



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

TellTales

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Check out
the numerous photos
from **Round Saltspring**
at the club's new website:
www.saltspringsailing.ca
and follow the link to **Racing**



The weather held, and it turned out to be a great Sailpast!

Sharon and Commodore John Farquharson aboard BALLATER receiving the salute (top left)

WINGS has just finished the salute and VALHALLA II gets ready to salute the Commodore (above)

Never missing an opportunity to fly the spinnaker, OSCAR and DERYN MOR join the lineup with ROMANCE in the foreground (left)

Jenny and Derek Barrio in WINGS having a grand downwind run pursued by VALHALLA II (below)

Commodore's report

I am pleased to inform you that Neil Buchan has accepted the position of Fleet Captain Racing for the remainder of the 2001 year. Neil has been involved with the racing program, both junior and senior, for the past few years and brings interest and enthusiasm to the position. We welcome Neil to your Board.

This year's Round Saltspring Race, organised by Terry Small, was an outstanding success! Through the efforts of the 100 plus volunteers the club's reputation in the B.C. sailing community was greatly enhanced. Special mention must be made of the following members: Phyllis Waltho, whose sub-committee organised and served four meals to upward of 500 people at the Sunday BBQ; the Vine family for all the registration details; John Cameron for the wonderful photos; Tom Locke, Phil Hume, Hugh Greenwood and Nigel Denyer for finding a place for up to 60 visiting vessels, and many others too numerous to mention.

Terry Small, who very ably coordinated this year's successful Round Saltspring Race, will be stepping down from that

position. We are therefore in need of someone who has the necessary organisational skills to work under the umbrella of the Fleet Captain Racing to coordinate the next years race. This role does not necessarily require an in-depth knowledge of racing rules as there are many helping hands who will assist in the overall project. If anyone is interested in filling this important role please contact me or Neil Buchan.

We have welcomed eight new Regular members to the club so far this year. The latest members are Manfred and Jaqueline Melzer, Richard and Nohemi Mills and Lewis McKay and Laurie Blakely. Please introduce yourselves and welcome them to our club. We are also processing three new Associate member applications. As well, at the last Board meeting, it was decided that henceforth each new Regular member will be presented with the club burgee as a welcome to the club.

We have seventeen Junior members now and they have enjoyed two racing

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Have a great summer!

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

Commodore, from page 1

regattas so far this year, one of which was held at the club. We also have a full complement of students for our summer sailing school. Fleet Captain Dinghy, Martin Hoogerdyk, along with Tony Meek and others is to be congratulated for the way the Junior program is going.

I am happy to tell you that, with the assistance of John Cameron and Per Rasmussen, the Sailing Club now has its own internet domain address, www.saltspringsailing.ca. You will be directed to this new site when you log on to the old one. Please bookmark the new address—or add it to your favourites. Further information is contained in another article in this issue of TellTales.

For those who may be concerned about the security from fire for our files, this subject was reviewed and it was decided to leave the archive files in the office as this area was doubled-walled during construction to give it a small defence against a fire.

As mentioned in the minutes of the May Executive Meeting, the decision to not pre-pay a portion of the mortgage—as we have the capability to do—was to maintain the Capital Contingency Fund intact for the expected costs of the creek bank stabilisation. Each year the ability to pay down the mortgage is reviewed to determine if the club can shorten the life of this loan.

We have sold out the first six dozen new club caps and have a further six dozen on order.

The tragic death of our friend and colleague Peter Drage brought to our attention the need to resurrect a method of notification to the membership on a short term basis which TellTales or posted notices can not accomplish. While some of our members were very helpful in telephoning everyone on the membership list twice, this was a time consuming and emotional task. We feel that with a large number of our members having email today, and with this method of communication growing larger, it would be most advantageous for the club to have the email addresses of all members who have this capability. Those who do not would be contacted by telephone when required, however the telephone list would then be much shorter. This email address list would be available to and used only with the authorisation of the Board and would be used strictly for club purposes. To this end, we will be contacting those members who have not currently listed their email address with the club to ascertain if they in fact have email and whether they will allow this address to be added to the club list. To save us

Wharfingering

Thanks for your cooperation during the Round Saltspring Race. A particularly big thanks to Phil Hume, Hugh Greenwood and Nigel Denyer for their help in ensuring that all visiting racers got first class moorage. This year we accomodated approximately sixty boats, as compared to about forty racers last year, and we still had room for more. Based on the numerous compliments received from our visitors—to all of you, this was a job well done.

