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Outboard Motor Operation 3 Quick Tips

ISC Portland saw great turnout at our February Outboard Seminar! We wanted to pass along some Quick Tips for those members unable to attend last month to help you with smoother motor operation.

- 1.** Check with ISC staff to see if your outboard has been started and warmed-up prior to your arrival. *(warm motors often will not need to be choked to start)*
- 2.** Fuel Line slack should be placed over the transom and outside of the cockpit to lessen strain on the Fuel Connector. *(less strain = better fuel flow & fewer leaks)*
- 3.** When going under sail disconnect the Fuel Connector and Line and store them in the cockpit prior to lifting or tilting motor out of the water. *(Reconnect after splashing motor when ready to return to motor power)*

There are many more helpful tips for successful outboard motor operation. A quick 5-min. tutorial from an ISC staff member can go a long way towards an easier time on the water with your motor, please don't hesitate to ask us!

From Portland

ASA Marine Radar Course Portland & Kirkland

PDX -- Saturday March 15th -- 9a – 5p
KIRK -- Saturday March 22nd -- 9a – 5p

Island Sailing Club, together with American Sailing Association Radar Instructor, Larry Brandt, will be offering a Radar Endorsement Course, providing an in-depth study of this important system. The course will be held at the ISC Portland location on Saturday March 15th with a proctored exam day TBD at class time. Please register for this course early, as space is limited. Potential students from Island Sailing locations in Olympia and Kirkland should express their interest to ISC staff so that a future Marine Radar Course can be arranged in Washington. Price for this course is \$275 per student and includes ASA certification upon course completion.

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Oregon Boater Education Card New Course for 2008!

Thursday & Friday March 6th & 7th -- Evening
Beginning January 1st 2008, Oregon boaters under age 70 will be required to have an Oregon Boater Education Card in their possession when in charge of any vessel greater than 10 horsepower. The ASA Basic Keelboat Course is no longer NASBLA certified due to changes in requirements for the card

Island Sailing Club instructor Larry Brandt (NASBLA certified in OR & WA) will be offering an abbreviated "mini" course building upon the ASA curriculum. This course will meet requirements in both Oregon and Washington and is only open to students who have completed the ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Sailing Course. The course will be held March 6th and 7th, for two hours each night (times are still TBD). Call ISC Portland to sign up. Cost is \$20 per student.
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March Seminar Docking

Saturday March 29th -- 1p – 4p

Get ready to increase your tight-quarters boat handling skills! Island Sailing Club Portland continues its seminar series this month with an afternoon of docking education. The seminar will cover proper docking practices that are important when departing and returning to dock. Island Sailing staff and instructors will be on hand to run this seminar which will feature on-water practice. This seminar is FREE to members, if you'd like to attend please give the Portland office a call to sign up.

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Portland March Classes

Basic Keelboat	March 1 st /2 nd – 15 th /16 th – 29 th /30 th
Basic Coastal Cruising	March 22 nd /23 rd
Seminar: Docking	March 29 th

To sign up for any of these events contact:
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From Kirkland

Kirkland Staff Introductions

Jay Maurice

In December Island Sailing welcomed Jay Maurice to the Kirkland location as assistant facilities director. Jay is a Pacific Northwest native and grew up in Everett. He began sailing at the age of 12 on small day sailors and completed his keelboat certification at the age of 14. Soon after his family purchased a 26 foot Columbia MKII sloop which Jay now owns and still sails today. Additionally, Jay was a member of the Everett BSA Sea Explorers throughout his high school years sailing on a wide range of vessels.

Jay is a graduate of Central Washington University and holds a Bachelor of Science in Administrative Office Management. Currently Jay is working on getting his USCG Captains License and is a resident of Bellevue. During the month of March Jay hopes to complete several maintenance projects in order to have the boats in Kirkland ready for the busy summer season.

Alex Hawley

Alex Hawley joined the Island Sailing Club team just after the New Year. Born in New Mexico, and raised in Lynnwood, he started sailing at the age of 10 with El Toros and Lasers on Silver Lake in Everett. He later became a volunteer there, helping with classes and day camps. During this time his family acquired a Hobie 16' which he enjoys sailing on Discovery Bay, near Port Townsend. Wanting to expand his experience to include larger vessels, Alex joined the Sea Scouts out of Edmonds at 14 and cruised the Sound and San Juans on ships from 24 to 32 feet.

Kirkland & Olympia March Seminar Outboard Motor Troubleshooting

Saturday March 29th - - 10a – 12p

When it comes to operating an outboard motor, things can get frustrating rather quickly. As an alternative to all that repeated pulling Island Sailing Club's Washington locations will be offering midday seminars on the ins and outs of operating and troubleshooting outboard motors. The seminar will not only give you greater knowledge of how these motors work but also confidence in your ability to solve and work through some of the most common issues encountered. This seminar is FREE to members, if you'd like to attend please give your local office a call to sign up.

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Kirkland March Classes

<i>Basic Keelboat</i>	March 1st/2nd – 15th/16th
<i>Basic Coastal Cruising</i>	March 8th/9th
<i>Marine Radar Course</i>	March 22nd
<i>Seminar: Outboard Motor Troubleshooting</i>	March 29th

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From Olympia

Olympia Notes

We've had a busy month in Olympia. The Seattle boat show is over and it's time to prepare for the spring and summer seasons. Our schedule for classes and activities is almost complete as well as some free seminars. If you are feeling a little rusty on a topic keep your eyes on the Mainsheet for future seminar announcements. We have scheduled a Bareboat course on the 4th weekend of each month starting in March, so please plan your summer charters accordingly.

We've had wonderful Spring-like days in February which have brought about more member use of the Olympia fleet. Even when winds were low members commented about how nice it was to get outdoors and enjoy the warmer sunny weather as well as the gorgeous views of the Olympic Mountains and the Washington state capitol. Don't miss out on the opportunity to spend a pleasant early spring afternoon on the waters of the South Sound!

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Olympia March Classes

<i>Basic Keelboat</i>	March 1st/2nd – 15th/16th
<i>Basic Coastal Cruising</i>	March 8th/9th
<i>Bareboat Chartering</i>	March 21st – 23rd
<i>Seminar: Outboard Motor Troubleshooting</i>	March 29th

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