



SALT SPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

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The head table and bandstand at the Commodore's Banquet and Ball in Meaden Hall

John Cameron receiving the Total Points Trophy from Fleet Captain Racing, Pete Drage, during the recent Racers' Awards Evening



Commodore's report

It is with great pleasure that I continue on as Commodore for the coming year and, with your support and input, we will continue to enjoy the pleasant atmosphere that has been achieved over the past years and carry through with any necessary maintenance.

Update on C dock finger applications

We have received approvals from all of the government stakeholders to proceed with the installation of the nine new moorage fingers. These include the Department of Fisheries, the Islands Trust, the Navigable Waters Protection Division of the Coast Guard and the British Columbia Assets and Land Corporation. There are a number of mitigating procedures which we will

have to carry out when installing the pilings to ensure the environment is not adversely affected, none of which present any difficulty. We have until February 10, 2001 to complete the pile driving. This past weekend the fingers were assembled and floated to a storage area to await the pile driving equipment.

Reciprocal Club review committee

Wharfinger Tom Locke formed a committee consisting of Mary Neil, Hugh Greenwood, Phil Hume and Glen Willett to complete an extensive in-depth review of our current reciprocal arrangements. This review took into account comments from the 54 members who responded to the reciprocal

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Clubhouse Christmas Party

Monday, December 11th
in the clubhouse at 1900 hours

'Your trash... my treasure!'

Wrap an unwanted item from your bilge and bring it to the For-Fun Gift Exchange!

We'll have a bar, snacks, and even a turkey draw

Bring along a donation to the foodbank too!



Welcome to the Santa Ship

The Bellingham Lions Club is celebrating its 50th year of sponsoring the Santa Ship sailings to the San Juan and Gulf Islands!

Help make this year a special occasion by meeting the Santa Ship at the Sisters Islands on Saturday the 9th, at approximately 1745 hours, and escorting it into Ganges, where it'll arrive at 1800 hours. (Slower boats may choose to meet the ship at our speed bump buoy at the entrance to the Harbour.)

New Year's Day Hot Rum Race

1030 hours - Hot Rum Race starts
1230 hours - Hot Rum and Lunch

A fun boat race

To start the New Year!

Come one, come all!

Raise your sails,

start your motors

And join the good cheer!

Deadline for the next TellTales is 12th January

survey, the yacht clubs who utilised our facilities over the past three years and the clubs which were visited by our members. As well the reciprocal arrangements which each of the clubs offered were compared to our own. The committee reported to the Board of Directors who unanimously agreed with the report. The result of this survey has been the removal of eleven under-utilised clubs from our reciprocal list as well as a change to our reciprocal arrangements. The significant change to our arrangements is the removal of the 48 hours of free moorage, and replacing it with two non-consecutive 24 hour periods of free moorage. As well, we will be requesting a donation of \$1 for the use of the showers. These arrangements will also apply to vessels belonging to guests of members. A letter will also be written to the Nanaimo Yacht Club to ask that they provide the same reciprocity as ourselves. If they will not agree to that, then we will remove them from our reciprocal list. The background and rationale for the changes is contained in the minutes of the November Executive meeting.

Purchase of a commercial dishwasher

Over the years one of the most time consuming and less pleasant tasks which the Staff Captain and the many members who assist the Staff Captain have to perform is the cleanup after a social function and primarily the washing and drying of dishes and cutlery. As well, there is the very important issue of whether the resultant clean dishes meet the requirements of the Department of Health. With the popularity of our social functions resulting in greater and greater attendance the Board felt that we should now purchase a commercial dishwasher in order to comply with any health concerns as well as to assist the wonderful people who are stuck with the cleanup. To that end the Board has approved the purchase of a commercial dishwasher. The cost of this commercial dishwasher is approximately \$5500. Its installation will result in our 100 amp electrical service in the clubhouse being at the maximum so this will be upgraded to 200 amps. An amount of \$8500 has been set aside to cover the total cost including installation, extra dish racks and electrical upgrade. We do not expect to require the total amount and will be carrying out the appropriate due diligence regarding multiple quotes and utilisation of members' talents.

