



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

# TellTales



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## Commodore's Report By Nick Hodson

Thanks to all of you who came to last week's General Meeting. We had long and at times heated discussions over the proposed pier refurbishment. In the end the Board's and Pier Committee's recommendation to accept a quote from Island Marine Construction to rebuild the pier in timber in its existing location was approved. However there was much debate over an alternative scheme proposed by P/Cdr Lawrie Neish to construct a shorter pier and extra floats in a location opposite C dock. This proposal had merit & although it had been considered and rejected earlier by the Pier Committee, several members were anxious to know the costs of this proposal. Consequently, I asked Rear Commodore Gene Dryzmala to estimate the cost of this scheme using the figures we have for the accepted quote and previous costs for B and C docks. The total for the equivalent work comes to \$178,000. Whilst this may appear to be a saving of \$21,000 it takes no account of construction of a new road and turnaround, relocating the hydro supply or dealing with the bank stability. These extra costs would be considerable.

There seemed to be some confusion over the club's financial arrangements and our ability to fund this construction. So for clarification, April Steel has put together a brief history of our financing arrangements on Page 3 of this issue.

Another item that has been suggested we look at during the reconstruction is the possibility of providing year round water to the dock end of the pier. At the moment, those wishing to use their boats between mid November and April have to do so without the benefit of fresh water. It may be possible to install the line in such a way that water could be available at the end of the pier year round. Please let me know if this is an improvement that members would like to see, before we spend too long in research.

Cruising was another issue that came up at the GM. Lately there has been little or no organized club cruising, so John Healey and Hugh Greenwood have compiled a short survey to discover what members want from the cruising program. You will find this on Page 14 of TellTales and on the club website. I urge you to complete the form as requested, even if your answer is that you don't want cruising.

Many thanks to Linda and Bob Reynolds for stepping up to organize October's Pub Night on the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you want this popular event to continue, please come forward and offer to host one of these nights.

Lastly, a reminder that annual invoices will be issued shortly. The club relies on your prompt payment. The Board feels that it is necessary to require proof of boat insurance on an annual basis, so please remember to include this with your payment, and note the change in collection procedures as explained in the Treasurer's report. Comments welcome—please contact me at [nickhodson@saltspring.com](mailto:nickhodson@saltspring.com)



### October 2007

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- 2nd 1900 Board Meeting
- 12th 1700 PUB NIGHT
- 14th 1000 Captain Passage Race
- 20th—21st Cruise to Montague
- 23rd 1900 Oktoberfest Pot-Luck Social
- 28th 1030 Jack Langdon Trophy Race

### November 2007

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- 3rd 0830 Fall Work Party & Clean-up
- 6th 1900 Board Meeting
- 18th 1200 Season's End Race
- 18th 1600 Racing Awards & Social
- 24th 1800 Commodore's Banquet
- 27th 1900 Annual General Meeting

# TREASURER'S REPORT

by Norbert Schlenker

Members will receive their annual club bills at about the same time as this issue of TellTales. Payment is due on November 1. If it is more convenient for you to send a cheque now post-dated to November 1, 2007, we are happy to hold and deposit it then.

When sending your payment, remember that, if you moor your boat at the club, you must confirm insurance coverage by enclosing a copy of the face page of the policy.

The board has recently revised Regulation 6.4 to increase the required amount of liability insurance for moored boats from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, effective November 1, 2008. Most members already carry at least a million dollars liability, and the published rules for the Round Salt Spring race require the higher amount for all boats racing. If you have a policy at the lower limit, the delay in the effective date will allow you to wait until your regular renewal to increase your coverage.

I have proposed a procedural change for collecting unpaid bills and the board has agreed. Bill collection is an unpleasant task and, this past year, it has been very unpleasant indeed. Posting names at the club as the Bylaws require has resulted in complaints that collection should be handled more gently and privately. Reminding non-payers by phone call or email that a bill has been neglected has resulted in abusive phone calls, emails, voicemails and conversations, with third parties sometimes enlisted as allies. In one singular case, collecting an overdue \$90 occupied more than 20 hours of various board members' time. Even though they are not paid, no volunteer – and the board members are all volunteers – deserves to have their time wasted like this.

The procedural change is to follow Bylaw 17 to the letter. We will not chase delinquent payers. If bills are thirty days past due, the bookkeeper will send a reminder by mail and inform the Treasurer. The Treasurer will post names on the bulletin board at the Club. If another 30 days passes without payment, the delinquent is no longer a member of the Club. The Treasurer will inform the Secretary and Wharfinger so that keys can be retrieved and boats removed from club docks.

