

## ISC Scholarships and BOAT Program

OWSA's members are our greatest asset. To advance our members who have put in extraordinary time and effort volunteering, OWSA created the ISC Scholarship and BOAT programs.

Each year, 4 applicants are chosen from our membership, based upon merit, to share a one year ISC (Island Sailing Club) scholarship. These women enjoy the privileges of ISC membership including use of club boats in Portland and in the Puget Sound, participation in member activities, and discounts to their sailing classes. For this 4, their tuition in the ISC Basic Keel Boat certification class is the foundation of this remarkable scholarship opportunity.

The BOAT (Boat Ownership Advanced Training) program has been developed for members who have an interest in owning a boat. Each year, 8 members share "ownership" of **Cal Girls**, a Cal '20 and **Vela**, a Ranger '20. Another 4 members serve on OWSA's Race Team aboard **Stardust**, another Ranger '20.

Selection for these programs begins shortly after the 1st of the year. Applicants must be members by March 1 of the previous year. For more information on these programs, visit our website.

*"Through OWSA, I've gained confidence as a sailor, met many wonderful friends, and traveled with them to beautiful places. It truly is one of the best things I've ever done."*

ISC Scholarship Recipient, Robin Smith

Organized in 1994 by local women sailors, OWSA promotes women's sailing through education and practical experience. Annual membership in the not-for-profit club is \$35.00 a year. Come, join our all volunteer club and rev-up your sailing life!

Applications are available on our website, along with a complete listing of Courses, Race Schedules, and other sailing activities available through OWSA.

We meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Rose City Yacht Club, 3737 NE Marine Drive, Portland, OR. Social Hour includes a light supper.

6:30 pm  
Social Hour

7:00-8:00 pm  
Meeting



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# OWSA: Promoting Women's Sailing Through Education and Experience

## Who are OWSA members?

Our members are business owners, artists, managers, lawyers, clerks, stay-at-home moms, writers and educators — name a profession, talent, or interest, and you will find an OWSA member in that field. Our members come in all ages, and have various levels of sailing experience, from newbies to experts. Joining OWSA gives you access to sailing opportunities throughout the Northwest. At any given time we also have friends and members out sailing the deep blue, blogging, posting and sharing their adventures with us here on the Columbia.

## OWSA Education

Classes include instruction and practice from beginners to racing and cruising. Our courses cover sailing basics, motoring, docking and anchoring, racing, cruising, and introduction to spinnaker handling. OWSA's experienced instructors create a supportive atmosphere where women can learn to sail, become confident and competent, establish friendships while experiencing sailing teamwork.



## Cruising

OWSA's popular **Wednesday Night Sail** program matches members with boat owners to spend evenings gaining experience on a variety of sizes and classes of sailboat. New in 2011, OWSA offers cruising activities throughout the year.



## Racing

Our basic race clinic, and **seasonal racing opportunities with clubs along the Columbia** help build tactical and winning strategies for friendly competition. According to OWSA member, winning

racer, and *Sailor of the Year* (2008) Karen Anderson, "racing isn't just about competing, it's about learning how to fully control the boat". We encourage our boat owning members to participate, yet if you don't have your own boat, we have a host of community skippers who count on OWSA members to fill their crews. The rewards of racing are more than just about winning!

## Connecting

Through our **Sailing Sisters** program we encourage new members to connect with more experienced sailors who are willing to share their OWSA experience and expertise. Participating in our programs and general meetings members have adventured together on our rivers, along the coasts, and overseas.

## Giving Back to Our Community

Each year OWSA members plan, promote, and run this beloved annual fun and fund raising event. In September 2011 over 487 eager participants took 74 sailboats out for an afternoon on the Columbia River and returned to the Portland Yacht Club for more games, appetizers and music.



Come out and share your love of sailing with friends and family while raising money for a good cause. **Join us in 2012 as we launch a new event, *Set Sail for a Cause*.** All net proceeds from this event will be donated to Providence Cancer Center.

## Volunteering

Grow your skills and help grow OWSA, our members are the wind in OWSA's sails. Membership offers many opportunities to teach, lead, and learn new skills. Bring your talents to help OWSA maintain our grow our excellence and programs — you may earn an ISC Scholarship or BOAT opportunity while having fun and giving back!