SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

TellTales

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The Club's well-attended fall cruise to Winter Cove on the last weekend of September was a great chance to catch the last mellow days of the cruising season. More pictures on page 11.

Calendar

October 2012

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7th 1030 Captain Passage Race
19th 1700 Oktoberfest Pub Night
21st 1030 Jack Langdon Trophy Race

November 2012

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3rd 0830 Fall Work Party
4th 1030 Long Harbour Race
6th 1900 Board Meeting
8th-11th Boyz Cruz
17th 1800 Commodore's Banquet
27th 1900 2012 Annual General Meeting

Commodore's Report

by Derek Castle

While our beautiful warm and sunny weather enjoyed by everyone through mid-October extended the traditional west coast summer boating season by several weeks, it's now time to start thinking about the upcoming social and business events scheduled for all SISC members.

Several signs for the arrival of autumn are evident, such as shorter daylight hours and Thanksgiving family gatherings. The Club celebrated with an **Oktoberfest Pub Night** on Friday, October 19th, where members enjoyed the good company of other members, and shared their enthusiasm and adventure stories from another season of cruises near and far.

Soon, we'll advance into November which is a big month for SISC, as land events kick into high gear. First up is the **Fall Work Party** on November 3rd, and I know that **Don Dashwood** and **Bob Jones** have a long list of tasks which require attention. This fun outing provides a welcome opportunity to contribute towards volunteer hours. *continued on page 2*

PHOTO ABOVE: SUSANNAH DEVITT

Commodore's Report

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As an "all hands on deck" event, it is expected that all able members will attend.

On November 17th, it's the **Commodore's Banquet** which is our major social event of the year. At this gala, the Club hosts a celebration in honour of the extensive volunteer contribution made by your Board Members and their Committees, as well as presentation of our prestigious special recognition awards for both outstanding sailing and service accomplishments. **Maggie Snee's** report describes the arrangements, venue and other information for this exciting evening which she has organized for the enjoyment of all SISC members.

Finally, on November 27th, we will convene the **2012 AGM** which among other critical Club business matters, will feature the election of the 2012-2013 Board of Directors. Of course, the full Agenda (and formal Notice of Meeting) will be provided to all Members at least 14 days in advance of this date. So, please take a moment now, and mark your personal calendars with all of the dates noted above.

Although SISC membership remains the same as last month at 190 Regular Members, 20 Associates and 51 Juniors, **Patrick Beattie** has implemented a new exciting sailing program with the high school, which will add a significant number of Juniors and extend their season to year-round activities.

On September 25th, we convened a General Meeting whereby the Board presented a report from each Officer. My remarks included an update progress status of my primary five priorities as Commodore given the needs of our Club, which as reviewed at previous General Meetings are: 1) Completion of the Marina Renovation project on schedule & on budget, 2) Foster Volunteer Culture across our entire membership, 3) Develop a more focused and comprehensive Safety & Environmental plan, 4) Implement our Communication, Promotion & Community Outreach Strategy, and 5) Enhance Racing, Junior and Sailing School programs.

On another matter, in accordance with By-law 4, I noted that the Board will table a proposal for a Membership Limit at the November AGM, given the substantial membership growth over the past year and a full marina at 150 boats, with a waiting list already in place.

At our previous General Meeting in May, it was noted that a priority action item identified via the 2012 Long-Term Planning sessions was to perform a detailed audit of the Foreshore Assets to determine what work must be done … and when. Accordingly, a complete survey of the Foreshore Marina Assets was conducted over the summer by **Bob Jones** and his Dock Team.

At our September GM, I had the opportunity to advise the membership of the outcome of this comprehensive assessment. Fundamentally, the only significant deficiency (beyond normal maintenance) that demands urgent attention is the replacement of 33 older fingers and 4 piles. A breakdown of the condition of these 33 fingers indicates that 11 are categorized as unsafe, and the balance of 22 are recorded as being in very poor shape. The total estimated cost to replace these 33 older fingers (and 4 piles) is $170k, assuming that we utilize skilled Club volunteer labour for all assembly and installation work, as well as accept the provision of member specialized tools and heavy-duty equipment on a free loan basis. Further details as to proposed timing and financing considerations to complete this project with minimum disruption to affected members will be reviewed at the November AGM.