Any member who feels that this approach is too harsh and impersonal is cordially invited to volunteer to handle collections in future.

# REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Gene Drzymala

A strong *YES* vote was delivered by the membership on the Pier Reconstruction Project at the September General Meeting. The contract was awarded to Island Marine Construction Service Ltd.. The work will be done from approximately mid-January to the end of February. At the request of some members, a 60ft. gangway is under study by Island Marine and our consulting engineer. If feasible, this will replace our present 40ft. gangway thus lessening the steep slope at low tide.

During the preconstruction period many hardy volunteers will be required. If you would like to help, please contact me or leave a note in my box.

Many thanks to Trevor Haddow and Rick Laing for repairing BW 7 Dock.

I will post the work sheet for the November 3rd Work Party in the foyer, well in advance. I look forward to seeing you there.



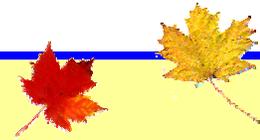
Volunteer workers, Rick Laing & Trevor Haddow doing some dock repairs. And don't forget that all-important dock-side refueling station courtesy of Gene & Sharon.



PHOTOS by Linda Matteson-Reynolds

# PAST-COMMODRE'S REPORT

by April Steel



## A Brief History of Our Debt Financing following questions from the SGM

In the very early days, the members through the issue of debentures, effectively low/no interest loans, provided capital funding. Subsequent to members being repaid, the Club secured a registered mortgage against the property with the Island Savings (our banker). The repayment of this mortgage was through a series of annual balloon payments made to coincide with the annual collection of dues and moorage on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

During that time the annual, budget approved by the membership at the AGM in November each year, was restricted to the residual cash left from the annual fees collection less the balloon payment minus the projected interest for the year and a projected cushion in case of emergency.

This method of financing maximized loan interest and necessitated new financing with related costs at the end of the mortgage or sooner if required. Meantime, the cash set aside for the daily operations was placed in savings and routinely moved back and forth from savings as needed.

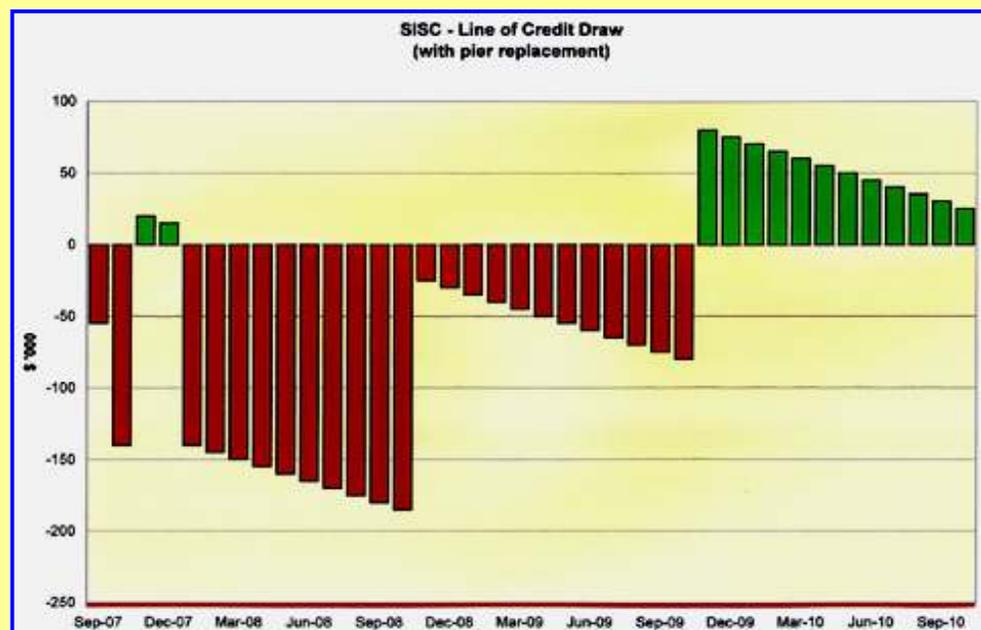
The AGM of November 26, 2002 was also called a Special General Meeting so that the financing arrangements of the Club could be changed. The out come was a Special Resolution authorizing the Board to negotiate a line of credit for \$250,000 with the Island Savings. This was done in December 2002, as a loan bearing an interest rate of prime plus a half percent registered against the property.

