



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

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COMMODORE'S REPORT
by Nick Hodson



Let's go cruising

The Round Salt Spring race this year was again a great success. We were blessed with great weather all weekend. I would like to express my thanks to all who volunteered over the weekend, for the many months before, and in particular to David Wood for taking the lead in the organization. There were a number of new ideas, all of which were well received.

Unfortunately, as I informed you all by email, Chris Pattinson passed away recently. Dick and Chris have been very active members for many years, and she will be truly missed. I am sure you will join me in expressing our condolences to Dick.

At the recent General Meeting we discussed increasing the cost to members for dinghy storage. Our Treasurer, Karl Mech, will develop some figures to estimate the cost of maintaining and replacing our dinghy docks over the long term. We will present our proposals to the membership at the next General Meeting on September 30th.

Vicky and I are intending to make more use of our boat over the summer, so if you cannot contact me by phone, please use the email address provided and I will respond when I can.

I hope you all have a great summer out on the water and wish you fair winds and smooth sailing.

Nick Hodson
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Still needing a key for
the Club House and
Gate?
Contact our Secretary,
Vicki Morrison at
537-4879 or email
angeyja2@telus.net



WANTED: PUB NIGHT
HOST and/or HOSTESS
If interested, call Staff
Captain— Jackie Melzer
at 537-1787 or email
melzerj@telus.net

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1st 1030 Channel Isles Race
 3rd 1900 Board Meeting
 4th 1700 Wednesday Evening Series Starts
 6th 1700 Mexican Pub Night
 6th—8th International One Meter Regatta
 14th 1030 Jack & Jill Race and Cruise

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5th TBA Vendée Saltspring Leg 1
 6th TBA Vendée Saltspring Leg 2
 20th 1030 July One-Day Regatta & BBQ

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16th CRUISE—Jennis Bay Rendezvous
 17th 1030 Single-Handed Race
 27th 1700 Wednesday Evening Series Final Race and BBQ

September 2008 						
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2nd 1900 Board Meeting
 7th 1030 Montague Harbour Race
 21st 1030 Channel Isles Regatta
 28th 1800 Salmon BBQ
 30th 1900 General Meeting



Looking ahead to September we are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Editor of TellTales, Silk Questo.

Silk brings many years of publishing experience to TellTales so look forward to a new format in the fall.

Send in your summer pictures and stories to, sistelltales@yahoo.com

Thanks, the Editor



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Gene Drzymala

With the exception of a couple of pilings, to be driven as time and tides permit, our new dinghy storage docks are ready for use.

Tony Meek and his crew of volunteers worked very hard, and accomplished much by reconfiguring these docks and installing a new finger to accommodate two more boats. Thank you to Tony and your "racers".

The Gatehouse lighting and pier lights are well on the way to completion. We extend our gratitude to Marc Lalonde and his crew, also to Bob Reynolds and Gary Morrison. Here's to a wonderful group of volunteers. I thank Norm Dinsmore for graciously volunteering to take on the Rear Commodore's responsibilities while we are away cruising until the end of August. Please keep your dock area clean and uncluttered and help Norm by doing whatever repairs you are able to do, to lessen the burden. We are a self help club.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer cruising season.



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Chris Gadsby

The Round Saltspring race was a major success and those members of the House and Grounds Committee who helped with the set up, clean up and event maintenance deserve our sincere thanks.

Everything went according to plan and we have already booked the large hexagonal tent for next year's event.

The House and Grounds committee will be meeting June 12th to discuss painting of the Club House and deck and will put forward a prioritized project list for the next 3 to 5 years.

One request for all members - please do not park for more than 15 minutes in our loading zone at the end of the turning circle by the pier. This is for short-term parking only while unloading.

Also, remember not to write any clubhouse bookings on the calendar in the foyer but to phone Susannah Devitt at 537-2570 and book directly with her to avoid double bookings.

Thanks for your cooperation. We look forward to a fun filled summer at the Club.



STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Jackie Melzer

What an exciting Opening Day and Sailpast held on May 4. A beautiful sunny day saw approximately 120 people attend the luncheon that followed. Pickles and olives were the only leftovers and I like to think I calculated the right amount of food for the number of people that showed up. Of course, the other side of the coin was nobody wanted to tell me there was not enough food. I would like to thank the volunteers that worked very hard in setting up the tables, arranging and preparing the food, clean-up, and closing-up: Jill Harmeson, Carol Morris, Arlene Dashwood, Gail Bryn-Jones, Eva Spencer and Joan Myers. Jim Ballantyne and Candace Brochmann handled the bar duties with their usual expertise.