A disappointing observation that I need to bring to the attention of all Members is the ongoing trend of poor attendance at most General Meetings and Special General Meetings. Our count records (performed by the Secretary) indicate a consistent level at approximately only 40 members, which while above the mandatory quorum stipulation, represents a small portion of the total membership. Why is this the case? I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Work Party on Saturday, November 3rd. ■

Past Commodore's Report

by Gary Morrison

As the Club year draws to a close, the Nominating Sub-Committee is working on a slate of candidates for election to 2013 Board positions at the **Annual General Meeting** in November.

In the course this work it is gratifying that many members contacted by the committee respond with a willingness to take on significant responsibilities, if not for the 2013 Board, then at a future time that better fits with their other commitments.

Others respond that they don't want to be a Board member but are more than willing to shoulder a major load working on committees or in appointed positions of responsibility. That is all right too – not everyone has the constitutional disposition to deal with organizational policies and politics.

And speaking of organizational politics, in our Club the word 'committee' does not necessarily mean sitting in meetings, debating what to do. As Rear Commodore **Bob Jones** says, "Why don't we call them 'teams' or 'crews' because most of the time we are out there, getting things done."

Whatever we call them, our Club could not function as it does without the work of 'committees' as well as the elected officers and the various positions of delegated responsibility. Our annual requirement of 20 hours per member of volunteer work is but a fraction of the total time required to make our Club the great organization that it is.

And this brings me to the point of this month's report: it's all about putting **you** in **YOUr** Club!

When the tap comes on the shoulder, please honour the commitment that you made when joining to carry a share of the load of running the Club. Or even better, call any Board member and say "Put me to work!" ■

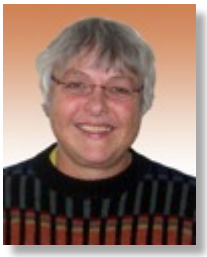
WORK + FUN =

FALL WORK PARTY!

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 3rd • 0830 HRS

Staff Captain's Report

by Maggie Snee



I am happy to tell you the September **Salmon BBQ** *(right, and on next page)* was a great success and a good time was had by all. Thanks to BBQ chefs **Roger Kibble** and **Don Rose,** as well as to **Jill, Arlene, Ruth, Vicki, Gary**, and our other great volunteers for your support in the kitchen. Special thanks to **Rags Hildred** who stepped in at the sink for a stint as well!

In addition I am happy to tell you I have a team of people to help me with the upcoming November 3rd **Work Party** efforts already lined up.

The **Commodore's Banquet** in November will be at the Harbour House Hotel again, as it was last year. Mark the date 17th November at 1800 hrs on your calendars and join us for a great evening. Tickets will go on sale for $35 each at **Saltspring Books** soon. There's a limit of 110 seats available, so to avoid disappointment you won't want to leave it until the last minute. Please remember that you can purchase tickets with a cheque made out to SISC or cash only. ■

Thanks to our terrific Salmon BBQ crew for putting on another delicious dinner. No wonder this annual event is always a sell-out!

PHOTOS: SILK QUESTO

Mark Your Calendar for a Special Evening
The 2012

Commodore's Banquet

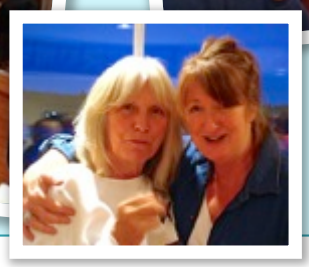
Saturday • November 17 • 1800 Hrs
Harbour House Hotel
Tickets $35 • Available at Salt Spring Books

Look Who Caught the Salmon BBQ!

❶ Pat and Gail Beattie at the bar ❷ Salmon chef Roger Kibble ❸ Cheryl Gadsby models the latest caps ❹ A great turnout for the evening ❺ Don Rose and David Questo yakking ❻ Jill Sydneysmith, Susannah Devitt and Tanya Van Ginkel in the spirit ❼ Derek Castle and Eric van Soeren wait patiently for dinner ❽ Lorne Shantz got the joke – how did Russell Logan miss it? ❾ Vickie Morrison and Susan Castle share a giggle.

