



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

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Even the slippery white stuff can't detract from the beauty of our marina



Commodore's report

This month has brought sadness to the Club with the loss of close friends. The passing of close friends affects each of us profoundly. We have been deeply saddened by the loss of Amanda, daughter of Georgia and David Arnott, and by the death of Shirley Davidson. Their losses are shared by all Club members.

The snowy month of January has been a quiet month around the Club, except for Mike Byrne and his team of beavers continuing to make our clubhouse an even brighter and more pleasant spot. The other major activity has been completing the Yearbook and putting it to bed. As usual, Nigel, Per and Dan have done a superb job in creating a Yearbook we can be proud of. The books are expected to be distributed in late February or early March. Once we get them, we will all be able to annotate our home calendars with the special dates and plans that the Fleet Captains have arranged as well as the work parties which have become two of the best attended Club events.

Committee meetings are well underway for the planning of our big events. Bill Bull and the team of Ruth and John

Pankhurst have held their first planning session and all seems to be well in hand for another hugely successful Round Saltspring Race. As well, the Junior Sailing Program Committee will be getting underway shortly with Martin Hoogerdyk at the helm. The Cruise and the Race Programs are completed and are announced in the Yearbook.

Surprise, surprise... all of our costs continue to climb and thus we are anxious to do what we can to reduce them. One of the planned activities to this end is the commencement of more effective use of email and the electronic distribution of TellTales. The current and recent past TellTales are on the web site and the reproduction is better than the printed one. So be daring and download TellTales from www.saltspingsailing.ca in colour and save us the printing and postage costs. Once you have 'joined the electronic 21st century', let Per know at pras@saltspring.com so that we can delete you from the expensive mailing list and save a penny or two.

That is about it for now... see you at the Social on the 15th.

—Jim Ganderton, Commodore

General Meeting

Tuesday, 26 February, 2002
at 1930 hours in the clubhouse

AGENDA

1. Call to order at 1930 hours
2. Approval of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 27 November, 2001
3. Report of officers
4. Unfinished business
5. New Business
Presentation of:
Honorary Life Membership
Commodore's Award
6. Adjournment

Valentine's Day SKIPPER'S CHOICE POT LUCK

Friday, February 15th
at 1900 h in the clubhouse

*Who is the skipper
and who is the mate
aboard your boat?*

When you have decided,
the Skipper will create a dish
for the traditional
Valentine's Pot Luck Evening
at the club!

*Join the romantic festivities
and listen to the Tyger Lily Trio
—over here from Victoria*

TRAVEL with TONY BURRIDGE

Tuesday, March 12th
at 1900 h in the clubhouse

*Enjoy slides from his
Halifax To Vancouver
cruise via the
Panama Canal and
Galapagos*

After the slide show
MEET AND GREET
new members!

Snacks and bar, coffee and tea

**Deadline for the next
TellTales is 8th March**

A report on the latest House & Grounds goings-ons

One of the few TellTales articles which I write to keep you up to date on the important stuff.

1. Clubhouse lighting is complete. It has three controllable banks—very mood-inspiring for your party theme. Mikey likes it. Thanks Jim Spencer and all those who helped install.

2. Upstairs clubhouse painting is 98% complete. My painting committee had a great time—they put in many many hours in preparation, colour selection and painting. Speaking of colour selection—we spared no expense in bringing in the best colour consultants. We tried to get the NBC color peacock but it was already booked. We then called in the Legion Colour Party—they weren't much help—all they wanted to do was march around. We finally were able to bring this expert out of retirement for this one time event and the colours you see are the result. They were picked for coordination and light reflection—it was tough!

For those who wish to send/pass on compliments we will tell you which Club members actually helped in painting (we wish to protect the innocent). Any complaints—please send along to the Commodore.

For you 'R-tists', we used premium Pittsburgh latex paint on the ceiling and walls and premium kitchen (water resistant) for the trim and cupboards. For the floor we used Consolidated Coatings' Rhinohide.

Thanks to Slegg Lumber for good prices and great service.

3. Our next project is to paint downstairs, including the floor and hopefully, if we still have any money left, to install storage cupboards.

Note: to keep our floor from being scratched could you please *lift* the furniture to move it instead of dragging.

To keep our walls/ceiling looking nice—please no tacks or masking tape.

Nice to know - We had 30 private Member functions at our Club last year on top of our own busy socials and race events.

I can still use more bodies for projects. If you are warm and breathing I can use you. Please call fast to get on the list.

If anybody knows of a person who would like a job cleaning the clubhouse on a semi-regular basis and get paid for it—get them to call me ASAP.

—Mike Byrne
Vice Commodore



Three happy painters finishing up the clubhouse floor: Mike Byrne, Jim Spencer and Rob Denny

February 2002 social scene

Put a reminder in your calendars for the *Skipper's Choice Pot Luck* on February 15th. It should be fun with the usual good food, friends, as well as entertainment by the Tyger Lily Trio. 1900 hours or 7 p.m.!

In March Tony Burrige will show slides of the cruise he and Betty made from Halifax to Vancouver and various

interesting ports of call in between. After the slides, 'Meet and Greet' new members over a beer or glass of wine, snacks, tea or coffee. March 12, 1900 h.

