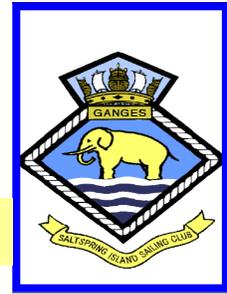




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COMMODORE'S REPORT by Nick Hodson

Work on our new pier is now progressing well and I'm sure that you will agree it is an impressive sight. Special thanks to Gene Drzymala for the huge amount of time that he and Sharon are spending at the Club looking after our interests. Thanks also to Marc Lalonde, Norm Dinsmore, Greg Slakov, and Lorne Shantz for the work they are putting into preparing for our new gatehouse. Lorne's sketch of the proposed finished building is on page 9 of this issue.

Our first Pub Night of the season will be on April 4th. We will be having draft beer, popcorn and snacks, so I look forward to seeing you there.

We have had a number of people suggest that we provide a Wi-Fi service to the Clubhouse and dock area. This would give free internet access to any member with a laptop computer (that has a wireless card), either in the Clubhouse or on their boat. The cost of setup would be a modest \$200 or so but there would be an annual running cost of about \$500 per year. It is possible that this could also include a web-cam to enable members view of the docks and the weather conditions from home. I would like to know how many members would use this service and whether you think it is a good idea. Please let me have your comments.

I mentioned at the recent General Meeting that we are still disappointed in the low number of members who take TellTales online. We have a membership of approximately 180, yet we continue to print and mail 130 copies of TellTales each month. A quick look at members' email addresses indicates that well over 100 members have a high-speed connection. So please consider whether you can move to the online edition to reduce club costs and paper waste.

If you are prepared to take TellTales electronically then please contact our database manager Norbert Schlenker at sisc.dbm@gmail.com

nickhodson@saltspring.com



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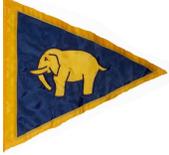
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- 4th 1900 Board Meeting
- 9th 1030 Spring One-Day Regatta and POTLUCK
- 18th 1900 Social: POTLUCK After-Dinner "Goodies" - Mech Family
- 30th 1030 Race—Walker Rock

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



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT— by Chris Gadsby

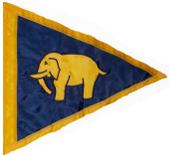
Plans are underway for the Spring Work Party and Clean-up on Saturday April 12th and at the last House-and-Grounds Committee meeting on February 19th, a detailed list of projects was developed. The flip chart list will be available for members to sign up by Friday, March 21st so please select the area which is most suited to your skills.

Please note that certain tools, gloves, goggles etc. are requested where appropriate for each task.

Projects already underway are striped cushions for the bay window in the Clubhouse and my thanks goes out to Sandi Ballantyne and the Wednesday Ladies Sewing Group. Smoke alarms and a thermostat for the bay window heater are soon to be installed thanks to Bob Reynolds.

Consideration of a new projection TV system to replace the old hanging TV and a new stove (needed for some time) is also underway.

Please mark May 3rd on your calendar for our Club fire extinguisher and Coast Guard inspection available for all members. Thanks to Susannah Devitt for coordinating this event. We will be more specific about pier-related upgrades associated to the Spring Work Party in the next report.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT — by Gene Drzymala

As we can see, the pier reconstruction is going well, and will probably be finished in a couple of weeks. Thank you all for complying with the access times, as posted. It makes my job easier, and the barge crew very much appreciate our cooperation. They are a good crew.

Once again, we thank Les Price for his dedication in keeping our docks clean of shells, bird droppings and sea-washed debris. Please help by maintaining your area.

Russell Logan has done a wonderful job of painting the potential tripping spots along our temporary access floats. Please observe and be careful. I wonder where he learned his spray-can art, in east LA ?

Our "Early Bird" prize goes to Doc Paynter, Derek Barrio, Norm Dinsmore and Harold Brochmann for arriving between 06:50 and 07:00 to move docks, before the tide chased everyone away to breakfast. Thanks from all who use these temporary docks. While Lawrie Neish is busy planning the resurrection of our grid, Bob Reynolds has been seeing to our electrical problems. Thanks to you both.

