



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

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"Happy New Year"

COMMODORE'S REPORT by Nick Hodson



Happy New Year to you all.

This looks as if it will be a very busy year for your Executive.

The time is fast approaching when our pier reconstruction will commence. As detailed on pages 2 and 3 of TellTales, admission to the docks will be severely restricted, and we ask your cooperation in allowing the contractors to work unimpeded. Please take special care on the temporary access docks particularly as much of the comings-and-goings will be at twilight. We will make every effort to notify members of any interruption of power, and of any changes to access times, but much of the work is weather dependant and last minute changes are inevitable.

In last month's TellTales, I raised the matter of our Constitution limiting our activities to the Gulf Islands, and asked for your comments. As I only had a single reply I must assume that this is not a great issue with the majority of the membership. However, the Board feels that given our legal advice, we must deal with the issue. Consequently, at the next General Meeting on February 26th, which will be a "Special" General Meeting, we will propose that section 2(a) of our Constitution be amended to read *"To foster and promote interest in cruising and sailing"*. There will be a detailed discussion at that meeting and full notice will appear in next month's TellTales, but I would still welcome members' views in advance.

Friday 25th January is our first Pub Night of the year and is also our "Meet and Greet" social. We have a substantial number of new members and this is an ideal opportunity to meet them and welcome them to the club. So I look forward to seeing you all there.

nickhodson@saltspring.com

January 2008

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1st	1030	Hot Rum Race Start
	1230	Lunch will be served
8th	1900	Board Meeting
13th	1030	Ben Mohr Rock Race
25th	1700	Meet & Greet Pub Night
27th	1030	RACING: Ground-Hog Day Brunch
	1200	Reverse Handicap Race

February 2008

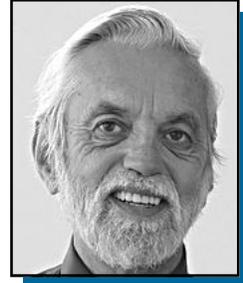
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5th	1900	Board Meeting
10th	1030	McMillan Trophy Race
14th	1800	Skipper's Choice Potluck
24th	1030	Race—Prevost #1
26th	1900	GENERAL MEETING

WHARFINGER'S REPORT

by Hugh Preddy

Gene Drzymala says the pier project is on schedule with demolition expected to commence the fourth week of January. As mentioned in last month's TellTales, access to the marina slips will be restricted due to safety and liability concerns. Limited access will be possible via the relocated ramp and, repositioned dinghy slips just to the South-East of the existing pier.



Weekly access times will be as follows:

Monday through Friday

- prior to 08:00 am
- from 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm
- after 04:30 pm

Saturday and Sundays

- no restrictions of access



Gene and his crew have constructed a railing on one side of the repositioned dinghy slips however, it's been suggested that members might be wise to wear lifejackets/pfd's when using these slips as they can be quite slippery when wet. It will also be dark during the hours of weekday access.

Electrical power will be out-of-service for up to 24 hours at the beginning of the demolition and again at the end of the project.

Seven member's boats have been relocated away from the pier construction site to provide a safety zone of an 80-foot radius. All remaining dinghies located from the dinghy storage have been moved to the South-East breakwater. Members concerned with security are welcome to move their dinghies to their boat, either in the water or on their boat's deck.



Derek Barrio relocating a dinghy dock to it's temporary home.

The YEAR of the PIER.....

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Gene Drzymala



Our temporary access docks are in place, and will be secured to pilings by Island Marine, when construction starts about Jan. 21st.

Much appreciation goes to the crew of Norm Dinsmore, Lawrie Neish, Rick Laing, Marc Lalonde, Derek Barrio and Hugh Preddy for positioning these docks and relocating the dinghies.

Rick, Bob Scott and Marc installed handrails and non-skid surfaces, on the floating docks, for added safety. Please use extra caution going to-and-from your boats, especially during poor light.

Thank you to Jack Barclay and Mike Ablitt for relocating and securing a wayward dock.

Some members are still asking where their stored dinghies are. These dinghies were relocated to the SE breakwater and tied securely to the bull-rail, for storage during construction. Please check that your dinghy is well tied, as I recovered a free-floating Zodiac, that somehow was untied, and blown into the water.

When the Hydro line is relocated to the temporary access, all members will be notified by e-mail, hopefully 72 hours prior to disconnect. Power outages will be kept to a minimum.

