

# Tell Tales

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## Calendar

### February 2013

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

### March 2013

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> 1030 Spring One Day Regatta
- 5<sup>th</sup> 1900 Board Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> 1030 Round Penders Race-Day 1
- 17<sup>th</sup> 0930 Round Penders Race-Day 2
- 21<sup>st</sup> 1900 Derek Lundy Presentation
- 26<sup>th</sup> 1600 Long Term Planning



*New members Bruce and Patti Grey cuddle up at the Skipper's Choice Potluck. Bruce won his stylish Valentine-red cap in a very special contest. Read on to find out more. See page 6 for more photos.*

## Commodore's Report

by Eric van Soeren



We are now halfway through the winter and, with the days getting longer, our thoughts will be turning to plans for the upcoming boating season.

The Vancouver Boat Show is now over, and I was impressed with the number of club members I saw there with shopping bags in their hands. It turns out not all the club members are in Maui or Mexico after all.

While many of our member boats are not being used during the winter, the racers and some of the cruisers are still out there braving the wind and weather. There has even been the welcome addition of some power boaters coming out as crew on the races.

While the **Walker Rock Race** did not have enough wind for anyone to finish, the **Groundhog Day Race** started slowly but, *continued on page 2*

## Commodore's Report

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with building wind, most of the 13 racers who started had a great sail. The fact that there was an excellent brunch before the race certainly helped make for a good day for all involved in the event. Remember to go to the Club website to read all about the races in the very entertaining write-ups done by **Martin Herbert**.

There have also been two great events on shore. A very successful **TGIF Pub Night** was held in January, and then there was the **Skipper's Choice Valentine's Day potluck**. A highlight of the latter was the award for the skipper most in need of headgear to keep his head warm in the winter and protected from the sun in the summer. The undisputed winner of the coveted SISC toque was our new member **Bruce Grey**. Tied for second prizes of Club ball caps were **Lorne Shantz** and **Gary Morrison**. The other three contestants clearly had too much hair to qualify, but you can't blame them for trying.

On a more serious note, there will be a **Special General Meeting** on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. The agenda and notes on two proposed resolutions have gone out by email and the agenda is reproduced on this page. I hope to have a good turnout to discuss the past three months of Club activity, and the proposed changes to Club by-laws and regulations. ■



**SPRING  
WORK PARTY!**

**Saturday  
April 6  
0830 hrs**



## NOTICE

**Salt Spring Island Sailing Club  
Special General Meeting  
Tuesday • Feb 26, 2012 • 1900 hrs**

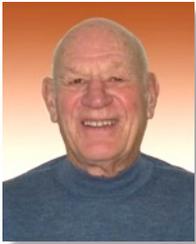
### Agenda:

Call to Order by Commodore Eric van Soeren at 1900 hours, and confirmation of a quorum

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Commodore's Remarks
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of November 27, 2012
4. Treasurer's Report: *Howard Holzapfel*
5. Officers' Reports:
  - a. Vice Commodore: *Patrick Beattie*
  - b. Rear Commodore: *Bob Jones*
  - c. Fleet Captain Racing: *Mark Strongman*
  - d. Fleet Captain Dinghy: *Jan Fellenius*
  - e. Fleet Captain Cruising: *Susannah Devitt*
  - f. Wharfinger: *Don Rose*
  - g. Staff Captain: *Lynn Clark*
  - h. Secretary: *Peter Howell*
  - i. Communications Director: *Silk Questo*
  - j. Past Commodore: *Derek Castle*
6. New Business
  - a. Proposed Amended By-law 3, re: Sponsorship and Election of New Members.
  - b. Proposed new Regulation 6.16, re: Unauthorized Use of Marina
7. Adjournment

# Rear Commodore's Report

by Bob Jones



Around the docks, the last several weeks have been busy and interesting. On my return from vacation I learned that major damage to F Dock by an “almost parted” wave fence was averted by the sharp eyes of our Wharfinger **Don Rose** who,

together with **David Questo** and Chris West of Chris West Dive Services, were able to secure the offending portion.

