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## UPDATED GUIDELINES:

Updated copies of the Membership Guidelines are now available. Members can find the latest version on the ISC website or by asking ISC Staff for a copy.

## TOLL-FREE REMINDER:

There's been some confusion over the toll free number to call for reservations (some older numbers have been deactivated). Island Sailing's only active Toll Free number: **(800) 303-2470**.

## Cruising Group Report

### *Commodore Harold Crawford's Trip Report Olympia to Steilacoom, WA - August 2008*

It was a scorcher in the Portland area, but it was about ten degrees cooler in the South Sound on Saturday when we sailed from the Olympia base to Steilacoom, WA. Steilacoom is the oldest city in the Pacific Northwest and today is community of retirees and commuters who work in Tacoma. It is a very cute town with homes that appear neat as a pin.

We decided to stop at Boston Harbor for fuel and lunches, but the dock were so crowded that it took us about 90 minutes to do our business, so we found ourselves fighting a strong flood current through Dana Passage. Next time we will plan to take care of those details at Olympia before departure. We were a party of eight sailors on three boats.

We finally docked at Steilacoom at around 6:25 PM and headed to Jake's for a great dinner. After dinner we went back to the boats and cracked open some adult refreshments as the dying last light of day while we listened to Ken Czepelka singin' and pickin' on his acoustic guitar. It was a very pleasant evening.

Very early in the morning, a thunderstorm came through with lightning, thunder, and some rain for about an hour, but we were all snug in our berths, except for Steve Morris-Read,

who elected to sleep out on deck. Luckily, the rain was minimal.

On Sunday morning, we walked three blocks to an espresso stand for coffee and breakfast sandwiches. The coffee shop also makes fresh sandwiches, so we were able to provision for lunch there as well.

We departed at around noon, so as to have the flood current on our stern and made a three hour passage back to Budd Bay, where we picked up some really nice west wind and were able to put the sails up.

Steilacoom was a good destination for us and everyone had a good time. Next time we go there, I will recommend that cruisers bring ear plugs to mute the noise of the trains that roar by about 100 yards from the dock hourly throughout the night.



*The Knights motor by on Windwalker*

Restaurants are close by the dock and the restroom at the nearby ferry dock is open from early in the morning until about 10 PM, although there are no showers. I have a couple of other tips about the dock there, so if anyone is planning a trip to Steilacoom, please contact Harold Crawford for more information.

### September Cruise

This will be out final cruise of the 2008 summer season and we are considering going to the ISC base at Kirkland, on Lake Washington. Stand by for more details; an invitation to participate in the cruise will be sent to the e-mail list soon.

### About ISC Cruising Group

To be added to the e-mail list or get more info about the cruising group, please contact Harold Crawford:

**503.590.1860**

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*Sunset in Steilacoom*

## Portland

### Portland Racing Group Monday Night Racing Season Extended!

#### 5:30p – Pre-Race Meeting - - 6:00p – Castoff

The racing season is going too well to let it go! In response to great winds and turnout we're going to keep racing on Monday nights through Monday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS Saturday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 1p – 5p**  
Island Sailing and the Portland Race Team will be hosting a Fun Race Day on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00p to 5:00p. There will be a traditional "round the buoys" race (with some special twists) followed by some fun events like balloon or pumpkin races, and wrap-up with hamburgers and potato salad on the dock at 5:00p. Plan on bringing your husband or wife, kids, significant other, best friend, etc. to show them what you've been doing with your Monday evenings all summer! If you haven't been able to join us on Mondays, then come on down and see what you've been missing!

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**Race Commodore John Barba - - 503.829.8767-Mobile**  
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### Portland August Classes & Events

<i>Basic</i>	
<i>Keelboat</i>	<b>August 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup></b>
<i>Basic Coastal</i>	
<i>Cruising</i>	<b>August 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Race Team</i>	
<i>Fun Race Day</i>	<b>September 27<sup>th</sup></b>

To sign up for any of these events contact:  
**Island Sailing Club - Portland**  
**(800) 303-2470 - - iscpportland@islandsailingclub.com**

## Kirkland

### The Kirkland Report: Greetings from Kirkland!

A bit of a storm came down through the Lake Washington waters recently, and proved to be a fantastic opportunity to sail. The wind was up, traffic on the lake was down, and with only a little bit of rain it was an amazing day for sailing. Some members were fortunate enough to take advantage of the weather, and reached record speeds on the lake.

The weather as of late has been a blessing and an opportunity for all kinds of adventures. The temperatures have been as high as the winds and every boat has been getting strong use. Through some diligent work by ISC staff, Capri #28 has been undergoing repairs and is almost completely refitted. She'll be ready to sail soon, and will offer another vessel to ease your sailing urges.

With September's arrival you may be wondering: what are the differences in the sailing? One key thing: fewer motorists. Besides subtle weather changes, the lake will open up giving sailboats much more space to sail. More of that clear water we love! Take a moment to step outside and feel the breeze. It's a calling, and we're here to answer it.

**425.822.3773 - - isckirkland@islandsailingclub.com**

### Kirkland August Classes & Events

<i>Basic</i>	
<i>Keelboat</i>	<b>Sept 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Basic Coastal</i>	
<i>Cruising</i>	<b>By Arrangement</b>

To sign up for any of these events contact:  
**Island Sailing Club - Kirkland**  
**(425) 822-3773 - - isckirkland@islandsailingclub.com**

## Olympia

### ISC Olympia's New Office

We have now moved into our new office! It's wonderful and a welcome change for us here in Olympia. We can see the entire fleet from the office which is only a part of our million dollar view. If you missed our open house at the end of August please feel free to drop by for a visit or afternoon sail.

### Class & Fleet Notes

What a busy summer! The Catalina 30' with its new engine has been very popular and has been used continually. Bareboat Chartering Courses will be running through the updated November dates of the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. We also welcome our Catalina 27' back to regular service after a long hiatus and extensive work.

### August Cruise – Thanks to Harold Crawford

Harold Crawford led the Island Sailing Club Cruising Group to Steilacoom last month. Harold puts a great deal of his time and expertise into setting up these group cruises and often visits the locations by car beforehand. We appreciate his dedication. Many members have been acquainted with the beautiful South Sound through Harold's continued efforts.

### Olympia September Classes & Events

<i>Basic</i>	
<i>Keelboat</i>	<b>September 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Basic Coastal</i>	
<i>Cruising</i>	<b>September 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup></b>

To sign up for any of these events contact:  
**Island Sailing Club - Olympia**  
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