**These volunteers have done wonderful work.
We thank them all !**



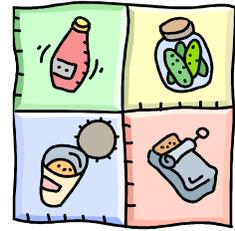
(Above) Marc Lalonde helps with moving out the dinghy dock.

(Below) Laurie Neish puts some muscle into cutting chain.



ASK THE EXPERT.....

This month's Guest Expert(s) are Jill Sydneysmith and Sylvia Greenwood on how to provision for long-term cruising.



QUESTION #1

I have a "meat-and-potatoes" husband and no freezer on our sailboat. Any helpful hints on how to store meat for a two-week cruise (or longer) especially to areas like Desolation Sound where stores aren't plentiful. Thanks ladies for your expertise.

ANSWER

In our opinion, your "meat-and-potatoes" carnivorous husband needs to become an omnivore! Fresh meat lasts well for the first couple of days if on block ice and prepared meats like beef stroganoff last a little longer (3 or 4 days).

We would suggest trying freeze-dried meats from Mountain Equipment Co-op in Victoria and they stock a wide selection according to tastes.

It's okay to use tinned meats such as canned ham and even corned beef as they are quite versatile. Also, tinned or canned salmon, tuna, shrimp and crab which can be dressed up or mixed in with pasta dishes.

Whole dried salami hung in the cabin lasts well, as does cooked smoked ham on the bone.

If your husband enjoys fish, may we suggest he get out the crab and shrimp/prawn traps!

For the potatoes portion of your question, they will keep fresh for about a month. To store, keep in a mesh bag or jute sacks to allow them to breathe.

Baby tinned potatoes can be sautéed or roasted and there are many varieties of packaged potatoes, i.e. scalloped and mashed, available at the grocery stores which keep indefinitely.

QUESTION #2

It seems that every time we go cruising with a group there's another "Happy Hour". I've run out of ideas for easy snacks and dips to contribute. Any helpful hints you could provide would be welcomed.

ANSWER

Happy Hour "Nibblies"? "Nibblies" is the operational word here and most of us prepare too much.

Here are some tried-and-true suggestions served up with some crackers or accompanied with your "less-than-fresh" bread toasted:

- * dried hummus is available in most grocery stores and needs only olive oil, water and a dash of lemon juice to make a nice dip;
- * tinned oysters, mussels and baby shrimp are always good to keep on hand;

Cont'd



Cont'd—ASK THE EXPERT—Provisioning

- * with smoked salmon on hand you can add cream cheese, capers, mayonnaise or sour cream, with green onions and pickles for tortilla roll-ups;
- * packaged camembert and brie - Kraft or Rosenborg (keep cool after opening), can be gussied up with toppings of chutneys, preserves, jalapeno pepper jelly etc.. Some even lend themselves to warming. Impressive! Other garnishes: thinly sliced red onion, capers, variety of pickles, olives, baby onions, roasted red pepper etc.;
- * creamed cheeses last well, as does MacLaren's Imperial sharp cheese in the round red package (refrigerate after opening);
- * hard cheeses last longer if wrapped in cheesecloth dipped in vinegar;
- * popcorn makes a great snack and if you have a microwave oven on board, easy to cleanup;
- * oriental rice cracker mix, sesame sticks or, tinned mixed nuts;
- * pickled long green beans or antipasto in small jars.

QUESTION #3

EGGS....such a dilemma. How to store them? How long do they stay fresh? Room (boat) temperature or, in the ice box? Have you ever used "Egg Beaters"? Can you pass along some advice based on your experiences? Thanks.

ANSWER

Eggs will last for 2 - 3 weeks. If possible, purchase free-run farm fresh eggs that have not been washed or refrigerated. Store in cartons in lockers and not in the refrigerator. Turn over every few days. (if you remember!) For longer periods of time (a month or more), there are a couple of ways to keep eggs. One is to blanch for 30 seconds to seal - plunge into cold water - dry thoroughly - and store in locker. Another is to rub a thin coat of Vaseline on your eggs - store in locker and turn every few days. About "Egg Beaters", they must be refrigerated and are only the whites.

Questions?

