

# Tell Tales



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## Calendar

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- 1<sup>st</sup> 1900 Board Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> 1030 Spring One Day Regatta  
1800 Regatta Potluck Dinner
- 17<sup>th</sup> 1900 Lighthouse Talk
- 26<sup>th</sup> 1030 Round Penders Race – Day 1
- 27<sup>th</sup> 1030 Round Penders Race – Day 2
- 29<sup>th</sup> 1600 Board Long Term Planning

### April 2011

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- 5<sup>th</sup> 1630 Board Long Term Planning
- 5<sup>th</sup> 1900 Board Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> 1600 Round Saltspring Committee Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> 0830 Spring Work Party & Clean Up
- 10<sup>th</sup> 1000 Bas Cobanli Trophy Race
- 24<sup>th</sup> 1000 Moresby/Portland Race
- 29<sup>th</sup> 1800 Fashion Show Pub Night



*Anders Neilsen, Derek Barrio and Sam Keating stand by to welcome new members at the Meet & Greet Pub Night February 25<sup>th</sup>. More new faces and old friends on page 6.*

## Commodore's Report

By Gary Morrison



February has been a busy month, as indicated by the clubhouse calendar on our website. I would not be surprised if some of our members showed up a dozen times for various meetings and events! Our two social events last month were remarkable in their difference, demonstrating once again the diversity of our Club. The **Meet & Greet Pub Night** was a large, boisterous gathering of new

faces and longtime members. Those who have joined the Club over the past year were well introduced by their sponsors, ranging from tales of adventures on the high seas to congratulations on becoming recent boat owners.

The **Skipper's Choice Pot Luck**, on the other hand, was a rather intimate event, (which is rather appropriate for Valentines Day). A much smaller group of familiar faces visited like old friends well into the evening. Thanks, as usual, to Staff Captain **Susan Castle** and her crew of volunteers for organizing and hosting both of these events.

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## Commodore's Report

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On a more businesslike note, our **Special General Meeting** exercised second thoughts about the initiation fees, repealing the boat length factor that was introduced at the previous General Meeting. Since no membership applications had been accepted in the period between these General Meetings, it is an easy change to implement.

The General Meeting in February also authorized the **Dock and Dredge Committee** to proceed with planning on the basis of a dock layout that increases the number of new slips by about 25% over the number of new slips in the previous plan, at an increase of approximately 10 percent in the estimated cost of the overall project. With the general specs nearing finalization, the committee is now able to proceed with detailed planning toward firm quotes for the project.

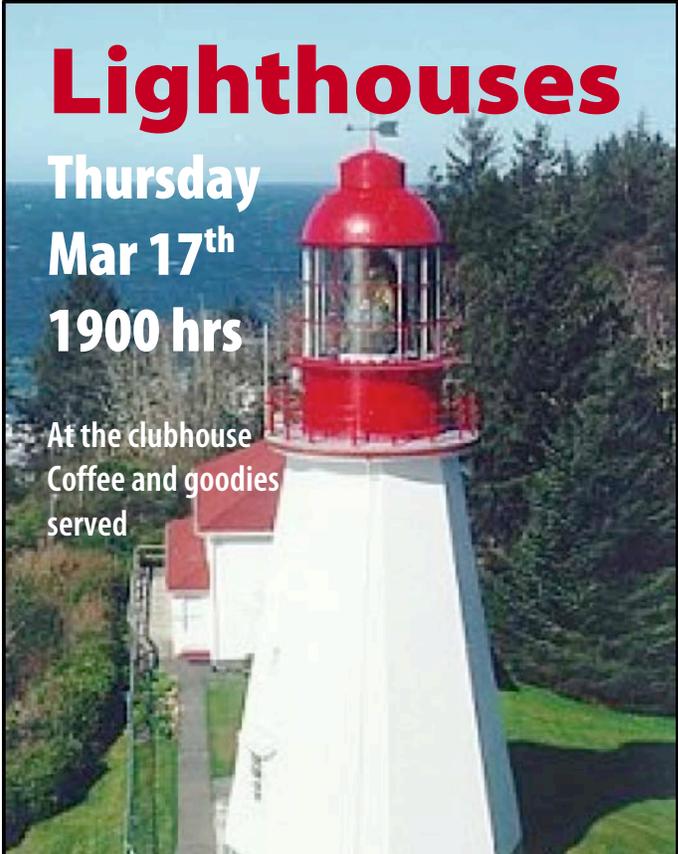
The recent Board meeting endorsed the **Junior Program Committee** plans to proceed with a significant upgrade of our dinghy fleet. This is necessary both to replace the aging sailing school Lasers and to proceed with a major initiative in competitive and recreational junior sailing activities. The fleet upgrade will require substantial funds in addition to the Club budget, which the committee intends to raise through grants, donations, sponsors and fundraising events.