We still need members to act as bartenders at our socials, so if you can help out please phone me at 653-2325.

—Jenny Barrio
Staff Captain

Board activities

The purpose of this series of articles in TellTales is to let you know of some of the activities which your Board is considering and discussing.

Delinquent fees payment - Members are advised that the Regulations will be adhered to regarding the late payment of fees. This includes the billing of penalties in the following year for late payment, the posting of the names of delinquent members, and the termination of membership after 60 days of being delinquent.

Email lists - The list of email addresses of members will be used only by the Commodore. A survey of members will be made to identify those who do not wish to receive any messages.

Yearbook sponsors - A list of Yearbook sponsors will be placed in the visitors box

in an effort to encourage visitors to patronise our sponsors.

Chart library - A series of recently obtained navigational charts covering the B.C. coastal region as well as the South Pacific is being catalogued by Tony Burrige, Fleet Captain Cruising, and will be kept in the club office for the use of members.

Junior members - John Farquharson, Past Commodore, will be working closely with Martin Hoogerdyk, Fleet Captain Dinghy, to revise the pertinent Regulations to ensure consistency.

Basement storage/closets - Mike Byrne, Vice Commodore, is looking into the feasibility of installing lockable storage cupboards and closet space at the 'up-hill' wall of the basement of the clubhouse.

—Jim Ganderton, Commodore

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On the waterfront

Another quiet month has slipped by with limited activities on the docks, even the weather has been much more settled following the December storms, except for the 8 inch dump of wet snow last week which left both boats and docks a little lower in the water for a few days.

I mentioned last month the mystery of the styrofoam granules which have been showing up around the outer breakwater. With a little investigation it would appear that a few large pieces of this flotation material were trapped within the confines of the visitors dock but were able to move around enough to slowly break up into the granules which then migrated to various locations within the marina. The offending pieces were removed after lifting a few boards and the

problem should now be solved. We will monitor the situation to make sure this is the case.

A solar-powered flashing amber light has been installed at a low level on the end of the visitors dock. This was done to assist those night life boaters to identify the end of the dock on their return to the marina 'after hours'. A second unit will be installed in the same area as soon as we know the solar panels, which we have in stock, can maintain the battery power needed for the lights.

The necessary flotation material has been secured for the outside end of E dock next to *TABASCO* and *DOCENT*, and when the tides co-operate we will do the work and stabilise the dock. That's about it folks, will try to come up with something more exciting next month, until then....

—Brian Swinburne, *Rear Commodore*



Cruising news

A little outside the normal scale of cruising news is that SISC has been given several hundred charts which belonged to the late Steve Dickinson, a former member of the SISC. Some of you may remember him as a world cruiser on his sturdy yacht *KAPDUVA*.

Of course we do not have that many members who are planning world cruises, but Steve's charts include those necessary for circumnavigating Vancouver Island. If as many Club sailors circumnavigate Vancouver Island in the future as have in the past few years, these charts could be very useful to members planning this exciting cruise. Accordingly, the charts for Vancouver Island are being assembled in folders which members may borrow. Most of the charts are ten to twenty years old, and have different four digit identification numbers than the current charts. However, the change of numbering is largely due to the metrification and bilingualisation of

charts. In practical terms, the most significant change is that chart prices have risen to cover these cosmetic and politically motivated new editions. The prudent navigator will ensure that in fact the charts in these club folders cover the area he is planning to transit. In addition, each navigator should purchase an up-to-date list of lights and buoys and amend the charts he is using.

In addition to the folders for Vancouver Island, we shall prepare folders for Alaska and Puget Sound. Out of general interest we shall keep and list the charts we hold for other parts of the world but, considering the unlikelihood of their being used, the expense of buying folders for these charts is not warranted.

Members wishing to borrow folders for Vancouver Island, Alaska, or Puget Sound should call me at 537-5029.

—Tony Burrige
Fleet Captain, Cruising

Memorial service

There will be a memorial service for Shirley Davidson at Meaden Hall in the Royal Canadian Legion on Sunday, February 17 at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome.

—Jerry Davidson

LETTER

Dear Editor:

Allow me to share with you some thoughts about TellTales. The notes are self explanatory and I wish I could tell all that to all the members who still need the mailed copy. But then... I guess I am just out of tune.

Once a month, we spend a fair amount of time and effort in preparing TellTales for mailing. The job involves collecting the photocopies, folding them, stuffing them into envelopes and labelling the envelopes prior to mailing. No big deal: two to three hours on one day and another couple the following day and it is done.

Of course, and for the first time since it became available online, I took one printed copy home. I looked at it, and read it from cover to cover: something was not quite right.

After some cogitation, I finally decided to look it up on the Internet site: there it was in all its coloured glory, with the pictures looking as they should and a crisp text.

I finally realised how spoiled I have been by getting into the habit of reading TellTales on the screen.

The small and strictly personal incident brought back, of course, memories of reading TellTales in New Zealand. Regular as clockwork, a notice would appear in my email. Two seconds later I would be looking at the pictures of the Club and reading all that was happening. I did not realise then how much that meant to us: at the other end of the world, we were 'in touch'.