Having already served five years, the benefits are 1) interest costs are minimized because the line of credit is often low or even zero because of our annual cash fluctuations, 2) eliminates continual funds transfers between accounts with related fees 3) eliminates additional borrowing and legal fees while the \$250K continues to meet our funding requirements.

It has NOT changed the requirement to seek annual approval for the operating/capital budget at the AGM nor does it alter the approach to capital projects wherein approval is sought from the membership for a specific project including funding. Since December 2002, both the annual budget and the funding requirements of specific projects have affected the balance on the line of credit at various points during a given fiscal year. In short, at any time, we may either be self funding through cash on hand or debt funded through the line of credit. Cash flows are included in both the annual budget and project approval presentations.

The graph below is the projection for 2008, as presented by the Treasurer at the September 25<sup>th</sup> SGM.

April Steel, CMA (ret'd)  
I/Past Commodore



## News from the Nominating Committee .....

The Nominating Committee of myself, Arlene Dashwood, Greg Harmeson and John Myers are still seeking to fill several vacancies on the Board for 2008. We have been working on this since early June and are feeling a bit discouraged about our shortfall of nominees.

Serving on the Board as an officer of the Club is an opportunity to volunteer your time and talent for the well being of the Club. Sitting on the Board will enable you to help maintain and enhance the positive direction of the Club, plus you will gain an appreciation of how the Club functions and learn more of the Club history.

As a member of the Board of Directors, you will attend Board meetings each first Tuesday of the month December through November (no meeting July and August) and participate in the general meetings of February, May, September and November.

Specifically, we require volunteer nominees for Staff Captain, Vice Commodore and Cruise Captain.

The Staff Captain is responsible for the social activities of the Club. There is generally one social activity per month except during the summer. This position is supported by a social committee and the bar captains. Highly developed organization and delegation skills will be your strong point along with a good dose of creating enjoyment

Volunteers to organize a social event(s) also gratefully welcome.

The Vice Commodore is responsible for the Buildings and Grounds and stands in for the Commodore if required. Bookings to use the Clubhouse are handled by a member volunteer. Grass cutting and clubhouse cleaning are contracted out. Other repairs and maintenance need not be hands on but facilitated by contacting your committee, skilled member volunteer or local trade. A highlight is organizing the spring and fall work party.

A Cruise Captain will be needed to oversee an organized cruise season. Jon Healey is working on this. See October TellTales for more details and/or contact Jon 537-1222.

Because it is felt that every member should participate as an officer of the Club, I encourage you to step forward. Please contact me 537-4207 or Greg 537-1262 or Arlene 537-5050. (John is away).

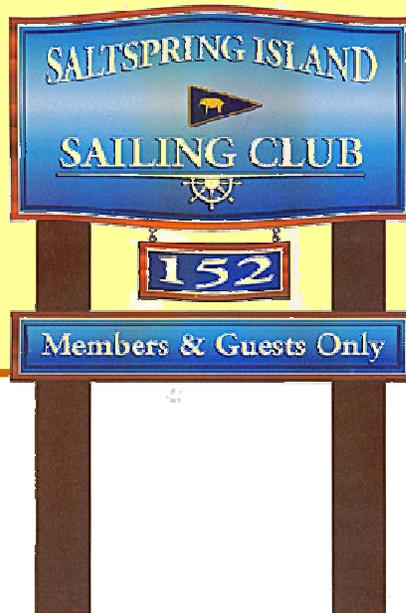
April Steel - Nominating Committee Chair

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Russell Logan

Just a reminder to all Members that the Fall Work Party and Cleanup will be held on Saturday November 3rd starting at 0830. The sign-up board of assignments will be posted in the lobby of the Club House 2-weeks prior to this date.

Also, there has been an addition to our SISC sign posted at the top of the driveway entrance to the club. As shown, it now states "Members & Guests Only".



**REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS  
FALL WORK PARTY & CLEAN-UP  
is scheduled for  
Saturday, November 3rd  
0830**



**STAFF CAPTAIN'S  
REPORT**  
by Jill Sydneysmith

The Salmon BBQ was a great success, 65 members attended and thanks to the following members who helped put it together (I was virtually out of commission with a broken collar bone), Sandi Ballantyne, Jackie Melzer Cheryl Gadsby and my daughter Kelly prepared the food. Bob Jones and Jim Ballantyne did a great job BBQ'ing the wild salmon and thanks to Mike Byrne and April Steel for running the bar.



