



SALT SPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

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Enthusiastic gardeners Charles Sutcliffe and Liz Anderson enjoying the Work Party



John Myers, John Prothero and Doc Paynter sprucing up the clubhouse

Commodore's report

I am very saddened to inform you that Peter Drage, Fleet Captain Racing, died unexpectedly on Saturday, May 5, 2001 while competing in his favourite sport. Peter was a fine and enthusiastic member of our Sailing Club and an excellent Flag Officer. His many contributions to the Saltspring Island Sailing Club were numerous and varied and have been a benefit to us all. His pleasant and easy going manner combined with an innovative and thoughtful approach made him a valued member of our boating community. He will be sorely missed. On behalf of our members, sincere condolences go out to Ping and her family.

Peter recently had produced an automatic starter horn for our racing program. This will relieve the necessity of having someone there each race to start the fleet. Once set the device will give a 10 minute warning, a 5 minute warning and then the start, all without human assistance. You will also soon see, in various places around the club, new plaques that Peter had produced with the club logo painted on them.

Round Saltspring 2001

The club's biggest racing event of the year will soon be upon us.

Mark your calendar
Friday–Sunday, May 18–20!

The re-scheduled 2001 Sailpast

will now take place on
Sunday, May 27
starting at 1100 hours

The family of Peter Drage is hosting an informal service in Peter's memory in the clubhouse on Saturday, 12th May at 1730 h. All Sailing Club members are invited.

I am expecting an article in the May 8th issue of the Barnacle on Peter's contribution to the club. The May 2nd issue of the Driftwood included an article on our racing program which John Cameron and Peter Drage submitted. There is also a good article in the May 1st issue of the Barnacle on the club and the organising of the Junior Sailing Program which Martin Hoogerdyk, much to his credit, has established.

We had a record turnout of some eighty members for the Spring Work Party. Both Mike Byrne and Brian Swinburne are to be congratulated for the organising and allocation of tasks as a great deal was accomplished on Saturday. We were fortunate with the weather on Saturday as Sunday was a little damp, however nearly all projects were completed on Saturday. Phyllis Waltho and her gallant crew once again provided the necessary sustenance to keep everyone's strength up.

Susan Paynter is leading a very talented crew of ladies including Sylvia Greenwood, Jean Howell, June Mason, Dawn

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Special General Meeting

Tuesday, 29 May, 2001
at 1930 hours in the clubhouse

AGENDA

1. Call to order at 1930 hours
2. Approval of minutes of General Meeting held February 27, 2001
3. Report of officers
4. Unfinished business
5. New Business - Club dues and fees in arrears penalty be raised to 10% to a maximum of \$50
6. Adjournment

Invitation to join the Race

The following invitation to participate in Round Saltspring 2001 was written by Peter Drage prior to May 5th. He would certainly want this invitation to be extended in the spirit of fellowship and participation. Please come and participate in RSI 2001—to remember Peter and how he represented everything that our Saltspring Island Sailing Club is about.

—Terry Small

As Fleet Captain Racing, let me once again invite all members and friends to come down to the club and enjoy the festivities, this is not just a race for the rock stars. This is the chance to enjoy your club, your boat and the company of your fellow members. If you wish, please join the actual race, you don't need to be ultra quick; I've had just as much fun finishing late Sunday morning as when getting round in fairly good time. If winds are light, the time-on-time scoring system introduced this year will favour the higher handicap boats.

There will be someone of your level to race against/cruise with, on what is possibly the most scenic race course in the world.

If you don't want to actually sail, come down to the club on Friday evening for the Chili Supper, have a glass of the local brew and be entertained by Swing Shift. Walk the docks and check out the visiting competitors. Buy a souvenir T-shirt.

Saturday morning, come back down and see the hustle and bustle before, and then, the actual start. We expect at least 70 boats this year, a fine spectacle as they pass the club. You can follow the progress of the fleet from various points

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TellTales is 8th June**

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Shaak, April Steel, and Jill Sydneysmith who have produced the very lovely quilted wall hanging which now graces the clubhouse stairwell. They enjoy a creative workshop every Thursday during which they share information on a number of different craft projects. I hear there is more to come! Thank you ladies!

We have received the geophysical report on our land stabilisation from our engineering team consisting of Phil Grange, Brian Le Lievre, Hugh Greenwood and other consultants. The suggested solution will be reviewed at our June Executive meeting where we will have the proposed costs with possible implementation in the fall. The report and suggested solutions will be reported to you via TellTales and at the September General Meeting. The preliminary review indicates the cost is well within the club's ability to fund from the current budget.

