

Tell Tales

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- 2nd 1600 Board Meeting
- 6th 0830 Spring Work Party
- 7th 1030 Round Prevost Race
- 21st 1030 McMillan Trophy Race (tentative)
- 26th 1700 Pub and Quiz Night

May 2013

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- 4th 0900 Marine Swap Meet and Safety Day
- 5th 1100 Opening Day and Sailpast
- 5th 1330 No Flying Sails Race
- 7th 1900 Board Meeting
- 12th 0800 Sailing School Open House and Registration
- 17th-19th Round Saltspring Race
- 17th-20th May Long Weekend Cruise (San Juan Islands)
- 28th 1900 General Meeting



Busy gardeners Betsy Johnston, Sharon Hawke and Aly Markert tidy up the rockery during the March Work Party. Nothing says "spring" like our blooming forsythia in the background. More photos start on page 6.

Commodore's Report

by Eric van Soeren



Spring is here, and activity on the docks is increasing. During the April 6th **Work Party**, most of the first phase of new fingers were installed, so there was a beehive of activity as the old fingers were removed and the new fingers were moved into place. Thanks to **Bob Jones** and his able crew for the many days of work they put in to prepare for that.

On the uplands part of the property, we also had a very successful Spring Work Party. Most of the work was done by shortly after lunch. As usual the food was great, so a big thank you to **Lynn Clark** and her excellent group of volunteers in the kitchen. **Patrick Beattie** had several crews working on the riparian area, cleaning up the beach, patching potholes in the driveway, building a storeroom for files in the upper shed, and doing all the clean up of

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the grounds. As well, the clubhouse and walkways have been pressure washed, the electrical shed has new siding and the railing to the new dinghy launching ramp has been painted. All round, an amazing effort by a lot of Club members. And the best part is that everyone had fun enjoying both their accomplishments and each others' company.

As a follow up to last month's report, the donation of a member's unused boat to Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue (RCMSAR) in exchange for an income tax receipt was completed last month. RCMSAR would be happy to speak with any other members who would like to consider that option for disposing of a boat that they no longer use and might find difficult to sell. Please contact Treasurer **Howard Holzapfel** if you are interested.

I am also happy to report on the outcome regarding *Toad Hull*, the boat that was sold by an ex-member to a non-member, but that was not removed from the marina. For some time, we were not able to determine who actually owned the boat, and its moorage was not being paid. Through the efforts of **Patrick Beattie**, we placed a lien on the boat and were about to bring it to auction. At that point, however, we were able to determine who the owner was. He paid a significant penalty moorage rate to have the boat released, which now frees up another slip for moorage by a Club member.

And now a pitch for our upcoming **Safety Day** and **Marine Swap Meet**, a significant event planned for May 4th. The agenda is listed elsewhere in *TellTales* but, in a nutshell, this will be your chance to get rid of some of your excess gear, buy items that other members no longer need, renew your flares and fire extinguishers, have your boat checked over and get a safety sticker from RCMSAR, get your rigging checked, have a diver check or replace your zincs, and generally get your boat ready for the **Opening Day Sailpast** the next day. If you have some items that

you don't need, but you don't want to bother setting up a swap meet table, please consider donating your items to the Junior Program. They will be happy to accept donations of saleable items (no junk, please) which they will sell at the Swap Meet.

I hope to see you all at our first annual Safety Day and at the Opening Day Sailpast the next day. ■

Vice Commodore's Report

by Patrick Beattie



Well, what a great turn out for the Spring Work Party! Thank you to every one who showed up, and a special thanks to the people who took on lead roles for the major jobs.

We now have a new file room, a well-weeded riparian area all ready for spring and, of course, the electrical room is all finished. Many other jobs were also completed. The new dishwasher is up and running and the new instructions are posted on the wall. The launch ramp is finished and the ditching is in progress. We will be calling on more volunteers to help with some painting when the weather improves. ■

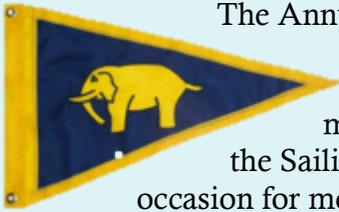
MARINE SWAP MEET!



Say goodbye to your dust collectors,
or hello to the perfect new-to-you gear!

