

August Clam Bay and Newcastle Island Cruise, 2021

Due to some last-minute attrition only three boats; Nest Egg (Laidlaws), Shingebiss (Keatings), and Dixey-Rose (Hetheringtons) participated in the recent Clam Bay–Newcastle Island cruise. The group arrived in Clam Bay for the first night. Patience and courtesy on the Keatings' part gave Kim (Barger) Laidlaw his starboard tie preference. A quiet night was followed by a calm, sunny morning cruise to Dodd Narrows to make the 1240 flood slack, and then to the buoys at Newcastle. The Laidlaws provided the interesting, if not frustrating, post-appy evening entertainment with their 'ladder-balls' game which was followed by a quiet evening on the boats. A light rain the second night was followed with a damp day in which everyone hiked Newcastle's trails followed by a pleasant dinner at the Dinghy Dock Pub.

On Friday morning, everyone headed off to catch the 1400 ebb slack at Dodd Narrows. The Keatings headed back to Ganges for another commitment while the Laidlaws and Hetheringtons decided to take advantage of the good weather, and stayed a fourth night at North Cove on Thetis Island. After a pleasant road walk from the public access nearby, everyone headed back to the Club that afternoon.

Arne Hetherington
Fleet Captain, Cruising

For more photos of the cruise, head over to our Club's Flickr page, accessible through the Club Photos link at <https://www.saltspringsailing.ca>.

