

TellTales



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Calendar

September 2008

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- 2nd 1900 Board Meeting
- 7th 1030 Montague Hbr Race
- 21st 1030 Channel Isles Regatta
- 28th 1800 Salmon Barbecue
- 30th 1900 General Meeting

October 2008

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- 5th 1030 Captain Passage Race
- 7th 1900 Board Meeting
- 19th 1030 Jack Langdon Trophy Race
- 21st 1900 Social

Heads up! Nov 1st 0830 is our Fall Work Party and Clean-up.



Find out what we did on our summer vacations and why Karen, Hugh and Sharon are modelling the latest in lichen and grocery bag fashions. More pictures of summer fun start on page 6.

Commodore's Report

By Nick Hodson



I hope you all had an enjoyable summer out on the water, despite the very mixed weather that characterized this year.

Unfortunately, over the summer we have suffered considerable damage to a member's boat. Norm Dinsmore's boat *Zorro De Plata* appears to have been hit with considerable force whilst moored in the club marina causing significant damage to the transom. If anybody has any information about this incident please contact Norm directly.

Following last May's General Meeting the Board has undertaken research into the cost of providing our dinghy storage docks, and is now recommending that dinghy moorage rates be increased to \$7.00 per month.

In addition we need to increase the Hydro rates to stay in line with the charges levied by BC Hydro.

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NOTICE

Saltspring Island Sailing Club Special General Meeting Tuesday, Sept 30th 2008

Agenda:

- Call to Order 1900 hours
- Commodore's remarks
- Minutes of May 27th 2008 GM
- 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*
- New rates for Hydro & dinghy storage
- Adjournment

Commodore's Report

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The proposed new BC Hydro rates are:

Up to 100W	\$38.00
101-250W	\$95.00
251-500W	\$190.00
501-750W	\$285.00
751-1000W	\$380.00
1001-1500W	\$570.00

Both of these increased rates – dinghy moorage and Hydro – will be discussed and voted upon at the Special General Meeting on September 30th, so I urge you to attend.

Lastly, I should remind everyone that, as agreed at the GM, this will be the last paper copy of *TellTales* mailed to members, unless you have advised the Secretary that you still wish to receive a paper copy.

Nick Hodson

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Vice Commodore's Report

By Chris Gadsby



Hello everyone. The summer season went well in terms of general maintenance, ample coverage by our committee during the cruising season and very good cooperation by the Junior Program in terms of tidying up each day.

Our House and Grounds Committee is planning a busy fall with clubhouse repainting and side deck recovering among the top priorities.

Don't forget our Fall Work Party is Saturday, November 1st. Please mark this in your calendar. Specific project list is to come later.

The new pier and gatehouse have been enjoyed by all. Thanks so much for the work of the gatehouse team.

Cheers!

Salmon Barbecue!



Sunday Sept 28 • 1800 hrs
Tickets \$12.50

Available at Artspring only until
Wednesday, Sept 24

Past Commodore's Report

By April Steel



In July, *Wind Wench* with myself, Gary Railer, Anne & Mike Byrne and Quincy accompanied by *Dreki*, crewed by Pete & Deb McGovern and Mattie, had the pleasure of representing SISC at the BC150 Celebration hosted by Maple Bay Yacht Club featuring a sampling of the Tall Ships.

The *Lady Washington*, *Hawaiian Chieftain* and *Pacific Grace* took the salute during the all boats moving Sail Past in Maple Bay. We were not prepared for the firing of the cannon across the boat preceding us so did not return fire!! Following there were mock battles and club festivities concluded by spectacular fireworks easily viewed from the comfort of our boat decks.

Although the dogs, especially Suzie on *Mon Ami*, were not amused!



Dreki (top) and Wind Wench salute Tall Ships in Maple Bay.

Rear Commodore's Report

By Gene Drzymala



Our thanks to Norm Dinsmore for standing in for me over the summer. We all benefit from Norm's work of keeping the docks in good repair. Thank you, Norm.

