



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

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## Sailpast 2006

Commodore, April Steel, in WIND WENCH receives the salute of the fleet (top right); April, with Rear Commodore Norm Dinsmore by her side, inaugurating the new C-dock during the ribbon-cutting ceremony (top left); and, from the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Roger Gilbert pipes the Commodore along the wharves to the clubhouse (left)

## Commodore's remarks

Members at the lightly attended May General Meeting agreed with the observations made by the Membership Committee concerning ambiguity in the membership definitions, and it was recommended that the Committee provide several scenarios for discussion at a future meeting.

The Board will not be recommending any major undertakings in the form of capital projects for 2007. A \$50K contingency will be included in the budget for next year, along with a recommendation of the same for the following two years, to provide for repairs as needed to D and E docks and the main pier.

It is with regret that I report that long standing Honorary Life Member Jack Sharp has passed away. We extend condolences to Betty and the family.

BC Council of Yacht Clubs reports that the Canadian Hydrographic Service is *not* going ahead with metrification of charts and

tide tables as had been planned for January 2007. This is due to negative responses from the public.

The recent Round Salt Spring Race was a huge success, both on the racing and social fronts. It is too early to provide the financial outcome. Stalwart organisers, Kevin and Wendy Vine, have indicated that after 12 years, they will not be organising the 2007 race. Many thanks to the Vines for all their hard work in making this event what it is.

If one of you would like to take over the duties of Committee Chair or Race Registrar, please let me know.

This is the last issue of TellTales being produced by Per and Lynetta Rasmussen. It has been a pleasure working with them over the years. A well deserved 'retirement'!

Have a cruising good summer.

—April Steel  
Commodore  
grailer1@telus.net

## Wanted...

members who want to spend relaxing afternoons lounging on their boats and meeting people. The reciprocal guests appreciate a smiling, friendly face when they visit our docks. The sign-up sheet is located in the clubhouse foyer, and there are still plenty of times available on the Daily Wharfing schedule. Training is available upon request by calling Wharfinger, Bob Scott, at 537-4021.



**5 knots  
(10 km/hour)  
maximum**

## Speed limit in Ganges Harbour

Help reduce damage from wakes in Ganges Harbour while obeying the legal speed limit

Tell your friends about the legal speed limit—spread the word. Read Norm's report about damage to the breakwater bridges during the holiday week-end caused by heavy wash from harbour traffic.



**Deadline for the next TellTales is 1 September**

## On the docks

One job which remained to be done after the completion of the C-dock and breakwater project was to put some protection on the steel frame at the breakwater finger corner in the SE entrance. Bob Scott obtained a tire at the re-cycle centre and cut and notched it to allow it to be fitted over the steel. Installation was done by Jon Healey and Derek Barrio—and done in time for the Round Saltspring Race. Bob selected a near-new Michelin tire and installed it in such a way that if you hit the corner your boat will not suffer serious damage—but the mark on your hull will have been produced by fine European engineering.

As reported at the General Meeting, we suffered some damage to the breakwater bridges during the holiday week-end due to a large wash (or washes) from harbour traffic. My thanks to Hugh Preddy who was pressed into service for repairs. We replaced the bolts in a restraining chain anchor plate which had pulled out of the rub rail.

The **YELLOW MAX** speed sign boat is now on duty for the summer and we hope it will have some effect in reducing speed and subsequent damage from wash. More thanks to Hugh Preddy—and to Karen Preddy also—for their work in getting the Max out in position in the harbour. In closing, may I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer on the water.

—Norm Dinsmore  
*Rear Commodore*

## The social scene

We had a great turnout for the Sailpast, in spite of the weather. The rain held off until the last boat saluted our Commodore! A hundred to a hundred and twenty-five members and their guests attended the reception and the event went smoothly with the help of Cathy Wellingham, Dawn Shaak, Dorothy Finnegan, Jackie Melzer, Jennifer Healey, Susan Paynter and Jennie Barrio who served the food, rather than having a long table down the middle of the room taking up a lot of space. Thank you ladies for all your help, both during the lunch and the clean-up.

We 'christened' our new wine glasses and, judging by the positive feed back, they were a great success. Thank you Jim for running the bar.

Our next social event is the Salmon BBQ on Sunday, September 24th. There will be a sign-up list—possibly at the Artspring box office where tickets can be purchased. Hopefully this will make it easier for members. There will be more information in September's TellTales.

Have a great summer of sailing.

