



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

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*Despite hail and high winds, the Sailpast was a great success this year. Here Flo and Commodore Jim Ganderton aboard VALKYRIE receive the salute. Jim's sister, Lynne Sheehy, has joined the crew for the festivities*



*Work Party brings out ingenious solutions. Here, left to right, Alan Hoban, Jack Sharp, Al Kirk, Art Munneke and Tony Meek remove lamp post so rotten planks on float can be replaced*

## Commodore's report

This has been anything but a quiet month on the docks. With the promise of fair winds and calm seas, our members have been busy scraping and cleaning for the summer cruising season... or is it because of the Sailpast? Whatever the reason, it is wonderful to be able to enjoy the many friends on the docks as well as the air of expectations of a new season.

The Spring Clean-up and Work Party was a huge success and all the tasks were completed in the planned one-day event. Our docks are a bit safer and the parking lots have been expanded. It is also quite clearly one of the best social days of the year... perhaps that is why we call it a Work Party. Both Mike Byrne and Brian Swinburne are to be congratulated on the great planning and their individual tireless work that has led to this one day being so successful.

The Junior Sailing Program registration started last week and we are confident in Martin Hoogerdyk and his team of enthusiasts getting a new season off with a bang.

The first cruise of the season is this month and Flo and I hope that we will see many of the members—and new members in particular—on the water for this event. The big project this month, of course, is the Round Saltspring Race. Bill Bull's team along with Ruth and John Pankhurst and their host of volunteers, in addition to Doc Paynter's group of ready wharfingers, will ensure that this event continues to be our 'Classic'. Don't forget that the Sunday barbecue is for everyone and a wonderful party it is. Don't miss it!

We were very fortunate indeed to be able to make arrangements for the show-  
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## General Meeting

Tuesday, 28 May, 2002  
at 1930 hours in the clubhouse

### AGENDA

1. Call to order at 1930 hours
2. Approval of minutes of the General Meeting held 26 February, 2002
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Report of officers
5. Unfinished business
6. New Business  
Presentation of the Long Term Plan
7. Adjournment



Join **Round Saltspring 2002** on 17–19 May as a racer or spectator or—better yet—as a volunteer!  
See details on page 4.

## Join the fun cruises this summer!

You'll see 'foreign' places, learn from experienced cruisers and enjoy the good company of fellow club members.

Read all about the plans on page 5.

## Cut your ties to the land!

*If you haven't already done so, now is the time to disconnect your electric cords (unless you've made prior arrangements with the Treasurer). Pull the plug now and avoid extra charges!*

**Deadline for the next TellTales is 7th June**

Commodore, from page 1

ing of a video depicting the voyage and survival of the Shackleton expedition to Antarctica. It was a huge success and our thanks go out to Marnie Keith-Murray.

When they said... "Hail to the Commodore"... I misunderstood! It was a wonderful day for Sailpast with some 53 boats on the water and another 14 who apologised for not being able to be there. That is an honour to which I can only be humble. Except, of course, for the terrible weather—what did we have?—wind, rain, cold, sun, warmth, and hail. Thanks to one and all.

Finally, I hope that you are all planning to be at the General Meeting on 28 May because there are always a host of things to be passed... more spending and new policies. Be there and enjoy the camaraderie!

### Board activities

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

**Masterlift** - a decision was made to accept the Fleet Captain Racing's proposal to purchase a Masterlift system, which will greatly increase the safety of top-mast repairs.

**'420' Sailing Boats** - the question of the possible procurement of '420' sailing boats for the Junior Sailing Program was left in abeyance while the Fleet Captain Dinghy undertakes further research into the question.

**Sea Capers** - it was decided that the Fleet Captain Dinghy will be the club's representative at the resurrection of Sea Capers planned for June of 2002.

**SISC computerisation** - the idea of the club obtaining a new computer system in order to achieve greater efficiency of club administration has been put on abeyance for the time being.

**New members** - Conrad Bieliki and Mariola Jamtozinska as well as Scott Simon and Catherine Holohan have been posted on the bulletin board as potential new members.

**Insurance** - from an insurance standpoint, it has been determined that only club members may operate the club safety vessel.

**Club socials** - due to a lack of interest, the family barbecue has been cancelled as the June social event.

**Long Term Plan** - a draft of the 2002 Long Term Plan has been written and has been discussed at the Board level. The Plan will be presented to the general membership at the General Meeting on 28 May 2002. Until then....