Saturday, May 4th • 0900 – 1200 hrs

Annual Sailpast – Sunday, May 5, 2013



The Annual Sailpast is the official opening of the Club season, and one of the most formal activities of the Sailing Club year. It is an occasion for members to show the high regard and respect in which they hold the Club and its officers and all boat owners are strongly encouraged to attend. **It is an event where a letter of regret to the Commodore is appropriate if for any reason you are unable to take part.**

Unfortunately, it can also be one of the more confusing of the Club's activities, so please read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the following information.

This year's event will take place on Sunday, May 5th. All boats will be on the water at 1100 hours, forming a line for the Sailpast, which will occur as soon as a reasonable line is formed. Each boat should be flying the national flag and the Club burgee. Flag Officers should also fly their flags of office. The Fleet Captain Racing on *Wildfire* will lead the Sailpast.

Here is what happens:

- **Commodore Eric van Soeren will anchor** his 40' Beneteau sailboat, *Second Wind*, off the Club breakwater.
- The Club boats will **form a line astern of the Fleet Captain Racing on *Wildfire***, who will organize and lead proceedings.
- Please monitor **Channel 72** on your VHF during the Sailpast for instruction and cajoling.

Sailpast line order:

- Fleet Captain Racing: Mark Strongman on *Wildfire* – 31' sailboat.
- Past Commodore: Derek Castle on *Jaz.Man* – 34' power boat.
- All other Past Commodores
- Current Vice Commodore: Patrick Beattie on *That's It* – 25' power boat.

- Current Rear Commodore: Bob Jones on *Oasis* – 41' sailboat.
- Remaining Current Flag Officers.
- All Other Members: Power and Sailboats intermingled. Sailboats to use engines as required to maintain spacing in the line.

As each boat passes astern of the Commodore's boat, the national flag should be lowered to the 1/3 hoist position. The Commodore will respond by lowering his flag. When the Commodore raises his flag again, that is the time to raise yours and sail away to a safe area, out of the way of the other vessels waiting to sail past. If your flag is not on a halyard, which allows it to be lowered, you may either remove the entire flag staff with the flag, and keep it removed until the Commodore has raised his; or you may simply hold the flag against the staff so that it ceases to fly.

When you have completed your sailpast, you can return to the docks. However, if you are a sailor, stay prepared for a No Flying Sails race after lunch.

Crews should promptly return to the clubhouse, and be ready to welcome the Commodore. Liquid refreshments will be available during the waiting period. When the Commodore returns to the dock, he and the other Board Members present will be piped ashore by a Scottish piper and escorted up to the clubhouse, to be welcomed by all the members. The Staff Captain and her crew will then serve a sandwich lunch.

This is what you need to know:

- On Sunday, May 5th re-read these instructions one last time and be on the water at 1100 with your national flag and a burgee (and Flag Officer's flag).
- Monitor **Channel 72** as we form our line and perform the Sailpast.
- Lunch provided, no host bar, dress casual.
- No Flying Sails race after lunch. ■

Rear Commodore's Report

by Bob Jones



By the time you read this Phase One of the finger renewal project should be complete. This has been both a steep learning curve and a heroic effort by the Foreshore Team augmented by other dedicated Club members who have brought skills related to timber frame construction to the endeavour.

It would be a stretch to say we had a “cast of thousands” however the major players, in order of appearance, are **Norm Elliot** who provided the large flat site, the power, dry storage, encouragement and on occasion showed up with folding chairs, a bucket of ice and a case of beer.

Don Dashwood used his considerable building skills to create a laser-levelled building platform 40' x 8' with an ingenious design for a cutting bench constructed on rough ground.

Ben Greenhough and **Don Baxter** converted large skids of heavy lumber into accurate bunks, beams, stringers and a vast amount of decking.

Iain Leckie and **Heinz Vitovec** used their practical and organizational skills to become defacto foremen, and **Peter Toby's** keen eye for what happens next and great sense of humour kept us all moving forward.



David Questo was technical manager and quality assurance guru. We would have got into a lot of trouble without him.

Taylor Devlin has been with us from the start and **Bill Wilson**, **John Lugsdin**, **Kim Laidlaw**, **Pete McGovern**, **Don Rose**, **Ron Sturm**, **Norman Rothwell** and

Derek Hill all put in time and skills. **Greg Bellavance** provided design, shop and welding skills for the steel fabrication.

All this dedication is of little value with finely constructed fingers laying around the building site. Enter stage left: **Patrick Beattie** and **Brian Dawes** with a impressive truck mounted crane.

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TEAM EFFORT — From top: Norm Elliot's great work site; Don Rose and Pete McGovern consult; Ben Greenhough at the saw; Don Baxter moves the cut decking. Left: David Questo checks the fittings.