The next two events as Staff Captain will be organizing the Salmon Barbecue for Sunday, September 28th, (more on this will be announced in September's TellTales) and, in October (date TBA) the Club will be holding a Marine Swap Meet. So throughout the summer months, start putting aside items that your fellow boaters would love to own.

If anyone is interested in hosting a Pub Night please contact me directly for dates available and helpful instructions.

That is as far as I can think ahead so have a great summer.



PAST COMMODORE'S REPORT

by April Steel

The final report coming out of the Administrative Review process, which I have reported on in prior issues and general meetings, was presented to the Board at the April meeting. The nucleus is contained in the ORG CHART approved by the Board that will be displayed on the Club House bulletin board, copies being available for pick up and, online through the Club's web site. Much of what is shown therein is simply a recording of what each Director's area of responsibility encompasses. However, there have been some changes and additions of note.

Two new areas of responsibility have been created, Volunteer Coordinator and Communications Manager. The former would assist in filling Club volunteer needs by matching member skills/interests to Club volunteer needs with the help of a committee. The Coordinator will report to the Board through the Past Commodore. The Communications Manager will be the overseer of a number of our communications activities in place e.g. TellTales for which there has been no recognized responsibility. This position will report through the Secretary.

Other tasks that have been newly delegated are Chair of the Membership Committee and Reciprocal Officer. Both ease the Secretary's load considerably.

The Policies and Procedures Manual acknowledged in the bylaws but as yet undeveloped has been assigned to the Treasurer. Retail sales not related to the Round Salt Spring Race has been assigned to the Staff Captain (see separate ad on page 16 of this TellTales issue). John Pankhurst has kindly agreed to continue working with me and our next step will be to develop the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Meantime as Chair of the Nominating Committee I will be looking to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors for 2009 while keeping an eye open for volunteers to fill our two new positions of Volunteer Coordinator and Communications Manager. Many thanks are extended to Derek and Jenny Barrio, Harold Brochmann, Greg Harmeson, John Pankhurst and Bob Reynolds for their work with the Volunteer Committee and the recommendations that came forward.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Victoria Morrison

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Sailing Club: Ben Greenhough has lived on Salt Spring Island for many years; he is well known to many of our members. Ben owns a 25' Tanzer and he is looking forward to learning to sail. Taylor and Louise Devlin have recently relocated to this island (SSI) from another island (England) and are in the throes of house renovations. Some of our members have already met them at Club functions when they attended as guests. Welcome to the SISC Ben, Taylor and Louise.

The following information is being provided to all in regards to Marnie Keith-Murray (she became an Associate Member of the Sailing Club last month). I stand corrected on the information given me in regards to the write up in last month's TellTales. Marnie would like everyone to know that she definitely lives on Saltspring Island full time and she is affiliated with the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. Her boat is a 8.7 Hughes Columbia called CAPILANO. If you need someone to crew on your boat, Marnie would love to have an opportunity to go cruising. She is well experienced in racing and offshore sailing.

UPCOMING CRUISING EVENTS



PROGRESSIVE CRUISE

June 14 – 21.

This will be a Club cruise to various local anchorages and docks. Join the cruise at any point in the itinerary and leave at any point as interest and circumstance dictate. KHADINE and the Cruise Captain will be at all of the listed destinations with the exception of Bedwell Harbour on June 18.

June 14: A Jack & Jill Race followed by a BBQ at Montague Harbour. Cruisers welcome to race or rendezvous for the BBQ.

June 15—16: Portland Island. Anchor only; Princess Bay, South Portland Island.

June 17: Sidney Spit.

June 18: Bedwell Harbour, Pender Island. Dock at Poets Cove or anchor at Beaumont Park.

June 19: Browning Harbour. Dock at marina or anchor in the harbour.

June 20: Winter Cove, Saturna Island. Anchor only.

See the club website or the cruising bulletin board at the Club House for details. www.saltspringsailing.ca

August 16 – Rendezvous at Jennis Bay. See the separate announcement on page 9 of this issue of TellTales.

Any questions, contact Jon Healey at ssicruise@yahoo.com

SOME TIPS ON CRUISING WITH KIDS



Cruising with young children is extremely rewarding and fun for the entire family, particularly if not focusing on the sailing itself, but on the remarkable places it can take you. There are a multitude of interesting places to stop around our local waters. On shore there are beach shelters to build, plants, shells and marine life to identify.