So, I must confess to some surprise at the fact that only a very small number of members get TellTales online. Perhaps they do, but maybe want to maintain the privilege of getting the 'hard copy', the one without the colours and with the less than crisp print. After all, what are a few more trees that have to be cut down to make more paper?

—Fulvio Limongelli
DUNEDAIN II

Boats for sale



Another sailor has succumbed to three-footitis, so...

WHISPER is for sale

Catalina 27'—the Chevrolet of sailboats. Economical cruising, great sailing, 1976 dinette model, loads of equipment. Complete, anxious to please, ready to go. \$14,000. Please call Harold at 537-5073.



DERYN MOR

Our 1981 Tanzer 7.5 is the finest example of this pocket cruiser on this coast! She is in pristine condition, and fully equipped for either racing or cruising. A perfect combination of great features, low maintenance, and economical operation. Asking \$11,500. Call Kevin at 537-9265. Check her out at the dock, or see her on the web at <http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/kvine/tanzer7.5.html>

HECTOR II

1981 Campion 'Adventurer', 30 foot diesel trawler. Extensively refurbished in 1984. Less than 2000 hours on the six cylinder Volvo Penta engine. A comfortable, spacious and well fitted cruising boat. Asking \$56,500. Please contact Jerry Davidson at 537-4345 for viewing or more details.

RACING NEWS

The Ground Hog Day Race

The Ground Hog Day Race turned out to be a glorious February day for sailing. A mere four boats turned out for this event—clearly their gain, and everyone else's missed opportunity.

The westerly wind tumbling over the Saltspring hills creating wildly unpredictable wind conditions which varied from knock-over gusts to parking lot calms. Choosing the right sail was also a challenge... at one point, all sailing the same course, was *MINKE* flying a spinnaker, *ELECTRA* close-hauled on port and *CHEEKY BUOY* close-hauled on starboard!

In the end, *ELECTRA* finished this reverse handicap first, followed a couple of minutes later in rapid succession by *CHEEKY BUOY* (second), *FINAL DASH* (third), and *MINKE* (fourth). The small fleet all finished within 4 minutes of each other!

—Kevin Vine
Fleet Captain, Racing

Racing fleet boats on the block

John Cameron's legendary *OSCAR* was sold recently and taken up residence in California. John has not abandoned sailing by any means, but is presently taking a 'boat-owner' sabbatical, while looking at his options.

Harold Brochmann has recently purchased a new-to-him 1987 Catalina 30' called *GYPSY*. His Catalina 27' *WHISPER* is up for grabs.

Turbo Tanzer *DERYN MOR* is also up for sale. The Vine family has acquired a 1984 Ericson 26 which (hopefully) will still work well on the race course, and will greatly enhance cruising comforts.

The electronic TellTales

If you have internet access, you are encouraged to subscribe to TellTales online instead of the paper version. Keep in touch with events at the Sailing Club—including the latest racing results, handicap information, etc. and last minute changes to the social calendar!
It's FREE, it's in colour, and it looks a lot better than the paper copy you're reading right now!

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Racing schedule

SPRING SERIES

(One throw out allowed)

Sunday, 10 February

BEN MOHR ROCK RACE

1000 h start, TL 1430 h, 9.0 NM

Start - Ben Mohr (P) - Finish

Sunday, 24 February

McMILLAN TROPHY RACE

1000 h start, TL 1530 h, 10.6 NM

Start - Batt Rock (P)

- Ben Mohr (P) - Finish

Sunday, 10 March

PREVOST ISLAND RACE

1000 h start, TL 1630 h, 13.1 NM

Start - Prevost Island (P or S)

- Finish

Club handicap table

Boat	Base rating	Club adjustment	Club rating
FANDANGO	138	20	158
HESSIAN	129	32	161
OSCAR	168	0	168
YEOMAN	132	36	168
ALACRITY	129	41	170
FINAL DASH	131	32	163
ELECTRA	144	44	188
ATALANTA	145	44	189
DRAFTY ACRES	164	32	196
ALMUCANTAR	179	35	214
SAORSA	174	44	217
BALLATER	179	44	223
DERYN MOR	228	0	228
CALLALOO	198	32	230
VECTIS	198	32	230
IMPULSE	205	32	237
LONE RANGER	208	29	237
PIPE DREAM	215	32	247
FANFARE*	216	32	248
HAREM*	216	32	248
WINGS	216	32	248
SAILFISH*	218	32	250
AQUARIUS*	222	32	254
KI WEST	223	32	255
SLY FOX	217	41	258
AQUILA	231	32	263
CHEEKY BUOY	235	26	261
ATHENA*	236	32	268
FYLGIA*	236	32	268
NUMTIJAH	231	37	268
AES SEDAI	241	32	273
WHISPER*	236	44	280
SANDPIPER*	249	32	281
LA PALOMA	251	32	283
TABASCO	251	32	283
TINKER*	256	32	288
GYPSEA	257	32	289
MINKE	281	16	297
GWAIHIR*	262	44	306
VALHALLA II*	294	30	324

*No Flying Sails

Bold type = new