The pier and ramp project is now completed. Island Marine Construction did a very good job, within budget. We continue to receive compliments on the Gatehouse and pier lighting. Once again, our thanks and appreciation go out to Marc Lalonde, Bob Reynolds, and all our volunteers for their dedication and great work.

As the rainy season approaches, I remind everyone to ensure their electric plug-ins are kept clean and dry, and extension cords in good repair. Please remove any tripping hazards, such as crab traps, paddles, extra lines, etc., from the docks and fingers.

I trust everyone had an enjoyable cruising summer, and look forward to working with you this fall. Thank you all for your help in maintaining our docks in good repair and picking up any trash we see along the way.

TellTales Reminder!



This will be your last printed *TellTales* unless you put in a request to Secretary Vicki Morrison. Leave a note in her box at the clubhouse, or Email angeyja2@telus.net

THE BEST



THINGS



ARE COMING



(OR GOING).

Marine Swap Meet
Saturday, Oct 4 • 0900 hrs

Staff Captain's Report

By Jackie Melzer



Hope everybody had a great summer and you're now enjoying the fall boating season. I have been busy organizing events for the fall:

Salmon Barbecue, Sunday, September 28th, 1800 hrs, always a highlight of the fall season. Tickets will be available at Artspring for \$12.50 after Labour Day. Last day to buy tickets will be Wed, Sept 24th, in order to purchase food in a timely manner.

Marine Swap Meet, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 0900 hrs. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Cost is \$5.00, tables provided or bring your own. Coffee and donuts available for purchase (please bring your own cup if you want your coffee outdoors).

Of course I am going to need help, starting with the Salmon Barbecue. Volunteers to barbecue the salmon, for setup, kitchen duties before and after. For the Marine Swap Meet, help is needed to set up tables, direct traffic and serve coffee and donuts. I can be reached at 537-1781 or melzerj@telus.net.

And if you would like to be a Host for a **Pub Night**, please give me a call to arrange a date!

Swap Meet Details

Time is running out to clean out those lockers and basements! Dredge out that hidden or unused boat paraphernalia that you want to get rid of, but your fellow boater cannot live without. Here's the information you've been waiting for:

Set up time for sellers:	0800
Open to members:	0830
Open to general public:	0900
Closing time:	1200

Tables will be set up in the Club House for small items, big items will be outside. Note that there are only 15 tables, so late-comers will need to bring their own or may be out of luck. Covering for tables (such as plastic or blanket) will be a great help. Non-members will not be allowed to sell.

The Racing Forum

By Pete McGovern, *Fleet Captain, Racing*



One too many Gin & Tonics over the summer has killed off any memory of what happened during the last few months. Hazy recollections of a well attended Jack & Jill race/Barbecue with the cruising group at Montague, a

hint of gastronomic excess from a successful Vendee Saltspring and a full three months of Wednesday night races interspersed between lazy cruises to the North.

It was SISC's turn to host the July Vendee this year. A record turn out of 37 boats enjoyed a fine salmon dinner on the Friday night and a light continental breakfast before setting sail for the first race leg to Maple Bay. With winds dying and time running out the race was shortened so all boats could make the dinner at Maple Bay where day one awards were presented. Light winds on the Sunday led to the fleet motoring to Southey Point for a shortened race back to the club for dinner and awards. Congratulations to *Imp* for winning the Group 1 race and thanks to all that helped out – Roger Kibble, Chair; Deb McGovern, Head Chef and food co-coordinator; Bob Jones, registration; Greg Slakov, scoring; Derek Lundy, awards; and thanks to Hugh Preddy for finding room for all the visiting boats. Full results are posted on the website.

With many of the racing group donning their cruising gear and heading north this year, the turnout for the Wednesday night series was probably a little lower than normal. *Electra* proved the most consistent, winning all three series with *Imp* a close second and *Fandango* third in two of the

three with *Baron Rouge* taking third in the last series.

