

# Ship-to-Shore

The South Sound Sailing Society's Newsletter

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## May Meeting: Get Ready for Cruising Adventures!

Puget Sound, the San Juans, the Canadian Gulf Islands, and other destinations in British Columbia are a boater's paradise. There are tranquil anchorages, snowcapped mountains, brisk winds, and in Desolation Sound north of Vancouver, warm waters perfect for swimming.

The May 9<sup>th</sup> South Sound Sailing Society Meeting will include presentations by Jim Larsen, our Cruising Chair, and other Members on fabulous cruising destinations, essential equipment and supplies for your trip, and words of advice from experienced skippers regarding crossing the Strait of Juan de Fuca, clearing Canadian and US Customs, and other lessons from previous trips. In addition, Marvin Young will share information about Reciprocal Moorages in which current Members can get free or very low-cost moorage in dozens of places in Washington and British Columbia.



McAllister Creek Race photo: Paul Paroff

The Meeting will be in-person at the Olympia Yacht Club located at 201 Simmons St. NW. Doors will open on Tuesday,

May 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

We hope to see you there.

**Bob Butts, Emma Lee**

## Commodore's Corner: the Great Divide

Part of the art of Meeting planning for our Club is balancing the interests of our Members who use their boats primarily for relaxation, commonly known as cruisers, and those who enjoy sailing as a sport, known as racers. But there's also the old saying that it's always a race when two sailboats are headed in the same direction,

We talk about racers and cruisers like they are two, entirely different populations. But what about those of us who just love being on the water? I'm not fast enough to be competitive, but it's sure a lot of fun to practice my sailing skills on a race boat! When cruising hull speed is the standard so I don't sail as much as I should. But when racing even 3 knots seems fast when everyone else is going 2.8.

A friend of mine loves sailing, but refuses to come on race boats because of bad experiences with hyper-competitive racing skippers. That's too bad because sailing is supposed to be fun! I encouraged her to come on our boat, where the number one rule is have fun! Our #2 rule is don't hit anything because that would not be fun.

We spend a lot of time talking about how to recruit new Members for our Club, and into the sport of sailing. We need to break down these barriers because if the only choices we give people are cruising to Canada or winning the Spring Series, a lot of potential new sailors are going to walk away.

**Alan Hoffman, Seabird**

**Leaving Mexico : LifeSling Clinic : Reciprocal Moorage Update : Local Knowledge**

Board Meeting  
May 2

Dinghy Racing Starts  
May 4

Spring Series Race 3  
May 6

Diesel Maintenance Class  
May 6-7

Star Racing Starts  
May 8

General Meeting  
May 9

Visitors Welcome  
Doors open at 18:30 eating starts 19:00

Dinghy Racing  
May 11

Star Racing  
May 15

Dinghy Racing  
May 18

Spring Series Race 4  
May 20

Star Racing  
May 22

Wednesday Racing Starts  
May 24

Dinghy Racing  
May 25

Memorial Day Cruise  
May 26-29

Fun Sail  
May 28

Star Racing  
May 30

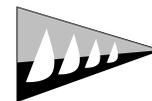
Wednesday Racing  
May 31

Dinghy Racing  
June 1

Harstine GT  
June 3-4

Star Racing  
June 5

Board Meeting  
June 6



## RC Report

My column is brief this month because of ... late spring! Hope you've been enjoying the Spring Series on Saturdays. Last Saturday race of the season happens May 20<sup>th</sup>. Start planning for Wednesday night races beginning May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Summer racing is a good mid-week break and a good weekly rhythm. Review the detailed Sailing Instructions on the SSSS web site at [Racing>PHRF>Sailing Instructions](#) and the *Notice of Race*

We need volunteers to assist on the committee boat. I'll try to keep the online RC Duty Roster updated, so review it and email me with your desired dates. Find the roster at [Racing>PHRF>RC Duty Roster](#).

Reminder that, covid-casual racing is over as of last September. This means a return to Series scoring, Season Championships, and physical awards. We will recognize the winning boats at the June Meeting potluck. Racing is usually a team effort; skippers can honor outstanding team Members for series crew awards. Details are on the SSSS web site at [Racing>PHRF> Notice of Race](#) at #9.2

Sail because it's fun!

