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Ahoy and Happy New Year!!!



It's almost here! No, not the new year, the annual **Portland Boat Show** held at the Expo Center, beginning **January 6th – 14th**. Don't forget to stop by our booth for **Super Boat Show Specials**. As mentioned in last month's Mainsheet, we will be offering to members who sign up at the show:

- 1 hour of private instruction – Free!
- ½ off any Basic Keelboat class for any family member
- 10 % savings on any sailing course offered by ISC

Come in, sign-up, get free stuff.

As Captain Jack Sparrow would say, "I like your plan. It's simple, straightforward, and easy to remember."

The same deals apply to the **Seattle Boat Show** for those in **Kirkland and Olympia**, starting on **January 25th through February 3rd**. So come on out and support your favorite sailing club and get cool deals for FREE. Remember, gift giving doesn't have to end with Christmas.

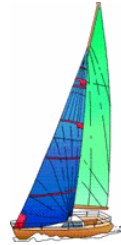
Shiver me Timbers

Christmas Eve in Portland saw 37 degree temps, light rain, with 20 – 25mph winds. Who would have thought it? Portland, winter, rain. But that didn't stop some intrepid members. More than 4 boats braved the wet 'n wild just for the sake of wind, and of course, the chance to sail. Hats off to all who participated!

On a special note: the first annual Frozen Telltale Award goes to Chad Stockdale for the most days spent sailing below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Yikes! We're waiting for temperatures to fall below 30 degrees to present the award. ;-D

The first Instructor meeting will be held in Portland this month to insure instruction is up to standard as well as work on new ways to improve the quality of instruction at Island Sailing Schools. Instructors remember to update your ASA membership.

"There's nothing half so much worth doing as simple messing about on boats"
From Wind in the Willows



The Olympia Staff wishes all members a Happy New Year.

We are continuing to run classes through the winter months. Currently there is a Basic class scheduled for January 27 and 28. All classes are dependent on favorable weather and will be postponed if conditions are deemed unsafe.

We hope Santa brought some of you foul weather gear that you now want to try out.

Those members who have gone sailing this winter have found this can be an exciting time to go out. But watch the weather carefully; we have had no wind days and extreme wind days: either one can make for poor sailing.

As the new year begins we are looking forward to an exciting year. New club activities are planned that should be fun for all. We want to encourage members to take advantage of the cruising potential of the

South Sound. We are making extra efforts to prepare our cruising boats for comfortable cruising this summer.

*-Jon-
Olympia ISC*

Learn to recognize cloud patterns and weather signs which indicate cold fronts, warm fronts, gales, and more. Become a human barometer at our heavy weather seminar and sail ahead of the storm, into safe harbor.

Kirkland's New Year's Predictions

**On January 8th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
A Cruising and Racing Group Social will take place.**

Our staff is trying to organize a cruising and racing group, therefore we urge you to express your interest and support. The goal is to plan the coming sailing season with member inspired cruise destinations and a competitive racing schedule. So if you are interested in joining the fun, please mark this date on your calendar and bring something to eat and/ or drink that you can share with your fellow members. *Your Pot Luck will be lucky.* Join us and RSVP by January 7th to reserve your spot. Phone 425-822-3773 or reply by email to iskirkland@islandsailingclub.com
Members will have free passage.

**Starting January 9th on Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm for two weeks
A Coastal Navigation Class is in your future**

This course covers virtually all aspects of coastal navigation, piloting, tidal currents, et cetera. You will master the navigational theory required to safely sail a vessel in coastal or inland waters by day or night. This certification is pre-Bareboat and is required to take the Advanced Coastal Navigation Class. *Fair winds will follow you, all the days of the course. It's in the stars.*

**On the 13th day of the first month of the year 2007,
the weather will be foretold and you shall be given the gift of divining it.**

Weather Forecast and Heavy Weather Seminar

➤ **January 13th 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**



Kirkland Family Christmas Cruise



The happy crew from the "Chet Gibson Memorial Christmas Cruise" on Lake Washington (Kirkland).

"We brought chili in case anybody is hungry!" exclaimed John Liabile, an eleven year ISC member and our captain for the evening cruise. In addition to eating chili, we kept warm with hot chocolate, cookies, and great conversation" Steven Leonard
Steven's full story will be featured on the new improved website this month.

As we begin this New Year, the staff at Island Sailing Club wish you all Prosperity, Health, and Happiness.

Fair Winds
