

Tell Tales

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- 4th 0900 Marine Swap/Safety Day
- 5th 1100 Opening Day and Sailpast
- 5th 1330 No Flying Sails Race
- 7th 1900 Board Meeting
- 12th 0800 Sailing School Open House
- 17th- 19th Round Saltspring Race

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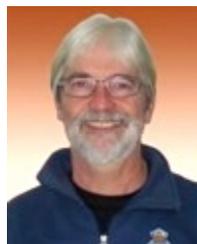
- 2nd 1030 Novice & Newcomer Race
- 4th 1900 Board Meeting
- 4th 1600 Junior Fun Sails Begin (Tue/Thu thru Sep 26th)
- 5th 1700 Wed Evening Race Series B Begins (thru Jul 31st)
- 6th-9th IOM Regatta-Nat'l Champ.
- 7th 1700 IOM Regatta Pub Night
- 18th 1900 General Meeting
- 23rd 1030 Channel Isles Race



Glorious weather graced Opening Day on May 5th as Commodore Eric van Soeren and First Mate Julie saluted 56 Club boats participating in the Sail Past.

Commodore's Report

by Eric van Soeren



Well that was a busy month! Between installing the first phase of new fingers, getting ready for Sailpast and the first Annual Safety Day, attending them, and then getting ready for Round Saltspring, and either volunteering or racing in it, it is safe to say the majority of Club members spent a fair amount of time in May at the Sailing Club. And where would you rather be anyway?

Our first **Annual Safety Day** had a great turnout. Sixteen boats were inspected for Safety Stickers by RCMSAR, 10 boats had their zincs and props inspected by a diver, 6 boats had their rigging inspected, dozens of boats had their fire extinguishers inspected, refilled or replaced, and 20 people attended the AED demonstration so they will be more comfortable using it if required.

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Commodore's Report

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And as an added bonus, over \$500 was raised for the Junior Sailing Program through the **Marine Swap Meet**.



Sailpast was also a great success this year. We had a turn out of 56 boats, and many of those who could not attend did the right thing and wrote or emailed the Commodore with their regrets. The actual Sailpast was not too much work for Julie

and me. We just had to sit on our new boat and receive the salutes from a beautiful assortment of Club boats. As usual, lunch was great thanks to the many volunteers. The **No Flying Sails Race** after lunch was at or near a record for attendance, and even though the wind did not hold, it was a great day to be on the water.

The **Round Saltspring Race** was a great success this year as well. We suffered the frequent curse of running out of wind late in the day, so many boats were not able to finish. However, the early part of the race had great wind, and it was an amazing sight to see over 100 spinnakers at the same time coming up Trincomali Channel. Final financial results are not in yet, but the silent auction alone raised over \$3,000 for the Junior Sailing Program.

We will have one more Board meeting and a **General Meeting in June**, and then much of the work will stop and members can get out on their boats, where they should be.

And if you want company on your cruises, be sure to contact **Fleet Captain Cruising Susannah Devitt** to see if she can't talk you into organizing a cruise, or connect you with others that may be planning a trip. ■

Sunny Start for Opening Day and Sailpast

IT'S A PARADE!

1 2 A snappy looking fleet saluted the Commodore in the Opening Day Sailpast **3** And there were pirates! **4** What a day to lounge on the lawn **5** The "wear a striped shirt today" memo was widely received **6** The No Flying Sails Race was very popular this year.



Rear Commodore's Report

by Bob Jones



The big news of May is always Round Saltspring. Yet again the Club put on a good show both in the marina and on the club grounds. The new marina layout appears to allow our wharfing staff to pack in more vessels.

On reflection I suspect that **Don Rose** made a big effort to find out what berths would be free and when and then consolidated Club boats so that the larger spaces on D & A docks could be used to the best effect. No matter how, it was a great effort by Don, **Heinz Vitovec**, **Taylor Devlin**, **Peter Toby** and of course **Ryan Preddy** our non-resident expert, with others dragooned for the job, no doubt.