**Eric Egge,**  
the Yamaha (name  
still delayed)  
[rcchair@sssclub.com](mailto:rcchair@sssclub.com)

## S-t-S Report

We still need your sailing stories and photos of SSSS events.

## Cruise News

### Memorial Day Cruise to Penrose Point

Please join us for the annual Memorial Day Cruise to Penrose Point State Park May 26 – 29. Penrose Point State Park offers several mooring buoys and lots of anchoring space. There is a dock inside the inner bay that can accommodate shallow draft boats, but we generally anchor in the outer bay. Watch your charts and give a wide berth to the shoal point at the entrance to the park bay.

The park offers a large grassy area for recreation and games, beach combing, and restrooms. If you have games that play well on the lawn, like Corn Hole, please bring them along. This is a great destination for kids and grandkids. We will gather on shore for a pot luck on Saturday at 18:00.



Spring Series non Race 1 photo: Terry West-Otterstetter

The campsites and group camp at Penrose Point State Park are closed through the night of July 31 for a septic project. The day use area and the beaches will remain open during the construction.

Our coordinators for the Memorial Day cruise this year are Marvin Young and Fran Williams.

### 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 Baldrige 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.

The park web site indicates there are five mooring balls at the park. That number has yet been confirmed. Standard park moorage rates apply. Space for anchoring is plentiful.

**Jim Larsen TYA**

Wednesday Racing  
**June 7**

Dinghy Racing  
**June 8**

LifeSling Clinic  
**June 10**

Star Racing  
**June 12**

Awards Potluck  
**June 13**

Visitors Welcome

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## Harstine GT

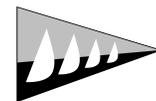
Come one, come all to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Harstine GT sailboat dinghy race, open to all sailboats or human-powered craft 20 ft. or less in length. This event will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a two-day race counter-clockwise around Harstine Island, with a midway camp over with your racing buddies at Jarrell Cove State Park.

Last year, we had nine boats compete, this year we have 15 spots available. Think of it as an interstate event, since we expect 4 to 5 boats coming up from Portland.

The event includes gear transport to and from Jarrell Cove State Park, the campsite fee, crackling fire, beer and wine, dinner, and even coffee and light a breakfast in the morning.

The start is at Boston Harbor, and the day one finish is right at the mouth of Jarrell Cove. The race is modeled after the R2AK in that there are no handicaps, just straight up racing: fastest combined time for the two days wins the event! Unlike R2AK, you don't get \$10,000 for first place, but do get a nice plaque. Deadline for entry is May 20<sup>th</sup>! Please email Joe Downing at [joedowning@aol.com](mailto:joedowning@aol.com) for an application, questions, or a copy of Racing Instructions. See you then!

**Joe Downing, Balder 2**



## LifeSling Clinic June 10

Our annual LifeSling Clinic will be held at the Olympia Yacht Club beginning at 0900 on Saturday, June 10. This is a fun and challenging way to learn the proper use of the LifeSling so you will be able to get an overboard victim back to and onto the boat without needing anyone else to help you.

The clinic will begin with classroom instruction. Next, we will do dockside drills on the boats. Once the dockside drills are finished, we will 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 in the mid to late afternoon.

This is an opportunity to build confidence in your ability to rescue an overboard victim. You will be able to observe what other participants do right and how to overcome common mistakes. If you have taken the class before, please consider taking it again to refresh your skills.

The cost is just \$15 per person. It is especially helpful to learn how to use the LifeSling and hoisting tackle on the boat you sail. If you have a boat, please bring it and your crew. The fee will be waived for skippers who bring two or more crew members.

You will need to bring your life jacket, lunch, basic sailing skills, and all your questions. Space is limited so advance registration is encouraged. Please sign up by calling or texting me at (253) 732-2129 or by email at [hsaller214@aol.com](mailto: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. We will provide a (mostly) dry survival suit, along with much praise and gratitude for your contribution to this worthwhile effort.

**Andy Saller, Liberty**

## Portsmouth Racing

Dinghy racing started on May 4 and will continue every Thursday night all through the summer. If you have a sailboat that is 20 feet or under and does not have a fixed keel, come on out and join us for a fun evening of relaxed racing. We use Portsmouth Handicaps so all boats can be competitive.

We gather just north of the Hearth Fire Restaurant, starting at 18:30 and try to get three or more races in before sundown so there are lots of starts and mark rounding practice. If you mess up somehow we'll try and help to get things straighten out.