Please note that the water will be turned on when the pier is finished, or by March 20th.

We will have a wonderful pier!



SECRETARY'S REPORT — by Victoria Morrison

On behalf of SISC let's extend a welcome to Andrew Skuce, our newest Associate Member. Andrew is very involved with dinghy racing and racing in general. He is new to our club, but he is well known to members in the racing scene. We are pleased to have you "on board", Andrew.

ASK THE EXPERT—This month's Guest Expert is Dave Howell on Spring Tune-ups.



QUESTION #1

Hi Dave:

Just got back from winter retreat and haven't run the engine since October. It's a Yanmar 20 hp-3cyl. diesel running pretty "rough" with black smoke spewing out the back end. Any ideas? Thanks, CR

ANSWER

On the limited information that you have provided me I would be very suspicious of your secondary fuel filter. I believe that you are not firing on all cylinders and hence the rough run. Likewise the cylinder that is still firing is being overloaded hence the black smoke. I believe you need to change your fuel filters. Your fuel system should have both a primary and a secondary filter. YANMAR has a small secondary that is attached to the engine. This filter sometimes gets overlooked, eventually plugs up, and your engine starts to behave as you have described. Should this not solve your problem, I would be glad to work with you on finding the solution. The problem, I am confident, lies in the fuel system.

Anytime that you have to change out a primary because it has plugged up I would highly recommend that you change your secondary as well. The secondary filter cartridge is a finer filter than the primary cartridge and over time will load up, even if the primary's have been changed regularly and have never plugged up. Check your manual for recommended change out times.

While on the subject of fuel filters: The installation of a vacuum pressure gauge between the primary filter and the low pressure fuel pump (fuel supply pump on the engine) is a great asset. (RACOR filter heads have a plug that can be removed and the gauge can be screwed right into the filter head). As the filter starts to clog the vacuum will go up. A quick look at the gauge while under way at cruise, or at a fast idle will let you know immediately that the filter requires changing. This gauge is quite cheap and easy to install. When a new filter has been installed the vacuum will only be about 2 to 4 lbs. Take note of whatever it is. Once you note that the vacuum is increasing, when running at cruise or higher, then change out your primary's at the next opportunity. Primary filters are located between the fuel tank and the fuel pump and are designed to remove any water and larger particles. Secondary filters are located between the low pressure supply pump and the injectors (on cam operated injection systems), or between the low pressure supply pump and the high pressure injector pump. (as in a Bosch-type system with a high pressure pump and individual injector lines)

QUESTION #2

Dear Dave:

Looking for your opinion on changing the oil in the spring with re-commissioning of the boat. It was changed in the fall and the engine only turned over a few times during the winter months. Should I change it now or wait to have a few more hours on the engine. Appreciate your advice, DM

continued next page.....



ANSWER

Regarding changing your oil as part of your spring recommissioning procedures, your question has created a few more questions. You stated that the engine wasn't run much since the last oil change in the fall. When it was run, was the engine used or run long enough that it reached operating temperature? Was it then run at temperature for a period of not less than 30 minutes? Do you use a block heater? If this is the case I would think that you may well carry on without the change and put it off until you reach your hourly change schedule.

On the other hand. If the only run-ups over the winter were to run the boat out to the start line for the weekly race or to just clear the dock until you got the sails up, or just to run-up at the dock for a few minutes then, I would change it out now. The differences are in what happens to oil when an engine doesn't get completely warm up, it creates moisture that is suspended in the oil. This moisture combines with other products of combustion and the oil can become acidic. In which case it is just as well to replace it. These real short winter runs are just about the worst things for our small diesel engines. If there is any doubt, then change the oil. Give it a real good run first though, as this will help gather up old sediments that have settled out over the months of inactivity and, they will get flushed out with the oil change. It will also warm up the oil making it thinner and much easier to pump out. Make sure that you use an oil that is rated for diesel engines. Check your manufacturer's recommendations. Oils rated for diesel engines are high detergent oils. These will suspend carbon and soot particles and prevent sludge build up throughout the engine. On SAORSA our oil change policy is in the Spring and in the Fall and anytime that we reach 50 hours running on the oil. Think of your car going 60MPH up hill for 3000 miles. That's the equal to what your boat does in 50 hours !

