



SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Tell Tales

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Special Edition

COMMODORE'S REPORT
by Nick Hodson

Thanks to all of you who came out to the Opening Day and Sailpast last Sunday. We had wonderful weather, a great lunch and a good time was had by all. Gene Drzymala and I also conducted the official opening of the new pier.

Gene and Sharon have put in a tremendous amount of personal time and effort to ensure that we have a superb new pier and many thanks are due to them from the entire club. Marc Lalonde has also been heading a dedicated crew building the new Gate House which I am sure you will agree is a fine addition to our property.

Next weekend is our annual Round Saltspring Race. If you have not yet volunteered to help there is still time (contact David Wood wood@saltspring.com). I would remind those who have volunteered to wear your yellow volunteer T-shirts, to help visitors identify you. The start of the race is truly spectacular, and it is well worth a trip to witness it close up on the Saturday morning, and don't forget to book your tickets for the lamb barbecue on the Sunday.

The new locks are now installed on the Clubhouse, washrooms and store sheds, although not yet on the pier gate. There are still a few members who have not collected a key. If you need a key, please contact me as Vicki Morrison is away.

I am pleased to say that we have had two volunteers to host Pub Nights. Gordon & Lucy Ford will be hosting the May event and Michael & Lynn Clark will be hosting Friday, June 6th which will coincide with the 1-meter racing competition, which is being held at the Club on the 6th, 7th and 8th and is an exciting event.

A number of times recently we have been urged to make more use of email for communicating to members, whilst at some General meetings it has been clear that others resent being overloaded with electronic messages. It has been suggested that we might put out a weekly (or perhaps every two weeks), email detailing club activities for the next one or two weeks and listing all the work that requires volunteers. Please let me know if you think this would be popular. We will discuss it at the [General Meeting on May 27th](#). (agenda on last page)

Nick Hodson nickhodson@saltspring.com



Commodore Nick Hodson
with Tilly on Opening Day
and Sailpast.

May 2008

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4th 1100 OPENING DAY & SAILPAST
 4th 1330 No Flying Sails RACE
 6th 1900 Board Meeting
 9th 1700 Pub Night
 16th—18th ROUND SALTSRING RACE
 WEEKEND
 27th 1900 GENERAL MEETING

June 2008

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1st 1030 Channel Isles Race
 3rd 1900 Board Meeting
 4th 1700 Wednesday Evening Race Series
 Begins
 6th 1900 PUB NIGHT
 6th—8th International One Metre Race
 14th—15th 1030 Start Jack & Jill Race/Cruise

**NEXT MONTH'S TELLTALES
 DEADLINE will be:
 June 5th at HIGH NOON.
 Many thanks for being on time with
 your submissions.**



WHARFINGER'S REPORT by Hugh Preddy

POWER:

May 1st. is the start of the Sailing Club's summer period of electrical power usage. Should you be in doubt of your consumption, I will gladly check it and advise you of your usage. Otherwise you will be billed for any power over what has been previously paid for.

DAILY WHARFINGER:

The daily wharfinger program has now started and the sign-up board is posted in the club house entrance. I'm extremely encouraged by the number of you who have already signed up however there are still many days open over the summer months. This not only is an opportunity to fill your twenty volunteer hours every member is expected to perform, but also it's enjoyable to welcome and talk with other clubs' members.

John Myers will hold an orientation session on daily wharfinger duties on Saturday May 24th. at 2:00pm at the Clubhouse. There are some changes to the duties so I encourage new members or members that have not done it for a while to take this short session in.

ROUND SALTSRING RACE - May 16th through to May 19th:

This event is fast approaching and I am scrambling to accommodate the one hundred plus participant boats expected. Thanks to those who have already advised me their slip will be available. We may want some of you to raft up to other member's boats as the consensus is it is better to have a member's boat rafted to another member's boat. I will be contacting some of you regarding this.

Because of the rafting situation some SSC members participating in the race may find access to their slip blocked when they return from the race if they are one of the later ones. This is unavoidable and we will attempt to find alternate slips for you when possible.

