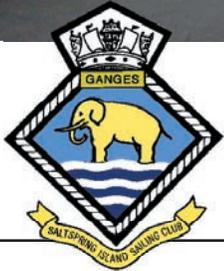


Have a great summer on the water!



SALTSRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

TellTales

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The proud winners of the Round Saltspring Trophy. JJ FLASH was the first SISC boat to finish on corrected time, and their circumnavigation took 13h 48m 25sec. They placed 5 overall. Left to right they are: Gregg Merrick, Stuart Farson (skipper), Paul Hrabowsky, Gavin Teagle, Carlyn Williams, Jim White, John Williams, John Teagle, Mark Hrabowsky, and Ian Jamieson.

Round Saltspring

As always, the Round Saltspring Race was a resounding success; almost everyone who took part went away with a smile on their faces and a resolve to come again next year. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the Event was a success, and the Race less so.

From a strictly racing point of view, it was by all accounts the most frustrating race in years: it was certainly one of the slowest, being dogged with light winds throughout, which gave the tides and currents around the island an importance they do not always achieve. The first boat home—*CHEEKY MONKEE*, an F-31 trimaran—did not cross the line until almost 2310, and only nine other boats made it in before midnight. The bulk of the finishers crossed between 0700 and 0930 on Sunday, but 69 of the starters did not manage to finish at all. Not one of the boats in the no-flying-sails division managed to complete the course, yet

further evidence (if it was needed) of how important a spinnaker is to racing in the waters around Salt Spring. With very light airs from the east and south-east, there was simply not enough of it to carry boats without spinnakers through Sansum Narrows before the tide turned.

Much as we all prefer to sail in a steady 12 knot breeze, we have to acknowledge that it is when the wind dies to nothing that our true sailing skills are put to the test. Although there were few boats there to witness it (having been left far behind), the sailing ability which Eric Jespersen and his crew on *FRENZY* displayed after rounding Southey Point and finding next to no wind and an adverse current was truly remarkable; they were acknowledged by those whom they sailed past on that leg as worthy winners of the Marshall Sharp trophy. They crossed the line only 14 minutes behind *CHEEKY MONKEE*, in a boat with a much slower rating.

In the end this race was a test of endurance and determination, exemplified by

We will be holding a giant **Garage Sale**

on Saturday, June 26!

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Mark Saturday, 17 July

on your calendar for the first BBQ Deck Party. On this date, when the temperature will be just right, it will be time to make your way to the club and join the party for a mid-summer 'take it easy' celebration. The food fare will be *barbecue* and the music will be *live*. Watch for the club notices posted with all the details.

Circle Saturday, 21 August

on your calendar. Some time ago there was a 'Jimmy Buffet Bash' and the rumours were that the party actually went past 10pm!! Well, 'Buffet Bash the Sequel' is back!! Get into the mood and take the night off by dancing to the best music ever written (according to Tony and Liz)! Watch for the posters at the club for all the details.

the call received from *CAT DANCER* at 0900 on Sunday, reporting their position as "off Vesuvius" and wondering if they could make it in by the cut-off time. The answer was no.

With the race as it was, it would not have been surprising to see hundreds of disappointed sailors on Sunday morning, waiting gloomily for the lamb barbecue to get underway. It is entirely a tribute to the remarkable organisation that goes into this event that this was not the case. Quite the reverse: the frustrations of the night were forgotten, the weather came to our help, and all the crews, winners, losers and DNFs, spent a very pleasant

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On the waterfront

Power was finally brought to all the new docks by McIntyre Electric's men just prior to the Round Saltspring Race, much to the delight of those members who have had to wait so patiently for electricity. Even in the best thought-out plans, things go wrong. The availability of power at the far end of A-dock is now worse than it was before the old B-dock was replaced, which is a bit embarrassing to me. However, I will get an electrical outlet installed close to *FANFARE* and *SISUTL* before the summer is over. Having power has also allowed Jim Spencer to install photocell controlled lighting on the new docks, a feature we hope to have operating throughout our docks eventually.

