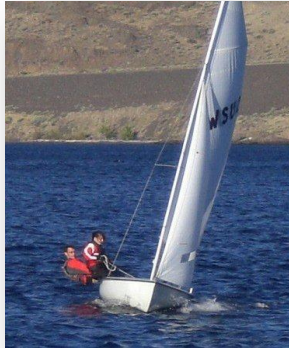


Dear Alumni and Friends,

The WSU Sailing team has decided to start this news letter informing our sailing alumni of what is going on. This is the first time any of the current members have tried anything like this, so please let us know of any ideas you have. We are still trying to track down past alumni so if you know of any please have them contact us so we can add them to the list.

Here's whats going on with the team:



We started the year with our own Cougar Cup held at Vantage. This was the second year we have had this regatta and it was a success again. Not many teams came since it happens before most other schools start, but everyone that came had lots of fun. We were able to get many new freshman sailors out on the water and introduced to racing. We had 3 boats from wazzu!

The next regatta was singlehands, where we had myself, Dave Wheeler, Devin Gilluly, and Charissa Benson attending and finishing 10,11, 13 of 14 respectively, and 7 of 7 for Charissa. I felt these results were excellent since we have never raced lasers before. We had lots of fun.

After that was Sloops, held at Eugene this year. Again a race that we have never been to, but myself, Dave, Charissa, and Nick did very well at. We tied for 3rd overall, though we feel we could have finished 2nd had we not had a few mishaps like me steering us into the mark once, and having the spinnaker get tangled in the jib block which both lost us a place. But again we did have lots of fun.



The last regatta we went to was this last weekend and was North/North at UW. We brought 2 teams this year, led by myself and Angela Congdon my crew and Dave and Charissa. We also had some new freshman come along also. We finished in 8th and 15th overall out of 19 boats. This was the best finish i have seen our team get at north north, and a great improvement from 2 years ago when we finished dead last the first time we went to north/north. So we are improving drastically. Dave and I both had multiple 4th and 5th place finishes over the weekend.



To finish the fall season we will be attending Outlaw and Frosh/Soph at the end of October and beginning of November. Followed by an attempt to fund raise as much as possible so we can have enough money to travel next semester. We currently have 3 of our 4 fjs in good working order with brand new sails. We are purchasing many new parts for them, plus a 3 boat trailer rack for hauling them across the state

to races. We are also working on purchasing a small fleet of new FJ's, if we can come up with the money.

Please feel free to respond and tell us what you are doing these days, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions about anything related to wsu sailing, and if you have any ideas for some alumni event we could have. We were thinking of having some kind of alumni regatta, though we would like to wait until we have more alumni to participate. Currently our alumni list is very short, so if you know of any alumni that would be interested in getting these newsletters and participating in alumni activities, please have them contact me.