NEXT MONTH'S GUEST EXPERT IS:

“ YOU ”

**Send in your favourite nautical gizmo, invention,
DIY or tech tip.**

sistelltales@yahoo.com

or, in the TellTales box at the Clubhouse.



A FEW MORE HELPFUL HINTS FROM DAVE:

Do you have one or more of those nice little kerosene lanterns aboard? They give a real nice warm light in the evenings, however you may have experienced a problem that the chimneys seem to crack from the heat when lit. The cure is to take your lantern chimneys, put them in a pot of water and bring it to the boil. Boil them for a few minutes and take the pot off the heat and let it cool down. Once cooled off on it's own, remove from the water. Now it won't break when using the lantern. You have relieved some built in stresses in the glass. These are most evident in the small chimneys, but are evident in the big ones as well. You only need to do this once.

Flush a tablespoon of cooking oil down your head once in a while. You will be surprised at how much smoother the pump will work. The oil has an affinity for the plastic seals and sleeves in the pump and will last for quite a while. It will help to close up the seals and make all the moving parts last longer, and move easier.



"SISC'S SECOND ANNUAL BROUGHTON RENDEZVOUS"

Please mark your calendar for August 16, 2008 for our second annual rendezvous to be held at Jennis Bay in Drury Inlet.

Final plans are still being arranged so watch TellTales for more information. Jennis Bay is a fun place with lots of things to do.

For more information on Jennis Bay go to www.jennisbay.com or call Lorne and Colleen Shantz at 537-2483 or lshantz@telus.net

Hurry!



Hurry!

by Per Rasmussen

This is the (almost) last chance to pick up your 2008 yearbook and membership card in the clubhouse foyer. And while you're at it, take a look at the 48 fine advertisers who supported the yearbook project and the club this year. In return, please support these businesses -- tell them you saw their ad in the yearbook!

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 Waypoint Marine
 Westport Marina

.....the Racing Forum by Pete McGovern



We are into the season of fickle winds, where boats are faced with either knock down gale force squalls or Bermuda Triangle flat calm, sometimes all in the same race! Two races were run in February - McMillan Trophy and the Round Prevost.

Race Report - McMillan Trophy Eight boats turned out for the McMillan Trophy race. Most boats bunched at the windward mark for the start and with the gusty conditions there were a few close calls (and some yelling?) at the line. As the group headed down the harbour the wind shifted from beam reach to dead ahead and jumped from 5 knots to 15 knots in seconds. Everyone had to keep a close watch on their main travelers to avoid being knocked over. Close to the first mark at Batt Rock, the gusts became even more severe, boats round up and even did accidental tacks, which is pretty rare. Several skippers elected to reef their mainsails. ALACRITY, IMP and FANDANGO were first round and it was a relief to have the wind now behind the boats. A few brave souls hoisted spinnakers for the downwind run to Ben Mohr, near Active Pass, but the gusty shifting winds made the big sails hard to control.

The wind lightened up just past Prevost Island, giving everyone a break and bunching the fleet a little. IMP, ALACRITY and FANDANGO stayed out front round the second mark and the wind picked up again on the homeward run. We got blasted again through Captain's Passage and again there was a scramble to reef mainsails. The wind held to Second Sister then lightened for the run into Ganges, now mostly on the beam. SOUL DANCER managed to sneak by FANDANGO in the high winds and was close to Alacrity and Imp who was first over, at the finish. Soul Dancer edged the single handed DERYN MOR for first with ALACRITY, IMP, FANDANGO, FINAL DASH, IRIE and KLAATHAM following behind.