The Board's annual **long-term planning sessions** are coming up later this month and into April. In these sessions, the Board puts aside its current operational concerns and is joined by some of the Past Commodores to look at strategic issues and development goals over the next five to 10 years. The goals to be reviewed in the long-term planning sessions involve everything from 'bricks and mortar' to activity programs, and from organizational infrastructure to the 'character' of the Club. While Board members each bring different areas of responsibility to the process and such current issues as property or membership requirements may be examined, this is done in the context of our vision for the Club as a whole. All

Club members are encouraged to share their views on these matters with individual Board members.

Our long-term view of the Club also looks back to its founding and, on that note, I regretfully acknowledge the recent passing of **Dick Toynbee**. As Lawrie Neish recounted to me, Dick was a help in the early days of the Club.

Finally, thanks to the gremlins who continue to take on tasks for the good of the Club. The mug shots of Board members posted in the clubhouse; the subscription discount for *Pacific Yachting*; the snacks that often appear at meetings; the cleaning of debris from the docks – these and many other contributions are not in any job descriptions but they happen just the same. I will not try to name these gremlins for fear of leaving some out, but you know who you are and we all appreciate what you do! Fair winds and friendly seas! ■



**Lighthouses**  
**Thursday**  
**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**1900 hrs**

At the clubhouse  
 Coffee and goodies  
 served

Hear the fascinating stories behind these sentinels of the coast, in an evening with Past Commodore Jon Healey and former Lightkeeper Bo Curtis.

## Vice Commodore's Report

By Don Dashwood



On the continuing saga of informing ourselves about the Club's zoning and its implications for long-term planning, there are questions still to be clarified after our attempts to decipher the 120 pages that constitute By-law 355.

Fortunately, we may have a solution to determining what we can and cannot do with the Club property. Commodore **Gary Morrison** has secured the volunteer assistance of Club member **John Gauld**, a planner formerly with the Islands Trust and now a consultant with CitySpaces. John has generously agreed to help with an **analysis of development constraints**, which certainly be useful for our long-term planning.

On another front, in February I attended a meeting of the **Canadian Council of Yacht Clubs** ([www.cbcyachtclubs.ca](http://www.cbcyachtclubs.ca)) on behalf of the Club along with 24 others representing most of the yacht clubs in the Gulf of Georgia area. An update on the Senate Report on de-manning lighthouses and disposal of lighthouse properties was presented, as well as an update by Parks Canada on the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve ([www.marineparksforever.ca](http://www.marineparksforever.ca)). If you are interested in more information, check out the web pages mentioned. For more information on the issue of lighthouse de-staffing, check [www.canadianlightkeepers.org](http://www.canadianlightkeepers.org).

A reminder that members wishing to use the clubhouse, even for Club use, must first contact **Susannah Devitt** to book the date. This is especially important so we can make sure the Club complies with regulations and restrictions regarding LCB permits for events serving liquor. The Board is also working on a new application form for booking private functions that will clearly outline the obligations and responsibilities that go along with this use.

Finally, it's not too soon to remind everyone of the upcoming **Spring Work Party & Clean-up** on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see a record number of members out for this important – and fun – annual event! ■



## SPRING WORK PARTY



**Saturday, April 9**  
**0830 hours**

Share in the work, the food,  
and the fun!

## Treasurer's Report

By Eric van Soeren



As of February 28, 2011, the Club had \$100,000 in a term deposit and just under \$10,000 in cash on deposit at the Island Savings Credit Union.

