



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Tell Tales

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Welcome 2006 at the NEW YEAR'S DAY Hot Rum Race & Lunch!

Sunday, 1st January, at the clubhouse



1030 h – Hot Rum Race starts
1230 h – Hot Rum and Lunch



Be sure not to miss this one!

—Jill Sydneysmith
Staff Captain



Two outstanding members received awards at the Annual General Meeting

**The Commodore's Award 2005 was presented
by April Steel to 'The Admiral' Irene Gibbs (top left)**

"Irene's enthusiasm, encouragement and extensive sailing knowledge have been bestowed upon the women of the Club since joining in 1992. Her continued dedication to fostering and promoting sailing education has created confidence, improved skills and supported novice skippers to fully assume the helm of their vessels. She is a true docent of our local waters."

**The Past Commodores' Award 2005 was presented
by Russ Crouse to Phyllis Waltho (left)**

"Phyllis has been tireless in her years of dedication to Sailing Club social activities and to the ongoing success of the annual Round Salt Spring Race weekend. She has demonstrated her boundless energy through recruiting and organizing the cadre of volunteers, arranging for merchandise, food, refreshments and service, thereby, adding to the race's level of excellence. The overall quality of the Club's social ambience has been enhanced by her contributions."



Commodore's message

There was a modest turnout for the Annual General Meeting. Hopefully, this was a result of the recent poor weather and not an indication of the over or under stimuli of our general meetings!

The annual budget was approved, inclusive of the major capital expenditures approved at the September General Meeting. For more details, a copy of the annual budget and the minutes of the most recent Board meeting and General meeting can be found on the foyer notice board.

The membership voted against any changes to the hydro usage billing structure. It will remain as presently outlined on page 23 of the 2005 yearbook. As well, the membership voted in favour of the Commodore or Secretary using email for internal notifications to members, notifications being items of an urgent nature, meetings/socials or cancellations and volunteer recruitment.

Congratulations to both Irene Gibbs and Phyllis Watho on receiving the Commodore's and Past Commodores' awards, respectively.

A photograph of Past Commodore, the late John Farquharson at the helm of Ballater was received from his wife Sharon and is now hanging in the clubhouse left of the kitchen. Have a look next time at the club.

Mike Byrne and Jim Ballantyne have kindly volunteered to staff the bar through to summer. Thank you! We are still looking for someone to take on the Bar Captain position on a longer term basis.

I'm pleased to welcome Bob Jones, Fleet Captain Racing, Norbert Schlenker, Treasurer and Jill Sydneysmith, Staff Captain to the Board of Directors. The balance of the Board is returning for a second term.

Gary and I wish you and your families a festive holiday season and fair winds for 2006.

—April Steel, Commodore
grailer1@telus.net

Cruisers' Corner

Unorganised club cruise

A few club members are planning to spend New Year's Eve afloat in Montague Harbour, returning to participate in the Hot Rum race and social event the next morning. If anyone would like to accompany us you would be most welcome.

This might be a good way to introduce yourself to the joys of winter cruising and will surely make you appreciate your cabin heaters.

We have done this for a few years and have really enjoyed the peaceful time after the hustle of the holidays. Hopefully this year will bring an overnight dusting of snow and a sunny morning.

—Jon and Jennifer Healey (537-1222)
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**Deadline for the next
Tell Tales is 6 January**

Welcome new Executive!

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|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Commodore | April Steel | 537-4207 |
| Vice Commodore | Nick Hodson | 537-0021 |
| Rear Commodore | Norm Dinsmore | 538-5501 |
| Fleet Captain, Racing | Bob Jones | 537-5514 |
| Fleet Captain, Cruising | Marc Lalonde | 537-1103 |
| Fleet Captain, Dinghy | John Wellingham | 537-4123 |
| Wharfinger | Bob Scott | 537-4021 |
| Staff Captain | Jill Sydneysmith | 537-1007 |
| Secretary | Greg Harmeson | 537-1262 |
| Treasurer | Norbert Schlenker | 538-1787 |
| Past Commodore | Russ Crouse | 537-5203 |

Social scene

I am happy to be onboard as your new Staff Captain for 2006. Arlene has done such an excellent job, I will have big shoes to fill! I am in the process of putting a Sub-Committee together and welcome those who have volunteered, both new and old members.

I am unable to attend the New Year's Day Social and Hot Rum Race, so thank you to Linda Reynolds and her team who have offered to step in for me.

Thank you, Arlene, for all your help and advice, making my job easier.