Two finger stabilisers are still awaiting installation on the extended fingers attached to the breakwater. We require a high tide during daylight hours to complete this job, and the necessary willing hands and brains to execute it.

Brian Swinburne is quietly working on a more effective and, hopefully, vandal-proof version of our *YELLOW MAX*. It seems to have contributed to the reduction in the wave action due to boat wash last year, so expect to see it out there in the channel very soon. Rob Denny has built a spanking new visitors registration booth. This one has enough room in it for a visitor to sign in on a rainy day without getting the book wet! The support structure for the visitors box was built and installed by Marc Lalonde and Norm Dinsmore. They also built all the hose and electrical outlet supports on the new docks. There are still a few problems to fix on the old BCFC section where it meets the new breakwater. When a large boat wash hits, it rears up like a wild stallion and the metal bridge sections, which are attached to the new breakwater, simply can't handle the excessive motion. As we have to live with the problem until the BCFC float is replaced, a number of metal support arms will be attached to the BCFC side of the gap to hold the bridge sections up during the dock's cavorting fits.

Jenny and I are going cruising for most of June (the weather gods being reasonably benign) in our new boat *BLUE PETER*, something we have been eagerly looking forward to. Brian Swinburne and Marc Lalonde have volunteered to keep an eye on things during this time. Thanks for all the help, and enjoy your summer sailing.

—Derek Barrio, *Rear Commodore*

Summer cruising

There were two cruise events in May.

1. The first 'Land Cruise'. With the maximum number of participants Hugh Greenwood delivered an astounding program dealing with the rock formations of Saltspring Island. From two-mile thick ice fields to fast flowing mud rivers he brought to life the sometimes incredibly slow, sometimes unbelievably fast processes of the creation of our island. **Amazing!**

2. The 'cruise' broke for lunch at the clubhouse. Thanks to Hugh and to the drivers who car-pooled the rest of us from one event to the next.

The pre-Broughton meeting was filled with so much information it was hard to keep up. Cruise plans were emailed to all participants. Some have left and some leave tomorrow, some leave later still. Sadly, *NAIAD* is still tied to the dock. Some cruise captain I turned out to be. My good wishes go with the sailors and my thanks to all who enabled the planning to be completed. Special thanks to Lorne and Colleen, Hugh and Sylvia and Jim Sinclair, all of whom have detailed knowledge of the area.

The next cruise starts Friday, June 25th—if anyone is back from the Broughton. This is the first 'cruise or race' event.

Cruisers stop first at Genoa Bay, then proceed to Maple Bay to welcome the racers who make a start on Saturday. We return home on Sunday. Sort of a club 'Round Saltspring Island'.

July takes us on Susan's cruise to the world famous Naniamo Fisheries Institute, and in August we lead the racers 'Round the Pender Islands'.

Information can be found in our yearbook, or by calling or emailing me. Email is best unless you don't mind talking to a growingly-deaf man.... meadow@saltspring.com

—Neil Buchan, *The Cabin Boy*

Visit the club website at
••• saltspringsailing.ca •••
for the latest information
about cruising and racing and
general club information

Garage sale...

at the club on Saturday, June 26. Every club member is welcome to join in and clean out all the odds and ends around their home or boat etc. Tables will be available for a fee of \$5 per household.

Those who wish to get involved should be at the club at 8:15 a.m. so that they have time to set up and enjoy the benefits of this outrageous fee which will be the availability of lots of coffee, tea, juices and an assortment of muffins and fruit to help you get through the arduous set up.

The 'gates' will be open for selling at 9 a.m. and will close down shortly after noon. This sale will be open to the general public, but no non-members will be allowed to sell, they will be buyers only.

To reserve your table please call Rick MacKinnon (537-1352) or leave your name and cheque, etc. in the Staff Captain's slot at the club by Wednesday, June 23rd.

This event will take place come rain or shine, so let's hope for great weather and plenty of buyers.

—Rick MacKinnon, Staff Captain

Wharfingering

Moorage

Are you going cruising? Please sign out on the board at the head of the ramp. With the cruising season getting into full swing we can use spaces for visiting boats. Thanks to all for helping in this way.