Look on the SSSS web site for official sailing instructions and a chart of the marks that we use for



April Meeting

photo: Jim Larsen

courses. The courses are put up on the white board before each race. If you are new, come up next to the committee boat, yellow runabout, and tell us who you are and what kind of boat you have and hopefully an email address.

By the way, it's all free to anybody out there. It's our give back to the community. Questions? Email [dinghy@sssclub.com](mailto:dinghy@sssclub.com)

**Jim Findley, Night Wind / Lido 14 / Star**

## South Sound Fun Sail

Grant Tibbets and Alan Hoffman hosted the South Sound Fun Sail on March 26. New friends Joe, Brent, and Sandra joined us for a two-hour cruise on Grant's Catalina 320 *Yonder Star*. We made some tacks, saw local marine wildlife, and experienced the full range of PNW spring weather.

Mary Fitzgerald started this monthly event as an opportunity for new sailors to take out their boats in a group setting, and for new and potential Members to learn about sailing and gain experience at boat handling. We meet at the **Port Plaza dock at 13:00 on the Fourth Sunday every month.**

**Alan Hoffman, Seabird**

## Budd Inlet Star Fleet

Racing Season starts Monday, May 8 and continues every Monday evening until the end of August. If you want to check Stars out, either on the Race Committee boat or as crew, come to West Bay Marina Mondays at 17:00. We will look for you under Tugboat Annie's porch. Bring your PFD and water!

The Star class one-design is a 22 ft 9 in foot keel boat sailed by two crew. The design has been around since 1910 and was an Olympic class boat for 80 years ending in 2012. With its large sail area and no spinnaker, the boat is fun and easy to sail, but a hard one to master.

Budd inlet Star Fleet is holding a kick-off event on Saturday April 29 at West Bay Marina. The kick-off event will be a morning clinic on Race Committee and tuning your boat at 09:00. The afternoon will be fun practice races starting at 13:00. Thank you Eric Harting for volunteering for Race Committee.

We are building the fleet back and looking for Race Committee, new crew, and skippers. Contact Chris Reitz for RC and Ingrid Schonfield for volunteer crew list. There are a few boats for sale locally for new skippers.

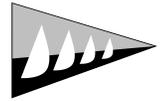
Come join us!

**Cheryl Rogers, UpStart**

## Reciprocal Moorage

I will discuss the Ins and Outs of reciprocal moorage for Members at the May Meeting. The presentation will cover how to find reciprocal moorage, how to request a stay, and what to expect at the dock. It will include a tour of the Yacht Destinations web site; the site we use to manage our reciprocal listing.

**Marvin Young**



## Judi Leaves Mexico

Mid April Judi Kruller departed Mexico going west. She sent emails and photos from the first few days:

We checked out of Mexico Monday morning at Paradise Village Marina. We topped our diesel tanks over at La Cruz Marina. Anchored just outside the marina. This afternoon we sailed to Punta Mita.

When we hoisted our main sail, we saw Jeanne Socrates was preparing to hoist her sails. She was heading over to Nuevo Vallarta to check out. She waved and I took a snapshot.

Jeanne sailed solo nonstop unassisted around globe in 2012-13 in 259 days. Guinness World Record, Blue Water medal etc. Repeated 2018-19, took 339 days-oldest person.

We saw whale flukes slapping the water about a mile away. We saw a sea turtle swimming at the surface a few meters away.



In the morning we will set sail to Hiva Oa. We're ready make this passage. There are a

few boats departing tomorrow.

The evenings are cool. I'm glad I brought fleece! Pictures to share. Judi

Happy Friday! We have been aiming towards 120-

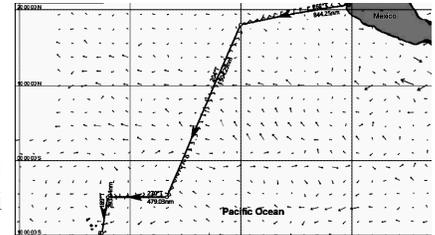


longitude right about Clarion Island; our weather and route forecaster, Met Bob, is giving us updates, to keep us in the wind. The wind speeds have been 12 and under; mainly under. We have the Code Zero out along with one reef in the main. We are expecting 15-20 this afternoon and tonight, and then building a bit more Saturday. All is well on board; however, the boys are feeling some motion sickness. The swells are generally 1 meter, but sometimes a little bigger. Meals are delicious. We're hoping to catch some yellow fin tuna today.