Known to very few was the fact that the tie rail and wave fence on F Dock was held together by rope up until the Monday before the race. Creosoted lumber required to work with metal "U" bolts that had been ordered through IMC in November arrived on our dock Monday morning. While **Heinz Vitovec**, **Don Rose** and **David Questo** drilled concrete and bolted up angle plates **Chris West** and **Lief Wenstob** of Island Flotation secured the underwater part of the fence to the concrete. I became quite good at knowing what to pass to the divers and when! With RSS close by this was a important achievement.

The Finger Replacement Project continues to take up the time of both the actual and expanded foreshore team, however there is satisfaction in the progress. The highlight must be the north end of B Dock, which now has a smooth face and 6' wide fingers with 5' wide fingers for the two remaining outside fingers.

Phase two of this project has started, and will see the replacement of the two remaining old fingers



SQUEEZE PLAY — Our Wharfing team for Round Saltspring were artists at getting the most boats in the least space in our new marina configuration. Seen here (l to r): Don Rose, Heinz Vitovec, Larry Shetzer and Lisa Halstead.



on B Dock and the completion of C Dock with the exception of the 37' and 50' fingers close to F Dock. These are simple units, all are 4' wide and most are square ends.

Ben Greenhough and **Don Baxter** do a fabulous job of providing accurately cut lumber that they then drill via a jig and mark. For the rest of us it's a bit like assembling an IKEA bunk bed only everything is a lot bigger and heavier. With both greater experience and better weather we can put out a finger in a 6 hour shift including a break for lunch.

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Brian Dawes has done yeoman service removing completed units from the building table. Help is always needed on this project, if you have some time and a few basic handyman skills I would very much like to hear from you. We work Tuesdays and Thursdays from 0900 to about 1530. We try to have two teams so that each member only works one day a week. We are at 176 Norton Road.

The next tidal opportunity to launch new fingers will be Friday 7th June during the evening. We hope to put out 6 units at this time. As a last note on this subject I am pleased to report that all the old fingers from phase one now have new homes. They were given to members and sold to non-members. Looks as if I have 3 from phase two already spoken for.

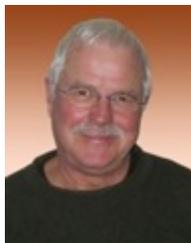
We now have a **AED** located in a water resistant cabinet located on the shore side of the marina gatehouse. We will purchase a first aid kit to go with this unit in the near future. ■



PHOTO: COLLEEN SHANTZ

Wharfinger's Report

by Don Rose



Our club has made the choice to use and provide reciprocals with 22 other clubs in our region. To run this service effectively and use the service of the other clubs a couple of very important procedures cannot be overlooked.

First up is the use of the **'sign out' board** at the gatehouse. Provide your slip number and expected return date. If you are unclear as to your return date use a buffer and date your return time a couple of days early, but please use the board.

The other procedure that we cannot afford to let slide is the position of **Duty Wharfinger**. The sign up board has been up in the gatehouse for a few weeks and thus far is not well subscribed. If you cannot pick a date for Duty Wharfinger, putting your name forward on the 'spare' list would help. Please get involved and help make the system work. ■



NOTICE

Saltspring Island Sailing Club General Meeting

Tuesday • June 18, 2013 • 1900 hrs

As previously communicated to the membership via email, the originally published Spring General Meeting date of May 28, 2013 has been rescheduled to June 18, 2013. Members will be notified of the Agenda for this meeting by email after the Agenda is confirmed at the June 4, 2013 Board Meeting. **Please plan to attend our last General Meeting before the summer break.**

Staff Captain's Report

by Lynn Clark



You had to be there to appreciate the unique atmosphere of quiet concentration and team collaboration at the **Pub & Quiz Night** hosted by **Louise and Taylor Devlin** on April 26th (photos this page). About 60 members worked enthusiastically through the five quizzes, varying from 'famous fathers' to identifying countries. Tied for winning place were Teams Elephant (captain **Chris Gadsby**) and Division A (captain **Silk Questo**).



