

Tell Tales

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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 TGIF Pub Night
- 20th 1030 Walker Rock Race
- 22nd 1900 Cruising Info Event

February 2013

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- 3rd 1000 Groundhog Day Brunch
- 1230 Groundhog Day Race
- 5th 1900 Board Meeting
- 10th 1800 Skippers' Choice Potluck
- 17th 0930 Portland-Moresby Race
- 21st-24th Boyz Cruz
- 22nd 1700 Meet & Greet Pub Night
- 26th 1900 General Meeting



Arran-clad celebrants at the January 1st Club Social, Wendy Vine and Rob Denny, seem to be greatly enjoying the hot rum. More photos of our Happy New Year's kick-off to 2013 start on page 6.

Commodore's Report

by Eric van Soeren



Happy New Year to all. The Club has had a great start to the year with a very well attended **Hot Rum Race and Club Social** on New Year's Day. Four of our Club member boats rang in the New Year in Montague Harbour for the annual **New Year's Cruise**. We then had 14 boats out for a beautiful race with a bit too little wind, but lots of sun to make the slow sailing enjoyable. That was followed by a standing-room-only delicious lunch put on by **Lynn Clark** and her excellent volunteers. It was great to see so many members enjoy the first day of the New Year together.

We have now had the first two meetings of the new Board, and I have to say I am really pleased with the interest and energy shown by the Board. We have been able to finalize and have approved by the Board the job descriptions for the Board positions, as well as two new coordinator positions to help the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore in what have always been very big jobs.

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Commodore's Report

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Thanks to **Gary Morrison** and **Derek Castle** for their hard work in preparing those.

The **Round Saltspring Ad-Hoc Committee** was also able to come to the Board with a recommendation for Board direction on the Round Saltspring Race. This will give high-level guidance to the Round Saltspring team. The main change is that the Board has decided that the race should be run as a fund-raiser, rather than just trying to do a bit better than break even. For this year we hope to raise over \$20,000 to go towards the Junior Program. The great success we have had in the Sailing School and the Junior Program means we need to spend more on dinghies and chase boats, and this seems the logical way to raise the money.

Support teams for Board positions are being developed, and by sharing the load it is clear that we are looking at a year where more Club

members will be involved, and that the things which need to be done will be accomplished with much less stress than has sometimes been the case. The Board members are reaching out for more volunteers, but if you have not been contacted, please feel free to contact whichever Board member is in charge of whatever it is that most interests you. It is only through active involvement in Club activities that we can all get the most out of our Club, in terms of friendships developed and good times shared.

Most Club members don't use their boats much, if at all, during the winter. If you are one of those people, **please still come to the Club to check on your boat.** We are getting some good winter storms, so it would be good to make sure everything is secure, and the dock lines are not chafing. You may want to incorporate that visit with attending one of the upcoming events listed here in *TellTales*.

I hope to see you all at Club functions and on the water soon. ■

TGIF Pub Night Jan 18th

**Drop by the Club Friday night at 1700 hours
and share a toast**

**Cheers! Skål! Kippis! Salud! Okole maluna!
Cin cin! Budmo! Kampai! Prosit! Mabuhay! Sláinte!
À votre santé! Gan bei! L'chaim! Oogy wawa!
Hosted by Katherine and Casey de Jong**



Join us at the clubhouse for a fun

Cruising Information Event

with Reciprocal Officer, Alan Brooke. Learn about our reciprocal clubs, cruising south of the border and more! Refreshments served.

Tuesday • January 22nd • 1900 hours



Rear Commodore's Report

by Bob Jones



This will be a brief report to update you on the work towards bringing the south side of the marina up to the standard of the north side. As advised at the last General Meeting, this is a three-phase project, with the time line controlled by the Club's financial status. Phase One consists of the replacement of 12 fingers and three piles, and the repositioning of two piles.

We have tested the budget with the purchase of all the Phase One finger material, with satisfactory results. We are at the front end of the mobilization stage. **Tony Meek** (master builder of large timber structures) has come forward with some industrial scale tools and **Heinz Vitovec** (builder of fine steel boats) is creating a boring jig. Many of the more common power tools are on hand. To slightly misquote a famous phrase, "we have the tools to finish the job."

