

Tell Tales

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- 1st 0930 Walker Rock Race
- 3rd 1900 Board Meeting
- 13th 1700 Meet & Greet Pub Night
- 14th-15th Spring Regatta
- 29th 1030 Round Prevost Race

April 2015

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- 3rd-6th Easter Cruise
- 7th 1900 Board Meeting
- 12th 1030 Bas Cobanli Memorial Race
- 18th 0830 Spring Work Party
- 24th 1700 Spring Pub Night
- 26th 1030 Moresby-Portland Race



The racing season is off to a flying start, with some thrilling sailing in the Spring Regatta. More racing pictures start on page 7.

Commodore's Report

by Patrick Beattie



The sun is out and the water to the docks is turned on so Spring must be here. There is a great amount of activity on the docks these days. With that being said we have had a few problems with non-members using the marina.

I ask that members who see people on the docks that are not members, or reciprocals members, or guests of members, to report them to the Commodore or Wharfinger immediately. And please do not give the gate code out to anyone!

It was great to see such a great turn out to the **Meet and Greet** social to welcome the new members. Staff Captain **Betsy Johnston** and her crew put on a great event. It was a great opportunity to put a face to the names.

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Commodore's Report

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Pete McGovern and his team are well underway in preparing for this year's **Round Saltspring Race**. I encourage those members who have not volunteered yet to contact **Wendy Vine** so your name can be forwarded to the appropriate person.

For those members who have not visited the web site recently you are missing out. The communication team under **Silk Questo** does a great job of posting vast amount of info such as the great racing reports and other news of what's happening at the Club.

The cruising season is off to a good start with the upcoming **Easter Cruise to Winter Cove**. This cruise will be led by myself and Gail on *Last Call*. Please let the Commodore know if you plan to attend.

There's lots more going on at the Club in a variety of areas. As you will see in **Eric van Soeren's** report, the zoning issue is moving forward and we will keep you up to date as this progresses.

Rear Commodore **Derek Emmerson's** crew have been very busy under the watchful eye of **David Questo**, replacing and installing fixtures on the docks.

Secretary **Deb McGovern** has put together the 2015 membership cards and they are now available for pick up in the clubhouse.

Our new Fleet Captain Dinghy, **Bruce Stenstrom**, has been working on plans for the 2015 Summer Sailing School, and the courses and schedule are now up on our website.

I urge members to attend the upcoming Spring Work Party. **Paul McManus** is hard at work putting together the list of jobs needing to be done. I look forward to seeing every one at the Club. ■

SPRING WORK PARTY

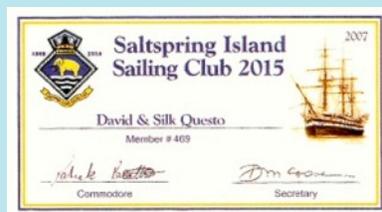
Saturday, April 18th • 0830 hours



Notice to Members!

Please remember to pick up your 2015 Membership Card in the clubhouse lobby

They will remain available to pick up at the clubhouse for a limited time. Anyone planning to take advantage of free moorage at our reciprocal clubs this year will want to have this on board as proof of membership!



Vice Commodore's Report

by Paul McManus



It is hard to believe that five months have gone by since I assumed the position of Vice Commodore. It has been a fun and exciting time for me with Board meetings, attending Pub Nights and Meet & Greets, sailing functions, and both getting to meet Club members and welcome new members into the Club. What a great Club we have, with wonderful facilities and a dynamic membership!

Spring has arrived, the water is back on the docks and everyone is busy with boat cleanup and formulating cruising plans for the summer. You can feel the anticipation in the air. Of course, spring also brings a busy time for Club events. Upcoming we have the **Spring Work Party** on Saturday April 18th, **Marine Swap Meet and Safety Day** on May 2nd, **Opening Day and Sailpast** on May 3rd, and the **Round Saltspring Race** on May 15th–17th.

Both the Spring Work Party and the Round Saltspring Race require a large commitment of volunteer time from Club members so please try to give of your time.

Please keep watch on the website and the clubhouse lobby for charts outlining jobs for the Spring Work Party that you can sign up for. No experience is necessary; there will be folks there to coordinate your efforts. Also, if you can volunteer to help with House and Grounds duties during the Round Saltspring Race, contact either myself or **Wendy Vine**, Volunteer Coordinator. Even a few hours is appreciated.

