

Ship-to-Shore

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May Meeting: Summer Cruising and Racing

(Note that it is the *third* Tuesday of the month)

The days are getting longer, the sun warmer, and it's time to get your boat out of the slip and into the waters of the Salish Sea, Southeast Alaska, and/or beyond.

Our May 20 Meeting will be designed to share cruising information based on where you want to go or prepare you for summer evening dinghy, Stars, and PHRF buoy races.

Mary Campbell will host a discussion for those of us who want to sail (motor?) to Alaska or Haida Gwaii; Bob Butts will share the best ways to get to and wander through the San Juan Islands; Dee and Jim Larsen will share their adventures on the West Coast of Vancouver Island and the Broughtons; Fran Williams and Marv Young will explore Princess Louisa Inlet, Chatterbox Falls, and the Sunshine Coast; and a fabulous TBD skipper will discuss South and Central Puget Sound destinations.

In addition, we will have table discussions for skippers and crew who are interested in racing their small sailboats, Stars, and sailboats with PHRF ratings this summer.

Also, Andy Saller will talk about the two crew members who fell overboard in a recent central Sound sailboat race and the role of the boat's LifeSling to get them safely out of the chilly water.

Pre-meeting Sessions: In addition to the main Meeting, we will have three topics discussed beginning at 18:15, including: Chris Rulla will share the joys, techniques, and challenges of flying a spinnaker; John Bolender, NW Yachtnet, will provide wisdom about buying your first sailboat that he has acquired through selling sailboats for several decades; and Garner Miller will reduce the mystery of adjusting your traveler and jib cars to help you optimize your sail shape and increase boat speed in varying wind conditions.

Doors of the Olympia Yacht Club at 201 Simmons St NW will open at 18:00, the Pre-sessions will start promptly at 18:15, and the Meeting at 19:00. Parking is available in the lot south of the OYC main parking lot, but please do not park in a stall that is Reserved

Have your significant-other, friends, families, and crew members join you. Plus, we love to have new guests who have heard about the Meeting via Facebook, the Olympian, or from a stranger on a dock.

Join us!

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Commodore's Corner: May

We tried something new at the April Meeting and I think it was a great success. We had skills training from 18:15 to 19:00. Dave Opincarne brought the knot boards he made and helped members learn to tie essential knots. Jason Vannice from Aloft Marine led a discussion on sailboat instruments/electronics and sail rigging. Skippers from the Dinghy and Star fleets discussed sailing small boats and answered questions about racing. It was so successful we are going to do it again with new topics at the May Meeting. The Dinghy and Star skippers will again have a table to answer questions.



Dinghy Racing 2023 photo: Steve Worcester

Dinghy Racing Starts May 1

Spring Series
May 3

Star Racing Starts May 5

Board Meeting
May 6

Dinghy Racing
May 8

Spring Series
May 10

Opening Day, OYC
May 9-10

Wooden Boat Festival
May 10-11

Star Racing
May 12

Dinghy Racing
May 15

Spring Series
May 17

Star Racing
May 19

General Meeting
May 20

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

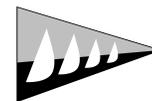
Dinghy Racing
May 22

Memorial Day Cruise
May 23-26

Star Racing
May 26

Wednesday Races Start May 28

Dinghy Racing
May 29



During the Meeting Vicky Sheldon explained the Code F flag and the triangle course option. She also encouraged racers to read the new PHRF sailing instructions that can be found on our SSSS web site, <https://www.ssssclub.com/phrf/>.

We are running out of time to recruit new Board members. We should be voting at the May Meeting. As of now open positions include: Commodore, Secretary, Cruise Chair, and Race Chair. The current Board will support all new Board members in their positions. Please reach out to me if you are considering one of the open positions.

Many of you may be aware that we, your SSSS Board, reached out to the Olympia Police Department and the Sheriff's office. They have granted us an opportunity to meet with them to discuss the recent thefts and vandalism and what actions can be taken in the future by our Members and marina owners to reduce these types of actions. We hope to report out at the May Meeting. Happy Sailing.