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They not only kept the building table clear of completed units but delivered units from the site to the water. (Patrick also performed the valuable task of "non destructive testing" when he hit a bump at speed with a 15' overhang).

Last but by no means least was **Ward Drummond's** very skillful backing of a 40' tractor-trailer unit from Beddis Road to the Club turnaround with three 40' plus fingers stacked on the deck.

During the Work Party day many more players assisted in the change out of new for old fingers. Notable in this effort were **Tony Meek, Wayne Tepper, Hugh Preddy, Hugh Greenwood and Ole Andersen**. I am sure there were more people and you know who you are. Collectively a surprisingly slick operation ensued with eight units changed out in about five hours. The job would not be complete without **Stephen Carter** and **IMC's** pile driving skills and equipment.

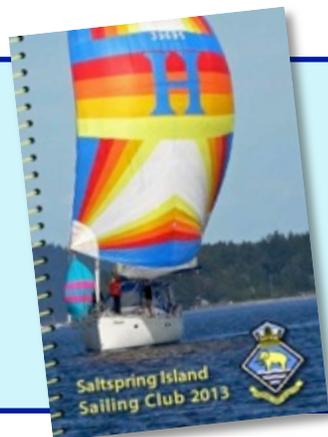
As ever, my thanks to you all.

I hope that those of you who do not yet have a new finger will think carefully about the above, which was essentially a fun and rewarding activity. Some of the players will be needed for at least the start of Phase Two in order to hand over to a new team of Club members.

The labour content of a project of this size is about \$100,000. I ask that those of you with the necessary skills who have not yet contributed become part of this project to achieve the very considerable increase in the Club's assets and members' enjoyment. We plan to resume construction after Sailpast, getting as many units done as a gentle schedule will allow, concluding the end of June. If you do not come forward the project will not continue. ■



PHOTOS: BOB JONES, COLLEEN SHANTZ



Come and Get 'Em!

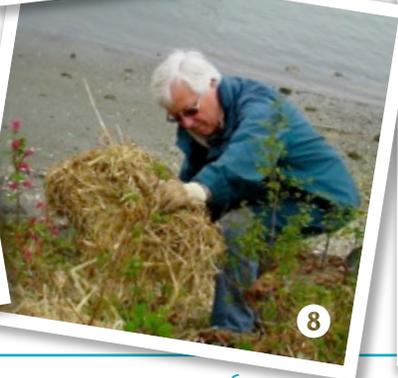
Your 2013 Club Yearbook and Membership Cards are still available at the clubhouse for a limited time.

Please stop in and pick up your package today.

Spring Work Party Leaves Club Shipshape

Many thanks to all the hardworking Club members who made our **Spring Work Party** a success. They say many hands make light work – and many friends make the work fun! ■

- ❶ *Jeremy Milsom does his usual job of getting the windows squeaky clean*
- ❷ *Bob Jones and Taylor Devlin had their hands full down on the docks*
- ❸ *A little four-footed help for the grounds workers*
- ❹ *Where in the name of all that's drafty did Derek Sowden come up with that carpenter's kilt?*
- ❺ *Suzanne Ambers and Betsy Johnston planting*
- ❻ *A large and highly skilled carpentry crew put the finishing touches on the shed*
- ❼ *Rob Denny looks after the Optis*
- ❽ *Mulching the riparian area*
- ❾ *Howard Holzapfel helps out on the new launching ramp*
- ❿ *Bob Troyer and Chris Gadsby celebrate some road patching*
- ⓫ *Tony Meeks sprouts mouse ears.*



PHOTOS: SILK QUESTO, COLLEEN SHANTZ

Wharfinger's Report

by Don Rose



I want to thank **Heinz Vitovec** for stepping up and cleaning the debris left on the pad of the Club's grid

following a hull cleaning. He is truly a good Samaritan. Mussels and barnacles may seem like an innocuous substance to leave behind, but they can mound up quickly and should not be allowed to do so. Fisheries and Oceans Canada have regulations about such things. I believe the Club expectation is "if you use it, you clean it".

Both Heinz and **Kim Laidlaw** have filled in for me during our annual winter vacation. I would like to acknowledge their fine work and publicly thank them.

Now that Spring is here, we are looking for volunteers to serve as **Daily Wharfingers** over the summer season. The sign-up sheet is now on the board in the gatehouse. This is a very enjoyable way for members to fulfill their volunteer commitment, so please check your calendars and sign up soon.

