



Port Townsend Bay Will have new buoys For race courses soon

Four new turning buoys will be tethered to permanent anchors in Port Townsend Bay for sailing races soon, through the courtesy of donations.

All the equipment has been given to the Port Townsend Sailing Association by West Marine, and **Grant Ausk** of Townsend Bay Dive Shop has agreed to set the anchors and attach the lines and buoys without charge.

This good news has been announced by **Larry Eifert**, who has arranged for the donations and says the project can get started when permits are obtained. **Don D'Alessandro** has taken on the permit acquisition.

Missy Welch, who handles Western Regional Events for West Marine, said the gear includes four 20-inch round buoys with auger screw anchors, line, chain and all the necessary fittings, a value of some \$750.

"We are always happy to participate in the communities in which we live and do business," she says. "We love to make boating more fun."

The anchors are helix type, 22-inches long that screw into the seabed. They are the same type

Annual Shipwrights event Opens 2006 sailing races

The 15th Shipwright Regatta will begin this year's racing season Saturday, February 25 in Port Townsend Bay with the starting line right off the Northwest Maritime Center Dock.

that were used by the Shoreline Commission to anchor the eel grass warning buoys.

Ausk set those too, and he says it takes only about 10 minutes to seat each one and that he doesn't anticipate any problems installing these buoys either.

Eifert says the buoys will be set in about 50 feet of water with one off the city dock, which usually serves as the windward mark and is sometimes used for the start.

A second buoy, a reach along the waterfront, will be located off Indian Point near the entrance to Boat Haven, with a third near the old railroad trestle to the west.

The fourth mark is the tower just off Indian Island, which usually is a run from the second mark.

On race days when there is enough wind, a fifth mark is used off the Marine Science Center at Fort Worden and that is where the fourth buoy will be anchored.

Eifert says **Kate Burke**, the park's manager, already has given permission for that one.

Spectators will have a good vantage point to watch the start of the race from that dock.

Sponsored by the Wooden Boat Foundation, the regatta has been held every year since 1991.

Rob Sanderson, waterfront coordinator of the Wooden Boat Foundation and the Northwest Maritime Center, said the regatta originated in recognition of local shipwrights as the first race of the year to recognize the nearing end of winter with a full summer of racing ahead.

Last year's race attracted 52 participants and at least that many are expected this year, he said.

Registration this year will be accepted until 4 p.m. the day before the race. Applications are available on the WBF website at

www.woodenboat.org and may be returned by mail along with a \$15 registration fee.

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From the editor:

More than You Want To know

This being the inaugural issue of *PTSail*, an introduction and a statement of purpose appear to be in order.

My name is **John Bailey** (the older one) and I have spent over 40 as a reporter, photographer and editor on newspapers of the Pacific Northwest. Then, after retiring, I wrote a weekly column on pleasure boating on Puget Sound for more than 10 years.

In this newsletter I plan to have articles of interest to anyone who loves sailing and being afloat. That could include a myriad of subjects such as the boats we encounter on the water and the people who use them, the racing enthusiasts who volunteer their time and efforts to make it possible for others to enjoy the sport and anything else that comes to mind.

I would hope that anyone who reads the newsletter would feel free to offer ideas and suggestions and make comments.

I can be reached at **379-5375** or at johnbaileysr@aol.com by e-mail.

I plan to have fun doing this and I hope you will enjoy it too.

Race fees protested

Historically, WBF/NWMC has not charged it's own members for races it sponsors, **Don Haviland** points out; particularly since PTSA members provide the volunteers who conduct it's races. And fees go into it's general fund, not for the races.

Donations due Release forms too

It's time to make your annual donation to the PTSA sailing fund.

And while you're at it, you might as well take care of the required release of liability.

You can download a form for this from the new website. Sign and date it and then mail it with your check for \$75 to **Don Haviland**, 2909 Ivy St.

He would also like to have any updated information you have about your boat, ratings and sail numbers or anything else you think would be helpful.

Lots of information Available on website

You would be surprised at all the neat stuff you can find on **Elizabeth Becker's** new website.

If you haven't been there yet you should check it out. There's the new race schedule and course charts and lots of other things. *And your new newsletter too.*

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A skipper's meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. race day at the Otter Crossing Café with free coffee and a no-host breakfast.

Anyone who would like to crew on the race but who has not yet found a boat may be able to at the skipper's meeting.

The regatta begins at 11:30 a.m. with one of five courses selected that morning depending on weather conditions.

Awards will be presented starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Pubic House Grill & Ales on Water St. First prize, the Van Hope Award, given by Fleet Marine, and second prize from the Port of Port Townsend. Both are free haulouts.

A special prize of \$200 will be awarded for the greatest number of youth in the crew.

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Boatbuilder recalls first Shipwright race

Diana Talley was reminiscing. She was musing about the first Shipwrights Regatta and how it happened a decade and a half ago.

"I don't know if this is the way it really came about," she said over coffee at the Blue Moose Café across Haines Place from her shop at Taku Marine. "But this is the way I remember it.

"There were so many boat builders with boats under restoration who never got to use them. We spent all week working on other people's boats and worked on our own on weekends." That's when somebody got the idea of setting aside a day to take the boat builders onto the water, she says.

"**Doug Humes** was one of the organizers," she reflected. "He told me he was going to take me sailing, but I said I was too busy. He just kept smiling and kept on insisting. He finally wore me down.

"**Scott Swanter**, who was director of the Wooden Boat Foundation at the time, was another of the organizers. And **Rob (Iverson)** and **Pat (Brayton)**, who had a pinky schooner, closed down their Landfall Restaurant at Point Hudson and we all went there after the race and Doug (Humes) made a big pot of his 'scow chow' for everybody. It was terrible stuff, but was good and hot after the cold sail.

"It was one of the best days sailing of my life that I can ever remember.