—Jill Sydneysmith  
*Staff Captain*

## House and grounds

I hope everyone likes the new floor in the meeting/social area of the clubhouse and in the kitchen area. We have replaced feet on all the chairs, but if anyone spots any missing please let me know as I have spares.

Thanks to all those members who helped out at the Round Saltspring Race with set-up and clean-up; it all went extremely smoothly. Also thanks to Dom Boudreau for dealing with the recycling, which raised over \$100 for the Junior Program.

Vicky and I hope to be away most of June and July so if you need to book the clubhouse during this time, please call David Southwell at 537-0817. For any other clubhouse issues, please call Rob Denny at 653-9374.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable boating summer.

—Nick Hodson, *Vice Commodore*

## Secretary's notes

Please join us in welcoming new members Colin & Melanie Horel, Jan Malherbe, John & Sylvia Andrews, Robert Irving, Greg & Holly Slakov, Peter Toby, and Roger Cooper. And, we have accepted with regrets the resignation of Wim & Petra Bakker.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable boating season.

—Greg Harmeson, *Secretary*

## Wharfingering

I want to thank all those members who moved their boats so we could provide moorage for the Round Saltspring racers. I also want to express my personal appreciation to my 'Dock Crew' who made the accommodation of the racers a smooth and enjoyable task this year.

We bid farewell to David and Jean Stone's boat *PETREL* and wish them well, and we welcome *RED-C*, belonging to John and Sylvia Andrews, to our marina.

A few other moorage changes are currently in the works, but I expect it to be generally quiet over the summer.

Safe and pleasant journey to anyone fortunate enough to get away in your boat this summer—and don't forget to sign out when you leave so we can utilise your space for visitors.

—Bob Scott, *Wharfinger*

## Round Saltspring bags and caps at discounted prices

Don't miss the chance of owning one of these quality items—now only \$10 each. Please phone Greg Harmeson (537-1262) or April Steel (537-4207).

Hurry while stocks last!

—Vicky Hodson

## CLUB CALENDAR

### JUNE

17 Sat 1000 Jack & Jill Race  
25 Sun 1200 Channel Isles #2 Race

### JULY

8 Sat 1000 Vendée Salt Spring Leg 1  
9 Sun 1000 Vendée Salt Spring Leg 2  
23 Sun 1100 July One-day Regatta  
& Barbecue for racers  
and cruisers

### AUGUST

30 Wed 1700 Wednesday Evening Series  
final race and barbecue

### SEPTEMBER

5 Tue 1900 Board Meeting  
10 Sun 1000 Montague Harbour Race  
24 Sun 1000 Single-handed Race  
24 Sun 1800 Salmon Barbecue

**Be sure to consult [saltspringsailing.ca](http://saltspringsailing.ca)  
throughout the summer for changes or  
updates to this schedule**



**Bag or cap,  
\$10 each**

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## **Wanted: volunteer power boat maintenance person**

We are looking for a member to take charge of the maintenance of the club's four out-board motors and boats and keep them running in peak form. The responsibility would be to service the motors on an annual basis, maintain the boats and motors throughout the year, storage, repairs to fabric, covers and making sure the chase boats are ready and in top form for the Junior and Summer Sailing Programs. A maintenance log book on each motor would have to be kept for insurance purposes. If you would like to consider doing this, please talk to Tony Meek or me.

—John Wellingham, *Fleet Captain Dinghy*



HAROLD BROCHMANN PHOTO

Vera Kononoff in WEE LASS during Sailpast

## **Farewell**

Long-time club member Jack Sharp passed away on 23 May.

Jack and Betty joined the club in 1984, and Jack never ceased to be an enthusiastic member of the club and a willing volunteer. His woodworking skills were of great benefit to the club, he was the recipient of the Past Commodores' award in 1993, and later became an Honorary Life Member. He built the beautiful DAUDIN and WEE LASS boats on which Betty and he spent many happy hours.

Jack was a true 'self-help' person, and we'll all miss him, his skills and his wit.

## **10% discounts to Sailing Club members**

We have learned that Bob Reynolds has arranged for Mouat's to offer club members a 10% discount on marine purchases.

This is great news, and it reminds us that three other businesses offer similar 10% discounts. These are Harbours End Marine & Equipment in Ganges, as well as All Bay Marine and Waypoint Marine in Sidney. Their addresses and phone numbers are all listed in the 2006 yearbook, and don't forget that you have to show your current club membership card.

—Ed.