DINGHY STORAGE:

The plan for the configuration for dinghy storage is finalized and the new layout will be in place very soon. Some of you can expect to be assigned different locations due to the change in layout.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Gene Drzymala

Thanks to everyone at the Spring Work Party who helped to repair, replace and paint items on the docks and reinstall the grid. Lawrie Neish is a great grid foreman. A lot was accomplished that day. We can all be proud.

Derek Barrio, Hugh Greenwood, John Myers and Norbert Schlenker demobilized the temporary access docks, signaling usage of our new pier.

Their efforts are much appreciated.

The electric, water and fire line utilities were reinstalled with minimal disruption by Bob Reynolds, Kevin Morris, Peter Toby, Mike Ablitt, Rick Bissett and Rod Macdonald. A fine and efficient crew. The new transformer container was built with precision by Doc Paynter. Mario Tello returned another day to finish painting the fire line.

Thank you all for your time and talents. It is so appreciated.

Our wonderful, new Gatehouse, designed and built by Marc Lalonde, Norm Dinsmore, Lorne Schantz, Dave Howell, Bob Scott, Mike Ablitt and Trevor Haddow is a very attractive addition to our new pier.

With the reconstruction of our pier, the flagpole has been reconfigured to hinge at its base allowing easier maintenance in the future. Bob Shaak contributed his expert welding talents to accomplish this. Our flags wave proudly now on the new pier. Thanks Bob. Thanks also to Lorne Shantz and Russell Logan for painting the flag pole.

This crew has spent countless days and hours creating this gem. As a Club we are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated members. Thank you very much. The hot lunches Ann Lalonde and Sharon Hawke served the crew helped warm them on some very blustery days. There was no question these gals were appreciated.

All these volunteers, along with the work party, have done an incredible amount of work upgrading our club facilities, functionally and aesthetically. They have saved our Club *much* expense.

It is through the efforts of our volunteers that we all enjoy a wonderful club at reasonable cost. I hope all members will endeavour to volunteer as much as they are able. It is *your* club.

The light pole at the head of the ramp will be installed when Dave (Island Marine Construction) recovers from a broken foot. The telephone, pier lights and Gatehouse lighting will be done when Bob Reynolds recovers from hand surgery.

Your patience is appreciated as we work out the details of the dinghy dock reconfiguration.

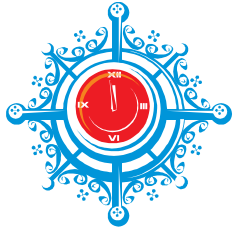
We are pleased to welcome all Round Saltspring participants.

We trust you will enjoy your stay with us.



**ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS
remember to "wear the yellow" for
Round Saltspring Race Weekend
we all want to know who you are !!**





Choosing the Round Saltspring 2008 Race Direction



Every year the Race committee agonizes over which way to send the Round Saltspring fleet, clockwise or anti-clockwise?

The decision is often more complex than at first appears.

The best-laid plans are often outfoxed by the vagaries of Saltspring winds and currents. Every year the race direction is a matter of debate. Sometimes in hindsight, the winds that actually blessed the race would have produced faster times for almost everyone if we had opted for a different direction. But the Race Committee is always mindful to choose the direction most likely to prevent the higher rated boats from being stymied by the tide no matter what wind is forecast. Although the Race Committee closely monitors the Marine Weather forecast, the famous Saltspring Island microclimate often generates obverse wind conditions to those forecast thus illustrating the important role that local knowledge plays in the course direction decision.

Over the years we've mostly opted for a clockwise course in order to ride an ebb tide to Beaver Point and beyond and then catch the afternoon flood tide to sweep the fleet through Sansum Narrows. But many times the wind, or lack of it, has played havoc with this plan. In one light air clockwise race, Bill Allen in his fast 40 foot Lawndart attempted to avoid a Beaver Point ebb current by going toward the far Pender shore only to drift back almost to Active Pass! Sometimes faster boats have crawled through Sansum Narrows leaving slower boats fruitlessly trying to make some positive progress near Musgrave Landing at the mouth of the Narrows. Many a boat has anchored here for hours waiting for the tide to turn. Likewise many a boat has shivered in the wee hours at Captain's Passage waiting for a little wind to help them combat an adverse current on the way home when in clockwise mode.