We still don't have June 17th covered by a daily wharfinger. If you have time to volunteer, please sign up for that day.

Going out cruising? May the club use your space for reciprocal club visitors? We need the space. If your answer is "Yes", please sign out your slip either (1) in the 'sign-out' book held in the daily wharfinger binder or (2) on the notice board located at the water end of the pier next to the racing board,

Have a safe and great boating summer!

—Tom Locke, *Wharfinger*

unnecessary telephone calls it would be most helpful if you think your email address is not registered with Jim Spencer, our Database Manager, that you give him a call.

We have received the report on the creek bank stabilisation from Phil Grange and his committee of Brian Le Lievre and Hugh Greenwood, and we anticipate contracting the project out later this summer. The cost is expected to be well within the club's ability to pay and to that end the Board authorised up to \$10,000 to cover the cost.

I will be away sailing/motoring around Vancouver Island this summer from July 1st to about the middle of August. During this time Mike Byrne and/or Brian Swinburne will be available.

As this is the last TellTales prior to the summer, let me wish you a very pleasant boating season, may you have fair winds, sunny skies and smooth seas.

—John Farquharson
Commodore

On the waterfront

Not much activity related to the docks over the last month. However, everyone has been busy sprucing up their own pride and joy in preparation for summer cruising months. I do have a few items left on my 'to do' list and will be looking for the occasional volunteer to assist as I work through them. So rather than drag things out I will wish everyone a pleasant summer season and may your keel always be one foot above the highest submerged rock....

Until September.

—Brian Swinburne, *Rear Commodore*

The social scene

May was an extremely busy month. Although a separate event from the Staff Captain's regular responsibilities, the Round Saltspring Race was a huge undertaking this year. On Friday night we provided a chili dinner for about 140 people. Saturday morning saw more than 150 enjoy a continental breakfast. And again, on Sunday morning, over 75 helped themselves to bagels, coffee, etc. Then the lamb barbecue—we served over 425. Too numerous to mention by name are all of the approximate 100 volunteers who helped out with the weekend catering aspects. A great job everybody. Thank you all so very much.

The potluck for the Sailpast was also a huge success with about 100 people joining in. It was another nice day. Thanks again to those volunteers who manned the kitchen and the bar.

The next club social is the Salmon Barbecue on Sunday, September 30th. Watch the September issue of TellTales for the details.

Have a great summer!

—Phyllis Waltho, *Staff Captain*

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A disappointing participation record, and a lack of club spirit!

The Club Organisation Committee for this year's Round Saltspring Race can be congratulated on the outcome of the event, with an unprecedented number of 86 boats registering. Of the 86 participating boats, 26 were from SISC and the rest were from other affiliations. In 1982 our records show there were 50 sailboats in our Club. That year 31 boats took part in the race, of which 27 were from SISC and 5 from other clubs.

There are 161 members and their partners in Club at the present, of which there are 23 without boats. There are a total of 138 vessels owned by Club members, of which 95 are sailboats.

A total of 26 Club sailboats, out of a fleet of 95, is not too good a showing in such a prestigious race as the Round Saltspring. You might expect at least 50 of our 95 boats to compete, as our Club was the Sponsor, and the object is to get out on the water, have fun, gain experience and enjoy the interesting conversation after the event.

The Annual Sailpast and Opening Day, which signals the start of the sailing Season and also honours our Commodore and Officers of the Club, took place on the 27th of May this year. 42 Club boats took part in the Sailpast and afterward joined our Commodore in drinking a toast to 'The Club'. 10 members tendered their apologies for their absence, and several members attended as guests on other Club boats.

At the Annual Sailpast there are too many boats left tied to their moorings during the event. In past years the majority of Club boats were out on 'Parade'. Not now! In the 1980s the Club had to hire the United Church Hall for monthly meetings to cope with the large number of members and their families. There was 75% attendance then. Not now!

What's wrong with the Club? The same few members continue to volunteer for Club chores and to attend meetings and social events. Are 30-40% of Club members here for cheap moorage, with the Board of Directors attending to the security of their boats?