Have on board picture books relating to the marine environment, the sky and stars, fish and sea life, and of course, boats.

One key to successful cruising with kids is simple: make them participate in the action, get them involved and put them in charge of some things, changing these as they grow up.

Explain what happens on the boat, what the parts are and, their functions. Occasionally ask simple questions about what you've explained.

In the dinghy, go slow and demonstrate to the child how to steer or have them sit beside you and help row. Tell them they soon will be the dinghy captain. When they can handle the boat reasonably, get them a "dinghy captain" T-shirt. Show a simple knot or two and have them use the knot in a real situation.

Congratulate them on every achievement. Never underestimate children. Of course there are things they cannot do but if you help them discretely, they will feel proud to be part of the crew.



CRUISER'S GUIDE TO HIKING & DOG WALKS

There are many fine walks on local islands. Here are a few thanks to Bruce Campbell of Sidney .
web site - www.island.net/~bcamp/

Rum Island (Isle-de-Lis) Marine Park - trail from west end of Island, along south shore to Tom Point at east end. Trail circles Island. Anchor either side of the isthmus between Rum and Gooch Islands. In spring the Island is covered in beautiful faun lilies.

Portland Island (Princess Margaret Marine Park) - 6.5 km. trail around perimeter and two, 1.5 km trails across Island. Anchor in Royal Cove, Princess Bay or between Brackman Island and Portland Island. Takes about 4 hrs. to walk circumference, 1 hr. for cross trails.

Cabbage Island and Tumbo Island - at low tide take a 1/2 hour hike around Cabbage Island on beach. Tumbo Island has a 3.5 km walk around perimeter. Tie up to one of the ten mooring buoys or anchor in Reef Harbour.

Wallace Island Provincial Marine Park - trails cover the length of Island. There is a public park float in Conover Cove. Anchor in Conover Cove, Princess Bay, or the cove inside Panther Point. Conover Cove is shallow so check the tides.

Pirates Cove Provincial Marine Park - 4 km. of trails. There is a loop trail around Park and a trail to the south end of DeCourcey Island, opposite Ruxton Island. Anchor in Pirates Cove or the bay opposite Ruxton Island.



(LEFT) Daphne Island Cruise weekend found many SISC members hiking around the nature trails.



WHARFINGER'S REPORT by Hugh Preddy

DINGHIES:

I've been given the word that the dinghies can now go back to the reconfigured dry storage area. I ask those that had hanging storage to return their dinghies to their original locations.

Because the flat storage has changed shape some dinghy locations have been lost and new spaces gained. If your original location is still present, please return your dinghy to it. New locations will be assigned to those who have lost their original spot.

During the pier construction members were allowed to temporarily store their dinghies in the water next to their boat. These are to be removed as soon as possible to the new storage area.

Members not sure where their dinghy is to be stored please contact me.

DUTY WHARFINGER:

I'm repeating myself but we still have many days to fill for both July and August. If you haven't already signed up for a duty wharfinger day I encourage you to do so.

SLIP SIGN-OUT BOARD:

Please remember to sign out your slip when leaving the marina for more than one day. This is a great help to the duty wharfinger when assigning inside slips for our visiting guests. The sign out board is now located in the new pier gate house.

Reciprocal Program

We have reciprocal agreements with 16 other clubs, 10 on Vancouver Island (Victoria to Comox), 4 on the lower mainland, and 2 in the USA. Please consider visiting one of our reciprocal clubs this summer. Please also make a note of your experience in your log. In the fall we will be surveying members regarding their use of reciprocal clubs.

If you have a suggestion for a club you would like added to the list, please let Jenny Barrio barrio@shaw.ca know and we'll investigate the possibility.

Out the Gate and turn left!

by Anthony Thorne & Jane Thomas-Thorne

So the day, long planned, finally arrived. We were off south to Mexico. Our crew, Captain John Curry had joined us aboard the evening before and the alarm went off at 0430. Man that was not cool. Up and ready, last minute checks and preparation on the bridge, instrument and computer lighting lowered to the point where when the dawn began to loom we cast off and made our way out of the marina and set course for the Bay Bridge. It was 0600, calm and cool.

By 0720 we were passing under the Golden Gate and running out to the west in preparation for the turn to port – heading for either Santa Cruz or Monterey. Some wind waves 2-4ft and some swells 6-8ft. Not bad for the great pacific in the winter but new to us on Carmen. Difficult to take pictures because you do NEED to keep one hand for the boat or you get some bruises (yes – okay - I relearned that lesson this day).