So far, revenues and expenses are tracking fairly close to budget, so no red flags are popping up.

The year end financial statements were approved by the club membership at the February 22, 2011 Special General Meeting. They show net revenue of just over \$34,000, and members' book equity of just under \$890,000.

However, this significantly understates the value of the assets we have. For example, the assessed value of the club property is now \$1,422,000, of which the land alone is \$904,000. We also have an appraisal that says the replacement cost of the improvements on the property is over \$2,000,000.

This is not a market value, but it does show that the Club has a lot of equity to support a loan to enable us to proceed with the Dock and Dredge project. ■

## Secretary's Report

By Michael Clark

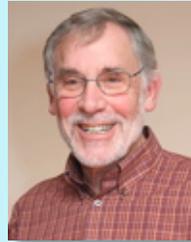


Please welcome two new associate members: **Mr. Zolt Sarkany**, an electrician, who is already working with the Dock and House and Grounds team and **Ms. Joan Walls**, a longtime resident of Saltspring, who has agreed to chair the

Membership Committee (with a little help). Both new members have the virtue of contributing their volunteer hours already! ■

## Past Commodore's Report

By Jon Healey



### Use of Clubhouse by Members for Private Functions

From time to time some confusion arises around the use of our clubhouse for a private function such as a meeting of an outside organization or a family affair. The Vice Commodore is the Board member responsible for authorizing use of the clubhouse but bookings are made through Clubhouse Bookings Coordinator, Susannah Devitt. Members wishing to use the facility must contact Susannah and submit the booking form. Liquor Control Board regulations also put some restrictions on use of the Clubhouse for functions that involve serving alcohol. Because of this, the Board has directed that bookings for private functions involving alcohol will only be taken after the schedule of Club events has been established. To be consistent with the Board's direction, Regulation 2.5 has been revised as follows:

#### Regulation 2.5 – Use of the Clubhouse for Club Events and Private Functions

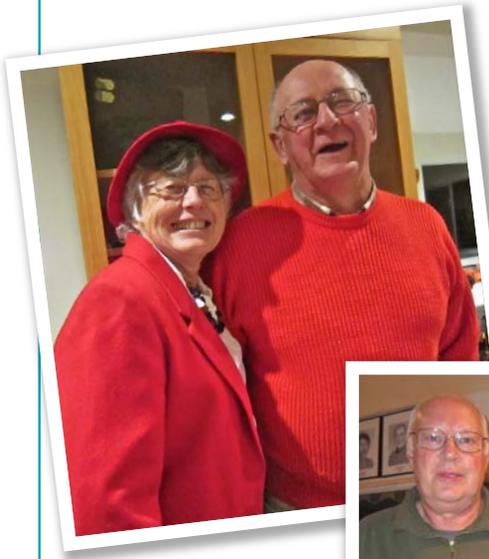
Use of the clubhouse and grounds by regular members sponsoring Club events and private or non-profit community functions may be permitted at the discretion of the Vice Commodore. Functions of a political or commercial nature are not qualified. Applications for use of the clubhouse and grounds should be submitted on the Club booking form at least one week in advance of the event. Members are responsible for following the procedures as provided on the booking form. For private events a donation will be requested to cover utilities and other resulting costs.

Applications for use of the clubhouse and grounds that involve the use of alcoholic beverages will only be considered after the Board has established the Calendar of Club events involving alcohol. The Board may adjust the schedule of Club events to meet Liquor Control Board regulations. ■

# Skipper's Choice = Good Times

The February 13<sup>th</sup> **Skipper's Choice Potluck** brought together old friends and great food. The theme of the night was Valentine red the mood was warm and cozy. ■

*CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Nighean Anderson and Liz Erdmer decked out in their Valentine best; Gary Morrison, Rob Denny and Philippe Erdmer in animated conversation; The food bar held a banquet of favourite dishes; Deb McGovern makes a tasteful toast; Russ Crouse and Susannah Devitt enjoy the night out; Colleen and Lorne Shantz, perfectly dressed for the occasion as always.*



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# Staff Captain's Report

By Susan Castle



It's hard to believe that two months already have flown by since the Hot Rum Race social event. Let's hope that the saying "If March comes in like a Lion then it will go out like a Lamb" actually holds true this year. I don't know about you, but I've had my share of rain and snow.