We will have an **Orientation Session for first-time Wharfingers** on April 27th at 1600 hours. Please contact me wharfinger@saltspringsailing.ca to learn more. ■

The Finger Replacement Ballet

Rear Commodore **Bob Jones** and his Foreshore Team took advantage of the **Spring Work Party** to install the first batch of eight new dock fingers, a procedure that required choreographing the movement of boats, old fingers and new fingers in a precise sequence – plus a lot of bolt turning. A superb performance – Bravo!



Staff Captain's Report

by Lynn Clark



Light rain mostly held off for the **Spring Work Party**, which was attended by some 90 members. We all enjoyed the home-baked muffins and fruit at the coffee break, followed by salads made at SISC and very creative lasagne from the Harbour House for lunch. Thanks to a pre-work party scrubbing session with hard-working committee members **Diane Lugsdin** and **Karen Laidlaw**, we were able to work in a clutter-free, sanitary kitchen. Many thanks also go to **Jennifer Healey** for her initiative.



Co-managers for the work party were **Karen Laidlaw**, **Victoria Skinner** and **Diane Lugsdin**, whose useful suggestions and on-deck help were invaluable. **Aly Markert** ably organized the scheduling of the many volunteers. Delicious muffins were baked by **Yvonne Rolston**, **Carol Evans**, **Michelle Mech**, **Karen**, **Aly** and **Diane**. **Michelle and Karl Mech** and **Roger Cooper** set up tables and chairs. Kitchen crew were **Debbie Wrate**, **Sam Keating**, **Jennifer Roll**, **Louisa Maffi**, **Karen Laidlaw**, **Jenny Meyer** and **Victoria Skinner**. **Robert Irving** and **David Rapport** stored tables and chairs. **Arlene Dashwood** also stepped in to help with cutting and serving generous portions of Embe Bakery cakes.



Coming up Next ... do circle Friday April 26th on your calendar. **Louise Devlin** is hosting the **Pub and Quiz Night** at 1700 hours. I know that she is conjuring up some hilarious activities, and we do look forward to some good belly laughs.

May will be a busy time, starting with the **Marine Swap Meet** on Saturday May 4th. This is a great opportunity for members to pull out unused marine gear and equipment while they are organizing and cleaning up their boats. Members can reserve their own table with Swap Meet coordinator **Nick Hodson** by May 2nd, or for those who have only a few surplus gems to sell, donate those items to the Juniors' table for their fundraising.

On Sunday May 5th at 1100 hours, come out for the **Opening Day and Sailpast** and to enjoy some celebratory spring and summer food in the Clubhouse. Members are reminded that this is one of the more formal activities of the Club, where attendance is expected and a letter of regret to the Commodore is appropriate if for any reason a member is unable to take part. ■



Marine Swap Meet and Safety Day May 4th



May 4th will be a busy day at the Club, designed to help members get ready for a new season of safe and enjoyable boating. Not only will our popular **Marine Swap Meet** return to the clubhouse, but our first annual **Safety Day** will offer a program of safety demonstrations, free safety inspections, maintenance talks, and opportunities to check off some of those spring commissioning tasks.

Marine Swap Meet

Information for Sellers

How many treasures do you have to sell? *Only a few items?* You can donate those items to the Juniors' table for their fundraising. *Lots of items?* Reserve your full or half table by Thursday, May 2nd (no charge – first come, first served). Call Swap Meet coordinator **Nick Hodson**, or email staff_captain@saltspringsailing.ca.

Sellers, please bring your marine treasures to the clubhouse (including items donated to the Juniors' table) leaving large items outside. Please bring plastic or newspaper to cover your table, take down your table at the finish, and remove any unsold items. Profits from the sale of refreshments will benefit the Junior Sailing Program. For more information call Nick Hodson.

Swap Meet Schedule:

0800 — Set-up by SISC members with items to sell
0900-1130 — Open for shopping for Club members and public
1200 — All sold and unsold items must be removed

Safety Day Activities

An information package has been mailed to Club members who have boats in the marina, including some handy spring maintenance tips, information on the free inspection service that will be offered by **Ganges Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue** (RCMSAR, formerly known as the Coast Guard Auxiliary), and a registration form for those who wish to sign up for private inspections. Please visit www.saltspringsailing.ca for complete details and to download the full package.