Farewell to the Hollands and *WHISKY JACK*. We wish them well in their new home.

We welcome *MELODY* (Jim Sinclair) and the Hobie 18 (John Luttrell) back to the docks.

Both the list of members wanting moorage and the size of the boats continues to grow. Tell your friends, 'small is beautiful' when it comes to boats looking for moorage at our marina. Besides, in general, smaller boats get sailed more often.

Dinghy docks

A number of spaces are appearing on the dinghy docks. Some of these are due to members cruising but some are actual vacancies, so if anyone is tired

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Clubhouse and grounds

Racing and cruising will be on the minds of most of us at this time, however, I would like to make a few comments regarding the clubhouse and grounds. First of all, most of you will have discovered the expanded lower parking lot. We can be very proud of the job which was completed in the course of one day by Pat Byron and Key Pawn Trucking—in time for our Round Saltspring Race weekend. I would like to ask that this lot be used only for day parking, please.

The Round Saltspring Race events went very well on shore, with everything organised to a 'T' by the Race Committee. Everybody, including many volunteers, did such a great job! Co-operation was first class! Bravo for Saltspring Island Sailing Club!

In another few weeks the Junior Program will be starting and, at the same time, we will have many visitors to the club. Our facilities will be very heavily used. Your co-operation in maintaining the club during this peak period will be most appreciated.

See you on the water.

—Rob Denny, Vice Commodore

RACING NEWS

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few hours eating, drinking, chatting and cruising the docks.

Just how well this club puts on this event is probably not apparent to most of the volunteers who work so hard to make it a success. To get some perspective, what you need to do is to go to some other sailing events in the area, and see how they organise and execute their event. With very few exceptions, the answer is "Not nearly so well." From their first contact at registration, to the last "Goodbye and thanks for coming" as they leave, it cannot be said too often that ours is a superbly run event, where visitors feel welcomed, appreciated and cared for.

An enormous thank you is due to everyone who makes it happen; as a result of your work, our club and this event has a standing in the region that most other clubs can only dream of.

The full results of the RSI race can be found on the club website, together with some great photographs taken by John Cameron from a float plane (see p.4).

—David Wood, Fleet Captain, Racing

If you're looking for the Summer racing schedule, check the 2004 yearbook or the club website at saltspringsailing.ca



ENSE AND JOHN VAN DEN HAGEL PHOTO

Past Commodores Jim Ballantyne and Cec Oliver—official club race starters—at their post

SPRING SERIES 2004 results

	Ground Hog	Ben Mohr	McMillan Trophy	Prevost Island	Spring Regatta	Walker Rock	Bas Cobanli	May Evening	Round Saltspring	Throw	Total Points	Rank
FINAL DASH		25	100	70	75	75	80	88	56	25	569	1
ELECTRA		50	50	80	38	100	100	0	84	0	502	2
WESTWIND			88	90	75	50	0	100	72	0	475	3
ALACRITY		38	75	40	13	0	40	75	75	0	356	4
FANDANGO		75	38	60	75		0	12	78	0	338	5
YEOMAN				100		88	0		81	0	269	6
DERYN MOR			63		100	0			94	0	257	7
MINKE				0	88			63	97	0	248	8
QUESTO		88		50	0	25			62	0	225	9
JJ FLASH				0		63	60		100	0	223	10
SAORSA		100		20	0				91	0	211	11
SOUL DANCER			13	30	25	25	0		69	0	162	12
AQUILA MIA		63			0	38			53	0	154	13
PETRONELLA		13	25	10	0				59	0	107	14
CAT DANCER					0			50	53	0	103	15
TIGGER J							0		87	0	87	16
ORACLE				0				25	56	0	81	17
HESSIAN							0		66	0	66	18
LONE RANGER				0			20	38		0	58	19
Boats entered		8	8	10	8	8	5	8				

NOTES: 1) The Ground Hog race was abandoned twice, therefore it goes to the trash can until next year.

2) For Round Saltspring—only boats which finished have been included in the table; however, scoring is based on entries.