This year, the tide is flooding at the start and continues right through to about 6:00 pm. If light airs prevail the fleet will have problems getting around Beaver Point and reaching the Fulford area. Also if the wind lightens in the afternoon many boats might reach Sansum Narrows just as it turns to an ebb tide around 8:00 pm. So it is possible, but certainly not guaranteed, that we will opt for a anti clockwise direction this year if the winds are light. In that case the fleet will sail to the Sisters and then turn towards Captain's Passage and enjoy a flood tide to sweep the fleet through the Passage and down Trincomali Strait. A fast run will then oblige the fleet to battle a flood tide after rounding Southey Point down towards Maple Bay.

Getting through Sansum Narrows against the flood tide will be a challenge if the wind is light and before the tide turns to a slight ebb at around 6:00 pm. Then it will help the fleet get through the Narrows, around Pillar Point and up to Fulford. The leading boats will fight this slight flood tide when rounding Beaver Point on the way home but slower boats arriving there after 10:00 pm will have a slight flood tide to help them. If the winds go really light, it will be a challenge for the slower boats to round Beaver Point after 3:15 am when the big ebb tide starts. They will have to fight this all the way to the finish.

So, wind strength throughout the race will be critical and might well cause some upsets in the classic Round Saltspring tradition. If both the marine forecast and *Big Wave Dave* predict moderate-to-strong winds or winds that disappear in the afternoon, then the Race Committee might choose a clockwise course.

Better not miss the skippers meeting at 0830 Saturday morning!

Roger Kibble—*ELECTRA*, CAN 109



.....the Racing Forum

by Pete McGovern

April, the month of inclement and unpredictable weather, produced one great race; the Bas Cobanli and two failed attempts at the Portland Moresby. The nine boats that turned out for the Bas Cobanli were treated to brisk consistent winds for a great circle route around Prevost Island. Caliente, returning to the fleet after what no-doubt appeared to Ole as a nine month re-birthing process, finished well ahead of the fleet, winning both line honours and on corrected time. Imp and Minke took second and third.

Not so successful were the attempts at our longest club race around Portland Moresby with light winds for both the initial and rerun. For the rerun, an optional short course to the Channel Islands proved challenging enough with Imp and Caliente completing the shortened race in close to 4 hours and Arbitrage and Electra well behind. Imp took corrected time honours followed by Caliente, Arbitrage and Electra.

The Portland Moresby race completed the Series "A" Races with Imp easily winning the series followed by Electra and Soul Dancer in second and third places. The Series "B" starts with the RSSI race with a rerun Walker Rock race to be added to Series "B" schedule shown in the Yearbook.

If you are interested in the Vendee, please get your applications in soon as space is limited. A "heads up" also for the two-day Jack & Jill Race June 14th & 15th in conjunction with the cruising group. The reservation of the barbeque and shelter at Montague Harbour Park for the Saturday night dinner has already been made by Jon Healey.



Fleet Captain Dinghy Report

by Rob Irving

Registration for Sailing School is now open for all Sailing Club members and offspring. You can either pick up the information sheet, medical/registration form and "release form" from my mailbox at the Clubhouse or you can read the information sheet and download the two forms from the

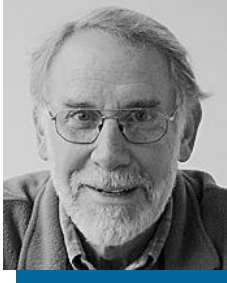
Club website at www.saltspringsailing.ca and then click on "Junior Program 2008".

Completed forms and payment can be mailed to me or left in my mailbox at the Clubhouse. If any non-Club members should happen to ask you, the public registration starts on May 31, and from June 2 on, the forms will also be available at Sports Traders in Ganges.

Just a reminder, if you wish to sail any of the dinghies then you need to complete a "waiver form" and leave it in my mailbox. The forms are posted on the sail locker door downstairs and are also available in the upstairs foyer. Currently our fleet consists of five 420's (sloop rigged and quite stable), 8 Lasers (with 2 Radial rigs for lighter sailors or heavy winds) and 6 Opti's.

