

Tell Tales

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Calendar

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- 1st 1300 Christmas Shopping Event
- 2nd 1030 Snowflake Series Race 1
- 4th 1900 Board Meeting
- 10th 1700 Christmas Party & Boat Light-Up
- 16th Snowflake Series Race 2
- 31st Montague Hbr Cruise

January 2013

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- 1st 1030 Hot Rum Race
- 1230 New Year's Social & Lunch
- 6th 1030 Ben Mohr Rock Race*
- 8th 1900 Board Meeting
- 18th 1700 Pub Night
- 20th 1030 Walker Rock Race*
- 22nd 1900 Cruising Info Event

*Note changes to previous calendar. Opening Day Brunch and Groundhog Day Race are now February 3rd.



Golden girls Louise Devlin, Cheryl Gadsby and Nancy Bortz had a certain glow at this year's Commodore's Banquet. More photos of the festive season start on page 4.

Commodore's Report

by Eric van Soeren



First, I want to welcome all the new Board and committee members, and thank the Board and committee members who have finished their terms. The commitment of members to serve in these positions is what makes our Club work, and allows us to provide such a wonderful facility at such a modest cost. The time commitment can be significant, but the rewards in friendships

developed and the satisfaction of seeing the results of our efforts every time we come to the Club makes it more than worthwhile.

It has always struck me as a little strange that our Club's new year starts a bit after the sailing and cruising season is over. I guess it does give the new Board a chance to get used to their roles, and to do as much of what they want to do before they are distracted by warm summer breezes and cruising in local and far flung waters.

Looking back on last year, we had some pretty amazing successes. We now have arguably the best marina on the west coast.

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Commodore's Report

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Those who say “except for my wobbly finger” won't even be able to say that for much longer, as **Bob Jones** and his crew work to replace those fingers to bring them up to the standard of the new ones.

The **Summer Sailing School** and the **Junior Program** both had excellent participation and, for the first time in many years, the Juniors continued sailing into the fall, attending and doing very well in several regattas. Even those of us who never step foot in those little boats – which will dump you in the water if you don't pay attention – have to take pride in what the Juniors have been able to do. Leading the charge, with the help of so many Club volunteers, was **Patrick Beattie**. His efforts won him the Commodore's Award, which was aptly engraved, “*For the dedication and leadership to rejuvenate our Junior Program and to run a first-class Sailing School.*” As **Pete McGovern** said at the Commodore's Banquet, “Patrick single-handedly dropped the average age of our membership into the low 40s.”

We also hosted the most successful **Round Saltspring Race** yet, and are already planning next year's event. In 2013 we hope to have even more

Club boats enter, and we continue to focus on a combination of a great race for the sailors and a really great weekend on Saltspring Island for the family and friends of the visiting sailors and the Sailing Club volunteers. One of the best things for the sailors and all other people associated with the race has always been the food. In my opinion that alone would be enough to earn **David Wood** an award, but he has done so much more for the Club and was given the **Past Commodore's Award**, “*For his general leadership and contributions, particularly in making the racing program such an integral and successful part of the Club.*”

And speaking of racing, now that we have a new group of Juniors out there with the skills and energy to make dinghies go fast, it would be good if the racers among us brought them out as crew when we go out. If nothing else, the problem of not being able to get crew for racing is diminishing.

For those members who prefer cruising, last year had some well-attended and very enjoyable overnight and multi-day cruises. More are planned for this coming year, starting with a **New Year's Eve Cruise** to Montague Harbour, followed by a **Social** at the clubhouse on January 1st. For the truly energetic, there is even a **Hot Rum Race** on New Year's Day, so sailors could participate in both events. ■



Meet Your 2013 Board of Directors

Front, seated, left to right: **Silk Questo**, Communications Director; **Don Rose**, Wharfinger; **Lynn Clark**, Staff Captain; **Eric van Soeren**, Commodore.

