



SALT SPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

TellTales

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*Under the tent,
Rear Commodore Sam
Sydney-Smith, Dick
Pattinson, Angeline
Bate, John Myers,
Jack Sharp and Al
Kirk*

*Foot power...
is applied by Al Kirk
while Dick Pattinson
and Jack Sharp install
the piling wear-plates
—turn to page 3 to see
what Terry is up to*

Commodore's report

As we put our vessels away for the pleasantly short winter season we can look back on a very successful year for the Saltspring Island Sailing Club. We enjoyed pleasant weather and suitable winds for everyone's enjoyment.

The cruising program was very well planned and executed by Jim Ganderton. This innovative and interesting program was enjoyed by a large number of members.

Our racing program, managed by Peter Drage, was well attended and on average enjoyed the right amount of breeze when required. The Round Saltspring Race was again a resounding success with all boats finishing in

time to enjoy the Sunday Lamb BBQ. Our hosting of the Inter-club Challenge was also well received by those attending from the five participating clubs.

Our junior sailing program continues to maintain a very good reputation as indicated by the full attendance this year. Partly as a result of this program we now have five new Junior Members at the club. The future looks bright for this program under the continuing guidance of Martin Hoogerdyk as we increase the level of instruction and improve the variety of activities.

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Annual General Meeting

to be held
Tuesday, 28 November, 2000
at 1930 hours in the clubhouse

AGENDA

1. Commodore's call to order
2. Approval of minutes of the Special General Meeting held 26 September 2000
3. Report of officers
4. Unfinished business
5. New business
 - 5.1 Appointment of accounting firm
 - 5.2 Honorary life membership
 - 5.3 Election of Board of Directors
 - 5.4 Business from the floor
6. Adjournment

Reserve your tickets now!

Commodore's Banquet and Ball

Saturday, November 25th 2000
at Meadon Hall (Legion)
Bar opens at 1800 hours
Dinner about 1900 hours

- You'll enjoy delicious food
- Saltspring's Swing Shift band with music from the 50s, 60s and 70s for your dancing and listening pleasure

\$22 per person

Phone Staff Captain Mary Neil
to order your tickets now at 537-5897

*Hurry! November 15th is the
last day you can order tickets!*

Racers' Awards Night

Saturday, November 11th
at 1900 hours in the clubhouse
No charge for entry—there will be a
bar, and snack foods are supplied

No videos this year as the awards take up most of the night, especially the highly prized 'Broken Tiller Award'.

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

**Deadline for the next
TellTales is 1st December**

We have finally seen a significant reduction in the amount of wash experienced at our docks as a result of continuing efforts to educate the boating public on the speed limit in Ganges Harbour. The installation of the speed buoy as well as the other efforts of the Sailing Club have improved the boating environment for all pleasure boaters.

Sam Sydneysmith and his committee continued to maintain our float infrastructure with the addition of the new dinghy storage dock. Progress is being made with the addition of the nine moorage fingers for C dock. Since the docks are our *raison d'être*, their maintenance will continue to require the majority of our efforts.

Irene Gibbs has continued the fine tradition of past Vice Commodores in improving the clubhouse and grounds. We are presently in the process of testing the condition of our property to determine what we will have to do to prevent further erosion of the bank into the creek. This testing and analysis will be continued over the coming winter and the proposed solutions will be brought to you for consideration in the spring.

Our social functions have been very well attended, thanks to Mary Neil and her assistants. The innovative and interesting social program contributed greatly to an enjoyable year.

Tom Locke as Wharfinger has been able to accommodate most of the needs of our members and along with the many Duty Wharfingers has maintained our reputation with the many visiting vessels.

Along with Les Price, who has been our voice at the Council of B. C. Yacht Clubs, Gary Railer as Treasurer and Glen Willett as Secretary have provided a strong support presence to the functioning of your club.

Unfortunately we have received letters of resignation from Jim and Sandi Ballantyne, Carel and Eltje Boekwyt, Robert and Pam Brodgesell, Brent Spohn and Shelly Carlen, and Wilfred and Jessie Peck. They will be missed as they all contributed greatly to the club.

I am pleased to inform you that John Prothero has taken up the role as the chair for the History and Origins Committee. Thank you John.

The Fall Work Party was very well attended with 54 members braving the rain and wind on Saturday and over 20 members on Sunday. A great deal was accomplished over the two days. The attendance of so many members to our necessary work parties is what

makes this club the viable, friendly and successful place that it is. A delightful lunch of pizza was enjoyed by all along with the well deserved refreshments for those still there at the end of the day.

I hope to see you at the Commodore's Banquet and at the Annual General Meeting.

—John Farquharson
Commodore

Message from the Treasurer

Just a reminder: if you have not paid your dues or moorage yet, you may incur an additional penalty of up to \$50. Please leave your payment in my box at the club or mail it to Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, 152 Douglas Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2J2.

—Gary Railer, *Treasurer*



SALT SPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

3rd November, 2000

Re: Annual General Meeting

Dear member,

The following members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Board of Directors of the club for the next year, 2000-2001, in the positions stated. They will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting which will be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, 28 November, 2000.