Race Report - Round Prevost With many skippers away, the turnout for the Round Prevost was lower than normal with 5 boats (ARBITRAGE, BARON ROUGE, DERYN MOR, FANDANGO, IMP) off the line in sunny conditions in a light but fairly steady northerly breeze, some with chutes up from the start. IMP, skippered in the absence of Greg Slakov by Craig Leitch with his daughter Megan as crew, led from start to finish. Megan on the helm had IMP off the line at 1030 with a great start, and after 2 jibes in the inner harbour, and a new north-easterly breeze after the Sisters, managed to clear Batt Rock and (just barely!) hold the chute all the way to Point Liddell light.

Boats slowed down around the backside of Prevost where it turned to a slow beat in light, often fluky air, and against a strong ebb tide that slowed progress to a crawl. Near the rocks along the east side of Prevost the wind finally filled in, giving a good beat to Pelly Point and a good reach to the Second Sister, then the usual hole (!!) where the systemic breeze died and it turned to diurnal inflow, so that the chutes had to go up again for the run to the line, with IMP arriving shortly before 3 pm well ahead of FANDANGO, the only other boat to finish. BARON ROUGE, ARBITRAGE and DERYN MOR called it quits when the wind died on them or as Kevin Vine put it "when it became clear I was in a hole in the Universe".

Upcoming Events Our first event for March is the Spring Regatta on March 9th, where we celebrate the fact that we are able to sail in what are usually great conditions while the rest of the country is still snowbound and freezing cold! The regatta will be followed by a Potluck Dinner and Bar in the Clubhouse. Other dates to look out for are the Walker Rock Race on March 30th and the Bas Cobanli Memorial Trophy on April 8th. Have a great month and I look forward to seeing you out on the water!



HOW GREEN IS YOUR BOAT?



Spring is all about maintenance and cleaning so take some time this year to increase your awareness about how *your* boating practices are impacting the environment.

Here is a chart you can print or cut out. Paste it in the inside cover of your logbook or anyplace where you can make quick reference to it.

Environmentally Friendly Alternative Cleaning Products

<i>Task</i>	<i>Alternative Cleaners</i>
Decks	1 part vinegar to 8 parts water
Wood (interior)	Polish with olive oil
Fiberglass stains	Baking soda and salt (in wet paste)
Aluminum	2 tbsp (30mL) Cream of tartar, in 2 cups (½ L) hot water
Brass	Worcestershire sauce, or paste made of equal parts vinegar, salt and water. Rinse
Bleaching	Hydrogen peroxide bleach. (Not Chlorine Bleach)
Chrome	Apple cider vinegar to clean; baby oil to polish
Copper	Lemon juice and salt. Spread; wait; then rinse.
Decks/Floors	1Cup (250mL) of vinegar, 1gallon (4.5 L) of hot water. Scrub; swab; mop. Beware, it will remove any polish.
Mildew/Mold	Paste using equal parts of either lemon juice and salt, or vinegar and salt. Vary treatment per location.
Shower	Wet area; sprinkle on baking soda; rub with scouring cloth.
Refrigerator/cooler	Wipe with wet cloth dipped in baking soda.
Head	Add baking soda, and brush. 1 cup (250mL) of vinegar left overnight in the head will reduce the build-up of salts.
Windows	1 cup (250mL) of vinegar in 1-quart (1 L) warm water. Wash, rinse and squeegee. Or just plain water with squeegee to take salt off.



Skipper's show their love at the Valentine's Potluck.....



My wife is the best cook !!!



Who said there were no strings attached.



NORM bought these for me ???



Attention, attention...I'm the hostess here.



So when do we eat ??



STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Jackie Melzer

I am first going to make the announcements of upcoming events so they don't get lost in the shuffle. On Tuesday, March 18th, the Mechs' will present their offshore sailing adventures.

Saturday, April 12th is the Spring Work Party and Clean-up.

By all accounts the Skippers Valentines Day Potluck was a success. Thanks to Candace Brochmann and her crew.



REPORT ON SKIPPERS VALENTINES DAY POT LUCK

by Candace Brochmann



Hearts, cupids, streamers, the glow of candlelight and balloons, balloons, balloons adorned the club for a fun loving group of skippers and mates. The great variety of hot and cold offerings was greatly appreciated by all. Jim Ballantyne cheerfully tended the bar and as a Valentine treat offered champagne along with the regular fare. Thank you Jim.