We'll do our best to answer them! Jill: 537 - 7629 or Sylvia: 537 - 9231



Next Month's Guest
Expert will be:
Greg Slakov on
Sailing—Racing—Rigging

Send in your questions to
sistelltales@yahoo.com
or, TellTales drop-off box in
the Club House.

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Jackie Melzer



The Christmas Party was well attended by 52 happy party goers. Phyllis Waltho and her Elves decided it was necessary to see what it takes for a Santa to get dressed. After 3 hours, the partiers realized what a long and exact art it is for Santa to appear fully clothed. Maybe next year we can help Santa or at least make suggestions in dressing in a more expedient way.

Also, there was a strange twist to gift giving this year which included handcuffs and the Sexual Trivial Pursuit Game. Needless to say next year's gift giving will be hard pressed to top this.

The New Year's Hot Rum Race was attended by 70 people, and hosted by Deb McGovern. For more on this event, see Pete McGovern's column on page 7 of TellTales.

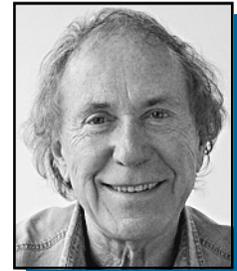
The Meet-and-Greet Social will join up with Pub Night on Friday, January 25. Jenny Barrio will be hosting this event. Come out and welcome the new members. Exaggerated sea stories welcomed.

Looking ahead to the Skipper's Choice Potluck Dinner, it will be held on Thursday, February 14, hosted by Candace Brochmann and Sally Plunkett.

Happy New Year To All !

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Chris Gadsby



There has been a great deal of coordinated activity in preparation for the pier demolition and reconstruction. This includes the selection of a key system, design and construction of the new gate and gatehouse (many thanks to Lorne Shantz for the schematic) and other issues.

Once demolition begins on-or-about January 21st, we would request that no vehicles be parked on the lower driveway/turning circle as that area will be needed by the contractors. Signage and blockades will be placed appropriately.

On the maintenance side, the rail divider built at the last work day has been capped and thanks to Norm Elliott for doing this. We are currently working on a solution to the water seepage problem in the junior sail locker storage area which seems to occur after each heavy rainfall.

The House-and-Grounds Committee is meeting January 15th and will address priorities/tasks for the coming year.

A new clubhouse rental form was approved at the January 8th Board meeting and will be featured in the new yearbook. Thanks to Susannah Devitt for her work on this and in managing ongoing bookings.

More updates in a month.

Hot Rum Race and Social

by Pete & Deb McGoven

The 2008 Hot Rum Race and Social ended up being a bit of a family affair with my wife Deb organizing the social side of the event while I, with the help of Greg Slakov, took care of the racing.

Eight boats turned out for the race: Alacrity, Baron Rouge, Deryn Mor, Electra, Fandango, Final Dash, Imp, and Lily. The race consisted of a reverse handicap Lemans start off the outer breakwater, and twice round a short course from the inner starter mark, out to the mooring buoy by Second Sister, and back.

The reverse handicap start gave Deryn Mor an early lead that she kept up close to the first mark. The faster boats however, soon started to make up ground as they overcame the handicap start and the race was on! A bad spinnaker set on Alacrity sent her to the back of the fleet behind Baron Rouge who was out for her inaugural race and Lily by this time had decided to follow an alternate race course - so the race came down to a battle between five boats which "jockeyed it out" on a second run around the course. Eventually Imp "pipped" Fandango to the mark with Electra, Final Dash and Deryn Mor crossing the line close behind and Baron Rouge and Alacrity bringing up the rear. Lily, I think, is somewhere close to the equator by now!

The Hot Rum Social followed the race, with close to 70 members and guests welcoming in the New Year with Hot Rum punch and an excellent meal of hot meat pies, vegetarian quiches, salads and lemon tarts that Deb and her crew of helpers had organized. Nick Hodson welcomed everyone and thanked the organizing group. A bottle of Rum was awarded by yours truly to the winning skipper of Imp - Greg Slakov. (NOTE: Greg is normally a non-drinker, but has won the last two bottles of liquor that have been awarded. The hope is that if we get him a bit tipsy, some of the rest of us may have a chance of winning a race.)

Deb would like to thank all those who helped her with the event. So many people were involved at various times it would be impossible to name them all. However, the core set-up, preparation and serving team comprised Sheryl Taylor, Carol Morris, Natalie Gauld, Paula Davies and Liz Erdmer. Clean-up crew included Nancy Wood, Ruth Riddell, Arlene Dashwood, Chris Smart and Alex Golder to name just a few. The essential bar duties were shouldered by April Steel and Mike Byrne. Warm thanks to everyone who helped to make the event successful once again.