The weather actually seemed to be improving and I might put my snow shovel away any time now (I live fairly high up on Mt. Belcher). The improved conditions mean that dinghy racing should be starting soon. Giving the upcoming Round Saltspring race, it might be best to start dinghy racing the first Sunday after the May long weekend. Perhaps the dinghy racers could do a Round Goat Island race which hopefully might take less time than going around Salt Spring. Of course, for all of you who don't race dinghies and have to settle for with staying dry and warm on your larger craft, I want you to know that we really are having lots of fun out there when we capsizes in the frigid water and get soaked.....really!!

I will have the Database Manager send everyone an email once the starting date for dinghy racing has been finalized.



FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING REPORT **by Jon Healey**

CLUB CRUISES

The two April cruises were quite successful. Twenty people turned out for the Thursday evening anchoring seminar and a lively discussion followed the presentation. Turn out for the Saturday practical session wasn't as good but Kevin Morris, although "boatless", participated in the practical session and was our star 'graduate'. Later, six boats cruised to Montague for mooring practice and a cool but jolly happy hour in the picnic shelter. Thank you to the Greenwoods', Barrios', Shantz's' and Brochmanns' for their assistance with the anchoring cruise.

A dozen members participated in the cruise to the Pacific Biological Station. Four boats went up to Newcastle Island on Friday and two cars went up to Departure Bay on Saturday. The tour of the Station was excellent. Those who went by boat had some fine walks on Newcastle Island and Saturday evening went to the Dinghy Dock Pub for an enjoyable dinner. Thank you to Susan and Doc Paynter for leading this cruise.

UPCOMING CRUISES

May 16—18: The long weekend cruise to Daphne Island in Saanich Inlet. The Leader is Rob Denny. This cruise is planned for those who would like to be away from the Club docks during Round Salt Spring weekend. We will be heading to Daphne Island in Saanich Inlet. Daphne Island is a family home for Rob's Brother. See the club web site or the cruising bulletin board in the club house for details

May 23—24: A man (crew) overboard seminar and practical session is planned. This will be of interest to both racers and cruisers. Fleet Captain Racing and Fleet Captain Cruising are working together on this and details will be posted in the clubhouse.

June 14—15: A joint event for racers and cruisers. This will involve a race or cruise as interests allow and a rendezvous at Montague Harbour. There will be a BBQ at the shelter in the park and an opportunity to enjoy the park trails. Cruisers who wish may continue on a progressive cruise to local anchorages and docks. Members may join the progressive cruise at any point in the itinerary. Details will be posted on the web site and on the bulletin board in the club house.

CRUISING EDITION OF TELLTALES

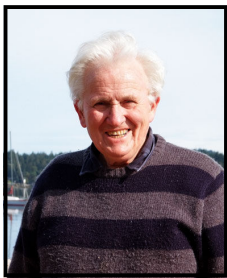
The June Edition of TellTales will be devoted to Cruising.

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

Contributions or suggestions can be sent to ssicruise@yahoo.com or put in the Cruise Captain's mail box in the Club House.

Who was Marshall Sharp?

by Laurie Neish



***The overall
winner of
Round
Saltspring
will be the
recipient of
the Marshall
Sharp
“SONSY”
Trophy***



I do not remember exactly how I met Marshall but perhaps it was shortly after I began building sabots as part of my Industrial Education program at Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1968. Marshall to me was a jolly self reliant man, short in stature but long in humour and a great spinner of yarns. In meeting Marshall I was twice blessed - firstly because he could always be depended upon and secondly because you also met Nora, his wife. I have always been glad to have known them both and always been proud that he gave me the ultimate accolade a sailor can give - he trusted me with his boat.

Marshall was brought up in Point Grey by Scottish parents who hailed from Glasgow. He built his first boat at sixteen in the family basement and had the usual problem of getting it out. I seem to remember that it meant removing a wall in his case. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, was stationed in Ottawa where he met Nora. Eventually he commanded the survival school in Edmonton and wrote the arctic section of the book *“Down But Not Out”*. Come to think of it he did look rather Eskimo-like in appearance. Marshall and Nora had always wanted a West Coast posting but he had to retire to get it.

Marshall had been on Saltspring for some time before I arrived and had served as a school trustee. He achieved a certain amount of fame as the man who read the metres by telescope. It was most likely that is how we met as he had to get out of his VW Beetle to come into the school shop to read the metres and the sabot production line and other boats probably brought us together. Amongst other things he kept himself busy with photography and manufacturing emergency fire-lighters for survival kits use by air forces throughout the world.