Revolutions for 10kts, not so economical but taking advantage of the weather is a must in March on this coast. We made good progress, no seasickness and decided to push to Monterey where we arrived at 1600. Tired, so after checking in and dinner on Fisherman's wharf followed by some minor shakedown maintenance we retired early in preparation for another early start the next day.

Day 2 and again an 0600 cast off, bound for Morro Bay some 10 hours away. This day we were able to put the swell further aft which made it a bit more comfortable. Carmen like all boats will roll some in a beam sea but the hull design prevents a sustained roll and pops the boat back towards the vertical. Sometimes a bit too swiftly but on the whole not too bad at all. So at 1640 we tied up at the fuel dock, greeted by a very large sea lion who looks for handouts – or anything else he can reach!

Après diesel we went in search of a space for the night. After a long discussion with the harbor patrol and the coast guard – the harbour patrol is an idea that Ganges could use - they keep order by knowing all of the mooring spaces and direct you to a place. We were eventually directed to the Morro Bay Yacht Club which we has already passed by as there was only rafting space. All the other places were already rafted three deep!

So we headed back to the club and put our crew ashore to negotiate a space. He was not able to persuade an older Catalina 30 to move so we had to raft outside of it. One of the members commented that the new clubhouse had arrived! This is after all mainly a sail club. After some consternation on the part of some members who were living aboard their boats on the club dock – strictly against the posted rules (do you detect a note of cynicism here) we made fast on the outside of the Catalina and between two larger sailboats. I guess you could call it a six pack. Went to dinner, planned the next day's run (Pt Conception) and retired.

Day 3 an even earlier start, the plan being to pass Pt. Arguello and Pt. Conception before the afternoon winds pick up. And they are six hours away from here. So at 0544 we cast off from our raft and headed out to sea. Jane remembers the lovely sunrise and sea otters enjoying an early breakfast. These early starts are not a great deal of fun as the excitement of getting underway wears off by 0730 when you look at the clock only to discover yes - it's 0730 and man are you tired!

Putting the swells a little further aft made the ride yet better and we made good progress towards the dreaded duo (Arguello and Conception). At between 1130 and 1200 we passed by about 5 miles off. No biggy this time. Turned towards the SE into the Santa Barbara channel and it felt good. At 1625 we were at the Santa Barbara sea buoy and made our entrance into what I can only describe as a magical harbour. Palm trees, folks walking and jogging. Man this is good.

A visit to the fuel dock and then off to our slip. A quick wash down (the daily ritual with the notable exception of Morro Bay), water the ship and off to dinner (yet again – it seems to be daily occurrence!). Past the biggest private sailing yacht I have ever seen - Lit up like a Christmas tree with upward pointing lights at all the spreaders (six or so) and aircraft warning lights on the tops of its two masts! Underwater lights for effect. Some 200+' and really, really shiny.

Dinner was great fun and we took a walk around the harbour to celebrate our rounding of the duo and entry to calmer waters. Tomorrow we put in at Marina Del Rey to drop John off for the airport. An interesting item to note is that Yacht clubs will provide transient moorage if at all possible, to yacht club members, any yacht club. So for the purposes of Carmen's travels SSISC is a yacht club!

Day 4 and a more civilized start at 0800. Today we are bound for Marina Del Rey and it is a fairly simple run across. Dolphins and whales entertained us on this leg. A school of dolphins chose to break away from a feeding fest to swim with us, what a sight, five or six dolphins effortlessly keeping pace. At 1550 we were at the Marina Del Rey breakwater after admiring the undersides of all the jet-planes taking off from LAX and passing over us. Located the Pacific Mariners Yacht Club who were expecting us and made fast at 1620. Many helpful hands from the club, they had a prime space open for us. "Sparky" and the guys made us very welcome. John left for the airport and we went out for dinner to celebrate.

Day 5 and an 0650 engine start, cast off from Pacific Mariners at 0710 and headed out to sea with the intention of putting in at Mission Bay. The idea being that it is further to go all the way into San Diego and then come back out in the morning if we do not have a need to. We located a berth at Mariners Village Marina in Mission Bay thanks to Gerry who coordinated our arrival from his home 30 miles away by cell-phone. Berths are scarce here. Dinner and rest.

