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Raising Sail to Riverplace: Portland Cruising Group Recap By - Member Michelle Knight

Saturday September 22nd, the first day of autumn, and the last trip of the Portland Cruising Group's 2007 season. Fifteen cruisers took out five boats from the club to Riverplace Marina, located in downtown Portland. The vessels, ranging from the Cal 24' to the Hunter 27', paraded under the Vancouver BN Railroad Bridge, around noon. We raised sail and steered toward the gentle breeze, nudging the watercraft along towards the Willamette confluence. As the golden sun peeked behind a few clouds, we glided under several bridges and slowed to gaze at the Pirate Festival's 122' schooner, the *Lynx*. By 5 pm, after raising the Steel Bridge, our five watercraft arrived at the Riverplace Marina.



The tall ship *Lynx* moored below the St. John's Bridge

When we turned the corner to the Riverplace Marina docks, we peered at a variety of motor and sailboats, packed in like sardines. We secured three prized spots at the dock. Two cruising vessels rafted-up to two others by the dock, connected by finger-like mooring lines. After settling in, we gathered at McCormick & Schmick's for drinks and Newport Bay Restaurant for dinner. As we sat on the patio eating our dinner, we saw purple and red ribbons streak the sky leading the setting sun.



Jim Collins and Joe Barthaier keep it real in the Cal 24's cockpit.

Some of us awoke, on Sunday September 23rd, to the low purring of the cruise ship, the *Spirit of Alaska*, sidling up to the dock. We traipsed up the dock, up the boat ramp, and past the assorted walkers and dragon boat crew members, stretching for the races yet to start. We ended at the Little River Cafe for some breakfast and some hot coffee. After a savory breakfast, we moseyed down the docks and prepared the boats for departure. We left at 10 am under power and blue skies. The Steel and Vancouver BN Railroad hoisted their bridges in salute, as we coasted by and docked at the club later in the afternoon. We knew, as we tied the last sail cover to the mast, that this experience would beckon club members to cruise into 2008 and beyond.



ISC cruisers clear the railroad bridge as they sail up the Willamette

Thanks for a great 2007 Cruising Season
Mark your calendars for May 2008!

ISC Online Crew Lists Coming

Launching - - Friday November 9th

Get ready for the latest feature to hit the Island Sailing Club website – Electronic Crew Lists! Starting Friday, November 9th, Island Sailing Club members will be able to post their sailing contact information online and connect with other members. This will be a great way to meet other club members and sail more throughout the autumn sailing season. It takes just a few minutes to sign up and your contact information will be kept private. So head over to the ISC website to check it out and sign up on November 9th.

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From Portland

Portland Race Group Through-the-Night Race

Saturday & Sunday November 3rd & 4th - - Morning

Race season over but you still got the itch? Well, now you can give it a scratch! The ISC Portland Race group will be running a through-the-night race to Multnomah Falls and back on November 3rd - 4th. Come join the Race Group for this challenging and beautiful up-river race to explore a new part of the river while building skills in night navigation and chart reading.

Race boats will leave the docks on Saturday morning and return Sunday afternoon.

Because this is a round-the-clock race you will be assigned to a crew and night watch schedules set up. Racers of all skill levels are welcome - but you must be a member of the club to join us. If you would like to participate, please contact Race Commodore Richard Witherspoon to be assigned to a crew.

Richard Witherspoon - - sail@dipdot.com

Advanced First Aid for Sailors

An open call to all members: Island Sailing Club – Portland is considering sponsoring a class on advanced first aid specifically tailored for sailors, taught by our own Harold Crawford, ASA Instructor and WEMT-B. This class would be a 16 hour hands-on first aid course covering the skills and knowledge needed to cope with medical emergencies occurring more than two hours away from medical help.

Once enrolled, you will learn what to carry in your first aid kit, how to perform a medical assessment, how to treat common (and some uncommon) injuries and illnesses, how to improvise what you need from what you have on hand, and how to decide when and how to call for rescue and evacuation. Successful course completion will result in a certification card in Wilderness First Aid valid for 3 years. Contact the Portland club to if interested in this course. Specific dates, times, and details are to be decided based on member response, give us a call!

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Portland November Classes

Basic

Keelboat 3rd/4th – 10th/11th – 17th/18th – 24th/25th

Basic Coastal

Cruising 3rd/4th – 10th/11th – 17th/18th – 24th/25th

Race Group:

Through-the-Night **November 3rd & 4th**

To sign up for any of these events contact:

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From Kirkland

Kirkland November Classes

Basic

Keelboat 3rd/4th – 10th/11th – 17th/18th – 24th/25th

Basic Coastal

Cruising 3rd/4th – 10th/11th – 17th/18th – 24th/25th

To sign up for any of these events contact:

Island Sailing Club - Kirkland

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From Olympia

Olympia Notes

ISC Olympia hosted an evening barbeque October 6th. A great time was had by all over some tasty brats and hamburgers. New ISC member Bruce Ensign took to the waters of the South Sound for a full day under sail despite the rainy skies before returning to dock for the barbeque.

Although the fall weather has been a bit iffy in the South Sound, many members have found the Indian Summer days to be quite enjoyable with their mild temperatures and pleasant breezes. Don't hesitate to give the Olympia crew a call for a boat reservation and some great autumn sailing.

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Olympia November Classes

Basic

Keelboat **November 17th/18th – 23rd/24th (Fri/Sat)**

Basic Coastal

Cruising **November 10th/11th**

Bareboat

Chartering **November 30th – December 2nd**

To sign up for any of these events contact:

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