House and Grounds, under Coordinator **Wayne Tepper**, have been hard at work with the myriad of tasks required to keep our clubhouse and grounds in great shape. One project currently underway is the expansion of the storage cabinets

downstairs, which will give us much needed additional space for securing Club property.

Another project completed this winter was the refurbishing of the Club sewing machine thanks to the efforts of **Michael Clark**. It is available for member use, so watch for an email blast soon announcing a course on how to use the machine. This course is required for those who are interesting in using the machine to make sail, upholstery, or canvas repairs for their boats.

See you all at the Spring Work Party. ■

First Aid Course

at Saltspring Island Sailing Club
April 25 – 26, 2015 • 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Salt Spring Island Power and Sail Squadron, in collaboration with Active Response Training, is providing a comprehensive two-day **Standard First Aid** course is tailored to address first aid emergencies on the water, including CPR and AED training. Three-year Red Cross certification upon completion. **More information on this course is on the Club website.**

When help may be a distance away, knowing how to respond in an emergency is vital to ensure the best possible outcome. First aid is one of these skills that we hope we never have to use, but if you ever find yourself in an emergency situation, you will be glad you have taken this course.

Cost: \$130 for CPS and SISC members (regular \$150)
\$240 for couples sharing materials

Space is limited. Call today to secure your seat!

To register, contact Laura Dafoe 537-8804



Rear Commodore's Report

by Derek Emmerson



With the early arrival of beautiful Spring weather, significant progress has been made on the list of tasks for the docks.

In particular, a timely opportunity arose with Bellavance Welding for fabrication of aluminum items including safety ladders, hose racks, supports for the utility lines from C to F dock and a new box for the transformer on BW dock. Seizing the opportunity, **David Questo** and **Heinz Vitovec** spent a feverish two days in the Bellavance shop assisting with the work.

These items were later installed on the docks with additional help from **Ben Greenhough, Iain Leckie, Bob Jones** and myself. Finger stabilizers were also fitted to the 48 foot fingers on C dock. My thanks to the team for their continued contributions towards enhancement of our facilities. Thirty-five ladders remain to be upgraded to all aluminum as the budget allows later this year.

Less visible are the installation of lamps in the electrical cabinets to reduce condensation during the cold months of the year. This should improve longevity and reliability of this expensive equipment. Thanks to **Ron Sturm** for this work.

More noticeable are the brightly coloured access panels on the docks. Red panels are for access to fire hose connections and blue for water shut-off valves. Hopefully we will never have to use the former. There will be instruction on the use of fire equipment during the **Marine Swap Meet and Safety Day** on May 2nd.

Members with moorings on BW and opposite on C dock will be relieved to see the dock wheel now protecting the sharp W corner of BW dock.

Had there been ice on the docks this winter (rather

than the warm weather we enjoyed), the anti-slip strips installed by **Derek Barrio** on the bridge from A to B dock would have been appreciated.

Coming up soon, on April 18th, is our **Spring Work Party** and Clean-up Day. Paul McManus, Vice Commodore and I are co-operating on preparing lists of jobs. In addition to the usual posting of sign up sheets in the clubhouse lobby, the job list will be published on the Club website for early selection.

Finally, a reminder that agreements for the use of electrical power, other than for maintenance work, expire on April 1st. Evidence of boat work is already becoming more apparent with the warming weather. I wish all a satisfying and safe boating season ahead. ■

MARINE SWAP MEET & SAFETY DAY



Saturday, May 2nd

Watch the Club website for details on obtaining Swap Meet sales tables, Safety Day activities and inspection services, and volunteering to help out!

Staff Captain's Report

by Betsy Johnston



The March 13th **Meet and Greet Pub Night** was very successful with about 75 people attending to meet our new members. This year we asked some members to help make the food to complement the food supplied by the club, which worked out very well and made for a wonderful variety and abundance of appetizers.

A big thank you goes out to **Laura Dafoe** and **Sharon Hawke** of the Social Events Committee for helping organize and prep for the evening, and to **Pauline Spencer, Jan Fellenius, Nellie Tom Kee, RB Bortz** and everyone else who pitched in helping with the prep and clean up. Thanks also to everyone who prepared and brought such great appies! **Aly Markert** did a terrific job as usual organizing volunteers for the Meet and Greet. *continued on page 6*

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS ...