Gary Morrison decided that playing games can be quite rewarding when he was presented with a dozen red roses for his cleverness. I am sure Vicki enjoyed them too.

Sally Plunkett and I would like to thank members Jennifer Healey, Sylvia Greenwood, Sharon Hawke, Lucy Ford, and Ann Lalonde. Working together is fun.



Lorne Shantz has provided this artist's rendition of our soon-to-be Gatehouse on the new pier.

THE CRUISER'S CALENDAR

by Jon Healey



APRIL 3rd, 5th & possibly the 6th— ANCHORING & MOORING CRUISE

We'll move the instructional session to Thursday evening, April 3rd, from 7 - 9 p.m. (Changed from April 4th—now Pub Night). On-the-water sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 5th. We will do a quick review of theory and then go on-the-water in Ganges Harbour with an experienced mentor on each boat to do some anchoring practice. We'll head over to Montague for mooring buoy practice after lunch. Those who are so inclined will spend the night and continue practicing or perhaps R-and-R on Sunday. Saturday evening we'll organize a happy hour at the shelter as on past trips. Plans are to return to the Club or head off on individual cruises Sunday p.m.

We would like folks who are interested in participating to register so that we can be sure to have enough mentors. If interested people can contact me by email at ssicruise@yahoo.com, there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Clubhouse or, put a note in the Cruise Captain's mail box in the Clubhouse.

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APRIL 25th, 26th & 27th.— PACIFIC BIOLOGICAL STATION

The Pacific Biological Station in Departure Bay is holding its open-house on the weekend of April 26th—27th. Our cruise for a tour of the Station will run Friday, April 25th through Sunday, April 27th. Plans at the moment are that we gather in Mark Bay, Newcastle Island on Friday evening or Saturday morning. We plan to do the tour on the afternoon of Saturday, April 26th. Individuals may extend this cruise, before or after, as they wish. Further details will be available for this event in the April TellTales.



“CRUISING with the Mech Family”

Karl & Michelle enjoying the Valentine's Day Potluck.
They will be our guest speakers at the March 18th SISC Potluck Social.
(See details on page 16 of this issue.)

CRUISE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Jon Healey

Committee members are busy preparing for spring cruises. The first two official club cruises are scheduled for April as outlined on the previous page.

Reciprocal Program:

Our Reciprocal Officer, Jenny Barrio, and Secretary, Vicki Morrison, have been busy finalizing reciprocal arrangements for the upcoming season. Once this is done the binder with information on reciprocals will be available in the Club entry. If you plan on using reciprocal privileges at another club it is important to check the book. Requirements of each Club will be kept up-to-date and may be different from previous years.

At the last General Meeting we had a good discussion on policies related to reciprocity. As a result there may be some changes to our program involving some increase in the number of reciprocal clubs and the welcoming of off-shore cruisers. Proposals will be put forward in upcoming TellTales.

Broughton Archipelago Rendezvous:

Lorne and Colleen Shantz are planning a Club rendezvous in the Broughtons for August 16th. There is a "heads-up" notice on page 5 of this edition of TellTales. Mark your calendars and watch for further details.

Contact me with comments at ssicruise@yahoo.com

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CONTACT Club Secretary,
Vicki Morrison to order
angevja2@telus.net



