



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

TellTales

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Commodore's report

It is with great pleasure and much trepidation that I try to fill the shoes of past Commodores. The club has been blessed over the years with the highest quality leadership that we can possibly imagine. They have been able to create a growing and developing club without eroding the basic principles of our club. Although it is a great advantage to us all that they are still active members of the club—and that they will be a wonderful source of advice to the new Board—it is still daunting to know that they are watching. Your new Board and I will do our best to try to live up to their example, as well as to your expectations.

The first meeting of your new Board will take place this week at which time the plans for the forthcoming year will be tabled. As I said at the AGM, the mixture of the experience of the members volunteering to remain on the Executive, blended with the extensive experience of the new members, the crew on this year's watch will ensure that there will be a challenging racing program, an interesting cruising program, a successful

Junior program, an exciting social program, and incredibly well run docks and grounds.

We are looking forward to the challenges of managing the affairs of the club as well as continuing the fun and camaraderie which the club offers. The first of the social events planned, the Christmas Party, as well as the challenge to decorate our boats for the festive season will, I'm sure, be the start of a great new year. See you there!

You who were at the AGM will know that the club is a significant supporter of the Salt Spring Appeal of the Land Conservancy of B.C.'s bid to purchase land abutting Burgoyne Bay. This land, together with other adjacent land parcels which will become a Marine Park, will eventually become one of our club's favoured cruising destinations.

Merry Christmas to you all from Flo and I—we wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year and may the wind always fill your sails.

Yours Aye .

—Jim Ganderton, *Commodore*

Come to the **Christmas Do!**

Tuesday, December 11th
1900 h at the clubhouse

**Bring a gift
for the exchange:**

**funny,
used,
ugly,
recyclable,
&c.**

**and a contribution
for the food bank!**

Snacks will be served

The Commodore's Banquet & Ball

Amid twinkle lights and colourful balloons, the Commodore's Banquet was once again held at Meaden Hall. The excellent buffet spread, prepared by the ladies of the Legion, was enjoyed by 80 new and old salts alike. The sounds of the band *Swing Shift* had many members on their feet—swinging, swaying and leaping (why does the name Neil Buchan come to mind?). Many thanks to Wendy Shea for organising this event and to all those who contributed their time to make this a special evening in recognition of our Commodore and Executive for the year 2000–2001.

—Candace Brochmann

NEW YEAR'S DAY HOT RUM RACE

At the clubhouse:

1030 hours - Hot Rum Race
1230 hours - Hot rum and lunch

**A race, a lunch & hot toddy
to toast the New Year!**

Come out and air your sails!

**Deadline for the next
TellTales is 4th January**



RICK WALLACE PHOTO

Welcome new Executive!

Commodore	Jim Ganderton	537-1345
Vice Commodore	Michael Byrne	537-9988
Rear Commodore	Brian Swinburn	537-5454
Fleet Captain, Racing	Kevin Vine	537-9265
Fleet Captain, Cruising	Anthony Burridge	537-5029
Fleet Captain, Dinghy	Martin Hoogerdyk	537-2199
Staff Captain	Jenny Barrio	653-2325
Wharfinger	Doc Paynter	653-9688
Secretary	Fulvio Limongelli	538-1881
Treasurer	Jean-Paul Krause	537-2240
Past Commodore	John Farquharson	537-1481

Almost \$400 was raised...

during the recent very successful benefit for the Junior Racing Team. Here author and circumnavigator Liza Copeland and husband Andy enjoy the evening with Juniors Graham Meek, Jesse Johnston-Hill, and Heather Meek.

On the waterfront

Not too much to talk about this month. It seems come November the docks can be a pretty lonely place. We did manage to get through our first storm of the winter a couple of weeks ago without major problems. However, I was on the docks during the worst of it after it had been blowing for half a day and the resulting surge was creating some considerable movement. The docks themselves seem to take it all in stride but I was aware that the odd vessel is short-tied at one end or the other and when the dock moved in one direction and the boat in the other the line would come up short with a jar. This is very hard on the lines, the cleats they are attached to, and also the bull rail to which they are tied. May I suggest you check your lines to ensure that no damage can be caused to either the vessel or the docks.