Back, left to right: **Susannah Devitt**, Fleet Captain Cruising; **Bob Jones**, Rear Commodore; **Patrick Beattie**, Vice Commodore; **Jan Fellenius**, Fleet Captain Dinghy; **Mark Strongman**, Fleet Captain Racing; **Derek Castle**, Past Commodore; **Peter Howell**, Secretary. *Absent:* **Howard Holzapfel**, Treasurer.

2012 Award Winners

The **Commodore's Award** for 2012 was presented by Commodore Derek Castle to **Patrick Beattie**. You might notice that Patrick is mentioned several times in the Officers' reports in this edition of the *TellTales*. He shines as an active and steadfast supporter in several areas of our Club. The award this year recognizes Patrick's leadership in the rejuvenation of the Junior Program and his dedication to the running of our first-class Sailing School.

Past Commodore Gary Morrison presented The **Past Commodores' Award 2012** to **David Wood**. Probably most immediately remembered for his coordination of the fabulous food at the Round Saltspring Race, David has nonetheless been involved steadily in the Racing Program for many years, wearing a variety of different hats. This year's award recognizes the many years of leadership and contribution he has made toward the Club's Racing Program.

The 2012 New Members' Award was presented by Commodore Derek Castle to **Kim and Karen Laidlaw** for their joint volunteer contribution. Since joining the Club, they have both been willing volunteers and keen participants in whatever is needed at the Club. The award recognizes both Kim and Karen for their enthusiasm and good-natured participation.

The winner of the overall racing **Points Trophy** was also announced at the Commodore's Banquet by **Pete McGovern**, standing in for vacationing Fleet Captain Racing, Keith Simpson. Recipient and super sailor **Martin Herbert** was also off globetrotting for the ceremony, but will be suitably awarded on his return, along with many other racing trophy winners, at a future racing group event.

Congratulations to all the winners, and a sincere thanks for their efforts on behalf of the Club. ■

MEET THE WINNERS: (Top): Patrick Beattie receives the Commodore's Award from Derek Castle; (Centre): The Past Commodores' Award is presented to David Wood by Gary Morrison at the 2012 Commodore's Banquet; (Right): New Members' Award presentation by Derek Castle to Karen and Kim Laidlaw.



A Gala 2012 Commodore's Banquet

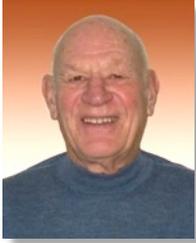
1 Eric van Soeren and David Questo, caught red-handed with double desserts **2** Cheryl and Chris Gadsby, looking glamorous **3** Chris Gadsby and the Questos share a toast **4** Ladies' choice: Wendy Beasley, Ruth Humberstone, Cheryl Gadsby, Arlene Dashwood, Lisa Halstead and guest Sheena Bull **5** Looking festive: Jill Sydneysmith and The Two Jennifers (Healey and Barrio) **6** The racing contingent: Gyle Keating, Philippe Erdmer, Mark Strongman and Eric van Soeren **7** A well-fed crowd applauds Club awards **8** Louisa Maffi and David Rapport chat with RB Bortz **9** Honouree David Wood and guest **10** Pete McGovern, Derek Castle and Bob Jones, all looking very distinguished.



PHOTOS: SILK QUESTO

Rear Commodore's Report

by Bob Jones



The major dock activity for November was the shutting down of the water system. With the main lines blown out, both the drain valves and the up stand hose bib valves were closed.

In the event of a fire on the docks, opening the main supply valve in the wooden box at the shore end of the pier will pressurize the water line and allow the on-dock fire hoses to be connected to valves in the vaults with red lids and be deployed. These instructions should have been posted at the gate and inside the hose cabinets. I regret that it is still on the to-do list.

As mentioned at the AGM, the wooden wave fence on the north section of F Dock is detaching from the concrete. My predecessor **Ron Sturm** developed a fix with Stephen Carter from IMC. The parts are custom-made and expensive. With the new financial year, I have ordered sufficient parts to fix 50 per cent of the fence legs. This job will require divers for the underwater connections. We expect both divers and parts to be on hand in early January. I am confident that this partial fix will carry us through to the 2014 financial year.