Cheers at Oktoberfest Pub Night

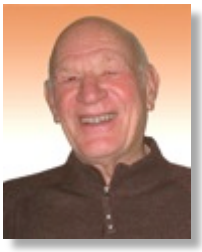
A happy crowd enjoyed the October 19th Pub Night hosted by Karen and Kim Laidlaw. Smiling faces include Nancy Bortz, Louise Devlin, Iain Leckie, Arlene Dashwood and Lynn Clark.



PHOTOS: SILK QUESTO, COLLEEN SHANTZ

Rear Commodore's Report

by Bob Jones



Since the last issue of *TellTales* there has been work both behind the scenes and out in front. The super long spell of dry weather has dictated our priority list.

Thanks to **Taylor Devlin** and **Peter Toby**, all the concrete docks have been treated with a concrete sealer. And thanks to **Don Rose, David Questo, Ben Greenhough** and **Heinz Vitovec**, all the bolts holding the wooden fender to the concrete docks have been tightened, the vertical bolts holding the tie rails and spacers to the fenders tightened and most importantly all the hinge pins for the new fingers have been fitted with high impact plastic bushings to minimize movement and thus prevent wear in the future. This last job was tricky, requiring considerable mechanical skill. A job well done. At long last I have identified our fire hose cabinets and painted the lids of the vaults in the docks red where a fire hydrant is located. The blue lids indicate shut off valves.

The above has delayed the safety ladder job plus other jobs I have mentioned in the past. I plan to get to these before winter if possible. We had a minor problem with three of the photo electric cells for activating the dock lighting. This has been corrected however. Please report to me or a member of the Foreshore Team if you see any lights out when they should be on.

Regarding behind the scenes work, a great deal has been done developing a plan for the renewal of all the "non-new" fingers in the marina. This is a big job but technically not a difficult job. On the basis of building fingers identical to those provided by IMC on the new docks, we feel this is well within the capabilities of those members who find a pair of work gloves one of life's necessities.

I have done accurate costing of lumber, flotation, fastenings and hinges. The time span for this project will be controlled by the funds available within the Club. There are 11 of the 33 fingers that we evaluate as being in urgent need of renewal and we are hopeful that this can be accomplished in the Spring of 2013. By making this a Club project we believe that costs can be lowered by 40 percent.

A key unanswered question is: where do we locate the project? We have crane and truck capability within the Club. We do not have lumber and flotation storage plus a work area within the Club grounds, without impacting members' parking significantly. We are looking for a piece of flat land that is truck accessible, about 50' x 80', with 220 volt power and some form of lock-up for tools, etc. Our mobilization costs envision building a work station, shelter and feeding power to the site if necessary. If any member has a facility that is anywhere close to the above, and can live with the merry sound of skill saws for about six weeks next spring, I would very much like to hear from you.

Soooo Cosy.

Warm and stylish, these knitted toques are now here in four colours. Terrific Christmas stocking stuffers.
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Christmas Shopping Event & free hot mulled wine!
Saturday • December 1st • 1 – 5 pm at the clubhouse

Racing Forum

by Keith Simpson, *Fleet Captain Racing*

Well it was a fantastic summer after the rain and cold stopped at the end of June. Seems like a distant memory until it started again in mid-October. My apologies for missing the September issue, I was off enjoying our Indian Summer.

The **Wednesday Evening Series** were very popular events with 14 SISC boats competing in enough events to score. The enthusiastic racing continued through September well past the regular schedule. **Series B** which includes the **Round Saltspring**, **MacMillan** and **Channel Islands** races, was won by *Kay D* followed closely by *Oasis* and *Electra*.

PHOTO: KEITH SIMPSON

Vendee Saltspring had the best attendance ever with 50 boats including 15 from SISC. **Roger Kibble** spearheaded the drive to turn this overnight 'race,' with all meals and moorage included, into a couples' cruise. I think nine of the 15 SISC boats were crewed by husband/wife teams. The event was won by **Holly and Greg Slakov** on *Imp*, who beat out some very hot boats from other clubs including *My Tai*, the winner of Round Saltspring. Holly is obviously as good a sailor as she is a doctor.

My wife, **Jody**, also enjoyed this event since it mostly involved drifting around in the hot sun, reading her book and swimming. Surprisingly we even finished the short course on both days. Full results are on the website. Special thanks to **June Simmons** and other volunteers for again taking charge of meals for 100+ people. Good thing it was outside and alcohol free.