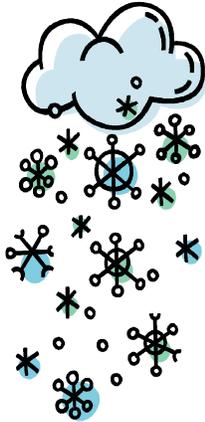
Think you've got the fastest boat in the club?
Check out this web site—MAXIMUM HULL SPEED CALCULATOR

www.sailingusa.info/cal_hull_speed.htm



.....the Racing Forum

by Pete McGovern
Fleet Captain, Racing



It comes as a surprise to many, that our race schedule continues on a year-round basis. December is the month of the unofficial Snowflake Series, as those hardy racers that need an excuse to avoid the holiday build-up are blessed with some of the most exciting racing of the year. High winds, swells, big tides, heavy rain and yes, snowflakes test the endurance of the racers and their boats. This year we managed to get in two out of three races with the first race cancelled due to too many snowflakes. The first race, Bat Rock - Wellbury Spar - Home, was a wild ride in 25 - 30 knot winds, won surprisingly by my boat Dreki. The second, in 10 - 15 knot winds and driving rain to U60 and home, by Imp.



The New Year got off to a good start with the Hot Rum Race and social. (See separate article on page 7). January sees the start of the new race season with two events - the Ben Mohr Rock race on the 13th and the Groundhog Day Race on the 27th. The Ground Hog Day race will be preceded by a pancake breakfast for racers and crew at 10.30 (nominal charge to cover expenses).

2008 sees a few changes happening in the racing fleet as a number of members are trading up to larger more cruising-oriented boats. Events like the Round Saltspring, Vendee Saltspring are ideal racing events for these larger boats, so we have added another overnight event to the racing schedule this year by replacing the June, one day Jack & Jill race with a two-day Jack & Jill destination race with a social in the evening. The intent is to encourage those casual race/cruisers to join us in the race by bribing them with the potential of a good meal, as well as inviting members of the cruising group to meet up at the destination just for the social. The destination is yet to be decided; (Deb encouragingly suggested Tahiti) any useful suggestions are welcome!

Best Wishes for 2008 - may there be wind in your sails.

Great Web Site for Racers:

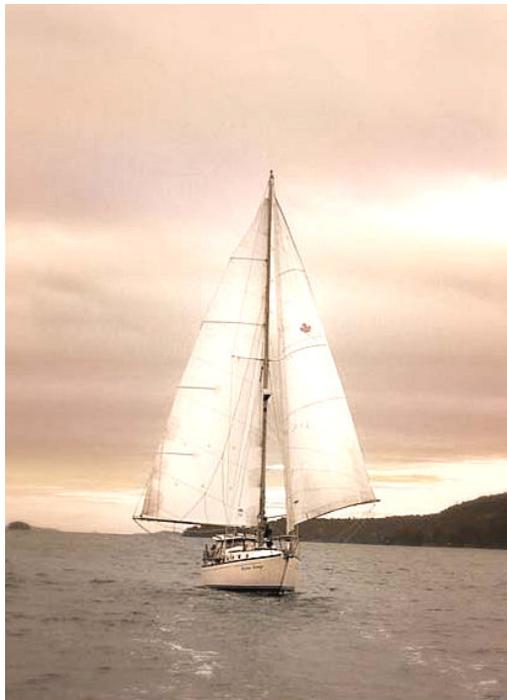
www.ukhalsey.com/rulesquiz/index.asp

To help racing sailors get familiar with the new Racing Rules of Sailing, UK-Halsey Sailmakers are presenting a series of animated race course incidents on their website. The objective is to have the viewer follow the action, determine what rule or rules apply and finally decide who (if anyone) is right or wrong. You'll need to download MACROMEDIA Flash Player if you don't already have it. **TRY IT OUT !!!**



