

# Oregon Women's Sailing Association

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## Commodore's Corner

Hello Lady Sailors:

Spring is upon us and as we know so is the need to go sailing. Believe me I'm as ready as anyone. Several exciting things have happened so far this year, one being our success at the Portland Boat Show (snow and all) and the completion of Basic Sailing Education class. Thank you to all who have helped in both of these. Without each and every one they would not have been successful. To our wonderful teachers, Gail Taylor, Shannon Phillips and Becky Huseby, I cannot say enough. Your skill, enthusiasm and constant support is infectious. To their guppies, Jessica, Rhonda, Bonnie, Susan, Linda, Cindy and Judi, thank you for jumping in whenever needed. (If I missed someone please know that you are appreciated too). To Stephanie Bartelt, thank you for organizing us for the Boat Show. That unto itself is an exercise in patience with so many people and so many hours to fill. And also, to those who manned the booth and passed on your knowledge and enthusiasm for sailing and OWSA.

So this brings us to the next class, On the Water Basics. An opportunity to get on a boat, practice driving, docking and sailing. Look for information on the OWSA website and for our future events, meetings and classes.

I hope to see you at our next meeting in April and listen to Dee Turner speak on sailing on the blue water!

To all, Great Sailing and see you soon!!!!

Sue Johnson  
Commodore OWSA 2004

## EVENTS OF INTEREST 2004

### OWSA EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

All classes open to the public – OWSA membership not required. Registration forms available at [www.owsa.net](http://www.owsa.net)

#### Women's On-the-Water Basics April 22, 23, 24

Docking, anchoring, getting the sails up. Two evenings in class & one day on the water. For women only. Some previous sailing experience or basic class required. Fee includes text. RCYC  
Thursday & Friday evenings 6:30-9:30,  
Saturday 9am-4pm

#### Spinnaker August 2, 9, 16

Symmetrical and asymmetrical spinnaker handling. Two evenings in classroom, one evening on the water. Women and men are welcome, partners are encouraged to participate together. Previous sailing experience required. Monday evenings, 6:30-9:30, RCYC  
**FOR MORE INFO ON BASIC & SPINNAKER CLASSES:**

Shannon Phillips 503-236-2337 [shannon.k.phillips@intel.com](mailto:shannon.k.phillips@intel.com)  
Rhonda Morgan 360-696-0851 [rhondan@earthlink.net](mailto:rhondan@earthlink.net)

**Oregon Boater's Card Preparation** To be announced. Class to help prepare for the mandatory Oregon Boater's Card.

**FOR MORE INFO:** Becky Huseby 360-571-9084 [bhbjh@pacifier.com](mailto:bhbjh@pacifier.com)

#### LifeSling Saturday, June 19

Highly qualified instructors are offering the boating community the opportunity to learn the use of LifeSling, an essential safety item for all sailors. Practiced sailors, both women and men are welcome. Bring your own boat and crew, if desired (not re-

# Ladies Cruise 2004

# Hollywood Nights

At Coon Island

MAY 21,22,23.

**SKIPPER AND CREW COORDINATION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY April 13, AT 6:30PM**

Please come join us at the Rose City Yacht Club.  
3737 NE Marine Dr.

The gate will be opened at 6:00pm

For information call or e-mail:

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

Friday Afternoon - Registration Starts on the committee boat please check in upon arrival

4:30 pm - Happy Hour Produced by "SHORE LEAVE"

6:00 pm - Play "31"

### Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Continued Registration on the committee boat, please check in ASAP / Breakfast on your own.

1:00 to 4:00 pm – Boat Refreshments

5:00 pm – Talent Show

8:00 pm – Dessert Potluck

### Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Potluck Brunch / Raffle

11:00 a.m. - General Meeting and Wrap Up and volunteers for next year's event

12:00 p.m.- Cleanup

Please bring 1 Gift per Boat or more if you wish, (Value no more that \$15.00) drop them off at the committee boat upon arrival. (It does not have to be Nautical.)

Mug will be available for purchase at the committee boat for \$5.00 each. Raffle Tickets will also be available for \$1,00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

You may want to Bring

Folding Chairs, small table, tarp

Table Decorations

Dock Chairs

Food For Potluck's

Comfy Clothing

Hors d'oeuvres / recipe

### **Docking Instructions**

A Docking Crew will be on duty to help all boats find a spot to tie up. We will be monitoring channel 16 and then moving to working channel 72. Just ask for the Ladies Cruise and we will answer. Please remember to have fenders and mooring lines prepared. Come in slowly and give yourself lots of time. Remember your crew is there to help you prepare for docking.



