



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

# Tell Tales

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## Note date change!

Salt Spring Island Sailing Club  
General Meeting  
**Monday, September 19th, 2005**

### AGENDA

- Call to order 1900 hrs
- Minutes of May 31st SGM
- Business arising from minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Report of officers
  - Vice Commodore
  - Rear Commodore
  - Fleet Captain, Cruising
  - Fleet Captain, Racing
  - Fleet Captain, Dinghy
  - Wharfinger
  - Staff Captain
  - Past Commodore
- Commodore's remarks
- Other business
  - Proposal for C-dock and BC Ferry dock
- New business
- Adjournment

—Greg Harmeson  
Secretary

## 2005—yet another hugely successful Round Salt Spring

David Wood, winner of the Round Salt Spring Trophy for first SISC boat to finish, is presented with trophy and prize by Drew Thorburn



KEVIN VINE PHOTO



HAROLD BROCHMANN PHOTO

## PLEASE NOTE! The social for June 18th has been cancelled

There were very few who indicated interest in having the scheduled family barbecue, garage sale, open boat tour, and safety checks by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, so this event has been cancelled. However, you can still get your boat checked by the CCG and page 2 has all the necessary information.

## Summer social events

On Sunday, July 24th, the Race Committee is organising a one-day regatta and barbecue. Both events are open to all club members and they are a way for the racers and cruisers to join together for some fun. Barbecue tickets are \$10 each and you can order yours in advance by contacting me at 537-5050 or [oceanottage@saltspring.com](mailto:oceanottage@saltspring.com).

If this event goes well, there will be another opportunity for a barbecue/get-together on August 14th. Watch the bulletin board for further details.

—Arlene Dashwood, Staff Captain

## Commodore's remarks

The Special General Meeting on May 31st was lively indeed! Members had their say from the floor of a packed clubhouse. Members suggested and approved that the annual dues be raised from \$108.00 to \$200.00 effective with the billing due November 1st rather than be phased in. Moorage rates will increase by 25¢ to \$2.25 immediately. Unless you acquire additional moorage between now and the annual billing your moorage is still paid up to the end of the fiscal year.

Initiation fees were increased from \$1000 to \$2000 for Regular members and from \$200 to \$400 for Associate members.

For the average billing for 30' of moorage plus dues, this will mean an annual increase of \$182.00 (plus GST). The club is still a

pretty good deal for an extra \$15.00+ a month!

At the September General Meeting to be held Monday, September 19th, the details of the restoration of C and BC ferry docks will be presented along with appropriate financing and payback.

Round Salt Spring once again proved to be a huge success. Accolades were received from participants and go to the many club volunteers who time and again gave their time and energy to this event. Way to go!

'Tis the season to turn our thoughts to cruising—the May cruise and annual Ladies Cruise already having taken place. It isn't too late to sign up for the June or July cruises or, if you prefer, just get out there on your own. Whichever way you choose, have a great summer!

—April Steel, Commodore

**Have a great summer on the water!**



**Deadline for the next Tell Tales is 2 September**

## On the docks

As reported at the Special General Meeting of May 31st, the DE dock electrical upgrade is now complete with the exception of some lighting components which are on order. The cable and wiring work was done by Schure Thing Electrical with our volunteer work party supplying the labour to remove and replace decking and to install support posts for panels, lights and outlets. Braving the heat to get the job done were John Myers, Derek Barrio, Marc Lalonde, Doc Paynter, Bob Scott, Bryan Zapf, David Greig, Al Kirk and Cam Cartwright. My thanks to all and thank you also to Ann Lalonde and Sally Plunkett for supplying us with coffee and muffins at the break.

Some dock repairs required after the race weekend were also completed during the work party.

Other repair and maintenance work to breakwater bridges and an E-dock hinge point have been done or are currently underway by Bob Shaak so thanks also to Bob.

The *YELLOW MAX* has been towed out to its familiar position with able assistance from Hugh Preddy and we will hope it persuades our Salt Spring visitors to slow down and minimise the wash to our docks.

Summer cruising is getting underway so may we all have a safe and enjoyable season on the water.

—Norm Dinsmore  
*Rear Commodore*

## Coast Guard courtesy checks

If you wish to have a courtesy check done on your boat by the CG Auxiliary, please contact Ellen Reid at 537-9984 or email ellenreid@telus.net. There is no charge for this service and you will not be fined or arrested if your flares are out-of-date or any other required equipment is missing or faulty. The purpose of the courtesy check is strictly to help you become aware of any safety shortcomings aboard your boat.