Overall results for the main participants in the Series B races – *Electra*, *Imp*, *Caliente*, *Baron Rouge*, *Fandango*, *Final Dash*, *Oasis*, *L'Antillaise* and *Arbitrage*.

Series C racing is already underway with the seven boats turning out for the single-handed race. First place honours went to *Imp* with *Deryn Mor* second and *Tigger J* third. The race on Sept 7th (Montague Harbour) will be followed by the Channel Island Regatta on the 21st. A team of three Saltspring boats will also be attending the Interclub Challenge on the 13th-14th September in Nanaimo.

Finally welcome to the new boats in the racing fleet – Art Munneke's *L'Antillaise* arrived from the Caribbean, *Boomer* replaced the terminally damaged *Strawberry Express*, *Oasis* replaced *Alacrity* and *Irie* replaced *Saorsa*.

Roger Kibble conducts the Vendee skipper's meeting (right); bottoms up (below).





At the Jennis Bay dock (left); Orion & Colleen dressed for survival (centre); the daring explorers (right).



PHOTOS: LORNE SHANTZ

2008 Jennis Bay Rendezvous

By Lorne Shantz

Friday, August 15 saw five SISC boats converge on Jennis Bay in Drury Inlet. *Cathryn Grace*, *Ceilidh*, *Verstovia*, *Summer Dawn* and *Shaunsea* all gathered for a weekend of fun, food and games. Friday evening we had an impromptu Potluck Dinner that included all the guests at the marina.

After breakfast folks were getting into “survival mode.” The first event was a scavenger hunt with a slight twist: one of the items to find was a pheasant (that’s right a pheasant). The Blue team won. After lunch and a small rest, each boat prepared a bottle with a note inside for the Great Note in a Bottle Race. The winner was *Aquila II*, a guest boat from the Campbell River Yacht Club. As our theme was “survival” we split

into our two teams to construct a shelter in the woods, time limit: half an hour. The Blue team came up winners again. Happy Hour was followed by a Survival Dinner with crab, prawns, kelp, sea asparagus, sea plantain and many great dishes from all the boats.

Next came the awards. Overall winners were the Blue team. *Aquila II* won for the bottle race, *Cathryn Grace* for travelling the greatest distance and Colleen Shantz and Orion Allo for the best costumes (but it was close). The evening wrapped up with a wonderful fireworks display.

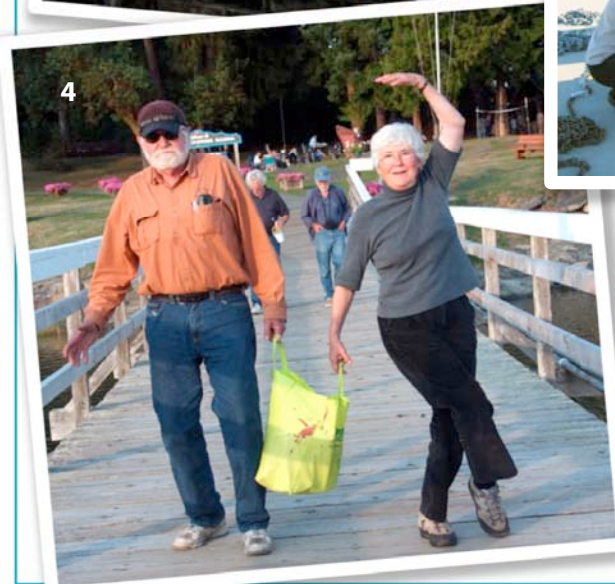
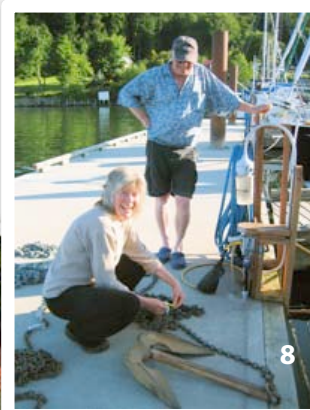
Sunday morning we were treated to four huge plates of sticky buns fresh baked by Sharon on *Cathryn Grace*. What a treat! Next was a trip up Drury Inlet to help Tom Allo recover a float home, with a great effort by *Summer Dawn* to tow it back to the marina.

