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October Meeting: New Future for the Port Peninsula?

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

The Port of Olympia is embarking on a journey that could result in major changes to the Port Peninsula. A combination of factors is requiring the Port to re imagine its future, including the disposal of dredge material from the Budd Inlet restoration, the future expiration of the Weyerhaeuser lease of the marine terminal, sea-level rise, and a growing demand by the citizens of Thurston County for access to the water. Would a small boating sailing center be viable? Should the marine terminal area be re purposed into waterfront shops, a park, and condos? Does Boatworks need more winter boat storage and haul out spaces?

Join Camille St. Onge, Jon Wolf, and Karen Andraden of the Port's Master Planning Team to share your thoughts and ideas for transforming the Port Peninsula.

In addition, we will explore ways to encourage more Members to enjoy sailing by racing during our brisk and sporty winter months. We plan to do a bit of matchmaking with skippers and crew, explore essential clothing, and discuss the fundamentals of racing.

The October Meeting will be on October 15, the third Tuesday of the month, at the Olympia Yacht Club. Doors will be open at 18:30 PM with the Meeting beginning at 19:00. Bring your significant other, your crew, and other guests.

We hope you will join us!

Bob Butts, Emma Lee

Commodore's Corner: New General Meeting Day

The OYC has requested that we change our Meeting day to the **third Tuesday of the month**. Our Meetings will now be on the third Tuesday of the month from October 2024 to June 2025. We hope to be able to return to our regular time in the fall of 2025. Doors open at 18:30 and the Meeting starts at 19:00. Guests are welcome.

We have two open positions on the SSSS Board.

Treasurer: Darris Baldrige has been our Treasurer for the past few years. He has done a wonderful job and would like to pass this opportunity on to another Member. He is willing to help get you started. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Tugboat Annies.

Vice Commodore: This role is a great way to get to know how the Club operates and have an impact on the future. The Vice Commodore is also in charge of the merchandise.

Recruiting New Members. We are always looking for new Members. Do you have ideas on how we can reach folks that would like to be part of our sailing community?

Nina Goodrich



Portsmouth Races RC boat

Vaughn Bay Cruise
September 28-9

Board Meeting
October 1

Fall Series
October 5

Eagle Island Race
October 12

General Meeting
**New Day
October 15**

Visitors Welcome

Doors open at 18:30 meeting starts 19:00

Halloween Cruise
October 25-7

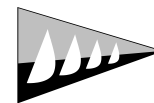
Herron Island Race
November 2

Board Meeting
November 5

Squaxin Island Race
November 16

General Meeting
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November 19**
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Portsmouth Racing

This was a great summer for dinghy racing in Budd Inlet. We had what I believe is a record for boats in a single race at 27! Of course it was a little chaotic because our fleet has the full range of skill and experience. Some right of way rules were tested, but that is what the dinghy fleet is for. A place that you can come out as a near novice and join in and enjoy your boat while you have a steep learning curve to climb with people around you that will help you climb that hill. The experienced racers can still race with equals and enjoy that end of the spectrum too.

One of our more experienced dinghy sailors, Kevin French, won the Season Championship for 2024. Congratulations to Kevin.

Many of the best sailors in the world got their feet wet, pun intended, in dinghy racing. There is no better place to get instant results from your actions than in a small boat. A slight adjustment on a jib sheet and the boat immediately tells you if it liked it or not. You just don't get that in a forty footer.

So before next spring grab a cheap racing type dinghy, 20 feet or less without a fixed keel. Then, the first Thursday in May, come race with us. It's free, we just ask that you check in with the RC boat, so they know who you are and what kind of boat did you bring. We get every thing from Lasers to Hobie Cats.

A really big thank you to all of you that came out this summer. We couldn't do it without you.

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

Team Kaden Kim

This past May two eighth graders and two high school freshman put together a team to race in the Sears Cup qualifier in Seattle, through Olympia Community Sailing. With the excellent coaching/support of Mike Visser they finished third in the qualifier race in Seattle. Congratulations to: Kaden Kim helm/skipper, Siri Biswas mast, Cameron Leclair trimmer, and Adi Vannice bow.

In preparation they participated in the Wednesday PHRF races on OYC/OCS J/24. They finished in first place for the Commodore Series, winning SSSS Crew Awards to be presented at the October Meeting. They were just out of third for the Summer Championship.