Membership

We have had five new members join the club this year and two members transfer from Associate to Regular membership. However, we had eight Regular members and two Associate members resign at the end of the current year. At present we have 165 Regular and 11 Associate members.



Saturday's crew hard at work launching and assembling the new finger floats

On the waterfront

At the time of writing there are 24 modules at the foot of the club access road. These will make up eight of the nine new fingers to be attached to the west side of C dock. Many thanks to the 'volunteers' who cheerily had their days disrupted for sometimes less than an hour to assist in the unloading of the modules and the attachment of the bullrails.

I am going to take a leap of faith and say that by the time you receive this copy of the TellTales, those 24 modules will have been manhandled down to the beach, bolted together, floated out to the west side of the dinghy storage dock, and all the necessary decking attached. This is all expected to take place with a work party on Saturday, 2nd December.

Phase 2, the moving of the fingers to their final resting place on C dock, attaching hinges and related hardware together with the driving of piles is anticipated for later in December or the early part of January, so anyone who missed out on the 'fun' on the 2nd, will have an opportunity later. Stay tuned....

—Brian Swinburne, *Rear Commodore*

Please contact any of the Executive on any matter that concerns you and we will attempt to address the situation. We look forward to a pleasant and enjoyable year. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

—John Farquharson, *Commodore*

Wharfingering

It is hard to believe that this completes my term as your Wharfinger. Your cooperation and willingness to help, not only on the docks but also with the Daily Wharfinger Duty programme, has made these last twelve months go by very quickly. Many thanks to you all for making my tasks so much easier. As a matter of fact, you made my job so enjoyable that, along with your continued enthusiasm, I have agreed to stay on for another term. So, having said that, it is on to the usual business.

A welcome to Robert and Patricia Murray who have accepted moorage at C8. Weather permitting, their Beneteau First 375 sloop *QUESTO* will be arriving shortly.

Two reminders:

1. Hydro hookup for all boats will be measured this month. Trust your payment to the club has already been made.
2. Some halyards are still making noises on windy days—please recheck yours!

—Tom Locke
Wharfinger

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Honours galore at this year's Banquet and AGM



Al and Betty Kirk were awarded an Honorary Life Membership for their many years of dedicated service to the club. Sam Sydneysmith made the presentation on behalf of the Executive at the Annual General Meeting



Phyllis Waltho was presented with the Commodore's Award for her untiring contribution to the friendly and congenial atmosphere of club activities



Per and Lynetta Rasmussen received the Past Commodores' Award for their editing and production of the club newsletter, TellTales. Past Commodore Les Price presented the award at the Annual General Meeting

Welcome new Executive!

<i>Commodore</i>	John Farquharson	537-1481
<i>Vice Commodore</i>	Michael Byrne	537-9988
<i>Rear Commodore</i>	Brian Swinburn	537-5454
<i>Fleet Captain, Racing</i>	Peter Drage	537-1358
<i>Fleet Captain, Cruising</i>	Anthony Burrige	537-5029
<i>Fleet Captain, Dinghy</i>	Martin Hoogerdyk	537-1730
<i>Staff Captain</i>	Phyllis Waltho	537-4932
<i>Wharfinger</i>	Tom Locke	653-9720
<i>Secretary</i>	Glen Willett	537-9943
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gary Railer	537-4207

Great social activities planned

As your new Staff Captain, I look forward to a fun year of social events—Mary Neil and her committee will be a very hard act to follow.

I would like to thank the wonderful ladies who have agreed to serve on this year's Social Committee: Suzanne Ambers, Candace Brochmann, Sheila Bull, Barb Freitas, Connie Holmes, Mafalda Hoogerdyk, Joan Myers, Susan Paynter, Dawn Shaak, Wendy Shea, April Steel, and Barb Todd.

Together, we have planned a year of activities. For example, a Beat-the-Winter-Blues evening, St. Patrick's day 'Truth or Blarney', a Family Day, Octoberfest and much more.

