



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

TellTales

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COMMODORE'S REPORT by Nick Hodson

Our new pier is nearly complete and soon the gate-house and utilities will be installed by members. I am sure you will agree that it has been worth the wait and I would like to thank everyone for their patience during the construction.

Along with the new pier gate installation we will be changing the locks on the Clubhouse and to ensure that Members have continuous access to the house and docks we will be distributing the new keys in advance. As I have previously mentioned in TellTales and at the General meeting, to upgrade our security the Board has decided to use keys which are all numbered and cannot be copied. A deposit of \$25 per key will be charged (refundable on return of the key). Keys will initially be made available at the work party on April 12th; this is also an excellent opportunity to contribute to your 20-hour volunteer time, so I hope to see many of you there.

The Board held the annual Long Term Planning meeting last month, and a number of decisions were reached. We felt that the Club is in a healthy state, and not surprisingly we consider that our priority remains the docks. Therefore we concluded that our next major project should be the upgrading of A dock, and this is likely to occur in 2010/11 or 2011/12, followed a couple of years later by D and E docks. In the meantime the Clubhouse will continue to receive modest improvements and maintenance.

I asked last month for Members' opinions of Wi-Fi on the docks, but received relatively few responses and consequently, the Board decided that there is insufficient demand from Members to warrant the expense at this time.

For sometime now we have been encouraging Members to take TellTales on line, and so far we have had a disappointing response. Consequently, the Board has decided that starting in September, a printed issue we will not be mailed unless you have let the Secretary know that you require one. To get your printed copy, please contact Vicki Morrison at angevja2@telus.net or place a note in the Secretary's Box in the Clubhouse.

Lastly, we have not had any Members volunteering to host Pub Nights. These have been a popular event since we started them last year but unless we have hosts, they cannot continue. They are quite simple to organize, so if you are prepared to take on one or more, please contact me.

Nick Hodson nickhodson@saltspring.com

April 2008

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1st 1900 Board Meeting
 4th 1700 PUB NIGHT
 6th 1000 Bas Cobanli Memorial Trophy Race
 12th 0830 Spring Work Party & Clean-up
 20th 1000 Moresby/Portland Race

May 2008

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3rd am C. Guard/Fire Dept Inspection
 4th 1100 OPENING DAY & SAILPAST
 4th 1330 No Flying Sails RACE
 6th 1900 Board Meeting
 16th—18th ROUND SALTSPRING RACE WEEKEND
 27th 1900 General Meeting



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT— by Chris Gadsby

March was a busy month for the House and Grounds Committee with projects identified and plans developed for the upcoming April 12, 2008 Work Party. Final plans will be completed at our next Committee meeting on April 7th.

The list of projects is scheduled on the flip chart in the Clubhouse lobby so please sign up for the task of your choice. Please bring any appropriate tools, gloves, goggles, hearing protection etc. for your selected task. The Staff Captain and her committee will be providing a delicious lunch for the busy crews.

The purchase of a new two-oven stove has been approved by the Board and thanks goes to Jill Sydneysmith for all her research and analysis. We will have the stove installed in time for the Round Saltspring Race .

Other initiatives like a new TV for the Club are under review.

Work has been completed on the power washing of the Clubhouse decks thanks to Jeremy Milson and the new seats/cushions for the alcove are under construction with thanks to Jon Healey and the Crafty Cruisers.

Many thanks to Norm Elliott for his donation of material for a new steel roof for the Club. Thanks to Chris Schmah for his help in moving the new steel to Saltspring. Due to concerns over installation and colour, we will not be using the steel but the proceeds from the sale of the material will be put towards a new roof for the Clubhouse in the near future.

Interface with the Pier Committees continues and there may be some additional work associated with the Gatehouse and approaches to the new structure.

Finally thanks to the Saltspring Power and Sail Squadron and Commander Bob Reynolds for their generous donation of three new large folding tables. These will be well used at club events.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Work Party!



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT — by Gene Drzymala

Island Marine Construction completed the pier on April 1st. They did an excellent job, and the pier and new longer gangway will serve the club well for many, many years.

