



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

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Grogan Gloating - The intrepid and persistent Tony Brogan sits behind all the trophies which have been engraved with CHEEKY BUOY for this racing season. Tony had an exceptional season, sailing away with nearly half of the race trophies for 2002 (K.V.)



Only seagulls inhabit the marina (above); The Enterprise dinghy project, page 4 (right)

Commodore's message

It is an honour to have been elected as your Commodore for the upcoming year. It will be my pleasure to work with the depth and calibre of your new Board. Be assured that we will all work hard to live up to your expectations.

At our Annual/Special General Meeting held on November 26th the membership passed a special resolution authorising your Board of Directors to proceed with the breakwater project. This project should be completed before February 15 and within budget, not to exceed \$120,000.



Our first meeting of the Board will be this week when we will start to formulate plans for another great boating season. On behalf of the Board, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Great Sailing in 2003!

Respectfully,

—Russ Crouse, Commodore

Light-up this Christmas!

Let's make this year a great display at the Sailing Club and get those boats decorated! Have it done by the Christmas party on December 10th and maybe win the prize: a bottle of rum!

—Susan Paynter
Staff Captain

Welcome to the annual Christmas Party!

10th December at 1900 hours
in the clubhouse

Snacks, bar and the annual SANTA'S HELPER GIFT EXCHANGE

See page 2 for more information about the gift exchange

This'll be one of our best social events of the season!

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NEW YEAR'S DAY HOT RUM RACE

We've got a great tradition here to blow away the cobwebs and start the year off with a bang!

Wednesday, 1st January, 2003
at the clubhouse

1030 h - Hot Rum Race starts
1230 h - Hot rum and lunch

Be sure not to miss this one!

Deadline for the next TellTales is 10th January



On the docks

The outgoing Rear Commodore has brought me up to speed on the work that needs to be done on the docks, including the new breakwater project. Al Kirk and Hugh Greenwood have taken me by the hand and thoroughly briefed me on all technical aspects of the project. It is certainly going to be an interesting time for us and it is my intention to keep the club members informed of our progress.

Brian Swinburne, his predecessors and sub-committees have set a high standard for this job. I will work hard to maintain that standard.

—Derek Barrio, Rear Commodore

“Listen to AI!”

GYPSY is a fine boat, but ever since I got her earlier this year the Universal diesel has displayed an annoying lack of enthusiasm for starting. Grunt. Groan. “Do I really *have to* start?”

Initially I felt that this might be due to premature deterioration of the batteries, and new ones were installed. Universal was not impressed. The battery terminals were re-cleaned and the clamps replaced. No effect. An ‘intelligent’ battery charger was acquired and left to do its work for several days. Same thing.

Al Kirk was consulted. He said, “Clean every electrical contact.” And so I did. I removed the alternator and disconnected every wire that was attached to it. I removed the ground cable to the engine block; every screw, every washer, every nut, every point of contact, including the alternator mounting points, was vigorously sanded. I removed the cover at the back of the alternator, removed the brushes and cleaned the *slip rings*.

The whole operation took about six hours spread over three days including coffee breaks and some chit-chat with passers-by.

Does Universal start ok now? “Yessir. With enthusiasm.”

Not only that, but the charging voltage delivered by the alternator has increased from 13 to 15 volts.

Moral of this story? “Listen to AI. He knows!”

—Harold Brochmann, GYPSY

The social scene

Christmas Light-up

Let's make this year a great display at the sailing club and get those boats decorated. Have it done by the Christmas party on Dec.10 and maybe win the prize, a bottle of rum. The judge this year will be last year's winner.

Christmas Party

December 10th at 1900 h. Snacks, bar and the annual Santa's helper gift exchange. This is one of our best social events and to smooth things a bit we are implementing a few rules. Each individual should bring a gift 'appealingly wrapped' for which you will be assigned a number. Please **no books!** Recycle only treasured junk, true junk goes in the trash can at home. Minimise spending. When your number is called you have an opportunity of choosing a gift from the tree or taking someone else's gift which has been opened and is displayed by your fellow members. If your gift is taken you must select a new one from the tree to replace it. **No hoarding or hiding!** Everyone leaves with a gift and a smile. Here's a chance to be creative in your choice of a gift to add laughter and fun to our Christmas social.

The food bank is low this year so we are asking everyone to bring an item or two for the food bank.

Hot Rum Race

A great tradition here to blow away the cobwebs and to start the year off with a bang is our Hot Rum Race on January 1st. Watch the racing news for details and then come on down to the clubhouse for a hot lunch served by the Staff Captain's able crew, and welcome in 2003 with a hot buttered rum. For details check the poster on the clubhouse door.