The project to replace the worst of the old fingers in the marina is now moving from the theoretical stage to the practical stage. Supplier quotations have allowed a sound number budget to be established. Through the generosity of Club member **Norm Elliott**, an off-site construction location which meets all of our needs has been established. This was only made possible by Vice Commodore **Patrick Beattie's** contribution of a truck-mounted crane.

By the time this edition of *TellTales* is being read, an expanded Dock and Foreshore Team will have met to review the concepts, sort out the inevitable problems, and develop a time line for set up,

material delivery and construction. The budget includes an allocation for tool purchase. Most of the required tools will be provided by members. However we really do need an industrial grade bench drill with a minimum 12 inch travel on the drill head. If there is any member who is aware of such a tool or has the knowledge to seek one out, I would very much like to hear from you.

As this is now the season for damp air and winter winds, may I remind all members to frequently check their vessel's moorings to prevent needless movement, to check that any tarps which have been installed are secure and, for sailboats, to check that halyards are secured away from the mast.

Most importantly, power lines must comply with the current regulations: i.e., have a 30 amp supply cord leading to overcurrent protection by either a circuit breaker or a power bar with a re-set function. Any 12 gauge or above supply cords will be disconnected except at the 15 amp outlets.

Sorry to wear the policeman's hat for those few moments! Perhaps I can mitigate this by wishing you all the Best of the Season's greetings.

I will be away from the 20th of December to the 25th of January. For any safety-related issues, please contact **Scott Chapman**. For all other issues, please contact either **David Questo** or our Wharfinger **Don Rose**. ■

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

Information for the 2013 Club Yearbook is now being assembled. If any of your member information has changed this year – such as address, phone, email, boat details – please use the form at the back of your 2012 Yearbook to submit an update, or contact the Club Secretary. **Thanks for your cooperation.**

Vice Commodore's Report

by Patrick Beattie



Well, we are off to great start. I would like to thank **Don Dashwood** for all his great work in the past year and am very glad to state that he will be remaining on the House and Grounds Committee. I will be calling a meeting of the House and

Grounds in early January to map out this year's projects and to place volunteers in various tasks.

Another great announcement is that **Lorne Shantz** has agreed to be my right hand man for this year.

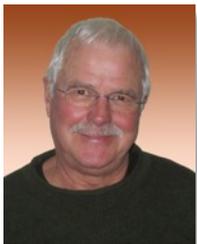
Lorne brings great knowledge to the the table, as well as continuity to the committee.

Please remember that winter is here and the driveway and sidewalks can be icy, so please use caution when on the property.

On a last note, any committee or group planning to use the clubhouse for a meeting or event is asked to first check the Clubhouse Booking Calendar on the website for availability, and then to contact the Booking Coordinator, **Susannah Devitt**, through the website. ■

Wharfinger's Report

by Don Rose



I am still on the learning curve in this new position. By the time you read this I hope to have all the electrical consumption issues resolved.

We are into mink and otter season. Mink, in particular, can enter a boat through very small openings. They love to winter in mainsails that have not been covered and tied off quite as well as they could be.

Other than using mothballs and other smelly chemicals as a deterrent, having a radio playing onboard and/or having light seems to deter entry by both mink and otter. You can buy locally very bright 3 watt LED lights, which will light up the dark areas that these critters would normally seek.



This seems to help keep them out.

As we get into windy and rough weather, make sure your lines are not tied directly downward from your boat cleat perpendicularly to the bull rail below. You run the risk of dock damage or pulling the cleat out of your boat. If you have to tie this way, incorporating rubber snubbers into the lines is a definite advantage.

Lastly, as the weather cools, fenders can become somewhat flat. Many fenders can be inflated and should be pumped up for the winter.

I have an onboard compressor and would be willing to help if you need assistance with this.

A very lovely holiday season to you all. ■

Staff Captain's Report

by Lynn Clark



Such a change from last year's **Christmas Party** (when we had no docks, no power and no lit boats) to this year's event, when so many boat owners transformed our marina and made it look quite magical. Inside, the gaiety was very evident, as some 70 members attended the Club's hot punch and potluck appies "Light Up" party December 10th.