Marc Lalonde and his volunteer construction crew are doing a wonderful job building the Gatehouse. Thank you all.

Please refrain from using the new pier until the gatehouse has been completed and all the services reinstalled.

Thank you to Rod Macdonald for mobilizing the water system.

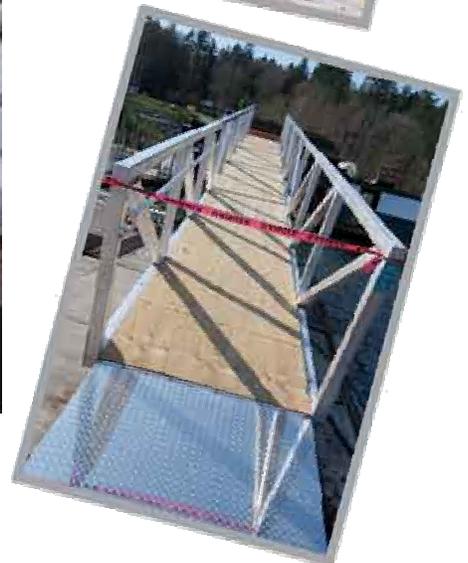


Construction has started on the new Gatehouse. Photo by Colleen Shantz

YEAR OF THE PIER—NEARING COMPLETION THE FINAL STAGES



Photos by Linda Matteson-Reynolds



To view more pictures of the Pier Construction from start to finish, log on to the SISC web site
www.saltspringsailing.ca



STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Jackie Melzer

From all reports, the Mechs' talk and slide show of their offshore adventure on ARCLYD now securely tugging at the docks of the Sailing Club, was enjoyed by 62 attendees. Thank you Karl, Michelle and Kelsey for all your effort and time in making this a superb show. Thanks to Mike Byrne for looking after the bar, Jean Howell and Colleen Shantz for running the kitchen and, all the participants who provided the delicious picture-perfect desserts. Thanks to all the helpers as well who make these events a joy to arrange.

On our return, we look forward to the following events:

PUB NIGHT - Friday, April 4th

SPRING WORK PARTY & CLEANUP/LUNCHEON, Saturday, April 12th

SAILPAST and LUNCHEON - Sunday, May 4th

This seems to cover the whole gambit of working, eating and playing.
Hope to see you all at these events.



WHARFINGER'S REPORT

by Hugh Preddy

DINGHIES

Now that the Pier is finished we will be dealing with the dinghy docks. Hopefully it won't be long until everyone's dinghy will be returned to its location and we will be back to normal.

RECIPROCAL VISITORS

We are now starting to receive reciprocal visiting boats so I request that you log your boat's planned departures from the marina on the blackboard located on the main dock leading to the floats. We use this information when assigning temporary slips to visiting boats.

DAILY WHARFINGER REMINDER

Members are encouraged to sign up for the Daily Wharfinger Program the next time they visit the Clubhouse. This is a great way to contribute to your volunteer hours and also to meet other club members.

ROUND SALTSRING RACE

We are expecting one hundred plus visiting boats for the Round Saltspring Race weekend (May 16 through to May 18). Should you be willing to relocate your boat or planning to be absent for this weekend please contact me. We will require every spare slip. We may want some of you to raft up to other members boats to free up slip space for this weekend. I will be phoning you individually regarding this.

We expect the racers to be rafting wherever there is space within the marina. If you are on an outside slip and you do not wish to have a boat rafted next to your boat, I ask that you contact me in advance.

Opening Day and Sailpast

May 4th, 2008

The Annual Sailpast is the official opening of the Club season, and one of the most formal activities of the Sailing Club year. It is an occasion for Members to show the high regard and respect in which they hold the Club and its officers. It is an event where a letter of regret to the Commodore is appropriate if for any reason you are unable to take part.

Unfortunately, it can also be one of the more confusing of the Club's activities, so read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the following information.

This year's event will take place on **Sunday, May 4**. All boats will be on the water at 1100, forming a line for the sailpast, which will occur as soon as a reasonable line is formed. (we are Canadian – we are experts at queuing!) Each boat should be flying the national flag and the club burgee (see page 69 of our yearbook). Flag Officers should also fly their flags of office.