Dinghy Racing 2023 photo: Steve Worcester

Nina Goodrich,

Retiring Secretary's Report

Looking for connection or just an easy way to support a group you already like? Become the Society's Secretary! I was looking to meet people and learn sailing coming out of pandemic. And found what I was looking for! If you're new to the Olympia area, this is a great way to build community. Okay, I'm still learning about sailing but I know the racing rules pretty well now...

Secretary duties include taking minutes at the monthly board meeting, attending the Meetings: having fun, answering Membership questions and being social, while processing enrollments and renewals.

Easy peasy, eggs over easy! Maybe a six hour monthly commitment October through April; May and September are bigger with Membership renewals so ~10 hours for each, and then not much to do June through August, unless the board wants to meet and plan a bit for September.

Colleen Carbery

SSSS Elections

According to the SSSS bylaws, the slate of nominees for Board Offices is presented at the May Meeting and elections take place at the June Meeting.

In term Vice Commodore Kim Tuver is our nomination for Vice Commodore
Bob Butts is our nomination for Program Chair

Nina is our nomination for Past Commodore

At this point we have no nominations for the following positions that will be vacant as of July 1:

Commodore; Secretary; Race Chair
Assistant Race Chair; Cruise Chair

If you know someone, or if you are someone, who would be interested in holding one of these positions, please contact me by email or by phone: (360) 561-2822, John83martens@gmail.com Any active Member may be nominated, but not without their consent. We will also be open for nominations at the May Meeting.

Feel free to contact the current office holders for information concerning duties related to these positions. A general description can be found on the Club web site [sssclub.com](https://www.ssssclub.com) >About South Sound Sailing>Administration and Board>SSSS By-Laws.

Current Officers: Commodore, Nina Goodrich; Secretary, Colleen Carbery; Race Chair; Tucker Smyth; Cruise Chair, Mary Campbell.

John Martens, Past Commodore

It is your Club. It has long history and has been one of the best on the Sound. It will be what you make it.

Ed.

Star Racing
June 2
Board Meeting
June 3
Wednesday Racing
June 4
Dinghy Racing
June 5

Star Racing
June 9

General Meeting
June 10
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Have You Paid Your Dues?

In 2023, the Board voted to divide the Membership into May and September renewal dates. For May Members, the time is now to continue your support for educational programs, speakers, events, and cruising adventures! For our racers, it is the time to pay the fees that support our racing programs. Dues are \$70 annually and race fees are \$35.00. Please go to <https://www.ssssclub.com/renew-membership-pay-race-fees/> to pay them via credit card or Paypal.

Please make sure you use the same email with PayPal that is associated with your SSSS Membership.

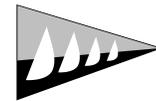
Shortly after renewing your Membership, you should see the following emails in your primary email account:

1) A password update link. You will need to select a secure password for access to the directory and other Member-only areas on the site.

2) A private link to update to your Member directory profile. You can also make updates any time by logging in and selecting Update Membership Profile from the Members Only menu.

3) Your electronic Membership Card.

Alan Hoffman



Race Chair's Report

On April 5th our winter season wrapped up with the McAllister Creek Race. Congratulations to Rod Tharp and Pax for finishing 1st in Class 1 and also winning 1st place for the Inlet Series. Rafe Beswick's new J32 *Dragonfly* finished 1st in Class 2. And Garner Miller's *Dash* scored 1st place for the Inlet Series in Class 2.

Our Spring Series began on April 26th and continues for the first three Saturdays of May. For boat owners new to our Club's PHRF racing, and for those who want to crew, this is a good time of year to start. The weather is better than in winter, the racing generally stays in Budd Inlet (there is a course option that goes to Itsami Ledge and back), and you'll be in by late afternoon.

Many thanks to Mike Visser for placing all our Budd Inlet SSSS marks in advance of the buoy racing season. He's been doing this for as far back as I can remember.

Because Spring Series racing begins at noon, Richard Bigley will host some **practice starts** this year at around 10:00. Get your boat out early and look for *Jolly Rumbalow*, the red hulled C&C 34, in the vicinity of the #5 channel marker. Richard has offered to set up a starting line for any boat that wants to run through the 5-minute start sequence.