Ian Leckie has built a scale model of a finger to help us develop the order of events and **Greg Slakov** is expanding the basic plans we obtained from IMC. **Don Dashwood** and **David Questo** are developing the work benches and layout table.

All the construction will be done outside and is therefore weather dependent. If mobilization is completed in early February, the weather co-operates, and all the necessary hardware arrives, the possibility of having a pair of fingers completed by March is a reasonable goal. Our six-person team has expanded to 10 and we will be looking for more help in February, so expect a phone call! ■

Vice Commodore's Report

by Patrick Beattie



This month's report is a short one! The House and Grounds Committee will be meeting on January 15th, so there should be more details to tell you about next month. Thanks to the great work of **Zsolt Sarkany**, the water system now has the finishing touches of heat tape which it needed. The clubhouse dishwasher is again on the list for repair. The list of future projects

includes upgrading the siding on the electrical building, solving some drainage issues, general clean-up around the grounds, and planning for the upcoming spring clean-up. ■

Time to Update Your Yearbook Listing

Our 2013 Club Yearbook will soon be going into production, and we're requesting the help of all members to make sure all the data in the 2013 Directory of Members and Boats is correct and up-to-date. This includes current contact information and vessel particulars as well as your address. In your 2012 Yearbook, you'll find an update form on page 114:

Member Profile Change

Change of contact information, boat or other or particulars...

As you make changes in your relationships, living arrangements, contact information, boats, and what-not, it is important to keep your Club records updated. Changes should be noted on this form and promptly given to the Club Secretary. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name of Member(s) _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Vessel Name _____

Make / Model _____

Sail Power Length (ft.) _____

Colour(s) _____

Sail Number _____

Registration/Hull Number _____

Sailboat PHRF Rating _____
(if not known check with PHRF handicapper)

Other Sailing/
Yacht Club Affiliations _____

Please cut this page out (or photocopy) and put it in the Secretary's box in the Clubhouse. Alternatively, you may provide change information via email to secretary@saltspingsailing.ca

SaltSpring Island Sailing Club

Please check your listings and use the form to submit any corrections needed to Club Secretary Peter Howell by January 21st. This will help us keep our Club database updated and accurate. The Yearbook will be published at the beginning of March.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Staff Captain's Report

by Lynn Clark



A Great Start to the New Year

Out into the sunshine of January 1st came an enthusiastic turnout of racers and eaters (about 90 in all, *see photos on next page*) to the **Hot Rum Race and Social**. The traditional pie and salad lunch was served with fruit platters and Embe's carrot cake for dessert. Many volunteers contributed to the success of this event: **Jeremy Milsom, Gaye Gardiner and Anders Neilsen** set up tables and chairs the day before; **Sunshine Wilde** did all the telephoning for work crew and worked in the kitchen along with her friend, **Colleen**, and **Sam Keating's** houseguest. **The other hard workers in the kitchen were Liz Erdmer, Louise Douaire, Lisa Lipsett, Jill Collingwood, Betsy Johnston and Derek Hill.** Staying until the very end of the cleanup, when we locked the clubhouse at 2:20 pm, **Jody Hawley and Keith Simpson** left with their arms loaded with all the tablecloths and linen for laundering at home. Very special thanks to **Patrick Beattie**, for his intelligent eye to what is helpful and for answering many questions from volunteers.



January Pub Night

The next social event will be the **TGIF Pub Night**, on Friday, January 18th at 1700 hours, hosted by **Katherine and Casey de Jong**. Hope that you can attend.

Skipper's Choice Pot Luck

Sunday February 10th at 1800 hours is the Club's traditional early Valentine's celebration. We encourage the men to show us their culinary skills and treat the ladies to dinner. **Vicki Morrison** will be the lead planner for this event and **Aly Markert** will be telephoning for volunteers.

Interested in a Marine Swap Meet on Saturday May 4th?

The idea has been floated of having a Marine Swap Meet on the day before the **Opening Day Sailpast**, when everyone is at the Club cleaning their boats. If there are volunteers willing to work with me on this event, please do contact me. ■



Calling all Valentines!