In past years the question was raised as to whether the Club should employ staff for secretarial duty, wharfingering,

Poor attendance scuttles meeting

On Tuesday the 29th of May, the club held a Special General Meeting in order to discuss a financial matter. The meeting was published in our Yearbook as well as being advertised in the May TellTales. Unfortunately, we did not attain a quorum and therefore no resolutions were voted on. The meeting became an informational session only. The club bylaws state that a quorum for a Special General Meeting is 20 voting members. Only 18 voting members attended and of those 18, 11 were Executive members. I can only conclude that out of approximately 165 voting members only 7 deemed it necessary to bother attending. It was a rather poor showing. The next scheduled General Meeting is September 25th; lets do better then.

—Glen Willett
Secretary

Some people may have been left with the impression...

after the General Meeting on May 29 that Neil was unaware of his motor being in reverse during the Sailpast. I would like to clear that up and let you know that he went into reverse under sail to slow down our boat giving room to a boat under sail leaving our docks. He does know his forward from reverse and his port from starboard. And he cooks a mean curry too!

—Dorothy Drubek, *NUMTIJAH*

gardening and labour for repairs of wharves, et cetera. The Club would then become a Cooperative Society after the American model. The idea was defeated because members thought it would be too expensive.

The Long Term Planning Committee might look at a plan that every member take part in Club activities, and any member not willing to do so should be paid back his/her entrance fee and their membership terminated, giving place to persons willing to do their Bit and join in the spirit of the Club as outlined on page 19 of the current Year Book.

—Charles Sutcliffe
Member and Past Commodore

A thank you letter to all club members

As Peter's death was so sudden and unexpected, my children and I were reeling in shock and disbelief. Even today I can hardly believe he's gone.

As darkness of grief and pain surrounded us, you came through with comfort and support for us—like a lighthouse in the dark and stormy sea. I thank you for all the flowers and cards, and the donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation and Lady Minto Hospital Memorial Fund. The food that you left in the club for us was delicious and very appreciated. Never have we been so well fed, and never have I felt so loved in all my life. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I have saved all the dried flower petals from the flowers that you sent. Somewhere down the road when we will honour Peter's wishes, to sprinkle his ashes in the ocean, the flower petals will accompany Peter on his last sailing trip on this earth. Grieving will be a long process. I just hope I may find the strength to help me and my children through this difficult time. My memories of happy times with Peter will be my comfort. My children will be my hope. Peter gave me his love in more ways than one—his love for life, his love for humour and fun, his love for fishing, his love for sailing, and his love for reading and learning. I will keep that love in my heart for as long as I live.

I hope you will think of him now and again and remember to live each day to the fullest.

Sincerely, *Ping Drage*

'Within our hearts, the ones we love are never really gone. In spirit and in memory, their legacy lives on.'

Two week sailboat charter 'exchange' for July or August sought

We'd like to sail your boat one way. For example, we meet you at Squirrel Cove—you drive back in our vehicle and we bring your boat back to your slip in two weeks. Call us at 537-5830.

—John Cameron, *OSCAR*



We're dedicated to fostering and promoting interest in sailing and cruising in the waters off the Gulf Islands, British Columbia, Canada, and to develop seamanship and a knowledge of navigation.

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With the recent inauguration of the Sailing Club's own internet domain name we thought it appropriate to present an overview of the website to club members who have access to the internet but who have not yet taken advantage of all the information on our website.

This link takes you to the club's racing part of the website. It contains complete race schedules, race results and numerous photos. It is created and maintained by John Cameron

The entire year's cruising schedule is listed here

This is where you read or download TellTales

The complete club calendar for the year

Full description of our Junior Program

Link to the RSI part on the Racing pages

List of reciprocal clubs with maps and web addresses

Complete information for visitors to our club

Instructions for how to obtain a copy of the Long Term Plan

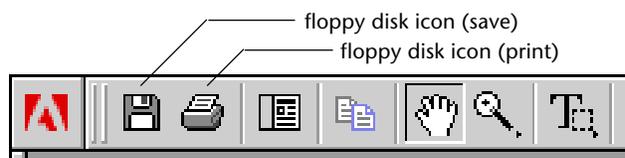
Lists the names and phone numbers of our Board of Directors

Large list of links to useful information about marine matters

How to contact the club, including phone numbers



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To read, to save or to print...

the electronic TellTales edition is not always an easy decision.

If you have lots of online time available and you don't need to keep a paper version—and if your memory is so good that you can remember a full month's worth of club events—then go ahead and enjoy a good read.

If you're in a hurry and wish to read TellTales on your monitor at a later time, then simply click on the floppy disk icon (see illustration) and a copy of the file is saved on your hard drive. If you can't find it later when you come to read it, use the 'Find' command to locate the file. It'll have a name like 'june_01.pdf'.