A very Happy New year to you all.

—Jill Sydneysmith, *Staff Captain*

House and grounds

Many thanks to those who turned up to paint the inside of the clubhouse. I think it is a great improvement and looks much fresher. We will tackle the floor in the spring. Fortunately we had enough volunteers to also clear away the remaining leaves and fall debris as well, so thanks all around.

Those of you who attended will know that I asked at the General Meeting for members' specific concerns over security. This issue has been raised a number of times in the past and we would like to address these issues. So please let me know what they are.

The General Meeting also demonstrated that some members were unaware of how to book the clubhouse for private functions.

The clubhouse is available to members for private functions, or non-profit groups, provided the member sponsoring is present and responsible for the event. There is a charge of \$1 per person with a \$20 minimum. To make a booking, first check the calendar in the entrance hall to ensure that the building is free. Then telephone me to make the reservation, and finally fill out the booking form and leave it in my message box. Please do not write on the calendar.

I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—Nick Hodson, *Vice Commodore*

Secretary's corner

Thank you to those club members who offered input about their experiences at the various reciprocal clubs we list. We received two notes about less than satisfactory experiences and several favourable comments about the good reception you've enjoyed while stopping over at the various clubs up and down the coast.

As a result, we have decided to continue with the group of clubs we currently list, and officially add Semiahmoo due to the racing activities centred around their club.

Please be advised that we have accepted—with regrets—resignations from Fulvio Limongelli & Margaret Barrand, Bill & Sheila Bull, Marj Leckie, Bryan & Audrey Denton, Janet Davidson, and Robert & Patricia Gibson.

—Greg Harmeson, *Secretary*

On the docks

Our new docks are still on target for delivery right around Christmas time and we now have approval from Navigable Waters Protection as well as Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans and Island Trust so we plan to install them as soon as we can after the holidays. With that in mind a work party was held this past week during which we repaired the decking on the floats to go on the SE side of the new C-dock and, although there are some bolts still to come, they can be installed after the floats are in place. At the same time as the decking work the water lines, taps and hoses were removed from C-dock and the BCFC dock and stored for use on the new docks in the spring. We have also borrowed a number of old tires from the recycle depot and stored them on the breakwater for use in rafting up the new docks when they arrive.

Turning out to complete all this work in our usual quick time were: Dick Pattinson, John Myers, Doc Paynter, Hugh Greenwood, Al Kirk, Nick Hodson, Bob Scott, Bryan Zapf, Gary Railer, Rick Laing, Jon Healey and Hugh Preddy. While they were busy with those tasks, three of our small boats were checked out and test-run by Cam Cartwright and Don Baxter in preparation for use in the dock project. At the break, we enjoyed coffee and some delicious (and healthy) muffins as supplied by our new Staff Captain Jill Sydneysmith. We proved once again that work parties can be fun so I hope many more will turn out to enjoy our dock installation parties in the new year. In the meantime, Merry Christmas all.

—Norm Dinsmore, *Rear Commodore*

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Wharfingering

We have been busy organising temporary moorage for the boats affected by the C-dock and BC Ferry dock replacements, and it appears that we will be relocating boats early in January. I will be contacting each person by phone as to when and where they need to move.

I will also be talking to each person who requires a new slip assignment over the next few weeks. My aim is to best accommodate each boat while making the optimum use of the new dock space available.

I look forward to another year serving as your Wharfinger. I have found during the past year that the members have been very accommodating to satisfy changes in moorage. I also want to thank the members of my Committee, Cam Cartwright, George Manners, John Pankhurst, and Jim Sinclair for their support over the past year. They have consented to stay on with me for the next year. As well, I want to welcome Tony Booker to my Committee for the next term.

Finally I wish to extend 'All the Best of the Season' to you and yours.

—Bob Scott, *Wharfinger*

CLUB CALENDAR

JANUARY 2006

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|----|-----|------|------------------------|
| 1 | Sun | 1030 | Hot Rum Race and Lunch |
| 3 | Tue | 1900 | Board meeting |
| 22 | Sun | 1000 | Ground Hog Day race |
| 24 | Tue | 1900 | Meet & Greet Social |

FEBRUARY

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| 5 | Sun | 1000 | Ben Mohr Rock race |
| 7 | Tue | 1900 | Board meeting |
| 14 | Tue | 1900 | Potluck Dinner |
| 19 | Sun | 1000 | McMillan Trophy race |
| 28 | Tue | 1930 | General meeting |

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