Les Price attended the latest meeting of the Council of BC Yacht Clubs and returned with good information on a variety of topics, including how we can help protect the environment in our boating practices and new procedures for entering Victoria Harbour. A limited number of pamphlets on these topics are available in the clubhouse. Other information is contained in the minutes of our Executive meeting. When further information is available, Les will include this in the June TellTales.

Our next major event is the annual Round Saltspring Race weekend on the 18–20 of May which Terry Small and his team have been organising for the past few months. This is a fun weekend for the whole family, from music and chili on Friday night, to the race start on Saturday at 1000 hours, to the lamb BBQ on Sunday. We would like to see as many of the members as possible turn out for the enjoyment and to assist in the many tasks associated with this primary club event. The club and the race are featured in the current May issue of Pacific Yachting.

We have received applications from three more prospective members. Their applications are posted on the notice board in the club foyer for your review for the next thirty days. We have also received applications for five more Junior members, which is a pleasure to see as the club can only benefit from the addition of younger members.

We have received our new, very nice sailing caps with the club name and burgee embossed on them. You will see them being worn by members and they

The cruising life

The 28-29 April cruise

Three boats, *BRISTOL BLUE*, *SHAUNSEA*, and *TINKER* braved a daunting forecast to meet in Montague Harbour for Happy Hour aboard *BRISTOL BLUE*. Terry Ison opened a bottle of champagne that went very well with smoked salmon, crackers, and antipasto. The cosy atmosphere below contrasted with the weather that suggested continuing with hot rum as the appropriate drink for ensuring a good sleep. The cold wind howling outside (where else would it howl) and a discouraging marine forecast tended to raise doubts whether the plan to visit Wallace Island in the morning would be fun.

In the morning *TINKER* attempted unsuccessfully to use her cell phone to communicate the hundred feet to *BRISTOL BLUE* to discuss the plan for the day. However, by 10 o'clock *SHAUNSEA* and *BRISTOL BLUE* cast off their buoys, the die being cast so to speak, and hailed *TINKER* to inform her that Wallace Island could wait for another time and it was home to Saltspring for them. *TINKER*, in light of the weather, thought their decision admirable. We had an exhilarating shortened-sail crossing of Trincomali and surfing conditions home to the club. I am sure we felt sympathy for the racers who had left a few hours before and who had to beat their way out of harbour on the Moresby/Portland race.

will be for sale from Secretary Glen Willett during the Round Saltspring weekend and thereafter. The cost is a break-even one of \$10.

I will close with a few items of interest around our community relating to boating. The pump-out facility on the new government dock in Ganges is expected to be open by the May long weekend (RSI race weekend); I have heard that the Ganges Marina has been purchased by a marina operator from the lower mainland; and it is rumored that the Royal Victoria Yacht Club may purchase property in Long Harbour for an outstation.

See you at the Round Saltspring Race weekend.

—John Farquharson, Commodore

The Winery Tour on Saturna Island

Monday 14 May - Cruise to Winter Cove on Saturna Island - anchor. Distance about 16 NM

Tuesday 15 May - 1200 h - pick up from beach by cars from Saturna Lodge - luncheon at Saturna Lodge - tour of vineyard after luncheon - return transport to Winter Cove - nap (optional). Cost of very good luncheon, transport, tour, wine tasting, and taxes is \$25/person.

Please use the sign-up sheet posted on the door of the Clubhouse to indicate your intended participation because we need to give the Lodge an idea of our numbers. Alternatively, contact Tony Burridge at 537-5029 to go on the list.

Wednesday - 16 May - Remain at Winter Cove - walks and relaxation - evening BYOB Happy Hour and BBQ in the park - the club will provide the barbecues.

NOTE - The Province of British Columbia was not aware that the Saltspring Island Sailing Club had already planned this cruising event when it set the date for the election. However, they have enough problems without our asking them to change their date. If you wish, you can use the advance poll at All Saints' by the Sea, 110 Park Drive, on 9–12 May from noon to 8 p.m.

Thursday - 17 May - Return to SISC.

—Tony Burridge
Fleet Captain, Cruising



Lorne Shantz and Tony Booker cutting lumber for dock repairs

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around the island; the boats will be going anti-clockwise this year. Winds permitting, first finishers should be back Saturday evening.

Sunday, of course, is the famous lamb BBQ with all the trimmings, followed by the awarding of trophies, prizes and a chance to hear all those 'if only' stories. This is always a great day, not to be missed, so order your BBQ tickets and come on down!

If you would really like to be involved with the planning and running of this event we can always use more helpers. Give Major Domo Terry Small a call at 537-2805, be part of the team—there is even a party for volunteers on the Monday after.

See you there.

—Pete Drage
Fleet Captain, Racing

On the waterfront

A good turnout and a weather-friendly day saw lots of action on every square foot of the club grounds and foreshore during the Work Party one-day weekend on 21st April.