If you prefer to read the newsletter later—and to be able to file it away for future reference—then a printout is the way to go. Simply turn on your colour printer and click on the printer icon as shown in the illustration.

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The Sailing Club has its own domain name but not its own web space. The space for our site is kindly provided by John Cameron on his newBasics site

The webmaster of the club site, Per Rasmussen. This is where you click to send him a message if you have any questions or comments about the website

Round Saltspring 2001

Oh what a sight!

A record number of boats left Gan- ges harbour on Saturday at 1000 h on the annual Round Saltspring Race—this year with a dedication to Peter Drage who will be truly missed. Flowers were strewn along the course in his memory.

86 boats, carrying 344 crew members who voyaged from Crescent Beach, Victoria, Pender, Maple Bay, Sidney, Nanaimo, and other clubs as well as sailors from our local club, took part.

Hosted in style by 100 volunteers of the Saltspring Island Sailing Club, everyone enjoyed a chili dinner served on Friday as the visitors arrived, a pre-race breakfast and the renowned lamb barbecue on Sunday to wrap up a superb weekend on a very Saltspring note. It was an afternoon complete with stories which grew in drama and laments that swelled in anguish, crowings and 'explainings' between mouthfuls.

The weather cooperated with lots of wind, some sun and no total 'dead air' (there was always a little wind, somewhere.)

So many boats in our little harbour! Small, large, awesome race machines, comfortable cruisers and a smattering of multihulls took two starts to get underway—one for the fast rated, one for the slower and 'no flying sails' divisions.

A spinnaker start made a colourful splash as the boats streamed down the harbour past the Sisters Islands. Spectacular broaches happened when spin- nakers overpowered their boats, either forcing them over so far the sails ended up in the water, or were released to fly from the top of the masts like huge flags. The anticlockwise course put the fleets into high winds for the beat to Southey Point. *RED SHIFT* rounded there at noon and spinnakers once again popped out toward Vesuvius. *RED SHIFT* entered Sansum Narrows at 1400 h and continued to the finish by 1930 h. Another boat, *CHEEKY BOUY*, made huge gains on the run to Sansum. The tide rips through the narrows are usually a challenge. Boats exchange positions frequently, tending to end up at Cape Kepple re-sorted and either exalting in good fortune or deter- mined to make up for lost water.

The traverse to Beaver Point can be windless and fickle and for many this held true. Some hugged the shore, others braved the ferry route out by Piers and Portland. For all, it became a slow and



Colourful posters of Round Saltspring boats available on the club website

delicate sail as the evening drew to a glorious close and stars glittered over an inching progress past the Channel Islands and Sisters Islands to a welcome from patient people in the committee boat between evening and sunrise.

It was a grand race whether on board or on shore. It is an annual event Salt- spring can delight and take pride in.

Results

Division A

- 1 *RHUMB LINE*
- 2 *INTERIM*
- 3 *PORTS AND PASSES*

Division B

- 1 *CHOWDER*
- 2 *GATOR*
- 3 *SOMETHING WICKED*

Division C

- 1 *DERYN MOR*
- 2 *DREAMSCAPE*
- 3 *JAY DEE*

No flying sails

- 1 *WALKABOUT*
- 2 *ALTONA*
- 3 *TANGO*

Overall winner (Marshall Sharp Trophy winner)
RHUMB LINE

First Saltspring boats on corrected time

- 1 *HESSIAN* (Doug Thomas Trophy winner)
- 2 *DERYN MOR*
- 3 *BALLATER*

First across the line - *DRACO*

A great set of photos can be seen on our club website.

—Neil Buchan
Fleet Captain, Racing

Racing events

For the latest racing results, please go to www.saltspringsailing.ca and follow the link to Racing

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES

Starts at 1730 h, TL TBA
Around the buoys every
Wednesday evening until
September. Each month will count
as one race in the Total Points.

Sunday, June 17th

JACK & JILL

1000 h start, TL 1600 h, 12 NM
Start - Complete a 540° course
around both Channel Isles (P or S)
- Finish

Saturday, June 23rd

MAPLE BAY LEG 1

1000 h start, TL 2100 h, 22 NM
Start - Clockwise around Saltspring
- Finish - SC: range of Southern tip
of Russell I. and Lt. in Fulford H.

Sunday, June 24th

MAPLE BAY LEG 2

1000 h start, TL 2100 h, 22 NM
Start - Back the way you came
- Finish - SC: range of Southern tip
of Russell I. and Lt. in Fulford H.