Jason Vannice

End of the Season Regatta

Position	Sail	Skipper	ScoreMethod=Portsmouth				Total
			Type	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	
1	3187	Queen, Chuck	Lido 14	1	1	1	4
2	195939	Rulla, Chris	Laser	2	2	2	9
3	786	Findley, Jim	Lido 14	3	3	3	13
4	1542	French, Kevin	Harpoon 5.2	4	4	5	15
5	816	Baldrige, Darris	Harpoon 5.2	6	5	4	20
6	1386	Brown, Adam	Harpoon 5.2	5	7	7	25
7	763	Nordgren, Layne	Harpoon 5.2	8	8	6	29
8	5008	Jones, Margaret	Lido 14	7	6	8	DNS 10
9	322	Kelly, Bill	Chrysler Mutineer	11	10	9	8
10	3510	Krista	Laser2	9	9	DNS 11	DNF 10
11	380	Ken	Harpoon 5.2	10	11	10	9
12	46616	Christian	Hobie 16	12	12	DNS 11	DNS 10
13	119076	Bunfish, Robin	Hobie 16	13	13	DNS 11	DNS 10

RC Report

Congratulations to *Mako* and *Aurora* for winning 1st place - Summer Championship Series, Class 1 and Class 2 respectively.

October is the time of year when the PHRF fleet begins its Fall/Winter season of distance racing. This year the **Island Series** begins with the **Eagle Island Race on October 12**.

Around this time of year, our editor reminds us to write about what a great value our Members receive for their \$35 annual race dues. I guess this is his way of saying - **don't forget to pay** your \$35 annual race dues.

On this subject, I decided to spend a few minutes doing a little research on what it costs to race elsewhere in the PNW. I went online and found an extensive list of 66 different yacht clubs from Olympia to as far north as Bellingham.

I began looking at which of these clubs had any kind of sailing program or sponsored races. A quick overview showed that many offered little or nothing for sailors who want to race. Of course, this list also includes the Corinthian Yacht Clubs of Tacoma, Seattle, Edmonds, and Bellingham, who are all about sailing and racing.

The membership page on the CYC Tacoma web site shows that annual dues are \$300 for boat owners and \$75 for crew. Then race fees are \$200 for their annual race package. You don't have to be a CYC member to race. But non-members will pay \$430 for that same package.

CYC Seattle annual membership dues are \$653. While their web site didn't say what race dues cost for their "Season Pass", the race specific info about PSSC 2024 shows non-members would pay \$225 while members pay \$180 to compete in this 2-day regatta.

The closest club to the SSSS I found in terms of membership cost was the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club whose annual dues are \$110.

I am not suggesting that CYC members aren't getting a good value. Their events are arguably some of the best run round-the-buoy and distance races in the Puget Sound. More power to them!

But here in the South Sound, our Members can compete year-round in both buoy and distance races, in an incredible venue, with the excellent race management provided by the Sheldons on *Transition*; a total of 28 races for the ridiculously low cost of only \$35!

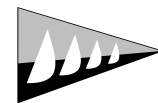
We rely on volunteers to maintain our Club's racing program. That's one of the ways we keep our race dues so low.

So PHRF boat owners; if you plan on racing this season, please sign up for your annual RC duty. Email me or go to the Race Committee Volunteer link at www.ssssclub.com/sss-phrf-2024-2025-races/. Pick a race in the schedule where your boat will send 2 volunteers to help on *Transition*.

If you are new to racing in our Club, you get one race for free. And you won't be asked to volunteer for RC duty your first season. But if you want to volunteer, I think you'll enjoy having a front row seat to the race course. And you might learn something too. I always do.

Tucker Smyth, rcchair@sssclub.com

Meetings now on the 3RD Tuesday



Cruise News

Halloween Cruise

October 26-27

Fall is in the air and it's time to start planning for the Hallowe'en Cruise. This is typically the biggest Cruise of the SSSS year, when boats converge on beautiful Longbranch Marina in Filucy Bay. The view from the docks at Filucy is one of the best in the South Sound, especially to watch the mist rise off of the water below Rainier in the morning.

The Cruise will officially kick off on Saturday, October 26th, with a potluck dinner under the covered picnic area on the dock. There will be someone on hand on Saturday to help you moor, as we often fill the docks at the marina. Some people in the past have liked to extend the weekend by arriving on Friday.

There will be three opportunities to win valuable prizes, so come prepared to dazzle other sailors with your entries:

1. There will be a table for decorated/carved pumpkins! This year, you can create your masterpiece at home and bring it with you, *or* you can create something on the spot with pumpkins that will be provided; *please bring your own carving tools.*

2. There will be a decorated boat competition again! Break out the spider webs, spooky recordings and orange lights and transform your boat to a house of horror.

3. And, no Hallowe'en potluck would be complete with out a costume competition, to be judged after the 18:00 potluck. Come frightfully dressed.

Sunday morning might be chilly but there will be hot coffee and waffles with all the toppings to warm you up before you take off for the trip home.

The tides on Saturday will be a bit adverse: the flood current in Dana passage will peak at 10:44, but it will only be 1.18 knots. Your best approach is to stay on the south shore of Dana where the current will be less. The good news is that it will then be with you the next day until almost 16:00. See you there!

May Campbell

Photos Needed!! Now!