Among the many projects on the foreshore the most obvious are the new timbers on the A, D and E docks, and the belting installations on many of the wider gaps at hinge points. It is intended to continue with the dock timber upgrading on a regular basis with the bulk of the work being done on the two work party weekends. Some of the larger gaps around certain pilings were filled in, and those patrons of B dock will now be able to get the new wheel barrows to their vessels without dropping one wheel into the hole when trying to get through the obstacle course by the water hose and pile location. The rubbing strips around pilings is now almost complete with only a few remaining which require angle iron for the mounting of the strips. Work was done on the dinghy docks to make them more secure, and now everyone has one of the fancy new number plates to identify their slip. All in all, a very successful weekend thanks to the many energetic volunteers.

In other news, we now have power outlets on the visitors dock. It has taken some time to come up with a system we expect will be reliable and avoid the problems which were experienced last year.

Until next month.

—Brian Swinburne, *Rear Commodore*

Peter, cannot believe you are no longer with us. You are missed.

Farewell to our Fleet Captain Racing

Tragically, Peter Drage, Fleet Captain Racing, died unexpectedly on Saturday, May 5th, 2001.

Peter was a fine man, an enthusiastic member of our Sailing Club, an excellent Flag Officer and a good neighbour. He loved competing in his favourite sport and enjoyed life to the fullest. He leaves his wife Ping and two children, Amanda and James.

Peter and Ping joined the club in 1995 and since then Peter has been a major contributor to the ongoing functioning of the Saltspring Island Sailing Club. He served as Fleet Captain Racing in 2000 and 2001 and has been involved with

the racing program as statistician since 1998. He also created and managed the club webpage which has matured into an excellent communication medium.

Peter's contributions to the Saltspring Island Sailing Club were numerous and varied, and have benefitted all of us greatly. His pleasant and easy-going manner combined with an innovative and thoughtful approach made him a valued member of our boating society. He will be sorely missed.

The family is hosting an informal service in Peter's memory in the clubhouse on Saturday, 12th May at 1730 h.

—John Farquharson, *Commodore*

Wharfingering

HELP!

Where have all my daily wharfingers gone? While I thank those who have already signed up, nevertheless, the number of volunteers to date is considerably below the pace accomplished last year. At time of writing we have 44 uncovered days, compared to only 18 this time last year. I can't do this job by myself. As a result, I again canvass/ask that every member who moors a boat at the club sign up for at least one day. Being the daily wharfinger is not a complex or heavy task. On the contrary, I consider it fun. Your major function is to greet fellow cruisers from reciprocal clubs and assign them suitable moorage space within our docks. You get the opportunity to talk to the visitors, find out what their club offers us for when you visit them and also where they are going or came from, information which may be useful in your travels. Please help me make my job less complicated by making a commitment to your club today. The list is posted in the foyer. Sign up to become a daily wharfinger now.

Moorage space needed for the BIG race!

August 18–20 is Round Saltspring Race. That Friday to Sunday we estimate we will be hosting about 40 boats from other clubs, However, with the recent expansion of our dock facilities (C dock fingers)

finding accommodation for all these racers will be more difficult this year. If you plan to be away cruising that weekend I would appreciate a note in my box or a telephone call, 653-9720. Also, some boats have been taken out of the water for the winter. Please let me know if I can use your vacant slip. In other words, we need a lot of space, and anything you can do to assist your club in meeting its commitment to the non-club racers will be greatly appreciated.

Activity on the docks

Jim Sinclair has moved *MELODY* out of the club's dock facilities. *MELODY* has not gone far, and can be seen tied up to a mooring buoy just east of B dock.

Gerald and Karen Tottman have purchased a Cal 20, *NEREVIK*, currently up on the hard receiving her spring maintenance. When she arrives at our docks she will be tied up at E11.

A warm welcome to the following new members: Tom and Karen Hosie - construction of their custom welded aluminum cruiser should be completed shortly. She will be tied up at E23. Norm Dinsmore and Sally Plunkett - *THE HORNET*, a Sunstar 28' sailboat. She can be seen at D6. Please introduce yourselves to these new members.

Electrical service for the winter months expired April 30th and unless you have made arrangements with the Treasurer you should now be disconnected.

—Tom Locke, *Wharfinger*

Lost

A pair of prescription sun glasses contained in a black case. Some time during the Saturday Work Party the case fell out of my pocket—probably into the sea! If found please call John Farquharson at 537-1481.

Available for sublet...

29' slip for July and August. Please phone Lorne at 537-2483 if you're interested.

Cruise together?

It all started innocently enough.