Since then, some of the custom parts have been delivered and installed by **Heinz Vitovec** and **Iain Leckie**. We need the balance of parts from IMC to complete both sections of the wave fence.

Also in January, heavy rain caused the adjacent creek to flood and burst through the mud berm beyond the pile fencing. A great deal of material had washed through, and serious equipment would be needed to correct the problem.

Our Vice Commodore **Patrick Beattie** was quick to round up the necessary equipment and, while Brian Dawes Excavating filled in the breach, Patrick demonstrated his skill with a Bobcat to deliver the necessary material to Brian's mini-excavator. A well-deserved tip of the hat to both gentlemen.

The **finger building project** is now well and truly underway. All the required material is on-site and seems up to specifications. Patrick did yeoman service with his crane, stripping 18 tons of lumber and landing it so that all sizes are accessible.

Mobilization is complete and a start on construction was made on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. After two

six-hour days with a team of seven skilled Club members, the first 30 foot finger was completed. We learned a great deal in the process and are putting this knowledge into further action.

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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All members of the **Foreshore Team** have participated, together with a number of other members who showed up with carpenter belts, tools and gloves. The skill level is impressive.

However, as we are dealing with large and heavy timber, **help from a few younger folk with muscle and spare time mid-week would be welcome.** Give me a call for our schedule.

We are looking for our first opportunity, in terms of tides and weather, to launch the initial fingers. Watch your email boxes for notification, as some members will be asked to tie up on the breakwater for a few hours as we switch out their fingers.



With all this work going off-site, the marina is looking a little neglected. If a member with a leaf blower could blow the concrete docks clear of shells, it would be appreciated by all members.

My thanks in advance. ■



## Wharfinger's Report

by Don Rose



As winter turns the corner, I am reminded of the care and consideration of others in the Club.

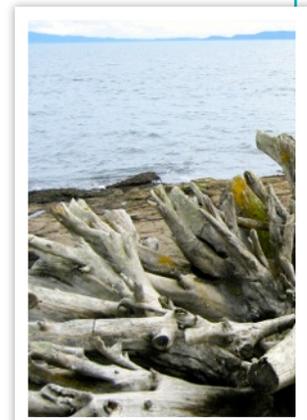
Being retired means that many members vacation in the winter. Some are true 'snowbirds' and vacate for as many as six months. Some members move their boat to the hard for the winter months. In some cases, size or space may make moving the boat out of water impractical.

Keeping a boat in the water unchecked and uncared for is not very prudent. Although most of us keep a general weather eye to all things afloat at the Club during the Christmas season, I found myself paying extra attention to a couple of boats for friends who were away. I was not asked to do this; it is what we do and the favor is always returned.

At all times of the year, but especially during high winter tides, large pieces of wood and even whole logs find their way into our moorage area. Left to move back and forth against a hull, these pieces of wood can do some damage.

It is not always practical to tow these objects to shore. An alternative is to move them using a pike pole. This is not easy but can be accomplished using the direction of wind or tide to one's advantage.

The Club's pike pole is stored beside the pier ramp on one of the sailing school floats. Moving unwanted logs out will no doubt be appreciated by all members. ■



# Staff Captain's Report

by Lynn Clark



The Social Events Committee met in early January with the following members, who contributed brilliant ideas for the coming year: **Laura Dafoe, Louise Devlin, Ruth Humberstone, Karen Laidlaw, Diane Lugsdin, Aly Markert, Vicki Morrison, and Victoria Skinner.**

**Kathleen and Casey de Jong**, with helpful assistance from **Richard and Kim Ballantyne**, hosted the first **Pub Night** of the year on January 18<sup>th</sup> (*photos this page*). A good crowd filled the clubhouse and enjoyed a wide variety of substantial snacks. Many thanks to Kathleen and Casey – new members with great volunteer spirit.