We have a problem. Look at the photos in this issue. They are good photos, but they are from this summer. And there are not very many. I am pretty much out of photos. We need photos of the current races and cruises to keep this rag visually interesting. And we need them asap. We are counting on you. **Take your camera sailing.**

Stories do not go out of date anywhere near as fast as photos. Your sailing stories from the summer are still sought, older ones are still wanted. We want to hear from you.

Steve Worcester

Smallest Boat in Swiftsure

Our 2024 Swiftsure started in April at Ladysmith BC. Todd Masse's 23 foot Dehler Sprinta Sport needed the bottom redone and the rudder faired. We were setting a new record as the smallest boat in a Swiftsure Race.

Race day Todd, Jonny K, Kelly, Sebastian, and I motored out of Victoria Harbor into a boisterous wind blowing straight from where we wanted to go. Two TP-52s were knocked out by the wind before they even started. We went with the #3 jib and a reefed main.

Pre start we reached to the shore end of a very long starting line. Noticing the shore getting closer, we

gybed away. Then promptly felt two loud bangs as the keel hit something solid. Now on starboard we fast approached the signal boat, well ahead of the 30 other Calallam



Race to Alaska, starting line, Port Townsend, dawn, June 9, 2024 Greg Pedersen

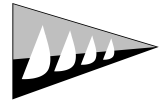
Bay racers.

The gun went off at 11:00. We had to dodge a very long anchor rope, no chain. Two quick tacks and we were still leading. It was a long starboard tack to Merica. As the tide was changing it was faster to go outside of Race Rocks.

At 22:30 Kelly went below and reported floating floor boards, which is never good. Not wishing to spend 30 plus hours bailing while wondering if the keel would fall off, we turned toward Victoria, now about 11 miles away.

Sebastian suggested we call the Coast Guard. So we asked the two bailers below, who were vigorously throwing water out with two buckets. Water Cannon squirt guns had first been used and rejected. The answer was "Yes." The recent Safety at Sea Seminar had taught us this was a Pan-Pan, not a Mayday, since the boat would sink eventually, but not immediately.

Seattle Coast Guard answered. They wanted to know are exact GPS position, number of crew, any children, and the nature of our emergency. They would relay this to the Canadians, who had another sinking racer from the Neah Bay fleet near Race Rocks. A RIB came out highway speeds, checked on us, then



Summer Championships 2024

Div 1	total points	number Races	Score	place
Mako	11.00	7	8.00	1
Pax	23.00	10	9.00	2
Flying Circus	33.00	9	16.00	3
Angel Eyes	26.75	7	20.75	4
Spirit	23.75	6	23.75	5
Gru	17.75	5		
Shaka	19.00	4		
Ziva	23.00	4		
Peril	7.00	3		
Raven's Haven	11.00	3		
007	10.00	2		
Bodacious	2.00	1		
RPS	3.00	1		

Div 2	total points	number Races	Score	place
Aurora	25.25	9	8.25	1
Katana	15.50	7	11.50	2
Jolly Rumbalow	31.50	8	18.50	3
Kayden Kim	33.75	8	19.75	4
Folie A Deux	32.00	8	20.00	5
Kokeshi	31.00	8	21.00	6
Balder II	39.00	8	25.00	7
Junior	11.50	4		
Penoziequah	30.00	5		
Magic	24.00	4		
Colour My World	20.00	3		
Liberty	2.00	1		
Dash	0.75	1		
Fever	8.00	1		

Boat Name	Commodore's				Vice Commodore's				Secretary's Series			Div 1	
	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 1	Race 2	Race 4		
Mako	3		0.75	3	0.75				0.75		0.75	2	Mako
Pax	3	0.75	3	4	3	0.75	0.75	3	4		0.75	3	Pax
Flying Circus	3	2			4	2	2	5	6	6	3	3	Flying Circus
Angel Eyes	3		4	0.75	6			2	5		6	6	Angel Eyes
Spirit	0.75	4		5	8	3	3						Spirit
Gru								4	0.75	4	4	4	Gru
Shaka				6	2	5		6			5	5	Shaka
Ziva			5		7	6					5		Ziva
Peril			2	2							3		Peril
Raven's Haven					5	4					2		Raven's Haven
007		3		7									007
Bodacious										2			Bodacious
RPS										3			RPS

Boat Name	Commodore's				Vice Commodore's				Secretary's Series			Div 2	
	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 1	Race 2	Race 4		
Aurora	0.75		0.75		7	0.75	4	2	2	2			Aurora
Katana		2	2		0.75	3			4	0.75	3		Katana
Jolly Rumbalow			3	0.75		7	5	4	0.75	5	6		Jolly Rumbalow
Kayden Kim	2	0.75		3	2	5			7	7	7		Kayden Kim
Folie A Deux		3		2	3	6	2	5		6	5		Folie A Deux
Kokeshi	4	4	5			3	3	3	5	3	4		Kokeshi
Balder II	3	5	4	5	4	4	7	7					Balder II
Junior						2		0.75			8	0.75	Junior
Penoziequah							6	8	3	4	9		Penoziequah
Magic		7		4	5		8						Magic
Colour My World		8						6	6				Colour My World
Liberty											2		Liberty
Dash							0.75						Dash