Saturday, August 11th

NIGHT RACE

2100 h start, TL 0030 h, 6.8 NM
Start - Welbury Spar (S)
- Batt Rock (S) - Finish

FALL SERIES

(one throw out allowed)

Saturday, August 25th

PENDER LEG 1

1000 h start
Start - Port Browning, leaving
Pender to starboard

Sunday, August 26th

PENDER LEG 2

1000 h start
Port Browning - Finish, leaving
Penders to starboard

Wednesday, August 29th

1730 h start

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES FINAL RACE AND SOCIAL

Sunday, September 9th

CAPTAIN PASSAGE

1000 h start, TL 1500 h, 9.5 NM
Start - Batt Rock (P) - U62 (P) -
Welbury Spar (P) - Batt Rock (S)
- Finish

Summer cruising plans

JUNE - The Adopt-A-Racer Cruise for the Maple Bay Race Saturday 23 June

This is when the cruisers make their comfortable way over to the Maple Bay Yacht Club to greet the racers who will have fought their way through 22 NM of challenging wind, or lack of it, and sometimes adverse currents. We shall all meet on the attractive lawn of the Maple Bay Yacht Club where the cruisers will prepare the barbecue, provide and put on the baked potatoes and veggies, and toss the salad. All the racers have to do is place their own meat on the grill. Naturally we shall have a BYOB Happy Hour. Additionally, the club bar is also only a few steps away.

Reciprocal moorage available for a limited number of boats, and space is available at the nearby marina. It is also possible to anchor.

Sunday 24 June

Cruise to Cowichan Bay. Go alongside Government Dock to visit Cowichan Bay. There is no charge for a short visit. Stay overnight or putt across to Genoa Bay to anchor, or go alongside marina. There is an excellent little restaurant at head of dock. The planned visit for luncheon and a tour of the Cherry Point Vineyard is not available because on that particular Sunday the vineyard has organised a community event which features a band concert and picnic lunch, but no tour. While that sounds like fun, the problem of providing transport to and from the vineyard for a group of yachtsmen is too complicated.

Monday 25 June

Return to Saltspring. Stop at Russell Island for lunch. Enjoy a pleasant walk ashore.

JULY - Sidney Spit and Royal Victoria Yacht Club

Thursday 12 July

The Glorious Twelfth. If there are any cruisers who are not going far afield, or around Vancouver Island, join us for a cruise to Sidney Spit. Anchor, or use a buoy (\$6) for the night. Ashore, we can hike, talk, and enjoy the scenery. Happy Hour aboard some friendly yacht.

Friday 13 July

Departing on Friday the 13th is fraught with potential disasters, but depart we shall to the RVYC, (reciprocal). It's about a 16 NM cruise. Having a local chart of Oak Bay is quite a good idea. Dinner or casual pub food is available in the club.

From the vineyard tour to Saturna Island



Cruisers enjoying a fine luncheon at the Saturna vineyard. Nigel Denyer, Sheryl Ison, hostess Nancy, Nina Denyer and Terry Ison



"Okay everybody, listen up here...!"

TONY BURRIDGE PHOTOS

Saturday 14 July

Bastille Day. Remain at the RVYC. Tour as you wish. Celebrate Bastille Day. This visit provides a relaxed way to visit Victoria without the hassle of catching ferries.

Sunday 15 July

Return to SISC through some of the most beautiful sailing country in the world.

AUGUST - Pender Island Race

Friday 24 August

Cruise to Port Browning where we'll anchor or dock. The trip is about 16 NM. Optional pub dinner.

Saturday 25 August

Take in the Saturday morning market in Port Browning. In the afternoon we welcome the racers from Saltspring. This time the racers provide the veggies and salad for the barbecue.

Sunday 25 August

Cruise to Otter Bay—go alongside the marina or anchor. The distance is about 13 NM. There is a shortcut available for those sailboats with masts in tabernacles. *TINKER* is still waiting for the right tide to squeak through under the bridge. If she hadn't had a VHF antennae she would have made it last time.

We shall have a BYOB Happy Hour on the grounds.

Some crews may wish to sail home Sunday evening but others may wish to explore Pender Island further.

SEPTEMBER

- The Ocean Sciences Tour

This cruise starts on Monday 10 September. More information will be in the September TellTales, or you can check the itinerary in the Yearbook.

—Tony Burridge
Fleet Captain, Cruising