Day 6 and the final start at 1000 to head south of the USA / Mexico border. We passed by the Coast Guard and naval ships conducting exercises off of San Diego at the border and headed south to Ensenada. Not much to observe except for the magnificent coast, more like Northern California. 1730 we made fast at Marina Coral at Ensenada. There was a spring forward time change somewhere but it doesn't apply here until April. Very confusing. Due to a transformer making an unholy buzz we moved to D dock straight off. Up to the Hotel for food and then sleep as we are both exhausted from the last six months. Now we can relax.

31 51.31 51.754 N 116 39.731 W
Days 6; Hours 55; Miles 538; Average 9.87kts



CARMEN displaying Mexican Flag.



Mission Bay Beach.



Mission Bay fishing crew on breakwater.

Contact Anthony & Jane
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COLLEEN'S

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"Our rule: off Johnston Strait by noon"



"Take a business card folder to put boat cards in"



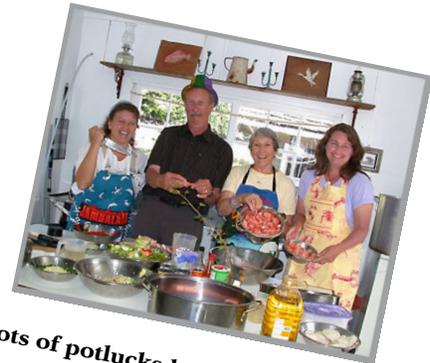
"Make family and friends aware that cell phones don't work in lots of places and there are not other phones available. The Coast Guard will call you on the VHF in an emergency"



"Take snacks for Happy Hour because this is a boater thing"



"Carry some cash, not all places take plastic"



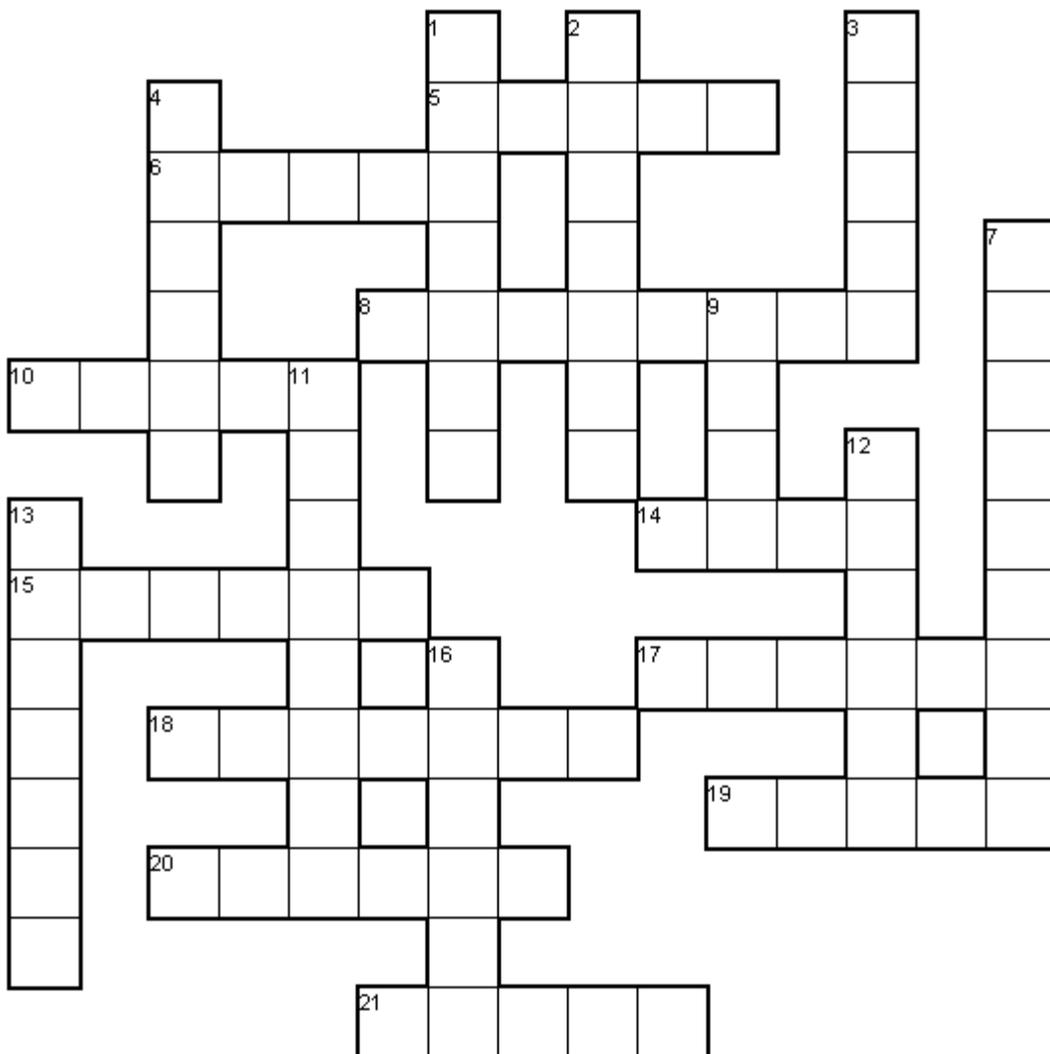
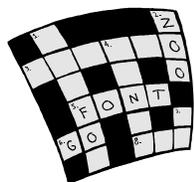
"Lots of potlucks happen at marinas"

