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# OAR

## NEWSLETTER

Fall 2012

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[www.olympiaarearowing.org](http://www.olympiaarearowing.org)

Please contact us if you have contributions you wish to have included in a subsequent newsletter. Photos are especially needed. Anything as large as a full article or as small as a rowing joke is more than welcome!

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## Salmon and Seal Regatta

Sunday, Oct. 7, at Budd Inlet

The regatta provides some friendly intraclub and Evergreen Crew/OAR competition, and introduces novice rowers and their families to the thrill and spectacle of racing in the familiar environment of Budd Inlet. Also there is grilled salmon and a potluck lunch, afterwards.

Coaches will set lineups. Those who are not in coached programs who want to race singles or

doubles should contact Master of the Order of Races Gretchen Van Dusen at [vanramseydusey@hotmail.com](mailto:vanramseydusey@hotmail.com) to get into a flight. The bowman/coxswain meeting begins at 10 a.m. on the apron outside the OAR Boathouse, and the first of three flights will commence soon after that. Costumes are encouraged.

Families and athletes please bring a potluck

dish to share. Grilled salmon will be provided.

Volunteer opportunities still abound! Contact Regatta Chairwoman Janet Waeschle at [riosout@msn.com](mailto:riosout@msn.com) if you would like to help with the race, and Food Master Zoe Vandegrift, [zoev@live.com](mailto:zoev@live.com), if you would like to be on the Dine Team.

## Fall Cleanup



Photo: OlyBlog

Get your volunteer hours in!

Fall clean-up will take place on Sunday October 21st starting at 10am until finished. All are encouraged to participate. Please sign-up if you plan to attend. Look for the sign-up coming soon on the OAR website. Also, if you have a particular project that you see needs doing, please email **Anna Kiliona** at [akiliona@gmail.com](mailto:akiliona@gmail.com).

## Sweep, Scull, Sweat and Schmooze!

Have you heard about Sweep, Scull, Sweat and Schmooze (SSSS)? Join other rowers of all abilities to sweat (row either sweeps or sculls) and schmooze (hang out afterward at a restaurant or bar). SSSS happens every third thursday of the month until November. This event is open to anyone who knows how to row - even if you aren't a member or haven't been in a boat in years, please join us for free! You'll get a chance to see old friends and meet new members. Also, please forward this to anyone you know who has rowed in the past.

Details:  
5:30-7:30 third Thursday of the month, OAR boathouse  
After we "sweep," "scull," and "sweat," we'll head out for dinner/drinks to "schmooze" at Peppers on the corner of State and Cherry (really close to Swantown).

If you can't join us on the water, please come meet us at around 7:45 or 8 for tacos.

Please let me know if you'll be coming to row so we can be sure to have enough coxswains and coaches. Scullers can choose to do singles, doubles, and if there are enough of you

(and enough coaches), you can do a quad.

Again, everyone who has ever done sweeps or sculled is welcome to come--even if you know someone who has never been a member! We're just looking to socialize and remind people how fun rowing is!

Check out more opportunities and learn about OAR at our website.

Contact: Gail Wootan  
gwootan@gmail.com

## Conan Retired—Welcome to Judy and Hilary



We bid a fond farewell to the Conan and look forward to rowing our 2 new boats—Hilary Gehman and Judy McMullen.

The Conan was named after the naming rights were won by Kiirsten Flynn at an OAR auction in 2006/2007. Kiirsten had promised the Juniors that she would allow them to name the boat whatever they wanted if she won the auction. At the time, Conan the Barbarian was the favorite movie of rower Kenneth Walker and so he suggested the name Conan. The other Juniors agreed.



On a related note—if anyone is aware of how the Stotan Fiend acquired its name, we would love to know!

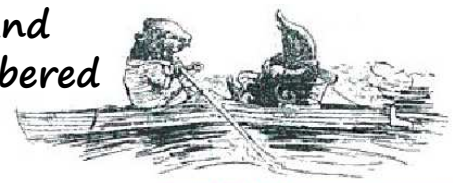
## Budd Inlet Regatta

On September 15, the Budd Inlet Regatta, an 8-mile race sponsored by Sound Rowers, was fortunate to experience calm waters and sunny skies. The 32 entrants competed in a wide variety of watercraft (which always creates quite a spectacle), but they had one thing in common—great fun was had by all! Many thanks to Peter Plimpton (and Mary and Mateo) for doing the all the organizing.



"The afternoon sun was getting low as the Rat sculled gently home-wards in a dreamy mood, murmuring poetry-things over to himself, and not paying much attention to Mole. But the Mole was very full of lunch...and already quite at home in a boat (so he thought) and was getting a bit restless besides: and presently he said, 'Ratty! Please, I want to row, now!'" *From Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame*

**Gene Price—great friend and rower—you will be remembered with a smile.**







### Car Wash, Cookies, Cake, for Crew!

Thank you Crew, parents and supporters! The Junior Program raised \$972.50 at the car wash! Kids worked hard! Had fun! And... cars are cleaner in Olympia!



### Upcoming Events

- Oct 7** Salmon and Seal Regatta—Budd Inlet, Olympia
- Oct 14** American Lake Fall Classic, American Lake, Lakewood
- Oct 21** Boathouse clean-up
- Oct 28** Portland Classic, Willamette River, Portland, OR
- Nov 4** Head of the Lake, Lake Washington, Seattle

### OAR Gear

A group gear order from JL has been placed with a newly refined OAR logo. Gear should arrive in time for the Portland Classic. If you missed out, you are free to contact JL and order gear on your own with the OAR logo or keep an eye out for future emails regarding the spring group order. Questions about gear can be sent to Andrea Deshaye [adeshaye@comcast.net](mailto:adeshaye@comcast.net) (Juniors) or Mark Williams, [mdw32@hotmail.com](mailto:mdw32@hotmail.com) (Masters).

### Update on the New Racing 4+ Purchase

Through the generosity of OAR Junior families and OAR adult members, we have raised over \$16,200 towards the purchase of an almost new 4+. The total includes almost \$15,000 in individual donations and \$1500 from 3 smaller fundraisers. OAR is now "shopping" for the right boat. We have looked at a few options but are a bit like Goldilocks and hope to find the one that will be *just right*.

More soon...

### Flotsam and Jetsam

Email Flotsam and Jetsam materials and ideas to [oarnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:oarnewsletter@gmail.com)



Looking for updates on race results and the occasional link to useful or entertaining rowing articles in 140 characters or less? Join OAR on Twitter @OlyRows.

**Rowing Trivia** — During the 1900 summer Olympics, the winning Dutch crew for the coxed pair event decided, after losing their heat, that their coxswain was too heavy and they recruited a 7 year old French boy to steer the boat for the finals. The lad, name unknown, is believed to be the youngest Olympic medalist ever.



**Six Minutes in Berlin**  
In 1936, nine American rowers took on the Nazis in front of Hitler and 75,000 Germans. The oars from the race are on the walls of OAR's boathouse. They were donated by the family of Don Hume; Don was stroke in the Olympic 8+ and was raised in Olympia. The story of the one of the greatest Olympic races can be read and heard on the web. Google "Six minutes in Berlin, Slate Magazine". Thanks to Dave Phillips for mounting the oars!