**Skipper's Choice
Potluck Dinner
Sunday Feb 10th
1800 hrs**

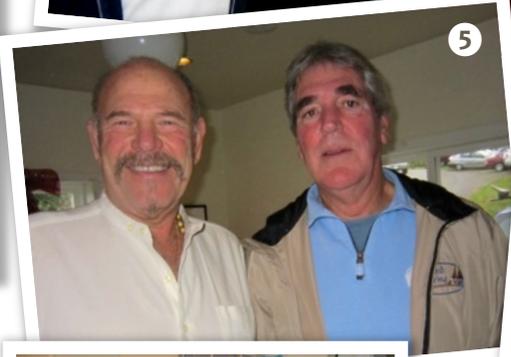
A Hot Rum Toast to the New Year



1 *New member Jill Collingwood joins the kitchen crew* **2** *Happy diners enjoy pies*
3 *Russell Logan*



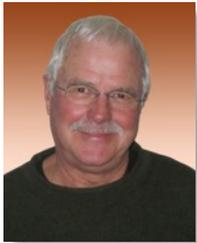
and guest **4** *It's a Karl Mech sandwich between wife Michelle and Sylvia Greenwood* **5** *Wayne Tepper and David Questo* **6** *Mike Ablitt and Paula Davies* **7** *A full house* **8** *Guest crew Valri Cunningham and Sheena Bull* **9** *Jill Sydneysmith, Jenny Barrio and Susannah Devitt share a giggle* **10** *Lorne and Colleen Shantz tuck in to lunch* **11** *Silk Questo and Louise Devlin pose for the paparazzi.*



PHOTOS: SILK QUESTO, COLLEEN SHANTZ

Wharfinger's Report

by Don Rose



First, I would like to thank **Hugh Preddy** for coming to my aid in the transition to this position. He has been most helpful. Hugh gave six years to the position of Wharfinger for the Club.

I am just beginning to reconcile the dinghy storage. If you see an empty spot for a dinghy on the flat or on the rack, please don't assume it is available to you, as it may well have been rented out for the entire year. For those of you who are most satisfied with the placement of your dinghy, I recommend continuing to pay for the entire year, otherwise you will likely lose your position. The Club requires that you have your boat name on your dinghy, or at least your membership number. (NB: membership number greatly aids tracing.)

Otters are leaving bits of shell and a lot of dung on some of the wharves and fingers. (They seem to like to deposit right on one's neatly coiled lines...)

They tend to revisit the same places time and time again unless you clean up after them. Washing down docks and lines with buckets of seawater goes along way to keeping them from returning.

Although we don't typically get much snow on Saltspring Island, it *can* happen and, if the snowfall is significant, it can pose a danger to your boat. Heavy wet snow can cause some boats to list badly and in some cases it has actually caused sinking. Structural damage to bridge canvas hoops and dodgers can also occur. If you are away from the island, perhaps consider asking a fellow Club member to clear your boat of snow should a snowfall occur. ■

Cruising Report

by Susannah Devitt, *Fleet Captain Cruising*



Happy New Year from the Cruising Committee! We are working on some ideas which came out of our January meeting, so please stay tuned for upcoming plans being developed behind-the-scenes.

We remind you of the **educational evening about cruising to reciprocal clubs**, with Reciprocal Officer Alan Brooke, on Tuesday January 22nd at the clubhouse. Further plans for another evening are afoot for March. Details to follow in the February *TellTales*.

Based on the last few years' great selection of cruises led by a variety of different Club members, we continue to ask members to **think about volunteering to lead a cruise**. We can help you with ideas if you are interested. Please feel free to contact me. ■



WOW! Women on Water Boating Seminar

Ahoy, women sailors! You are invited to register for WOW! Women on Water Boating Seminar, Saturday, March 9, 2013 in Victoria. There will be plenty of opportunities to meet other like-minded women. You can choose 4 out of 9 workshops being offered throughout the day, at both introductory and intermediate levels, delivered by experienced and inspirational facilitators. **Registration is now open**, with an Early Bird Discount available if you register between now and January 31st. **Visit our website for more details and to register online.**

WOW! Women on Water Boating Seminar
March 9, 2013
Camosun College, Interurban Campus, Victoria, BC
\$100 (Early Bird) • \$125 (after January 31)
www.bluewatercruising.org

New Year's Eve Afloat

by Wendy Vine, *with contributors Susannah Devitt, Maggie Snee, Derek Hill and Betsy Johnston*

The **New Year's Eve Cruise** was, as advertised, an unorganized success. In rather despicable weather, a trio of Club boats, *Merriweather* (Betsy and Derek), *Minke* (Alex and Tony), and *Loon III* (Aly and Ian) arrived and rafted up in Montague Harbour, enroute from the previous night at Bedwell. *Chariot's* crew (Maggie and Melva) joined them and everyone settled in to pass the hours until midnight.