A couple of boats (*BALLATER* and *CALLALOO*) thought it would be fun to take their skippers around Vancouver Island. Then *ALMUCANTAR* put in its oar and suggested skipper and mate would enjoy being part of such a trip, especially if it was not a 'boys only' voyage. Then other boats began to get wind of the possibilities and the result is this little note of invitation.

Let's see how many boats might like to do part or all of a circumnavigation, not necessarily holding hands all the way around, and not necessarily even going the whole way.

It might work something like this: some boats would plan to circumnavigate, probably keeping in radio contact but probably not sharing every anchorage, but rather, agreeing on the radio to meet now and then to compare notes and enjoy a communal dinner and happy hour, or a day or two of beach combing. Most probably the boats would put in an occasional long day, followed by one or two days being lazy, catching fish and crabs, exploring little coves, old villages, and historical spots like Nootka, Winter harbour, the Bunsby Islands, Hot Springs Cove, Barkely Sound, Tofino, Ucluelet, and Bamfield.

Other boats might elect to do just a portion of the trip, starting out with the circumnavigators, but perhaps going only as far as Port Hardy, or Bull Harbour, with lots of stops along the way, and heading back south on the inside rather than going around the outside. There are scores of neat places to stop, many of them already highlighted by the tales and writings of Dick Pattinson and Lorne and Collen Schantz. There could be stops at Newcastle Island, Jedediah Island, Desolation Sound, with a transit of the rapids heading to the north (taken at slack tide of course). We could visit Handfield Bay, Port Harvey, Lagoon Cove, Indian Island, and some might explore the Broughton Archipelago.

Still other vessels might like to stay with the bunch, more or less, until reaching the Alert Bay/ Port Hardy neighbourhood, and then instead of turning left and going around Cape Scott, head north to Smith Sound, Hakai Pass, and maybe as far as Banks Island.

Other possibilities abound.

For example, some might rather meet the circumnavigators on the west coast in Barkely Sound, after a trip out Juan de Fuca with stops possible in Becher Bay, Sooke, and Port Neville and then Bamfield. In Barkely Sound there is some

wonderful cruising in among dozens of islands with good anchorages. A trip along to Ucluelet with dinner at the Whales Tail is always worth making.

Among the other possibilities might be included a trip by bus or car to Tofino to meet boats arriving in Barkely Sound by either route so as to enjoy the west coast cruising without having to pay for the privilege by making the full voyage. The trip home from Bamfield is often taken with a following westerly which makes for a fast and pleasant trip to Victoria.

One of the best ways to enjoy cruising like this is to decide in advance that the one ingredient to foster is leisure and safety, and the one to avoid is haste, and especially unpleasant weather. If one determines not to have much of a schedule, and to stay in a safe cove any day that promises discomfort, then the whole experience can be a delight. It also helps if the boats do not feel that they must stay in close convoy all the time, as different boats have different speeds and different styles. Frequent radio contact and anchorages sometimes shared and sometimes not, make for a low-stress trip. Each vessel must make its own decisions on what is the best thing to do with each day. Never go with the flow unless it suits you to do so.

So, summing up; there is no plan at the moment, but there is the possibility that several boats might share company and anchorages part of the time and part of the way. Some would go around, some would go part way, and some might go the other way. It should not be regarded as a planned flotilla attack on Vancouver Island, but there might be a real opportunity for some cruising fellowship.

Well now, how to get it all together?

ALMUCANTAR, *CALLALOO*, and *BALLATER* plan at the moment to leave Salt-spring near the first of July, heading north. No specifically scheduled stops are planned and actual stops will be individually decided according to weather and other boats heading the same way. *BALLATER* and *CALLALOO* will likely go around, *ALMUCANTAR* is still undecided between going around and heading farther north.

To get an idea of whether there is any interest in this trip, *ALMUCANTAR* will post a calendar in the club foyer, and interested skippers can note their intentions. Sometime in June those who have expressed an interest can get together to see if anything at all can be decided, and then in July we can all go our separate (or collective) ways.

Summer's coming, let's enjoy it.

—Hugh Greenwood, *ALMUCANTAR*

Racing events

For the latest racing results, please go to www.newbasics.net/

Saturday, May 19th
ROUND SALTSRING RACE
Starts at 1000 hours

Sunday, June 3rd
CHANNEL ISLANDS #2
Starts at 1000 h, TL 1730 h
Start - Batt Rock (P) - Welbury Spar (S) - Channel Isles (P) - Welbury Spar (P) - Batt Rock (S) - Finish

Wednesday, June 6th
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES #1
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.



David Jardine and Neil Buchan working on getting the Lasers ready



Peter Nuk manhandling the grinder



Cleaning and scraping and painting....