—Susan Paynter, Staff Captain

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Update on our CBCYC affiliation

The Saltspring Island Sailing Club is a member of the Council of B.C. Yacht Clubs which is a group of like-minded yacht clubs which have joined together to represent the interests of the recreational boating community. The organisation interfaces with various governmental bodies. The object of this organisation is to protect the interests of the pleasure boater and promote recreational boating. We pay yearly dues which in my opinion give us good value.

Affiliated with the Council of B.C. Yacht Clubs is another organisation called Marine Parks Forever Society of which our club is also a member. This society gathers funds to help purchase land and water rights for marine parks. Each member of the SISC contributes \$10 to the park fund. During the past year the MPFS contributed to the purchase of Wakes Cove Provincial Park on Valdes Island. This is a new marine park on the south shore of Gabriola Passage. The contribution of MPFS was \$100,000. While this contribution was relatively small compared to that of the Federal and Provincial Governments towards the purchase price of some 4.1 million dollars for this park land it is still significant and gives the recreational boater a say in the management of the facility.

Both of these organisations are responsibly run by volunteers and are currently in good financial shape. The CBCYC revenue is currently \$4,185.00 against expenses of \$4,114.78 with assets of \$5,129.92 in the bank as well as a \$10,000 GIC. The MPFS is also in the black having received \$19,000 in yearly dues and \$48,000 in private donations. They currently have \$402,000 in assets which will be used to assist in the purchase of future marine parks.

Both these organisations continue to deserve our support.

—John Farquharson, Past Commodore
(from Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 26 November, 2002)

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The 2002 Commodore's Award...

was presented to Jim Spencer at the Annual General Meeting by Jim Ganderton. The plaque reads, 'Throughout the past year, Jim has been a constant and unheralded addition to the Board. He has reminded, coerced, and guided the Board in successfully dealing with many of its day-to-day decisions. In maintaining the database, as he has done over many years, he has become a beacon of guidance from which the members of the Saltspring Island Sailing Club have all, unknowingly, benefitted.'

Signing off!

The annual Banquet held this year on November 16th at the Legion to honour our Commodore Jim Ganderton, and get the rest of us dressed in our best duds for a change, proved as popular as ever. The Legion ladies did us proud with an excellent dinner and Meaden Hall never looked better, decorated with a hundred helium balloons and silver and gold candles on the tables. Popular music to listen and dance to from the Tyger Lily Trio. Many thanks to Candace Brochmann, Sylvia Greenwood and Jean Howell who arranged the decorations and to Foxglove for a magnificent flower arrangement, also David Wood for his generous donation of Salt Spring Cheeses which were door prizes.

Now over to the new club Staff Captain Susan Paynter... please give her all your support and help in making next year's club events even better. Thanks to everyone who gave so much time and help to me during my term in the galley. Good Luck Susan!

—Jenny Barrio

Welcome new Executive!

Commodore	Russ Crouse	537-5203
Vice Commodore	Rob Denny	653-9374
Rear Commodore	Derek Barrio	653-2325
Fleet Captain, Racing	David Wood	653-2304
Fleet Captain, Cruising	Neil Buchan	653-9253
Fleet Captain, Dinghy	Martin Hoogerdyk	537-2199
Staff Captain	Susan Paynter	653-9688
Wharfinger	Tony Booker	537-5992
Secretary	April Steel	537-4207
Treasurer	JP Krauss	537-2240
Past Commodore	Jim Ganderton	537-1345

Breakwater update

At the recent Annual General Meeting, the Commodore presented an extensive briefing on the need for replacing the existing breakwater. The briefing was in three parts: background, technical and financial.

Background - An underwater survey found that the existing breakwater suffers severe rotting, is broken in parts and is virtually condemned. The water lease boundary was surveyed in order to make maximum use of the lease. A number of options were investigated and a number of contractors asked for estimates. Government approvals, as required, from Land and Water BC, DFO, both habitat and navigable water branches have been received.

Technical - The Breakwater Committee, led by Hugh Greenwood, considered three different quotes. The quote chosen by the committee was from IMFS. The quote includes delivery, installation, but excludes pile driving which will be contracted to Island Marine Construction including the removal of the old breakwater. The breakwater will match the existing concrete breakwaters and the IMFS quote will include concrete wave fences, which will be low maintenance and structurally sound. The total estimated cost of the project including both contractors is \$115,610.

Financial - JP Krause briefed on the financial aspects. The club has negotiated the terms of the Line of Credit with the Island Savings and Credit Union in the amount of \$250,000.

The Board of Directors was subsequently authorised by the Meeting to proceed with the breakwater project and to enter into contractual agreements for its supply and to financially commit the Saltspring Island Sailing Club through negotiation of a Line of Credit in the amount of \$250,000 with specific project approval commitments expected to not exceed \$120,000.

—Extract from Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 26 November, 2002

Is this luck, navigation skills or what?