Here is what happens: Commodore Nick Hodson will anchor *CHRISTMAS ROSE* off the club breakwater. The club boats will form a line astern of the Fleet Captain Racing in *DREKI* who will organize and lead proceedings. Please **monitor Channel 72** on your VHF during the sailpast for my instruction and cajoling.

Sailpast line order:

Fleet Captain Racing: Peter McGovern in *DREKI* (Hunter 30' sailboat)

Immediate Past Commodore: April Steel in *WIND WENCH* (Catalina 28' sailboat)

Remaining Past Commodores

Current Vice Commodore: Chris Gatsby in *BREAKAWAY* (Morgan 38' Sailboat)

Current Rear Commodore: Gene Drzymala in *CATHRYN GRACE* (Pacific Trawler 37')

Remaining Current Flag Officers

All Other Members: Power and Sailboats intermingled. Sailboats to use engines as required to maintain spacing in the line.

As each boat passes astern of the Commodore's boat, the national flag should be lowered to the 1/3 hoist position. The Commodore will respond by lowering his flag. When the Commodore raises his flag again, that is the time to raise yours and sail away to a safe area, out of the way of the other vessels waiting to sail past. If your flag is not on a halyard, which allows it to be lowered, you may either remove the entire flag staff with the flag, and keep it removed until the Commodore has raised his; or you may simply hold the flag against the staff so that it ceases to fly. When you have completed your sailpast, you can return to the docks. However, if you are a sailor, do not put your boat away, as there will be a No Flying Sails race in the afternoon.

Crews should promptly return to the Clubhouse, and be ready to welcome the Commodore. Liquid refreshments will be available during the waiting period. When the Commodore returns to the dock, he will be piped ashore by a Scottish piper and escorted up to the Clubhouse, to be welcomed by all the Members. The Staff Captain and her crew will then serve a sandwich lunch.



This is what you need to know:

-  **On Sunday, May 4 reread these instructions one last time and be on the water at 1100 with your national flag and a burgee. (and Flag-Officers flag)**
-  **Monitor channel 72 as we form our line and perform the sailpast.**
-  **Lunch provided; no host bar.**
-  **Dress optional (but strongly recommended; especially for the Scottish piper).**
-  **No Flying Sails race after lunch.**

Pete McGovern—Fleet Captain, Racing



SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION EVENT FOR ROUNDSALTSRING 2008

by Roger Kibble



The racing committee has invited Paul Killeen, one of Canada's most accomplished sailors, to sail an International Europe Dinghy in the RoundSaltspring 2008 as a special demonstration class of one. Paul will be accompanied by a large chase boat and will be given a 'SISC rating' for demonstration comparison although his dinghy won't compete officially.

"It will be a fun and interesting demonstration in a race that I love", said Paul. "I've wanted to do the Round Saltspring in an International Europe ever since a similar dinghy was sailed by Olympic medalist Michael Blackburn in a 115 nm demonstration sail across the Tasman Sea." Paul has previously completed eight Round Saltsprings on boats such as the J109 VOYAGER and J35 DRACO.

Belgian Alois Roland designed the International Europe dinghy in 1963 as a monotype, which had resulted from 30 years of Moth class design experience. In 1989 the class was selected as the women's single-handed boat for the Olympics from the 1992 Games in Barcelona to the 2004 Games in Athens, Greece. This popular boat is now as common on the European continent as Lasers and Optimists are in North America. This design is noteworthy for its ability to cope with a wide range of weather conditions and is used by sailors of all ages.

Paul has been racing dinghies as far back as he can remember and as a kid won the first two Commodore's cup regattas hosted by Royal Van. Afterwards he was hired by the Royal Van and raced on the junior team. In addition to dinghy racing Paul did countless VARC regattas and Straits races. In 1994 Ross McDonald asked him to crew at the Canadian Match racing Championships in Toronto where they won a berth to the Pan AM Games in Argentina in 1995. He bought a J-24 in 1992 and had raced it successfully locally and in San Francisco for the US Nationals and Worlds events. After he turbo charged his J-24 he won their class in the Straits race for 3 years in a row. When Paul teamed up with Dave Ullman to start Ullman Sails Vancouver he fell in love with the Europe Dinghy. Although the class was voted out of the Olympics after 2004 it remains one of the most popular sailing dinghies in the world. Paul now helms a TP52 aptly named MAYHEM down south and has just returned from Key West Race week.

