

# Ship-to-Shore

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## January Meeting: Jeff Causey, Boat Operations Manager INEOS Britannia, America's Cup Challenger

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

Join us on January 21 for an evening with Jeff Causey of the INEOS Britannia Team, the sailboat that raced against Emirates Team New Zealand in the recent America's Cup in Barcelona, Spain.

Jeff started his sailing career as a child on the waters of Budd Inlet and then went on to join the Portland State University varsity racing team, where he was a 3-time All-Conference Skipper. Since 2004, he has worked in professional yachting, racing, rigging, and project managing on sport boats, TP52s, Maxis and more. He was with Oracle Team USA for two America Cups, and two America Cups with INEOS Britannia, which was the winner of the AC37 Prada Cup in Barcelona. He currently is Boat Captain of Katana GL52.

He will share his career journey from Budd Inlet to Barcelona, the challenges of keeping the crew safe on a multimillion dollar sailboat that flies through the water at 50+ knots, and lessons he has learned.



If you have not experienced the exciting world of America's Cup racing, do an internet search for "America's Cup 37" and check out the YouTube racing videos. It is slightly different from our SSSS races. (It was classic match racing, but at speeds hard to believe. Ed.)

We encourage our younger sailors from Olympia Community Sailing to join us and will have pizza available for those who are hungry.

The doors of the Olympia Yacht Club will open and a social hour will begin at 18:15, with the program beginning at 19:00. We will have informal conversation in the back corner about participating in SSSS races.

We hope you will join us!

**Bob Butts, Emma Lee**

## Commodore's Corner: Thank You

I want to thank all the wonderful Members and guests that came to our potluck and auction, and the many generous donors that provided our auction items. I also want to thank our anonymous donors that provided matches to spur our bidders to raise their bids. *It is such a wonderful tribute to our community that together we were able to raise \$36,080.* Not only does the Food Bank win but we also win by being able to work with and get to know local service providers from sailing instruction, mechanical and electrical work, surveys, canvas work, detailing, bottom painting, rigging, sail repair, boat yards and retail. We also had support from Member lawn care services and paintings provided by one of our own talented Members. A highly anticipated part of the auction is the sale of the decorated wine bottles. This year did not disappoint.

A special part of the evening was also the fellowship shared through our potluck. We had a wide variety of delicious food and beverages and the opportunity to connect.

I also want to thank the Board for committing to this cause and the extra work it entails. Special thanks go to Robert Butts, our program Chair, and Jim Larson, our auctioneer. They did the heavy lifting behind this event.

**Nina Goodrich, commodore@sssclub.com**



## Happy New Year

**Andrew Kerr  
Seminar  
January 16  
View Point Room**

**Eld Inlet Race  
January 18**

**General Meeting  
January 21  
Visitors Welcome**

Doors open at 18:30 meeting starts 19:00

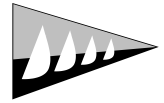
**Henderson Inlet  
February 1**

**Board Meeting  
February 4**

**Toliva Shoal  
Race Weekend  
SSSS & OYC  
February 14 Dinner  
Race Day Breakfast  
February 15 Race  
Southern Sound Series Race 3**

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## Race Chair's Report

Congratulations to Ian Beswick on his Antrim 27 *Anarchy* for winning first place Class 1 and Derek Decouteau with his Ranger 33 *Aurora* for winning first place Class 2 in the Island Series.

The Southern Sound Series started out the new year on January 4<sup>th</sup> with the Duwamish Head Race sponsored by Three Tree Point YC. And the SSSS **Inlet Series** begins this month with the **Eld Inlet Race on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Andrew Kerr's racing seminar** is scheduled for **January 16<sup>th</sup>** starting at 18:00 at the View Point Room, below Tugboat Annie's at Westbay Marina. Andrew was born in Plymouth, England and graduated from the London School of Economics with a Bachelor's degree in Government and Politics.

He is a resident of Olympia and his wife Stephanie is a former America's Cup Sailor with the all-woman's team *America 3* in the 1995 America's Cup.

Andrew has won 28 National and North American Championships in a wide variety of classes ranging from the J24 to the J80, J27, Santana 20 and many more.

A full-time coach for the past 35 years with North U and Kerr sailing, his goal is to maximize every team's performance and help them accomplish all of their goals. Teams he has coached have won numerous Major regattas as well as Regional, National, North American and World Championships in classes ranging from the J80, Farr 40, Beneteau 40.7, J120, J80, ID 35, T10, S27.9, Ensign, J22, J24, Melges 24, J27, J35, J105, J109, Mumm/Farr 30 and many more.