A well-known B.C. publisher of nautical publications runs a contest every two months called 'Where Am I?'. The September contest showed a small cove which was north of Allison Harbour and south of Bella Bella. Dick Pattinson reasoned that it was in Rivers Inlet and on looking up a chart for the area decided that it was on the north east side of Penrose Island. The answer was correct. His name was drawn from the list of winners and he received a \$50 gift certificate. which he promptly redeemed for the very informative book 'Exploring the SE coast of B.C.' Apparently the contest runs every two months, and anyone can enter at www.fineedge.com on the internet. Congratulations, Dick, and good luck to all!

Correction

It was mentioned in November's TellTales that John and Heather Healey had joined the club. This was incorrect. It was in fact Jon & Jennifer Healey who have joined the club as Regular Members. Sorry Jon and Jennifer!

The club website...

is doing well with an average of 9 hits per day. However, still only 50 out of approx. 172 members subscribe to the electronic TellTales.

The Long Term Plan is now online, as is the club publication 'From floathouse to clubhouse'. Both are well worth reading, and they are accessed from the front page at www.saltspringsailing.ca

Racing schedule

Check with Fleet Captain Racing, David Wood, at 653-2304 for the latest Snowflake races.

Wednesday, 1st January
HOT RUM RACE

1030 h start, everything else to be announced!



KEVIN VINE BOTH AWARDS PHOTOS

Bob BS-ing - Bob Jones waxes eloquent at the Racer's Awards event, as he spins a sailor's yarn about the dreaded 'Broken Tiller' award, won handily this year by David Wood in FINAL DASH for 'clobbering'. David clobbered a variety of things with FINAL DASH: the marine marker U-62; the dock light stanchion beside his boat; a rock somewhere in the vicinity; and likely even more things that have yet to be divulged (K.V.)

RACING NEWS

Trophy winners for 2002

TROPHY	WINNER	SECOND	THIRD
Batt Rock (Ground Hog Day)	ELECTRA	CHEEKY BUOY	FINAL DASH
Ben Mohr Rock	FANDANGO	MINKE	ELECTRA
McMillan Trophy	FINAL DASH	MINKE	CHEEKY BUOY
Prevost Island	ELECTRA	FINAL DASH	FANDANGO
Channel Islands #1	MINKE	CHEEKY BUOY	FANDANGO
Walker Rock	CHEEKY BUOY	FINAL DASH	GWAIHIR
Moresby-Portland	MINKE	CHEEKY BUOY	SAORSA
Bas Cobanli Memorial	ELECTRA	CHEEKY BUOY	MINKE
Round Saltspring	VALHALLA II	MINKE	ELECTRA
Channel Islands #2	ELECTRA	VALHALLA II	BETHIA
Jack & Jill	CHEEKY BUOY	ELECTRA	ALACRITY
Maple Bay	CHEEKY BUOY	MINKE	BETHIA
Night Race	NO FINISHERS		
Round Penders	CHEEKY BUOY	FINAL DASH & ELECTRA	
Captain Passage	CHEEKY BUOY	ELECTRA	FINAL DASH
Montague Harbour	DERYN MOR	CHEEKY BUOY	ELECTRA
Single Handed	CHEEKY BUOY	DERYN MOR	GULF WIND
Channel Islands #3	CHEEKY BUOY	LONE RANGER	DERYN MOR
Jack Langdon Trophy	ELECTRA	FANDANGO	FINAL DASH
Prevost Challenge	BETHIA	ELECTRA	CHEEKY BUOY
Marshall Sharp	EVOLUTION	LAWNDART	RHUMB LINE
Points Trophy	CHEEKY BUOY	ELECTRA	FINAL DASH
White Sails	GWAIHIR	VALHALLA II	
Summer Series	CHEEKY BUOY	FINAL DASH	ALACRITY
Most Improved	BOB JONES		
Broken Tiller	DAVID WOOD		
Bitter End Team	BROGAN	MEEK	GRANGE
Most Enthusiastic	DICK PATINSON		

The **ENTERPRISE** dinghy building project...

is taking shape, before our very eyes. As you can see in the photo, the temporary building moulds have been set up, and the stem is in place. Every piece that goes into the construction from now on, will be permanent.

I have taken the extra time to make doorskin patterns of everything to this stage, so it will be easy for others to simply draw around them, and cut out the pieces. It is really very simple to set up what you see in the picture. The next stage is to fit the inner keel or hog, along with the chine and sheer battens. Then the plywood sheeting can go on. It is a straightforward process.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to come to my shop and have a look. It is really very exciting to put a boat together in this fashion. You watch it grow, step by step. If you want to give it a try yourself, I would be more than pleased to help you get started. The plans and patterns are available free, to any person wishing to use them.

Keep an eye on TellTales for progress reports, or come to the shop and see for yourself. You can call me at 653-9374, or just drop by at 210 Stevens Road, just off Forest Ridge.