- 1 Steve and Cindy West were introduced by their sponsor, Jeremy Milsom
- 2 Eric van Soeren introduces our newest member, Greg Taylor
- 3 This "New Member" came as a guest of Nancy and RB Boertz
- 4 Nancy Coté and Alan Sobieralski with sponsor Lynn Clark
- 5 Christopher Cheeseman and Gillian Taylor share a laugh with sponsor Tony McEwen
- 6 Nancy B wastes no time introducing the newcomers to our Club gear shop
- 7 A gorgeous spread of appies, complete with spring flowers
- 8 Jeremy Milsom was Sponsor for Todd and Connie Brett, represented here by Todd.



Staff Captain's Report

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Coming Up

Our next major Club event coming up is the Spring Work Party on April 18th. Aly already has a full roster of volunteers lined up to make muffins for the morning coffee break. See you there! ■

MORE PUB NIGHT MEETING & GREETING

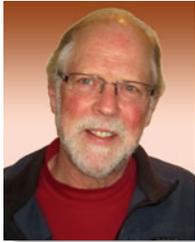
- 1 Staff Captain Betsy Johnston with Chental Wilson
- 2 Nelly Tom-Kee, Norbert Schlenker and Jan Fellenius
- 3 Nancy and RB Bortz mind the store
- 4 Rod and Alicia Macdonald
- 5 Sharon Hawke serves a good looking plate of wings
- 6 Julie and Eric van Soeren
- 7 David Questo, Glenys Prince and Derek Emmerson
- 8 Dorothy Finnigan and Alex Golden
- 9 Aly Markert and Iain Leckie help themselves to appies
- 10 Liz and Philippe Erdmer
- 10 Lisa Halstead and Heinz Vitovec
- 10 Captains Bob Jones, Derek Hill and Gord Dafoe.



PHOTOS: SILK QUESTO

Racing Forum

by Kevin Vine, *Fleet Captain Racing*



Round Saltspring

As of mid-March, we already had 35 boats registered for Round Saltspring. Here's an interesting fun fact: As of mid-March, Swiftsure had 34.

(Editor's note: latest count for Round Saltspring registrants on March 28 is

41 boats, with Swiftsure just a nose or two ahead).

Volunteers are eagerly signing up! Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this great event. Details for how to volunteer are on the website and Club bulletin boards.

Round Saltspring Chair, **Pete McGovern**, reports that the ducks are coming into line as they should, and we are ramping up for what looks like yet another fantastic event!

The Winter Craze

February 21-22 — Nine sailboats and one power boat joined the Winter Craze fleet to enjoy some exceptional February weather, with just enough wind to complete the first leg of the course to Port Browning. The crews gathered at the end of the day to have an excellent happy hour on *Merriweather*, then partake in Ribs Night at the pub.



The Leg 2 start was one of the few where we get to enjoy the luxury of starting with a real committee boat, thanks to Kim and Karen on *Nest Egg*.

Leg 2 (back to SISC) started in a rather selective breeze, leaving the boats on the left hand side of the course to wallow in the swell while the right

side boats sailed away into the distance. The race was pretty much over by the time the fleet drifted past the short course mark at the Conconi Reef marker, and even though some crews had aspirations of completing the full course, they were clearly unrealistic, as the entire fleet wound up finishing the long course under power.

Gyle and Martin on *Wildfire* managed both Line Honours and First Corrected for both legs. Unfortunately, this event did not count toward points! This race saw the debut of *Skeena Cloud*, a new boat to new member Greg Taylor.

Walker Rock Race

March 1 — It didn't look like there was going to be enough wind to propel the boats around the course, as March on Saltspring came in a bit like a lamb.

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LEFT: *Winter Craze committee boat Nest Egg.*
ABOVE: *Walker Rock racers making the best of little wind.*

RIGHT: *Even Martin gave up and came home behind Merriweather.*



Racing Forum

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To compensate, the fleet moved out to the mouth of the harbour to begin the start. However, the gentle breeze was not enough to overcome the ever-present currents in Trincomali and by early afternoon, the 10-boat fleet had been pared down to an intrepid three: *Kaitoa*, *Electra* and *Radiant Heat*, who claimed podium positions in that order. All other boats retired to share 4th place!



PHOTOS: PHILIPPE ERDMER, BETSY JOHNSTON

The Spring Regatta

March 14-15 — Typical spring-like conditions dominated this successful event. Saturday's fleet enjoyed boisterous winds (up to 30+ knots) in flat-sea conditions that were sunny and warm. Sunday dawned rainy and rather dreary, with a slow start, but the wind eventually picked up, making for an exciting sail, even though the boats and crews came home wringing wet!

Saturday's two races were mirror-images of each other: Race 1 went to Batt Rock, then U-62, then home. Race 2 reversed the course. The fleet's elapsed times for both races were very similar, despite the gusty, variable breezes.