Safety Day Schedule:

- 1000** — Rigging maintenance discussion by Roger Kibble (clubhouse lower level)
- 1100** — Engine maintenance discussion by Derek Barrio (clubhouse lower level)
- 1130** — Fire suppression, Oil Spill Kit and Pump demonstration by Club Safety Officer Scott Chapman (below ramp at D-dock)
- 1230** — AED (Automated External Defibrillator) demonstration (clubhouse)
- 1400** — Repeat of AED demonstration (clubhouse)

Morning and Afternoon, by appointment:

- **Vessel Safety Inspections** by Ganges RCMSAR team (free)
- **Rigging Inspections** (at deck level) by Roger Kibble (free)
- **Underwater Inspections** and reports by diver Chris West (\$25 fee, rebated for any arranged work)
- **Fire Extinguisher Certification** (at publication time, details were being arranged for this possible addition to the day's activities)

For more information on Safety Day, or to register for a private safety inspection on that day, please call Safety Day coordinator **Michael Clark**, or email staff_captain@saltspringsailing.ca.

Note that times available for RCMSAR inspections are limited, so please book your time early. ■

Cruising Report

by Susannah Devitt, *Fleet Captain Cruising*



Offshore Cruising Presentation

Much appreciation goes to **Derek Lundy** for sharing the offshore sailing experiences that he and his wife, **Christine Mauro**, have had together at the evening cruising presentation on March 21st. Derek has kindly suggested the following list of cruising books, which could be useful to anyone interested in pursuing this topic. Thank you to the 18 people who turned out to share their experiences. A big thank you goes to **Tanya Van Ginkel** and **Scott Chapman** for helping me set up and clean up.

DEREK'S READING LIST FOR CRUISERS

A short list of books I'm familiar with and which are particularly useful for planning a cruise and while cruising. There are many more, of course. In no particular order:

1. Beth Leonard, *The Voyager's Handbook*
2. John Vigor, *The Seaworthy Offshore Sailboat*
3. Daniel Spurr, *Upgrading the Cruising Sailboat*, 3rd ed.
4. Nigel Calder, *Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual*
5. Earl Hinz, *The Complete Book of Anchoring and Mooring*
6. Don Casey, *This Old Boat*, 2nd ed.
7. Jimmy Cornell, *World Cruising Routes*, 3rd ed.
8. William Seifert, *Offshore Sailing: 200 Essential Passagemaking Tips*
9. Any books or CDs by Larry and Lin Pardey
10. Brion Toss, *The Complete Rigger's Apprentice*
11. Don Casey, *Sailboat Electrics Simplified*
12. British Admiralty, *Ocean Passages for the World*
13. Alan Watts, *The Weather Handbook*
14. Nigel Calder, *Marine Diesel Engines*

Easter Cruise Fun

We were fortunate to have the **Ruehlens** host the Easter weekend cruise at Wallace Island. Thank you very much to the whole family, who hosted the cruise in spite of all feeling under the weather at first. See the article by **Wendy Vine** highlighting the cruise on the following page.



May Long Weekend Cruise

The next planned cruise is to the **San Juan Islands** on the May long weekend, hosted again by the **Ruehlen family**. Although plans have not been quite finalized, there has been talk of Friday Harbor and Rosario Resort, among other possible destinations.

Please email me at cruising@saltspringsailing.ca if you are planning to go and you will be kept in the loop as plans proceed. Remember that this is a good time to go out if you are not involved in the Round Saltspring Race, as we would like to open up space for visiting boats in the race.

Suggestions

We are looking for more hosts for further cruises now that the season is here.

- Is anyone available for the July 28th weekend (or any other times)?
- How about arranging a family picnic in May, June, July, or August?
- Last year's July cruise to Tod Inlet was a whole lot of fun. How about a repeat?
- Let me know! Please email your suggestions to cruising@saltspringsailing.ca ■

Easter Cruise to Wallace Island

by Wendy Vine

People began arriving at Conover Cove in the Saturday afternoon sunshine. By late afternoon there were six Club boats: the **Ruehlen** family (Lyall, Perry, Calla and Seija) on *Inside Passage*, **Lorne and Colleen** on *Shaunsea*, **Chris and Jens** on *Sula*, **Wendy and Kevin** on *Deryn Mor*, **Tony** on *Nordic Puffin*, and **Julie, Eric, and Melanie** on their as-yet-unnamed recent acquisition.