They managed a walk around Gray's Peninsula, needing flashlights in the deepening gloom as dusk settled in the woods and on the docks. (Ask Derek about his 20 million candlepower spotlight – apparently “the envy of the harbor, great for mood lighting, and powerful enough to blister the gelcoat on neighbouring boats and light fires on the beach” from afar.)

After a potluck dinner, which included crab cakes and roast chicken, Tony introduced the group to the card game “99”, reported to be “the ideal game for intellectual half-wits.” The resulting hilarity and laughter gave rise to a new nickname, “Two Card Betsy”, and kept the group up past midnight celebrating. Aly and Ian contributed some 6 or 7 year old Mexican fireworks to the celebrations, leftovers from the start of their world cruise. ■



Drifting into 2013

(Loosely) from an account by Martin Herbert

The New Year came in with a whisper, as 14 enthusiastic skippers vied with each other to see who could actually make forward progress in the January 1st **Hot Rum Race**. With clear

skies and high spirits, everyone seemed to have a great morning of “racing” before repairing to the clubhouse for the “Social”. Race winner **Greg Slakov** (*Imp*) took the prize bottle of rum, and wasted no time guzzling it right from the bag (left). Prosit, Greg! Next time, take the cap off first. Read the whole story on the Club website by clicking this link:

www.saltspringsailing.ca



Dinghy Fleet Report

by Jan Fellenius, *Fleet Captain Dinghy*



December has been a busy month, full of events with families, friends and neighbours. I would like to express sincere appreciation to fellow Club members **Rob Denny, Philippe Erdmer, Greg Slakov** and **Patrick Beattie** for their generous support throughout this busy time. The following summarizes some of the tasks that were accomplished.

2013 Summer Sailing School Planning

I am pleased to inform the Club that **Kaitlin Brunt** has enthusiastically accepted the position of Head Instructor for the 2013 Summer Sailing School. Also, a big welcome back to **Hayley Harkema, Leh Smallshaw, Hanna Garvie-Ransen** and **Noah Havelaar**, who have all indicated that they will return for another summer to provide sailing lessons. The team is presently drafting the Summer Sailing School schedule for 2013 and we are aiming to complete this task by the end of the month.

Inventory of the Fleet and Maintenance Supplies

On a cold and windy January day the team was on the dock inspecting the power boats and sailing dinghies. By the end of the month, we want to deliver the following: an inventory of the dinghy fleet, a maintenance list, a preventative maintenance schedule, and a plan for the acquisition of new dinghies for the fleet.

Vancouver Island School Sailing League and GISS Sailing Program

Fall 2012 was the 'pilot' season of the Vancouver Island School Sailing League (VISSL). It was organized by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and its coaches, with participation from various Greater Victoria area middle and secondary schools. GISS was our only local school participating last year. This year, VISSL is offering a

Spring League, from April to June, and we are hoping to consult with Club members who participated in last year's Fall event, in order to plan for another successful year.

Goals for Next Month

- Confirm the 2013 committee, continue seeking members who are interested in helping
- Initiate the purchase of the new sail dinghies and have them delivered and ready for use for the beginning of the 2013 season. ■

Groundhog Day Brunch + Race

Sunday, Feb 3rd

Brunch at 1000 hours

Race at 1230 hours



International One Metre Report

by Martin Herbert, IOM #99

Local Fleet activity has been hampered this winter by the regulars taking holidays. Roger is in England, Ole was in Denmark and is about to head south, Lawrie took a daredevil ride to Ontario (picking up two Flying Fifteens to

bolster the oversized racing fleet) and I was in Venice boating with Santa Claus. Hopefully we will all return fresh and ready to race. Personally, I found that five weeks away made my

thumbs very twitchy for the tiller and I am glad to be home, hoping for good winter winds.

