



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

# TellTales

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## **The marine garage sale...**

*was a great success. Enjoying breakfast are Bob Scott, Ruth and Les Price (left); Below, bargaining, are Heather Kusch, Derek Barrio, Susan Paynter, Rick Mackinnon (left), and John Cameron, Rob Denny and Kevin Vine (right)*



## Commodore's report

October has been a busy month on the docks as well as at the desk. The passing of the LTP and the approval of the replacement of the visitors dock in particular at the September GM has led to a flurry of work for the project team, headed by Hugh Greenwood. The task at hand has been the surveying of the water-lot and the collection of data needed to issue a request for quotation for the construction and installation of the new breakwater. Four competent firms have been selected and solicited for their proposals and these will be analysed and presented to the general membership at a Special General Meeting to be held simultaneously with the AGM.

During the month of October we have had the unpleasant duty to advise two members of their non-eligibility for membership under the 'resident of Salt Spring Island' restriction. In addition, we have received letters of resignation from John and Nancy Rainsford, Brian and Marie LeLievre, Roy and Mary Lamont, Ian and Minnie Thom, and Wilf and Jean Taylor, all of whom have been long and participating members. We wish them the best in their respective futures.

The breakfast and garage sale last week was a hoot and a wonderful change to the social program. It was more like an Egyptian market than a SSI garage sale. Every boating item under the sun was for

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## Annual/Special General Meeting

Tuesday, 26 November 2002  
At 1930 hours in the clubhouse

### Agenda

1. Call to order at 1930 hours
2. Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting held 24 September 2002
3. Reports of Officers
4. Presentation of 'New Breakwater' project
  - Technical
  - Financial
5. Special Resolution: To authorise the Board to proceed technically and financially with the new breakwater project
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
  - Accounting firm appointment
  - Presentation of awards
  - Election of 2003 Board
8. Call for adjournment

- **CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- **BOATS LIGHT UP**
- **GIFT EXCHANGE**

December 10th at 1900 h

Snacks, bar, gift exchange, and much more!

Read all about it on page 4!

**ONLY A FEW LEFT -**  
Reserve your tickets now!

## COMMODORE'S BANQUET and BALL

Saturday, November 16, 2002  
At Meadon Hall (Legion)  
Bar opens at 1800 hours  
Dinner about 1900 hours

*Music and dancing to the Tyger Lily Trio*

\$22 per person

To reserve your tickets  
phone Jenny Barrio 653-2325  
Susan Paynter 653-9688

*Deadline for tickets*  
November 8th

**Deadline for the next TellTales is 29th November**

# Special General Meeting = AGM

The new breakwater project team has been working diligently to issue requests for quotation and subsequently receiving and reviewing the responses. The full comparison of all the responses are expected to be completed next week. This will give the team, headed by Hugh Greenwood, time to prepare a submission to the general membership for its approval of the project. Because of the magnitude of this project and its implications on club resources, a Special General Meeting, in the form of the AGM, will be held on 26 November 2002 in order to deal with this issue as a Special Resolution: To authorise the Board of Directors to proceed with the breakwater project and to financially commit the club through a negotiation of a loan or the opening of a line of credit. Although the magnitude of this financial commitment is expected to be about \$140,000, the exact budget will be calculated next week and presented to the membership at the AGM. Under the terms of By-Law 14,(b), i),ii),and iii) it was deemed that a SGM is required and that the passing of this Special Resolution will require the approval of at least 75% of the voting members present.

This is an important meeting which will affect us all so, please, get out and participate in the meeting and in your club.

—Jim Ganderton, *Commodore*

*Commodore, from page 1*

sale and the breakfast was simply wonderful. It was a great day. Jennifer and Susan should be complimented on making this initiative an event to be repeated.

This is the last TellTales in which I will have the pleasure of contributing as your Commodore. It has been an interesting and challenging year. It has been fun and it has been rewarding, but most of all it has been an honour. It has been an honour to serve the membership and it has been an honour to work with such a crew of dedicated volunteers. The energetic and willing workings of the members of the Board are a true reflection of the spirit and the cooperation on which our club is based. I hope to be able to serve again.

Until then....

## **Board activities**

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

**Breakwater** - The new breakwater has consumed a goodly portion of the month with the selection and the issuing of an



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30 October, 2002

*Re: Annual General Meeting*

The following members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Board of Directors of the club for the next year, 2002-2003, in the positions stated. They will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, 26 November 2002.