Yesterday, we caught one yellow fin, but lost it before we could get it aboard.

Have a great weekend! Judi

We made 120 nautical miles on day 3. Adam guessed closest so he gets to pick our dinner entrée for tonight.



Boobies hopped aboard Friday afternoon. There were 6 onboard, now 5. They're hilarious to watch. One on port forward bites the tail of the starboard boobies, the starboard bird sqawks in protest. The Boobie has to hold on the pulpit tightly to stay aboard.

The sunrise was beautiful. I could see a thousand birds circulating about 1 mile North and South.

Squid on deck during the night. That will help us catch fish today.

All is well aboard *Capt Musick*.

And at 1630 Saturday. True heading is 255. Still aiming to get west of Clarion Island before we turn South. We may get caught in no wind on Monday. It's temporary.

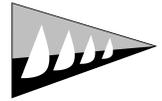
Judi Kruller



## Inlet Series

RC Boat: *Transition*, with help from *Noel*, Mark boats: *Koosah Quest* *Yard Bird*. Thank you.

place	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Skipper Name	Rating	#Strt	Eld	Hend	Skoo	McAll	Total
<b>Div. Green Races: 1 to 4, 1 throw out, * = throw out</b>										
1	38044	MAKO	Vannice/Cassal	39	4	2.00	3.00	2.00	4.00*	7.00
2	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	Dave Elliott	72	3	5.00	10.00*	3.00	2.00	10.00
3	73392	BODACIOUS	J Rosenbach	129	2	0.75	10.00*	9.00	0.75	10.50
4	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	Mel Schaefer	84	3	3.00	7.00	8.00*	3.00	13.00
5	35	ANGEL EYES	Tim DuMontier	78	2	12.00*	0.75	5.00	9.00	14.75
6	18324	ROCK PAPER SCIS	Hans Seegers	72	3	6.00	5.00	9.00*	5.00	16.00
7	12	PAX	Rod Sharp	10	2	4.00	4.00	9.00*	9.00	17.00
8	79	RUFUS	Tucker Smyth	93	2	7.00	2.00	9.00*	9.00	18.00
9	60	PERIL	Mike Visser	111	1	12.00*	10.00	0.75	9.00	19.75
10	69432	SUNNISU	Matt Niles	96	3	11.00*	10.00	4.00	6.00	20.00
11	69051	SPIRIT	Steve Jones	81	3	9.00	10.00*	7.00	7.00	23.00
12	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	Charles Norman	78	1	12.00*	10.00	6.00	9.00	25.00
13	5165	RAVEN'S HAVEN	Aaron Schofield	66	1	8.00	10.00*	9.00	9.00	26.00
14	33	GRU	Drew Phillips	48	1	12.00*	8.00	9.00	9.00	26.00
15	007	007	Scott Rowley	81	2	10.00*	10.00	9.00	9.00	28.00
<b>Div. Pink Races: 1 to 4, 1 throw out, * = throw out</b>										
1	63337	DASH	Garner Miller	135	3	0.75	7.00*	0.75	3.00	4.50
2	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	Jeff Johnson	132	4	3.00*	2.00	2.00	0.75	4.75
3	29718	AURORA	Chery Bideman	156	2	2.00	0.75	10.00*	8.00	10.75
4	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	Richard Bigley	135	3	4.00	7.00*	6.00	2.00	12.00
5	59924	ECHO	Steve Miller	156	3	6.00	3.00	7.00	8.00*	16.00
6	39110	KOOSAH	Dave Knowlton	177	2	11.00*	7.00	5.00	4.00	16.00
7	69141	JODY V	Jack Shincke	189	1	11.00*	7.00	3.00	8.00	18.00
8	5421	EMMA LEE	Bob Butts	225	4	8.00	5.00	9.00*	6.00	19.00
9	210	SANS SOUCI	Kevin French	237	2	7.00	4.00	10.00*	8.00	19.00
10	381	YONDER STAR	Gam Tibbett	171	3	11.00*	6.00	8.00	5.00	19.00
10	2222	PENOZIEQUAH	Richard Wells	231	1	11.00*	7.00	4.00	8.00	19.00
12	142	CHINOOK	Tod Bassman	168	1	5.00	7.00	10.00*	8.00	20.00
13	69667	SASSY	Mike Gowrylow	129	1	9.00	7.00	10.00*	8.00	24.00
14	61959	HAM & EGGES	Eric Egge	162	1	11.00*	7.00	10.00	7.00	24.00