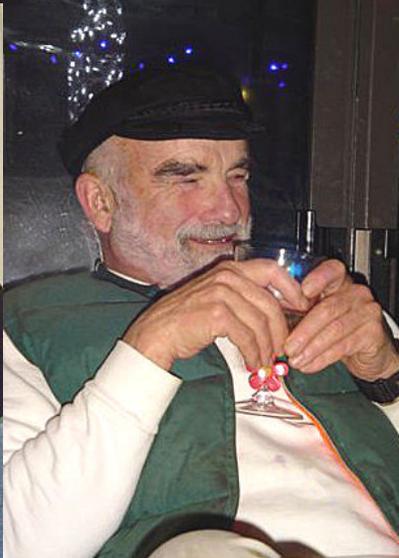
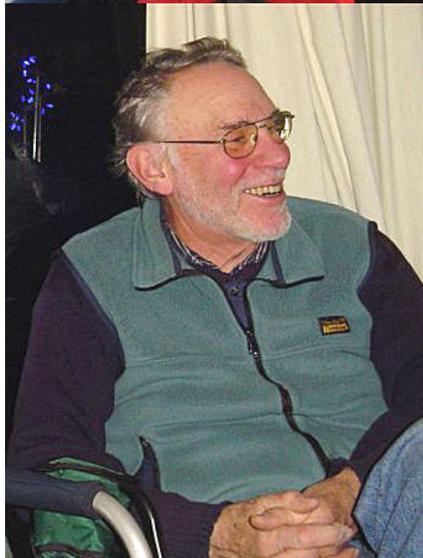
Hot Rum Race January 1st 2008





New Year's Racing & Cruising

Photos by Linda Matteson-Reynolds,
Larry Melious and Colleen Shantz.



**SALT SPRING ISLAND POWER & SAIL SQUADRON'S
Boating Course**

will commence on Wednesday, January 23 and run consecutively for 13 weeks through to April 16. Classes start at 1900 hours and will be held at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

For more information and/or registration please call:

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Victoria Morrison

Resignation: A well-known member has recently submitted her resignation. Appreciation is extended to Grace Peter for her support and assistance to the Sailing Club over the years.

New Membership: Philippe Erdmer is our newest member of the Club. He has joined as an Associate-Member and particularly enjoys the racing scene. A sincere welcome to the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, Philippe.



FLEET CAPTAIN-CRUIISING REPORT

by Jon Healey

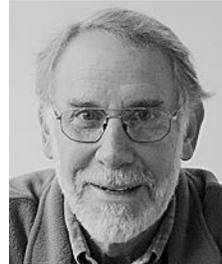
New Year's Cruise to Montague:

The expected storm held off so six club boats were able to comfortably return to the docks on January 1 after spending New Years Eve in Montague. The crews of Shaunsea, Blue Peter, Gypsy and Khadine visited with the crews of Mon Ami and Impulse who came for lunch before returning to Salt Spring for the evening.

We then adjourned to the picnic shelter for happy hour and a scavenger hunt with the crews from six other boats visiting Montague. We were joined by the crews of Happy and Ceilidh who arrived after work – ahh, the joys of cruising close to home.

While it was pretty dark in the shelter, the stoves kept the chill away and the candles and lanterns at least lit the food. The noise level and number of concurrent conversations indicated that the “newly met” and “old friends” were very comfortable and enjoyed themselves even though, as Jenny Barrio commented, “you couldn't tell what the person you were talking to looked like in the darkness”.

Dinners were held on various boats and we all gathered on Ceilidh for laughter and champagne. Some of us were woken at midnight to let us know that 2008 had arrived. Thanks to everyone who participated. Each time we go to a club event we are reminded how lucky we are to spend time with such terrific people.



LET'S GO CRUISING

—a look at what 2008 will bring

An enthusiastic group met in mid-December to plan out a program for cruising 2008. The group, which I am calling “The Cruise Committee”, consisted of members who volunteered to lead or assist with a cruise in the coming season. The committee came up with a program as follows:



APRIL 4 -5: Instructional sessions on anchoring and picking up a mooring buoy.

APRIL 26-27: Spring cruise to Nanaimo for a tour of the Pacific Biological Station in Departure Bay.

MAY 3: Instructional session on crew-overboard procedures.

MAY 17-19: Long weekend cruise to Daphne Island in Brentwood Bay where there is room for a social, opportunity to go to Butchart Garden, and room to anchor or dock.

JUNE: A progressive cruise with several local destinations. Cruisers may join or leave the cruise at any point en-route. Details to be finalized.