Marshall was a great help in the early days of my sailing program. He could always be depended upon to initiate budding sailors into the mysteries of the tiller before they were let loose or more correctly pushed out for the first time in their sabot. His sense of humour and patience with the kids that Aileen and I foisted upon him were legendary. He was a great teacher.

When the club started taking part in regattas “off Island” and before I built that scourge of the ferry system and nemesis of several family cars, the sabot trailer, Marshall often towed the fleet to venues which were accessible by water. This would result in an “ogopogo” like procession. A Westerly Cirrus with a 6hp Evinrude towing a 23ft Clarion followed by a string of eight or so sabots must have been an awesome sight on a ferry radar screen.

I should say that sailing excursions with Marshall gave me a very quick introduction to Islanders and their affairs. Marshall could relate family histories and what was going on by and with who in every household we sailed past, and you were not safe if you did not live on waterfront property. Meter readers, it would seem, get to know a lot about the habits and oddities of Islanders.

Marshall developed heart problems and underwent open heart surgery to have a valve replaced and he took a great delight in telling people that the valve came with a “lifetime guarantee.” Marshall was not the type to let a plastic heart valve slow him down or restrict his way of life and his number came up, fittingly, on a cruise well to the north of Desolation Sound. With the help of his friends Marshall, Nora and SONSy made it back to Saltspring where he was transferred to hospital in Victoria.

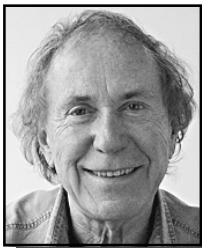
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He died there. A little time later some of his friends, Peter Grain, Cliff Hatch and Gus Reuter came to me at various times wanting to donate a trophy for the sabots in Marshall's memory. I thought that as Nora was selling SONSU that her name plate would perhaps make the beginnings of a good trophy. So we combined our efforts; Cliff asked, Nora gave us the name plate, Gus Carver of Saltspring and I made the trophy and carved a replacement name plate for SONSU.

The trophy was originally to be for an epic sabot race around Saltspring but as we had enough hardware or sabots to race for, I suggested that it be given for a race around Saltspring open to all boats. I thought that this was a very appropriate use for the trophy as Marshall would race any boat whether the other boat knew it or not, regardless of size or type. Sometimes I thought that Marshall spent his days lurking - he said he was fishing - in the general vicinity of Sansum Narrows waiting to beat other unsuspecting boats through.

So if, during this year's Round Saltspring Race, you see a small yacht coming up rapidly from behind with a jolly little man steering, watch out its probably Marshall and he is racing you whether you know it or not!



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Chris Gadsby

The work party on April 12 was a huge success and many thanks are due to all who participated. All tasks on the sign-up sheet were completed plus a few extras.

The Crafty Cruisers have completed the new cushions for the alcove in the Clubhouse - they are very comfortable and decorative, a great addition to the Club. Thanks to Sandi Ballantyne and her crew for all their work.

As you probably noticed, the new stove is in place and functioning well except for the heat element light which should be fixed by Sears this week.

Hanging baskets on the gatehouse are installed and more flowers will be out in boxes once the final work is completed on the Pier/Gatehouse. Thanks to Chris and Marilyn Schmah for their generosity in donating the plants.

Our next activity is Round Saltspring May 16th - 18th and the House and Grounds Committee will be meeting Thursday May 8th to finalize work assignments for this major event.

See you at the race.

Roger's Ten Commandments for Improving your time Round Saltspring

Thou shalt....

- **Sail** in clean air towards wind pressure,
- **Sail** closest to the mark and above the current rhumb line.
- **Do** starts that execute your game plan.
- **Avoid** trouble with competitors.
- **Not** panic or gamble,
- **Not** be greedy
- **Not** pinch,
- **Not** break the rules or be up tight.
- **Think** ahead,
- **Go** fast and have fun.





STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Jackie Melzer

Thank goodness the Spring Work Party and Cleanup was held Saturday, April 12th, as it was a beautiful and warm day. The following Saturday, the work party would have had to contend with the freak snow storm.