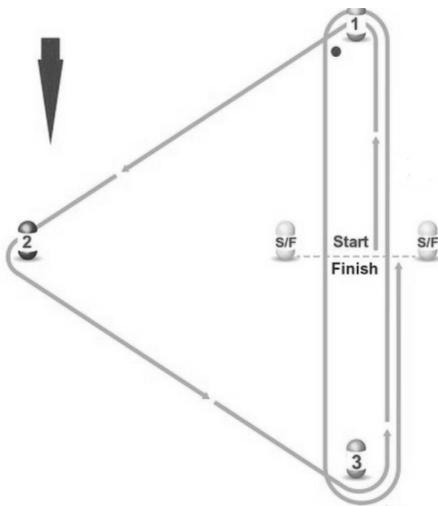
In the April S-t-S our updated 2024-2025 Sailing Instructions were announced. These can be found on our PHRF web page. Be sure to download Appendix A which describes our new triangular buoy course.

In pre-pandemic times, we had a triangular course option for the summer Secretary Series only. These courses were popular with many of our Members. Now the RC can choose this course, if conditions allow, for Spring and Fall Series races as well as any of the Wednesday Night races. Please *remember to always round the triangular course buoys to Port*.

Wednesday night racing begins on May 28th. This would be our first opportunity to add a No Flying Sails class for boats presently racing in Class 2. Some Class 2 boat owners have suggested that a new NFS class division be considered, similar to the D-Class of the past. If you are presently racing in Class 2, or if you're thinking about racing your boat and don't want to use a spinnaker, I would like your comments.

To register your opinion on this subject please email me.

Tucker Smyth, rcchair@ssssclub.com



Lifesling Clinic

Still haven't signed up for the Lifesling Clinic? Don't panic. Act fast and there *might* still be room for you.

The Clinic will begin at 0900 on Saturday, June 17. There will be classroom instruction in Room 200 at the Olympia Center. Next, we will do dockside drills on the boats at Percival Landing, followed by 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.

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

Andy Saller, Liberty

Portsmouth Racing

Our spring Dinghy Fleet meeting was well attended with 24 people showing up. It was great to see lots of new faces. If things continue in this fashion we should have a *very* good racing season. It all starts May first with the first race starting at 18:30. We usually have 3 to 4 short races per night. There will also be a sailing clinic on June 28th at noon at West Bay Marina. More on that later.

If you have a sailboat that is 20 feet or less in length and doesn't have a fixed keel, come out and join us. Please report in to the committee boat, a yellow runabout, before the first race so we know who you are and what kind of boat you have. We use the Portsmouth handicapping system so virtually any boat can race with us. No fee, no club to join, just come out and have fun.

At the April Meeting we had a table for dinghy racing. There were several people interested in dinghies. We are going to do it again at the May Meeting. *If you have any interest in small boats come and talk with us.*

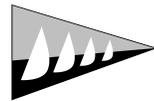
Remember racing starts May 1 and then every Thursday evening after that all summer long. Or at least till the end of August.

Jim Findley

Harstine GT 5.0

There's about a month till the Harstine GT5.0, June 7 and 8. If you are interested in this two day race/adventure cruise around Harstine Island send an email to dinghy@ssssclub.com for more information and an application. Everybody that's participated in the past has raved about how much fun it is. The best part is the Saturday evening dinner and bs sessions around the fire with the rest of the participants. The last couple of years the 'race' part has been won by a Thistle from Portland. The 'adventure cruise' part of course has been won by everybody that participated. It's something to be proud of to have circumnavigated the island in a small boat and not using an engine. There are currents, calms, wind, waves, sun and rain and 26 miles to negotiate. Come and join us.

Jim Findley



Cruise News

Memorial Day Cruise

May 23- 26

It's time to start planning for the annual Memorial Day Cruise. As in the past, we will be at Penrose Point State Park, in Carr Inlet.