This was my first event as Staff Captain and my task was made much easier by so many willing volunteers who decorated the clubhouse, laid out the tables and assembled the wide variety of snacks which were available – and restored the clubhouse after. Amongst the volunteers, I want to especially thank **Laura Dafoe, Arlene Dashwood, Dan Dickmeyer, Ruth Humberstone, Karen Laidlaw, Aly Markert and David Payne**. And special thanks go to **Patrick Beattie**, who ran the bar (and was always looking for new tasks), his helpers **Kim Laidlaw and Sam Keating**, and **Lorne and Colleen Shantz**, who judged the decorated boats – no doubt a challenge, as so many made the effort!

Our next event is the **Hot Rum Race and Social** on January 1st to kick off the New Year in style. The crew of *Selyna Rose* hopes to start the party by joining

the New Year's Eve cruise to **Montague Harbour** – an event which we hope others will join as well. We shall be back for the Hot Rum event. Watch for details of the next **Pub Night** hosted by **Casey and Kathleen de Jong** on January 18th. In the meantime I wish a merry and safe Christmas season to all. ■



ALL WELCOME! New Year's Day Hot Rum Race & Social



1000 hrs – Skippers meeting
1030 hrs – Race start
1230 hrs – Lunch & libations

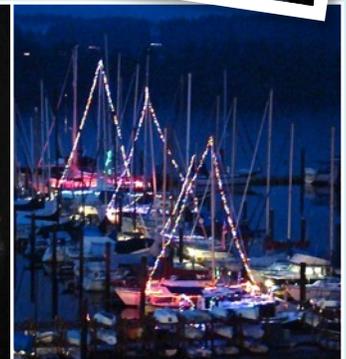
Christmas at SISC: Merry and Bright



❶ Cheryl Gadsby, Louise Devlin with new member Harold Bailey ❷ Is it true blondes have more fun? Ask Betsy Johnston, Dorothy Finnigan and Karen Tepper ❸ Jennifer Barrio and Sylvia Greenwood share a hot punch ❹ Derek Barrio and Hugh Greenwood ❺ Bob Jones with Cheryl and Chris Gadsby ❻ Julie and Eric van Soeren in the seasonal spirit ❼ Colleen Shantz was the perfect elf.

Lighting Up the Docks

Our new docks were alight at the Christmas Party, and prizes for best-decorated boats were awarded by judges Colleen and Lorne Shantz. *Mystic* took first place, with *Oasis* in second and *Inside Passage* in third. A special prize was awarded to visiting boat *XXIV VII* out of Ladysmith YC. *Silk Questo* (right) and visitors Mark and April Weir (far right) accept their prizes. ■



Cruising Report

by Susannah Devitt, *Fleet Captain Cruising*



Thank you very much to **Tanya Van Ginkel** for taking over as Fleet Captain Cruising last year and for doing such an exceptional job. Tanya recruited four more people to add to our Cruising Committee and she supported the

addition of some new reciprocal clubs for us all to enjoy. The current committee consists of **Alan Brooke** (Reciprocal Officer), **Tanya Van Ginkel**, **Maggie Snee**, **John Lugsdin**, **Brian Gilliam**, and **Casey de Jong**, in addition to myself as Fleet Captain Cruising.

We have exciting ideas for 2013 and are currently looking for members to “**Host-a-Cruise**” so don’t be surprised if you are approached! We will continue to ask Club members for their support and we hope to give great encouragement to everyone, so that the events and cruises are well-attended and enjoyed by many.

We are currently looking for someone to organize a **DND dockyard tour in Esquimalt** in the spring. This could be planned as a cruise by boat (we have a length-restricted reciprocal agreement with Canadian Forces Sailing Association), or as a car-pooling event, or both. If you are interested in organizing this, we are here to support you, so please let one of us know.