A big thank you also goes to Chris Gadsby, Karen Preddy, Irene Gibbs, Fred and Jean Howell, Gayle Meyers, Jenny Barrio, Sylvia Greenwood, Colleen Shantz, Sharon Hawke who set-up, decorated, served, and tackled a huge cleanup. If I have left anyone out a big thank you goes to you too! As in the Driftwood "Rants and Roses", a huge boat full of roses to you all.



My pleading for members to come forward and volunteer to take "Serving it Right" has paid off! John and Irene Gibbs, Chris Gadsby and Kathleen McCurdy will be legal bartenders in the near future

Mark your calendars for the next social on October 23rd to celebrate Oktoberfest. This is a potluck event. I will need some volunteers to set-up and decorate, by then I should have two able arms!!



**Annual Salmon BBQ  
Festivities**



## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

by Vicki Morrison

At the October 2nd Board Meeting Kevan Brown's application for Junior Membership was approved. It is really great to have the young people interested in joining the SISC and the Junior membership has increased over the past few months. Last month, approval for Junior membership was granted to Oliver Cannon and Rhys Hardy. (Please accept my apologies Rhys, for mistaking your last name as Finer, I stand corrected.) It is good to see the young people taking part in the summer sailing school program and continuing to be interested in learning to sail. We applaud and encourage their interest.

As we gain new members to the Sailing Club, unfortunately there is an occasional resignation submitted. David Stone has announced that after many years of being a member of the SISC, he feels now is the time to submit his resignation. We accept his resignation with understanding and regret. Thank you David for the many years of valuable services to the club. It is hoped that you will come by to visit from time to time.

## **OH, MY DEER**

Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> - Salt Spring Island Sailing Club  
A Tale of the Olympic Swimming Deer

Submitted by:

**Tim Ballantyne & Ameer Bodman**

**from Canadian Forces Sailing Association - Victoria, B.C.**



We arrived into Ganges Harbour in the late morning and got ourselves a reciprocal moorage berth. This was the middle of our weeklong cruise through the Gulf Islands aboard our 25' Albin, "Et Tu". After clearing in with the Wharfinger-on-Duty, Jim Ballantyne (who coincidentally has almost the same name as me), we found ourselves snugly tied in a slip closest to the shore on "A" dock.

The weather enticed us from our boat for the afternoon so we unfolded our bikes and set out for Ganges to do a little provisioning. We arrived back to our boat in the early evening and decided to have a BBQ dinner. While I was out on the deck grilling, Ameer did some preparation in the galley. It was then that I noticed some commotion on the shore and saw a female deer swimming along the shoreline. I quickly called Ameer to grab the camera and kept my eye on the fascinating sight. We snapped a shot just as the deer began to make its way out of the water.

We thought this was the end of the show, but the entertainment was only just to begin as the deer did the most peculiar thing. It lunged off the rocks and into the water with a huge splash, as though to pounce on the Canada Goose that was swimming in that spot. Amid splashes and flapping wings, the deer seemed intent on chasing it. The goose easily escaped but the deer kept a steady course away from the shore and directly towards our boat.

The deer had a wild look in its eye as it swam right up to the boats, ducking under docks and floats and going further and further from shore. Carrying the camera, I jumped from the boat intent on following the deranged doe. Two club members and myself went up and down the docks trying to redirect the deer back to shore. It swam as far as the outer breakwater then veered off to swim amongst some boats on mooring buoys before finally heading back to shore. I caught some of this spectacle on video as well as in a few photographs. The deer's speed in the water amazed us, and its quirky behaviour will remain a unique memory for those of us who witnessed it.

We look forward to visiting you again.

## ASK THE EXPERT?

This month's guest expert is  
Bob Reynolds on "Anything Electrical".

**QUESTION:** Hi Bob:

I'm installing a new bilge pump and wondering how to make the electrical connection water-proof as the old connectors were badly corroded.

Thanks, RL



**ANSWER:** The best solution to making a connection that has the potential of being submerged in water would be to follow these easy steps:

- \* First, make sure the conductors are free of corrosion. Use fine sand paper or a knife edge to clean the wire.
- \* Place a length of heat shrinkable tubing over the wire. There are a couple of different types of tubing available. The preferred type has a compound on the inside of the tubing that when heated, it melts producing a water tight seal. If this type is not available, another solution would be to use a small amount of silicon seal on the connector just before soldering.
- \* Use a non-insulated butt splice, crimp the connector with the type of tool that puts a dimple in the connector rather than the type that just squeezes it flat. Solder the splice with a small pencil torch or a soldering iron.
- \* The last step is the heat shrinkable tubing. As mentioned above, if you are using silicon seal, enough should be used so that a small amount is forced out each end when completely shrunk.