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Commodore</i>               | Russ Crouse      |
| <i>Vice Commodore</i>          | Rob Denny        |
| <i>Rear Commodore</i>          | Derek Barrio     |
| <i>Fleet Captain, Racing</i>   | David Wood       |
| <i>Fleet Captain, Cruising</i> | Neil Buchan      |
| <i>Fleet Captain, Dinghy</i>   | Martin Hoogerdyk |
| <i>Staff Captain</i>           | Susan Paynter    |
| <i>Wharfinger</i>              | Tony Booker      |
| <i>Secretary</i>               | April Steel      |
| <i>Treasurer</i>               | J.P. Krauss      |

According to By-Laws 11(d) and (e), subsequent to the Nominating Committee's report, the Chairman of the meeting shall call for additional nominations from the floor. Regular members of the club entitled to vote shall then elect the new Board of Directors from among the members so nominated. Nominations from the floor will be accepted only if the nominee is present at the meeting and has accepted this proposal.

—Les Price (*Chair*), April Steel, Lorne Shantz

RFQ to four competent BC firms, three on the mainland and one on Vancouver Island. In addition, the water-lot has been surveyed and the applications to the various government authorities have been prepared and forwarded. We are in a wait mode!

**Membership** - The Board investigated four members regarding their meeting the residency condition for membership in the club, which has resulted in having to send letters of termination of membership to two members.

**Annual dues invoice** - The invoices have been sent out and most have been

returned. Those that have not been returned 30 days after the due date (1st November) will be posted as being delinquent for 30 days at which time their memberships will be terminated.

**LTP** - The Board has begun the process of identifying an architect who is able to provide the club with ideas as to future clubhouse development.

**New members** - Three new members were inducted as Regular Members. They are: John and Heather Healey, Nicolas and Vicky Hodson, and Doug and Donna Dobson. Yours aye,

—Jim Ganderton, *Commodore*

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# The fall work party 2002



Ron Watson and Ruth Pankhurst decorating the bank with maple leaves (top left); longtime member Charlie Addison heading for the club in CONFIDO to do his duty (top right); dead-weight crew on Bob Shaak's tractor: Dave Arnott, John Wellingham, Mike Byrne and Glen Willett (above); Al Kirk, Derek Barrio and Ron Sturm attaching flotation to unstable finger float (right); Tony Meek's crew on the beach constructing the new float for the club safety boat (below)



The weather was brisk and so were appetites at the Saturday, November 2 fall work party. A busy crew was kept busy all morning making coffee, providing donuts and muffins for the mid-morning break and then clam chowder and toasted cheese buns for lunch at noon. A few hardy souls stayed on until well into the afternoon and enjoyed the traditional free beer and leftovers. Many thanks to Debbie Wrate, Jacquie Melzer, Heather Scheelar, Susan Paynter Sylvia Greenwood, Dawn Shaak, Tanis Smythe, Gail Myer, and Candace Brochmann for all their hard work. It was a great day!

—Jenny Barrio, Staff Captain

# On the waterfront

What a great day for a 'Work Party Weekend', although a tad frosty first thing it soon warmed up with brilliant sunshine all day which was needed at times to keep spirits up as some of the work was pretty tedious, i.e., bolt tightening, and trying, attempting to fix a cracked longitudinal beam on a float, only to find the centre section almost rotted away—ahh the challenges of dock maintenance. But as always, members came through with innovative solutions to all problems. Two existing floats were lifted, we are now considered experts at this, although this time the tides were not in our favour so we had to lift them manually, and floatation either rearranged or new stuff installed to make a much more stable platform. A new safety boat dock was constructed, the back of the old one having broken a couple of months ago, and a triangular piece will be completed soon to fill in the awkward area alongside the ramp which has been an irritation ever since we got the super buggies. The hinge design is being worked out and as soon as they are installed the decking will go on. So thanks to 70 or so members who turned out to make this another successful Work Party weekend, and a huge thanks to the kitchen crew who put on such a terrific spread at lunchtime.

The discovery that B dock has a rot problem was something of a surprise, as the situation was not evident from an external inspection. We will establish the extent of the problem and make plans for remedial action. It looks worse than it is, and we expect to be able to make repairs in situ.

With regard to progress on the new breakwater, things are coming along nicely. By the time you are reading this we will have quotations from three viable contractors and will be assessing the merits of each one in preparation for a presentation to the general membership at the AGM on 26th of this month.

I have been asked on several occasions when the water is going to be turned off, and the best answer I can give is 'when the next serious cold snap hits us', could be next week or next month, so now is the time to do any last minute clean-up.

As this will be my last contribution as Rear Commodore I want to say thanks to the many members who have made the experience so enjoyable, and a special thanks to Al Kirk, my mentor, whose continuous help, support and advice I could not have done without. Thanks Al.