The revamped **Visitors' NFS Race** in August again suffered from poor attendance (four boats) and many were single handed, thus disqualifying themselves. Where does everyone go in August or do they just hate NFS? Wendy, our only true visitor, said she loved it because she did not have to worry about handling the spinnaker with her over-zealous father. I think the only way to save this event is move it to September or maybe a Wednesday night?

Kay D was the winner for the **August Evening Series** followed by *Imp* and *Final Dash*. **Martin Herbert**, our Club scribe who gives us all the wonderful insights and tips in his race reports, will be hard to beat for the overall this year I think.

The September races, **Montague** and **Bas Cobanli**, were blessed with continuing hot summer weather and enough wind to complete both races on the first try. *Kay D* continued her winning ways with a first and second. New member **Mark Strongman**, who bought *Bravo Zulu* from our scorer/record keeper **Philippe Erdmer**, is obviously getting the hang of BZ with a first in the Bas Cobanli. It was also nice to see **Stuart Farson** out on *JJ Flash* for this tribute race to his friend Bas. Thanks to **Roger Kibble** for organizing the event.

In preparation for my possible retirement, I have taken up cruising, which is really what *Soul Thyme* is best at. We even led the **Fireworks Club Cruise** to Tod Inlet in July and made good use of our galley. We had the natural fireworks (lightning)

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ABOVE:* Imp, Caliente and Kay D *heading up the Harbour

International One Metre Report

by Martin Herbert, IOM #99

September and October had such great weather and the IOM's took advantage of it to sail and have many fun races. I was fortunate enough to be made an honorary Hornby-ite and get invited to two of their camping trips to Cowichan Lake. Five days of great racing in moderate wind, with tuning tips and much changing of boats made it a wonderful learning experience and the dining out and campfire talk was also most pleasant. I got to sail three of Graham Herbert's latest designs and had the opportunity of seeing my latest two boats thrown into the mix of what has to be the hottest fleet in the North-West. It was a humbling experience but one filled with chances to observe and note great ideas that tight fleet racing promotes. There will be some changes to my boats over the winter.

PHOTO: MARTIN HERBERT

Roger Kibble's son, Steven, visited and raced with us on a stopover before the regatta in Anacortes. Both the Kibbles went to the last regatta of the season to show the Club colours. The event was well run but suffered from light winds and marks set beyond the visibility of the aging set. Local hosts Bill and Darith Langjahr provided a wonderful meal at their home that was the highlight of the event from the reports I have received. Steven, visiting from Calgary, where the new IOM fleet is in a fledgling stage, was probably impressed with the quality of the boats being raced. The Calgary fleet has had an influx of second-hand boats of dubious pedigree and will need to take it up a couple of notches to be competitive.

We are now switching over to winter mode, still trying to practice at least once a week and keeping an eye out for winter storms and the chance to sail in C Rig. Look for us on Thursdays or Saturday afternoon at the Sailing Club trying to hone our skills. Our Club will again host the **Canadian National Championship** next year, in June so we have our work cut out for us. Hoping to climb up the leader board ... ■

ABOVE: Start of a race at the Cranberry Caper, on Cranberry Lake in Washington. I can't make out Roger or Steven in this shot but the eventual winner was, you guessed it, #42, Gerry Brower from Seattle.

Racing Forum

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Friday night and then the man-made version Saturday. I am contemplating a longer venture to the mid- or west-coast next summer. I've been up that way a couple of times on our old boat but wanted to give the Tiltin' Hilton a try … anyone interested?

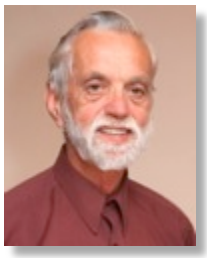
On the organizational front I'd like to welcome two new Race Committee members: my neighbour on land, **John Walker,** and **Richard Ballantyne**, son of past Commodore **James Ballantyne**. Both new Committee members are experienced racers and ex-Royal Vancouver YC members. We are considering changes to some of our major racing events and their fresh insights and assistance will be much appreciated. Some committees are at work on these matters.

In the interest of educating our members, we sponsored a demonstration protest hearing, chaired by **David Hart**, an island resident who is an expert in the field. We used an actual incident from one of our races to go through the whole process including on-the-water procedures, forms, evidence, witnesses, findings and penalties. It included an in-depth consideration of the ISAF 2013 Racing Rules of Sailing.