Prairie schooners and the CBCYC

It appears that those members from the prairies will soon have a bit of nostalgia when the boating community starts using coloured fuel as the farm tractors have done for years as a means of catching those who use cheaper off-road fuel in their cars. This proposal is still in the works.

The Marine Parks Forever Society (MPFS) has been active and the efforts to secure a parcel of land to add to the Sandy Island Marine Park look promising. It will extend the park greatly and make the moorage more secure. The Octopus Island addition is a done deal! But the details are still being worked out. Another possible deal in the offing is to purchase a parcel of land on the Harmony Islands. The MPFS is considering a donation toward the purchase of the land.

Although the 'Adopt-a-Park' program has been on the shoals lately, the Minister responsible wants to see the program continued and is anxious to have the outstanding issues settled. One of the only few Adopt-a-Parks still in operation is the MBYC hosting at Pirates Cove. The main problem with the program is that the hosts have to become a sub-group of the contractor associated with the Park. That is unacceptable.

The Office of Boating Safety has been transferred from the CCG to Transport effective April 2004.

The issue of electronic charts is still a major issue. This is a very serious safety issue and C-Map and Navionics are not prepared to pay the exorbitant royalty charges for the NDI charts. They have both decided to not offer *any* charts based upon CHS data. The issue has been raised in question period, but we still need more missives sent to the appropriate addresses: Paul Martin at martin.p@parl.gc.ca and Geoff Regan at regan.g@parl.gc.ca.

The CBCYC has surveyed the member clubs and have come up with a list of priorities as seen by the members. The first seven are:

- 1 Provide a voice for the boating community with Government
- 2 Oppose any additional fees
- 3 Lobby for effective enforcement of Maritime Law
- 4 Preserve access to cruising waters
- 5 Preserve the Provincial Boat Havens
- 6 Ensure treaty negotiations preserve Marine Parks
- 7 Increase the number of BC Marine Parks.

—Jim Ganderton, *Past Commodore*



Rob Denny's Enterprise dinghy...



is really making headway. The for'ard and side decks are installed, and the hull is almost complete except for final varnishing and painting. Next are the mast and boom, and the centreboard and rudder. Call Rob at 653-9374 if you'd like to check out his project.

Wharfingering, from page 2

of scraping the barnacles and assorted marine growth from the bottom of their dinghy they might consider signing up for a space.

The members of the Wharfinger Committee do have weak eyes—we know—but they are having great difficulty in seeing identification on a number of dinghies on the docks. Trying to keep track of the dinghies without having them identified is a bit of a nightmare! Please be sure the name is written and located so that it is easy to see. Thank you.

Summer wharfingering

The sign up board for summer wharfingering is filling up but there are a good number of spaces for later in the season. You still have a chance to reserve your preferred duty days. Don't forget this is your great chance to skip out on the homefront chores, chat with our visitors, get friendly with our marina and hang out on your boat (perhaps even squeeze in a little nap!).

Round Saltspring Race

We had approximately 85 boats to find space for. Many thanks to John Myers for taking charge of the moorage for the race; to his committee of Phil Hume, Rick Gilliland, Hugh Greenwood and Al Kirk; and to the club members for their patience and willingness to accommodate the visitors.

We've had one report of a bit of equipment damage as a result of the Round Saltspring race. If anyone else has had any such problems, please contact me so we can deal with it.

Dem bones...

The wishbones ... Club members who spend all the time wishing someone else would do the work.

The Jawbones ... Club members who do all the talking but very little else.

The Knucklebones ... The Club members who knock everything that anyone tries to do.

The Backbones ... The Club members who pick up the load and do the job.

Now it's your turn to help the club grow and improve. Call Jim Ganderton (537-1345) today and volunteer for a position on the Board of Directors. Get the most from the club while giving so little. Help!

—Jim Ganderton
Nomination Committee

Wharfinger

Cam Cartwright (537 2797) will be acting wharfinger until June 24 while Jon is away on the club cruise.

As our predecessor, Tony Booker, would say, "Soft seas and fair winds to all."

Have a great summer

—Jon Healey, *Wharfinger*

