

Ship-to-Shore

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October Meeting: Weather for Sailors

Our October 11th Meeting will feature Bruce Hedrick, who will share critical information on the weather in the Pacific Northwest, especially as it pertains to sailing. He will explore where to get weather information, how to interpret the information you receive, and how to be your own weather person. Also, if you have any areas of interest or questions you'd like Bruce to cover, send him a note at LBruce@msn.com.

Bruce has a great mix of academic and practical experience. Over the years Bruce has navigated everything from the Perry 68 *Icon* to the Ranger 29. In 2015, he won class in TransPac as navigator aboard the Santa Cruz 50 *Allure*. In the 2023 Swiftsure, he served as navigator and tactician on the Division-winning J-35 *Tahlequah*.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Biological Oceanography from the University of Washington and learned meteorology "to keep from getting kicked around on the race course." In addition, Bruce spent nearly two decades as Managing Editor for *Northwest Yachting Magazine* and was the chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Northwest Marine Trade Association from 2013 until 2015.



Portsmouth, End of Season Regatta photo: Steve Worcester

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Meeting will be in-person at the Olympia Yacht Club located at 201 Simmons St. NW *if the construction project of reinforcing the floor is completed*. If it is not completed, Members will be notified by email of the alternative location.

Doors will open at 18:30 and the Meeting will begin at 19:00. The Meeting is open to both Members and non-members, so invite your crew, dock mates, neighbors, and others who are interested in sailing.

We hope to see you there..

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Commodore's Corner:

This report, as will be the case with subsequent reports I write, will be brief and focus on issues of relevance to the Membership at large. The really interesting stuff is being covered by the program chairs and others of you who are actually sailing! At present I am not.

Last month I reported the Membership dues were increasing to \$70, race fees were staying at \$35. As it turns out, however, for those of you who renew online, PayPal has started tacking on a 3.8% handling fee (\$2.70 and \$1.35 for Membership and racing, respectively). Hopefully this will not be the straw that broke the camel's back, coming as it is, on the heels of the dues increase.

I also reported the question of going to a fixed Membership renewal date or keeping individual renewal dates (based upon when you joined) was to be discussed. It was, and the board decided to keep the individual renewal date as it helps level the processing workload over the year.

Board Meeting
October 3

Fall Series Race 4
October 7

General Meeting
October 10

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 18:30 meeting starts 19:00

Eagle Island Race
Island Series starts
October 14

Fun Sail
October 22

Halloween Cruise
October 27-9

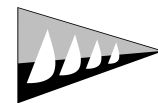
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We are still lacking a Vice Commodore and a Cruise Chair. Filling Cruise Chair position is critical if the cruising program is to continue. Retired Cruise Chair Jim Larsen has graciously agreed to help organize the Halloween Cruise but he won't do it alone. If you are a cruiser, please contact Jim and/or come to the October Meeting ready to work with him. To live up to its reputation, this Cruise will require a lot of planning.

It has been suggested the Cruise Chair function might be covered by a team of individuals...

The Vice Commodore position needs to be filled so there is someone to take over when I finish my term next June. I am going to start calling ... or dropping by to visit ... probably around dinner time.

By the way, Jim has agreed to work-up another sea shanty for our next Meeting! Hope to see you there.

John Martens, *Djinn*



End of Season Potluck photo: Steve Worcester

Dinghy Season Ends

The 2023 racing season has been great for the Dinghy Fleet. Seventeen evening races, one Sunday race and a two day 'race' around Harstine Island with a combined 31 different boats involved. Simone Reck won the Season Championship with Adam Brown, and Chris Rulla close behind and Adam Brown wins the Best Attendance award by a wide margin.

We are done for this year, but put May 2nd on your calendar for the first Dinghy race of next year. Also put down June 1st and 2nd for the Harstine GT4.0. We will be again trying to row, sail or paddle around Harstine Island.

Thanks to all who helped make this year happen. Joe and Myra Downing for heading up the Harstine GT3.0, Chris Rulla for being co-dinghy chair and running half the races and putting on a couple of great clinics. But especially all of you that came out and joined us to have fun on the water.

**Jim Findley, *Night Wind,*
*The Flagship, Lido 14 786***

RC Report

Don't miss out on Racing around the Buoys! Only one buoy race left, Fall #4. October also marks the commencement of the Islands Series with Eagle Island October 14! Come race.

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year! Evoking memories of when I was learning to sail outside of Husky Stadium. The lingering summer breeze colliding with the crisp fall air. I wanted to squeeze every possible moment of fall racing before the rain arrived. I was content practicing my tacks and gybes.