Before we left, Hugh Preddy had constructed a sign for Tom and Allyson, and he presented it to them on behalf of all of us from SISC. Many thanks to Tom and Allyson of Jennis Bay. We all had a great time and we all SURVIVED!

The intrepid survivors at leisure, ready for anything the land or sea can serve up (left).



Summer Scrapbook 2008



① Lynn & Michael Clark hosted the June 6th Pub Night (who's next?); **②** CPSS instructor Gordon Ford (right) with wife Lucy and David Questo enjoy Pub Night; **③** Fun at the barbecue pit during the Interclub Cruise over the Labour Day weekend; **④** Nick & Tannis dance up the dock at Telegraph; **⑤** At the Round Saltspring volunteer appreciation barbecue June 24, Nancy Wood passes around the irresistible goodies; **⑥** Souvenir of the lovely falls in Hotham Inlet near Harmony Islands, taken from Fandango; **⑦** The Healeys & Jenny Barrio stroll the Telegraph dock on the Interclub Cruise; **⑧** Sharon and Gene check Cathryn Grace's anchor rode before their big summer cruise (good idea!); **⑨** Interclub Cruise Corn Roast.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF: SILK QUESTO, PHILIP GRANGE, JON HEALEY.

Cruising News

By Jon Healey, *Fleet Captain, Cruising*



Despite the poor beginning to the summer we had some fine cruising weather in August. Many slips were empty as members headed off on short or long trips. Over the summer most cruisers were off doing their own thing so we did not have any organized cruises during July-August.

June Progressive Cruise

This started off with a joint racer and cruiser event that included a fun race. We all met up at Montague Harbour for a barbecue in the park. Several boats took part, some racing, some cruising to Montague. All told we had 12 or 13 boats, including 9 racers, and 25 members at the barbecue. There was plenty of good food and conversation. Several of the cruising boats continued on with the progressive cruise to Portland, Pender and Saturna Islands. Sidney Spit was on the itinerary but weather did not favour anchoring there so our members escaped to Port Sidney or Sidney North Saanich YC.

September Interclub Cruise and Corn Roast

On Labour Day weekend, four SISC boats went to the Interclub Cruise and Corn Roast at Telegraph Harbour Marina. This was certainly a fun event and well organized by the Nanaimo YC. There was an amazing variety of food at the Saturday night pot luck including a delicious corn roast provided by the Capital City YC members. The weather was great and we enjoyed some good sailing both going and returning (see photos on page 7).

Club Rendezvous in the Broughtons

Shaunsea and the *Shantz's* are back from the Broughtons, and report that a good time was had at the Jennis Bay Rendezvous (see page 6).

We have one more formal club cruise this year, the season's closing cruise and barbecue at Montague, October 18-19. Please mark it on your calendar.

Reciprocals Survey

Jenny Barrio, our Reciprocal Officer, would like to get some feedback on your experience with reciprocal stays at other clubs. We will use this information to help fine-tune our list of reciprocals. The next issue of *TellTales* will contain a short tear-off survey. 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 on line at our web site: www.saltspingsailing.ca

BUY & SELL

FOR SALE



"BETHIA," BEAUTIFUL 1970, 30' cruiser/racer, well maintained, designed by Alan H. Buchanan, custom built, yellow cedar on oak with African & Honduras mahogany. 1988 Yanmar, new full-batten mainsail, genoa and working jib, spinnaker, 8' Avon dinghy, lots of cruising equipment. Located SISC, Dock C-1. \$29,000.

Contact Rob Denny, Tel: 653-9374, Email: robdenny@sisland.com

PROPELLER PULLER (TOOL FOR pulling a propeller off its shaft). \$50 (new price about \$200).