Those of us who enjoy our club racing and more, know that we never stop learning, no matter how long we might pursue this sport. So I intend to take advantage of this opportunity to learn from a professional sailor. Andrew has plans to cover topics useful to both beginners and more experienced racers.

If you would like to attend Andrew's Sailing Faster seminar, sign up at our Eventbrite site (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/andrew-kerr-racing-seminar-tickets-1120250171419>), or just show up Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> before 18:00 at the View Point and register at the door.

Hope to see you there.

**Tucker Smyth:**  
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### Island Series

*Transition was RC boat*

Division 1	Transition was RC boat			Total
	Herron	Squaxin	Hope	
Anarchy	0.75	0.75	2	3.5
Rufus	3	4	3	10
Angel Eyes	2	6	4	12
Flying Circus	4	5	5	14
Pax	6	2	10	18
Mako	10	9	0.75	19.75
Ziva	7	8	7	22
Gru	10	3	10	23
No Room	10	7	6	23
Spirit	5	9	10	24
Shaka	9	9	9	27
007	10	9	8	27
Rock Paper Scissors	10	9	10	29
<b>Division 2</b>				
Aurora	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.25
Liberty	2	3	3	8
Folie A Deux	3	2	5	10
Jolly Rumbalaw	5	6	5	16
Dash	12	4	2	18
Chinook	4	9	5	18
Emma Lee	8	7	5	20
Indigo	6	9	5	20
Yonder Star	7	9	5	21
Reiff	12	5	5	22
Colour My World	9	8	5	22
Coral	10	8	5	23

## Take Part In, or Partake In . . . Your Choice!

In what? Well, glad you asked! The Racers all know about, and have their calendars marked, for the upcoming Southern Sound Series Toliva Shoal Race, which this year is being held on Saturday, February 15. This race, one of four in the series, is jointly sponsored by SSSS and the Olympia Yacht Club and is now in its 50-something year. (But who is counting, right? The only race that really counts is the next one!)



Vicky Sheldon on *Transition* on an October race  
 photo by Thera Black

And if you have ever raced Toliva, as a Skipper or Crew, you undoubtedly know about what has been billed as The Best

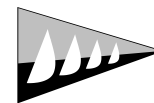
Party of the Southern Sound Series that accompanies this time-honored event; in fact, it would not really be a Toliva Shoal Race without that Party, which has been going on now for over 40 years! (But who is counting, right?) The Party not only features pre- and post-race libations, but a fabulous pre-race dinner on Friday night, a pre-race breakfast on Saturday morning, and the traditional piping hot post-race soup to take the chill off and fuel the bragging, or tales of woe, when the racers return from the race course. And, all of this is served up with a heaping dose of the comradery so characteristic of South Sound sailors!

If you are a racer, you will certainly want to Take Part In all these Party events; it is just what you do! And even if you are not a racer, or just not racing, you are still invited to the Party, and welcome to Partake In any or all the events, which are always a great deal: \$15 for the Friday night dinner, \$5 for the Saturday morning breakfast, and the post-race soup is gratis. Proceeds from the race (after costs are recouped) benefit South Sound Junior Sailors – which means everyone is a winner at Toliva! *So, come on out and enjoy your Party!*

**Bob Hargreaves, Toliva Kitchen Skipper, Bright Angel**

Come race Toliva Shoal! Race with our guests from down sound. You can still make the party. Registration will be on line, check the Series site, [sssseries.org](http://sssseries.org), or our club site.

Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the NW dues were due the first of the year. SSSS gives you a grace period, however we will be checking at Toliva and for SSSS races there after.



## Loose

With a fractional rig only one halyard, the main halyard, needs to lead from the top of the mast. The jib halyards do not. Which was why I was sitting in a bosons chair three quarters of the way up the mast, waving a boat hook around, trying to catch an elusive shackle.

Leaving Tofino we had to get through the mud flats; the channel is not marked except with a couple sticks. So, for the first time in over a month, we had fired up the outboard. As soon as we cleared the mud, we hoisted sails. Hurrying to raise the main I did not get the pin quite in its slot. This would be fine for Budd Inlet, but it worked itself loose before we cleared the band of fog that follows the coast.

An open shackle has little to hook with a boat hook. It did not help that we were rocking just a little; though most of the ocean's movement was blocked. We were in a one boat cove on a tiny island/big rock at the mouth of Barkley Sound. The Pacific was just yards away. I was high enough to see over our sheltering rocks. The next land was Japan, or so they tell me.

We had not needed the main. Even though the knot log had yet to be installed, I could tell we were making good time down wind with just the jib. When my watch said it was time, we abandoned the sunshine and headed back into the fog. We soon came out on the shore side of the fog. There was our island, right where it was suppose to be. The jib was all we needed to set the hook. However tacking out of the cove in the morning, the main would be more than useful.