Thank you to both Pharmasave stores for donating fun prizes.

On May 4th **Nick Hodson** organized the very successful **Marine Swap Meet** (see photos on next page) with 12 tables pre-reserved by members. **Nelly Tom-Kee** sold coffee and baked goods with profit to the



Junior Sailing Program whilst many members participated in the events of our first **Annual Safety Day**.

Under the glorious blue sky of Sunday May 5th, 56 boats participated in the **Opening Day Sailpast** and over 105 attended the buffet lunch. Sincere thanks go to the many volunteers: **Liz Erdmer** and **Dan Dickmeyer** for all the devilled eggs; **Louise Douaire** for shopping, wonderful vegetable trays and long kitchen duty; **Laura Dafoe** for flowers and kitchen work; **Aly Markert**, **Iain Leckie**, and **Victoria Skinner** in the kitchen; and **Ruth Humberstone** and **Peter and Mary Grove** for stellar, up-to-their-elbows cleanup.

Many thanks also go to the eight members who baked delicious dessert squares and contributed to bringing this event in under budget.

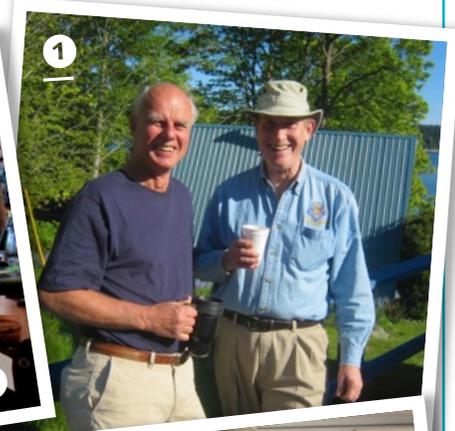
Do mark your calendars for the **Annual Salmon BBQ** to be held Sunday September 29th. Tickets will be sold at ArtSpring. ■



Marine Swap Meet and Safety Day a Hit!

Thanks to **Nick Hodson** for organizing our successful **Marine Swap Meet**, and to **Michael Clark** for pulling together our first **Annual Safety Day**, both on May 4th. The clubhouse was buzzing at the morning Swap Meet (sorry we didn't get photos of the Safety Day activities, which took place over the rest of the day). Thanks to Club members who donated items for sale at the Juniors' table to raise funds. ■

- ❶ *Peter Grove and Safety Day organizer Michael Clark take a coffee break* ❷ *Patrick Wolfe-Millner on the lookout for a customer* ❸ *Jeremy Milsom inspects the goods* ❹ *Jon Healey and Patrick Beattie are all smiles* ❺ *Swap Meet organizers Nick and Vicky Hodson's man their table* ❻ *The Juniors' table did a brisk business* ❼ *Will Gyle Keating make a sale?* ❽ *Lorne and Colleen Shantz have a deal for you!* ❾ *Ian Leckie checks out a trap ... thinking about dinner maybe?*



Dinghy Fleet Report

by Jan Fellenius, *Fleet Captain Dinghy*



Our Juniors were active in Round Saltspring this year. Nineteen Junior volunteers came out for the Round Saltspring weekend to raise funds through pop sales (with special thanks to Sailing instructor Kait), help out in all kinds of tasks, and clean up. Some significant numbers (from a clean-up perspective) ...