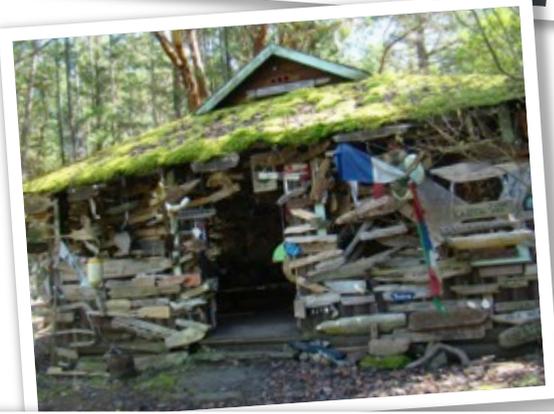
We all gathered on the dock for Happy Hour, which included fresh Ruehlen crab, Chris' smoked salmon dip, and Tony's famous devilled eggs. We were joined by a plethora of curious dogs from various other boats on the dock, so you had to keep a bit of an eye on your plate.

Later on, we gathered at the picnic tables on shore and shared a marvelous feast of potato salad, ham, sausages, barbecued asparagus, potato casserole, and Caesar salad. The setting sun was warm and it felt like summer.

The setting sun got us thinking about how Calla and Seija were going to contact the Easter Bunny so he'd know where to come with their eggs. Did you know that there are at least two ways to let him know that you're on a cruise at Easter and therefore not at home? You can always call him on your boat radio and let him know where you're anchored or tied up. Failing that, you can put a silver star on a rock or a picnic table near where you are and he'll find out that way.

The silver star method certainly worked on Wallace Island and we woke up Sunday morning to repeat glorious weather, a poem from the Easter Bunny thanking the girls for leaving the star where he could find it, and an ingenious Easter egg hunt in the meadow (including a number of "adult eggs", which were highly appreciated).

A scrumptious Easter brunch in the sun on the dock followed (again, with some care taken to protect the plates from tiny dogs with very long tongues.) We feasted on hot cross buns, ham hash, scrambled
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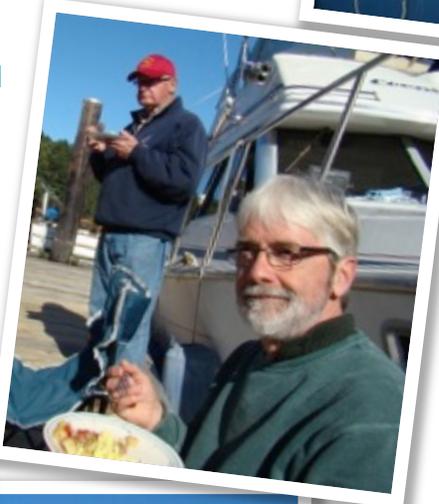


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eggs, mini-quiches, and fruit salad. (Perry promises that she won't burn the cinnamon buns next time.) Conversations filled with opinions on reciprocal moorage, advice on naming your boat, memories of other cruises, stories of cruising farther north, and plans for upcoming cruises wafted across the dock as people lingered for yet another bite of brunch in the sun. Walks on the island trails followed, and then the group dispersed to their own individual plans for the rest of the holiday weekend.

We left with a heightened appreciation of the opportunities that these short cruises offer for making friends and building relationships in our Club. Many thanks to the Ruehlen family for sharing their Easter magic with us. ■



Take this opportunity to get your ROC(M) certification ...

VHF Radio Course

Dates (includes two sessions):

- Tue, April 23rd at 7:00 pm (2 hrs)
- Sat, April 27th at 9:00 am (3 hrs)
- Mon, April 29th at 7:00 pm for testing (or by arrangement)

Place: SISC clubhouse

Cost (CPS and SISC members):

- Individual – \$65 (includes Transport Canada license card)

To register, call Laura Dafoe
250-537-8804



Dinghy Fleet Report

by Jan Fellenius, *Fleet Captain Dinghy*



It was a great **Work Party** and I really appreciated the many items that got done. We washed and rigged and carried and thus were able to look at each boat. Although there are still some things to do, generally we are ready for the season. A big thank you goes to our Junior members and to the Club volunteers who came out to work. You all did a fantastic job.

We are looking forward to the May **Marine Swap Meet**, so do look at the detailed information in this issue. I will also post Facebook information on the Swap Meet, asking all Juniors to come and help run the Club table and the refreshments. To all SISC members who may wish to donate items for sale to benefit the Junior Program (*that's our great Juniors group below*), thank you!

Additional appreciation goes out to instructor **Kait** for getting the VISSL spring league going. And, of course, ongoing appreciation goes to **Philippe, Greg** and **Rob** for bottom painting the inflatables, trailering and all the other maintenance duties.