Who knows if the winds are fickle this year Paul could show his transom to us all.

INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE — by Lawrie Neish

After the excitement of the Round Saltspring Race, in early June a different type of yacht will sail at the Saltspring Island Sailing Club. They will look just like the high performance racing yachts that are part of the international scene. The Club will be the host site for the Canadian Radio Yacht Association (CRYA) Western Canadian International One Metre Regional Championship regatta on [June 6th through 8th](#) with the racing taking place on the 7th and 8th.



The boats themselves conform to the regulations of the International One Metre (IOM) International Class Association (ICA). As you can guess by the name the boats are one metre long and are a class that is recognized all over the world. The class generates competition which is tight and quick

The boats have a variety of hull shapes and there will be many different colours.

However, the rules for the class are quite tightly regulated with very specific attention paid to the length and draught of the hull and keel and very definite sail plans allowed. The boats are all subjected to a measurement process and are then certified to be in compliance with the class rules. The skippers are governed by the same set of rules as every other organized sailing group in the world, the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. If you are a rules person then check out Appendix E of the rules book and you will find the specific section for Radio Sailing. Radio sailing is part of the organized sailing programs at many Canadian yacht clubs

One difference you will find with radio sailing is the number of races that are held in a regatta. There is no real limit on how many races will take place but if the wind co-operates it is quite likely there will at least a dozen starts each day.

The general form of the course sailed is a windward/leeward course. In the case of the Saltspring Island event, the course will be parallel to the breakwater dock and use up nearly its full length. The skippers generally walk along with their boat and a race usually consists of two laps of the course. This usually results in a fifteen to twenty minute race. Usually the next race begins within minutes of the last boat crossing the finish line. What that means is that a new race starts just about every half hour.



(Cont'd - INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE)

All of this results in the intensity of a start and a crowded first mark rounding a dozen times in a day. A season's worth of racing in one day! One of the radio skippers recently calculated that he had been to about a hundred separate sailing days in the last 2 years and that the average number of races on each of those days was around 10. That represents 500 countdowns to the start per year. That's a lot of racing.

We can expect about 20 boats to show up, possibly more, and with the standard of sailing improving dramatically among the local group, there will be a virtual guarantee of lots of close racing.

You might ask what the weather conditions need to be for these boats to sail? The answer is, almost anything. This class of boat has three regulated sail plans that can be used depending on conditions. With the largest sail plan on the boats they will sail in very light conditions. With the smallest sail plan installed they are good for winds in excess of 35 knots and are really something to see breaking through the waves that accompany winds of this strength.

So rain or shine, regardless of wind (as long as there is some) there will be a fleet of one metre sailboats on the water all day long on the **June 6th through 8th weekend**. Come on out and watch the action. On a break there might even be a chance to have a hand at sailing one of the boats if you are interested.



The COMINGS and GOINGS of Les Price on his Saturday morning exercise of blowing the debris off our docks. Thanks Les !

.....the Racing Forum by Pete McGovern



“Believe me, my young friend, there is *nothing* – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. Simply messing” he went on dreamily: “messing –about–in–boats.” And that’s basically my racing report; because that’s mostly what we ended up doing this month, as both Spring Regatta day and Walker Rock Race day turned into drifters with more DNF’s than finishers due to lack of consistent wind.

Spring Regatta ended up being a two-race event with short races in the harbour, squeezed in during lulls in the calm. As a social, it was a great event with ample use of the picnic tables as we sampled indescribably tasty amber fluid in small cans while waiting for the slightest sign of wind. After two strenuous races we retired to the Clubhouse for an excellent Pot-Luck Dinner where ELECTRA and FANDANGO were declared joint winners.