A word about those Christmas decorations – after four phone calls to find out who it was who kindly took down the decorations, I finally discovered that Patrick Beattie was owed the warm thanks.

**Vicki Morrison** is at the helm for February, planning events in the Staff Captain's absence. Forty-

two members were welcomed to the Valentine-decorated setting for the **Skipper's Choice Potluck Dinner** on February 10<sup>th</sup> (*photos next page*). Many skippers brought their gourmet offerings to the table and we appreciate the time everyone took to prepare food and to organize and help at this event.

Another great event took place on February 22<sup>nd</sup> – the **Meet & Greet Pub Night**, our special evening to welcome and chat with new members who've joined the Sailing Club during the past year. Commodore Eric van Soeren presided and a number of new members were introduced by their Club sponsors. Look for a report and photos from this successful evening in the March *TellTales*.

Advance notice – a **Marine Swap Meet** will be held on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 0900 to 1200 in the clubhouse, and the parking lot if needed. This is the day before the **Opening Day and Sailpast**, so you'll have a good chance to identify your surplus marine items, and offer them for sale. Thank you to **Nick Hodson** for offering to be the contact person. ■



*LEFT: Norbert Schlenker (left) with visiting long-time SISC member Jim Ballantyne. RIGHT (from top): Lorne Shantz gets the latest news;*

*Heinz Vitovec and Lisa Halstead chat with Jenny Barrio; Birds on a log are Sam Keating, Jim Ballantyne, Gyle Keating, Kim Laidlaw and Lorne Shantz; Susan Paynter, Wendy & Kevin Vine, and Rob Denny catch up; A bandaged wrist doesn't stop Nighean Anderson from raising a glass.*

# A Sweet Time at Skipper's Choice Potluck

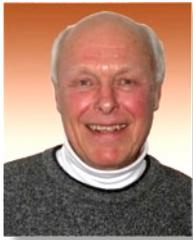
- 1** Sweethearts Colleen and Lorne Shantz dressed in their Valentine's Day best
- 2** There were lots of smiles at the racers' table
- 3** Karl and Michelle Mech cuddle
- 4** David Rapport and Luisa Maffi sample the fabulous array of potluck dishes
- 5** Kim and Karen Laidlaw behind the bar
- 6** Judges inspect prize contestants' noggins to determine which is most in need of a warm hat
- 7** Iain Leckie and Aly Markert smooch
- 8** Deb McGovern and Kathy Kibble chat
- 9** Gary Morrison, Victoria Skinner and Russell Logan mug for the camera
- 10** Nighean Anderson and Rob Denny look like they're enjoying the evening.



PHOTOS: SILK QUESTO, COLLEEN SHANTZ

# Secretary's Report

by Peter Howell



I thought I would use this month's *TellTales* as an opportunity to highlight some of the activities of the *Bluewater Cruising Association* (BCA). This association, as you may know, is primarily for people who plan to go sailing offshore,

plus those who are currently offshore, and those who have already been offshore. These groups have affectionately been referred to as the "dreamers, the doers and the doners."



The BCA has its main chapter in Vancouver, plus chapters in Victoria and landlocked Calgary. They are also trying to form a chapter in Nanaimo. The BCA offers workshops, presentations and instruction in all aspects of offshore cruising. I have posted an information sheet at the clubhouse outlining upcoming events, which include: **WOW** – **Women on Water** on Mar 9<sup>th</sup> (Camosun

College, Interurban campus) and **Racing in Europe** on March 7<sup>th</sup> (Sidney/North Saanich YC).

Our Club's special connection to this group, which you may not be aware of, is that our SISC members **Sam and Jill Sydneysmith** were founding members of BCA, and Sam served as its first Commodore in 1978. More information about this organization and its activities can be obtained from the BCA website [www.bluewatercruising.org](http://www.bluewatercruising.org).