- 904 beer cans
- 3 bags compost
- 181 beer bottles
- 67 wine bottles
- 36 liquor bottles
- 1 bag of cardboard
- 217 pop cans
- 468 water bottles
- 6 AAA batteries
- 1 empty propane cylinder
- 149 pop bottles
- 17 tetra packs
- 2,039 drink container items returned
- 38 BBQ hotdogs for volunteers
- 13 BBQ hamburgers for Junior volunteers
- 43 pop cans for Junior volunteers
- 3 Juniors brave enough to go swimming
- 1 Fun Weekend ■

Round Saltspring Through a Junior's Lens

Round Saltspring entrant *Kaitoa*, skippered by **Philippe Erdmer**, had a lively crew of Junior members and sailing instructors on board this year. Here's a Juniors' perspective of the race through the lens of **Matti Troyer**. Thanks Matti and Philippe! ■



Open House Kicks Off Sailing School 2013

On May 12th, Mother's Day, when we opened registration for the Summer Sailing School, **Gail Beattie**, **Kait Blunt** and **Hannah Garvie-Ransen** were giving us their best effort to help parents and families register for the summer sailing classes. Our most enthusiastic merchandise expert, **Louise Devlin**, was also on deck to sell merchandise for the Summer School and for the Club. Thanks to **Mark Strongman's** registration application, we were able to enroll 25% of the students on day one. ■ —*Nelly Tom-Kee, Sailing School Coordinator*

Celebrating the 40th Time Around the Rock

by Silk Questo with inspiration from Martin Herbert



The 40th running of the Round Saltspring Race was one that saw many changes and yet had many things the same. The website provides some interesting history which shows

how much the race has changed over the years. The length of the race and the wiles of Mother Nature came through again – as they do every year – to provide challenges aplenty for the many sailors who took the test.

This year's race got off to an exciting upwind start, and before the race was over, competitors were challenged with a wide range of conditions that brought the first place winner home with a corrected time of 8:23:09, and the last place boat over the line with a corrected time of 22:23:45. In between were a fast downwind leg that filled Trincomali Channel with a parade of spinna-kers, some drenching showers, lots of strategic current play, a gorgeous sunset, and a frustratingly calm, moonlit evening that rewarded only the patient. Fifty-five of the 107 boats starting had finished by the time limit at 1000 hours on Sunday morning – and of those, more than 30 finished within two hours of the time limit.

Only one boat, that we know of, served a full prime rib dinner en route. Congratulations to *Soul Thyme* skipper **Keith Simpson** and his vast crew. You may have finished under the wire, but you certainly did it in style!

Division 1 leader and winner of the overall Marshall Sharp Trophy was *Baaad Kitty!* out of Royal Victoria YC. Second place went to *My-Tai* of Sidney North Saanich YC, and third place to *Tripp Tease* of Comox Bay SC, both in Division 1. The Round Saltspring Trophy for top placing SISC entrant went to *Imp*, skippered by **Craig Leitch**, sailing in Division 2. Other SISC boats winning Division honours were *Electra*, skippered by **Roger Kibble** (2nd place in Div 4), and *Velica*, single-handed by **Vincent Argiro** (2nd place in Div 6).

Complete results can be found on the website at <http://saltspringsailing.ca/roundsaltspring/results/>. ■

The Winners' Circle



FROM TOP: Skipper Ben Power and crew of Baaad Kitty! win their first Marshall Sharp trophy; Imp skipper Craig Leitch takes the Round Saltspring Trophy; Division second place winners Roger Kibble (left) and Vincent Argiro (above) receive their plaques from race chair Mark Strongman.

A Great Weekend on Sea and Shore



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While the 2013 Round Saltspring had every kind of wind (from brisk to none), and weather (from drenching rain to brilliant sunshine), the hospitality was always warm, the food superb, and the on-shore events fun. It's what we're famous for! ■

- 1 *The exciting Division 1 start* 2 *Caliente charges the line*
 3 *Imp, under new management but still a winner* 4 *The wet, fast spinnaker run up Trincomali* 5 *Baaad Kitty! digs in her claws* 6 *Mystic in the sunset parking lot off Cape Keppel*
 7 *Skippers' meeting*
 8 *Sunday brunch in the sun* 9 *Wall to wall fun in the Pub Tent.*



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Round Saltspring: The People's Choice

Why has ours been called “the best regatta on the coast” by participants? A picture is worth a thousand words. ■