—Brian Swinburne  
Rear Commodore



Jim Buchan carrying a humungous lump of styrofoam



John Wellingham and Glen Willett resting on their shovel

## The social scene

**HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!** - The Commodore's Ball at the Legion is approaching fast—there are still tickets available until December 8th by signing up at the clubhouse or phoning either Jenny Barrio at 653-2325 or Susan Paynter at 653-9688.

The October 26th Boat and What-have-you Garage Sale at the club started early with the keeners bringing in and setting up their goods for sale. Bargain hunters immediately started mooching and the trading began. Meanwhile Susan Paynter had orchestrated an excellent breakfast menu of juice, cheese and ham strata, coffee, tea and muffins which was enjoyed by about 55 early birds. A small breakfast nook was set up for those who preferred to eat sitting down while the majority ate and browsed at the same time. After breakfast some members of the general public came in to see what was going on, browsed and bought.

There were some great 'boat stuff' buys; anchors in particular came in on some members' shoulders and left on other shoulders; various bits of marine hardware and household goods, large and small, changed hands to the delight and relief of their sellers. Some interesting bits of exotica were for sale including a spear gun—great for retrieving cushions that have fallen overboard, and a pair of Algonquin style snow shoes—is this an omen for this winter's weather?

Now to the many people who helped make this garage sale a great success. First to Kevin Vine because it was his suggestion that got us started in the first place. The cooks: Susan Paynter, June Mason, April Steel, Candace Brochmann, Heather Kusch, Sylvia Greenwood, Dorothy Drubek, Jean Howell and Dawn Shaak. Thank you Harold Brochmann for your great poster and Mary Neil for selling Commodore's Ball tickets.

Dress-up your boat with Christmas lights in early December in preparation for the Christmas Party and Gift Exchange on December 10th. The lights will be judged at the party and a bottle of rum presented to the winner. Let's continue where we started last year and make the club docks a spectacular sight and a continuing tradition.

We will have the ever-popular gift exchange—bring one and receive one with some swapping and much hilarity and try to keep the cost to between \$5 and \$10. A donation to the foodbank will be much appreciated and we will arrange a box near the door for dry goods, staples and cans of food.

—Jenny Barrio  
Staff Captain

## RACING NEWS

The 2002 Racing season has drawn to a close, with the Awards Afternoon being the only event left. The season began modestly, with only a few enthusiasts participating regularly, but the interest grew as the season drew on, and the last several races were well attended and provided good competition.

Thank you to the racers for their support and contributions, and for keeping the controversies to a minimum. Special thanks to Bill Bull for his leadership and support in Round Saltspring, making it the biggest event ever! And thanks to David Wood for volunteering to take on the job of Fleet Captain Racing for 2003.

### **The line-up of trophy winners for the 2002 racing season:**

#### *CHEEKY BUOY*

Walker Rock, Jack & Jill, Maple Bay, Summer Series, Round Pender, Captain Passage, Single Handed, Channel Islands #3, Points Trophy

#### *ELECTRA*

Ground Hog Day, Prevost Island, Bas Cobanli Memorial Trophy, Channel Islands #2, Jack Langdon Trophy

#### *MINKE*

Channel Islands #1, Moresby-Portland

#### *FINAL DASH*

McMillan Trophy

#### *BETHIA*

Prevost Challenge

#### *DERYN MOR*

Montague Harbour

#### *FANDANGO*

Ben Mohr Rock

#### *VALHALLA II*

Round Saltspring

Be sure to attend the Racing Awards Afternoon Get Together on Saturday, 9 November 2002. A fun Round-the-Crab-Traps Race will begin at 1300 h (Skippers' meeting at noon), followed by a viewing of America's Cup action on the Clubhouse TV at 1500 h (or sooner), with the awards being presented at 1530 h. Get your Broken Tiller lies together! BYO beverage and junk food.

—Kevin Vine  
Fleet Captain Racing



JOYCE PROTHERO PHOTO

*The fleet heading out of Ganges Harbour during the recent Channel Isles #3 race*



## Snipe/Enterprise update

Since the last TellTales, I have received updated plans and specifications for the 13'-3" Enterprise Class racing dinghy. It looks like an excellent design to build of plywood. People who have sailed them report very favourably.

At the present time, I am marking out my shop floor in preparation for setting up building moulds. Anyone who might be interested in building or sailing an Enterprise is encouraged to contact me for more details. Many club members have already talked with me and shown support.

With the Enterprise Class, it may also be possible to buy second hand boats, for those who may not really be into building one. It would be ideal if we could build up a small fleet within the club.

—Rob Denny, *BETHIA*