Yours, Aye

—Jim Ganderton, Commodore



PHIL MASON PHOTO

June Mason and Mike Byrne at recent BBQ inauguration social

## On the waterfront

Notable events during the month of April involved the work party weekend 'day' on the 20th April. The weather was perfect, being not too hot to make things uncomfortable, but dry all day, making for ideal working conditions. With a turnout of more than sixty eager bodies, and only a limited amount of work, we were concerned that there might not be enough work for everyone but, as it turned out, idle bodies were hard to find. Although the list of projects was somewhat limited, they were nonetheless quite interesting. The most challenging was without doubt the lifting of E Dock to place additional flotation at the end of the dock. After one failed attempt, success was achieved and the additional flotation installed. It looks like we may have to put another piece in there, but now that we have the technology for lifting the dock this will not be a problem. Thanks to Al Kirk and crew for pulling this one together. The replacement of the decking below the lamp standard at the end of D and E dock also proved to be something of a challenge, but with the club's 'Brains Trust' on the job, this was brought to a successful conclusion.

After a delicious lunch most of the projects were completed by mid after-

noon and the crews turned their attention to sprucing up their own vessels.

After the water was turned on over the Easter weekend, and the weather improved some, activity on the docks increased dramatically, with boats being cleaned and spruced up, and many being hauled and given a fresh coat of bottom paint.

Those tenants of the far end of D and E dock will have probably noticed that we now have power to both sides of the electrical panel. This was achieved after a couple of hours with an electrician during which time some disturbing conditions were found and repaired, we are going to examine the entire dock for any more potential deficiencies in the electrical supply.

And finally, has anyone noticed the beautifully turned replacement handle for the wheelbarrow, you may think this was a factory produced article, but no, it was actually made by a club member, someone with a whole lot more talent than myself, and to save that person any embarrassment I will tell you only his initials... Rob Denny, thanks Rob.

Until next month....

—Brian Swinburne, Rear Commodore

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## The social scene

The new club barbecue was successfully inaugurated on April 9 when Mike Byrne and Gary Railer worked hard and fast to cook beef and veggie burgers to order for about 60 club members. Judy Willett, Heather Kusch, Jean Howell, Susan Paynter, June Mason and John Pankhurst were in the kitchen and provided all the trimmings while Ruth Pankhurst and Phil Mason looked after the ticket sales. John and Joan Myers bartended—so many thanks to all these people for their willing help. Nice to see June and Phil Mason back at club events after their trip down south. Embe Bakery made a wonderful carrot cake for dessert, decorated with a chocolate barbecue to complete the theme of the evening.

After everyone had finished eating, Jim Ganderton provided the evening's entertainment when he introduced Marnie Keith-Murray who spoke about Shackleton's historic antarctic expedition and showed a fascinating video of a re-creation of that trip.

The work crews had a chilly day for the April 20th Spring clean-up but a good turnout of 70-plus members warmed up on coffee and do-nuts at mid-morning and were back in for lunch of big kaiser bun sandwiches, pickles, and fruit and veggie plates. Sylvia Greenwood, Susan Paynter, June Mason, Dawn Shaak, Joan Myers, Candace Brochmann, Connie Holmes and Maryann Hume had their own work party in the kitchen while they prepared the food – a lot of laughter and chat made the making of over 100 sandwiches easy work. Many others popped their heads around the door and offered their help if needed. Thank you all.

Only a few people stayed on for free beer and the usual tall tales as the work was completed in short order and mem-

*More ingenuity at the annual Work Party—Tony Meek and Art Munneke designing and assembling Laser sailboat dolly made from plastic pipe while Heather Meek is busy repairing sails*



bers were able to get on with their own boat cleaning chores or head for home.

Last minute news from the clubhouse, Sunday afternoon.... According to our Commodore, 53 boats saluted his flag and received his salute in return at today's Sailpast. At a very rough count, at least 100 members, friends and family enjoyed the potluck lunch in the full to overflowing clubhouse. Susan Paynter was organiser and orchestrator of the kitchen activities and crew consisting of Heather Kusch, Dawn Shaak, June Mason and Maryann Hume who had all arranged a huge spread, ready and awaiting the arrival of the Commodore, the opening of the bar and a noisy sociable lunch hour. The food was varied and wonderful; appetisers, main course dishes, salads and desserts all disappeared in record time. Doc Paynter, Paul Kusch and Derek Barrio were kept busy at the bar tending to thirsty sailors. Thank you one and all.

