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Subject: A banner year for the Oyster Races!

Friends,

I want to thank you all for making this **a banner year** for the Oyster Races, and for making my first year as Race Director so rewarding. We had the **most registrants ever**, and ran a very close second on finishers. Financial results will take a little longer to calculate, but I suspect they will be quite good.

Some of you made an early and/or repeat commitment, others volunteered or were recruited at the last minute. Whether your task was larger or smaller, your contribution mattered. I am grateful to those who took on key pieces of the organization as we backfilled for Tom and Cass Brotherton. I am equally thankful for those who stayed after their first job was done and took on "other duties as assigned." What a team! With your help, everything got done. The positive feedback we got from the runners reflects directly on your efforts. You definitely upheld our reputation as a wonderful community-spirited event.

A big round of applause for our flagger from the Jefferson County Sheriff's office and our Quilcene Fire Rescue first responders for helping to keep everyone safe. John, you are a hero! Chief McKern, please pass our thanks along to your terrific crew. I will also rely on some of you to pass this along to your significant others and relatives who volunteered and whose e-mail addresses I don't have.

There are always ways to improve, and I know I learned a lot this year that I will put into practice in the future. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you while the afterglow of a successful event was still fresh!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Elizabeth