



# Sandpoint Sailing

Occasional Newsletter of the Sandpoint Sailing Association



## Letter from the commodore

Sailors,

I would like to thank you for electing me as your Commodore. "Thank-You!"

I need to thank our past commodore, Ivan, for an outstanding job he did this past year and the previous years. He has elevated our club to its current status among the local sailors, the city and other sailing organizations throughout the Pacific NW.

All this is spectacular but it could only happen with all the other volunteers, support and camaraderie from the club members. We are all following the same passion to accomplish this. All the hours, efforts, elbow grease, disagreements, laughs and beer drinking is what we are all about. Your hearts are in the right place. It shows in the educational programs, the Thursday night races, the Spud Cup, helping others setting up or taking down masts, or putting on a District Championship race that people from far and near want to come back and do all over again with all of us! We have a special collection of people that make up the SSA that other clubs would love to have. We all need to stand up and applaud ourselves.

I would like to also thank all the previous Commodores and Board members for helping lay the foundation to this club. It is a solid foundation and I hope I can only add to it.

The future is unknown and I hope we can continue on this great voyage together. I'll be looking forward as I steer the club but like sailing I'll be needing all the members to be my eyes and ears, so they can tell me if I'm going to do an accidental jibe or hit someone. (No remarks are needed here) I look forward to the coming year of working, playing, drinking and sailing. May the winds be fair to you, may the waves be small and may we have enough rum to get us through the Thursday nights without any wind.

~ George Kiselica

## The Belle of SSA

There were some big changes in the Board of Directors at this year's annual election of officers. (See page 2.) Probably the biggest was that Nicky Pleass decided to step down as Treasurer and let some new blood take over. She has provided her valuable service and priceless smile for over 12 years as keeper of the "pieces of eight" and other valuables. Bruce Robertson made this trophy and presented it to her at the September meeting on behalf of the Club. Thanks Nicky and we all look forward to many more years of sailing and partying with you!



## Picture of Perfection (or at least fun...)

Our Webdude, Al, has put some more fun pictures on the website. There are at least half a dozen events represented there since the last newsletter. But what we're sorely missing are any pictures of actual sailing in the Spud Cup! If any of you have any pictures, (I know, most of the sailors had their hands pretty full just keeping the keel down and the mast up during that regatta.) I'm sure Al would love to get them on the web for all to see.

Chillin'  
after  
the  
Spud  
Cup



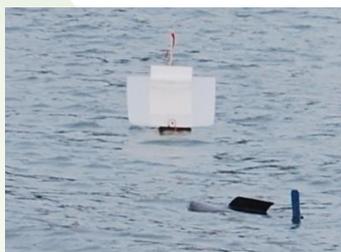
*"It isn't that life ashore is distasteful to me. But life at sea is better."*

-Sir Francis Drake

## Youth Sailing Program

The Equinox Foundation, based in Sandpoint ID has elected to generously support the Youth Sailing Program with a \$3,000 donation. The grant, made through the Sandpoint City Recreation Department will be used to round out the necessary life safety equipment needed for our joint program with the City. Right now, we are borrowing PFD's from members, plus we have no way to effectively communicate with the students during the "on the water" portion of the class. With these funds, the City will be acquiring 30 PFD's from Moscow Idaho based NRS, in various sizes. This should allow us to teach a full class of 28 students, using 7 boats with 4 persons per boat. (We have the boats, but need a bit more effort to get the full fleet splashed). Also, 7 water-proof, floating VHF radios (Icom) and 2 bullhorns will be purchased from Mountain Communications here in Sandpoint. This will allow the instructors to have 2 way communication with the students and also facilitate each of the fleet boat's ability to communicate with the Bonner County Marine Patrol for emergency situations. Finally, a towing rope will be purchased from Spud Cup Sponsor, Annapolis Performance Sailing ([apsltd.com](http://apsltd.com)). This will allow the instructor's boat to safely tow all 7 boats at once, from the instructional dock, out to the designated sailing area and return them back to the harbor at the end of the class. Thanks again to every member for your support of this program! ~Chris Chambers

Ed note: The club wants to thank Chris for the many hours spent making this happen!



"Take what you can...  
Give nothing back!"

## Hold Yer Grudge!

The annual grudge races were held at the September meeting and BBQ and featured great single handed, one-design racing in the club's fleet of Hobie Holder sailboats. These were short races in nice wind where the sailors raced out of the marina, around a mark and back in about 15 minutes. We had three heats of three boats each and then a final race to determine the overall winner. The three finalists in the order that they finished were Bruce Robertson, Ivan Rimar and Fred Gloor. This was FUN, easy racing at its best! Come out next year and give it a try.



Bruce, Ivan and Fred on the layline  
(Well, more or less...)

## Milk It!

The MCRS (Milk Carton Race Series) held its annual Fall regatta at the September BBQ and the competition (and breeze) was stiff. We had one sinking (with salvage) and one permanent trip to Davy Jones' Locker. In addition, there were plenty of broaches and other drama on the high seas but three boats made it to the final race. Nicole England took first place with her deep-v, polymer hulled, square-rigged "Kirkland Cutter". It was noted that even hardened old sea salts can turn back into kids by just saying "Toy boat, Toy Boat, Toy Boat, ..."

## Idaho Spuds

Once again, the SSA put on a most successful Spud Cup Regatta over the Labor Day weekend. There was plenty of wind to go around and some exciting weather from sunshine to rain and everything in-between. It was enough to make any sailor grin from ear to ear. We had 25 boats in 4 fleets with a couple of "sub-fleets" (U-20s and Viper 640s). And that's not including the food, beer, stories and laughs!

You can see the website for the complete results but it's important to note that our own Chris Chambers took the coveted "Spud Cup" trophy and well deserved it was! Congratulations Chris!

## Board of Directors

George Kiselica	Commodore
Dan Lawrence	Vice Commodore
Bruce Robertson	Rear Commodore
Mike Jewell	Secretary
Trina Lawrence	Treasurer
Al Reuter	Webkeeper
Ivan Rimar	Past Commodore
Keith Sheckler	Director (Education)
Fred Gloor	Director (Spud Cup)
Merry Brown-Hayes	Director (Cruising)



The Classics (Ivan and Suzie battle it out)

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