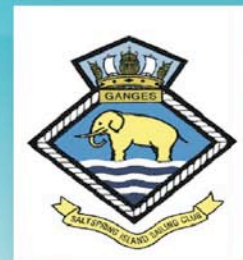


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- 4th 0900 Marine Swap Meet
- 5th 1030 Captain Passage Race
- 7th 1900 Board Meeting
- 19th 1030 Jack Langdon Trophy Race
- 21st 1900 Autumn Pot Luck Dinner

November 2008

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- 1st 0830 Fall Work Party & Clean-up
- 4th 1900 Board Meeting
- 7th 1700 Pub Night
- 16th 1030 Long Harbour Race
- 22nd 1800 Commodore's Banquet
- 25th 1900 Annual General Meeting



The one that didn't get away! Mike Byrne and Harold Brochmann grill it up at the wildly successful Salmon BBQ on Sept 28. More events to remember on pages 5-6.

Commodore's Report

By Nick Hodson



I am pleased to announce that Jenny Barrio has agreed to take on the post of Volunteer Co-ordinator for the club. This is a vital role in including all members in our volunteer efforts and matching talents to tasks. Initially she will be updating and expanding our database of members' skills and areas of interest. I hope everyone will assist her endeavours.

Sadly, as I have mentioned by email, two of our members have passed away recently, Jack Barclay and Valerie Howell. Our thoughts go out to their families.

Our annual dues and moorage invoices have now been mailed. I would remind members that these are due to be paid by 1st November. Requests have been made to mail these earlier (see letter in last month's TellTales). However this is not possible as the annually revised Hydro rates have to be approved by the membership and these rates are not available from BC Hydro any earlier than for the September General Meeting.

Nick Hodson
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WORK + FUN =

**FALL
WORK
PARTY**



**Saturday, Nov 1st
0830 hrs**

Vice Commodore's Report

By Chris Gadsby



The major focus for the current month is planning for the November 1st Work Party. All members should plan to attend and participate in the Fall Clean-up.

Morning coffee, muffins, and a great lunch will be prepared by our Staff Captain and her team.

Sign up sheets for House and Grounds and Dock work will be posted in the vestibule of the club Tuesday, Oct 14th.

If you have any additional items for consideration please call me at 250-538-8626 and let me know.

Our local Fire Department will be having a practice drill and pipe check at the club Tuesday October 14th and Tuesday October 21st from 7-10 pm. This will ensure a prompt response and outcome in the event of a real emergency. Thanks for your cooperation.

Look forward to seeing you November 1st.

Treasurer's Report

By Karl Mech

Annual Billing Notice



The annual bills were mailed on October 7, 2008 and payment is due November 1st.

If it is more convenient for you, post-date your cheque November 1, 2008, mail it in now and be certain not to attract the late payment charge of 10%. The procedures set out in By-Law 17 will be strictly followed for any delinquent accounts.

Proof of insurance must also be enclosed with your payment. Members' boats moored at the Club must carry a minimum of \$1,000,000 liability insurance, as per Regulation 6.4. Thanks for everyone's cooperation.

Heads Up! Annual payments due Nov 1st

Wharfinger's Report

By Hugh Preddy



Duty Wharfinger and Reciprocal Program

I would like to thank the 50 members who participated and gave of their time to cover 124 days for this worthwhile program.

Electrical Rates

Rates for electrical fees on our docks have increased, please refer to your 2009 annual moorage invoice to see the breakdown. Annual moorage and electrical fees are due on November 1st. Should any member wish to have their planned winter consumption tested beforehand, I will gladly measure it, enabling them to submit correct payment.

Combination Locks

The three combination locks used for access to pier and washrooms have proved quite successful this past summer in that reciprocal guests found them considerably more convenient than using handout keys then remembering to return them when departing the marina. I have, however, received concerns from members who use the codes instead of their key or in place of purchasing a second key for their partner for access, in that when the codes are changed it makes it awkward for access.

These codes were installed primarily for reciprocal guests and for emergency services people. Members are welcome to use the codes but the concept was not that they would replace the need for keys. The codes will continue to be changed through the fall and winter season. The code will still be posted in the guest sign-in booth located on the breakwater.

Dinghy Storage & Rates

Rates for the both the hanging and flat dinghy storage have increased to \$84.00 per year.