LATER-AUGUST Lorne and Colleen will arrange a rendezvous at Jennis Bay. Details to be finalized.

LATER-OCTOBER 18-19: Fall cruise to Montague to include a barbecue.

DECEMBER 31: New Year's eve cruise to Montague.

In addition, we expect to have ad-hoc cruises as members express their interests. These will be advertised for others to participate.



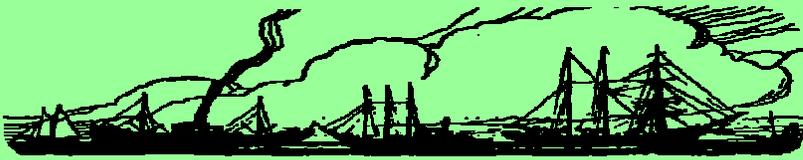
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EDITOR'S REQUEST: Would you like to be next month's "Ask the Expert"? Do you have any photographs from Club events? Looking for member's stories, photos and helpful hints. Everyone has something to share. Drop off at the TellTales box in the Club House or email to:

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HISTORY ON THE HIGH SEAS.....



“The Mother of All Maritime Links”
If you haven't viewed it before, it's worth the look.

www.boat-links.com/linklists/boatlink-34.html

**MARK
YOUR CALENDAR
Tall Ships
Victoria**

June 26-29, 2008

<http://www.tallshipsvictoria.ca>



"Royal Naval Barf Bucket"
England, 1842
36.8 cm ~ sterling silver

From the maiden voyage of the British royal yacht *Victoria and Albert* in 1842 it became apparent that Prince Albert, the Royal Consort, was no sailor. As soon as the yacht passed out of the still waters of the harbour Albert passed out on the reception deck, and completed the brief excursion with a complexion "richer than Her Majesty's finest emerald," as a local wag put it in a comic paper. To accommodate the Prince's indisposition, Victoria commissioned this silver pail, which is composed of three mermen supporting a fanciful bell-shaped conch executed in eighteenth-century Rococo fashion. The merman facing the viewer has the countenance of a distressed Albert. Whether this was a sly joke on the part of the artisans or a comment by Victoria on her husband's "un-seaworthiness" is not known. The bucket accompanied Albert on every voyage, and he made frequent use of it. As an anonymous Royal Marine put it in Albert's biography, "...the horn shape tended to magnify the sounds of the Prince Consort's difficulties, and the echo was enough to put an able seaman off his grog."

GRAVEYARD OF THE PACIFIC The Shipwrecks of Vancouver Island

A great web site to explore the history of the wrecks along Vancouver Island.

“Navigate the Hazards” Wreck Game.

“Tales of Courage and Hope”.

“The Hazards”.

www.pacificshipwrecks.ca





PHOTO CONTEST

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

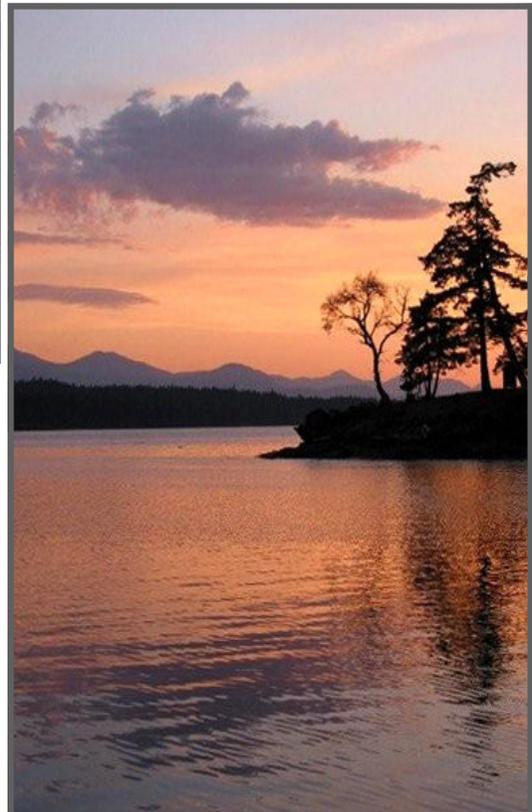


(above) Harold Brochmann submits
this photo of a Salt Spring Island
rainbow taken with his Olympus C-50
Digital camera.



(above) A Pierre's Bay sunset submitted
by Colleen Shantz and taken with her
Sony Digital camera.