February saw two successful Club events, the **Skipper's Choice Potluck** and the well-attended **Meet & Greet Pub Night**, pictured here. Welcome to all the new members!

Don't forget our special St. Patrick's Day event coming up on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours. Past Commodore **Jon Healey** and former Lightkeeper **Bo Curtis** will treat us to an interesting presentation about **BC's Lighthouses**. No green beer, but we'll enjoy coffee and goodies. ■

*MEETIN' AND GREETIN' (clockwise from top right): New members Kim and Karin Laidlaw get a taste of Club hospitality; Myra Bourne (rubbing elbows here with Taylor Devlin) and husband Ray are also new to the roster; Rob Denny welcomes Tanya Van Ginkel and Scott Chapman, who converted their Associate membership to become Regular members; New member Stefan Grzybowski is introduced by Arlene Dashwood; Eric and Julie van Soeren scoop some bargains at the Club's clothing racks; Lorne Shantz comes to the rescue following the inevitable party spill; Gaye Gardiner serves les croissants.*



PHOTOS: LOUISE DEVLIN, COLLEEN SHANTZ

## The Racing Forum

By Keith Simpson, *Fleet Captain, Racing*



Three racing events were held in February: **McMillan, Walker Rock** and the interclub **Boyz Cruz**. The one-day events were well attended by six and nine boats respectively. **Vincent Argiro** recorded his first win on his beautiful new boat *Velica*. Our Treasurer, **Eric van Soeren**, took first in the long Walker Rock race on *Paramour*. Our race correspondent, **Martin Herbert**, has contributed exciting accounts of both races in this and the last issues of *TellTales*.

Cold weather (*see the frozen docks at right*), high winds and the Norwalk virus discouraged many from attending the four-day Boyz Cruz. Six boats did make it to Anacortes – three from Saltspring and three from Victoria – to join in Anacortes Yacht Club’s annual **Foul Weather Race**. We have dubbed it the Stanley’s Cup international race since a Stanley thermos full of rye was awarded to the top USA and top Canadian boat. Actually the thermos didn’t make the trip so another trophy was temporarily awarded. Good Canadians would never give up even half of Stanley’s Cup!

**Roger Kibble**, who single handed *Electra* during most of our freezing Cruz, gives his very graphic account of the races, on the following pages. *Joyant*, a J36 who battled up from Victoria to Roche was festooned with salt water icicles on their arrival.

Liability, insurance and other issues mean that the Club cannot sanction consumption of the racing group’s usual beverages at the clubhouse. Legally we require a \$100 license issued to someone with a “serving it right” ticket. Please keep this in mind at future events. We are, of course, still allowed to host gatherings on our boats. I’ll keep the heat on in *Soul Thyme* at least till spring.



PHOTO: ROGER KIBBLE

March events include the **Spring One-Day Regatta** and potluck on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and the single handed **Round Penders Race** on March 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. We may also schedule the **Portland-Moresby Race** if we have a windy Sunday. It would be nice if most boats could actually complete this long (26 mile) race this year. I never have despite numerous attempts. ■



### Round Saltspring News | May 20-22, 2011

The race-planning machine is up and running for this year’s Round Saltspring weekend! Registration packages will be going out soon, the race website is under construction and you can preview our selection of race wear at the fashion show on April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you want to volunteer and be a part of the festivities, contact Chair Chris Gadsby. Next Round Saltspring committee meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1600 hours.

# Xtreme Boyz Cruz Racing

By Roger Kibble

This February's ever popular **Boyz Cruz** was a series of races in the San Juan Islands with the fleet joining the Anacortes Yacht Club in their annual Foul Weather Race to Friday Harbor on the Saturday. But forecasts of minus 17 degree wind chills, snow, big winds and adverse tides thinned out the entry list from 16 boats to six.