After a three-week break due to Easter holidays, the Walker Rock Race was next. One of the longer races in our program, this race relies on favourable winds to overcome strong currents in Captain Passage and Trincomali Channel. Eight boats got off to a brisk downwind spinnaker start in cold snowy conditions with ALACRITY, ELECTRA and FINAL DASH leading the way out to the sisters with IMP close behind. The race came to a halt in the ebbing tide in Captain Passage where light winds prevailed. FINAL DASH slowly pulled away but gave up as they were becalmed over by Parker Island. Suddenly, the sun came out, the wind picked up substantially and a race ensued between ALACRITY, FANDANGO, IMP and ELECTRA as they beat out to Walker Rock. ELECTRA rounded first and started the spinnaker run across to Governor Rock and back towards Captain Passage. Unfortunately the wind died again at Atkins Reef and the fleet drifted with the current. 5 1/2 hours into the race with reruns of Charlie’s Angels imminent, FANDANGO and ALACRITY decided to quit, leaving ELECTRA and IMP to battle it out. Both made it back into the harbour but decided not to register a finish; so we have to do it all again sometimes later in the year.

Next up is the Bas Cobanli Memorial Trophy on April 6th, with the Moresby/Portland Race on April 20th. Both are long races so we hope for wind.

I am pleased to welcome the 1m IOM radio controlled boat fleet into our Racing Fleet. Currently we have five members actively racing these boats led by the enthusiasm of Laurie Neish. 2007 was the first year that SISC hosted a major IOM event and we are again hosting major races in June of 2008 and 2009. See Lawrie’s report on page 7 of this issue.



The Editor is sorry to say that there have been no Experts forthcoming this month with their favorite invention, gizmo or DIY tip. This was to be the last of the featured monthly column and thanks goes out to all the Experts—Derek, Bob, Rob, Jill, Sylvia, Greg, Keith, Hugh and Dave— that took the time to answer the questions sent in. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!



FLEET CAPTAIN DINGHY REPORT

by Rob Irving

Spring may have started with rain, clouds, snow and cold but at least that means it has to get better.....hopefully!

Dinghy racing will be starting in a few weeks so if you are interested call me (538-0992) towards the end of April. I will also try and get the information onto the Club website once the dates and times are finalized.

Registration for the Sailing School will start, FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND OFFSPRING ONLY, at the beginning of May. By the first of May you should be able to check the Club website, click on Junior Program and see the Sailing School schedule. An adult sailing course will also be offered again this summer. All the appropriate forms will be on-line but I will have copies in my mailbox in the Clubhouse as well. Just fill out the forms, include payment, and drop them in my mailbox at the Clubhouse (or mail them to me at 411 Mount Belcher Heights, SSI, V8K2J5).

Registration is opened to the public (in person) at the end of May at the Clubhouse (day and time to be determined). Registration after that date can be done by downloading the forms, filling them out and dropping them off, along with payment, at Sports Traders in Ganges. Sports Traders will also have blank copies of the forms for those who prefer to pick them up.

Best regards and see you on the water!



2008 ROUND SALTSRING ISLAND RACE MAY 16th, 17th, & 18th

Planning is well underway for the 2008 Round Saltspring under the experienced guidance of David Wood. This is the premier event of our season and one of the largest and most enjoyable races on the coast. All club members are invited to participate:

JOIN THE RACE - Register to enter at [Round Saltspring 2008 Registration](http://www.saltspringsailing.ca/rs2008/html/register.html) www.saltspringsailing.ca/rs2008/html/register.html or pick up forms at the Clubhouse. Discount and a chance for prizes for paid registration before May 1st.

ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES –dinner, slide show and live Jazz on Friday night; racers breakfast on race day; famous lamb barbeque, awards and live music on Sunday.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP—by contacting David Wood e-mail: wood@saltspring.com

Buy the tee shirt and dress the part. Pre-order at [Round Saltspring 2008 Clothing](http://www.saltspringsailing.ca/rs2008/html/clothing.html) www.saltspringsailing.ca/rs2008/html/clothing.html or by using the form in this issue of TellTales. Forms are also available in the entryway of the Clubhouse.