Don't let the football games hinder your sailing! Hit the record button on your TV and come out and enjoy some friendly racing among friends!

We encourage those not racing to volunteer on the Race Committee. A way to enjoy Fall from another perspective.

Derek DeCouteau, *Star 7620 and Aurora*

Do remember to pay your race fee, \$35 for the year, September through August.

Cruise News

Halloween Cruise

The Halloween Cruise to Longbranch Marina is happening October 27 – 29. Longbranch is a wonderful destination with nice docks, water, and electricity. Moorage is \$1.25 per foot per night and includes electricity.

Come prepared to share in a potluck meal on Saturday night. There will be opportunities also for impromptu happy hour gatherings throughout the weekend. Bring your favorite treats to share. There may be some live music on Saturday after dinner.

Many like to decorate their boats for Halloween during this event. Boat decorating and costumes are encouraged.

The currents in Dana Passage are mild that weekend. The current is westbound until about 11:00 Friday, and then only 1.5 knots against us on the flood tide peaking at 14:00. Saturday is similar, with a favorable current flowing until noon. If you find yourself in a contrary current in Dana passage, go to your starboard shore to find relief.

The flood tide is favorable for a return trip to Olympia between noon and 19:00 on Sunday.

If you have not been to a cruise with us before, this is a great place to start. There is always someone around to catch your lines and help you dock. There is shelter if it rains, and electricity to keep us warm.

Jim Larsen *TYA*

Cruise Chair Needed

If we are to have an active cruising program this year, we need someone to plan it. Help needed.

Port of Olympia Candidate Forum October 5

The South Sound Sailing Society is hosting a forum for candidates who are running for the Port of Olympia Commission on the evening of Thursday, October 5. The forum will be via Zoom at 19:00 and is in collaboration with the Olympia Yacht Club, Olympia Community Sailing, and the Puget Sound Estuarium.

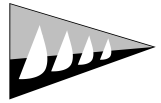
As a result of the recent expansion of the commission from three to five members and Commissioner Joe Downing not running for re-election, there are three open positions on the commission. All six candidates have indicated that they are planning to participate, including: Position 1, Bill McGregor and Jasmine Vasavada; Position 4, Rose Chiu Gundersen and Maggie Sanders; and Position 5, Sarah Tonge and Troy Kirby. Information on each candidate is available on the Thurston County Auditor's Election web page .

The Port of Olympia plays a critical role in providing sailboat moorage and maintenance facilities in Olympia, providing access to Budd Inlet, improving water quality, and creating jobs. It is embarking on a major project to dredge contaminated sediments that are a legacy of Olympia's waterfront industrial past and has the commission has the authority to make our waterfront more accessible and attractive.

The Zoom link for the forum will be emailed to our members before the event.

We hope you will join us.

Your SSSS Board



Ship-to-Shore Report

As we start a new SSSS year I need help with the S-t-S. We need photos. As I write the only PHRF races were canceled for lack of wind. That leads to a lack of photos. Take your camera racing. Take it to the Halloween Cruise. And send us copies: sts@ssssclub.com.

We also need your stories, how you have used your boat. We do not need the full story of your two

month cruise. We are looking for short stories. What was the best day? The worst? What lessons did you learn? We want to hear from you. Share.

Like everything else with our Club, the S-t-S can be first class but will only be as good as you, our Members, make it.

Steve Worcester



Star racing - photo: Jim Findley

Fall Series Race 2

September 16

No Race; no wind

Transition was the RC Boat. Thank you.

Fall Series Race 1

September 9

Race abandoned; wind died

Transition was the RC Boat with help from Lightly Salted. Thank you.

Fall Dinghy Regatta September 10

ScoreMethod=Portsmouth

Position	Sail Number	Skipper	Type	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	195939	Rulla, Chris	Laser	2	1	1	1	5
2	1304	Harting, Eric	Tanzer 16	4	2	2	4	12
3	763	Brown, Adam	Harpoon 5.2	1	6	3	6	16
4	786	Findley, Jim	Lido 14	5	4	4	5	18
5	816	Baldrige, Darris	Harpoon 5.2	3	3	5	7	18
6	4525	Greene, Greg	Lido 14	7	5	6	2	20
7	106152	O'Sullivan, Jane	Laser	6	7	7	8	28
8	592	Weta	Weta	DNS 8	DNS 9	8	3	28
9	5008	Heriot, Margaret	Lido 14	DNS 8	8	9	9	34

