 CHEAP THRILLS	J 24		186	20:10:22	20:02:00
5.00	40 B.A.NANA	RAN 22		240	20:15:57	20:05:09
6.00	2222 PENOZIEQUAH	NEWP 31		231	20:20:47	20:10:23
7.00	61959 EGGE SALAD	YAM 33		162	20:29:17	20:22:00

## The Wizard of Zenda Died

Our sport lost a legend in May: Buddy Melges, Star World Champion, Olympic Gold Medalist, E-scow National Champion, helm on *America*<sup>3</sup>, Skeeter iceboat Champion, Mallory Cup winner, ... Three time Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, inducted into the National and the World Sailing Halls of Fame. Besides racing them, he made/sold boats; one is racing with us, winning our Season Championship. A generation is passing.





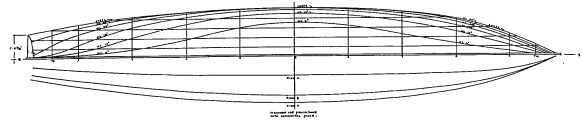
## Season Championships

Division 1 (Green)			Division 2 (Pink)		
Boat	points	#Races	Boat	Points	#Races
<b>Rufus</b>	<b>21.25</b>	<b>9</b>	Folie A Deux	19.75	7
Rock, Paper	36.00	7	Jolly Rumbalow	31.00	7
Scissors			Dash	15.50	6
Mako	18.00	6	Koosah	26.75	6
Flying Circus	20.75	6	Aurora	8.50	5
Willie Tipit	29.00	6	Echo	23.00	4
Pax	14.75	5	Emma Lee	25.00	4
Lightly Salted	21.00	5	Balder 2	5.75	3
Angel Eyes	21.75	5	Magic	8.00	3
Sunnisu	22.00	5	Cheap Thrills	10.00	3
007	32.00	4	San Souci	11.75	3
Bodacious	4.50	3	Yondar Star	16.00	3
Pearl	7.50	3	Sassy	23.00	3
Gru	17.00	3	Liberty	4.75	2
Spirit	26.00	3	Penoziequah	10.00	2
Raven's Haven	13.00	2	Eggesquisit	14.00	2
Trickster	0.75	1	Katana	0.75	1
			Jody V	3.00	1
			Chinook	5.00	1
			Indigo	5.00	1

## Spring Series

RC Boat *Transition* with help from *Flying Circus*. Thank you all.

Place	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Skipper Name	Rating	Race 1	Race 2	Total
<b>Div. Green Races: 1 to 2</b>							
					Strt	7 Strt	5 Strt
1	79	RUFUS	Tucker Smyth	93	2	0.75	0.75
2	69432	SUNNISU	Matt Niles	96	2	3.00	2.00
3	12	PAX	Rod Sharp	10	2	2.00	5.00
4	33	GRU	Drew Phillips	48	2	5.00	4.00
5	18324	ROCK PAPER SCIS	Hans Seegers	72	1	4.00	6.00
6	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	Charles Norman	78	1	8.00	3.00
6	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	Dave Elliott	72	1	5.00	6.00
6	69051	SPIRIT	Steve Jones	99	1	5.00	6.00
<b>Div. Pink Races: 1 to 2</b>							
					Strt	6 Strt	8 Strt
1	3220	CHEAP THRILLS	Paul Paroff	186	2	3.00	3.00
1	394	MAGIC	Henry Brooks	186	2	2.00	4.00
3	29718	AURORA	Chery Bideman	156	1	7.00	0.75
4	69927	BALDER II	Myra Downing	144	1	7.00	2.00
5	39110	KOOSAH	Dave Knowlton	177	2	4.00	8.00
5	63337	DASH	Garner Miller	135	1	7.00	5.00
5	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	Richard Bigley	135	2	6.00	6.00
8	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	Jeff Johnson	132	1	5.00	9.00
9	61959	EGGESQUISIT	Eric Egge	162	1	8.00	7.00



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Because so many races were abandoned this year, the RC will award the remaining five places, awards through third place, to those finishing the most races, and when boats have finished the same number of races, to those with the lowest score.

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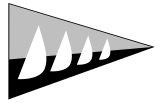
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