- ❶ *Philippe and his enthusiastic Juniors crew*
- ❷ *Huge thanks to Stuart Dahlgren of Event Sponsor UK Sails, who learned to sail as a Junior at SISC*
- ❸ *Racewear mavens Julie, Louise & Nancy*
- ❹ *Salmon BBQ chefs extraordinaire*
- ❺ *Lawrie, king of the finish line*
- ❻ *Bob & Ben overseeing the docks*
- ❼ *Girls just wanna have fun: Dorothy, Karen & Suzanne*
- ❽ *Photographer and jack of all trades Ryan*
- ❾ *Our technical race chair, Rich*
- ❿ *Hey, Bartender! Peter, Peter & Kim*
- ⓫ *Dancing up a storm ...*
- ⓬ *... to the sounds of the Fabulous Flakes*
- ⓭ *Luscious fruit salad to match the T-shirts.*



PHOTOS: MAGGIE ARGIRO, PHILIPPE ERDMER, SILK QUESTO

International One Metre Report

by Martin Herbert, IOM #99

The big news for the IOM fleet is that we are again hosting the **Canadian National Championships**. The even bigger news is that an incredible sailor and yacht designer from New Zealand is coming to race with us. Ian Vickers, who has designed at least eight hull shapes for IOMs and just became the new US Champ is on his way North. Ian has been based in San Francisco working on the America's Cup boats for the last few years but still finds time to sail radio-controlled boats. His win at the US Nationals, which was held at the Oracle site and featured guest appearances of top AC helmsmen, was made all the more spectacular as he was up against the current World Champion, Brad Gibson, who jetted in from England for the event.



Here is a photo of a start sent by our American friends, probably to strike terror into our hearts. Victoria based IOM designer David Cook has characterized the buying frenzy happening down south as an 'arms race' as our competitors are buying the best

boats from England and New Zealand at quite high prices. On the other hand their fleets have tripled in size while our fleets have remained stagnant. Good close racing like this makes you sharp while sailing around by yourself just makes you tired.

Only the Hornby Fleet has grown and has a good training regime. They also have a great designer, boat builder, coach and sailmaker in Graham Herbert. Graham traveled to Seattle this spring and kept alive the Canadian Sweep of the COW Cup. Your local sailors will be putting in last minute practice at the Club before the big event. **June 7th, 8th and 9th** are the race days. Come down to the club and watch a few races (there will be many) and check out some of the boats. In our Club, lumbered with handicap racing, this will be some of the most exciting 'class' racing that you will get to see. ■

Secretary's Report

by Peter Howell



Please welcome **Bruce and Kiran Dhingra Stenstrom** as new Regular members of our Club. We hope to provide a

profile to introduce these new members to the Club soon.

We would also like to welcome **Craig Leitch and Julie Mills** to the Regular member roster. Craig has been an associate member since 2003, and has recently become the proud owner of race boat *Imp*, which he skippered in the 2013 Round Saltspring, winning the trophy for best SISC finisher.

I would like to correct an error in our 2013 Yearbook. As it happens, we have three Howells in our Regular member roster. I and my partner Mary Atwater own the sailboat *Breakaway*. The boat ownership status of the other two Howells has, unfortunately, been reversed in the Yearbook.

For the record: **Frederick and Jean Howell** are the owners of the trawler *Commitment*. **David and Joy Howell** do not currently own a boat.

This error will be corrected in our Club database and in next year's Yearbook, with apologies. ■

A Fine Weekend for a Buddy Cruise

by Victoria Skinner

Editor's note: Although a formal Club cruise was not in the cards this year for the May long weekend, many of our members kicked off the summer cruising season by setting out on a weekend adventure on their own, or in informal groups. Victoria Skinner recounts one such moveable feast.

On Friday May 17th, **Lynn and Michael Clark, Debbie and Bevan Wrate, Victoria Skinner and Denis Fortin** travelled to Russell Island and were rewarded, after some heavy rain, with a fabulous sunset over Fulford Harbour. We explored the island and the homestead, and were amazed at the number and size of the garter snakes there. We encountered **Jon and Jen Healey** on shore and **Arlene and Don Dashwood** in their dinghy with their grandson.