Finally I caught the shackle, on my very last try (did you expect me to keep trying *after* I got it?). It seemed like I was up there for hours, but I was back down with time to explore the island before dinner.

This is not the only shackle the Ocean has unshackled for me, a problem I have not had on the Sound. There may be a lesson in that.

Steve Worcester

## Ditty Bag For sale

**Spinnaker:** multicolored asymmetric 41'SLU still available. If you would like to look at it or talk about modifying it contact Jim Lengenfelder (360)-790 2521.

**1981 New York 36 *Desperado*.** Racer/Cruiser OBO. 10' Dinghy, Volvo 17hp Diesel, New Standing Rigging 2013, Recent Bottom Paint Oct 2023. \$24,000 Call , text for more details Jerry @ 503-360-3989, desperado.jerry@gmail.com.

**Catalina 34 mainsail.** Leech 38'-6, Luff 36'-11, Foot 11'-3. It is serviceable, but has two rips that were repaired and a small one (6") needs repair. \$100 Gary Wilson gw62469@gmail.com

**Portable fuel polisher/tank cleaner** - Algae-X model TK-180 XY \$500/obo, More info at <https://static.webshopapp.com/shops/078208/files/093549440/tk180xt.pdf> Gary Wilson gw62469@gmail.com

**Heavy Dacron main:** w/ bag, like new, fits Hobie 33 (33' luff, 12' foot), will deliver, \$500. Jon Knudson (206) 463-6711

**Dolly trailer w/dolly:** Right-On trailer / Dynamic aluminum dolly. Never been in water! Accommodates up to a 16 foot dinghy. Registered. \$750 (360)269-6282

**Cal 25 1975** with Honda 9.9 ob, skiff, and four sails. \$2,000 or b/o. Interested? Contact (360) 456-3339

*Theses ads are free for Members, run three months, and can be renewed. Contact me by the Meeting to be listed .*

The S-t-S not only needs photos, this rag needs stories. We would like to hear from you. Email me, photos and stories, at [sts@ssssclub.com](mailto:sts@ssssclub.com).

Capt. Dennis Crowley AMS #1350

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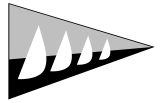
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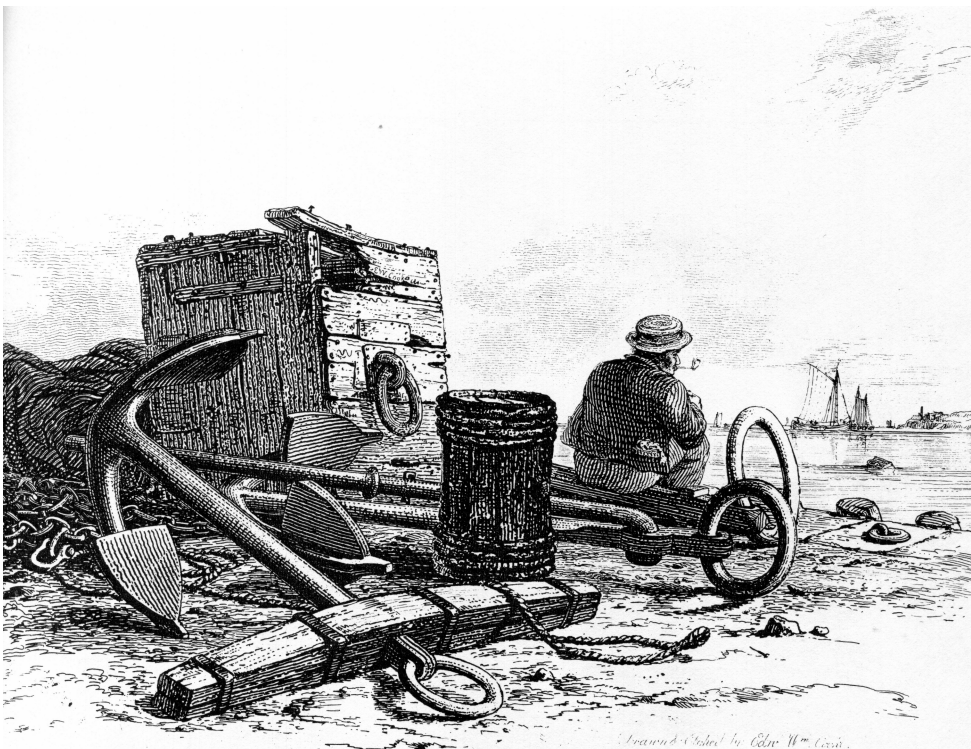
Decorated bottles at our Pot luck / Auction. Above: the auction in progress.

It raised over \$36,000 for the T. C. T. Food Bank

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