So a small but intrepid group of three Saltspring boats, **Ole Andersen's Caliente**, **Keith Simpson's Soul Thyme**, and **Roger Kibble's Electra**, set out for the 19-mile first leg to Roche Harbour at midday on Thursday. Crewing on Ole's boat were **Bob Cole**, **Greg Slakov** and **Art Munneke**, and on Keith's boat were **Patrice Pothier** and **Gyle Keating**. Roger was, somewhat optimistically, sailing single-handed.

Longjohns, double socks and many clothing layers were the order for the day as the boats sped away in the freezing southwesterly wind. Soon all the boats had reefed their mains and were roaring along at more than eight knots in the 20-25 knot wind. Often the wind gusted to 30 and quick sheeting response was needed to avoid round ups. Freezing spray coated the decks and the boats lurched with each gust exceeding hull speed as they surfed over the waves with the ebbing tide. A little over two hours later the trio reached Roche Harbor having *averaged* about nine knots over ground, surely a record run!

One brave boat, **Bill Ehmann's J36, Joyant** (bottom right), had motored against both tide and brutal headwinds from Victoria, arriving with ice-caked decks and lifelines festooned with long icicles like Christmas decorations. We warmed up on *Soul Thyme*, consuming hot Irish stew and Patrice's vintage scotch while telling our various survival stories. The weather front blew all night and by Friday morning the leaden skies had been replaced with sunshine, but with even lower temperatures and stronger winds. Reefs were put in before the start of the 22-mile race to Anacortes and even

more clothing layers worn in anticipation of the minus 16 degree wind chill and a 25-30 knot southwesterly. Soon the wild surfing of Thursday was repeated, with all boats on a knife-edge of being overpowered. To see *Soul Thyme* – 19,000 pounds of cruising boat – being tossed about like a dinghy with the occasional uncontrolled round up was an amazing sight.

The boats jumped across five-foot waves, crashing into solid green water that exploded in great torrents along the length of the decks. Gyle Keating reported being waist deep in the Hunter 41's cockpit once! The bow of the smaller and thinner *Electra* (below), pierced the waves like a javelin with the hull at precarious angles, but it somehow remained balanced. Great walls of green water would sprint from bow to stern on the starboard side but then drain quickly because of the alarming heel angle. At last the little fleet entered the narrow channel between the islands and were temporarily sheltered with a few welcome lulls. The sails shivered as the wind direction gyrated and the deck was showered with ice

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## Boyz Cruz

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crystals that had built up on the sails. The sun quickly dried the decks but soon the southwesterly found a path between the islands and power surfing began once more. At Obstruction Pass, the wind really was obstructed and reefs were let out to help find wind power to reach Rosario Strait.



With no time to reef the mainsail again, it became another wild sleigh ride, this time downwind. Far ahead I could see the red hull of *Caliente* (at left) and the white one of *Joyant* suddenly rolling from blasts of freezing wind, while *Soul Thyme* and *Electra* duelled in the main seaway. *Electra*

leaped from wave to wave in great vaults, with 60 degree oscillations causing the main boom to kiss the water, scary stuff indeed. I didn't notice my freezing hands and numb feet as I laboured to keep control on the right course direction.

Turning into Guemes Channel towards Anacortes, the wind pressure increased, the waves grew angrier and the wind moved ahead to a beam reach. Keith wisely reefed his main on *Soul Thyme*, but the pressure was too great for me to reef *Electra* singlehanded. I soldiered on with the jib trimmed in, the mainsail violently flogging, and the spreaders almost in the water. Ahead I saw *Joyant* and *Caliente* at the red buoy and soon, mercifully, *Soul Thyme* and then *Electra* made it through the five-knot current at the finish line.

We docked at the Cap Sante Marina, my normally red Musto weather gear now almost white with salt residue. Keith and Bob helped me dock *Electra* and I stumbled into the cavernous and now miraculously warm *Soul Thyme* for hot chocolate and scotch. The Anacortes Yacht Club racers and members welcomed all the Boyz with a \$3.00 all-you-can-eat dinner with \$2.00 pints of local brew.