—Jenny Barrio, *Staff Captain*



*ABOVE: Angeline Bate and Phil Mason putting everything they've got into pulling nails, and John Cameron having a grand time playing with water (while cleaning the clubhouse deck)*

*LEFT: Harold Brochmann and Don Wagner busily replacing planks on the pier, and Rick Mackinnon cleaning clubhouse gutters*



# RACING NEWS

## Moresby/Portland Race Sunday, 28 April

Boat Name	Skipper	Handicap	Finish time	T on T	Place	Points
MINKE	Meek	281	16:03:00	4:54:34	1	100
CHEEKY BUOY	Brogan	241	16:11:33	5:17:21	2	86
SAORSA	McEwan	192	15:48:40	5:18:18	3	71
YEOMAN	Hume	132	15:19:45	5:18:46	4	57
FANDANGO	Grange	138	15:50:40	5:46:24	5	43
GWAIHIR	Pattinson	262		DNF	7	14
NUMTIJAH	Buchan	231		DNF	7	14

### Team totals

1101 Team BROGAN  
827 Team MEEK  
546 Team GRANGE

## Bas Cobanli Memorial Race Saturday, 4 May

Boat Name	Skipper	Handicap	Finish time	T on T	Place	Points
ELECTRA	Kibble	144	13:36:45	3:32:10	1	100
CHEEKY BUOY	Brogan	241	14:10:05	3:33:36	2	67
MINKE	Meek	281	14:25:33	3:35:29	3	33

### Team totals

1167 Team BROGAN  
960 Team MEEK  
546 Team GRANGE

## Moresby Portland Race

The crews were skeptical as they listened to the fleet captain drone on at the skippers' meeting. The wind was light and variable, and the forecast called for some wind, but we all know that usually means wind somewhere else.

The race began—not without some difficulty, as the race committee forgot how to read time and sent *FANDANGO* over the line a minute early. But then a strange thing happened: the wind gradually began to fill in, and at one point the wind speed reached 20 knots (25 knots if you believe *YEOMAN*'s wind instruments). Most boats were sailing with reefed mains and small jibs.

*YEOMAN* and *SAORSA* chose to go counter-clockwise around Portland and Moresby, while the rest of the fleet chose the alternate route. Although they wound up being the first boats to cross the finish line, they wound up back in the pack when the results were eventually calculated.

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### SPRING SEASON RESULTS

Points after the Bas Cobanli Memorial Race:

<i>CHEEKY BUOY</i>	582	<i>DRAFTY ACHERS</i>	63
<i>MINKE</i>	422	<i>ALACRITY</i>	50
<i>ELECTRA</i>	418	<i>YEOMAN</i>	50
<i>FINAL DASH</i>	375	<i>ALMUCANTAR</i>	38
<i>FANDANGO</i>	370	<i>GYPSY</i>	20
<i>GWAIHIR</i>	139	<i>NUMTIJAH</i>	14
<i>SAORSA</i>	126		

*FANDANGO during the Moresby Portland Race... 'It's a wrap' (caught by JC)*



### The Event

More than a race, Round Saltspring is a weekend event shared by hundreds of sailors and their families. The event is hosted by Saltspring Island Sailing Club and is open to all sailboats 20 feet and over. Welcome back to the 28th annual Round Saltspring!

### Food

Chili dinner Friday, May 17.  
Famous Lamb BBQ, May 19.  
BBQ tickets \$10—first come, first served basis. (Vegetarian option too.)

### Registration

Early registration, \$40 until May 3, qualifies for Early Bird Draw. After May 3, registration is \$50.

### Prizes

Trophies for all classes and great prizes for all special categories. RSI hat for every entrant. Finishers draw for inflatable PFDs.

## Racing schedule

Saturday, 18 May  
**ROUND SALTSRING 2002 RACE**  
1000 h start; TL 19 May, 1100 h;  
Distance 42.0 NM

**SUMMER SERIES BEGINS**  
(Two throw outs allowed)

Sunday, 2 June  
**CHANNEL ISLES #2 RACE**  
1000 h start, TL 1730 h, 14.6 NM  
Start - Batt Rock (P) - Welbury  
Spar (S) - Channel Isles (P) -  
Welbury Spar (P) - Batt Rock (S)  
- Finish

Wednesday, 5 June  
1730 h start, TL TBA  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES**  
Around the buoys every  
Wednesday evening during June,  
July and August. Each month will  
count as one race in the Total  
Points.

