# Hang onto your hats, sailors ... we've got THREE big events on the horizon in Tacoma!





# **US SAILING / NORTH U. RACING RULES SEMINAR**



featuring

**ANDREW KERR** Champion Sailor, Coach and Instructor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2009 Foss Waterway Seaport, Tacoma, Washington

A full day seminar you won't want to miss! Andrew will be covering the 2009-2012 Racing Rules in detail, so you can sail into the 2009 season with confidence!

The new 2009-2012 Racing Rules take effect January 1, 2009 ... are you ready? US SAILING and NORTH U. have teamed up to bring us ANDREW KERR to put us through our paces and bring us all up to speed on the new rules.

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# US SAILING'S MOUNT GAY RUM SPEAKER SERIES

featuring

# **GARY JOBSON**

America's Cup champion, ESPN's Sailing Analyst, and the preeminent ambassador for sailing in the United States.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 Foss Waterway Seaport, Tacoma, Washington



This is sure to be an exciting evening presentation, where legendary yachtsman GARY JOBSON will guide us on a multi-media journey sure to delight. Afterwards, chat with Gary in person and mingle with other area sailors at the *Mount Gay Rum* cocktail party.

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# US SAILING BASIC RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

featuring

**LESLIE KELLER US SAILING Area L Race Officer** 

SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 Foss Waterway Seaport, Tacoma, Washington

Okay, so Andrew's helped you get the 2009-2012 Rules down pat, AND Gary's got you pumped up for the season. Now, let LESLIE KELLER, our very own US SAILING Area L Race Officer, show you the ropes on how best to run races for your fleets. She's got the latest and greatest re-work of US SAILING's PowerPoint presentation, which has been completely overhauled to reflect the new rules. If you want to join the race committee team, this seminar's for you!

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REGISTER TODAY: Visit www.ussailing.org, click on "Education", then "Race Officer Training"

# **HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED ...**

Okay, so these are three big events to start the 2009 sailing season off with a bang! These are already on the books, written in ink, carved in stone, so you can rest assured these are some dates to really set aside on your calendars. I'm giving everybody LOTS of advance notice, so you can all consider contributing to the success of each event in one or more of the following ways:



- (1) Plan now to attend yourself
- (2) Pass the word to everyone you know, and encourage them to attend as well

- (3) Commit to posting and e-mailing PDF flyers (when they're distributed)
- (4) Bring as many juniors as you can
- (5) Bring as many new racing sailors as you can
- (6) Bring as many old fogies as you can
- (7) Bring that one guy in every fleet that never seems to remember the rules

Okay, then, that's for beginning to build attendance. How about ways in which yacht clubs or corporate entities might help? We're certain you can come up with more than these!

- (1) Spread the word via your own e-mail contacts
- (2) Consider donating money or in-kind services to help defray expenses
- (3) Have a static boat or business display you'd like to set up?
- (4) Identify one or two "helpers" willing to help run the events
- (5) Donate dock space for attendees coming by boat
- (6) Invite your fleet to boat over to the events Foss Waterway Seaport dock space will be available for a nominal fee

Contact Skip Anderson at (253) 227-2003 or e-mail nepenthe@harbornet.com, to share how YOU will help!

#### OUR VENUE FOR THESE THREE EVENTS



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#### Seaport History

The Foss Waterway Seaport and the Foss Waterway Development Authority are partnering to create the Seaport as a permanent education and activity venue on the Tacoma waterfront. The Seaport is a 501c3 non-profit organization, established in 1996. The Development Authority is the government agency that manages and develops all City of Tacoma-owned property on the Thea Foss Waterway. As part of an agreement, both organizations have committed to seek funding from public sources, private individuals, foundations and corporations to realize the full vision for the Seaport project.

The Seaport itself was founded in 1996 as the Commencement Bay Maritime Association to carry on the work begun in the early 1990's by Life on the Sound founders Phyllis Harrison and Mike

Vlahovich to create community space to celebrate the art, culture, crafts and skills of Puget Sound's maritime community. Later the project became known as the Working Waterfront Maritime Museum. The name Foss Waterway Seaport was adopted in 2005 when the vision for the project grew beyond a heritage museum.

