

# 2019 MEET AND GREET A WARM AND WELCOMING EVENT!

Report by Richard Stevenson

The Meet and Greet this year extended a warm welcome to thirteen new Regular Members. These individuals join the Club with marvellous credentials, including extensive experience in marina building and maintenance, organization administration and Human Resources skills. They also include highly skilled competitive sailors, sail training and sailing school teachers, and they bring life times of board and executive experience from such prestigious organizations as the Vancouver Foundation. We are indeed fortunate to have them become part of the Club.



*Above: the Vines welcome the Wicklands.*

*Below: Neighbours Heather Sloat and Gillian Taylor are now fellow Club members.*

Sponsors wrote witty, entertaining, and often heartfelt introductions, which this year included limericks in honour of St. Patrick's Day; these were greeted with laughter and applause. Mike Dawson and his crew in the kitchen completely outdid themselves with a dazzling variety of food, both hot and cold, complete with sauces so colourful and delicious.



And of course, none of this would have happened without the dedicated and excellent interviewing provided by Deb McGovern and her team on the interview committee. They have over the last year scheduled interviews, written summaries for the Board, and been available to answer questions and give information to ensure that new member expectations are in line with the way our Club functions.

Gordon Dafoe, with his excellent photographer skills, was on hand to take pictures and Edith Stevenson was at the door writing name tags for everyone. Our Commodore was delighted to finally present the New Member Award from last year to Dean McClernon for his outstanding culinary contributions to many of last year's Club events. We were all very happy to have him join us, noting that he is still recovering his health after surgery.



*Above: Commodore Casey presents the 2018 New Member Award to Dean.*

In all, it was a very successful Meet and Greet event. And in concluding, I would like to extend a very special thank you to the many who attended. Your enthusiasm, your wit, and wonderful warm spirit make the Saltspring Sailing Club the special place that it is.

*For lots more wonderful photographs by Gord Dafoe, please visit our Club's Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/saltspringsailing/collections>*

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