The AYC's 15-mile **Foul Weather Race** to Friday Harbor attracted quite a few hot local club boats and the fleet totaled 21 boats. Starting off in more reasonable 15 knot winds, it was a fun, quick race and we had time to enjoy Friday Harbor before the prize giving at the Downrigger restaurant. This was very loud and full of excellent AYC hospitality. **Gary Robinson** on his Hotfoot 31, *Tracks*, and **Chris White** on his J80, *Crazy Ivan*, shared the 'Stanley's Cup' trophy. *Electra* won a bottle of 92 proof rum for heroic sailing. Keith made an excellent speech and was kissed by a giant chicken! This Boyz Cruz certainly was one to remember, and we all agreed that this should become an annual event. Thanks to the Anacortes Yacht Club for their warm hospitality, to the organizers, and to Keith for his endless kindness, enthusiasm, practical support, warmth (literally) and Irish Stew. We all won! ■

## Walker Rock Race

from a report by Martin Herbert

The 17.5-mile Walker Rock Race gave a small but enthusiastic Club fleet plenty of great sailing on a cold February 20<sup>th</sup>. The building wind at the start was to the liking of the bigger boats, with *Caliente* and *Oasis* at the front of the pack. A fast reach through Captain Passage saw a duel between *Paramour* and *Kay D* before spinnakers were set for Trincomali Channel. *Paramour* chose the fastest course, and after a long beat back to Captain Passage the fleet enjoyed an exciting spinnaker reach from Welbury spar to the Sisters, with spray flying and boats surfing down the backs of waves.

*Caliente* took line honours, but *Paramour* won the day on points, putting *Caliente* in close second place and *Kay D* in third. ■



## International One Metre Report

By Martin Herbert, CAN 84



Our first regatta of the year was postponed due to bad weather so we still await the start of real competition. We did have a lovely day racing with Rob Walsh, a young Brit ranked fourth in the world and a fine sailor. He borrowed one of my boats and gave us a good thrashing in a very gentle and considerate way.

I learned a lot, not the least of which is how much I still have to learn. His boat handling was smooth and flawless and he gained distance on every rounding and tack. I did manage to beat him in four races, all in the lighter winds of the day, but he won the other 20 and as the wind built so generally did the margin of his win. It was a fantastic clinic on boat handling and tuning.

Rob sails in a club with many top ranked sailors and so is challenged hard in his local weekly racing. It is this kind of competition that we need to get really good. On Hornby Island my Brother Graham is attempting to build that kind of a fleet and now has his own Yacht Club on a trailer and a very active racing program. This is what we need as well if we want to start winning in this very complete fleet. So come out Thursdays for the club racing, starting at 1000 hours. I usually have an extra boat with me so that new sailors can get involved and enjoy the fun. ■

*ABOVE: Aero nears completion; LEFT: Graham Herbert and his portable Hornby Island Yacht Club.*



## Dinghy Fleet Report

By Patrick Beattie  
*Fleet Captain, Dinghy*



I am pleased to report that the Junior committee now comprises: **Patrick Beattie, Gyle Keating, Philippe Erdmer,**

**Rob Denny, Greg Slakov, Ruth Riddell and Martin Herbert.**

We have made great progress in formulating the summer program. The basic program includes: 1) Junior fun sail program once a week in the evening, 2) A race program; 3) A full program for the first week in August.

These programs will provide opportunities to develop a wide variety of sailing skills and seamanship, as well as a lot of fun. We are also putting together an advertising campaign both in the schools and the community in general. As well, we are doing up a guideline manual for the program. This committee has worked very hard in putting these programs together. So please spread the word! We need Junior members to make this work.

The sailing school registration will be on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 1000 hours. And a reminder that there is a 10 percent off the sailing school fees if you are a Junior member.

See you at the club! ■

## Rear Commodore's Report

By Ron Sturm



So far, it seems that the weather gods were kind to us during the recent big storm. Thanks to all of you who performed appropriate rituals. Meetings are underway to decide on a strategy for improving the water supply to clubhouse and docks. Anyone with useful opinions or expertise regarding how to approach this project is welcome to get in touch.

On the safety front, this summer we will be sending Wharfinger Hugh Preddy to a two-day course on Firefighting in Marinas. We believe the knowledge he gains will be a valuable asset as we try to prepare for and prevent fires on the docks.