The next cruise is a self-governed **cruise to Montague Harbour** on Dec 31, 2012, returning to the Club for the New Year’s lunch on January 1, 2013. This is a chance to meet up with old friends, make some new friends, and celebrate the coming of the New Year in Montague Harbour.

The first cruising event of 2013 is an **information meeting on Tuesday, January 22** at 1900 hours. The Cruising Committee invites you to come and meet our reciprocal officer Alan Brooke. Alan will be discussing how to visit reciprocal clubs and will give information about those he visited on a tour

in 2011. He will also be talking about how to enter into and return from the USA by boat, including customs information. He will highlight visits to the San Juan Islands with a slide presentation. Come out and hear all about it. Tea, coffee and sweets will be provided.

If you have any other ideas or wish to contribute your volunteer hours to the Club through our Cruising Program, please contact myself or anyone on the committee. Being mindful of our Club Vision and Purpose, I look forward to serving as your Fleet Captain of Cruising.

— *Susannah Devitt*

A message from the outgoing Fleet Captain Cruising:
I would like to thank the Club members for your support during my year as Fleet Captain Cruising. It has been an honour to work for you and also with the dedicated Board members.

A special thanks goes out to the Cruise Hosts for 2012. Thank you for making the year’s cruises exceptional! Thank-you also to **Alan Brooke** and **Susannah Devitt**, last year’s Cruising Committee, for all your support and hard work. I really enjoy the Cruising Program at the Saltspring Sailing Club and I plan to continue to be an active member of the Cruising Committee. I offer all my support to our current Fleet Captain Cruising, Susannah Devitt. Thanks for stepping up!

— *Tanya Van Ginkel*

Join us at the clubhouse for a fun

Cruising Information Event

Learn about our reciprocal clubs, cruising south of the border and more!
Refreshments served.

Tuesday • January 22nd
1900 hours



An Evening of Sailing Adventures in Patagonia

by Michael Clark

Nick and Jenny Coghlan packed the clubhouse on November 19th with a tale and slide presentation of their giant exploits in a small sailboat. The event was co-sponsored with the local Power and Sail Squadron, in which many of our members also hold membership.



The Coghlan's told of sailing their Vancouver 27 *Bosun Bird* from Cape Town across the Atlantic to Brazil and then south to round the "Horn". They then spent a winter in Patagonia, skipping from shelter to shelter north along the inside passages of Chile, while

heading for kinder and more gentle weather. The Coghlan's presentation made numerous references to remote but historic places which they visited, while following in the recorded footsteps of great circumnavigators including Drake, Joshua Slocum, Chatwin, Cook, Fitzroy, Magellan and Charles Darwin.

Bosun Bird and the Coghlan's went on to Japan after Chile. Their boat is now stored in Alaska, awaiting sailing to home waters in the next few years.

Nick and Jenny have many links to our region, including a home in Maple Bay, past experience teaching at Shawnigan Lake School, and their earlier 1980s circumnavigation of the world from Maple Bay and back in a 27-foot Albin Vega.

Additional information on their cruising adventures can be found at their website www.bosunbird.com and they have published a book on their exploits. It makes for a great read on a cold, windy evening – at home by the fire instead of hanging on an anchor in a lonely and very remote cove. ■

Channels

by Silk Questo, *Communications Director*



Our enthusiastic Communications Committee has already had its first meeting to plan for the coming year. I'd like to officially

welcome **Wendy Vine, Suzan and Ron Chamney, Jackie Truscott, Michael Clark, Jill Sydneysmith and Louise Devlin** to the 2013 team.

One of the first things we'll be turning our attention to is the **2013 Yearbook**. We've set a goal to publish next year's edition by March 1st, and I remind all members to check their information in last year's book for accuracy and **please update if necessary**. You can submit the update form in the back of the book to the Secretary, or contact **Peter Howell** directly with your changes. Thanks for your assistance in keeping our published annual roster current.

We will also be working to expand the functionality of our **website**, with a members-only section, online forms and other features. The committee has lots of great ideas for better ways to keep members informed, engaged and entertained, so stay tuned.

