



## From Portland

### Boats R Us

With celebrations past and the new year gaining momentum, it's back to serious work for everyone. Here at "The ISC", we're moving on with great new plans and improvements. So far we had tremendous success with the Portland boat show.

For those of you who didn't get a chance to stop by, we ingeniously engineered an actual pool at our booth. Then we furnished it with 2 remote sailboats which had both rudder and sail controls, effectively mimicking true sailing skills – no motors here. Of course, as we know on a sailboat, no wind = no sail: so we lined one side of our pool with a battery of fans. It was cross-wind heaven and great practice for tacking. This construction became a feature attraction for both adults and kids.



Our lead instructor, Rhys Balmer, even gave sailing lessons on sail trim,

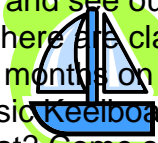
points of sail, etc., using the boats. This appealed to everyone and stopped even the seasoned boat show exhibitors, who watched as parents and kids tried their hand at the exciting sport of sailing: if only on a miniature scale. Next year we have a much bigger surprise!



### The Show Must Go On

And speaking of boat shows and surprises, don't forget, *Island Sailing Club* is also sponsoring *specials and prizes at the Seattle boat show* beginning *January 25<sup>th</sup> through February 3<sup>rd</sup>*.

Please stop by and see our northern office staff at their booth: there are class discounts, family discounts, free months on membership, and even a free Basic Keelboat class giveaway! Is that love or what? Come see us and show your support, so we can show our support for you.



**Classes for Basic Keelboat, Basic Coastal, and Coastal Nav are now running in all locations. Sign up Now! Get certified before the busy season.**

**800-303-2470 or [info@islandsailingclub.com](mailto:info@islandsailingclub.com)**

### First Quarterly Instructors' Meeting

As reported in the last newsletter, Portland kicked off the year by rallying local instructors with the intent of re-introducing some old standards and setting some new ones. While our instructors have always been enthusiastic and well trained sailors, we are now striving to encourage more advanced level certification and additional emergency medical training. As our membership grows, so do the needs and goals of the members. With more advanced instructors, we open the opportunity for members to advance in their skills as well as in their experience.

This was also a forum where instructors and office staff shared ideas about ways to improve

the overall club, classes, and services offered to our members. Led by De Henderson and Rhys Balmer, the meeting proved to be an excellent start to what will be a series of quarterly meetings to keep us abreast of ASA policy changes, new teaching techniques, new requirements, company initiatives, and a good excuse to socialize with an important part of the Island Sailing Club family. Across the board, feedback from instructors on the meeting was positive and excited for the coming season.



For those member-instructors who may not have received notice, we have another Instructors' Meeting scheduled in Kirkland on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Phone or email Pierre in the Kirkland office for details: Office: 503-701-9757 or [isckirkland@islandsailingclub.com](mailto:isckirkland@islandsailingclub.com). We hope to see you there.

## ***From Kirkland***

### **Cruising and Racing Group Social – Pot Luck**

February 5 from 7:00 to 9.00 p.m.

#### ***Description:***

Last meeting went very well and we are waiting for you to join us, thus we urge you to express your interest in these activities, the goal of the evening is to organize the coming sailing season, with cruise destinations, and also a program for the racing activities. So if you are interested in joining the fun please mark this date in your calendar and bring something to eat and/or drink that you would like to share with your fellow members, family Members welcome. Join us and reserve your spot RSVP please, by February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007: call 425-822-3773 or reply this e-mail.

**Cost:** Member: free.

### **Introduction to Radar:**

February 7th Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm  
four times with practice on the Cat 30

#### ***Description:***

An essential piece of equipment for navigation and collision avoidance, this introduction will "acquaint the mariner with

techniques and methods of using nautical radar systems for coastal and offshore navigation." While most boaters understand radar can be used to determine where you are, like the ever-popular GPS devices, its more useful aspect of determining where others are is often overlooked. In a commercial channel or heavy fog or even night sailing, the ability to locate hazards or other vessels is critical for safe passage.

**Prerequisite:** None, Coastal Navigation class a plus but not mandatory.

**Cost:** \$350.00; Instructor: special discount.

Join us and reserve your spot: call 425-822-3773 or reply this e-mail.

Pierre Girardin: Facilities Director

## ***From Olympia***

**If you're tired of rain, it's time to plan a getaway. Olympia Island Sailing is organizing a Cruise and Learn the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of May in the Sea of Cortez!! What better way to earn your Basic Coastal or Bareboat certification, than sailing the warm waters of Mexico in the springtime?**

**This trip features instruction on a 41 ft. Martin, which sleeps up to six. Your participation determines our participation. Sign up early and let's get this show on the water! All are welcome!**

**And for those who can't wait, we've got a coastal class starting February 10<sup>th</sup> and a Basic Keelboat on February 17<sup>th</sup>. With Island Sailing Club, you always have options.**

**Jon Prins: Facilities Director**

Don't forget to keep your contact information up to date to assist with correct billing and insure receipt of all notices, newsletters, upcoming events, and schedules. Call us or email anytime. Thank you.



*Fair Winds*