This is one of the best attended Cruises, and there are many reasons why. It's a three or four day weekend for people with jobs, and that means you can spend two or three full nights with a leisurely day or two at the Park. There are moorings for people who don't like anchoring, you are more likely to get one if you arrive on Friday. There is lots to do at Penrose Point State Park: hike the trails, forage for oysters, play Frisbee, walk the dogs, or just hang out on your boat and watch other people work. The weather is going to be much better than it has been this winter!

Navigation to the Park presents an interesting challenge, as you must watch the tides in planning your transit of Pitt Passage. Pitt Passage separates McNeil Island, site of the former Medium and Maximum security prison, from the mainland. Stories abound of inmates who swam or floated across to be fed and helped by a woman who lived on the mainland side.

You will want to get an early start to get though Dana on the ebb on Saturday and then you will want to arrive at Pitt Passage after the south-flowing current has eased. The passage looks narrow and shallow and it is ... with several shoal areas in the center. However, you will see plenty of water under the keel if you stay in the center of the eastern channel, which is the more straightforward route (although I have gone both ways and I have sailed through it as well.) Keep all the navigation aids to port.

As you exit Pitt Passage, look to the Northwest and locate the two green markers at the west end of Wyckoff Shoal. They always seem farther to port than they look on the chart. You will keep them to starboard as you head to Mayo Cove. Keep paying close attention to your chart and your depth as you round Penrose Point and come into Mayo Cove. The shallows extend quite a ways beyond the visible end of the point and just inside the point is another sand/gravel bar that also extends

out quite a ways from shore. As you round the point, locate the mooring buoys in the cove and keep all of them to port ... that will keep you off the gravel bar.

Head deep into Mayo Cove to find shallower water for anchoring unless you find an open mooring ball. Set your anchor well as the southerlies can file in through Lake Bay. I have seen boats drag here.

Depending on your draft, the tide and the crowd, you can also anchor in Lake Bay at the south end of Mayo Cove ... again watch your chart and proceed slowly to avoid the bar on the west side. The state park has a float on the southeast shore but few cruisers will be able to stay off the bottom there given the expected tides.

Once anchored, hop in the dinghy or kayak and head to Lake Bay, a former stop for the Mosquito Fleet. The old marina is in the process of being renovated and the ice cream store is not yet up and running, but it's fun to paddle around the bay and see how its progressing.

Coming home on Monday the current will be southbound through Pitt from between 10:00 and 16:00, but the tide will be -3 in Filucy bay at 10:30 in the morning ... so depending on how you felt about Pitt Passage on Saturday, you may want to wait until the tide has come up a bit before your transit on Monday.

I will be camping on shore on Saturday and will try to commandeer a picnic table around which we can gather for the potluck at 18:00. 25 years ago, when I was the Cruise Chair for the first time, we executed a star raft-up, where boats drop their anchors in a big circle and pull their sterns together. We sent my son, then the smallest person in the crowd, up John Sherman's mast, the tallest one in the fleet, with several cameras. If people are up for it, we can try it again and do our potluck on the sterns, but anchor separately for the night.

Jo Emma Beach, April

It was a glorious day for sailing in the South Sound. Sunny, temperate, dry, with 5 knots from the southwest. JoEmma State Park across from McMicken has been a South Sound favorite location. It did not disappoint. Although the floats are not yet in place, there were plenty of mooring balls and the gravel beach and boat launch made for an easy landing. Down the beach,

the recently restored estuary was inviting exploration by dinghy or kayak.

If you are into driftwood sculptures, you could easily spend a day building here. When I arrived at 16:00, there were two boats riding on moorings, Kit Dahl on *Music* and Meredith Anderson on *Dragostea Mae*. David Church and his two sons Ezra, 14, and Benjy 8, were on Meredith's boat, having paddled there for help with the outboard on their trailered Hunter 170 ... what luck to run into a diesel mechanic when you are out on a cruise with your kids! As I was returning from my overland foray to the estuary, Kris and Lisa Engvall strolled down to the covered shelter, having just arrived by car. Although it was breezy, Lisa and I and Eva set to building a charcoal fire in the iron brazier.