We also travelled to Bouchard Cove and on Sunday had a delicious breakfast at the Brentwood Resort. Sunday, back to Russell Island. We were told that there were quite a few club members anchored there as well.

Each boat hosted dinner on board one night and did we eat fabulous feasts. We had Italian, Moroccan, and Indian dinners. There were lots of laughs and joke telling going on. A really good time was had by all. ■

RIGHT (from top): Sunset over Fulford Harbour from Russell Island; Selyna Rose makes way with fair skies and calm waters; Lynn Clark, Deb Wrate and Victoria Skinner aboard Selyna Rose; Michael Clark, Denis Fortin and Bevan Wrate; At anchor off Russell Island.

ABOVE: Lynn, Michael and Pepper dinghy back from shore.



Upcoming Cruises: Something for Everyone

by Silk Questo

A number of summer cruising-in-company opportunities are in the offing, which range from local to long-distance. Club members interested in any of these are invited to email [Susannah Devitt, Fleet Captain Cruising](#) for more information, or contact the cruise organizers directly. If you're planning a cruise this summer and would like some company, please let Susannah know. Watch the cruising pages on the Club website for updates as they become available.

A Big Trip Round the Big Island

Dates: June 10 – July 12

Route: Clockwise around Van Isle

Organizers: John & Diane Lugsdin

About the cruise: A great chance to undertake this challenging trip in company with buddy boats.

Those interested in this cruise must be prepared for

scheduled offshore passages. For more information, [click here](#), visit the SISC website cruising page, or contact John Lugsdin.



Broughton Islands Rendezvous

Dates: July 14 – July 16

Destination: To be confirmed

Organizers: John & Diane Lugsdin

About the cruise: A rendezvous is planned for the return leg of the Lugsdins' Vancouver Island cruise. Any club boats planning to be in the area are invited to the rendezvous.



Princess Louisa Inlet Summer Cruise

Dates: Mid-July (to be confirmed)

Route: Across the Georgia Strait to Princess Louisa Inlet and return

Organizers: Keith Simpson and Jody Hawley

About the cruise: The 8-10 day itinerary is



expected to include Nanaimo, Jedediah Island, Jervis Inlet, Princess Louisa Inlet, Smugglers Cove, Silva Bay and return to

Saltspring. Expect a minimum of 3-5 hours underway each day. Contact Keith Simpson for more information.

August Open Boat Cruise

Dates: August 20 – August 22 (to be confirmed)

Route: Galiano, Wallace and De Courcy Islands

Organizers: Casey de Jong and Rob Denny

About the cruise: As last year, this will be a special cruise for small open boats, accompanied by one or more 'mother

ships', for an intimate exploration of the Gulf Islands at water level.

Overnights are planned (onshore tenting, or bunking aboard mother ships) at

Conover Cove and Pirates Cove. Due to the nature of the cruise, conditions will dictate route and pace. Contact the organizers directly for more information. ■



Channels

by Silk Questo,
Communications Director



Thanks to all the Club members who took the time to share their opinions on Club communications in our recent online survey. We now have a much clearer picture of what channels members are using to keep up on Club business and events, and what your communication preferences are.

The only big surprise in the survey was the number of people who responded – 130 surveys were filled out, a stunning participation rate that would make market research professionals green with envy. I'm thrilled at this level of engagement and appreciate your help.

Overall, there's a pretty high satisfaction level with what we're doing now, and it appears that most communication channels are well used. However, there's nothing in the world that can't be improved, and we received many good suggestions in the comments sections.

I'll be providing a summary report and recommendations to the executive at our next Board meeting June 4th, and will share the survey results and future plans with members in our Summer issue of *TellTales* in late June.