ROUND SALTSRING

ATTENTION NON-RACERS



If you are not part of a registered boat and would like to order either lamb barbecue tickets or Round Saltspring shirts, please fill out the form below, put it into a an envelope along with the money owing, and place it in the Round Saltspring 2008 slot inside the foyer of the Clubhouse. You will be able to pick up your tickets and/or shirts on either the Friday night or the Sunday on the weekend of the race. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Norah McCloy at rss@westove.com or 538-1787.

SHIRT ORDER

The deadline for all preordered shirts is May 1st.

Name: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

	Cost	Medium	Large	X- Large	Total Cost
Regular T-shirts					
Not monogrammed	\$21				
Monogrammed	\$27				
Ladies T-shirts					
Not monogrammed	\$24				
Monogrammed	\$30				
Golf Shirts					
Not monogrammed	\$32				
Monogrammed	\$38				
Nylon Vests					
Not monogrammed	\$44				
Monogrammed	\$50				
Amount Enclosed					

Boat name*: _____

(*for monogrammed shirts only – please print clearly)

LAMB BARBECUE TICKET ORDER

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of tickets: _____ @\$16₁₁ each = _____ (Amount Enclosed)



PHOTO CONTEST

Last month's winner: John Sprague will be entered as a finalist with the grand prizes to be awarded in June 2008.



(Left) Thanks to Colleen Shantz for submitting this photo of a "Burdwood Morning" taken with her Sony Digital Camera.

VOTE NOW for your personal favourite. Drop off your selection to the TellTales Box in the Clubhouse or email: sistelltales@yahoo.com

(RIGHT) "Ruby and BUTTERCUP on Chocolate Beach" submitted by Kuno Egger and taken with his Canon Sure-shot with 28mm lens.

(BELOW) Greg Harmeson contributes this seaside shot from Gold Coast, Australia. Shot with his Panasonic Lumix camera with fixed-mount



This will be the final month for photo submissions.

May's issue of TellTales will feature the finalists and you get to vote on 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. The winning pictures will be displayed in the Club House in June.

WELBURY REEF BUOYS

The **ORANGE** and **WHITE** floats are to the SE of the reef and the **GREEN** and **PINK** floats are to the NW. Just a caution, when you are out there racing and you know you are in the vicinity of this reef, it will give you a quick visual reference. You should use them at your own risk!

NOTE: these are **NOT** to be used as **NAVIGATIONAL MARKERS** and have been placed to aid the racing fleet who often find themselves beating to windward inside of the Welbury Reef Spar Buoy, hence crossing Welbury Reef.

Thanks to Dave Howell for the placement of these marker-floats and take notice that the **ORANGE** and **WHITE** ones “go with the TIDE”....laundry detergent that is.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVE HOWELL



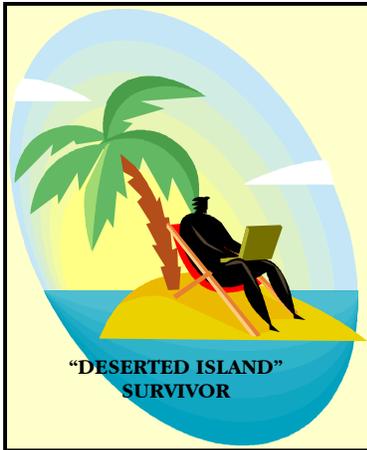
WHAT A GUY DOES ON HIS 60th BIRTHDAY ?.....out placing markers for the Club.
Thanks Dave for all your help and dedication and, best wishes.

CHARTS FOR SALE

The Club has been given a number of charts as listed below. If you are interested they are \$10 each as a donation to the Club. Please give Nick Hodson a call at 537-0021.

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| 3958 | 3959 | 3992 | 3738 |
| 3734 | 3955 | 3744 | 3772 |
| 3773 | 3776 | 3797 | 3909 |
| 3717 | 3740 | 3743 | 3927 |
| 3742 | 3739 | | |





SISC Jennis Bay Rendezvous

Start making your plans now for our August Rendezvous. Come and enjoy the fun and games on August 16th. Dinner that evening will be a BBQ potluck and the theme will be "Deserted Island" Survivor, so come and dress the part and have a great time.