# Oregon Women's Sailing Association

*is proud to present*

***Linda Bean***

*as our*

***“2003 Outstanding Member”***

*Thank you for being great “crew” of OWSA by volunteering to help with education programs, sail for the cure, chairing Wednesday Night Sailing & be willing to help others with kindness.  
Your devotion keeps our ship afloat. Thank you!*

*Linda Bean, 2003 Outstanding Member with  
Donna Krebsbach, OWSA Rear Commodore & Frances Fisher, Social Skipper*



# Raising Funds by Raising Sails

Elizabeth Vineyard, the 2004 Sail for the Cure Chair, is not only an enthusiastic leader but also a fabulous cook. We've gathered together several times now, since the new year to plan for the September fundraiser. Between bites and sips we've discussed what worked and what needed change, as we've chartered our course for 2004.

For those of you who are new to OWSA, Sail for the Cure (SFC) is an annual OWSA sponsored event to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. In the past four years we've raised close to \$40,000 dollars!

SFC is a fun event for the whole family that emphasizes boat-handling skills and cooperation rather than competition. After the sailing activity, participants gather back on shore for a post-event party which includes a picnic dinner, live music and a Silent Auction. Everyone from non-sailors to expert sailors participate. Owning a sailboat is not a requirement. We find you a boat to crew on or the crew for your boat!

At present, our compass is focused on securing corporate sponsorship. In celebration of our 5<sup>th</sup> year, we've added a new way for sponsors to get more personally involved.

As a "**Full Boat Sponsor**", for an additional \$500.00, we'll fly the sponsors name or logo, and a selected employee gets to participate & crew on their sponsored boat!

We are in the process of up-dating our presentation to give to possible sponsors so we'd appreciate your help with "WHO" to contact. If you, a family member or a friend know of a possible contact at a large business or corporation, we'd appreciate it. Just supply us with the contact name and important numbers/addresses and we'll do the rest. Since our goal is to have these sponsors on board by May 30<sup>th</sup> Donna Krebsbach, our SFC Sponsor & Donor Chair, would appreciate your valuable information ASAP.

Please send your contact leads to Donna. [donna\\_krebsbach@ml.com](mailto:donna_krebsbach@ml.com) 360-834-0615

SFC Committee meets the first Monday of the month, so if you are looking for a fun, action-packed adventure please contact Elizabeth or a committee member. [evineyard@peoplepc.com](mailto:evineyard@peoplepc.com) 503 816-5597

Elizabeth Vineyard  
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Edie Felix

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Silent Auction  
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# Ladies Cruise 2004 Registration Form

Please fill this form out completely and send to:  
**SUE JOHNSON**

**11684 N. Island Cove Lane  
Portland, OR 97217  
503-735-2624**

Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Ft, Sail \_\_\_\_ Power \_\_\_\_

Docking Ability / Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Crew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Crew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Association \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_

**This is a must fill out, 1 contact per Boat!**

**In Case of emergency whom can we call? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Relationship? \_\_\_\_\_**

Need Crew? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Would Like to be Crew? \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Pictures of Cruise available on CD for: 3.00 each x quantity \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Sailboat Racing on the Columbia

By Melissa Moshofsky

Having never sailed before, I was invited by a friend to go out on their friend's 36' sailboat early summer 5 years ago!

I had no idea what I was doing, but just loved being out on the water. By happenstance, this boat was large enough to need at least 7-9 crew. Due to the never ending need for rail meat, I was invited back each week and continued to participate through the end of the season in October.

I just showed up and did what I was told! Grab that line and yank it, get up on the rail, galley wench get some water! It was fun and the people were great.

I was positioned in different areas: sail trimmer for jib and spinnaker, mid-deck with halyards and spinnaker pole adjustment - but never foredeck (too scary on the bow, pole too big).

By that fall, I was dating the captain! After 4 years we are now married!

My husband was the greatest influence in getting me a consistent ride. He has also tried to teach me, he has 30 years of racing experience. He has always encouraged me to participate in ways that I never thought I could: skippering, driving, assembling my own crew, and taking the boat out on my own.

