

# Christmas Party Fun on December 15

December 15th was a day to be down at the Club! The afternoon began with the annual Festival of Lights, which was highlighted by Salish Santa and his team of Christmas Orcas making an appearance with rum and eggnog and cookies for those who ventured down to the docks. About 35 members joined Santa and the array of 11 lighted and decorated boats, until dusk began to fall.

Meanwhile, as it gradually became dark enough to bring everyone inside, Santa's elves were readying the Clubhouse for the party and food. Decor was enhanced beautifully by *Victoria Skinner, Ruth Humberstone, Julie van Soeren, Mary Grove and Marilyn Dawson.*



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When the 75 or so people showed up for dinner, bearing beautiful food contributions, you had to look sharp to make sure you got your share of food. Despite the fact that there did seem to be lots of extremely tasty choices, the supply seemed a bit hard pressed to stretch out to feed everyone. (Have you ever noticed at potluck buffets that you don't always want to find yourself at the end of the line...??) Despite some slim pickings for a few souls, there was lots of fun and friendly chatter as people shared greetings of the season.



Thanks go to *Victoria Skinner, Pat Campbell, Laura Dafoe, Gord Dafoe, Arlene Dashwood, Charlie Miller, Damian Inwood, John Binsted, Dorothy Finnigan and Mary Grove* for doing the work to produce this event. Appreciation must go to *Arne Hetherington and Kim Laidlaw* for keeping everyone happy at the bar. And thanks also go to the diners for their dinner contributions and donations for our local Food Bank.

The social committee wishes all Club members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (at which time they hope to see everyone for hot rum!)



(Photos by *Colleen Shantz and Silk Questo*; more photos on Club Flickr page)