Jennis Bay is located in Drury Inlet and the entrance is through Stuart Narrows. Drury Inlet is a neat place with several great anchorages and often good sailing. For more info, contact Lorne or Colleen at 537-2483 or lshantz@telus.net and watch in June's TellTales for more information and tips on getting there.



Fleet Captain Cruising Report by Jon Healey

Club Cruises

April 25 - 27: a cruise to Nanaimo and a tour of the Pacific Biological Station in Departure Bay. Leaders are Doc and Susan Paynter. We plan to head up toward Nanaimo on Friday, April 25 and rendezvous in Mark Bay, Newcastle Island. Because dock space at the Biological Station is limited we will arrange boat pooling Saturday morning at Newcastle Island. We have contacted the Station regarding our visit and we are welcome but they are not able to give us details until closer to the date. Details and last minute instructions will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse entryway.

May 16 - 18: a long weekend cruise to Daphne Island in Saanich Inlet. Leader is Rob Denny. This cruise is planned for those who would like to be away from the Club docks during Round Saltspring weekend. We will be heading to Daphne Island in Saanich Inlet. Daphne Island is a family home for Rob's brother. The family is away and they have graciously offered use of their island and grounds. There is some dock space and anchoring is good. We have access to washrooms and a barbecue. The plan is to rendezvous at the Island in the afternoon of Friday, May 16. Happy hour will be ashore. Saturday, May 16, will be open to explore or visit Butchart Gardens which is close by. We will have a barbecue ashore Saturday evening, with buns, condiments, and non-alcoholic refreshments provided. Bring your own choice of BBQ material. We return to Saltspring on Sunday, May 18. Those who wish may extend the cruise to destinations of choice.

The major focus of June's issue of TellTales will be on cruising. So far we plan to include a section on Shawl Bay and its history. Jenny Barrio, the Reciprocal Officer will prepare a section on reciprocals with a couple of reciprocal clubs featured, as well as general information on reciprocity.

We would like to include some favorite cruising destinations and contributions would be appreciated....perhaps places to hike or walk your dog; places with interesting marine life, scenery or, if you have cruising tips: how to keep kids happy, good crabbing or prawning spots (not your secret cache), provisioning or whatever, please send them along

Contributions can be sent to ssicruise@yahoo.com or to the TellTales Editor, Linda Matteson-Reynolds sistelltales@yahoo.com. As well, any ideas you have for an item to include would be appreciated.

BUY & SELL

For members only.

MAGMA BARBEQUE—almost new....will sell for \$75.00
CONTACT: Jim Ballantyne
537-4283
sjballantyne@shaw.ca

FOR SALE

1979 CHB Tri-Cabin Trawler for sale—120hp diesel engine. \$79,900 (firm)

Log on to this web site for the full description.

www.computersatchemainus.ca

or contact, Jim Ganderton
537-1345

gandertons@shaw.ca



C&C 27' SLY FOX New furler, new upholstery, new prop shaft. Diesel powered, 2 genoas, spinnaker, inflatable with 1.5 hp. Call: Robert 250-537-2015 or email at jrboras@shaw.ca



FOR SALE

28' Spencer Sloop
\$10,000

Fiberglass, built in 1962. 1994 2 cylinder Isuzu diesel engine with low hours. Mainsail in excellent condition, good Genoa and spinnaker, and three other jibs in ok condition. Stainless steel rigging; two anchors with chain and nylon line; Depth sounder; two batteries and 3 way isolator switch.

5'9" headroom. Force 10 heater. Double berth in bow, two 6'6" single quarter berths. Enclosed head with new port-a-potty. Galley: Sink in cabinet with 4 drawers and cupboard, no built in stove. The cabin and decks were rebuilt in the last 15 years by experienced boat builders and the interior is now a lovely mixture of the original mahogany and local fir, red cedar and yellow cedar. Decks and cabin exterior painted light grey in 2007. More information and pictures:

www.spenceryachts.net/28.htm#MONASHEE

CONTACT: Ruth or Roland
4ruthr@telus.net or 537 0772



WANTED TO BUY

WANTED TO BUY—mast top antenna kit and cable for marine VHF.