Another association to which our Club belongs is the *Council of BC Yacht Clubs*. They continue to do good work in the areas of boating safety issues, the protection of cruising anchorages in local waters, and the creation and maintenance of marine parks. We meet every quarter in either Delta or Nanaimo to discuss mutual issues.

Finally, I would like to remind members that application for membership packages can now be downloaded and printed from our Club website. ■

## NEW FACES AT SISC

### Peter and Bernadette McAllister



Peter McAllister was born and raised on Long Island, NY, where he spent his childhood sailing venerable old gaff-rigged SS sloops and anything else with a centreboard. One regret

he has is that he never had the chance to sail on the *Ticonderoga*, the famous Hereshoff sailboat that his father owned in the 1960s.

Before coming to Victoria in 1963, he worked for McAllister Bros. on tugboats, on ferry boats, and in the Jersey City shipyard. At age 18, he shipped out as an ordinary seaman aboard a WW II Liberty ship bound for South America.

Tugboats brought him to Victoria, where he worked at Island Tug & Barge. He later joined Merrill Lynch in Vancouver, where he sailed a 24 foot Shark out of the West Van YC. As well, he spent 22 years operating two cattle ranches in the BC interior.

Peter has a masters degree in environmental education and has led conservation campaigns to save coastal rainforests, including the Great Bear Rainforest, from his Aleutian 51, *Pyewacket 2*.

Peter's varied sailing experiences have resulted in many fascinating memories and stories involving historic and classic sailing yachts. Ask him about the 1964 America's Cup races in Newport, Rhode Island, or about his favourite sailboat the *Venya*, a classic 1937 Baltic 34 foot Spitzgatter with an interesting WW II history. ■

# Cruising Report

by Susannah Devitt, *Fleet Captain Cruising*



A lively group of about 30 people attended the talk on January 22<sup>nd</sup> by the Reciprocal Manager, **Alan Brooke**. We discussed the purpose of the reciprocal clubs program and details were presented on Alan's favourite clubs to visit. Up-to-date information on these clubs can be found on the website Yacht Destinations: <http://yachtdestinations.org>, as well as on our own Club website.

Following a break, some information was given on entering the US by boat and returning to Canada. Useful sources of information include the *Waggoner Cruising Guide* or the US Customs website: <http://www.cbp.gov>. The evening ended with the highlights of a recent boat trip by Alan and his wife to the San Juan Islands.

Thank you very much to **Alan and Estelle Brooke** for sharing their experiences and knowledge in the

area of reciprocal clubs and for encouraging our members to explore those waters. I was very pleased to see new faces and would like to say thank you for the support of our members who came out for the evening. Special thanks to **Tanya Van Ginkel** for bringing sweets to share and to **Patrick Beattie** for jumping in and assisting with making coffee and setting up. Please remember to check our website and the yearbook to see who our current reciprocal clubs are.

Our next presentation will be from **Derek Lundy** on **Thursday, Mar 21 at 1900 hours** (7 pm). Please mark your calendar and look forward to an evening of Derek sharing his personal experience in preparation for offshore sailing. Refreshments will be served

**Lyle and Perry Reuhlen** are hosting an Easter cruise at the end of March. Standby for more details in March's *TellTales* and on the website. Watch for an e-mail reminder a week ahead. ■

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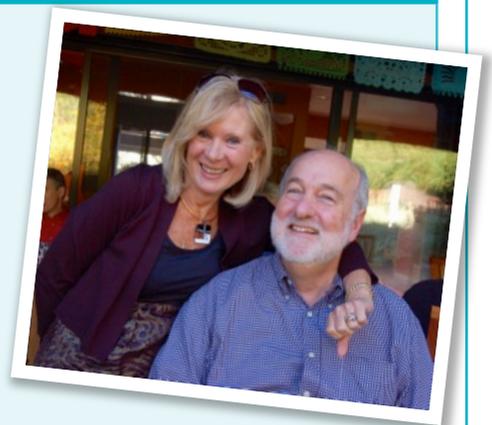
### Allan Bogutz and Yvonne Rolston

Allan Bogutz and Yvonne Rolston, formerly of the Catalina 30 *Wings*, now own the Ranger Tug *Rocinante*. Both have been longtime boaters, Yvonne for almost all of her adult life and Allan for the last 20 years or so. Nearly all of their boating has been in BC waters.