Done properly, a connection made in this manner will outlast any bilge pump.

$$\text{Amps (A) X Volts (V) = Watts (W)}$$

$$\text{Watts X Hours = Watt-hours (wH)}$$

In general you can figure out the power draw of any electrical device on your boat if you check the manual or case for either amps or watts that it uses. For example, a 12-volt reading light has an 8 watt bulb (small fluorescent), then 4 hours of reading uses  $8 \times 4 = 32$  wH (Watt-hours) of battery power. In the same time, a stereo using 40 watts will use 160 wH (more if using a CD drive). If your anchor light is 25 watts and runs for 10 hours, it uses 250 wH of battery power. The total is 342 wH. A 100-amp battery can provide  $100\text{A} \times 12\text{v} = 1200\text{W}$  of power if it's fully charged so you could use this amount of power every day for 3.5 days. Check your battery to see what its capacity is, then make a list of the power requirements of every 12-volt device on the boat. To get longer use before you need to recharge, you may need to replace your lights with LED's, turn down the volume, or get more batteries.

**NEXT MONTH'S GUEST EXPERT:** Rob Denny on "Wood Refinishing".

Send your questions to [sistelltales@yahoo.com](mailto:sistelltales@yahoo.com) or drop them off in the TellTales Box at the Sailing Club.

## .....the Racing Forum

The first three races of the Fall series (the Single Handed Race, Montague Harbour Race and the First Annual Channel Islands Regatta) have come and gone and commentary and results are posted on the web site – just follow the links. Congratulations to IMP, ELECTRA and FINAL DASH, the winners of those races, respectively.

The next race is the Captain Passage Race on October 14, with skipper's meeting at 1000. After this race, I plan to show IMP, my Martin 24-1, at an “Open Boat” on the breakwater. This boat is a pure racing machine, with no pretensions to cruising. Come hear the fascinating history of this boat, and find out why it is so @\$%& fast!

Sunday September 30th was a very windy day, and only Rob Irving, Martin Herbert, and Kevan Brown (new fast junior member) participating in the Sunday dinghy races. It was a blast, in very exciting conditions. See you all at 1000 at the dinghy dock, every Sunday that there is no big boat racing.

Looking forward to a windy Fall,  
by Greg Slakov  
Fleet Captain Racing



Photos courtesy of Kevin Vine.

Tony and the Tug Boat.....  
The tug is pulling two barges (out of sight to the left). Will Tony make it?  
The tugboat had to honk at him!!

Sailing home in a falling breeze during the Summer Series.

### Attention all Club Members!

This is a chance to race at your own pace, with a very tangible prize! The Round Prevost Challenge occurs when you and your crew are interested in a sail, and the conditions suit you. You start at our start line, go around Prevost in the direction of your choice, and finish where you started. Give me your elapsed time, and your boat will be entered in a raffle for a “bottle of booze” - a nice one – to be drawn at the awards ceremony in November. If your time is the best, you get your boat's name engraved on a trophy, to boot. Call Greg Slakov if you have any questions at all – 537 1309. Note that you only have until the end of October to enter this year's contest

# DOCKSIDE..... News and Views of our Members



PHOTOS by Linda Matteson-Reynolds

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

### DEREK & SUSAN CASTLE

Derek and Susan are excited to join the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club and looking forward to many good times on the water and at the socials.

They moved to the Island 10 months ago from Toronto, following early retirement for both of them. Derek was a corporate business executive, while Susan, a pre-school teacher.

Both are Vancouver natives....who have returned home to their roots in B.C. after spending 30 years away....mostly in Toronto, but with tours of duty in Australia (Melbourne) and USA (Houston).

A major enjoyment in Ontario was spending time at their lakeside cottage, with the country lifestyle and all of the lake activities including, power-boating and canoeing. They are hoping to grow this passion on SSI with the larger waters of the Southern Gulf Islands and beyond. Derek believes that the SISC will be the perfect venue to support this dream, given the vast marine experiences and friendly nature of the members.

They recently sold their boat in Ontario and are in the process of finding a more suitable power craft for the local waters. In the meantime, they've taken up kayaking and loving it!

A very active couple, Susan is an avid quilter and gardener (note-to-file, get her in with the Craft Cruisers) and Derek, a tennis player, is associated with the SSTA. They both enjoy cycling, music and like the rest of us, just living on Salt Spring Island.

Please welcome them to our Club and I'm sure we can find lots of activities to fill their retirement hours.