CALL: Kuno Egger 537-9785
kuno@retailsoftware.com

TRAILER WANTED - for my 2000 lb. Martin 24-1 sailboat. I am willing to modify your old speedboat (or other) trailer to suit my sailboat. Trailer must not be "rusted out", but can be ugly! CALL: Greg Slakov at 537-1309

GARAGE SALE

Anthony Thorne is holding an extensive GARAGE SALE on Saturday April 19th (and maybe Sunday April 20th). Lots of boating stuff including tools, electronics, supplies, and furniture.

Address: 138 Bullock Creek Road. NOTE: There is NO admission charge for this great event !

FOR SALE

C&C 35 MK 2 "Alacrity" A refurbished example of a classic cruiser/racer currently set up for spirited single handed sailing. Kobota diesel, Treadmaster decks, Espar heat, ST4000 Autohelm, major hull / keel painting & fairing by Blackline, Blue Seas panel and substantial rewiring. New dodger & lazy cradle 2007. New sails 2004. Photos and videos at <http://boatsforsalegulfislands.blogspot.com> or view anytime with Bob Jones at 537-5514. \$45,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS....



SPRING WORK PARTY NEEDS YOU....
Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 0830

Many projects, sign-up today – sign up sheets are in the Clubhouse foyer!
Great opportunity to volunteer, help with the “Year of the Pier”, clean up and improvements.



Great food, good camaraderie!
Questions? Call Chris Gadsby
Vice Commodore 537-8583
westgrowth@shaw.ca



On **Saturday, May 3rd** the Saltspring Island Coast Guard & Fire Department will be at SISC for inspections. Tags for extinguishers will be issued and a sign-up appointment sheet for Coast Guard inspections will be posted in advance.

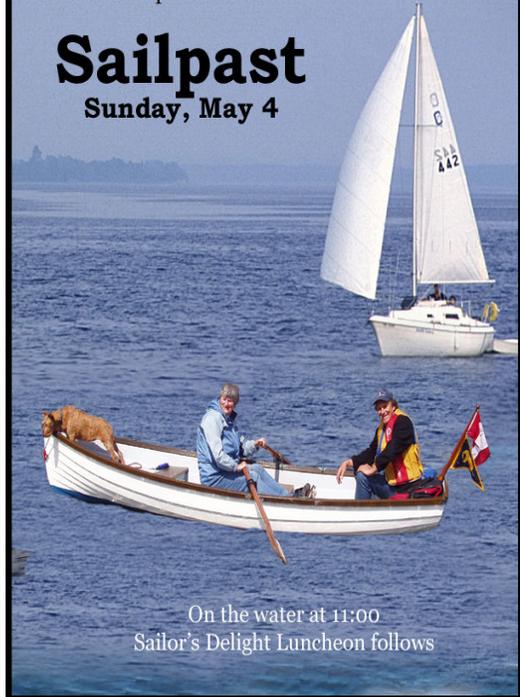


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You are expected to attend

Sailpast

Sunday, May 4



On the water at 11:00
Sailor's Delight Luncheon follows



NEXT MONTH'S TELTALES DEADLINE will be:
May 8th at HIGH NOON.
Many thanks for being on time with your submissions.



Letter to the Editor from Susan Paynter



I would like to give a special thanks to the Mech family for a very informative and pleasant evening last week describing and showing, with beautiful photos, their 5 year journey down the coast and up the other side. It was great to be taken to so many places while sitting at the club enjoying the goodies.

I was especially impressed with Kelsey who was there to help her parents relate their adventures. It was also nice to see the warm, trusting and supportive relationship between the generations. I could relate to her comment that this trip changed her life and am proud of her accomplishments towards helping others, her concern for the environment and the fact that she has taken on the job of "doing something about it". We don't hear enough about the young activists in our community and the good things they are accomplishing.

Thanks again, Susan

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