If the water has not been turned off by the time you receive this then it will be happening in the very near future. And while on the subject of waterworks, I would like to say a big "Thanks" to Steve Thomas who has been taking care of our water system for more years than he can remember and will be retiring from this position with the shutdown this year. We are fortunate in having a replacement in Rod MacDonald who will be taking over from Steve.

Does anyone out there have a heavy duty magnet? We need one to make an attempt to recover an errant wrecking bar which took a dive off D and E dock during the recent work party. It's not in deep water so should be recoverable. If anyone can help please call Dick Pattinson or myself.

Until next month.

—Brian Swinburne
Rear Commodore

RACING NEWS

Awards 'evening' was a full afternoon of alleged Chilly-buns racing, a relay race in which balloons were exchanged between boats, and engines were used to unfair advantage! It was won by *MINKE*, which came in second. Then feeding on chili (*who* forgot to put out the buns?) and of plates loaded with fattening goodies, by which the wise gain a weight advantage over the feeders, but don't have as much fun. Following this: presentations of glittering awards rivalling the Emmys, Johns and Ermintrudes. The persistence of Tony Brogan (*CHEEKY BUOY*) and his determined crew landed the Total Points award, while Tony Meek (*MINKE*) took seven of the remaining trophies! This feat was accomplished by using a crew of so called Junior Members, whose skills and enthusiasm were admired by all. Heather Meek was seen skipping *MINKE* for the Round Saltspring Race 2001. Watch out for this young Laser crowd in future winners places. *FANDANGO* won the summer series with not only the best times but the happiest crew, best food and great after-race fraternising giving us

a glimpse of how life can be lived on (and off) the course.

Thanks are extended to the Race Committee who supported us through a difficult period following the unexpected death of our irreplaceable friend Pete Drage; to Bob Borbas who brought race material up from Pete's computer, and to Kevin Vine and John Cameron who split the unenviable task of collating and posting race results for the remainder of the year. The understanding and forbearance of racers was appreciated.

A full accounting of race results can, as always, be found on the SISC web page.

—Neil Buchan

Race results for 2001

Race	First	Second	Third
Ground Hog Race	<i>MINKE</i>	<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>	<i>DERYN MOR</i>
Ben Mohr	<i>ELECTRA</i>	<i>FANDANGO</i>	<i>DRAGON</i>
McMillan	<i>OSCAR</i>	<i>DERYN MOR</i>	<i>MINKE</i>
Prevost	<i>MINKE</i>	<i>SLY FOX</i>	<i>NUMTIJAH</i>
Channel Islands #1	<i>MINKE</i>	<i>DERYN MOR</i>	<i>ELECTRA</i>
Walker Rock	<i>ELECTRA</i>	<i>YEOMAN</i>	<i>HESSIAN</i>
Moresby/Portland	<i>MINKE</i>	<i>ELECTRA</i>	<i>BALLATER</i>
Bas Cobanli	<i>MINKE</i>	<i>ELECTRA</i>	<i>ELECTRA</i>
Round Saltspring	<i>HESSIAN</i>	<i>DERYN MOR</i>	<i>BALLATER</i>
Channel Islands #2	<i>FANDANGO</i>	<i>DERYN MOR</i>	<i>OSCAR</i>
Summer (June)	<i>ALACRITY</i>	<i>OSCAR</i>	<i>FANDANGO</i>
Summer (July)	<i>DERYN MOR</i>	<i>OSCAR</i>	<i>FANDANGO</i>
Summer (August)	<i>FANDANGO</i>	<i>OSCAR</i>	<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>
Jack & Jill	<i>ALACRITY</i>	<i>OSCAR</i>	<i>DERYN MOR</i>
Maple Bay #1	<i>MINKE</i>	<i>BETHIA</i>	<i>WHISPER</i>
Maple Bay #2	<i>MINKE</i>	<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>	<i>BETHIA</i>
Night Race	No finishers		
Pender Leg #1	No finishers		
Pender Leg #2	No race		
Captain Passage	<i>OSCAR</i>	<i>ELECTRA</i>	<i>FINAL DASH</i>
Montague Harbour	<i>OSCAR</i>	<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>	<i>LONE RANGER</i>
Single Handed	<i>MINKE</i>	<i>ELECTRA</i>	<i>OSCAR</i>
Channel Islands #3	<i>DERYN MOR</i>	<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>	<i>OSCAR</i>
Jack Langdon	<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>		

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