**A REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS:** The Staff Captain is looking for donations of door prizes for the Commodore's Banquet on November 24th. Anyone wishing to make a contribution please get in touch with Jill Sydneysmith.  
(home) 537-5980  
(e-mail) [treetops@uniserve.com](mailto:treetops@uniserve.com)



### EDITOR'S APOLOGY:

Last month's article "Pet's On Board" failed to have one of our Club's most noteworthy pets portrayed. So here's CRISPIN posing for my camera and VERY HAPPY to do so I might add. Thanks to Fred & Jean Howell for pointing this out to me.

**HERE'S SOME GOOD ADVICE FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS**—no matter how attractive you find blue or white foul-weather gear, think about how visible it would be against the colour of rough seas. Give yourself every possible advantage to be seen by wearing bright yellow or orange clothing. Put strips of reflective tape on jackets, PFD's and safety harnesses so a search and rescue light will be more likely to see you. **BE SAFE AND BE SEEN!**



**SEND US YOUR BEST SHOT.....**  
**It's a PHOTO CONTEST for all SISC club members !**

**Here's how it works:**

Every month 3 pictures will be displayed in TellTales. All members can vote via email for their favourite. **YOU BE THE JUDGE !** In June's Issue, the TOP 3 will be published in the newsletter and prints will be displayed at the club house.

**TWO WAYS TO ENTER:**

1. Drop off a print in the clubhouse TellTales box. This will be scanned and returned to you.
2. Email in jpeg format 500K (for now) to [sistelltales@saltspring.com](mailto:sistelltales@saltspring.com). A larger version will be asked for if you are one of the winners.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The usual legalities—model releases for people in general but especially minors if not known to you. Please give your name, telephone number, email (if you have) and place where the photo was taken. If you have the particulars i.e. Fuji S5Pro—Nikon 24 -85mm lens, that would be great too.

**THEME:** “The Spirit of the Sea” - this should just about cover everything from underwater sea-life to broken spinnakers.

**PRIZES:** To be announced.



Humpback Whale feeding in Fisher Canal near Gumboat Passage. Submitted by Jon & Jennifer Healey.



“The Sprit of the Sea” resides in old Sea Dog Sandy (RIP). Owned by Frederick & Jean Howell. Submitted by Al Kirk and taken at Telegraph Harbour on a Club Cruise.



“Dick at Friendly Cove” submitted by Harold Brochmann

**VOTE NOW for your personal favourite**  
**[sistelltales@yahoo.com](mailto:sistelltales@yahoo.com) or, TellTales Box at Club House**

## SURGICAL INTERVENTION REDEFINED

Some of you might remember seeing a picture on page 4 of the March issue of TellTales showing Al Kirk and me (with the perplexed look) preparing for the removal of 'Blue Peter's' diesel engine.

The engine is 26 years old and was difficult to start due to low compression, especially in cold weather. General wear and tear had finally caught up with her. With the help of club members Harold Brochmann, Bob Reynolds and Al Kirk, the engine was hoisted out at the Ganges Coast Guard dock and whisked away to my shop in Betty Kirk's pickup.

With the engine sitting on the bench and rebuilding it somewhat delayed, the date was fast approaching for our annual haul out already booked at Maple Bay. Jon Healey to the rescue....Jon offered (actually insisted) on towing 'Blue Peter' all the way over to Maple Bay where 'Khadine', 'Almucantar' and 'Blue Peter' were all to have their bottoms cleaned over the same few days. Cleaning and painting accomplished, Jon towed me all the way home again.

After stripping the engine down, it was evident some new parts were needed. Where do you get parts of a Danish engine? Ask Ole Anderson of course! With the new parts on hand, Al Kirk (he wasn't going to go away until he witnessed it start-up and run) and I assembled the beast again and test ran it in our driveway at home.

John Myers offered to tow Blue Peter back to the Coast Guard Dock and Doc Paynter insisted on being part of the installation team too. With Harold and Al working the crane, Doc and me in 'Blue Peter' and John relaying directions, the engine gradually inched its way from dock level down 20' or so to the boat and finally came to rest on its mounts.

A few days later, with fuel, cooling and electrical systems connected, the engine ran perfectly again. Naturally, Al was right there beside me during the installation. The scene in the boat was similar to an operating theatre; think of the next size wrench required and Al would already have it in his hand, ready for me to grasp. Al, you're not as pretty as the O/R nurse you see on TV but you surely are the best!