Watch TellTales for further information on all these coming events. Come out, participate and have fun!

—Phyllis Waltho, *Staff Captain*

Last report of the 2000 Staff Captain

Thanks to all the club members for the encouragement and support shown for the functions throughout the past year. The turn out has been fantastic. When the attendance passed 70 and then 90 and finally 100 we, the Staff Captain Committee, felt it was important to upgrade the kitchen facilities. Consequently we suggested, cajoled and begged the executive for a dishwasher. John Pankhurst presented a proposal to the Executive for a very state-of-the-art dishwasher. This was accepted at the Annual General Meeting and the dishwasher will be installed in our present kitchen. This deserves a very big thank you to everyone. The life of all future Staff Captains will be enhanced and all club members can be assured they will be using glasses, cups and plates that are sparkling clean! I understand the new Vice Commodore, Michael Byrne, who is in charge of house and garden, is hard at work planning the installation.

The Commodore's Banquet and Ball was a huge success. A piper, good food, wine, a small corsage for the gals and terrific music. The Swing Band had us dancing and remembering the good old days.

June Mason, Jennie Barrio, Ruth and John Pankhurst, and Mike Byrne were the greatest committee ever.

—Mary Neil

Home Waters at Greenwoods

To those members who created the wondrous Greenwoods Christmas card decorations in previous years, please consider crafting some more for this season. We will not be messing up the clubroom with sparkles this time but will try our hand at home. For any information please contact Dawn Shaak at 537-9160 or Betty Kirk at 537-9686.

The traditional card decorations are most welcome before December 14, when the big dinner takes place at Greenwoods or, if they are delivered to Greenwoods after that time, they can be put in place right up to Christmas.

—Betty Kirk, *GULF WIND*

"Leave one—Take one!"

There are hardly any books left on the book exchange table in the foyer of the clubhouse, so it needs your donations. When borrowing a book, please be sure to either exchange it for one you're finished with, or return it when finished. Keep things circulating!

—April Steel, *STEEL AWEIGH*

The Awards Night

In spite of 'slutting', 'golfing' and four other offences, Fah Ambers manages to fend off the notorious tiller



Fleet Captain Racing, Pete Drage, receiving the bane of all good seamen, the Broken Tiller Award



RACING NEWS

The concluding event of the 2000 season, the Awards Night, took place on November 11th in the clubhouse. Despite a very disappointing attendance of only 8 skippers plus 4 other members, an enjoyable evening was had as the various club trophies were distributed to the winners.

For the fifth season in a row John Cameron took the Total Points Trophy, a splendid performance. Runner-up was Pete Drage, third Tony Brogan.

Only one first time winner was recorded this year, *DRAGON*, and Pete Drage winning the Ben Mohr Race early in the year and then going on to

take (with Ping) the Jack and Jill, Maple Bay #1 and the Prevost Challenge. This effort also won Pete the Most Improved Skipper Trophy.

Kevin Vine, Tony Meek, Phil Hume, Tony Brogan in his new boat, and Philip Grange also took race honours during the year.

As usual the most contentious prize was the Broken Tiller, donated by Bas Cobanli. Many worthy contenders were nominated but in a close finish, Pete's infamous genoa snagging exhibition at the end of the last points race of the season took the trophy for 'leeching'. John Cameron's 'navigating' and Fah Ambers' 'slutting', 'golfing' and four other offences got away with what can only be described as a miscarriage of justice, at least in your correspondent's opinion!

Thanks to all those members who did turn out to honour this year's winners. Hopefully next year we will have a better attendance. A special thanks to Fah who, as the club's newest official barkeep, kept the liquid refreshments flowing.