On the building front, two new boats have been designed and built in BC this fall, one on Hornby and the other in Victoria. The Victoria boat went straight to San Francisco and the other boat has joined the Hornby Fleet and is already in the heat of battle. This week seven boats turned out for their twice weekly racing events. Hornby will be hosting the **Western Canadian Championships** this year. They always put on a great event.

Our Club will again be hosting the **National Championships** in June and we are expecting a big regatta, with many of the “4,000 dollar” British boats which have come to North America since their dominance at the Worlds last year.

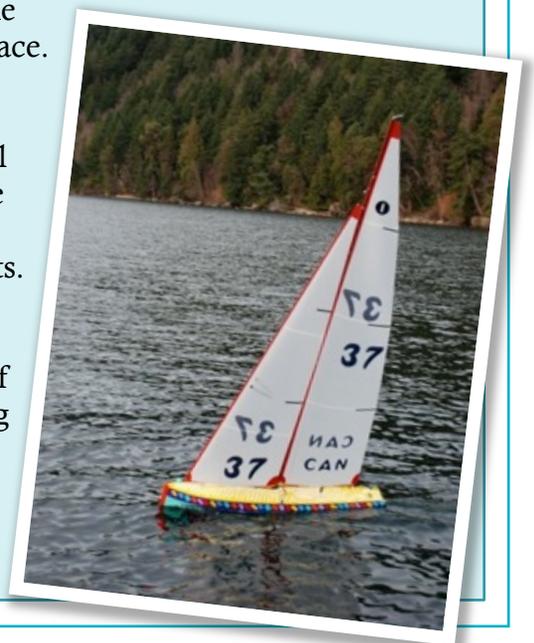
For those of us who design and build our own boats, it is always fun to line up against the best available in the world and see how we stack up. This year I have not built myself a new boat, but instead I am concentrating on rig tuning and sailmaking. With the two almost-sister ships that

I built last year I am hoping to leapfrog them forward in the search for speed.

Our first major test will be a regatta at Beaver Lake in March, a very good event which last year featured high winds, high water, and no weeds. For those who like to travel, there will be at least four events in the US, as well as many local regattas.

Sitting in **Ole Anderson's** heated “outdoor” room on St. Mary Lake this fall made me think of the Dinghy Dock Pub in Nanaimo, where you can sit oceanside with a beer and your radio on the table in front of you. This is the site of the **Great Ocean Race** where, two years ago, Ole won the event, setting the race record. We are trying to get a contingent of SISC boats to go this year and get an IOM fleet. If you have a good dinghy and would consider being a chase boat, let one of us know and join the fun. (Last year Tony Meek was my chase boat captain as we raced around Protection Island). The Dinghy Dock Pub is the sponsor and fills the trophies. The good thing is that everyone wins and they recognize the chase boat captain equally to the skipper of the yacht, which is very cool. We might do a practice event around Goat Island in the run up to the Great Ocean Race.

In the next newsletter I will have a schedule of our practice times and events. In the mean time, watch for us on the end of the dock hoping for stronger winds. ■



NEW FACES AT SISC

Doug and Sarah Hornsey

Sarah, an atmospheric chemist doing research through UBC, and Doug, an internet developer, were first introduced to sailing aboard a tall ship in Fiji.

From there, they moved on to dinghies, and then eventually to their own boat, which they lived aboard in Vancouver and sailed as far as Glacier Bay, Alaska.

In 2010, they had twins (surprise!), who moved aboard themselves at three days of age. Looking for a place to raise a family, Doug and Sarah settled on the Gulf Islands, moving first to Gabriola, and then finally to Saltspring. ■

**Jim Shultz and Jenny Meyer**

Jim and Jenny have recently made the transition to Saltspring Island, after living in Toronto, Thunder Bay and Calgary while raising their three boys.



Prior to retirement, Jim worked primarily in information technology (IT) and project management and Jenny worked as a social worker.

Jim is an avid musician and golfer and is eager to add sailing and guitar making to his hobbies. Jenny is enjoying gardening and crafts and is looking forward to volunteering on the island. They are both excited to meet new friends and get involved with Sailing Club activities. ■

2013 Boat Show Season!

Jan 25 – Feb 3
CenturyLink Field/
South Lake Union
seattleboatshow.com



Feb 7 – Feb 11
BC Place/
Granville Island
vancouverboatshow.ca



Victoria Harbour Boat Show

Apr 18 – Apr 21
Victoria's Inner Harbour
(BC Yacht Brokers Assn)
bcyba.com

**Meet & Greet
Pub Night**

Friday • Feb 22 • 1700 hrs

Come meet new members and toast old friends. Put it on your calendar now!