Thank you Saltspring Sailing Club: I couldn't have done it without you.

signed, Derek Barrio



NICE CATCH DEREK



HAROLD BROCHMANN'S  
HERCULIAN FEAT



EASY DOES IT THERE -  
John Myers overseeing Doc  
Paynter

(Photos contributed by  
Harold Brochmann)

# Salt Spring Island Sailing Club Pierre's Bay Rendezvous

Photos and Text by Colleen Shantz

August tenth dawned bright and sunny and soon the SISC boats began to gather at Pierre's Bay on Gifford Island in the Broughton archipelago. Pierre's Bay is about 250 miles North of Salt Spring. *Ceilidh* with Russ and Susannah, *Verstovia*, with Paula and Mike *Nesika*, with Georgia and Dave and the fearsome dog, Wink. *Minke* and *Dreki* with Tony and Alex, and Deb and Pete with their dog Matte. *Second Love* with Joyce and John on board. Colleen and Lorne on *Shaunsea* and last but not least *Tinker* with Tony single handing.

Friday's happy hour was held with all the people at the marina and after we had a small potluck with all the SISC folks and anyone else that wanted to join us. Saturday morning was the start of the Pirate's theme and around eleven a treasure map appeared and the hunt began . Club members planted treasure on a small island and all the guests were invited to join in. There were treasures for everyone. Happy hour was again at five and the pig roast was at six thirty. All our club members dressed the part and we had the best and most hilarious costumes there. The feast was outstanding , and most of us overindulged but we couldn't help it .

Sunday morning we all departed and went our separate ways with great memories of a wonderful time. A special thumbs up to Tony Burrige who made the trip alone and really enjoyed himself at the rendezvous. The word going around was " lets do this again " **Aaargh**



Tony Burrige



Pierre from Pierre's Bay



Left-to-Right

Back: Georgia, Colleen, Pete, Joyce, Paula, Mike

Middle: Lorne, Russ, Ales, Dave, Deb

Front: Tony Burrige, Tony Meek, John, Susannah

# CRUISING THE WORLD FROM SISC.....

## FALL CRUISE OCTOBER 20 AND 21

With the fall weather upon us thoughts of cruising may be fading. But there are plenty of opportunities for fun shorter adventures. Often we can have crisp, sunny days with plenty to see and do on the water. Even if the weather is not perfect a short day or overnight cruise can bring much pleasure and one is never far from the warmth of the home fires.

Some of our cruising stalwarts are planning a short club cruise to Montague Harbour Marine Park on October 20 and 21. They invite all keen boaters, power and sail, to join them. The plan is to gather at the docks at about 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday and proceed to Montague. If a 10:00 start does not work for you come when you can. There should be plenty of choice of mooring buoys and probably room at the dock as well. There are a number of nice walking opportunities around the park. Happy hour will be at 4:00 ashore on the west beach of Gray Peninsula. One can dinghy around or take the trail and bring snacks and libation. Return Sunday at your pleasure.

It will be fun and we look forward to seeing you there,  
Hugh Greenwood & Jon Healey



PHOTOS by Linda Matteson-Reynolds



(ABOVE) The beauty of fall cruising shown here with the Barrio's BLUE PETER motoring out of Canoe Cove.

(LEFT) Jon Healey & Hugh Greenwood back from a shopping expedition at Telegraph Harbour.

Here's the opportunity to share your most enjoyable or hair-raising cruise story. Only have the pictures....well that's good too!  
Drop off to the TellTales box or e-mail [sistelltales@yahoo.com](mailto:sistelltales@yahoo.com)

# CLUB CRUISING SURVEY

Cruising (sail and power) and racing are the life of our sailing club. Club cruising, with the exception of longer distance expeditions, seems to have fallen on hard times recently. The purpose of this survey is to check out the level of interest in club cruising and get some input as to the kinds of cruise activity desired. Please take the time to fill out the survey and deposit it in the Fleet Captain Cruising's mail box at the Club. The survey can also be filled out at the club website: [www.saltspringsailing.ca](http://www.saltspringsailing.ca). Your response is important! Questions or clarification, please call Jon Healey at 537-1222

Most items have multiple response possibilities. Please check all that apply.

1. Might you participate in one or more club cruises?

YES       NO

2. What lengths of cruise interest you?

- Day cruise
- Local overnight cruise
- Multiple day cruise (Gulf Islands)
- Longer expedition cruise (Princess Louisa, Desolation, Broughtons)

3. For mooring do you like to:

Tie at a dock     Anchor out     Either

4. Would you be interested in cruises with an instructional component?

- Practice anchoring or picking up a mooring
- Transiting a tidal pass (Dodd Narrows, Porlier Pass or?)
- Crew overboard procedures (quick stop, retrieval)
- Crossing Georgia Strait for the first time
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you like to have an organized activity at the day's destination?