Both Allan and Yvonne are now retired, he from lawyering and she from being a teacher/librarian. They moved to Saltspring in 2008. They have three sons and one daughter, two daughters-in-law and a son-in-law, and five grandchildren, living in Vancouver, Victoria, Ithaca, NY, and Chandler, AZ. They also have Fergus the boating Westie, who travels almost everywhere with them. (Fergus prefers to see the

water rather than actually be in it.)

Boating is always an adventure and docking is always the greatest adventure (particularly with mother-in-law on board.) With her encouragement, Allan was able to rearrange the lighting on the dock at one marina, but now has bow and stern thrusters so he can easily parallel park *Rocinante*. They look forward to joining SISC and meeting its members, and to extending their boating life here in the islands. ■



# Racing Forum

by Mark Strongman, *Fleet Captain Racing*



Many thanks to everyone who attended the **Groundhog Day Brunch** and to the 13 skippers who participated in the race. Particular thanks go to those who donned aprons in the kitchen, either cooking or cleaning up.

In addition to hiding from the sun, the groundhog must have been holding his breath for the early stages of the race, since very light winds hampered the first hour. Nevertheless, the winds picked up by the Sisters and the race continued, with **Greg Slakov** in *Imp* taking line honours, followed by **Philippe Erdmer** in *Kaitoa* and **Ole Andersen** in *Caliente*. Full race results and commentary are available on the racing section of the Club website.

Our **Round Saltspring** Hospitality Committee has convened and begun the work of organizing the 2013 race, which will serve as a fundraiser for the Club's Junior Program. The main

social event will be held on Friday evening, to ensure that all participants can enjoy the excellent lamb barbecue and entertainment. The race will start on the Saturday morning as usual and, after the race concludes on Sunday, we will enjoy more hospitality at a Salmon Brunch.

Technical Chair **Richard Ballantyne** is working closely with **Lawrie Neish** and **Roger Kibble**, amongst others, to ensure the on-water activities are seamless and attractive to all levels of racer. Club members will enjoy a significant discount on race entry fees and, if you don't have a handicap rating but would like to join the race, Roger Kibble, our resident PHRF-NW representative and rating expert, will happily assist you in taking appropriate measurements and provide a one-time rating.

The annual **Portland Moresby Race** was successfully completed on February 17<sup>th</sup> (see photos below from the deck of *Kaitoa*, featuring a number of our Juniors as crew). At 26.2 miles, this race is the longest Club race and often finishes in moonlight. Watch for a report on the website, along with the Boyz Cruz on February 21-24. ■



## Dinghy Fleet Report

by Jan Fellenius, *Fleet Captain Dinghy*



I want to start off by saying thank you to those of you who have volunteered to be a part of the **Spring Work Party**. This event is crucial to ensure that the dinghies are ready for the season. We still need more people to donate their time and skills on this day, so please let me know if you can spare some time for us. We plan to rig up and “test” sail all the boats and it should be a pleasant day.

Also, we are still seeking volunteers for the **Junior Fun Sail** every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-7 pm from June 4<sup>th</sup> to Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. The volunteers will be supervising the juniors from the dock and/or the inflatable dinghy. Please contact **Sailing School Coordinator Nelly Tom-Kee** to sign up.