Please mark your calendars for our **Sailing School Open House and Registration**, which will take place at the Club on Sunday, May 12th. Club members are reminded that priority will be given to registering their family members, however Sailing School capacity is limited, so please take advantage of our Open House or register online as soon after as possible. ■



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PUB AND QUIZ NIGHT

Friday • April 26
1700 hours
at the clubhouse

Fun, Games & a Preview
of Round Saltspring
Fashions for 2013



Racing Forum

by Mark Strongman, *Fleet Captain Racing*



At the time of publication, registration has been open for less than two weeks and we already have 50 boats registered for our **Round Saltspring Race**.

This year we have made some subtle changes to the hospitality calendar. To enable all racers and guests to enjoy the fabulous Saltspring Lamb BBQ put on by **David Wood** and his dedicated team of volunteers, we've moved it to Friday night. We will host the Salmon brunch on Sunday immediately before the Awards Ceremony.

Kevin Vine and his band, **The Fabulous Flakes**, have again committed to provide the usual top quality entertainment.



Don't forget that if you plan to be a "social attendee" at the BBQs only, you can order meal tickets in advance online. You can also visit the Schedule of Events for more details. Race and Club gear can also be ordered via the website.

We're looking for volunteers for all aspects of the race so if you would like to get involved it would be much appreciated. Contact me at racing@saltspringsailing.ca

Thanks so much to everyone involved. This should be a fun time for all! ■



ROUND SALTSPRING 2013



May 17-19

Presented by
Saltspring Island
Sailing Club

Registration at www.saltspringsailing.ca

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1200-1800 Clothing sales	0630-0830 Breakfast for racers	0800 on Coffee for racers
1200-2200 Pick up registrations	0700-0830 Clothing sales	0800-1130 Food ticket sales
1200-2200 Bar open	0830 Skippers' meeting	0800-1200 Clothing sales
1500-2100 Bar/food ticket sales	0955 First Warning Signal	0900-1200 Sunday Salmon Brunch
1800-2100 Saltspring Lamb BBQ	Race starts will be announced	1200 Awards Presentations
1800-2100 Live music		

International One Metre Report

by Martin Herbert, IOM #99

The IOM fleet has been in a shocking state of disrepair all winter and our regular training days have come and gone with very little practice being done. As a result only two Saltspringers made the trip to Beaver Lake this year, **Lawrie Neish** and myself. As Lawrie was heading East immediately after measuring the fleet, I was the only racer.

Last year I was leading after the first day and ended a close second but this year I could only manage a 4th in a field of 18 boats and was nowhere near a chance at the podium. The event was won by Julian Laffin from Hornby Island who sailed an amazing clean regatta. Over the two days we completed 18 races. The race officer, Barry Fox did a marvellous job and got all 36 heats off without a hitch. I sailed in about 22 heats.

Next on the agenda is to reboot our practice days and get some tuning in. A few mornings ago, **Ole Anderson** and I sailed from the dock in front of his lakeside house, a very quiet venue with good coffee, but soon we will be switching to the Club docks in preparation for the National Championships coming to our Club in June. It will be the battle of the **Kibbles**, as Roger's son is coming out from Calgary with his boat completely rebuilt. The gauntlet has been thrown down! ■

Secretary's Report

by Peter Howell



Please welcome **Michael de Roos** and **Michiru Main** as new Regular members of our Club. Michael and

Michiru have a young family and are the proud owners of a 41' Philbrooks sailboat. They are both anxious to get involved in Club activities and volunteering.

We would also like to welcome **Sheena Bull** as an Associate member. Sheena owns a local fitness centre, Living Strong Studios, and is a Registered Personal Fitness Trainer. She enjoys participating as crew in our Club races.

I'd like to advise members who may need some canvas work done this spring that I hope to arrange to have a recommended boat canvas specialist spend some days at the club to do my dodger. There is an economical advantage if he does several jobs in one location, so if anyone is interested in taking advantage of this service, please contact me.