The after-the-race potluck appetizers on the breakwater picnic tables was exceptional, as we enjoyed each others' company in the warm afternoon sun. Thank you to everyone who brought goodies!

Sunday's fleet elected to go around Prevost Island,

and while the start was slow, things picked up and the fleet charged home in big wind again.

Of note in this regatta are the consistent first and second finishes of *Electra* and *Oasis* for all three regatta races. *Electra* (1-2-1) squeezed past *Oasis* (2-1-2) with *Kaitoa* (3-4-4) a distant third. It's fair to say that a good time was had by all!

PHRF-NW or -BC?

By now you may have heard rumours to the effect that all Vancouver Island Yacht and Sailing Clubs are considering a proposal to align with PHRF-BC for the 2016 season. The consensus at this point is that there will be many benefits ensuing from this, and the hope is to accomplish this realignment with a commitment for continued cooperation and collaboration between both organizations.

What impact will this have on the average sailor? Initially, perhaps not much, although the aspiration is that the reorganization will have the potential to result in more effective, responsive, and fair rating practices and schemas for all.

Check the website for the full story, complete results, and photos behind the races. Or better yet, sign up at racing@saltspringsailing.ca to be part of the Racers' List and get all the updates by email. ■

LEFT: Walker Rock racers at the dock. ABOVE: Roger makes an adjustment to Electra's gear; View from the deck of Kaitoa; Spring Regatta potluck on the breakwater.



Wharfinger's Report

By Rod Macdonald



I am having a **Daily Duty Wharfinger workshop** at the clubhouse on April 4th at 1030 am. There will be an email blast closer to the day to refresh the memory for this very popular volunteer Club program.

The **Daily Duty Wharfinger sign-up board** has been installed at the gatehouse. Please enter both your name and your phone number so it is easier to remind the next day's Wharfinger.

A reminder to all who have the habit of storing excess sailing gear, crab traps, tarps and the odd fuel container on the fingers: please refrain from your wayward ways. Store the stuff at home or on your boat.

During the **Spring Work Party** I am hoping all will have **labelled their dinghies** with their member number, mother ship name or their own name.

All those that are missing identification will find it applied by a large felt marker as has been done in the past. Thanks for all your cooperation in this matter.

For all your interest the Club is nearly full, with only the odd 30' finger slip available and of course D-Dock Lineal, but am working on a solution to that.

Water was turned on March 8th for those who haven't noticed. Please keep your eyes and ears open for any leaks and report as required.

Also April is approaching – the last month in our winter power season – so remember to change over to your summer usage May 1st.

Thanks all and enjoy our Spring weather. ■



It's Volunteer Time, Folks!

Plans for the annual Round Saltspring Race are shaping up. Please mark the long weekend in May (15th-17th) on your calendar, for fun and frolic among the keenest racers you'll find anywhere. For complete information on

Round Saltspring weekend as plans are finalized, go to the [Round Saltspring Race website](#).

Volunteers are needed in all areas of the race. If you haven't already been contacted or haven't yet declared your interest in helping out, please contact the following people and you will be enthusiastically given a job:

House and Grounds area

[Paul McManus](#) – 537-5044

Helping to dock boats

[Patrick Wolfe-Milner](#) – 537-5126

Food services

Jill Sydneysmith – 537-1007

Helping to run the race itself

[Richard Ballantyne](#) – 931-1648

Volunteer questions or issues

[Wendy Vine](#) – 537-9265



International One Metre Report

by Martin Herbert, IOM #34

The month of March has seen our One Metre sailors in serious practice mode for the first regatta of the year, Beaver Fever. This event is also the Western Canadian Championships this year. Our newest recruit, **Mark Wallace** scored a beautiful boat from the Hornby Fleet and has been right in the thick of things locally from the start. The Hornby boats are good solid machines, well rigged and fast. They race three times a week and so the boats are well tested. Mark and I went over to Beaver Lake (*below*) earlier in the month to test the location and the locals. **Ole Anderson** came as well but not to sail... check out his video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRSDSULxV4k&feature=em-share_video_user



Roger, Mark and I were all set to go but the best laid plans sometimes go awry and at the last minute I was unable to attend. Team Saltspring set off to do battle with a formidable fleet of very experienced racers.