## **Ladies' Cruise 2006**

We have changed the Ladies' Cruise this year to June 22–25, inclusive, instead of the first weekend in June, hoping to encourage more ladies to take their boat on this fun weekend and to create more interest, especially in new members. We have lots of fun and certainly learn a lot. At the moment we have three boats signed up, *DOCENT*, *HESSIAN* and *FANFARE*.

- **Thursday, June 22** We depart approx. 1100 hours for Telegraph Harbour. The distance is about 19 NM. We'll have a favourable tide.

Potluck finger-food onshore for dinner. I will need to know how many boats are going so I can book slips, unless anyone wishes to anchor.

- **Friday, June 23** Our destination will be Newcastle Island. We will have to make an early start to catch the flood through Dodd Narrows. Slack is at 0846 hours, and I suggest we leave at 0630. It is approximately 14 NM to Dodd. If we went through at 0930 hours we would only have 2–3 knots of favourable current. Then another 6 NM, with the flood, to Newcastle Island. Please let me know if you want a slip or intend to anchor. We will dine at the Dinghy Dock Pub nearby. We will need to bring dinghies, but if you would rather not,

let me know please.

- **Saturday, June 24** Depart for Clam Bay, but we don't need to start early! Plenty of time to have a great walk around Newcastle Island and maybe another beer at the Dinghy Dock Pub—or sleep in! Slack at Dodd Narrows is at 1600 hours when it turns to ebb. Then it's approximately 12 NM from Dodd to Clam Bay where we will of course have to anchor. *DOCENT* and *HESSIAN* will raft together for potluck finger-food. We have realised after many years that finger-food is much easier than casseroles and salads, etc!

- **Sunday, June 25** Return to SISC at your own time. Trincomali Channel will be ebbing.

For those of you who are interested in joining our annual adventure—and it *is* great fun—a navigation meeting can be arranged for any boat skippers who haven't been to these destinations before, or maybe this is your first time on the Ladies' Cruise. I will need to know as soon as possible though, if you are coming, so that I can book slips at Telegraph and Newcastle.

—Jill Sydneysmith (537-1007)  
treetops@uniserve.com

## **Slip to sublet**

Thirty foot slip to sublet for the months of July and August. Call Lorne Shantz at 537-2483.

## **Summer sailing program up and running**

The registration for the July and August sailing school is going well again this year. Although the Opti and Whitesail enrolment are down slightly, reflecting the declining school population enrolment, the Bronze enrolment is up. As the phone is still ringing constantly, I fully expect that the overall numbers and revenue will be very similar to last year. My disappointment is the lack of interest this year from the adults, who were well represented last year. I have my fingers crossed that as the time approaches there will be an adult program.

Last night's Board meeting gave approval for the construction of a small dock which will allow the C420s to have a floating home for the years ahead. As these boats are heavier than the Lasers, the need to have a dock for easy push-off and retrieval by the kids is most important.

The CYA approved instructors for this year are Jessica Letour, Head Coach, and Heather Meek, Stuart Dahlgren, Jesse Johnston-Hill and Dom Boudreau, our newest coach. Our request to the Federal Government for financial assistance of \$7,499 to support these coaches has been approved.

There are still spots available in the Opti, Whitesail and Bronze programs for kids who would like to participate in the summer program, so please pass on the news to tardy parents.

Last, if there is any member who can help supervise during the summer, please let me know.

Thanks for your support.

—John Wellingham  
*Fleet Captain Dinghy*

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... that's the journalists' shorthand for the end of an article.

After 9½ years of editing and producing 95 editions of TellTales, we have reached 'the end', and it's time to move on and let others take the journalistic tiller.

We'd like to thank the Board which, through its many iterations, has given us the freedom we needed to convey the self-help spirit of the club, and we send our thanks to all those who contributed material to our pages over the years.

We're happy that Harold and Candace Brochmann are going to continue the Tell-Tales tradition and schedule, and we wish them as enjoyable a time as we've had, putting it together and keeping members informed about club going-ons.

—Per & Lynetta

# RACING NEWS



KEVIN VINE PHOTOS

## Sailpast, 7th May 2006

It was a wet and overcast morning; prospects were not good for the annual Sailpast. However by 1000h it was clearing and by the time the parade passed our Commodore, April Steel, on *WIND WENCH* at 1100h the sun was out and a squally wind was making life difficult for the sailboats.

On completion of Sailpast, the Commodore cut a ribbon to officially open the new C-Dock. A piper then led a parade headed by April to the clubhouse for lunch.