Please check the website often for the latest Club news, especially the **Bulletin Board and Calendar & Events** sections! ■

Racing Forum

by Mark Strongman, *Fleet Captain Racing*



As we look forward to a holiday season with family and friends we also begin to plan the upcoming racing season. We're reviewing and planning our race calendar for 2013 with the goal of attracting more skippers – avoiding long weekends, revising race formats and adding social components have all been suggested and are being considered for the new year. A complete 2013 calendar of races will be published soon. The January schedule has been revised to afford more daylight to the long **Portland Moresby Race** which has now been pushed to February 17th. The new schedule is: Jan 1st – **Hot Rum Race**; Jan 6th – **Ben Mohr Rock Race**; Jan 20th – **Walker Rock Race**.

We're looking forward to hosting our annual **Round Saltspring Race**, which has become one of

the signature events on the West Coast. The challenge of a non-stop circumnavigation a 24-hour time limit, often with light winds and significant tides, is balanced with an incredible social calendar that makes our event memorable. Every year race participants from expert to novice salute our hospitality, which is made possible by the hard work and dedication of so many Club Members from both the sailing and power community. Last year we had a wait-list of skippers eager to enter! I'd like to thank retiring 2012 Race Chair **Chris Gadsby** for his outstanding leadership. In the coming weeks I will select a 2013 Race Chair and we will begin to form committees to organize our efforts. Please contact me if you would like to be a part of our Club's flagship event.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at the traditional **Hot Rum Race and Social** on January 1st. Happy Holidays to all! ■

Dinghy Fleet Report

by Jan Fellenius, *Fleet Captain Dinghy*



It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I take on the role of Fleet Captain Dinghy for 2013. I know the learning curve will be tremendous – from the point of view of understanding the culture, the history and the logistics of organizing the

Summer Sailing School, the **Junior Program** and the maintenance of the fleet of dinghies.

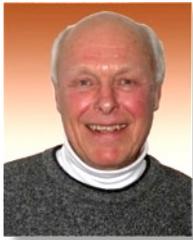
For those who do not know us, we (my wife **Nelly Tom-Kee** and I) joined the Club in 2011. With our backgrounds of project management in IT and civil engineering, we feel that a good way to get started is by volunteering and participating. In the short time since we joined the Club, we have been so impressed with the quality of membership of the organization. We especially want to extend sincere gratitude to **Patrick Beattie**, our past Fleet Captain

Dinghy, for his commitment to the position and his generosity.

The 2013 year will be full of planned activities and events such as the maintenance activities, the Summer Sailing School, and the Juniors' Fun Sails. We will also have a few events with GISS, as part of our new liaison with the high school. Details on these school events and our regular Sailing School program will be coming in the new year. Nelly and I will be organizing a committee meeting in January. Do not be surprised if you get a call from us, as one of our main tasks is to recruit more people to be involved. There are many roles to be filled by many willing hands: organizing the Fun Sail evenings, racing, regattas, maintenance, fundraising and more. Please feel free to contact us to offer your help (or drop by our house to say hello and join us for a cup of coffee). Have a safe and wonderful new year! ■

Secretary's Report

by Peter Howell



Now that our Club's year end is behind us, we can look forward to a New Year and new faces around the docks.

With that in mind, please welcome the three couples who are the new members joining us this month. They are **Harold and Susan Bailey**, **Douglas and Sarah Hornsey**, and **Peter and Bernadette McAllister**.

All of them bring a wide range of talents and experience to the Club and, most importantly, a willingness to contribute time and expertise towards the Club's operations. Please remember to introduce yourselves to them at future events.

At the Annual General Meeting of the **Council of BC Yacht Clubs** which I attended recently, the **Marine Parks Forever Society** announced that they were pushing ahead with their plans to have Burgoyne Bay, here on Salt Spring, designated as a Marine Park. They have already been busy acquiring waterfront leases surrounding the bay and they feel it would be a natural fit, given that a lot of the area is designated park space already.