- Happy hour
- Geocaching (adult treasure hunt using a GPS)
- Hike or beach walk
- Birding, flower or mushroom identification
- viewing First Nations sites: petroglyphs, pictographs, canoe slides, clam gardens
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you be willing to lead a club cruise? It could range from a day trip to a multi day cruise.

YES ( Name and telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 NO

7. Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions to make our club cruising program a success:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....



### Letter to the TellTales Editor—from Harold Brochmann

The last General Meeting was well attended and much worthwhile discussion happened.

One of the points made has been raised previously – several times by various people, as a matter of fact - during the thirteen years I have been a member of the club. It relates to the fact that members of the Board of Directors tend to remain so for only a year or two during which time they are fully occupied, and then some, with their duties.

The net effect is that there tends to be less continuity in terms of long-term planning with respect to facility maintenance/development and *club direction* than might be desirable. This observation is in no way intended to suggest anything but praise for past and present Board members.

What I'm trying to say is that a standing committee of experienced long-term members, acting purely in a consultative capacity to the Board of Directors might be a beneficial thing to have.

### Letter to the TellTales Editor—from John Myers

#### A PROPOSAL:

Over the years successive Boards of Directors have served the Club well in both planning and executing change. However, there has been little general discussion by the membership relating to long term planning much beyond the mandate of the current leadership. Matters such as the future of the A-Frame, the possibility of full-time staff, the purchase of additional property, the expansion of social amenities, and the ultimate Club size, have been briefly examined but only in the short term and often by Directors whose experience is limited.

The Club is very fortunate in being able to call on extremely competent expertise when dealing with our physical property - the docks, clubhouse, bank stability, etc. - but we have not called upon the experience and perspective of an important group of our members who collectively can view the last 24 years of our Club's history. Our 10 Past Commodores could give invaluable advice and direction and enable future Boards of Directors to plan within an agreed framework.

My suggestion is that our By-laws be amended by the addition of a section such as the following:

There shall be an Advisory Committee of Past Commodores chaired by the Immediate Past Commodore. The Committee shall report once a year to the Membership and the Board of Directors as to the long term future of the Club. Other items may be added by the Board of Directors or the Membership. If there is sufficient interest in this concept I shall introduce a motion sometime in the future.

Any comment, positive or negative, is welcome as are any changes as to wording.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.....



**OOMPAH...**  
grab your lederhosn and  
don your dirndl  
it's POT LUCK  
OKTOBERFEST at  
SISC  
Tuesday, October 23rd at 1900 hours.  
CASH BAR

**Need to book a meeting or perhaps an evening social?  
Call Susannah Devitt 537-2570 to reserve the club house for your special event.  
It's the perfect venue!**

### WANTED

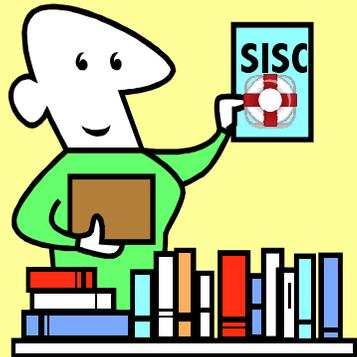
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### NEW LIBRARY UPDATE AT SISC

We now have a volunteer "Book Lady" looking for donations of books and magazines for our Library Corner in the Club House. Check out the new "TAKE A BOOK—GIVE A BOOK" Policy open to all members and guests. Let's do our best to help her out by keeping it tidy and well organized. THANKS !

### From the Editor's Desk.....

What a great month it has been for TellTales. So many submissions that it's brimming over with enthusiasm. Thanks to the members-at-large that have taken the time to write or call and given their 2-cents worth be it positive or negative. It's all a steep learning curve for me and I'm always receptive to new ideas and viewpoints. I'm sorry that I can't publish the story "Boat's Names and Their Origins" this month but it will be in November's issue for sure. We just ran out of room. Keep those letters and pictures flowing in folks !!!  
[sistelltales@yahoo.com](mailto:sistelltales@yahoo.com)  
See you next month,

*Linda*

Linda Matteson-Reynolds



### PUB NIGHT

Yes, it's going to happen once again  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th**  
1700—1900 hrs  
**COME AS YOU ARE AND ENJOY THE CAMARADERIE !!**