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Rob Denny
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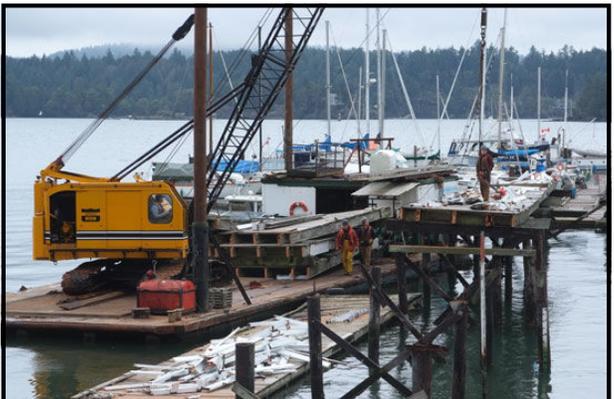
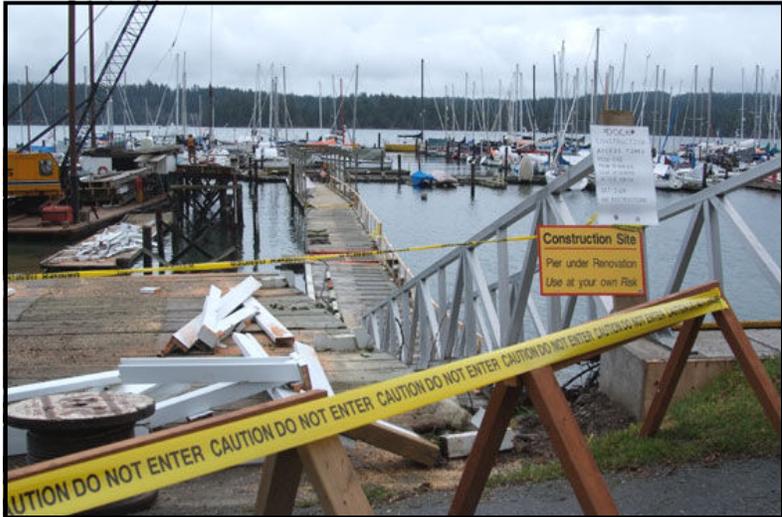
Photo by Linda Matteson-Reynolds

YEAR OF THE PIER "DE-CONSTRUCTION" PHASE



Photo by Harold Brochmann

(Above) In readiness for the crew to arrive, SISC members take a break to pose with the temporary access pier.

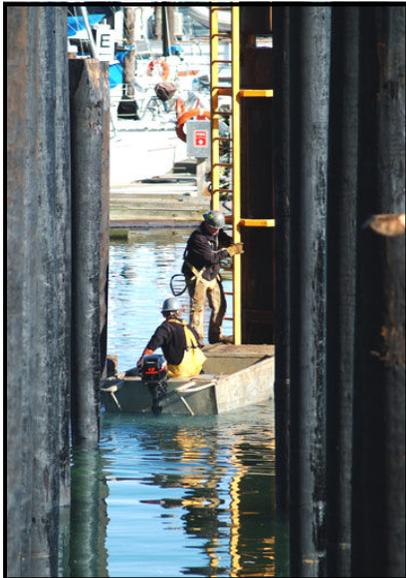


ACCESS TIMES



The new pilings being driven into place.

Photos by Linda Matteson-Reynolds



REMINDER OF ACCESS TIMES:

- Monday through Friday**
- prior to 08:00 am
 - from 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm
 - after 16:30 pm
- Saturday and Sundays**
- no restrictions of access





PHOTO CONTEST

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



(LEFT) "WISHING FOR SOME ICE"
submitted by John Sprague
taken in Lower Savage
Islands, South Baffin,
Latitude 61.7. with his Nikon
CoolPix 4500 digital camera.

(RIGHT) Colleen Shantz has
just returned from Australia
where she captured this pair
of Pelicans with her
Sony Digital camera.



VOTE NOW for your personal
favourite. Drop off your selection
to the TellTales Box in the
Clubhouse or email:
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PROP SCRAPING AND ZINC REPLACEMENT

Once again, we are planning on building on success
and will organize another day of prop scraping and
zinc replacement. You provide the zinc's and we do the work!
Russ Murcheson, the diver, has agreed to keep the cost at the
previous rate of \$30.00 per boat for both the scraping and the zinc
replacement. We have chosen **Saturday, 5 April 2008** with Sunday as a back-up
day. Jim Ganderton will do the organizing, so all you have to do is send Jim an
email at gandertons@shaw.ca with your boat name and your slip number and
he will organize the sequence and be able to give you an approximate time for
the work to be done. I will be absent from SSI until the end of March so you
can't email me until then.

Give me a call after I return on 28 March. Jim Ganderton

BUY & SELL



For members only.

