



# THE THOLEPIN

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## OARS General Meeting Agenda For Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2015

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1. Call to order at 0730- Robin Pestarino
2. Welcome and Introductions- Robin Pestarino
3. Minutes of November 18, 2015- Cathy Schaeffer
4. Treasurer's Report-Bill Epler

### Unfinished Business

5. Trailer- Questions regarding need for new trailer
6. Shelter report- Gary Sandvig
7. Special rowing program- City-Port  
Questions regarding how it was administered and when to do it again.
8. Any remaining unfinished business

### New Business

9. Mission Statement-  
We would like the members to read and decide which they like best:

**A. The purpose of OARS shall be to encourage the construction, preservation, & use of hand launched, rowing and sailing craft & to serve as a conduct for the exchange of good marine practices.**

**B. The purpose of OARS shall be to encourage the construction, preservation, & use of hand launched non motorized, rowing & sailing craft & to foster appreciation for boating safety, maritime history and the arts and traditions of the Puget Sound.**

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Next OARS  
Meeting

December, 18  
2015

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**10. Procedure for selling club property-**

1. The sale should be proposed, seconded, and passed at an OARS meeting with a quorum of members and officers.
2. Information needed will include a description of the item, value, replacement cost, and if we have a duplicate.
3. The Executive Board or Trustee members will oversee the sale once approved by the members.
4. Proceeds from the sale will go to the general fund.

**11. Boat maintenance-Marty Foot**

**12. Manual Committee-Robin Pestarino**

**13. Any other new business**

**Adjourn – 0800**

**OARS Maintenance Update**

At a recent maintenance planning meeting, it was agreed that the major maintenance on OARS boats should be condition based rather than being performed on a certain frequency. When a boat is pulled from the water for any reason, it should be planned to inspect the boat to determine if major maintenance is required. The following inspection schedule was agreed:

1. Annie C will be inspected when she is pulled for the La Connor race in February.
2. Glide will be pulled and inspected during a favorable weather window in March.
3. Island Star will be inspected when she is pulled for the Waterfront Festival in June.

Major repair work will always be scheduled for the summer months when fair weather facilitates the drying process. The maintenance supervisor, Marty Foot, will work through the various Masters to secure work crews.

Glide's oars are in need of refinishing. It was agreed that we would not tackle this until after the first of the year, our target being February. The wooden oars from Island Star will be used while Glide's oars are being reconditioned.

*Boat  
Maintenance  
Update*

*By*

*Marty Foot*



## Safety Tips

### Dock Safety

Probably the greatest chance of taking an unintended swim is while you are on the dock or climbing in or out of the boat. Stay safe by taking the following precautions:

Wear a PFD while on the dock. When accessing the log or row card box reach into the shelter from outside — avoid stepping onto the narrow platform inside. When working on the shelter or a boat wear a PFD and have at least one other person in attendance. Know where the nearest climb-out ladder is situated. There is one inside the shelter near the stern of the Bonaventure (photo). Without a ladder and/or at least one other person to help it will be unlikely you will be able to get back on the dock should you fall in the water.