Most checks take about 45 minutes to complete, and Ellen recommends that members refer to the CCG publication *Safe Boating Guide* before the inspection for details of what safety gear is required for their particular vessel. The vessel owner and licence/registration papers is required to be on hand for the check.

It's a great idea and worth taking advantage of.

## CBCYC updates

The latest CBCYC minutes include information about a proposed CCG radio channel change from 22a to 83a (for CCG communication) and updated entrance requirements for Canadians travelling abroad to the US by boat. The minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse foyer.

## House and grounds

I would like to thank all those who helped with the preparations and clear-up for the Round Saltspring Race—I can't name everyone, but a special thanks goes to Marc Lalonde for the design and construction of the presentation platform.

We collected a huge amount of garbage and the Junior Program members collected all the recycle items and they should make a good profit on this.

—Nick Hodson  
*Vice Commodore*

## New members

Past Fleet Captain Cruising Neil Buchan, or 'the cabin boy' as he calls himself, and his partner Dorothy Drubek have recently relocated to the Courtenay area. The good news is that they are staying on as Associate members and have promised to honour us with their company from time to time.

As mentioned in the last TellTales, all those involved with the membership process have been busy and we would ask you to join us in welcoming the following new members: John & Rita Gauld, Richard (Rick) Laing, Mary Applegate, Fred & Patricia Jewell and, revising their membership from Associate to Regular, are Bob Jones and Dorothy Finnigan (owners of *ALACRITY* featured on the front of our yearbook).

—Greg Harmeson  
*Secretary*

## Ladies Cruise

The crew on *WIND WENCH* said, "It was the best ever"! And "...why wait a whole year"? The part I shouldn't mention is that the crew is already 'planning' next year. For those who join this cruise each year, that could be meaningful.

As a club we put a lot of energy into the racing and youth programs but it is the 'Admiral' who gets us women out on the water as a group. Perhaps it is time to look at fostering an interest in this sort of activity on a more regular basis.

It is an opportunity to really get to know your own boat, operate a boat in a calm and relaxed environment, share knowledge, good food and have fun in creative ways.

Want to participate or find out more about this unique experience? Call me, Irene Gibbs or Jill Sydneysmith.

—April Steel, *Skipper*  
*WIND WENCH*

## Looking ahead

It is very hard to think of September right now when we are still waiting for the good weather to come and our prime boating season to begin, but it will sneak up on us. So mark your calendars now for the famous SISC Salmon Barbecue, to be held Sunday Sept. 25th. Tickets must be bought in advance, so watch TellTales and the bulletin board for details.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer, full of fun on the water!

—Arlene Dashwood  
*Staff Captain*

PS. If you would like to help out with this one, please contact me at 537-5050.



COLLEEN SHANTZ PHOTO

## Good news

Phase one of the Conover cabin restoration has just been completed. The several donations made by our club have helped greatly toward this goal. The new roof has depleted the present funds that have been collected by Ellen den Holder who is the Park Ranger at Wallace. Ellen is doing this on her own with no help from the Parks branch because she has an extremely keen interest in preserving the Conover cottages and her ultimate goal is to see the house turned into an interpretive centre. Except for a few large donations most of the money so far has been donated by boaters who come to Wallace.

I feel it is very important to save our heritage, and Wallace Island has many connections to Salt Spring. Hopefully in the future our club will see fit to make a further donation and if any members wish to donate privately please contact me and I will put you in touch with Ellen. The picture was taken on May 6th, the day the roof was completed.

—Lorne Shantz  
*SHAUNSEA*

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## Summer cruising

See the *May TellTales* for details of the July cruise.

Saturday–Sunday, August 20–21

### PENDER ISLAND CRUISE/RACE

This is an excellent opportunity for the sailors and power boaters to get together for a shared event.

We're planning an overnight at Otter Bay this year where David Wood and Arlene Dashwood promise an evening of fun and frolic.

Contact Marc Lalonde at 537-1103 for more information.



CONTRIBUTED

Wendy and Kevin Vine who, together with a fantastic crew of volunteers, worked so hard to make Round Salt Spring 2005 a success

## A letter of farewell from Powell River

You may have noticed that *DAUDIN* no longer occupies her slip on C-dock. This is because she has been relocated along with her owner to Powell River where she is comfortably moored in her new slip at the Grief Point Marina. I felt I should have called Jack Sharp, her builder, to ask permission to move her away from Salt Spring Island Sailing Club as that has been her home since she was launched in the mid eighties.