Muchos Gracias to Sandi Ballantyne and her crew for making sure the 10:00 o'clock coffee break was ready for the 75 to 80 Club members. The stew and lasagna luncheon that followed was also a big hit. It's not only the crew doing kitchen duties that should be recognized, but the Club members who show up to put their expertise to work on the many projects that accumulate over the winter. Last but not least, Harold Brochmann's artistic computer hands at preparing the posters.

Thanks to the House and Ground's Committee, the Club has a brand new stove. Because of specific needs in a stove, it required much discussion and research to find the right stove, so I want to thank you all for this new addition to the kitchen.

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search
gregslist....
for the must
have items to get you
Round Saltspring this
year.



- Charts
- GPS
- Wind/tide strategy
- Sleeping bag
- Food/water
- Bunk cushions
- Extra clothes / swim suit
- Jack lines
- Harnesses
- Strobes
- Life jackets
- Fuel (what !!!!)
- Remote steering
- Life ring
- Radar reflector
- Spare sails
- Toothbrush
- Knife
- Towel
- Toilet paper
- Camera



SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Victoria Morrison

A warm welcome is extended to Ken Rootham. He enjoys canoeing and sailing. We'll see him aboard his 26' Tradewinds sailing boat, "TUTTI", this summer.

Marnie Keith-Murray is our newest Associate Member. Marnie sails out of the Royal Toronto Yacht Club aboard her Nonsuch. Her plans are to participate in SISC Races when she is here visiting family. Welcome to the Sailing Club, Marnie.

Peter and Mary Grove are warmly welcomed to our Club. They have recently moved to SSI from Vancouver and look forward to actively participating in Club socials and activities. Look for them out on the water, especially on race days once they acquire their dream sailboat.

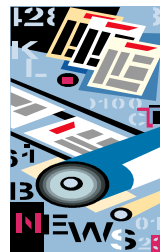
We look forward to meeting all of you very soon, either on the docks or at the SISC functions.

WANTED: Editor for TellTales starting in September.

Questions??

Please write to the current Editor or Commodore for position responsibilities.

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nickhodson@saltspring.com



✓ **CAST YOUR FINAL VOTE
FOR THE PHOTO CONTEST** ✓

**Pick your top three favourites for
1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Pictures are posted in the Clubhouse
Send to sistelltales@yahoo.com
or drop off in the TellTales box in the Clubhouse.**

**Prizes to be awarded at
May's General Meeting.
3 judges will also be
making their top 3 choices.**

Photo courtesy of Greg Harneson



**PAST COMMODORE
DICK PATTISON**

With more than 14 Round Salt Spring Races under his keel, Dick offers some seasoned advice for the first-time racer, *"don't give up....just keep trying.....have a safe boat and be sure to have a good time"*. Dick's Round Salt Spring awards: Marshall Sharp Trophy 3rd place 1996 and, 3rd place Division C in 1980. He is also the recipient of the Arthur Milner Seamanship Award in 1998 for more than 10 trips round Vancouver Island. Dick is an inspiration to all sailors that you're never to old to be out on the water.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
from Lorne Shantz

"Unsung Heroes"

Over the past few months, weeks and days much credit has been praised on all those who have worked so long and hard on the pier and gatehouse. Rain, cold and snow didn't keep these people away. and their efforts are very much appreciated. But there are two unsung heroes I would like to recognize. Sharon Hawke and Ann Lalonde were at the Club every day to provide the work crews with coffee breaks and lunches. The lunches were always great, home-made soups, casseroles and great desserts were served everyday and were always appreciated especially on cold wet days. On behalf of everyone who worked on these projects I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Sharon and Ann for all their hard work.

Thanks, Lorne





High spirits, high seas and at long last a spring-like day brought out 49 boats to SISC's annual Opening Day and Sailpast. This year's added attraction was Martin Herbert's one-metre boat, complete with Club burgee, following the lead in paying tribute to our Club and Commodore, Nick Hodson making it an even 50 in attendance.

The new Pier and Gatehouse were officially opened and the ribbon cutting honour was awarded to Rear Commodore, Gene Drzymala and his team of volunteer workers. Piper, John Williamson escorted the Commodore and Board Members up the pier to the Clubhouse where an "at capacity" turn-out enjoyed a superb luncheon provided by Staff Captain, Jackie Melzer and her crew along with Bar Captain, Jim Ballantyne.