FOR SALE

1) WINSLOW Canopied Coastal Life Raft 6 Person - great inshore life raft (VHF range). Pelican case in good condition, steel cradle to hold it on deck. 2001 manufacture - needs service and re-certification which will cost approx.\$1000. Asking \$650 as is. \$1650 - certified; delivered to SSI in April.

2) ZODIAC C310 Inflatable - Red 1985 model with semi-rigid floor, used for 15 hours and then stored inside. Excellent condition with inflatable seat, wooden oars, pump, repair kit and carry case. Asking \$750.

3) HONDA Water Pump - new 2004 little use with three 50' quick-connect hoses and fire nozzle, cost \$1700 asking \$1000.

CONTACT: Anthony Thorne
ajpenn42@gmail.com

SAROSA— 28/32 Paceship \$33,000

For more information log onto www.boatsforsalegulfislands.blogspot.com/2008/02/paceship-2832.html

or to view, call: Tony McEwen 653-0043
ALSO FOR SALE: 36" Edson Wheel—make an offer.

FOR SALE

ZODIAC-WEST MARINE 9'4"long with a 4'11" beam It has an inflatable keel with a hard-wood floor, capacity is 1080lbs. and can accommodate an 8-hp outboard. Purchased new in 2004 and used only 2 or 3 times. Currently stored in a heated shed and looks like new. Replacement price is \$1900.00 and asking only \$1200.00. Call: Greg Harmeson at 537-1262 or email harmy@telus.net

RAYTHEON APELCO GPS GPS11—Handheld With manual, mounting bracket and carrying case. A great addition to your "bale-out" box. \$85.00 CONTACT: BOB 537-1195 robrey@uniserve.com



2006 HONDA 2-hp, 4 stroke, long-leg outboard motor. As new, only 5 hours on the engine. \$890.00 CONTACT: Jeremy Milson at 537-1466

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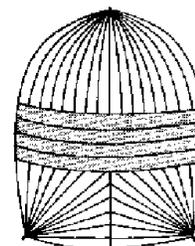
WANTED TO BUY—mast top antenna kit and cable for marine VHF.

Kuno Egger 537-9785
kuno@retailsoftware.com

MINKE NEEDS NEWER SPINNAKER—

Should be from 28 to 32 mast-head-sloop. She would prefer Tri-radial. She is colour-blind so colour is not important. Various terms could be considered.

Many thanks and happy sailing !



CONTACT: Tony Meek
tonymeek@saltspring.com

FREE

FREE to anyone who can use it, GROCO HF Master Service Kit suitable for pump system rebuild of GROCO HF marine toilet.

Original cost \$99.99.
Call Les Price: 537-1378.

YOUR AD HERE ????

Sell your boat, spinnaker, engine, charts or first mate, if you dare !

NOTE: The email addresses on this page will have to be copy/pasted into your email "to" box.

ANNOUNCEMENTS....

POT LUCK

SISC—Social
Tuesday, March 18th
at 1900 hours
 After-Dinner "Goodies" & Cash Bar

.....an evening with the
Mech family
 Karl, Michelle and Kelsey will be giving a slide presentation of their 2001—2006 off-shore cruising.





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

DRAFT BEER AVAILABLE

PUB NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th
1700 hours
Groove to the music of the 60's.




NEXT MONTH'S TELLTALES DEADLINE will be:
April 3rd at HIGH NOON.
Many thanks for being on time with your submissions.



From the Editor's Desk.....

After a number of requests directed my way, there's been a BUY & SELL column added to TellTales this month. Let's keep it to boating/nautical-themed items for now. It's a first-come-first-served basis for space availability. Always check the deadline date (above) for your submission and any changes that need occur. We'll run it every month if the interest is there. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to write in support of this idea.

I would like to take this opportunity as outlined in November's issue to welcome "Letters to the Editor" for TellTales. Please review the Editorial Guidelines and Code of Ethics as stated before submitting. It is also a first-come-first-served basis for space availability. Your ideas, proposals, opinions and rebuttals are the heartbeat of this organization. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March 18th POTLUCK Social.

Comments are always welcome — sistelltales@yahoo.com

See you next month,
Linda
 Linda Matteson-Reynolds