The Summer Championship Series consists of your six best Wednesday Races. You must finish at least six races to have a score. Only finishes count. We mis-scored this earlier. The scores were off but the placing seems the same. Tweaking the scoring system doesn't often change who is at the top.

continued to Race Rocks. Behind us had magically appeared a big white CCG vessel to escort us back.

In Victory your only option to haul out is in Sydney, at Vector Marine. We needed a tow and got one quickly. Once again we were out on the rough windy sea, this time with a killer wake to photograph. I can not say enough to thank Vector Marine for the late evening emergency haul out. This was not my first time there. Go Vector! We bailed for eight hours.

On the hard we could see we had "oil canned" the keel causing cracks at the leading and trailing edges. Close inspection showed it is probably impossible to tear off a Spinta Sport keel by hitting anything, but the boat was totaled. So ended our 2024 Swiftsure Race.

Lessons Learned: Take the Safety at Sea course. Well worth it as it gave us confidence to navigate this mishap. For these races, it is required that 30% of the crew take it.

Do not assume that the shore end of the line has plenty of water.

Have two buckets and plenty of crew, particularly young people with muscles.

Do not hesitate to call for assistance. Plenty of keels have fallen off lesser boats.

Finally, go back to Victory and try again. Collectedly we were veterans of 49 Swiftsures, and one of the crew was a newbie.

Jon Knudson, Korina Korina,, Magic Dragon

Did you enjoy Jon's story? Now it is your turn. If you have been enjoying your boat, cruising or racing, you have at least one good story. It need not be as dramatic as a near sinking. Not all adventures happen far from home. Where did you go this summer? We want to hear from you.

First Toliva Races

From our archives, February 1977

From the Commodore:

The very first Toliva Shoal Race was suggested by your commodore. We were to start on a Saturday in October of 1970, but as it seems to happen whenever I suggest a race, there is no wind. We tried again in April of 1971 in light breezes and

said "Toliva Shoal or bust!" We made it to the Shoal but finally quit after bouncing around with no wind for a few hours. The last to quit was Bill Oliver who was seen motoring in the next morning moments before the cutoff time.

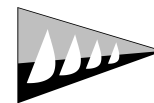
We raced again in the spring of 1972 and had a great race (except for a boat or two stuck in Balch Passage). In 1973 we joined the big time and made it an invitational race in cooperation with OYC.

Our partnership has been a happy one for us as I hope it has for OYC.

This then, is our fifth annual Invitational Toliva Shoal Race. May there be many more!

My personal appreciation goes to the many people that have made this race a success in the past and to those who will make it a success this year and in the future.

Howard Bullpit



Who Needs Current Tables?

A Salish Sea sailor cruising the west side of Vancouver Island may be surprised by the absence of current tables. You do not need them. The inlets and bays along the coast just use tide tables. The current comes in until high tide at the head of the bay, then it flows out until low tide. However experience makes it clear that does not work on the Salish Sea. One might wonder why?

This is because our inland sea is made up of many basins. To explain let's pretend there are only three basins. The incoming tide flows into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, through Admiralty Inlet into the central basin, then through the Narrows into the south Sound.

Flow is restricted by Admiralty Inlet; more water is coming in than can get through. So the water level at the eastern end of the Strait is higher than in the central basin, even when the tide starts to go out. Water flows out of the Strait two ways. Some is returning to the ocean, but water is also still flowing into the central basin. It will continue to until the water level in the Strait drops to below that of the central basin and the flow reverses.

Flow is also restricted at the Narrows, so water level in the south Sound will be different still. Even as water is starting to flow north out of the central basin it is still flowing into the south Sound. After the tide starts to come in again, water will still be flowing out of the south Sound as the central basin fills from both directions.

Of course this is a gross simplification. There are not three basins and restrictions to flow in the Salish Sea but many. And islands the water has to flow around. With water flowing in many directions current tables are a must, if you want to travel efficiently. At 5 kts. the currents can really help you make time, or stop you.

To be honest, I started with a simplification. Most of the larger bays and sounds on the coast do have restrictions to flow; they are

just fewer/simpler. Which is a good thing as you must figure them out with just the tide tables and maybe a note or two on the chart.

Steve Worcester



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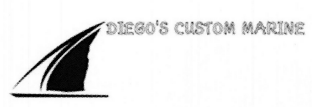
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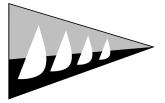
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