Because of the reconfiguration of the dinghy storage area this past year I was lax in enforcing our rule of no dinghies allowed in the water next to members' boats. There are presently several dinghies in the water and I ask members to return them to their dinghy dry storage spots or to the decks of their boat.

Winter Absence

Members who will be absent from the Island for any length of time should advise the wharfinger who to contact should a problem arise with their boat.

PUB NIGHT

Friday Nov 7 • 1700 hrs

Cheers!



REMEMBER WHEN?

This time last year, we were in the midst of preparing for our big construction project. When we enjoy the gorgeous pier and dock house we have today, it reminds us how much was accomplished this year through the hard work and efforts of club members. Volunteers are heroes! Something to think about in this month of Thanksgiving.

Rear Commodore's Report

By Gene Drzymala



Now that the fall, windy season is with us, I wish to remind everyone to inspect all lines, tarps and cleats for integrity and security. Spare lines are better stored securing your boat to the dock than in a locker.

At some point, after the Work Party, the water will be turned off for the winter. I suggest everyone fill their water tanks and wash boats between now and then, as we disconnect and drain the water system by threatening temperatures, not by date.

Les Price is doing a wonderful job of blowing walnuts and sea shells from the docks, but if we all clean and sweep around our own boats his burden will be lessened. We are a self help club. Thank you, Les.

Please ensure your power cords are not a tripping hazard on the docks. Thank you, all, for keeping our docks clean and neat, and for repairing anything you notice. I will put up the sign up sheet for the Work Party after Thanksgiving.

Autumn Pot Luck



Tues Oct 21 • 1900 hrs

Past Commodore's Report

By April Steel



Staff Captain Needed

This is a Director position. As such, the individual sits on the Board and participates in the overall administration of the Club along with a team of 10 others.

The Board meets every first Tuesday of the month except during July and August. The position, assisted by the Social Committee and the Bar Captain, is directly responsible for the social activities of the Club, which are ideally suited to delegation on an event by event basis. Be the one to ensure a social scene for 2009 and have fun while contributing to the Club administration!

Nominate yourself for Staff Captain, call **April Steel 537-4207** or email **grailer1@telus.net**

Here's to our next Staff Captain, whoever she or he may be. With volunteers like this on your crew, you know there have to be some good times ahead!



PHOTO: SILK QUESTO



Staff Captain's Report

By Jackie Melzer



Salmon Barbecue

Sunday, Sept. 28 – The Salmon Barbecue was an humongous success, with 79 members attending in one of the last warm days of the year. There are many volunteers I would like to thank but foremost is my husband, Manfred. I will just say he is there when I need him, which is almost all the time, so I owe him big time. I think a couple

of months in Hawaii will help.

From the decorating, set-up, preparing and serving the food, and cleaning up, many members need to be thanked. In no particular order, they are Mike Byrne, Candace & Harold Brochmann, Sandi & Jim Ballantyne, Nick & Tanis Smythe, Lorne & Colleen Shantz, Lynn & Michael Clark, Gyle & Sam Keating, Rob Denny & Nighean Anderson, Sylvia Greenwood, Chris Gadsby, Jill Sydneysmith, Sharon Hawke, Arlene Dashwood and Carol Morris.

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① Candace Brochmann preparing for the Barbecue; ② Happy Birthday was sung to Jack Fraser (right), who turned 93 the day of the Barbecue, here sitting with Dick Pattinson who's only 92; ③ The kitchen team in full swing; ④ Karl & Michelle Mech; ⑤ Tony Meek mugs for the camera with Alex; ⑥ The Blue Team was victorious at the balloon game in this year's Salmon Barbecue festivities; ⑦ The twins, Mike Byrne and Lorne Shantz, wearing their salmon shirts.

Staff Captain's Report

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Marine Swap Meet

Saturday, Oct. 4 – The Club had its first Marine Swap Meet in four years. Fortunately, it only rained intermittently and as it turned out all sellers were able to be inside. Starting at 0800, and over the next couple of hours – between drinking coffee, eating muffins and much kibitzing – many sellers were able to unload their excess marine paraphernalia. But the best part was how much fun everybody seemed to be having.