Meanwhile, please keep up with June events and summer news at www.saltspringsailing.ca ■

McMillan Trophy Race

Eleven Club boats enjoyed a fine breeze in this year's **McMillan Trophy Race** on April 21st. Top finishes went to the light boats, with *Imp* and *Kay D* trading first and second places depending on which rating rules are applied (Club or PHRF), and *Sprite* finishing third. For a full race report from **Martin Herbert**, [click here](#) to visit the racing page on the website. Thanks to **Philippe Erdmer** for more great race photos! ■



The Boatbuilders Among Us

Story and photos by Martin Herbert

There is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.

— Kenneth Grahame, *“The Wind in the Willows”*

Three Club members have been busy in their shops, and here is a little report on their progress.

First is **Greg Slakov** who built himself a nutshell pram to serve as a tender. Here are two shots of it under construction. It is finished now and Greg did a superb job.



The nutshell comes in two sizes, 7 and 9 feet. This is the smaller of the two and has a huge reputation on the East Coast and around the world. While

looking a bit boxy upside down, when upright and in the water it is quite a yacht. It also has a sailing version and would make a great boat to get the grandkids started on a life adventure.

Rob Denny has started a major project on a Paul Gartside designed boat (*see above right*). As usual with Rob, he is doing meticulous work and these are some of the components being checked against the lofting drawn on plywood on the shop floor.



Martin Herbert – And I am building a double paddle canoe for exploring the lakes on the island. Below is a shot of the building jig and then of the hull planked up. This boat is based on the Rob Roy, a canoe from the turn of the last century. It has been interpreted by many modern designers including Ian Oughtred whose advice on freeboard made a lot of sense to me. He noted that there was not the massive wake of powerboats when the original was designed and so recommended raising the freeboard slightly. This boat is almost 12 feet long and will weigh in at 38 pounds when finished. It has one paddler and a kayak type paddle, perfect for a quiet hour on the water at dawn or just before sunset to meditate on the beauty of our world. ■



A Tribute to Harold Brochmann

by Jon Healey

It was with sadness that we learned of Past Commodore Harold Brochmann's death in late March after a long, debilitating illness which he bore nobly.

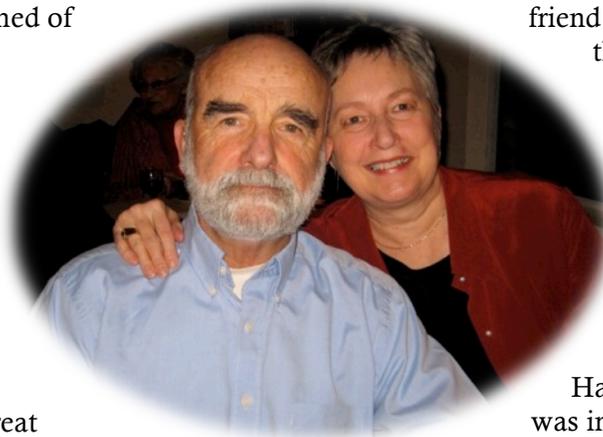
Until illness forced him to slow down Harold was a large presence in our Club. He was often to be found on the docks or tending his second lady love, *Gypsy*. Harold was always setting his crab trap in great anticipation of a fabulous feast. He enjoyed eating them as much as sharing them. In addition to serving as Commodore in 1998, he was Cruise Captain and served on many committees.

Harold was born in Oslo, Norway. He was still a youngster when he moved to England and on to Canada. Harold had fond memories of his early life with his many cousins in Norway. In talking about his time there, we noted that his name was the same as the current King of Norway. Fittingly, Harold brought a strong Norwegian flavour to his own life. His attraction to the sea and boats and membership in our Club was also a natural part of his heritage. His father was a Captain on a freighter and Harold spent his summers working on board. The sextant that he contributed to the club belonged to his father.

Before moving to Saltspring Island, Harold had a career in education, teaching first in Nova Scotia, then on to Ghana, to St. Vincent, and North Vancouver where the culmination of his career was the Computer Consultant for the North Vancouver School District.