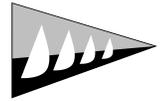
Fortunately, it took a while to light because we noticed sails that seemed to be making their way toward us from the south. Much debate on shore ensued as to whether the incoming boat was red (*Jolly*), green (*Traveler*) or blue (unknown), but eventually they pulled up to a mooring and the boats name was revealed on Meredith's iPhone as *Orca*. Titus and Mary Knight rowed ashore with with Ezekiel, 16-mo. and Everly, 6. It was great to see four kids among the crew, ranging in age from 16 month-old Ezekial to 14 year-old Ezra.

By this time the fire was hot enough to barbecue the prawns and we all gathered around the picnic table to enjoy nacho casserole, broccoli grain salad, barbecue shrimp, pasta salads, gingerbread, homemade cookies, and Grandma's coffee cake. There was some wine and beer in there as well. The Church kids regaled us with stories of past adventures with Dad and 8 year-old Everly proclaimed her love of sailing and a scary cross-strait boat delivery as we ate. Very entertaining.

The group adjourned and the boaters dinghied into the wind, the Churches went in search of a campground and the land cruisers took the long way home through Shelton.

Next month's Cruise will be at Penrose on Memorial Day weekend. I will be trailer camping on Saturday. See you there!

Mary Campbell



Death of a Sailor Ralph Cumberland

SSSS lost a former Commodore, Ralph Cumberland, this spring. Ralph and Beth had a sailboat at Swantown for a number of years that they cruised locally, but most people remember Ralph as a friend and advocate for getting more people out sailing who wouldn't normally have the opportunity. When we reminisce about Ralph, we'll all remember the persistent smile and ready laugh. He was a crew member on many of our boats whether it was racing, cruising, or helping transit another boat partially down the coast into Astoria. But it was the after-sailing, everyone sitting around on deck, where Ralph shined. He was so quick with a story or joke and before long everyone was laughing. In Ralph's honor, invite someone to go sailing! And, then have a good laugh afterwards. We send Ralph's wife, Beth and children, Rails and Cameron our deepest condolences.

Joy Johnson, Folie



Marina Crime Spree

As you may know, the marinas have been suffering from a crime spree. A thief(s) have come in from the water and broken into the boats cabins. They took "everything". I heard they even took the wiring from one boat.

Some of the stolen stuff has been recovered. It was on display at the April Meeting to give people a chance to view and claim it.

Our Commodore, Nina, and Bob Butts, with full support of the SSSS Board, set up a meeting with the OPD, the Sheriff's Office, and marina managers to discuss what can be done to better secure our water front. If you want to know more, see Bob or Nina.

Ed.

Opening Day

You are invited to join us for the South Sound Opening Day of Boating on May 10. Opening Day is an annual event, held in Olympia since 1914, which celebrates the start of the boating season. The event will be held at the Olympia Yacht Club.

Opening Day is a public event with participants from the entire Olympia and South Sound boating community. OYC sponsors and organizes the event.

The ceremony will last less than one hour. The American Legion Band will play music starting at 0930. The ceremony begins with the raising of the Stars and Stripes at 1030, a welcome and recognition of dignitaries, a short speech by the OYC Commodore, and a Blessing of the Fleet.

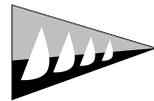
From 12:30 to 14:00 there will be a boat parade in the harbor area. Dignitaries will have the opportunity to ride on boats in the parade. To attend festivities at OYC you must be registered for the boat parade. Register at <https://shorturl.at/T6C32>. There is also a flyer for the event which contains a scan code to register on line. The flyer will be posted to the SSSS web site. Once you are registered, a representative will contact you with further information.

Commensurate with Opening Day, the Wooden Boat Festival will be downtown at Olympia's Percival Landing.

Alex Bromen

Inlet Series Results

Division 1	Total Pts.	Place
Pax	4.5	1
Mako	14	2
Bodacious	14.75	3
Flying Circus	19	
Ziva	19	
Rock Paper Scissors	19	
Peril	22	
Anarchy	24	
Angel Eyes	24	
Raven's haven	26	
Redline	26	
Gru	27	
Shaka	28	
007	28	
No Room	29	
Spirit	29	
Division 2		
Dash	5.75	1
Folie A Deux	9	2
Jolly Rumbalow	10	3
Dragonfly	10.75	
Emma Lee	11.75	
Liberty	14	
Colour My World	14	



Hope Island Dash, A Great Sail

This is reprinted from our archives.