JENNIS BAY RENDEZVOUS

June is the last issue of TellTales before the summer break so this is your last reminder to attend our Club Jennis Bay Rendezvous. The date again is August 16th but we strongly recommend arriving on the 15th. We are planning some fun events with prizes and surprises. We try to have a theme each year and this year it's "Deserted Island Survivor" so use your imagination (last year it was a Pirate theme). Some of the things to do will be a "message in a bottle race", prize for the best/worst dressed male/female Castaway and after dinner a campfire. Clamming, prawning and maybe a chance to catch a Halibut might be included. Jennis Bay is located in Drury Inlet and the entrance is through Stuart Narrows (check the current for slack time). Drury Inlet is a neat place with several great anchorages and often good sailing. For those more adventurous types a trip through Snake Pass and on up to the top of Actaeon Sound (about eight miles) is recommended. Please check the Jennis Bay website www.jennisbay.com for more information on their facility and check the Club House bulletin board for any updates.

Lorne & Colleen Shantz

CRUISER'S DELIGHT



Across

- 5. Anagram: ENKAA
- 6. Anagram: ONOIR
- 8. Anagram: CATNEILE
- 10. Anagram: AGNKA
- 14. Anagram: LASU
- 15. Anagram: UWAOLT
- 17. Anagram: FAYIGL
- 18. Anagram: EIDILCH
- 19. Anagram: REECT
- 20. Anagram: SAIKEN
- 21. Anagram: KRDEI

Down

- 1. Anagram: NEAFRFA
- 2. Anagram: WWIXNGA
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- 4. Anagram: NDOCET
- 7. Anagram: IEBARTAGR
- 9. Anagram: RANU
- 11. Anagram: URUIAQSA
- 12. Anagram: MGAGIE
- 13. Anagram: IASRSLO
- 16. Anagram: KNRIET

Thanks to Harold Brochmann

for the creation of this special SISC "what's in a name" crossword.

No cheating now....don't be getting out your Yearbook.

For the answers, log on to the Club's website -

www.saltspringsailing.ca



Just in case you missed it, the winners of the Photo Contest were:

1st Place: Karen Preddy—"Whales"

2nd Place: Colleen Shantz—"Burwood Morning"

3rd Place: Harold Brochmann—"Dick at Friendly Cove"

Profiles of reciprocal arrangements at Nanaimo Yacht Club and Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club by Jenny Barrio—Reciprocal Officer

We recently visited both Nanaimo and Sidney North Saanich Yacht Clubs to have a look club facilities and arrangements for reciprocal clubs.

We were made very welcome by Rusty, the Dock Manager at Nanaimo and he showed us the very impressive club house – he led us straight to the bar which is open on Friday evenings – a great place for a thirsty sailor to fib about his exploits. He showed us the gate to and from the dock and explained that the visitor has to phone the number displayed to be buzzed in or out. Rusty assured us that he will do everything he can to fit visiting boats inside the marina; the outside breakwater now has reduced visitors dock space as they have to accommodate their members' ever larger boats. One thing to note is the club is running a race weekend June 28/29 so space will be at a premium or not-available. Nanaimo is a good spot to unwind after crossing the Strait, equally a comfortable spot to start your trip up the coast.