With his experience in computers, Harold, assisted by his wife Candace, produced *Tell Tales*. He was instrumental in making this newsletter an informative and entertaining publication for our Club.

On Saltspring Harold gained a reputation for preparing excellent meals and eating experiences that were interesting, if sometimes out of the ordinary. Lucky friends would get a telephone call and invitation to one of his fine lunches, usually with Norwegian overtones. Like Pooh Bear delivering a honey pot, he was not above sampling a treat while on the way to visit. A



friend recalled, "There was a knock at the door and there was Harold with a fresh bag of mussels and a loaf of hearty bread with a few chunks out of it." And if he felt the need, he could provide not so subtle hints. The friend remembered, "Harold had a coffee grinder with him, as we made the worst coffee."

Harold's main interest at the Club was in cruising. The Brochmanns' adventures took them beyond our Gulf Islands to Vancouver, Puget Sound, Princess Louisa, Desolation Sound and the Broughtons. He also circumnavigated Vancouver Island twice.

His trips were not without incident. Harold's intellectual drive and need to understand how things worked sometimes led to unorthodox views about the design or use of some devices – anchors and anchoring being a particular example. Long discussions might ensue, but in the words of one friend, "Harold was a man who had to see for himself. It was not enough to be told. It always had to be first-hand." Sometimes this resulted in adventures with dragging anchors, or discovering rocks where none were expected, but – never rattled – Harold took everything as a learning experience.

At the same time he was generous to a fault and would go to great lengths to help a friend or the Sailing Club when the need arose. Until the past few years, Harold was a regular at work parties. His favourite activity was balancing on a ladder, trimming the willow and maple that grew on each side of the walkway from the clubhouse, amid cries of "he has definitely killed it this time." But each year the trees flourished. Preparation of this article involved trolling through my memories of Harold and those of his many friends. Although in some respects it was a sad journey, it was also great fun, remembering and hearing about the many wonderful facets of his personality. I think it most fitting to end by quoting Candace's closing words for his obituary in the *Driftwood*.

"Harold was a much loved curmudgeon, full of wit and intelligence and will be badly missed by everyone who knew and loved him." ■

Parting Shots

This landmark mansion in the islands just south of the dotted line was built over 100 years ago by a wealthy shipbuilder and one time mayor of Seattle. Complete with museum and a music room featuring a pipe organ, it's now a popular marine resort offering berths and mooring buoys. For a special prize from Louise's Club gear stash, where are we? Send your entry to: telltales@saltspringsailing.ca



Editor's Log

I know it's time to get back out on the cruising grounds when I run out of pictures for the "Parting Shots" contest, and I'm pretty well tapped out.

The May long weekend always feels like the ceremonial start of summer, especially with the excitement of Round Saltspring weekend to stimulate those sailing instincts. This is the first year since way back in the late 1980s that we participated in the race, and it gave me a fresh perspective on our signature event. It truly is a specatular effort by a large number of Club volunteers, and I now appreciate it even more. And, though I think I say this every year, was the lamb not the best yet? My vote is yes.

My sincere thanks to volunteer race photographers **Maggie Argiro** and **Ryan Preddy**, as well as contributor **Matti Troyer**, who captured some great shots from the deck of *Kaitoa*. You're the best!

We still have some exciting events coming up in June, including hosting the Canadian Nationals for International One Metres, and if you'd like to rub elbows with some serious small boat sailors, join the party at the special Pub Night on June 7th.

But now that I've got the salt air up my nose again, I'm hankering to get away from the dock as soon and as often as possible. See you on the water!

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April's contest winner ...



With several correct guesses this month, a roll of the dice gives the prize to **Rich Ballantyne**, who correctly identified **Silva Bay**, **Gabriola Island**. He also identified **Tugboat Island** in the background and even thinks his mast might be one of those at the RVicYC outstation. We'll have to give him a harder one next time. Pick up your prize in the clubhouse lobby Rich!



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