—Pete Drage
Fleet Captain Racing

Results for 2000

Trophy	Winner	Second	Third
Batt Rock	OSCAR	FANDANGO	DERYN MOR
Ben Mohr Rock	DRAGON	VALHALLA II*	DERYN MOR
McMillan Trophy	DERYN MOR	OSCAR	FANDANGO
Prevost Island	DERYN MOR	OSCAR	VALHALLA II*
Channel Islands No 1	OSCAR	FANDANGO	LONE RANGER
Moresby/Portland	MINKE	LONE RANGER	DERYN MOR
Walker Rock	OSCAR	DRAGON	LONE RANGER
Round Saltspring (club boats)	YEOMAN OF CESTRIA	ELECTRA	LONE RANGER
Channel Islands No 2	OSCAR	CHEEKY BUOY	DRAGON
Jack and Jill	DRAGON	OSCAR	LONE RANGER
Maple Bay (Two Day)	CHEEKY BUOY	OSCAR	DRAGON
Sutcliffe Night Race	OSCAR	DERYN MOR	LONE RANGER
Around Penders (Two Day)	DERYN MOR	OSCAR	DRAGON
Captain Passage	MINKE	DERYN MOR	CHEEKY BUOY
Montague Harbour	FANDANGO	DRAGON	No other finishers
Single-handed	MINKE	OSCAR	CHEEKY BUOY
Channel Islands No 3	DERYN MOR	OSCAR	YEOMAN
Jack Langdon	MINKE	DERYN MOR	OSCAR
Prevost Challenge	DRAGON		
Marshall Sharp (RSI open)			YEOMAN OF CESTRIA
Points Trophy	OSCAR	DRAGON	CHEEKY BUOY
White Sails	NUMTIJAH	ALMUCANTAR	VALHALLA II
Summer Series	OSCAR	FANDANGO	DRAGON
Most Improved	Pete Drage		
Broken Tiller	Pete Drage		
Bitter End Team	Team Vine	Team Brogan	Team Cameron

Fleet Captain, Pete Drage, was kept busy all evening presenting the awards—he's in all the photos on these pages!

Kevin Vine, DERYN MOR, with the Peter McMillan Memorial Trophy



Neil Buchan, NUMTIJAH, receiving the White Sails Award



CHEEKY BUOY, Tony Brogan, looking very pleased to have received the Maple Bay Race Award

Phil Hume, YEOMAN OF CESTRIA, with the Round Saltspring Award for best club boat

How can you beat this 'Jack 'n Jill' team? Here's to Pete and Ping in DRAGON



JOHN CAMERON PHOTOS

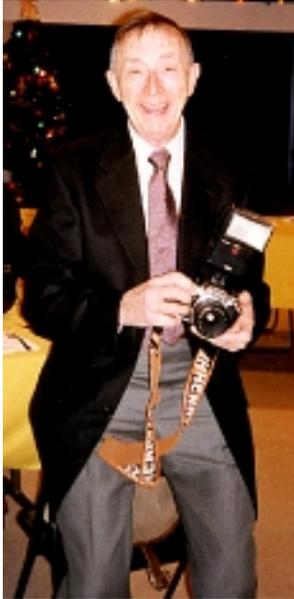
Coming up

Skipper's Meeting
 Thursday, December 7th at 1900 hrs in the clubhouse.
 Open to all skippers and crew. Purpose: to discuss next year's schedule, rule changes, RSI 2001, your concerns. BYOB.

Snowflake Racing
 Informal Sunday morning racing will begin soon. In the meantime, the new finger construction will take place in December so you are invited to come out and lend a hand to get this project finished.

Hot Rum Race
January 1st 2001
 1030 start, skipper's meet at 0945 in the clubhouse.
 After the short race, we have to get back for hot rum toddies and lunch. Novelty race is open to **ALL** club sailboats. Overall speed may be a factor, probably not. A bottle of rum goes to the winning boat.

*Intrepid
photographer
Phil Mason
caught
getting 'a
good one'*



***The
Commodore's
Banquet and
Ball***

*Top right:
Sharon and
Commodore John
Farquharson being
piped in by member
of the Legion Pipe
Band, John
Williamson*



*Phyllis Waltho accepting the Commodore's Award
from Commodore John Farquharson*



*Past Commodore Les Price presenting Sharon Farquharson
with flowers as acknowledgment of her unflagging support
of the Commodore*

*June and Phil Mason strutting their
stuff on the dance floor*