Volunteers at this event were Marnie Keith-Murray and Jill Sydneysmith doing kitchen duty; the three amigos that looked after crowd control by hooting and hollering and staying close to the clubhouse, Russell Logan, Bob Scott and Peter Toby; Harold Brochmann, who worked really hard, almost giving up his parking spot to take the garage sale sign up to Beddis Road. Thanks to you all, see you in four years!

Coming Events

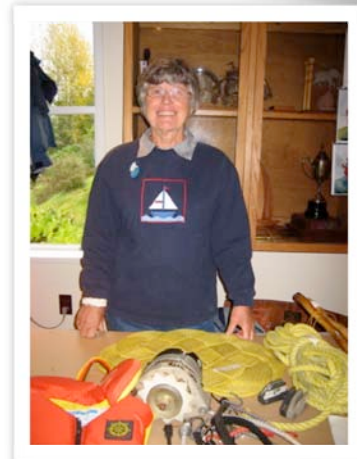
Tuesday, Oct 21 – Join us for an **Autumn Potluck Dinner** at 1900. Please bring a dish of your choice and enjoy the company of your fellow club members.

Friday, Nov 7 – We will finally have a **Pub Night**. The last one was in May, so get ready for lots of conversation. Ruth Riddell and Suzanne Ambers will be the hostesses. See you all there.

Saturday, Nov 1 – Please remember this date. The club feeds you with morning coffee and donuts and a hot meal for lunch, and all you have to do is come and be part of the **Fall Work Party and Clean-up**.

Saturday, Nov 22 – The **Commodore's Banquet** will be held at Harbour House. There are a few different ideas that have been planned, so please keep the date open for a fun evening.

(Above left): Jackie Melzer, our own Martha Stewart; (Right, from top): Bob Jones takes the laid-back sales approach – what is all that gear anyway?; Colleen Shantz definitely stands behind her wares; A little salesmanship from Derek Barrio might hook Michael Clark on a new fish net; Bob Reynolds asks, "Do you like the blue one, or would you prefer the other blue one?"



The Racing Forum

By Pete McGovern, *Fleet Captain, Racing*



A busy month for the racers with two club races and the Interclub Challenge.

The **Montague Harbour Race** on Sept 7th had nine boats setting off in great weather, for what turned out to be a typical

Saltspring stop-start race. *Imp* got off to a great start and rounded the Grace Point mark first before raising the spinnaker for a run out to the Sisters.

Caliente took a commanding lead into Montague Harbour only to come to a halt through the narrows at the north end of Parker Island. As the fleet caught up the wind filled in again as the race restarted with *Caliente* again pulling away under spinnaker. Strange wind shifts made for an unusual race back as the wind veered through Captains Passage into the harbour allowing spinnakers to be carried all the way back to the finish line. On corrected time *Imp* was first, *Electra* second and *Caliente* third.

This year's **Interclub Challenge** was hosted by Nanaimo Yacht Club on the weekend of Sept 13-14. Unfortunately, this coincided with our Fall Fair and only *Caliente* and *Electra* made the trip. Thankfully, Nanaimo kindly arranged a local boat to make up our three-boat team and provided some additional crew for *Electra*.

Teams from Maple Bay, Nanaimo, Schooner Cove, Ladysmith and Saltspring competed in seven races over two days in the bay off Protection Island and Newcastle Islands. With winds consistently blowing at 15-20 knots from the north we had some exciting racing around the buoys with *Caliente* taking line honours in three of the races, only to finish well down the pack after handicapping. The team from Schooner Cove won the Interclub Trophy

followed by Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Saltspring and Maple Bay. Nanaimo Yacht club were congratulated for putting on a most enjoyable event providing, free of charge, breakfasts both days and a pizza dinner on Saturday night in their club bar.

With *Dreki* off cruising the watering holes of the San Juans, Ole, Greg and Roger organized the **Channel Isles Regatta**. Six boats competed in four races in and around the harbour. *Imp* came in first overall, but a three-way series tie for second place sent Greg to the rulebooks to figure out how to break the tie. The result: *Imp* first, followed by *Minke*, *Caliente*, *Electra* and *Arbitrage*. Racing was followed by a social gathering for pizza and refreshments.

October has two races the **Captain Passage Race** on the 5th and the reverse handicap, **Jack Langdon Trophy** on the 19th. See you on the water.