This note is really to acknowledge the friendships made during my stay on Salt Spring. I have to admit that many of the more senior members of the club have been a source of inspiration for me. I will be reminding myself in the future that you are never too old to do a circumnavigation of Vancouver Island, and that there isn't a problem out there that cannot be solved if you focus on the solution. I will miss the crab feasts and the camaraderie of club members and a road system without traffic lights. I won't miss the lack of parking in downtown Ganges or the overcrowding of our small harbour in the summertime. But my memories of Salt Spring will always be fond ones because of the people of the Island.

So if you are ever passing through Powell River and need a hot shower, a hot meal, or just a run into town give me a call, I look forward to seeing some familiar faces.

—Brian Swinburne

## RACING NEWS

### RNSA Single-handed Race

The 32nd Royal Naval Sailing Association single-handed race from Vancouver to Nanaimo and back took place on the weekend of June 4 and 5. This is the old-fashioned type of single-handed race, established in the days when men were men and single-handed sailors were supermen, who needed little in the way of material comfort or modern technology to take on the oceans of the world. The fact that one of their trophies is the Sir Francis Chichester Memorial speaks volumes about the spirit which inspires them.

The race is run (very efficiently) by the False Creek Yacht Club, who provide overnight moorage for visiting boats at their downtown marina just across from Granville Island. Four SISC boats—*WESTWIND* (Ole Andersen), *ELECTRA* (Roger Kibble), *SOUL DANCER* (Keith Simpson) and *FINAL DASH* (yours truly) met up there on Friday evening for the skippers meeting, and were very cordially welcomed by their commodore, who turns out to be a charming lady, just like ours.

On Saturday morning, after a quick stop at Granville Island for breakfast and supplies, we powered out to the Point Grey bell buoy, which was the starting point for the race. The first and only mark was set off Cape Roger Curtis, at the northwest corner of Bowen, and it was almost a dead run in very light wind against the end of the ebb tide. It is on this leg of the race that those who had elected to go No Flying Sails had the opportunity to reconsider their decision, as the boats with spinnakers quickly opened up a lead. It also gave those who, after some hesitation, had decided to go with the 'chute a chance to build their confidence, as the light air and flat water provided a very forgiving training ground.

Once the turn was made and boats headed out across the Strait towards Snake Island (the finish line), the apparent wind came forward of the beam and as the wind built, the lead boats had to decide whether to continue with the spinnaker or go through a time consuming drop. The fleet split about 50/50 on this, with those who dropped their 'chutes perhaps coming out slightly ahead. However as the fleet approached the finish, those who kept flying their spinnakers were rewarded with a lift as the wind bent around Gabriola, and this gave them the edge over those who had dropped and then had to raise again. Whether this last minute advantage made up for having sailed across the Strait on their ears is a moot point. Probably not.

The Nanaimo Yacht Club was very efficient in finding secure moorage for all 36 contestants. Once the boats were safely tied up and tidied up, good spirits (of all kinds) began to make their appearance. The fact that the average age of the skippers

### NEWS FLASH!

Congratulations to Stuart Farson and JJ FLASH from SISC who were the overall winners of the 2005 Round Bowen Race, which took place on Saturday, 11 June!

### Summer racing

See pages 47–48 in the yearbook or check the club website for the latest racing schedules and results. Log into

[saltspringsailing.ca](http://saltspringsailing.ca)

was somewhere around the proverbial three score years and ten did nothing to diminish the enthusiasm of the crowd. The NYC put on an excellent buffet (provided you were a carnivore) and prizes were handed out to everybody.

In my brief (one year) experience of the race, the wind conditions on Sunday had been the same as on Saturday—light wind early on, building to 12–15 knots out of the southeast, which allowed the mark at Roger Curtis to be fetched in a single starboard tack. That was not the case this year. At the start, the wind was out of the north, becoming northwest once we were clear of the influence of the land. Again it was a tough call, whether to hoist the spinnaker or not. Only *ELECTRA* of the Salt Spring boats chose to hoist, which required sailing below the mark in the hopes of being lifted up to it later on. In a steady or building breeze that might have been a good call, but as we approached the middle of the Strait, the wind went light and westerly. The boats which had sailed straight across and were closest to the Sunshine coast eventually benefitted from a new wind settling in from the southeast, leaving a large group of boats in a hole, waiting for the new wind to arrive.