Contact Terry Ison, Tel: 537-1988, Email: tison@telus.net

WANTED

IN PASSING – IT IS WITH REGRET that we announce that "PAWATA," our Hunter, has passed off Island and we are no longer sailing. However, we are considering moving to the other, darker side and into a "stink boat." Looking in the 26-30' range, reasonable side decks a must, and would prefer shaft-driven rather than I/O leg. While diesel would be nice, gas engine fine if in good shape. Please no fixer-uppers. Any leads appreciated.

Contact John Myers, Tel: 537-1933, Email: mye1933@telus.net

Nominations for the Board of Directors 2009

By April Steel, *Past Commodore*

(originally published by late Past Commodore John Farquharson)

We are approaching the time when the Board of Directors for 2009 will be nominated and presumably elected at the Annual General Meeting on November 25, 2008. As per Bylaw 10 a) the officers of the club are elected at each AGM. This does not mean that any individual officer may only serve one year. He or she may serve more than one year either in the same capacity or possibly in a different capacity. It is desirable that members serve for at least two years, if possible, as that helps maintain continuity as well, during the second year the board member is fully familiar with the position and more able to advance projects as required.

This is an opportunity for members of the Saltspring Island Sailing Club to volunteer their time and talent for the well-being of the club. *To that end I solicit you to come forward and suggest your name for a position on the Board of Directors.*

Serving on the Board gives one an opportunity to help maintain and enhance the positive direction of the club and to work closely with other members, both on the Board and within the club in general. By doing so you will gain an appreciation of how the club functions and will learn more of the club history. You will have the opportunity to get to know many of the members which will enhance your enjoyment of our fine facility.

It is felt that every member should participate as an officer of the club. The only restrictions are that of the two people sharing a membership only one person may serve at any one time and only Regular and Honorary members may hold office.

Please call me or one of the members of the Nominating Committee, and if we can not accommodate you this year then we will make every attempt to do so next year. **Nominating Committee: April Steel (537-4207), Russ Crouse (537-5203), Greg Harmeson (537-1262).**



Letters to the Editor

Members' comments always welcome. Letters may be edited for length and publication is at the discretion of the Editor. Email sistelltales@yahoo.com or leave in the clubhouse TellTales box.

To the Editor:

May I respectfully suggest to Directors and Members that the annual club bills be sent out earlier than in past years, say in late September.

A year ago, in October *TellTales*, a stricter policy was announced for collecting annual membership dues. The article described how a few delinquent members had aimed abuse at the Treasurer and executives. Our officers should not be exposed to such unpleasant behaviour, and I agree that officers need not chase delinquents, just apply the rules.

However there is another side to the story. Last year I received my bill on Oct. 11, three weeks before the due date. Sometimes people are away for longer than that, so they could be hit with a late fee of 10%. That happened to me in 2005. The bill was mailed October 5, but I was travelling from Sept. 29 to Nov. 5. On Nov. 7, I opened the letter and also saw the club's email of Nov. 5 announcing my late fee. I phoned the club's collector next day, explained my absence and politely asked whether the late fee could be forgiven.

The reply was negative, and to my surprise was very hostile. I was told that I should have remembered the Nov. 1 deadline before I went away. Yes, no doubt I should, but Lois and I renew more than 60 memberships, charities and subscriptions every year. I don't attempt to remember all the dates in my shrinking brain, but depend on renewal notices.

This potential problem can be lessened by mailing the bills earlier. Membership is fairly stable so that should not affect the process very much. It is true that people might put aside a too-early bill and forget it, but the bill could request immediate reply with a post-dated cheque.

John Sprague

Parting Shots

Many thanks to all the folks who gave me a hand with my first issue of *TellTales*, and especially to outgoing editor Linda Reynolds for her great job on the newsletter last year. This sunset shot from BW dock sums up the beauty and tranquility of another great Gulf Islands summer. The club has a busy fall coming up, and I hope to meet you all at some of the many events!

Silk Questo, Editor

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Next TellTales deadline: Noon, Oct 9th

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