I will report the results in the next *TellTales*. ■

Wharfinger's Report

by Hugh Preddy



The rain has started! Some of you have connected to power, I suspect due to the cooler damp weather. Please remember that the fall/ winter period starts November 1st. If you are not paying for summer power I ask that you disconnect and reconnect after Nov 1st.

The otters and mink have again been sighted in and around our docks. They are moving in for winter, so folks beware! They prefer dark and protected places such as cockpit lockers and the mink are capable of entering boats through an opening as small as 1.5" diameter. When they gain access both species bring their food (usually dead crab or fish) with them and leave enough behind to smell, to say nothing of leaving the digested 'stuff'. These odors are very difficult to remove.

Several dinghies are stored upright and filling with rainwater. **Please remove the drain-plugs. If there's no drain-plug, then flip the dinghy over**. The docks are sitting on are our old 'D' and 'E' docks and they won't take the added weight of water in the dinghies. ■

Dinghy Fleet Report

by Patrick Beattie, *Fleet Captain Dinghy*

The winding down of the **Junior Program** and the completion of our **Summer Sailing School** are usually all I have to report in fall, however this year there's much more good news. I'm pleased to update you on the outstanding recent performance of our **Junior Race Team** at three regattas thanks to coaches **Greg** and **Scott**. This rejuvenated team is really doing the Club proud!

We have also started with the **Gulf Island Secondary Sail Team** under the coaching of Sailing School instructors **Kaitlin** and **Haley**. These eager Juniors practice on Friday and Sundays. This adds 12 new Junior Members to eight existing Juniors, and this team is looking forward to two high school regattas this year. Yes, that means the Junior Program has now evolved to a year-round program. These kids are our future sailors and are showing a strong commitment to fostering the sailing program at SISC. So this brings the number of Junior Members up to 55. ■

NEW FACES AT SISC

Jackie Truscott

Jackie says she used to be agile enough to avoid capsize while flying a spiffy spinnaker on a 5-0-5, dedicated enough to navigate from here to New Zealand in the days before GPS, and focused enough to raise and drop sails, trim sheets or stream telltales to coax that extra quarter knot out of a wooden schooner on the race course.

Sometimes a drifter, sometimes a winner, being on the water was always her goal.

Now, she says, she is reduced to fair weather sailor, foul weather writer, perpetual boat fancier, and is happy just to hang around the docks, shoot the breeze, take a line and sketch what's going on. Oh yes, Jackie is also a BC Marriage Commissioner, shipboard and dockside weddings her specialty.

We welcome Jackie to the Club and to the Communications Committee. ■

Winter Cove Weekend

Story and photos by Susannah Devitt

It could have been called the 'food cruise'. Friday dinner was pizza from Lighthouse Pub on Saturna. Thanks to owners Ian Warren, his wife Rachel and cook Annette, who provided us with their homemade pizza and great service. The pizzas were very good and tasty and are highly recommended! Our delivery boys were Russ and Pat Beattie on *Silver Fox*. We enjoyed our pizza under the tent (thankful we got this from Island Savings) as the chance of rain was 40 percent and we got all 40 percent (heard it was not raining on Saltspring). Fortunately the pizzas were not soggy nor the other food provided. While waiting for the pizza we had a fun ice breaker game and watched the clouds appear.

Saturday we enjoyed a trip to Cabbage Island via *Silver Fox* (Captain Russ made two trips to bring us all) in lovely weather. Everyone brought their own brown bag lunch, drinks and towels. The trip through Boat Passage was exciting and Cabbage Island was lovely to explore, lay low, paint, share stories and hear some history about the islands Cabbage and Tumbo. We also met up with David Rapport and Luisa Maffi on *Bethia* which was tied to a mooring buoy in the harbour at Cabbage. Time flew by, as it often does on the water, and we got back to Winter Cove in two trips to find another boat, *Tonic*, as Alan Brooke had dropped by to join us. It was nice to see him watching for us as we ventured back in through Boat Passage. *continued on page 11*

FROM TOP: Our tent was much appreciated at mealtime; Off to Cabbage Island aboard* Silver Fox; *Relaxing on the beach at Cabbage.