If you do not know, the Hope Island Dash is a contest for fastest time around Hope Island. George Hansen proposed the Dash in 1991. We have been awarding the Andrew Jackson Trophy, for best Dash time of the year, since. The full rules are in your Handbook, under Hope Island Dash. You have till May.

I noticed that the Dash rules had been changed to an all year cycle, providing many more opportunities for a wonderful sail. We hadn't been out on the boat since the tugboat races and that wasn't really sailing, so we were looking for a reason. Thursday was a warm, still day with an approaching weather front predicted. Around 1530 I noticed the wind had filled in from the west, so I called LeeAnne to suggest meeting me at the boat with snacks, instead of mowing the lawn. We motorsailed out to the shoal to get started as early as possible, knowing the westerly rarely lasts past sunset.

What a wonderful sail! Starting about 1725, a quarter mile east of the Shoal, we close reached to Dofflemeyer, catching the eddy that stays there even during the flood current. After a fast beam reach towards Hunter Point, sporadic puffs varying from SW to NW became prevalent as we entered Squaxin Passage. It took 4 tacks to work our way around the south end of Hope, then we reached, then ran wing and wing around the north end and as close as we dared to the Squaxin Island shore, hoping the westerly would be better farther from Hope Island. The wind is best described as swirly in this area. As we passed abeam of Hunter Point we checked our time, and much to my surprise we were still well over a 5 knot average, the sun was still up and we could see dark water ahead, showing the westerly was still blowing from the mouth of Eld Inlet.

Another fabulous beam reach towards Boston Harbor seemed too good to be true, then the boats wake sounded strange with extra splashes and an occasional whoosh sound ... A harbor porpoise swam with us for at least 10 minutes. We're not cetacean experts, but it was 4 or 5 feet long, olive gray mottled with a rounded head and small snout. Sometimes it swam right next to me in our quarter wave on the leeward side, sometimes in the stern wave 8 to 10 feet behind. Several times she, gender assumed, I'm not expert at that either, would roll on her side in the quarter wave and look me right in the eye. We had a similar experience about a year ago in the same area, and just like last year she left us just as we entered Budd Inlet.

The wind was easing off as we passed Burfoot Park reducing our speed to about 4 knots but providing a good opportunity to break out the snacks and a cold beer. Clouds in the west were turning bright orange on the underside, it was so amazing that I forgot to look at Mt. Rainier. Or maybe it was because I was sitting on the leeward side closest to the chips and dip. It looked like the wind was dying for the night, but one more set of puffs filled in taking us to the finish line at 1950, maybe half mile east of the shoal.

As we were leaving the boat at the marina, I picked up my jacket and realized I had actually sailed the entire Hope Island Dash in short sleeves. Even without the sunset and sea life it would have been a great sail. We posted a respectable but vulnerable time for the Dash, and the lawn got mowed Saturday.

Eric Egge, Fjord

Small Boat Circumnavigation of the Olympic Peninsula in 8 Days

This is a proposed cruise. I have been to all the places, but not in one trip. The cruise involves several different sailing experiences, from a mountain lake to the Pacific Ocean. My boat? A Hobie 16.

The plan: leave Saturday morning early and get back late Saturday night, one week later. Sunday is for recovery. The plan calls for camping. I like being self contained when cruising and certain amount of "getting back to nature." But you could, with a little planning, replace the camp sites with motel rooms and find restaurants within driving distance.

Saturday morning drive to Sequim Bay State Park. Launch and camp at the Park. This is probably the most boring campsite of the trip, but launching so close made up for it. We spent most of our time there on the water anyway.

That afternoon sailing on the Bay. A very protected little bay, just the right size for a small boat. I was told "There is always wind on the Bay when the sun shines, and the Chamber of Commerce tells us it is always sunny in Sequim."