## Local Knowledge

We left West Van YC to bring *Namma*, a Cal 3-30, home to Edmonds after a Georgia Strait Race. During the Race she had sailed over a log, doing unknown damage to the prop/strut. Running the engine made a loud thumping sound of something banging against the hull. We knew that was not good. So we were doing without until she was home and it could get looked at.

It was an uneventful reach across the Strait taking most of the day. We arrived at Porlier Pass later than planned. The current was starting to turn against us and it flows strong through the very narrow Pass. Which also blocked much of the wind.

There isn't anywhere to anchor on the Strait side; it is deep and exposed. We had to work our way through, playing the back eddies and the puffs, while watching for rocks. It was slow going. We were stuck several times until a puff came through the gap, hopefully from behind rather than ahead, to push us around the next

point. This might be familiar to south Sound sailors. We did make progress. Finally a little gust pushed us around that one last point and we were through to where we could anchor.

Which we did. Then went looking to see what there was to see. We were told we were very out of season, no surprise, and nothing was open. There were not enough locals to support a store, let alone a restaurant. But the island was not deserted. There were people around to talk with.

They told us that, if we wanted a drink, there was a man with a well stocked basement. He just might let us have a bottle, at a slight mark up. So off we went to talk with the local bootlegger. He had anything we wanted, as long as we wanted vodka. We decided that was just what we wanted and ended the day with drinks in the cabin

So started this early Spring cruise, probably the best time to cruise the Gulf San and Juan Islands.

Steve Worcester

## McAllister Creek Race April 1

*Transition and Noel* were RC. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
<b>Div. Green</b> Start Time: 10:00 Distance: 23.5 nm						
0.75	73392	BODACIOUS	BENE 35 S5	129	14:18:13	13:27:42
2.00	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	13:57:01	13:28:49
3.00	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	84	14:05:43	13:32:49
4.00	38044	MAKO	SYD 38	39	13:48:18	13:33:02
5.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	14:01:24	13:33:12
6.00	69432	SUNNISU	HOB33	96	14:16:49	13:39:13
<b>Div. Pink</b> Start Time: 09:35 Distance: 17 nm						
0.75	79182	FOLIE A DEUX	BENE 35 S5	132	12:52:35	12:15:11
2.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	12:54:25	12:16:10
3.00	63337	DASH	BEN 345	135	12:59:00	12:20:45
4.00	39110	KOOSAH	PEAR 36-1	177	13:27:39	12:37:30
5.00	381	YONDER STAR	CAT 320	171	13:32:46	12:44:19
6.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	225	14:01:44	12:57:59
7.00	61959	HAM & EGGES	YAM 33	162	13:45:16	12:59:22

## Spring Series Race April 14

Canceled: lack of wind

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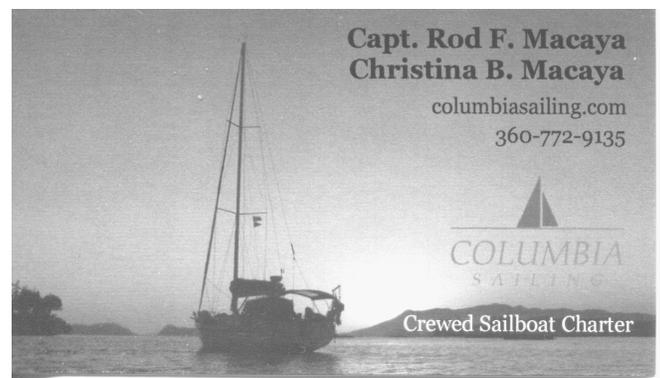
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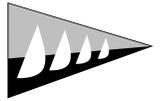
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Spring Series Race 1  
aboard *Koosah*  
photo by Dave Knowlton



this and top right  
McAllister Creek Race  
photos: Darris Baldridge

# Take Your Camera Sailing

bottom center *Koosah* Spring Series Race 1  
photo by Brian Griffiths  
bellow March Fun Sail photo by Alan Hoffman



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