Cruising News

by Tanya Van Ginkel,
Fleet Captain Cruising

Fall has certainly arrived! The cruising season is not over for some of the hardier folks but the long warm evenings of sitting in the cockpit and enjoying the sunsets are certainly over for now.

Thank you to the members who responded to the call to report on your reciprocal experiences and suggestions for additions. The Cruising Committee recommended to the Board that we retain our current arrangements and approach three other clubs for consideration. When we have some official approval on those arrangements we will pass on that information.

I am currently in the process of expanding the Cruising Committee so we can start to make plans for winter season events and also begin to think about next summer's cruising shedule. Anyone interested in contributing to the cruising program is invited to contact me at cruising@saltspringsailing.ca.

Thank you to **Susannah Devitt** for the report on the Fall cruise. She and **Russ Crouse** hosted a wonderful event, and with 11 boats attending it was a very successfull one! Here's looking forward to more cruising next year! ■

PHOTOS: SUSANNAH DEVITT

Winter Cove

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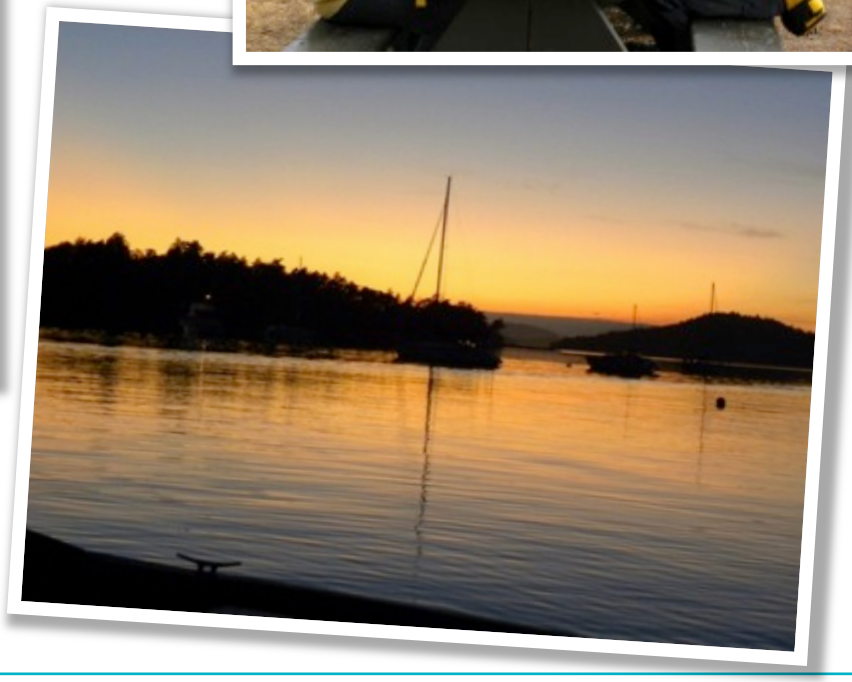
By the time we had all returned from Cabbage Island it was time to prepare for our potluck supper. After the fantastic variety of food we enjoyed more stories, visiting and relaxing . The dinghy ride back to the boats was illuminated by the full moon – what a beautiful sight.

Sunday morning we shared coffee, muffins, bagels and fruit. Most of the boats started back to SISC around noon to be back in time for Salmon BBQ at the Club. The weather was lovely with the warm rain on Friday and sunny periods and moonlight for the rest. Eleven boats enjoyed this year's fall cruise at Winter Cove. Thanks to all those that attended and added to the fun!

Tanya Van Ginkel and Scott Chapman on *Kialoa*
Derek and Jennifer Barrio on *Blue Peter*
Patrick Wolfe-Milner and Shelly on *La Mouette*
Susan and Doc Paynter on *Kanga*
Gordon and Laura DaFoe and friends on *Equanimous*
Rob Denny and Nighean Anderson on *Sandpiper*
Gail and Pat Beattie on *That's It*
Brian Gilliam, Jill Collingwood and friends on *Hot Rum*
Eric and Julie van Soeren on *Paramour*
Alan Brooke on *Tonic*
Russ Crouse and Susannah Devitt, hosts, on *Ceilidh* ■



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Our Cabbage Island adventure included relaxing and sketching on the beach; Eric van Soren enjoys the adventurous ride through Boat Passage; Many wonderful meals made the cruise memorable; Perfect sunset for a perfect cruise; Jenny Barrio and Nighean Anderson explore the park.

