

# OCTOBER 2009



Frank & Travis on *Bye-Gone* at the finish of race 2

## Frank's Place

Hopefully Layne or Dwaine will give us an account of the last races especially since their point of view is from the front of the fleet. That perspective is often lost to those of us bringing up the rear. I do know that the day was filled with sunshine and enough wind to have as many races as we liked. The weather also was perfect for an opportunity to have one last picnic afterward. Thanks to Scott for hatching the idea of a fish fry. He brought his deep fryer and along with homemade french fries and Rod's coleslaw as well as fresh blackberry pie by Andy's wife Cora and other snacks from our timekeeper (Carolyn) and even more snacks (Cookies) from who? It was a good time and all done by 4:30. That's the way to do it. Thanks to all!

As for October's event. Hmmm! It falls on Halloween day (a rarity) and the idea was to put forth to wear a 'sailor-friendly' costume. So... if you

do and sail as say "Captain Laser" or "Ranger Woman" or some other oddball character you will get one minute off your time for each race you do in your outfit. Layne also suggested "Hey, you could come in 'drag'". Wow! That was a funny idea. I immediately said I would give anyone thus decked out three minutes off their time. What do you think? Get going on your ideas. I'll be an appropriate "fictional" super hero (Not one from the movies or comics.) Something oddball...something to help improve my slow race times. It'll be many years before Halloween and our October race falls on the same day again. This is our chance. No social hour is planned for after the races so we should be able to get three races in and be off the lake in plenty of time so those of us who will take little ones Trick-or-Treating will have no conflict time wise. And those adults who have the costume party later in the evening will also be dressed and ready to go early. Of course if you do get in some sort of costume/outfit Carolyn will get some good photos and you'll be in the next newsletter.

Thanks again to all who made last September's races so well attended. See you all soon.

Frank



Start of for first race





Hunter & Dave sailing Sabot's before the day races

## From the Middle of the Pack:

Last month's races were a lot of fun and if you didn't make it, you missed out on some great sailing and great food. As I arrived at Capt Cook, it was great to see our club Commodore Dave Burnett sailing in the Sabot's with one of our newest members Hunter Fennell before the races started. To me the day provided some close sailing and, in some cases, too close. After the races we had some delicious fish provided by Scott Leroy—thanks, Scott. Autumn is my favorite time of the year to sail with warm temperatures and decent winds. As Frank said he was going to be leaving the race reports to either Dwaine or me. I usually have good perspective because I'm usually in the middle of the pack.

In the first race, I got off to a decent start sailing in *Firefly*. Both Dwaine in *Rusty* and Andy in *Rapido* were only slightly ahead of me. My strategy for the race was simple: follow Dwaine. For some reason *Firefly* was pointing unusually well and I was able to keep up with Dwaine and Andy until the windward mark. *Firefly* was a slightly lower line and I had to take two extra tacks to make it around the first mark as *Rusty* and *Rapido* sailed off to the second mark. Dwaine took first place and I took second, beating Andy in corrected time.

In the second race, again *Firefly* was behind *Rusty* and *Rapido*, with *Lilly Lover* following closely behind on the way towards the first mark. I decided that I would tack earlier to get back towards the center of lake to avoid the same mistake of the first race. Sailing single-handed that day I messed up one of my tacks and *Lilly Lover* pulled head of me. We approached the first mark on a port tack, *Lilly Lover* leeward and boat length ahead of me. All of a sudden,



*Lilly Lover* heads towards windward mark

was going to end up in my usual third place because *Rapido* and *Rusty* were well ahead of me and I felt I had a comfortable lead over *Lilly Lover*. After going around the second mark, I followed the Lasers closed to the Silcox Island where the wind died. Scott in *Lilly Lover* stayed away from the island where the wind was still blowing. *Lilly Lover* easily passed me and came close to finishing ahead of *Rusty*. Andy in *Rapido* finished up in first place and Scott in *Lilly Lover* corrected ahead of Dwaine for second place.