We have visited Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club in Tsehum Harbour several times and really enjoyed their facilities. The club house is a lovely old building which the Yacht Club leases from the Oak Bay Group for a nominal fee. The club maintains it with volunteer work parties and keeps it in very good shape. The restaurant is open Wednesday to Sunday, also Mondays on long weekends. The chef is young and keen and dinner was very good when we visited. There is also a comfortable bar with club chairs surrounding a fire place. If you visit when the bar and restaurant are open, you can check in and get your key there – otherwise a dock host will meet you and check you in. Laundry and showers are in the basement.

On the way into Tsehum Harbour and the Yacht Club, watch the day markers and stay within 20' of them. If not the mud will get you! The visitors' dock is just inside the breakwater on your right (Capital City Yacht Club is further on, on the left) – watch the tides and don't try it at low-tide and absolutely avoid a minus tide. For a 6'3" keel you will need a 2' tide to get out.

Have a wander round the grounds of the club; there are some wonderful trees including an ancient and huge Cedar of Lebanon and find the trail which will lead up to a good lookout down through the harbour.

A last note: Maple Bay Yacht Club will do their best to put visitors into a space within the marina, rather than on the outside of the breakwater. This has been a problem in the past which they are trying to address. A \$5.00 charge per night covers power and showers. They will be closed to reciprocal moorage July 18, 19, 20 due to hosting the Tall Ships.

Let's use the reciprocals a few times during the summer – we know how popular our club is and how much our facilities are used – let's return the compliment! Please let me know if you have good, bad or indifferent experiences at reciprocal clubs this summer and we will try and address them in time for next year.



ABOVE: Nanaimo Yacht Club and Lounge.

BELOW: SNSYC Yacht Club and breakwater.

PHOTOS by Jenny Barrio



**CHRISTINA MARY
PATTINSON
1915—2008**



There were many SISC members attending Chris Pattinson's Memorial Service on May 29. Chris died Thursday, May 22 following a short illness.

She will be missed by many in this community where she was so active for so long. We in the Sailing Club will miss her consistent attendance at Club events where her bright smile and enthusiasm were so appreciated. She contributed to all the pot-lucks, was usually right at the front of the line for meals and was gracious to all.

Her painting of the Club pier and docks hanging in the clubhouse is lovely and demonstrates both her watercolour style and her generosity in contributing her art to many community groups.

Five Club sailboats were privileged to help family members participate in the scattering of her ashes.

All Club members join to offer our condolences to Dick and his family and hope that our love and support will help as they learn to cope with their loss. Chris was not only a senior member of this Club, she was a wonderful role model to us all.

If anyone would like to have their vessel checked please contact Greg Harmeson at 537-1262 and an Auxiliary Member will arrange for a convenient time.



INSPECTIONS

A successful Fire Safety and Coast Guard Safety Inspection was carried out on the Saturday before Sailpast. Island Fire Protection Ltd. has agreed to provide the annual servicing to coincide with the Saturday before our Sunday Sailpast. They will be set up to sell and maintain fire extinguishers for our Member's boats and homes. Thanks to all that participated—Susannah Devitt

(LEFT) Mike from Island Fire Protection and Trevor Haddow on the docks.



From Greg Harmeson:

As many are aware, the local Coast Guard Auxiliary participated in the recent safety day by conducting courtesy checks at the Club. A total of 7 Club members signed up to have their vessel checked for appropriate safety equipment and we are pleased to advise that, with

the exception of a few outdated flares, the exercise was successful and demonstrated that the skippers who participated had a tremendous appreciation for the safety of their crew and vessel.

On behalf of Auxiliary members Ellen Reid, Rheona Severson, Ken Morisette, Phillip Sigmund and myself, I would like to thank everyone that participated, for their interest in the promotion of boating safety, and the interesting and educational conversation that always ensues.

(TOP) Greg Harmeson & Rheona Severson conducting Free Coast Guard checks. (RIGHT) Derek Barrio having BLUE PETER inspected by Ken Morisette.





.....the Racing Forum

A busy month for the racing group with some great racing and yet again phenomenal support from the Club volunteers for the RSSI race.

RSSI attracted 114 boats with PHRF ratings from -63 to 271 with one multi-hull joining the race. With a controversial last-minute decision to run an anti-clockwise course around the Island based on wind projections, the race got underway in light winds with five starts, five minutes apart. As predicted winds steadily built as the race fleet progressed around the Island and although unpredictable and at times, infuriating, allowed for an exciting race with the first boat crossing the line at 9pm and the bulk of the fleet finishing en mass between 12 and 1 am. CALIENTE was the first Saltspring boat to cross the line and took the Doug Thomas Memorial Trophy for the second year in a row. Overall winner and winner of the Marshall Sharp Trophy was Don Gillingham from Comox Sailing Club on LIGHT SCOUT, a Ross 930 (see full results on the club website www.saltspringsailing.ca).