<i>Commodore</i>	John Farquharson
<i>Vice Commodore</i>	Michael Byrne
<i>Rear Commodore</i>	Brian Swinburn
<i>Fleet Captain, Racing</i>	Peter Drage
<i>Fleet Captain, Cruising</i>	Anthony Burridge
<i>Fleet Captain, Dinghy</i>	Martin Hoogerdyk
<i>Wharfinger</i>	Tom Locke
<i>Secretary</i>	Glen Willett
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gary Railer

According to bylaws 11(d) and (e), the Chairman of the meeting shall call for nominations from the floor, and only Regular Members are entitled to vote. Nominations from the floor will be accepted only if the nominee is present at the meeting and has accepted this proposal.

—Harold Brochmann (*Chair*), Steve Thomas, Jim Sinclair

As we have not yet been able to identify a member who is prepared to stand for the position of Staff Captain, we earnestly request any member who would like to contribute to the club in this important capacity to contact one of the Nominating Committee members as soon as possible.

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On the waterfront

The highlight of the past month from this corner was, of course, the Fall Work Party which afforded an opportunity to get all those fix-it jobs taken care of before the winter storms arrive to batter the marina. Thanks to Al Kirk's intrepid crew we have just about completed the task of lining the piling holes with super-slippery UHMW material which virtually eliminates wear on the piles. New flotation has been placed under the dinghy and Laser docks and their attachment to the main pier has been strengthened—thanks to Peter McKenzie and Hugh Greenwood and their crews—and a host of dock maintenance projects have been taken care of thanks to Brian Swinburn and helpers. It was a most successful day and thanks to everyone who turned out.

But we're not done with work parties yet!

During the first half of December we hope to undertake Phase 1 of the 'C Dock Finger Floats Project'. Briefly, twenty-seven pre-built modules for the nine new floats, each test-fitted, pre-drilled and numbered, will be delivered to the turnaround area at the head of the pier. They will then be manhandled onto the beach and into the water, where they will be loosely assembled into their respective finger floats and towed out to a water-site construction area beside the Laser dinghy dock. Here they will be bolted up and then moved off to an adjacent area along the west side of the pier for decking. Meanwhile, 450 pieces of 2x8 decking plus other material will have to be carried out to the end of the pier and handed down to the dinghy dock on the west side.

So, when the time comes, we will need about 25–30 volunteers for a weekend or so, to lift, pack, float, bolt and hammer! If you think you might be available to help, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse so that you can be contacted closer to the date.

The assembled finger floats will be stored in the water in the area between the Laser dock and the west side of the pier, until needed. In Phase II of the project, when the pile driving contractor is available, the floats will be moved into position on the west side of C dock, hinges installed, pile hoops attached and piles driven. Stay tuned for announcement of that work party!

Many thanks.

—Sam Sydneysmith
Rear Commodore

Wharfingering

Fair winds to Robert and Pamela Brodgesell and their boat *SPRY*, and to Brent Spohn and Shelly Carlen with *GLENNA T*, who have resigned their membership and moorage.

Once again, it is time to remind everyone of the coming dreaded winter winds. If you haven't done so already, it is again time to check your mooring lines and ensure that adequate fenders are in place. Also, halyards on sailboats should be tied off in such a manner that they do not rattle or 'smack' against the mast.

—Tom Locke, *Wharfinger*

A special invitation...

to friends of
Dick and Chris Pattinson:

*Drop into the clubhouse
on Sunday, November 19th
from two to five p.m.
to share a cup or glass
on his birthday and their
sixtieth wedding anniversary.
No presents, only your presence.*



*Top left: David Jardine, Derek Barrio and Don Dashwood fixing drain cover
Right: Terry Ison getting ready to paint a large 'F' on a piling*

Left: Gary Railer, April Steel and Mike Byrne pose as 'Canadian gothic'

Bottom left: Wayne Fraser and Hugh Greenwood manhandling the dinghy and Laser docks

Visit our club website at

www.islandsails.com/sailingclub

A whole year's worth of **TellTales** is now online in glorious colour!

Read the newsletter (or print it out), catch up on current events in racing, cruising and social activities on the club website.

If you think you'd like to save the club the expense of printing and mailing you a paper copy of **TellTales**, let us know at pras@saltspring.com and we'll take you off our mailing list. (Give it a try! You can always change your mind later if you want to go back to receiving a paper copy.)

RACING NEWS

Channel Isles #3 October 15th

Thirteen boats enjoyed a good breeze for the trip to Deep Ridge buoy and back. The leader on the water, *YEOMAN OF CESTRIA* finished the 11.5 NM course in 2.5 hours which, considering they had to tack all the way there, is a very fast average speed. All the spinnaker flying boats finished within 30 minutes of one another with the 'white sails' coming in good time as well.