Rob is getting all the bugs worked out of *Elvira* and his times were getting better all day long. Scott F. in Peach Pit also continues to get their boat in racing condition. Below are the results of the day races:



*Rusty*, *Rapido*, and *Firefly* battle for lead in first race

*Lilly Lover* tacked over to starboard, and they started yelling "starboard...starboard". I tacked over as quickly as I could to avoid a collision. Both boats tacked back to port and somehow I still rounded the mark ahead of *Lilly Lover*. Neither of us knew for sure who had the rights at the mark and since there was no collision we kept on sailing with *Firefly* ended taking third place behind *Rapido* and *Rusty*. Thank you to the good sportsmanship of Scott who told Carolyn after the race that if he corrected ahead of me, to give the place to me.

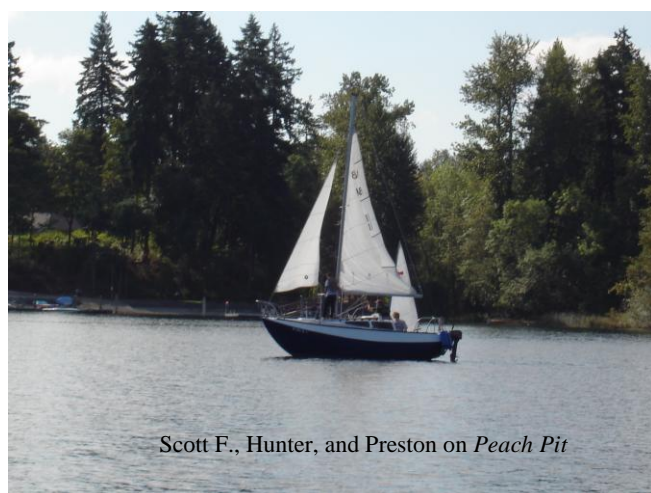
The start of the third race provided the most excitement of the day. Frank in *Bye-Gone* was just ahead of me in *Firefly* as we crossed the starting line. All of sudden Frank turned in front of me. I started yelling "starboard...starboard", all I could see was the flash of blue of *Bye-Gone*'s hull and thought there was no way to avoid this collision. I think that Frank kept on turning and I pointed up a higher and somehow we avoided a collision but it was just by inches. Thankfully the rest of the race went on with out incidents. I thought that *Firefly*



*Bye-Gone* and *Firefly* recovering at near collision in race 3

## September Race Results

			Race 1	Race 2	Race 3		Race Day Totals	
Skipper's Name	Boat's Name	HCP	Corrected Time/Position	Corrected Time/Position	Corrected Time/Position	Over all Score	Over all Position	Monthly Score
Dwaine	Rusty	92.2	23.05 / 1	25.30 / 2	21.83 / 3	6	2	90
Andy	Rapido	92.2	23.86 / 3	23.57 / 1	19.50 / 1	5	1	100
Layne	Firefly	96.1	23.67 / 2	25.73 / 3	22.84 / 4	9	3	80
Scott	Lilly Lover	97	28.61 / 4	26.39 / 4	21.22 / 2	10	4	70
Frank	Bye-Gone	102	35.03 / 5	30.52 / 5	23.14 / 5	15	5	60
Scott	Peach Pit	110	DNF / 7	DNS / 7	DNS / 7	21	7	40
Rob	Elvira	100.9	49.38 / 6	31.39 / 6	28.34 / 6	18	6	50



Scott F., Hunter, and Preston on *Peach Pit*

This was a real fun day of sailing, eating, and enjoying each other's friendships. I'm looking forward to our October races on Halloween. I've already have a few ideas in mind for a costume. I can't wait to see super hero Frank. I'm working hard to get the newsletter out early so that everyone has time to get a costume together. You'd all better start thinking of your costumes.

Our newest member, Scott Fennell, took a sailing trip earlier this summer with his family up to Port Townsend and provided us an article and picture of their trip which you can read below. Their trip sounds like it was a lot of fun. Thank you Scott for your story, and if any of you have any sailing adventures or stories you would like to share with ALSC members, I would love to put them in the newsletter.

Layne

## Trip to Wooden Boat Festival

By Scott Fennell



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As we saw summer coming to an end, we decided to take our 21' sloop out of American Lake and launch in Puget Sound for three days of sailing to cap off the summer. It started with, of course, some trouble getting the boat on the trailer. After running it to the launch ramp we had to bring it back to Bill's boat house and do some diving to remove an obstruction (ask me about it when you got some time) keeping the center board from raising up all the way. Then back to the ramp.