A lot of planning is underway to decide on various upgrades to Club facilities. As we seek to improve the Club's assets, we want to make sure that the intrinsic nature of the Club does not suffer. This is your Club, and it is imperative that all of you help to make it the best one possible. Be sure to make your opinions and objectives regarding the future of the Club known to various Board and committee members. Long-term planning meetings will occur late this month. We need your input to ensure that we are all moving together along a path the membership desires. ■

## Wharfinger's Report

By Hugh Preddy



**Patrick Wolfe-Milner**, who is on the Wharfinger's committee for 2010/11, may be contacting members that have paid for dinghy storage. The purpose of his call will be to identify your storage space and dinghy type in order to create an accurate inventory of our dinghies and storage area. Because dinghies tend to come and go, the assignment of spots is difficult if we don't have a clear inventory. We have members requesting storage but have difficulty in determining which are the empty spots.

Our regulations clearly specify that all dinghies stored in the club's dry storage area must have the owner's name clearly printed on them or on an attached label. I ask that you give Patrick your full co-operation with this exercise. ■

## Cruising News

By Susannah Devitt  
*Fleet Captain, Cruising*



Thanks to everyone who completed the Cruising Survey. I will report on results in an upcoming

*TellTales*. Tanya Van Ginkel and Scott Chapman are preparing to lead a terrific cruise to start off the season, and sent in this information:

This year we are leading a **Spring Cruise to Winter Cove** on Saturna Island. The dates are April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a lovely, spacious anchorage with no facilities, so bring your dinghy. We are planning a fun-filled Saturday afternoon with some shore activities (horseshoes and bocce) as well as a blind dinghy race. This does require two people in the dinghy, one of whom can be sighted. Prizes to be awarded to the winners or the most entertaining! This will be followed by a potluck supper in the picnic area, weather permitting.

Sunday morning will include an Easter egg hunt for all, starting at 1000 hours. There are also some nice walking trails for those so inclined. Please let us know if you are interested so we can get an idea of numbers. Hope to see you there! Tanya and Scott, *SV Kialoa*, 250-537-1965 or [tjvanginkel@telus.net](mailto:tjvanginkel@telus.net) ■

## Parting Shots

Here's a photo to make you dream of a northern summer. This tranquil cluster of tiny islands with its sheltered bays and wild beauty is a favourite marine park. Once you navigate the narrow, shallow entrance channel, you're tucked away from the rest of the world (though you may have quite a bit of company). One more clue? Okay, the name of this marine 'garden' might remind you of a Beatles song. Take a guess for a great prize! Send your entry to [telltales@saltspringsailing.ca](mailto:telltales@saltspringsailing.ca)



## Editor's Log

It seems like our Club is especially active these days, with the racing group fearlessly braving the elements (oh, man, that Boyz Cruz!) ... the cruisers busily planning for a full season of great trips ... the juniors team gearing up for an expanded program ... the dock & dredge committee making progress on the complex job of planning for the future of our foreshore facilities ... the Round Saltspring machine kicking into gear ... it's buzzing around here! And that's absolutely great. A lively, active, busy club is a club that's fun to belong to – and participate in.

And, of course, the number and liveliness of debates about the past, present and future tend to be in direct proportion to the vitality and spirit of any club. This is also great! Coming up at the end of this month is the Board's annual long term planning session, and while everyone can't be there in person, everyone can certainly contribute their thoughts. Talk to a Board member or send an email if you have something to say. Don't be shy, it's your club.

Finally, I want to thank my communication colleagues who have been working hard to keep you informed and engaged in the Club:

**Suzan and Ron Chamney** (yearbook), **Larry Shetzer** (website), **Kevin Vine** (Round Saltspring website and much more), and all those who send photos and stories for *TellTales*. Look out – I'm recruiting more people! Interested? Email me!

*Silk Questo*

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### The February contest winner ...



... is **Susannah Devitt**, one of several intrepid cruisers who recognized **Sullivan Bay**, way up in the Broughtons. What a well-travelled group we are! Thanks for all your entries. Susannah, look for your prize in the clubhouse this week.



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