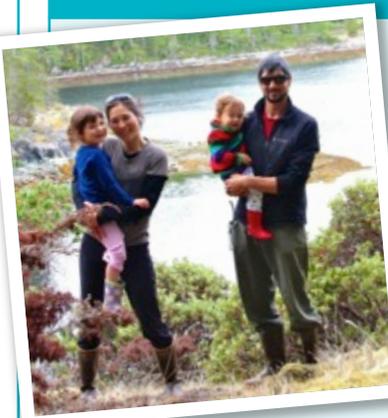
There are still a number of yearbook/membership packages awaiting pick up in the Clubhouse. Please get these ASAP, as in the near future the remainders will be removed and the yearbooks distributed elsewhere. Many thanks for your cooperation. ■

NEW FACES AT SISC

Michael de Roos and Michiru Main

Mike and Michi moved to Salt Spring two years ago with their two young daughters, Miya (4) and Naomi (2). Both Mike and Michi grew up spending a lot of time on boats exploring the local waters and up the west coast. They love getting out cruising with their little girls on their Philbrooks 41, *Rampart*. Their passion

for the marine environment is also expressed through their work as biologists and their business, which specializes in collecting, preparing and displaying marine mammal skeletons. Mike has been sailing as long as he can remember, while Michi is catching on quickly. The whole family is looking forward to being members of the Sailing Club. ■



Channels

by Silk Questo,
Communications Director



The **Round Saltspring website** has been updated with information on this year's race.

Early registrations are coming in quickly, including a good showing of boats from SISC. An extra incentive this year is the reduced registration fee for Club members, so if you've never competed in our signature race before – or if it has been a few years – this is the year to jump in!

You can also preview this year's range of terrific race wear on the website and even purchase online. **Louise Devlin** will be displaying the bright, attractive 2013 line of clothing at a special **Pub and Quiz Night** on April 26th so come out to play, sip and shop!

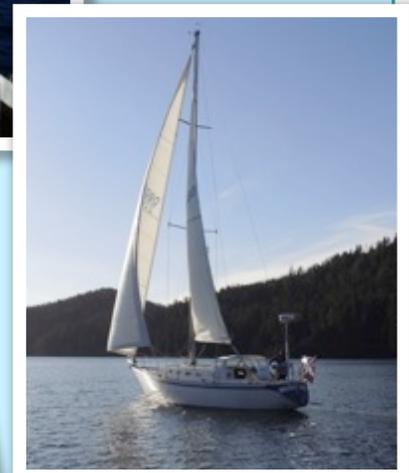


You'll be notified later in April about our online **Club Communications Survey**, and I hope you'll be kind enough to take five minutes to give us your feedback. Thanks in advance for your help on this. ■

Round Penders in Pictures

Ten Club boats enjoyed good weather, good breezes and good company in the Round Penders Race March 16th and 17th.

Philippe Erdmer and **Roger Kibble** captured the fun in some great shots. See **Martin Herbert's** race write up and the results on the Club website. ■



FROM TOP: Oasis near a calm Beaver Point; Approaching Beaver Point on Kaitoa; New racer David Roll on Quintessence; Eric van Soeren's first race in his new boat; Greg Slakov single-handing Imp.

Parting Shots

This popular harbour is a welcome Gulf Islands shelter from the often windy conditions out in the Strait. No doubt that's why it's home to a major outstation for the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Cruisers who stay and explore by dinghy, rather than just use it as an enroute stop-off, will be rewarded by picturesque and sculptured shorelines nearby. For a special prize from Louise's Club gear stash, where are we? Send your entry to: telltales@saltspringsailing.ca



Editor's Log

May is probably the Club's busiest month of the year. Our **Opening Day and Sailpast** at the beginning of the month kicks off the sailing season. It's a traditional "milestone" of the boating year, a date when we aim to have our vessels shipshape and ready for summer journeys.

This year, we're inaugurating our (hopefully) annual **Safety Day** just before Opening Day. It's a chance to have your boat inspected for safety gear (for free!), and to become acquainted with marina safety equipment. I hope many members will participate.

Then comes our signature event – the **Round Saltspring Race** – which is a highlight of the coastal racing schedule and always a memorable weekend celebration with old and new friends. For our new members, this is a weekend that really shows you what this Club is made of, so pull on a yellow Volunteer shirt and come join in the fun.

Meanwhile, the cruising group this year is venturing into US waters for the May long weekend. As a longtime cruiser of the San Juan Islands, I enthusiastically recommend this trip for any Club members who may be a little shy about crossing the border. You'll love it.



Whatever adventures May brings your way, enjoy! Summer's just around the corner.

Silk Questo

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March's contest winner ...



For the first time, we had no guessers for last month's mystery photos, which means that either no one has been to **Anacortes, WA**, lately, or no one noticed that the sign in one of the photos is the **Anacortes Brewery**. Or both. Maybe I'll award myself for stumping everyone!



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