Spinnaker handling became a bit of a spectator sport. Although *FANDANGO* managed to wrap hers tightly around her forestay, they emerged intact. *NUMTIJAH* eventually had to start his engine to unsnarl his, and had to abandon the race.

All in all, it was a great sail, with all the boats home in just over 6 hours.

### **Bas Cobanli Memorial Race**

Three die-hards turned out for the Bas Cobanli Memorial race which twisted back and forth through Captain Passage before rounding Prevost. The spectators on the dock watched the small fleet move slowly away in another light start, and thought that the crews would be enduring a long day on the water.

However, the wind picked up again, and everybody was home by 1530 in the afternoon. The interesting thing was that the results were within less than three and one-half minutes of each other.

### **Round Saltspring**

The last race of the Spring Season is Round Saltspring. At the time of writing, over 65 entries had been received! Several of the entries are brand new for this year. Many of the returning boats are citing our race around the island as the premier sailing event of the spring season!

Things are well underway for another great turnout, and massive success!

—Kevin Vine  
*Fleet Captain, Racing*

## THE CRUISING LIFE

### **This year, join one of the many club summer cruises!**

In June we have planned two interesting cruises:

#### **Nanaimo cruise**

Monday, 10 June - Cruise to Telegraph Harbour on Thetis Island. The pub offers good meals as well as a barbecue pit. We have the option of going alongside the marina or anchoring.

Tuesday, 11 June - A nineteen mile trip to Newcastle Island. Slack water at Dodd Narrows is at 1106, and maximum flood is a remarkable +8.1 knots which occurs at 1339. All times are corrected for daylight saving. Take along your GPS and check your speed over the bottom. There is good anchoring off Newcastle Island and the park provides well-made docks for only \$5. The Protection Island Pub caters to yachtsmen and is reportedly great fun.

Wednesday, 12 June - Newcastle Island is very interesting. A visit to the stone cutting quarry where millstones for pulp mills all over North America were quarried is fascinating. There are also splendid walks with spectacular views across Georgia Strait. The seawall walk on the Nanaimo side is worth visiting too.

Thursday, 13 June - Head south for Pirates Cove. Slack water at Dodd Narrows occurs at 1223. You will not want to be late because the maximum flood occurs at 1458 which is game over for little sailboats. There are two coves to anchor in at Pirate's Cove one of which is set up for more easily going ashore.

How did Dodd Narrows get its name? It was named after Captain Charles Dodd who was in the Hudson's Bay service for twenty-five years. A historic command he enjoyed was that of the *BEAVER* from 1843 to 1852. His grave is in the old Quadra Street cemetery in Victoria.

#### **Maple Bay Adopt-A-Racer cruise**

Saturday 22 June - Cruise to Maple Bay to greet the racers. The Maple Bay Yacht Club, a reciprocal club, can normally provide alongside berths but there is good space for anchoring nearby. Additionally there is a commercial marina only a short walk away. We have reserved the barbecue pit for the evening. The cruisers will provide the veggies and salads. The racers just have to bring along their own steak, hamburger, banger, or fish.

Sunday, 23 June - Wave goodbye to the racers. The cruisers then depart for

Cowichan Bay where there is short term free moorage at the government dock. Transport to the Cherry Point Vineyard will be arranged. The Cherry Point Vineyard web page tells us:

*During the summer of 2002, Cherry Point Vineyards will present Cobble Hill Classics featuring Pablo Diemeche (violinist and concert master for Victoria Symphony), Donna Robertson and Lawrence Skagg of the Island Chamber Players. This annual event offers an elegant but relaxed way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon. The concert will begin at 2:00 PM but guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy our picnic area.*

*Ticket prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for minors. Light picnic lunches will be available at modest prices, as well as coffee, juices, soft drinks, and of course Cherry Point wine.*

*Tickets can be purchased in person at the vineyard, or by telephone at 1-250-743-1272.*

After the picnic and concert more agreeable mooring can be found in Genoa Bay. One can anchor in the beautiful little bay or go alongside the commercial marina. There is an excellent little restaurant at the head of the dock for dinner.

Monday, 24 June - Return to Saltspring Island via a lunch stop at Russell Island. There is protected anchoring just off the little derelict dock on the north side of the Island. The island is well worth a visit and affords several short walks. There is a pretty picnic site on the north west point.