After the formality of the Sailpast, ribbon cutting and the frenzied consumption of lunch and refreshments provided, a frisky group of frustrated racers convened at the breakwater for the annual "No Flying Sails" race.

Fourteen boats started the race at 1.45pm for a beat out of the harbour in a moderate wind heading for Welbury Spar: a beat back from the Spar with a run to the club marker off Grace Point and a rounding for a short beat back to the finish line. Caliente crossed the line first five minutes ahead of Arbitrage (recovering from a three boat pile-up with Naru and Strawberry Express at the start line) and Electra with the rest of the finishing boats crossing by 4pm. On corrected time Minke, Electra and Tinker took the first three places.

**More pictures online !!!
www.saltspringsailing.ca**

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SAROSA— 28/32 Paceship
\$33,000
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SUBLET

AVAILABLE TO CLUB MEMBER: 30 ft. slip on "A" dock **SUBLET** from June 15 to August 31 Contact Lorne at 537 2483 or lschantz@telus.net

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FOR SALE

RAYTHEON APELCO
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with manual, mounting bracket and carrying case. A great addition to your "bale-out" box. \$65.00
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Vessel Particulars :
Construction-glass reinforced plastic
Power- Yamaha model 8 h.p. outboard engine
Hull Form: displacement yacht
Keel (Currie yachts 1992, Anti fouling June 2007
Sail Inventory - 9 sails- 1 aluminum spinnaker pole— **MUCH MORE !!!!**
Great cruising and racing boat. **PRICE \$11,000**
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28' Spencer Sloop \$10,000

Fiberglass, built in 1962.
1994 2 cylinder Isuzu diesel engine with low hours.
Mainsail in excellent condition, good Genoa and spinnaker, and three other jibs in ok condition.
Stainless steel rigging; two anchors with chain and nylon line; Depth sounder; two batteries and 3 way isolator switch.
5'9" headroom. Force 10 heater. Double berth in bow, two 6'6" single quarter berths. Enclosed head with new port-a-potty. Galley: Sink in cabinet with 4 drawers and cupboard, no built in stove.
The cabin and decks were rebuilt in the last 15 years by experienced boat builders and the interior is now a lovely mixture of the original mahogany and local fir, red cedar and yellow cedar.
Decks and cabin exterior painted light grey in 2007.
More information and pictures:
www.spenceryachts.net/28.htm#MONASHEE
CONTACT: Ruth or Roland
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ANNOUNCEMENTS....

NOTICE OF SISC GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 27th, 2008 1900hrs.

AGENDA

Call to Order 1900 hours

Commodore's remarks

Minutes of February 26, 2008 SGM

Business arising from minutes

Treasurer's report

Report of officers:

Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Fleet Captain , Cruising
Fleet Captain , Racing
Fleet Captain , Dinghy
Wharfinger
Staff Captain
Past Commodore

Discussion

Adjournment

SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB PRESENTS.....



Single Handed and Double Handed Sailing Race around Saltspring Island July 4-5-6, 2008

For more information and registration, log onto www.saltspringsailing.ca/vendee-SS/index.htm



LADIES CRUISE ANYONE ???
All interested seafaring women with boats or looking to crew, call Irene Gibbs 537-5184

**"Meet & Mingle"
PUB NIGHT
Friday, June 6th
1900 hours**



From the Editor's Desk.....

Welcome to our visiting guests for this year's Round Saltspring Race and I hope you all enjoy this Special Edition of TellTales in tribute and dedication to our Volunteers putting on this grand event year-after-year. Personally, I would like to thank all those that kindly dug into their archives to find me pictures and anecdotes to fill the pages of this issue. Last Sunday's Opening Day and Sailpast was indicative of the fellowship and joyous spirit that prevails in our Club. Thank you to Russ Crouse and Susannah for taking me around to photograph the festivities. I look forward to another exciting year of photographing Round Saltspring with them as well. Let's not make it as exciting as last year though, okay! This year I am fortunate to have a co-photographer, Greg Harmeson, assisting me in shooting the three-day event. Between the two of us, the coverage should be spectacular.

Let's hope for good weather, good wind and good fun.
See you at the race.

Comments are always welcome — sistelltales@yahoo.com
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