We towed the boat to point defiance launch and put up the mast, etc. then slept in the boat until 6am the next morning. Departing

from there we ran up Colvos passage drinking instant coffee and eating instant oat meal. We past Blake Is., past Bainbridge Is., around Point No Point and Foulweather Bluff where we swamped our canoe we'd been towing. Just as we crossed in front of the Hood Canal the canoe took on a mind of it's own due to tide rips. We ducked into Port Ludlow and dropped anchor for the night. In the Morning we poked out and swamped the canoe again. We went back and left the canoe there with the harbormaster until the next week when we went back in the car for the Port Townsend wooden boat festival.



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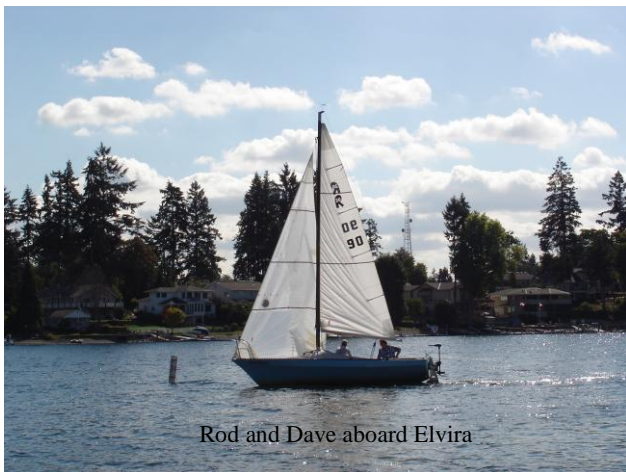


Sailing from Port Ludlow we crossed Oak Bay eating Hunter's (my 10 year old son) famous toasted bagels. He makes them on the Coleman stove. Going through the short cut into Port Townsend Bay Hunter rode on the bow watching for shallow water as it was low tide. We tied up in Point Hudson Harbor, where we took on some fresh water. We walked around town a bit and got coffee and pizza then headed back south. Crossing Admiralty Inlet exposed us to some nice winds, accompanied with some bigger seas of course. I feel we tested the boat and crew here the most on the trip. Then passing numerous anglers in the schools of jumping salmon by Point No Point, we got as far as Apple Tree Cove where we dropped anchor and ate dinner to a full moon over the Sound.

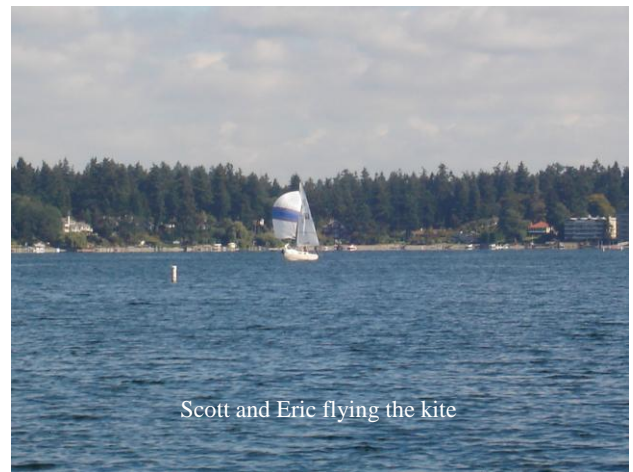
Pulling anchor at 5am (the ferry wake woke me) I took the helm and watched the sun rise over the morning silhouette of Seattle. Seth (my son in law) made us coffee and peanut butter toast as we maneuvered past seals and porpoise. We pulled into Blake Is. Marina and got coffee as we watched deer feed on the grass. Back down Colvos Passage the biggest danger we faced was sun burn as we sailed wing on wing for three hours. Crossing Dalco Passage, Hunter quit counting seals at forty before we pulled back in Point Defiance Marina. It was a adventure we'll talk of all winter.

Scott, Hunter, and Seth.

## September Photos



Rod and Dave aboard Elvira



Scott and Eric flying the kite





Start of second race



Pre-race action before the start of first race



*Rusty* take the port tack start on first race



*Elvira*

# Next Race on October 31<sup>th</sup>

Come join us for the fun of our 1st costumed race!!!

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