The afternoon NFS fun race attracted 11 boats. The course was down to the Ganges Shoal buoy, return to the outside start buoy, back to Ganges Shoal and home. It was a very squally wind ranging from about 5 knots up to 20 knots in the squalls and shifting all the time. A busy sail but good fun with some close racing.

The results are given below but it should be noted that the start was very ragged due to many of us getting on the water late and finish times may not have been recorded with the greatest of zeal. All of which is in keeping with a fun race after a great lunch. No points are recorded.

—Bob Jones  
Fleet Captain, Racing

Boat	Skipper	Rating	Elapsed	Corrected
<i>TINKER</i>	Burridge	292	1:30:00	1:12:03
<i>CLASSY LADY</i>	Wellingham	262	1:27:30	1:12:44
<i>FINAL DASH</i>	Wood	143	1:15:07	1:13:39
<i>ELECTRA</i>	Kibble	168	1:19:15	1:14:52
<i>LUNA</i>	Schlenker	126	1:17:33	1:18:02
<i>BLUE PETER</i>	Barrio	213	1:29:30	1:19:22
<i>EFFERVESCENCE</i>	Bortz	209	1:30:00	1:20:15
<i>ALACRITY</i>	Jones	160	1:24:00	1:20:18
<i>LONE RANGER</i>	Ambers/Laing	247	1:35:00	1:20:31
<i>AQUILA MIA</i>	Dashwood	187	1:28:00	1:20:54
<i>SOUL DANCER</i>	Simpson	139	1:28:13	1:27:01

## Channel Islands #2 Race

Sunday, June 4 - At the skippers' meeting at 1130h it was decided a short course was appropriate for the prevailing wind conditions. It was U62 to port and back. The skipper of *STRAWBERRY EXPRESS* declared NFS. It was a rousing start with *ARIES GRACE* speeding up to the start line. Unfortunately they were unfamiliar with the race rules and elected to motor and were promptly protested by the skipper of *STRAWBERRY EXPRESS*. After a quick tacking duel the *ARIES GRACE*, still under motor, and apparently a little confused and not even responding to the standard starboard hail, turned and motored away. The brilliant tactics of *STRAWBERRY EXPRESS* had her pulling out in front and leading the fleet. Poor *ARIES* had no chance, and apparently withdrawing from the race left clean air and open water for the elated crew of *STRAWBERRY EXPRESS*.

The official GPS time in was *ARIES GRACE* DNF, *STRAWBERRY EXPRESS* 3:20:15. Later, the Skipper of *STRAWBERRY EXPRESS* was heard saying, "Additional competition would have made the race more challenging."

—Scott Simmons

## The 2006 Round Saltspring Race...

was a huge success. A total of 20 SISC boats participated in the race, 14 finished, and our two fastest boats took first and sixth place.

**See the complete list of results online at [saltspringsailing.ca](http://saltspringsailing.ca)**

## Ole Andersen's summer ratings for club sailors based on performance in the spring series

Boat	PHRF	Average Spring '06	Resulting club rating
<i>ALACRITY</i>	135	140	138
<i>ALMUCANTAR*</i>	176		203*
<i>AQUILA MIA</i>	130	246	188
<i>BETHIA*</i>	275		275
<i>CAT DANCER</i>	230	246	238
<i>CLASSY LADY</i>	206	261	234
<i>DERYN MOR</i>	234	250	242
<i>EFFERVESCENCE</i>	209	274	242
<i>ELECTRA</i>	141	152	147
<i>FANDANGO</i>	138	160	149
<i>FINAL DASH</i>	110	124	117
<i>GWAIHIR*</i>	265		292*
<i>HESSIAN</i>	135		135
<i>JECKERS</i>	168	231	200
<i>JJ FLASH</i>	55	102	79
<i>LONE RANGER*</i>	208	293	251
<i>LUNA</i>	102	183	143
<i>MADRIGAL</i>	213	249	231
<i>MINKE</i>	245	226	236
<i>ORACLE</i>	201	350	276
<i>QUESTO</i>	128	183	156
<i>SAORSA</i>	175	182	179
<i>SHADOW</i>	208		208
<i>SLY FOX</i>	218		218
<i>SOUL DANCER</i>	112	161	137
<i>STRAWBERRY EXPRESS</i>	135	139	137
<i>TIGGER J</i>	119	118	119
<i>YEOMAN</i>	132	146	139

All race logs and individual race results can be found at [saltspringsailing.ca](http://saltspringsailing.ca)