Since my husband couldn't resist purchasing a J24, the big boat has been retired to our cruiser: we now race the J. I thought racing the smaller boat would be fun, but I was in for a surprise! This fleet is quite competitive and we are the rookies- we were happy to just not place last! A smaller boat meant less room to maneuver on the deck, I got so beat up it was discouraging at first. So, even though we can have 5 crew we opt for 4 to allow more room for everyone. This boat is also a lot tipsier and you have to have real firm footing. I have learned a new role on this boat, that of foredeck. Which on this boat still means halyards, but also spinnaker pole positioning. I always wanted to do foredeck!

Last summer, as the highlight of my career, my husband and I won the Couple's Race on the J and I also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Women's Race. I don't know all there is to know, but after a few years of racing on the Columbia, I feel lucky to be out there and I appreciate all the friendships that have developed because of it.

If you were interested in racing, my recommendation would be to start socializing with the racing crowd. There are multiple opportunities to expand your horizon through people you meet. You can also learn sailing skills through OWSA classes, as well as Wednesday night cruising. OWSA also sponsors a women's race in August that is great fun. Or go to [www.sailpdx.com](http://www.sailpdx.com) where you can view info about other yacht clubs that sponsor races. Pick up an OCSA Race Book that outlines all activities throughout the year. The more you learn, the more people you meet, the more opportunities present themselves.

Feel free to contact racing chair, Michelle Matraw at 503-697-7303 or racing co-chair, myself at 503-293-0833 for more information. Good luck out there!

# April Meeting

## April 14th

We will be back at

### Rose City Yacht Club

3737 NE Marine Drive

6:30 PM Social Begins

7:00 PM Meeting Begins

The "Social Committee" will be adding some fun to our next general meeting by handing out a raffle ticket to each attendee. A prize will be drawn during the meeting.

There will also be a clipboard on the snack table, which we would like guests and new members to sign so we may offer more personal acknowledgement to them during the meeting.

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**FOR MORE INFO ON LIFESLING:**

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Dee Turner 503-267-6009 info@thesailinglife.com

## OWSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

February 11, April 7, June 9, August 11 Picnic, October 7 Election, December Christmas Party. Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:00, usually at Rose City Yacht Club. Watch the Newsletter for more info on specific meeting happenings.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

**Columbia River Ladies Cruise** May 14,15,16

Sponsored and organized by local boating clubs, this annual weekend cruise welcomes all power & sail boating women. Bring your own boat or crew on someone else's.

**FOR MORE INFO ON LADIES CRUISE:**

Sue Johnson 503-661-7199 lspbj@comcast.net

Sheila Drews 503-649-6750 sheila.drews@saiemail.com

**ICSA North American Championships** May 26-June 4

OWSA is proud to support the Intercollegiate Sailing Association's 2004 North American Championships at Cascade Locks.

**FOR MORE INFO ON THIS TOP COLLEGE RACING EVENT:**

Lea Sanders-Wilcox 503-288-3213 lmsanderswilcox@aol.com

## OWSA Wednesday Night Sails

A great way to meet new friends, practice skills and gain experience on a variety of boats. Share your boat or crew on someone else's. Open & free to only OWSA members. Bring a snack &/or beverage for your skipper. Wednesday evenings – late spring to early autumn.

**OWSA Summer Sailstice Cruise** Monday, June 21

NEW this year! Get together for a sail on the longest day of the year! Specific details will be announced later in the spring.

**FOR MORE INFO ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS & SAILSTICE:**

Sandra Bes 503-690-8892 s.bes@comcast.net

**OWSA Friday Night Beer Cans** July 9, August 13

The winners are the best-costumed with the best bribes for the Committee Boat! Just-for-fun and a great way for new racers to get some practice without the pressure of a serious regatta.

**OWSA Women's Race** Saturday, August 21

Co-sponsored by CYC. Enter your own boat or crew someone else's.

**FOR MORE INFO ON RACING:** See OCSA Race Book -or- Michelle Matraw 503-697-7303 michellelove@sprintmail.com

Melissa Moshofsky 503-293-0833 mbernard0911@juno.com

**OWSA Sail for the Cure** Saturday, September 18

A fun family event to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. **FOR MORE INFO ON SAIL FOR THE CURE:**

SailfortheCure@creativeabandon.com

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