Channels

by Silk Questo, *Communications Director*



Our 2013 Yearbook production is now underway, and **Michael Clark** is taking reservations for advertising.

Any members who may wish to place an ad should contact Michael at yearbook@saltspringsailing.ca soon. Space is limited, and colour is free!

Also, please remember to update your member profile information, if necessary, with Club Secretary **Peter Howell**. This will help ensure our yearbook member roster is current. It's important to keep your contact information up to date with the Club, particularly if you keep your boat at the marina.

I thought it would be fun to share with you the cover of an old *Telltales* (December 2004) I came across online (further proof that in the internet age, old electronic files never die, they just go to the googleyard).



The image quality has suffered somewhat – no doubt this poor file has undergone all sorts of electronic torture rattling around cyberspace for eight years – but you should be able to recognize the handsome pirate on the cover as then-Commodore

Russ Crouse. What he's doing with a pirate likeness of himself, I have no earthly idea, but I did notice a reference to **Johnny Depp** in the caption. Hmmm. Anyone up for a Club party on Talk-Like-a-Pirate-Day (Sept 19th this year)?

Happy New Year everyone! ■

Take Advantage of this Great Offer to Members!

Group Discount on *Pacific Yachting* Subscriptions Just \$24 for a Year



SISC members who enjoy reading *Pacific Yachting* are being offered a group discount rate.

Regardless of your past renewal date, you can take advantage of this reduced price of \$24 per year (plus 12% HST), which will take effect from your present expiration date. If you are not already a subscriber, you will receive your first issue in spring.

To participate, your cheque for **\$26.88**, payable to Jim Linklater, must be received by February 15, 2013. Mail to:

Jim Linklater
188 Wilkie Way
Saltspring Is, BC V8K 2J4

Questions? Call Jim at (250) 537-2632, or email link@saltspring.com. Please note: *Pacific Yachting* will not accept add-ons after the group order has been mailed.

Remember! Deadline for receipt of your cheque is February 15th

Parting Shots

Few hints should be needed to identify this island harbour. Bet most of you have tied up to this fuel dock at one time or another. There's a clear giveaway in this photo, but you may have to get out your magnifying glass. There's a goodie waiting in my new stash of great prizes from Louise's Club gear locker for the first winner of the new year. Where are we? Send your entry to: telltales@saltspringsailing.ca



Editor's Log

By the time many of you read this I'll be on quite a different Pacific island – Maui – wearing flip-flops instead of boots. I know many of you will also be fleeing to warmer places for a winter getaway, and I hope you will keep up with Club goings-on online through *TellTales* and our website.

For a lot of us, using the internet to communicate with people, get news and look up information has become as natural as picking up the telephone or turning on the TV. In fact, it's now our go-to medium. Let's face it, online communications have changed everything, in part because we can do so much, so cheaply, and so fast in cyberspace. And this new channel is here to stay.

In 2013, we'll improve and expand our Club website and continue to move towards making it our primary medium for member communications. I hope members will see this as a big benefit. And for those who still prefer to read from a piece of paper, *TellTales* will continue to be a printable document.

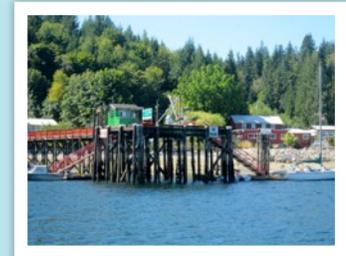
The key thing about a "go-to" medium, though, is that it only works if people are willing to *go to* it. Going online to keep up with your Club is a new habit for some, but one that I hope you'll find rewarding in 2013!

Silk Questo

Editor | telltales@saltspringsailing.ca



December's contest winner ...



Our intrepid cruiser-photographer, **Colleen Shantz** is the winner of last month's mystery contest, identifying **Squirrel Cove on Cortes Island**. She added in her entry, "Hope it remains a good place to anchor," a sentiment that I'm sure is shared by all. Congratulations Colleen – your prize is waiting for you in the clubhouse vestibule!



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