Rain and 15–20 knots winds were the order of the day for much of the beat from Roger Curtis back to Point Grey, conditions which did not bother the Salt Spring boats, as we discovered when the results were posted. While none of us had won overall, Team Salt Spring came home with the team trophy, and *FINAL DASH* won the trophy for lowest elapsed time. Even more than the glory, all four of us had an excellent adventure, a lot of laughs, and some great sailing, as well as the opportunity to push our own single-handed sailing beyond its previous limits, and boost our confidence in the process. It would be great to take even more boats over next year.

On our return trip on Monday we were accompanied by *LUNA*, a C&C 37R just acquired by Norbert Schlenker and Nora McCloy, making her delivery to SISC with the assistance of Bob Jones. She is a big powerful boat which will make a great addition to the club.

—David Wood  
Fleet Captain, Racing 3

# 2005 ROUND SALTSRING

Check out [saltspringsailing.ca](http://saltspringsailing.ca) to see the results and all the photos



KEVIN VINE PHOTOS

Once again, Saltspring Island Sailing Club was able to pull out all the stops to make Round Saltspring 2005 a resounding success. This event is one that all of us should take great pride in, as virtually all of our guests acclaim it as the most fun, best run, friendly, worthwhile event of the season.

That our little island is able to attract and properly host over 120 boats and their crews for the past three years is a real testimony to the success of this event. (While Victoria's Swiftsure attracted 238 boats this year, they can only dream of our ability to pack so many and so much into a weekend.)

But don't take it from me. Here's what others have said about our club's event:

*Thanks for such a... wonderful event. Congratulations on organizing such a fine race.* —Craig Leitch, TIGGER J

*Thank you very much for an outstanding event at Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. VITESSE & FINESSE's crew really enjoyed themselves. Please accept my congratulations for such a well-run event.* —Marc Parent, VITESSE & FINESSE

*First, my appreciation of all your efforts in organizing this event—good job; as with all such we are victims of our own success, so it has become a pretty big event. Nevertheless [the] team has successfully managed the terrific turnout of boats. This year especially seemed to show there were more low handicap boats than ever—this is stimulating, isn't it?* —Philip Grange, FANDANGO

*We do a fair bit of racing and yours is by far the one that we come away with the*

*best feeling. Yes, your prizes are fabulous, but more than that it just feels like the Club and the organizers sincerely want and appreciate us there. Royal Victoria, Royal Vancouver, etc. can all take a page out of your book.* —Rick Tilby, GATOR

*On behalf of the MUNGO crew, congratulations on a great event!... The food was excellent and the service was efficient. All the volunteers deserve a round of applause.* —Steven Dennis, MUNGO

*Thank you for a great race. It was our first but not our last.* —Paul Agate, LIMING

*Thanks again for another great event. We had a super time.* —Eric Jespersen, FRENZY

*Thanks for putting on a great event! ...the SISC team did a superb job, and the great winds made this a memorable year.* —Koit Teng, SNSYC Fleet Captain

*First I want to give huge thanks to... the entire volunteer staff from the crew of CINDINO. It was my first RSS as skipper and we had a tremendous time, although every RSS hereafter will likely be slower! It was a great time and we are talking about plans for next year! That must be a good sign!* —David Wrate, CINDINO

*Very impressed with how you folks hosted us and organized the race.* —Barry Rolston, FIRST MORNING

*It was just a fantastic event!* —Nick Sladen-Dew, JEEKERS II

*I and the crew of IMAGINE were impressed once again with the high quality of the*

*event. Please let your volunteers know how much we appreciated their hospitality.* —Alan Currie, IMAGINE

*Thank you again for a great event, probably one of the best I have been in. I thought the event was extremely well organized and a lot of fun, I will definitely be returning next year.* —Julie Kadar, GOOSE N DUCK

*The round SS race was a great treat! Everything was so well planned and the smallest details were looked after to make everyone, even from off-island, feel right at home.* —Rosalie Letour, Lottie Dottie Dee and CAT DANCER

*Thanks to you and everyone for a great weekend. We hit 19 knots on the run down to Southey Point, too much fun! The event was well run from my perspective... I was impressed with the range and quality of prizes.* —Andy Robinson, DRUM

*A very large thank you for another fantastic Round Saltspring event. This has been a "must do event" for myself for over five years. You and your club members "have it down pat". Keep-up the good times.* —Paul Jenkins and crew, WAVE REVIEWS

*...your committee deserve(s) top marks... Phil Hume, YEOMAN OF CESTRIA*

*While many of the comments also included great ideas for improvement for next year, the overwhelming sentiment is: Kudos, Saltspring Island Sailing Club! Congratulations on a job well done.*

—Kevin Vine, On behalf of the Round Saltspring Committee