One boat was holed in a collision at the start, three boats went aground; one person was taken off a boat with a dislocated finger and one person (my wife: Deb) suffered a broken toe at the Lamb Barbeque. – A SUCCESS ALL ROUND!!

After the thrills and spills of the RSSI race, it was back to Club racing the following weekend with a rerun of the Walker Rock race. Skippers meeting on a calm Sunday morning did not inspire hopes of a great race but as soon as the boats hit the water the wind picked up and against all predictions we enjoyed a fine day on the water with fairly consistent winds around the course. CALIENTE again took first place followed by IMP and ELECTRA.

To make it three weeks in a row CALIENTE also won the Channel Isles race: Batt Rock-Welbury Spar-round the Channel Isles—Welbury Spar - Batt Rock and home. Seven boats enjoyed good weather, consistent winds and an enjoyable social afterwards courtesy of Bob Jones and Dorothy aboard OASIS, their newly acquired Beneteau 41.5. Excitement was provided by Kevin Morris; ascending from the bowels of OASIS at the end of the race dripping with blood after a brave attempt to slow down a jibing boom with his forehead. Second place in the race went to ELECTRA with ARBITRAGE in third.

Coming up, is the start of the summer weekly Wednesday night races as well as the start of dinghy racing, which will initially be held on Sunday mornings when there are no big boat races. Contact Greg Slakov or Rob Irving for dinghy racing details.

This year's Jack & Jill Race will be held in conjunction with the cruising groups "Progressive Cruise". The racing group will race out to Montague Harbour on June 14th and rendezvous with the cruisers for hors d'oeuvres and a barbeque in the shelter at Montague. Racers can overnight in Montague or return to Saltspring after the Barbeque depending upon the status of their Jill's.

Lastly – Don't forget to come down to the docks to see the IOM Western Regional radio controlled boat regatta June 6, 7 & 8th.

Many thanks and have a great summer—Pete McGovern



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COMING SOON

MARINE SWAP MEET AT SISC

To be announced in
September's Issue of
TellTales, the Staff Captain
and her crew will be holding
a swap meet at the Club. So
stash away all those unused
nautical items in preparation
for this event.

LOST

LOST - Barrio has lost his
pants (what again?) - Blue
WETSKINS rain pants, either
in the Club House or on the
docks. If found, contact
Barrios at 653-2325. Many
thanks.

NOTE: The email addresses on
this page will have to be copy/
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WANTED

FROM ROUND SALTSRING
'08—if anyone has pictures of
a C & C30' boat named
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of pictures of the race - their
camera was stolen at Ganges
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ANNOUNCEMENTS....



After several requests from Club Members, there is the possibility of conducting a **FOOD SAFE - LEVEL 1** Course at SISC for Galley Crew Members. Given enough interest, we would hope to hold this in the Fall.

Please call Jackie Melzer at 537-1781 or email melzerj@telus.net if you'd like to be part of the group.



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Please refrain from marking on the information-based-calendar for Club House rentals. This calendar does not confirm your event as I have the main one at home. So for Sailing Club meetings and events including Pub Nights you are required to call the Coordinator Susannah at 537-2570, this way it will ensure double bookings do not take place. There are a lot of bookings for the Club House which is good news. Remember that the suggested donations go towards housekeeping, grounds work and general bathroom items and kitchen ware. Thank you to the Members for all your support and cooperation in the last year of implementing the new system p.s. I will see about placing the calendar on the website for people to see. Thanks, Susannah Devitt

**NEXT TELLTALES DEADLINE will be:
September 4th at HIGH NOON.**

Many thanks for being on time with your submissions.

From the Editor's Desk.....many thank-you's this month

As this is my last issue of TellTales I wish to especially thank all those contributors over the past year. It certainly wouldn't have become the expansive 16-page issue without you. Many thanks to my monthly proofers, Jenny Barrio, Vicky Hodson and Candace Brochmann who ensured that names were spelled correctly and run on sentences didn't run on.

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And lastly, to Nick Hodson who talked me into this position at the outset and Nick, you were right, it's been so much fun.

The best part; getting to know all my fellow Club Members just a bit better. Please continue with your great support to TellTales and best of luck to our new Editor.

Comments are always welcome — sistelltales@yahoo.com

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