We are getting closer to the purchase of the new sailing dinghies. Hopefully by next month I will have some announcements! ■



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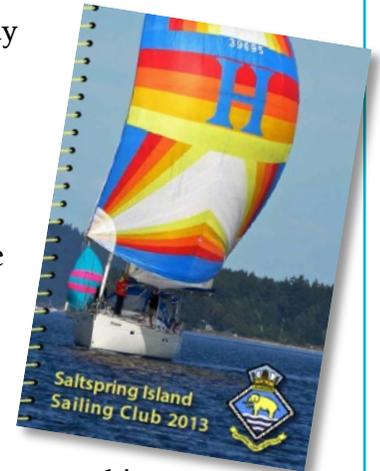
## Channels

by Silk Questo, *Communications Director*



Our **2013 Yearbook** will be hot off the press in early March, and the usual appeal will be made for all members to pick up their yearbooks and membership cards at the clubhouse. Club members will be notified when they're ready by email, on the website, and in *TellTales*.

Again this year, huge thanks to **Suzan and Ron Channey**, who have done their usual superb work on the layout and production, and to **Michael Clark** for expertly managing all the advertising. New to the team this year, **Wendy Vine** did an amazing job looking after the editing tasks. Thanks to Secretary **Peter Howell** for packaging them up for distribution.



Thanks also to those who have contributed photos throughout the year – and yes, that's **Derek Hill and Betsy Johnston's Merriweather** on the cover, photographed during the 2012 Round Saltspring Race by **Susannah Devitt**.

I have a huge request for all club members. **Please make sure you do pick up your yearbook as soon as possible after it's available.** Besides the fact that it's a useful tool, you can show your appreciation for all the hard work your fellow members have put into the yearbook (for your benefit) by remembering to stop by the clubhouse to retrieve your copy.

Work is now underway expanding our Club website, and updating the Round Saltspring Race section for 2013. We are also hoping to do a Club survey this year to hear directly from members about communications and other issues. ■

## Parting Shots

And now for something completely different to brighten up a dull grey winter day. SISC truly has a diverse and interesting membership. You never know who you're going to meet on the docks. But surely you recognize this attractive, well-dressed couple, don't you? They're real traffic stoppers. For a fabulous prize, name these SISC Mystery Members. I'll expect many, many entries this time! Send your entry to: [telltales@saltspringsailing.ca](mailto:telltales@saltspringsailing.ca)



## Editor's Log

Since we could all use another laugh at this time of year ... someone slipped this ditty into my mail slot this month and I can't resist passing it along. To the anonymous contributor, thanks for sharing.

### The Boater's Lament

(sung to the tune of "The Drunken Sailor")

Surveyed the boat at time of buying,  
Broker said, "It's no use lying.  
She needs work, there's no denying,  
Soon you'll know what (clap) BOAT means.

#### Chorus:

Bring Out Another Thousand  
Bring Out Another Thousand  
Bring Out Another Thousand  
Soon we'll know what (clap) BOAT means.

Prop shaft's leaking, needs new packing.  
Cushion's rotted, mold in backing.  
Radar's old, it won't keep tracking.  
Soon we'll know what (clap) BOAT means.

Bilge pump's failing, needs replacement.  
Hatch is cracking, needs new casement.  
West Marine's no bargain basement.  
Soon we'll know what (clap) BOAT means.

Bright work's needed, compound, waxing.  
Registration, time for taxing.  
New gen set, our credit's maxing.  
Soon we'll know what (clap) BOAT means.

Work is finished, we've weighed anchor.  
We love cruising, bear no rancor.  
But it's not cheap, we've told our banker –  
Now we know what (clap) BOAT means.



*Silk Questo*  
Editor

### January's contest winner ...



**Sam Keating**, you are a winner! Along with other sharp-eyed contestants, Sam identified **Nanaimo Harbour** in this photo of the Bastion city waterfront. If you got out your magnifying glass, you might have been able to see the Coast Hotels logo on the tall building behind the fuel dock. Sam, I'll leave your prize at the clubhouse.



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