PHOTOS: SUSANNAH DEVITT

The Blessings of Buddy Boating

by Jenny Barrio

PHOTO: SUSANNAH DEVITT

Susan and Doc Paynter on *Kanga,* and **Derek** and I on *Blue Peter,* spent a couple of lovely days gunkholing around local anchorages on our way to the September Club cruise to Winter Cove. One fine evening we dropped our hooks in the small bight on the northwest side of Curlew Island.

Our boat draws 6' and after dropping the hook, we reconsidered our position so decided to re-anchor. Our anchor was firmly stuck; we moved forward, backwards, no luck. What to do?

A bit of thinking, and with the help of Susan and Doc, Derek rigged up a loop around our stuck anchor chain and using our spare chain. Doc attached a line to the shackle on the other end of the chain. Derek then tightened our anchor rode to make the loop wriggle down to the head of the anchor shank, then slackened off again. Doc hauled on the line to bring *Kanga* and *Blue Peter* close together. Doc pulled on this makeshift rig while Susan kept *Kanga's* stern from meeting *Blue Peter's* bow. As Doc pulled, Derek took up the slack on our chain using the windlass and continued pulling on the looped chain until our anchor freed itself on whatever was holding it fast.

Curlew bight looks back into Horton Bay (Mayne Island) and there was not a human in sight, just boats on mooring buoys. The only creatures around were the peacocks on Curlew who screeched their advice while our small drama played out. Thank you Susan and Doc and buddy boat *Kanga*.

P.S. A lesson remembered – too late: **Hugh Greenwood** has always used a small orange marker when anchoring to show later arrivals in the anchorage just where his anchor happened to be. Had we used our anchor marker, we might have been able to retrieve our stuck anchor using the marker line to draw the flukes clear of the obstruction. ■

Channels

by Silk Questo,
Communications Director

I'm happy to announce that two members have joined the Communications team. **Wendy Vine** and **Jackie Truscott** are both multi-talented and experienced writers, not to mention mariners of the first order. Together, we'll be bringing you more news and reports on Club programs, boating information and profiles of your fellow Club members. To round out our Club communications, we're still looking for help from contributors who can keep us up to date on Club programs through our website. Interested? Contact telltales@saltspringsailing.ca ■

Secretary's Report

by Peter Howell

Just a brief report this month, with a request to all members who may have recommendations for this year's Club awards – namely the **Past Commodores' Award,** the **Arthur Millner Seamanship Award,** or the **New Member Award** – to submit them to the Secretary in writing no later than November 1st. Thank You! ■

Parting Shots

One of the most popular ports of call, in one of the most popular summer destinations along the BC coast, should be an easy place to identify for all who have ever sailed north. A one-stop centre for everything from ice to fuel to grub, I'll bet all of our active cruisers have walked up the rustic docks in this cove at some point in their journeys. Where are we? Send your entry to: telltales@saltspringsailing.ca

PHOTOS: SILK QUESTO, BOB JONES

Editor's Log

Our fall and winter social season is now well underway. With all the members who have just joined this year, there are a lot of new faces around the Club, and I want to encourage all members – and especially our newcomers – to come out for some fun social events and get to know each other.

The big gala occasion of the season is the upcoming **Commodore's Banquet** on November 17th, at the Harbour House. Last year we enjoyed a spectacular dinner, wonderful entertainment, and presentation of awards. I know that Staff Captain **Maggie Snee** has another terrific evening planned this year, so please mark your calendars. You'll be notified by email when tickets are available.

And when you do attend a Club social event, think about bringing your camera and snapping some shots for *TellTales* and our website. We love getting your photos.

Finally, a note of apology for the lateness of this issue of *TellTales.* A combination of travel commitments and a persistent case of this fall's delightful flu were to blame. Now, back to the fireside and that hot toddy …

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September's contest winner …

… Bob Jone's fabulous photo of a double rainbow over **Garrison Bay, San Juan Island** was easily identified by sharp-eyed **Wendy Vine**, who also noted that the historical park located there (which flies the British flag) is called **English Camp**. Congrats Wendy! Look for your prize in the clubhouse lobby.

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