Can You Donate a Door Prize?

The Staff Captain is looking for donations of door prizes for the Commodore's Banquet on Nov 22nd. Anyone wishing to make a contribution, please get in touch with Jackie Melzer, 537-1781 or melzerj@telus.net

Thank you!

Missing Your TellTales?

This is the first month that *TellTales* is being mailed only to members who signed up for it. If you want your copy mailed in future, you can still put in a request to Secretary Vicki Morrison. Leave a note in her box at the clubhouse, or email angeyja2@telus.net

International One Meter News

By Martin Herbert

Since the IOM's have been recognized as the newest racing fleet at the SISC the fleet has been doing some training and tuning.

On Thursday evenings we can be found at the club's unofficial out station, Sunset Pond, where typically we get 12 to 15 races in an evening. Members have also been going to Vancouver Island venues to compete in the hope that we can make a good showing at the National Championships.

Our club has the honour of hosting the event in 2009 and we would like to see one of our own on the podium. At the western regional championships last June we had only one boat in the top 10, so we have our work cut out for us.

Saturday afternoons have seen Roger Kibble and Martin Herbert tuning, these boats have all the adjustments of "oversized boats" and there is a lot to be learned from the minute changes that can so easily be made. Bevan Wraite has his new boat finished and has been showing great speed, especially down wind, and so our fleet is starting to have hotly contended racing.

If you would like to try a sail, come to the pond on Thursdays at 1500 hours, or catch one of us at the club. We train Saturdays on weekends that do not have racing events scheduled.

(Left): "Possom" in the Pond.



Cruising News

By Jon Healey, *Fleet Captain, Cruising*



October Cruise

The last cruise of the year is coming up on October 18th and 19th. We will close the season with a weekend cruise to Montague. Last year a number of boats participated in this cruise and despite the cooler

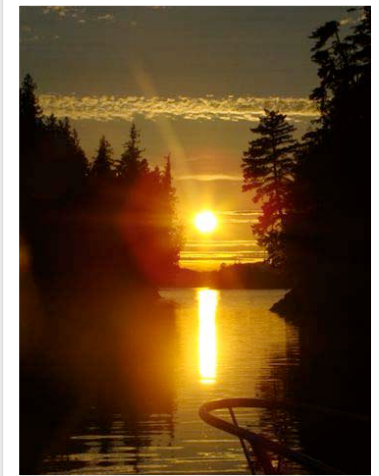
weather folks had a good time.

The cruise begins with a leisurely sail or motor to Montague Harbour on Saturday. At this time of year there should be room at the dock for all that wish to tie up. At 1530 hours we will gather in the picnic shelter for Happy Hour and some fun activity. The stoves will be lit and should provide some welcome warmth. Last year the Happy Hour lasted until dark at which time we had some interesting lighting effects. Look for more this year.

After Happy Hour we return to our boats for ad hoc suppers and a snug night. The next day there is time for a walk around Grey Peninsula and some beachcombing or bird watching before returning to Saltspring. Plan to join us for some fun and socializing.

Planning for Next Year

A planning session is scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 28th. We will be discussing cruises and activities for next year. If you have suggestions please contact me at 537-1222 or put a note in the Cruise Captain's mail box in the club house. **And please remember to fill out the Reciprocal Survey on the next page of this issue, or available at our website.**



We want to hear from you!

Please use the survey form at right to give Reciprocal Officer, Jenny Barrio, feedback on your experience with reciprocal stays at other clubs. We will use this information to help fine-tune our list of reciprocals. **If you have visited a reciprocal club this season please take the time to fill out the survey and hand it in to the Cruise Captain's mail box in the club house.**

The survey can also be filled out online www.saltspringsailing.ca

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Reciprocal Survey 2008

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4. Name of Club _____

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Thank you for your feedback!

Parting Shots

Bye bye summer, you gave us some great memories. Special thanks this issue to Colleen Shantz for contributing her terrific photos, like this one of Sharon Hawke enjoying her first time kayaking. Colleen likes to sneak up on wildlife, including bears, to capture great images from her kayak. Talk about intrepid! Now's the time to tuck in the boat for winter, or get out the racing gear, and enjoy some Club social life!

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Next TellTales deadline: 1200, Thurs, Nov 6th

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