	Finish time	Boat name	Rating	Skipper	Corrected time	Points
1	12:44:20	<i>DERYN MOR</i>	227	Kevin Vine	2:00:50	100
2	12:33:35	<i>OSCAR</i>	168	John Cameron	2:01:23	92
3	12:30:11	<i>YEOMAN OF C</i>	132	Phil Hume	2:04:53	85
4	13:00:57	<i>MINKE</i>	281	Tony Meek	2:07:06	77
5	12:50:59	<i>DRAGO</i>	224	Peter Drage	2:08:03	69
6	12:56:40	<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>	241	Tony Brogan	2:10:29	62
7	12:38:15	<i>FANDANGO</i>	138	Philip Grange/Art	2:11:48	54
8	12:57:55	<i>NIGHT MOVES</i>	227	Terry Small	2:14:25	46
9	12:44:35	<i>ATALANTA</i>	145	Stuart Farson	2:16:48	38
10	12:44:01	<i>ALACRITY</i>	129	Bob Jones	2:19:18	31
11	13:18:15	<i>NUMTIJAH</i>	246	Neil Buchan	2:31:06	23
12	13:28:05	<i>GWAIHIR</i>	262	Dick Pattinson	2:37:52	15
13	13:27:45	<i>WHISPER</i>	236	Harold Brochmann	2:42:31	7

Jack Langdon Trophy October 29th

The final points race of the season is designated as a reverse handicap start, each boat has a start time based on their rating, the slowest boat starting first and so on. An unusual NE wind made the trip to Batt Rock a one-tack affair for many boats, with similar tactics for the beat to Ben Mohr. Once around Ben Mohr most boats could fly the chute nearly all the way home. First starter *MINKE* relished the good breeze and was never headed, or even close to it but behind Tony Meek the racing was very keen. *DERYN MOR* and *DRAGON* enjoyed a close battle all the way home, at least until *DRAGON*'s genoa snagged on a spreader, then Pete and Ping's problems allowed *DERYN MOR* to get away and also *FANDANGO* and *OSCAR* to pass them close to the line. Down the field several close races took place as the handicapping unfolded making for a very enjoyable event for all.

Regrettably, *DERYN MOR* was DSQ'd for the second time this year for not wearing the required PFDs at the start.

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1	<i>MINKE</i>	281	Tony Meek
2	<i>FANDANGO</i>	138	Philip Grange/Art
3	<i>OSCAR</i>	168	John Cameron
4	<i>DRAGON</i>	224	Peter Drage
5	<i>ELECTRA</i>	144	Roger Kibble
6	<i>ALMUCANTAR</i>	194	Hugh Greenwood
7	<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>	241	Tony Brogan
8	<i>LONE RANGER</i>	208	Fah Ambers
9	<i>NIGHT MOVES</i>	227	Terry Small
10	<i>ATALANTA</i>	163	Stuart Farson
11	<i>GWAIHIR</i>	262	Dick Pattinson
DNF	<i>WHISPER</i>	236	Harold Brochmann
DNF	<i>YEOMAN OF C</i>	132	Phil Hume
DSQ	<i>DERYN MOR</i>	227	Kevin Vine

Season's End Race November 5th

Traditionally, the racing season ends with a fun event. This year several skippers were still involved with the work party so only four boats took to the water for an event whose rules tended to fluctuate as the race progressed. After a LeMans start, boats tied to the outside dock, crew running from the top of the ramp, the race went around one mark back to the dock where skippers were required to change crews. Pandemonium reigned and eventually all skippers were DSQ'd and all crews were declared the winners, except of course *DERYN MOR*'s motley bunch who yet again failed to wear PFDs, thereby completing an ignominious hat trick.

The 2000 racing season is now over, all that remains is the Annual Awards Presentation, which will be taking place on Saturday, November 11th. A full report of all the winners will appear in the next edition of TellTales.

A special word of thanks to Lawrie Neish for donating his time and expertise to engraving the numerous club trophies.

—Pete Drage
Fleet Captain Racing



PETE DRAGE PHOTO

Here's John Cameron in *OSCAR*—this year's Total Points winner—of course!

Awards night

Saturday, November 11th

at 1900 hours in the clubhouse

No charge for entry. There will be a bar and snack foods are supplied. No videos this year as the awards take up most of the night, especially the highly prized 'Broken Tiller Award'. For those not familiar with this trophy, it is awarded to the skipper who has pulled off the biggest boo boo of the year. This boo boo must be described in full with at least some nod to the truth and summed up by one word ending in 'ing', i.e. sinking. The format is, last year's winner will nominate a prospective recipient who will have to defend him/herself, preferably factually, but this is not absolutely necessary. The defender then nominates another skipper (or the same one for a different offence) and so on until a worthy winner is acclaimed by all skippers present.

Coming up

Annual skipper's meeting...

(crews also welcome). Thursday, December 7th at 1900 hours in the clubhouse. Bring your ideas to improve the racing scene for 2001.

Snowflake racing...

starting Sunday, December 3rd, informal events with the emphasis on fun. Courses will be decided on the day of the race depending on weather. Skipper's meet in the clubhouse 0930 hours.