I was able to give a short presentation highlighting the natural beauty and facilities of the area, along with its close proximity to public transportation to Ganges and Fulford. A Marine Park designation to Burgoyne Bay would result in a clean-up and an upgrade to a standard comparable to Montague Harbor Marine Park. Watch for further news. ■

NEW FACES AT SISC

Don Arney

Don lives on a mountain top retreat with his wife and son. He is an inventor and businessman who commutes to work in Delta in his helicopter.

His most widely adopted invention, the Bambi Bucket, is used in aerial fire fighting in 110 countries worldwide and has become the standard in helicopter fire fighting.

Flying has been an interest for Don throughout his life. He earned his pilot's license in 1976. In 1977 he co-founded the Hang Gliding Association of BC. In 1999 he earned his helicopter pilot's license. Don volunteers his time and resources to fly researchers with organizations such as the Raincoast Conservation Foundation and Pacific Wild to remote areas of BC to do environmental, biological, and ecological studies.

Don's most recent invention is the HangBoard – which he hopes will give rise to an exciting downhill winter sport adopted around the world. ■

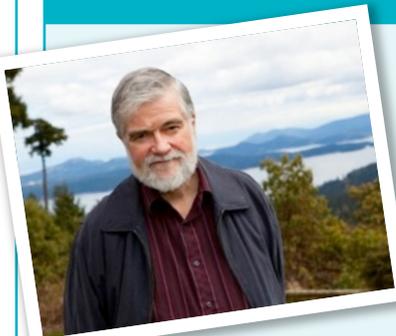
Susan and Harold Bailey

Susan and Harold moved from Cornwall to Saltspring in December 2009, when they first arrived in Canada. Harold started sailing some 40 years ago, first in dinghies and then Hobies. After that he caught the cruising bug aboard a Vancouver 27 and later a 32.

Most of their cruising was in the English Channel and around the South Coast, with annual trips to France and the Channel Isles.

Their 10 years in Cornwall included a switch to power boating, owning a 1973 Fairey Super Swordsman, a twin diesel powered wooden hull "Classic" boat (i.e. requiring constant maintenance to keep it seaworthy).

Since arriving here, their cruising is more leisurely. This year they took their 1989 Grand Banks 42 to Desolation Sound, and their plan for next year is a trip to the Great Bear Rain Forest area. They feel fortunate to be living in one of the most spectacular cruising areas in the world. ■



Put a little elephant under your tree.



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Parting Shots

This popular mid-north coast harbour has been in the boating news lately, with a big marina proposal that is worrying cruisers who've been anchoring in the snug inner cove for years. The small general store/restaurant shown is one of only a few supply centres for boaters in the area, and is now for sale. Who knows what this old cruising favourite will look like in the future? Where are we? Send your entry to: telltales@saltspringsailing.ca



Editor's Log

This is the time of year when it feels like boating season is impossibly far off – along with those long, sunny, summer days that go on and on into the cool of the evening as you lounge in the cockpit, a glass of wine in hand ...

But I'm drifting on here. It's hard not to dream of summer on the water when the chill wind blows rain against the window and it's dark at 1600 hours!

We'll be taking the same cure for winter that many Saltspring Islanders resort to – a brief sojourn in a sunnier clime in January (Maui in our case). As noted in other reports in this issue, however, this is also **the season to mind your boat's docklines, halyards, electrical connections and mink-resistance while it's sitting idle at the dock.** Not only will you thank yourself when spring commissioning comes around, but nearby boats, the dock team and the Club's neighbours will thank you for keeping your boat secure and your slapping halyards and flapping tarps under control. This is doubly important if, like us, you're planning a winter getaway.

Meantime, I want to wish everyone all the festive best of the holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year!

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November's contest winner ...



We set a new record for entries in the Mystery Photo contest last month with 15 correct answers. It required a spin of my handy random-number-generating iPhone app (really!) to come up with a winner ... **Ruth Riddell.** Many entrants added interesting facts and bits of memory to their correct guesses of **Poets Cove Resort in Bedwell Harbour, Pender Island.** Ruth, your prize will appear at the clubhouse this week.



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