The centerpiece of our home is a 107 year-old wheat transfer facility, known as the Balfour Dock building. It is one of two remaining wooden warehouses originally



built as a mile-long complex in 1900. These warehouses were built to accommodate cargo carrying, square-rigged ships that frequented the port during the early years of Tacoma's history. These wharves hosted many beautiful sailing vessels, as well as steam- and diesel-powered cargo traders well into the twentieth century. The Balfour Dock building was last commercially active in the 1970's. The building is owned by the Foss Waterway Development Authority on behalf of the City of Tacoma and is leased to the Seaport organization for \$1/year. This arrangement allows Seaport partners to raise and invest resources in a sustainable community-use project at a prime downtown location.

#### **BIOGRAPHIES**

#### **GARY JOBSON**



Gary Jobson, 57, is a world class sailor, television commentator and author based in Annapolis, Maryland. Gary has authored 15 sailing books and is Editor at Large of Sailing World and Cruising World magazines. Jobson produced sailing at the 2008 Olympic Games. He has won many championships in one design classes, the America's Cup with Ted Turner in 1977, the infamous Fastnet Race and many of the world's ocean races. In college he was an All American sailor three times and was twice named College Sailor of the Year.

In October 2003 Gary was inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame by the Herreshoff Marine Museum. In 1999 Jobson won the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy, US Sailing's most prestigious award. This trophy is awarded annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing in the United States. Gary is the National Regatta Chairman of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's sailing program.

Jobson has been ESPN's sailing commentator since 1985. He won an A.C.E. (Award for Cable Excellence) for the 1987 America's Cup. In 1988 Jobson won an Emmy for his production of sailing at the Olympic Games in South Korea and won an Emmy for the 2006 Volvo Ocean Race

on PBS. Gary Jobson has won four Southam Awards and one Telly Award. His newest books are titled <u>Championship Sailing</u> and <u>A Cats A Century of Tradition</u>.

Over the past thirty-five years Gary has given over 2000 lectures throughout the world. He started his career as a sailing coach at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy. Gary is also an active cruising sailor. He has led ambitious expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctica and Cape Horn.

http://jobsonsailing.com

#### **ANDREW KERR**

Andrew Kerr, 43, was born in Plymouth, Devon, England and graduated from the London School of Economics with a bachelor's degree in government and politics.

He is a resident of Olympia, Washington, and his wife Stephanie, a former America's cup sailor with the America 3 team, is a visiting professor at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. They have two children- Liam 5 years old and Kellen – two years old.

A full time coach, seminar speaker & North U instructor, Andrew has given seminars all over the world for a wide variety of groups, classes and yacht clubs.



He has been a head coach at the Boston Sailing Center, an assistant Director at Steve Colgate's Offshore Sailing School in Tortola, BVI, and an original member of the coaching staff of the J World Sailing School in San Diego when it started in the winter of 1988.

He has also been a member of the coaching staffs at the J World sailing schools in Annapolis, Newport (RI) and Key West, where he was also an instructor trainer at those locations.

Teams and individuals that he has coached have gone on to win the Farr 40 Nationals, J80 North Americans, Block Island Race Week, Key West Race Week, Chicago to Mackinac race, LMSRF Boat of the Year, Mumm 30 North Americans, J105 President's Trophy (Southern Circuit Championships) and numerous NOOD regattas - to name a few.

Some of his accomplishments include winning the J24 Nationals 5 times, the J24 North Americans, the Santana 20 Nationals 4 times, the J27 North Americans, US Sailing's National Offshore championships, the Holder 20 Nationals, Block Island Race Week, the SORC and Key West race week multiple times. He has also placed 3rd, 4th and 5th at the J24 World Championships and 5th at the J22 World Championships. In addition he has placed 2nd through 5th (in many cases multiple times) in the National or North American Championships of the J24, J22, J105 (coach), Beneteau 40.7 (coach), J35, Santana 20, Ensign, Sonar, Mumm 30, J120, J80, Melges 24 (Gold Cup) and S27.9 classes.

He has been a part of teams that won the J80 US Midwinters, the J27 US Midwinters, the Melges 24 US Midwinter championship circuit as well as four J35 Great Lakes championships.

Over the span of Sailing World magazine's NOOD regattas – 1989 to present - he has been a part of teams that have won 22 NOOD events in a wide variety of one design classes and locations.

Andrew also enjoys writing coaching articles and is a contributor to Sailing World and a number of one design class websites and newsletters. He is a member of the Southwestern Yacht club in San Diego, CA and the South Sound Sailing Society in Olympia.