Look for further details of cruising plans in the Yearbook (page 58). Additionally, posters will be displayed on the clubhouse door to keep you up-to-date.

—Tony Burrige  
*Fleet Captain, Cruising*



*Bob Scott and Tony Burrige installing chafing pieces around piling during Spring Work Party*

## Great summer ahead for the Junior Sailing Program!

Registration for the Junior Summer Sailing School took place on May 1 and 2. So far there are a total of 39 students registered.

This year's instructors are Andrea Bartle and Jessica Letour. Their assistant is Heather Meek. It has been a goal to have all instructors come from Salt Spring Island, providing great jobs for our local students. This is the first year we have been able to achieve this goal. Andrea obtained her Blue Level Instructors through CYA and will be the head instructor.

We have been approved for a \$4400 grant from the federal government and the school will once again be running 4 2-week courses beginning July 1.

The Junior members are being trained by Cindy Hardi, the former director at Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Cindy runs the courses to certify instructors and is a highly skilled and talented trainer. The Junior members pay for this training themselves. This past weekend they attended a regatta at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and are off to another regatta at CFB Esquimalt. You will get a chance

to see them out in the harbour at this year's Sea Capers.

We are presently going through a review for the long term planning process now underway. There have been several good suggestions from both the committee and Cindy Hardi who has just drawn up a similar 5-year plan for the Maple Bay Yacht Club. We are looking at ways to expand the program and start the kids at an earlier age. We are also looking at proposing a program which would include kids from age 7 and up through field trips offered at our local schools. We would have to get Optis and Bytes to run this program. We will be looking at the availabilities of used boats and their costs. If you have any suggestions I would be glad to hear from you.

Many thanks to Wendy and Rick Wallace, Betsy and Derek Hill, Tony Meek and the Wilsons for their great job with the Juniors. I also want to thank Chris Lohman for providing canvas bags for all the Junior racers and his offer of assistance again this year.

—Martin Hoogerdyk  
*Fleet Captain Dinghy*

## The Ninth Annual Ladies' Cruise

The Ninth Annual Ladies' Cruise will this year take place from Friday, June 21st to Sunday, June 23rd. All lady sailors (and power boaters) are welcome. More details will be available later.

For more information please phone Irene Gibbs at 537-5184 or send an email to [igibbs@saltspring.com](mailto:igibbs@saltspring.com)

Thanks.

—Irene Gibbs, *DOCENT*

## Wanted: signal flags for Sea Capers

Sea Capers is featuring a Classic Boat Festival this year, and we'd like to spruce things up a bit with a set of signal flags. If you have such a set (or as many as possible) and would like to lend them to the festivities for the day, June 15th, we promise we'll look after them as if they were our own. Please call Suzanne Ambers at 537-0753 if you can help.

## VHF operator's certificate

Many boaters, including some club members, are under the impression that since there is no longer a requirement for a VHF station licence, there is no longer a requirement for an operator's licence.

This is not correct. A person is required by law to have his or her ROC (Restricted Operator's Certificate - Maritime) in order to legally operate a VHF radio telephone, whether it is a permanently installed station on a boat or a hand held unit. Furthermore, if you get caught by the Coast Guard, you're in deep trouble! If you'd like to know more about these regulations, please give me a call at 537-1737.

—Brian Tolman, *FABER*

## What a deal!

The Canadian Power and Sail Squadron branch on Salt Spring Island has extended to the Members of SISC a wonderful deal which they have negotiated with Pacific Yachting. If more than 12 Members are interested, the magazine will extend a group rate of \$19.26 for a one year subscription. What a saving! By contacting Harold Page at 653-2320 and [hpage@uniserve.com](mailto:hpage@uniserve.com) and subsequently sending a cheque to him, your present subscription will be extended from the existing renewal date, regardless of when that date might be.

—Jim Ganderton



### Is this the culprit...

*the night visitor we've heard so much about? Cheeky fellow... didn't even move off the dock when Colleen Shantz approached to take this photo!*

## Pick up your Yearbook before it's too late!

This is your last chance to pick up your 2002 Yearbook and membership card.

At the end of this week, the unclaimed books will be put away, and you'll have to contact the Secretary if you want yours.

For those who haven't claimed their Yearbook yet, remember there's a

wealth of information in it, a number of valuable merchant discount offers, as well as your membership card for 2002 which you'll need if you are visiting a reciprocal club. So you see, lots of good reasons to pick up your copy before it is too late!