CLIMB-OUT LADDER

Jim Laurel, Safety Committee

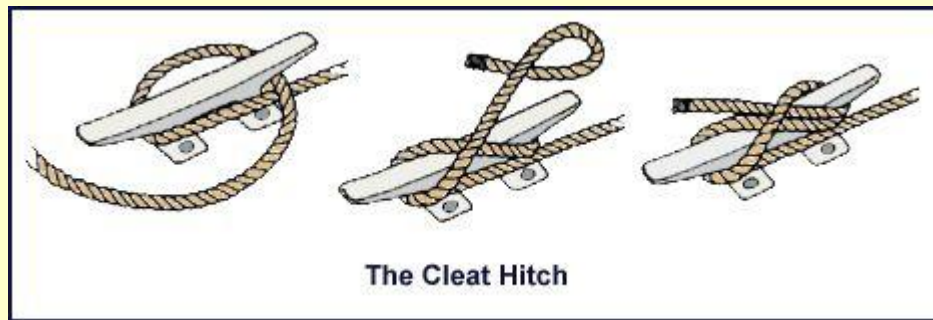
### Nauticalia

What's the difference between "Way" and "Weigh" ? Occasionally, one of our new rowers will voice some uncertainty about why we use the expressions "Give Way" and "Way Enough" in our rowing commands. Of course they can't see how the words are spelled on the basis of how we say these commands. "Do you mean Way or Weigh ?", they say. Okay. So here you are. "Way" -- Movement of a vessel through the water. Technically, she is underway when not at anchor, aground, or made fast to the shore, but commonly interpreted as progress through the water—headway, when going forward, sternway when going astern or backward, and leeway when being carried sideways by wind or current. "Weigh" -- To lift up, as, to weigh anchor or a mast. Some of you are old enough to recognize the fight song of the U.S. Naval Academy, "Anchors Aweigh." In this context, it means to lift anchor(s) to go out to meet the enemy. In the parlance of the early sailor, "Anchor's a weigh" was the bosun's hailing cry indicating that the anchor had broken free of the bottom. To clarify the distinctions between these words, it might be said that one weighs anchor preparatory to getting under way. Thus, we have the rowing commands: "Give way", meaning to impart motion to the boat; and "Way enough", meaning to stop rowing to limit the boat's motion.

Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling. 1964. Charles F. Chapman.

Torgy Torgersen, By-Laws & Procedures Manual Committee

## December's Ideal Knot



### Hitch of the Month

The cleat hitch is probably the most used knot in OARS. We use it every time we secure or cast off a boat. This knot like most is really a two-way knot, because untying it is as fundamental and important as tying it. The cleat hitch is elegant in having the properties being both quickly and securely tied, and quickly and easily cast off.

Tied correctly, the cleat hitch has sufficient purchase to hold almost any boat, but has the further advantage of it's predictable form making it easy to untie for anyone familiar with it. Consistency in tying the hitch among OARS members is a part of good seamanship, and is a courtesy to our fellow rowers.

Because you will normally be in an OARS boat when you tie this hitch, the following method will set up the hitch so that it can be easily tied from onboard, and with final half-hitch thrown such that the lead of the end takes it back into the boat.

**Imagine yourself in the boat facing the cleat on the dock.**

**Take the line to the horn on the cleat that is farthest from where the dock line is attached to the boat. If you are at the bow, that will be the horn to your right.**

**If you are at the stern, that will be to your left.**

**Pass the line under that far horn, then lead it around the back of the cleat, and all the way around the base of the cleat until it goes past that horn for a second time.**

**Think of the line going a little beyond a 360 degree round-turn.**

**Then lead the line diagonally across the top of the cleat until you can go under the other horn.**

**Now lead the line diagonally across the cleat again in the other direction, crossing the first diagonal, which completes what you might think of as a figure-8 pattern.**

**Now you're ready to finish with a half-hitch, or "storm hitch".**

**Do this with a half-twist in the line to create a half-hitch before you catch the horn to finish the hitch.**

Correctly done in this application, you will note that there is one overriding turn of rope crossing over two other turns.

## Oars 2016 Master Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Non-Profit Corp Annual Report</li> <li>2. Board Mtg 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber</li> <li>3. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>4. Annual slip fee, \$4100</li> <li>5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PO BOX, \$58</li> <li>2. Web Site, \$54</li> <li>3. Board Mtg 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber</li> <li>4. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber</li> <li>2. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Trailer license, E. Bonaventure, \$70</li> <li>4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber</li> <li>2. OARS mtgs, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Liability Insurance \$425</li> <li>4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber</li> <li>2. OARS mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Trailer license, \$42</li> <li>4. Small Boat Messabout, Club Potluck, \$100</li> <li>5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm</li> <li>2. OARS mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Trailer license (2) \$84</li> <li>4. Waterfront Festival, \$100 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend</li> <li>5. Port/City Row Program (June-Aug)</li> <li>6. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm</li> <li>2. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade</li> <li>4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm</li> <li>2. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Potluck, Skyline Cabana</li> <li>4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm</li> <li>2. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Interested Person Friday Rows, 0815</li> <li>4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm</li> <li>2. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Director, Officer, Master Ins, \$1100</li> <li>4. Annual Meeting, \$150 AYC rent, speaker fee.</li> <li>5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm</li> <li>2. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Veteran's Day Salute Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Mtg, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm</li> <li>2. OARS Mtgs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley</li> <li>3. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</li> <li>4. OARS Member's Dues</li> </ol>

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