Thursday Night Races

Series 4

Overall	Sail	Skipper	Type	July 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Total
1	763	Brown, Adam	Harpoon 5.2	DNC 5	2	2	4	13
2	218876	Reck, Simone	Laser Radial	DNC 5	1	1	DNC 7	14
3	1304	Harting, Eric	Tanzer 16	4	DNC 6	3	1	14
4	195939	Rulla, Chris	Laser	1	DNC 6	4	DNC 7	18
5	786	Findley, Jim	Lido 14	DNC 5	4	DNC 7	2	18
6	109565	Gamble, Hayley	Laser	3	DNC 6	5	5	19
7	FEVA	Steve	RS Feva	DNC 5	DNC 6	DNC 7	3	21
8	171059	Visser, Alden	Laser Radial	2	DNC 6	DNC 7	DNC 7	22
9	1542	French, Kevin	Harpoon 5.2	DNC 5	3	DNC 7	DNC 7	22
10	106152M	Molly	Laser	DNC 5	DNC 6	6	DNC 7	24
11	3033	Beach, James	Lido 14	DNC 5	DNC 6	DNC 7	6	24
12	5008	Heriot, Margaret	Lido 14	DNC 5	5	DNC 7	DNC 7	24

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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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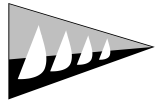
Deadline for submissions is the second Tuesday of the month.

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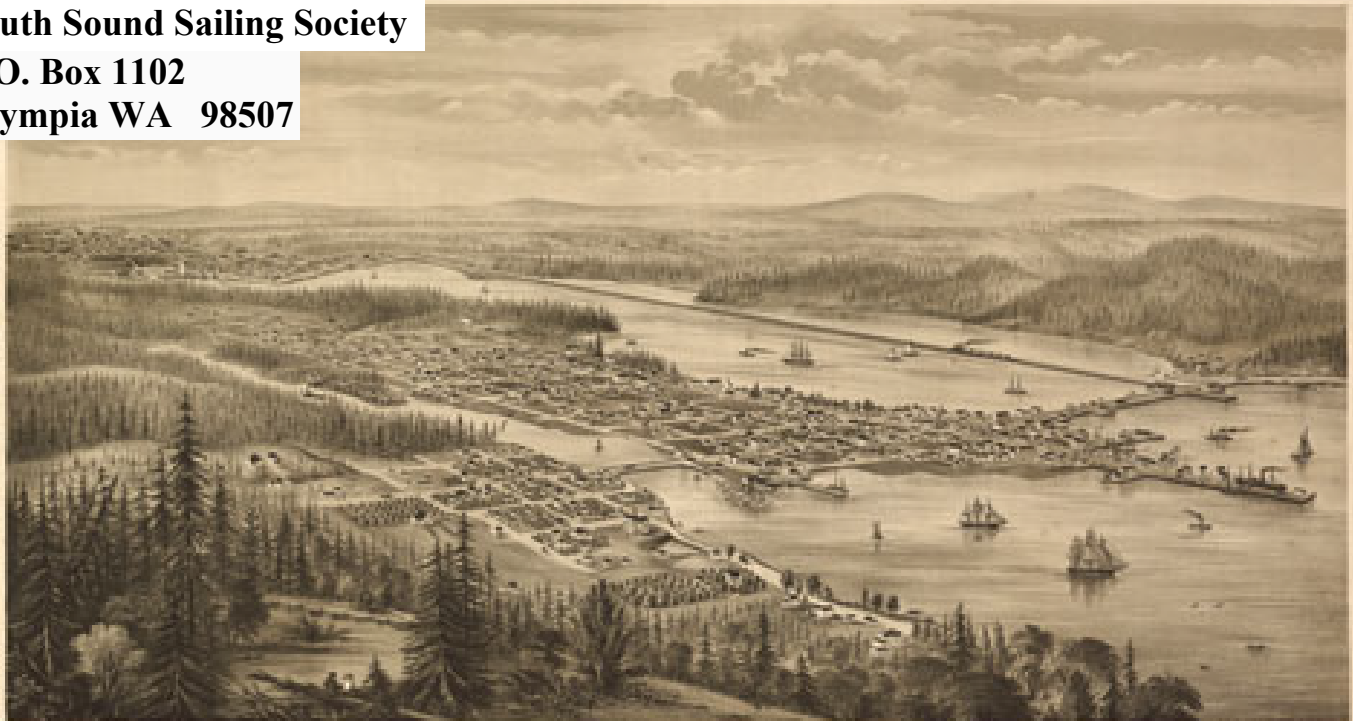
above sail handling on the *Lady Washington*
other photos are Portsmouth racing
photos by Steve Worcester



More dinghy racing photos can be found on the SSS web site



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