Day 2 a full day to explore the Bay.

Day 3 move camp to the Dungeness Park overlooking the spit. Launch at the County ramp across from Dungeness Spit. There is usually a strong sea breeze in the Strait. It blows right over the Spit, but the waves are stopped. Strong wind and flat water! If you want waves to surf on, just round the Spit. There are miles and miles of sandy beach, but leave the birds and seals alone. The lighthouse is open to visitors and has a great view.

Day 4, in the morning, drive to Lake Quinalt. Camp and launch in the National Park.

That afternoon, sailing on the Lake. The Lake is known for having good dependable wind. There is a sailing center near the Park office. The Hobie Fleet has held regattas here, and probably will again.

Day 5, a full day in the Park. Sailing in the mountains!

Day 6 morning drive to West Port, launch there. That afternoon sailing in Grays Harbor and/or the Pacific Ocean. The Harbor is interesting to sail around. You can feel its consecution to the Ocean. There may be a ship. On a sunny day you can cross the bar and look back at the continent.

That night late drive back to Olympia.

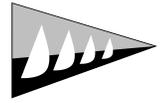
Wait, Home on day six of an eight day cruise? Yes and no. This is a cruise schedule. It leaves two days, maybe three if you cut into the scheduled recovery time, for ... what ever happens.

You might stay a day longer if you really like that stop. Or spend a day in Port Townsend, sailing in the bay and/or touring the town. Maybe hike in the mountains or explore the rocky coast in the National Park. Or walk the beaches at Ocean Shores and/or explore the towns around Grays Harbor.

If the coast is clear, a side trip to Lake Ozette is well worth it. But in the summer you will almost always find fog and no wind blanket the north coast. So Ozette is nothing to plan for.

The trip could easily be expanded to another week. Maybe a sail in, Dabob Bay the northern part of the Canal, and/or Summit Lake. Or, if you are living in town, this could be a series of weekend trips.

Ed.



Danger: Not Always What You Think

When most people talk about boating safety, they fear the water. Their attention is on not drowning. But if your boat is much over 22 feet, statistics tell you that falling off is *not* your greatest risk. That risk is fire, as it takes a greater toll than drowning.

Your boat is one big petroleum product. It burns. I have seen a 35 foot power boat that had burned to the waterline. Tied to the dock waiting for disposal, it looked like a big black surf board .

If you have an engine you have fuel aboard. Diesel is harder to ignite than gas, but it burns too. You may have gasoline, for an outboard or generator. Store it safe and it won't start a fire, but if there is one ...

If you cook on board you carry some kind of cooking fuel. You may also use it to heat the boat. It is most probably a heavier than air gas like propane that can collect in the bilge, or even fill the cabin. I know one Member whose cabin exploded. Sometimes I think probing with an emissions sniffer, like used by the DMV, would do more for safety than counting PDFs.

You probably have an electrical circuit. Electricity can supply a spark, or start a fire of its own. If shorted there is a lot of boom in even a 12 volt battery. Do you have lithium batteries on board, in your phone and other devices? Even small ones can make some very nasty fires. If your motor is electric, it may not be a small fire, but a big explosion.

Yet, despite all this destructive potential, boating accidents are very rare. Be aware of the danger and we can keep it that way. Ed.

Ditty Bag For sale

Coronado C-15 and galv. trailer, needs TLC, but ready to sail. \$400. for boat and original sails.

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Capri 25 1983 Magic racer/cruiser, 5 hp Honda 4 stroke, fixed keel, draft 4.2 ft., 8 sails including nearly new laminate main, 2 spinnakers & pole, depth finder, radio, stereo, life jackets, LifeSling, cabin and cockpit cushions, great condition, Asking \$4500, Contact Henry Brooks (text or voice) (360) 789-9912.

San Juan 28, San Juan 28, 50% partnership \$5,500. To purchase \$13k. Constant upgrades including electric propulsion, B&G VHF, AIS, Depth and Zeus Chartploter. Contact Jeff Hogan at sailorhogan@gmail.com For complete specifications.

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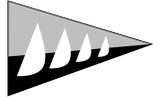
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