(right) Vicky Hodson has captured a magical
moment at Conover Cove, Wallace Island with
her Canon Power Shot S40 digital camera.



**VOTE NOW.....for your personal favourite.
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'Twas the Season 'Twas the Season





**WELCOME
NEW CLUB MEMBERS**



Gyle and Sam Keating (right) grew up in Manitoba and moved to B.C. in 1977. They have lived on Salt Spring for 23 years, moving here with two very young children. Jeremy (now 26) living in Vancouver and Jenn (24) in Coquitlam.

After 30 years of West Coast living, Gyle finally got his wish for a sailboat. They bought Empezar, a Tanzer 7.5, this past summer from SALTS in Victoria. The name is Spanish for “to begin” which seemed quite appropriate for a couple of rookies. They sailed many evenings during the summer and went out every weekend on overnights. Their longest trip to date was to Gabriola Island.

They own Salt Spring Auto Service and Sam also works as an Education Assistant at the high school so her summers are free whenever Gyle can sneak a little time away from the shop.

They are looking forward to being involved in the club and are already enjoying the social get-togethers.



Kevin and Carol Morris (left) came to Canada from the U.K. in the early 70's and have had varied careers from mining, being teachers and school principals, owning a cattle ranch and, woodlot management. They have one daughter who is currently at university in Edmonton.

They look forward to being involved with the Sailing Club, but as of yet, do not own a boat. Kevin is doing lots of crewing before deciding what boat to buy .

Letters to the Editor.....



To the Editor from John Sprague.

The December newsletter [TellTales] outlined options for amending the club constitution. This member strongly objects to the first option which is about promoting sailing *“in waters of the Pacific northwest”*. Our club sits in the southwestern corner of Canada and the extreme southwestern corner of B.C. “Pacific Northwest” is how U.S. people in the lower 48 States think about the Oregon-Washington vicinity. I suggest we express ourselves from a Canadian point-of-view. Even if one thinks of North America, looking at a globe shows that we sit not too far from the centre, so northwest is not a very good descriptor. The other two options are okay; I would marginally favour no. 2 about *“local waters”* since it is closer to the original.

UPCOMING EVENTS OVERSEAS

SEATTLE BOAT SHOW
January 24—February 2, 2008
QWEST Field Event Center
ADULTS \$10.00

www.seattleboatshow.com

VANCOUVER BOAT SHOW
February 6—10, 2008
BC Place Stadium
ADULTS \$13.00

www.vancouverboatshow.ca

TOP **10** NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS FOR BOATERS: **"2008"**



10. Take a Boating Safety and/or VHF Course.
9. Book your haul-out early this year.
8. Have a designated “sober boater” at the helm at all times.
7. Update your emergency equipment then request a Vessel Safety Check.
6. Introduce a friend to boating and lend a helping hand to a fellow boater.
5. Be “GREEN” and take your TellTales edition online.
4. Plan a cruise or join in on a SISC Club cruise.
3. Make a “to do” list of chores to be accomplished on your boat for 2008 and involve the whole family.
2. Volunteer more of your time to the Sailing Club.
1. And the easiest of all resolutions to keep, “GET OUT THERE” and enjoy safe boating!

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

I cooked you this lovely dish. Will you be my Valentine?

YES Skipper

VALENTINE'S DAY

POT LUCK
at the clubhouse
The Skipper Cooks!
February 14th 18:00

Champagne will be available!

NICE TO MEET 'CHA

WELCOME To our club

Don't forget to
MEET AND GREET
Our New Members
at the
Pub Night Jan 25, 17:00

Keep up-to-date with the Club's Social Calendar by logging on to our web site: www.saltspringsailing.ca

From the Editor's Desk.....

This month in TellTales there are a number of web sites to check out while you're sitting at home on a dark and stormy winter's night. Some useful information is to be found. Boating season is already gearing up as the Racers and Cruisers are in full swing for the 2008 season. Not to be outdone are the Social conveners who do a super job at keeping us entertained. I'd like to thank Jenny Barrio for proofing last month's TellTales and Candace Brochmann has also offered her assistance for future editions. It's a daunting job to get everything "just right" in those last 24 hours before going to press and I appreciate their helping pairs of eyes.



Comments are always welcome — sistelltales@yahoo.com

Happy New Year to all and see you next month,

Linda

Linda Matteson-Reynolds