Roger Kibble threw down the gauntlet immediately by winning the seeding race. The depth of talent in this fleet of 22 boats is impressive and it is

hard to stay in the lead as his next three scores, 10th, 15th and 20th show. Mark, in his first IOM regatta struggled for the first four races, then came out of the box in race five to take a second place. At the end of Day One, Mark had three top ten finishes and was in 18th place while Roger had two top ten finishes and was in 19th place. The top three places were held down by American Jerry Brower, local Peter Stevens and Graham Herbert from Hornby Island.

And so they rested.

Day Two was in much lighter winds and again Roger jumped out of the box to win the first race. He and Mark had, first, to do well (place in the first six) in the B heat, which they did, then race with the A fleet boats. In the six races of the day they both moved up and down the fleets three times in the fierce competition. At the end of the day Roger had clawed his way to 17th place while Mark held on to 18th. At the top of the fleet, Graham Herbert pulled up two places to win the Championship in a tie breaker over Jerry Brower. Peter Stevens, one of our representatives at the Worlds, came third.

Our next big event is the National Championships, hosted by Saltspring Island Sailing Club on the first weekend in June. ■

Channels

By Silk Questo



Our team has been busy putting together the 2015 Club Yearbook, and it will soon be off to the

printer. I'm happy to report that again this year it looks like we will pay for the yearbook entirely out of advertising sales. Thanks to **Suzan and Ron Chamney** for all their efforts on production.

I have also been updating a number of pages on the website, including the 2015 Sailing School pages, the latest participants registered for the Round Saltspring Race, the Calendar of Events pages and more. The objective is to always have the website up to date so it will be the first place members look for current information. Thanks to **Kevin Vine** for his part in keeping the racing pages up-to-the-minute.

As part of the Communications team's assistance to other committees, we're helping get ready for Round Saltspring, and soon you'll see **Louise Devlin's** smart line of race wear for 2015 on the website.

I've also designed new break-water and dock signs for the Foreshore group. These will post Club property as "private". We're waiting on fabrication bids now, but look for new signs a bit later on this spring. ■

Secretary's Report

by Deborah McGovern



Despite the ominous timing, the traditional, and always very enjoyable, New Members **Meet & Greet Pub Night** was held on Friday, March 13th, on what turned out to be a perfect early spring evening.

The event was attended by a broad cross-section of members, new and not-so-new, all of whom mingled and munched on the fabulous hors d'oeuvres provided by **Betsy Johnston's** crew. (In case you missed it, there are lots of photos of the event on pages 5 and 6).

Out of the 18 new members who have joined the Club over the past 12 months, many have already been introduced at various events over the year. There were still several more recent members who had not been introduced earlier and who received a personal invitation to attend.

Sponsors briefly presented the newest members to the crowd, sometimes amidst some gentle ribbing – also traditional at this event! Everyone was cajoled into wearing name badges (some of them even with the correct name on them!) so that all the new and not-so-new members could be identified, and folks had the chance to meet and greet them all, renew old acquaintances and make new connections.

Please join me in welcoming our newest Regular Club member, **Greg Taylor**, whose application was approved at last February's Board Meeting. Greg was sponsored by **Eric van Soeren** and **Peter McGovern**. He was VP Ocean Fisheries in BC and Alaska, and now co-owns a company which partners with First Nations to develop sustainable fisheries. Greg's experience in marine trades comes from managing fishboat fleets of up to 140 gillnetters plus associated docks, floats, pilings and marine equipment, combined with management and board expertise. We look forward to Greg

volunteering his skills in Foreshore, Docks and House and Grounds projects.

Greg sailed in his youth and has enthusiastically returned to his roots with the very recent purchase of a Hunter 28.5 sailboat. Lucky for Greg there was a slip available immediately. He has already raced her several times and is proving to be a newcomer to watch!

As you may be aware, every year the Club contributes a small fee on behalf of every member to **The Marine Parks Forever Society**. They just released an interesting new report on their activities on behalf of boaters and others who love this coastline.

Out of the \$2 million dollars raised since they were founded in 1990 (almost 25 years ago), over \$1,234,000 has been contributed to BC Parks for marine park purchase and facility development. Over \$800,000 has been donated from boaters, mostly Club members. SSISC has contributed \$42,244 of this total.

Priorities of the Society for this season are much-needed improvements to local anchorages through their **Stern Tie Stewardship Program**. This will see the installation of over 100 galvanized stern tie pins and heavy link chain in selected, heavy-use BC Marine Parks, along with stainless steel identifier plates. Discussions are also to be held with BC Parks to have mooring buoys installed in a number of anchorages to protect sensitive seabed areas from anchor chain scouring. About time!

Also of interest to us is that **Burgoyne Bay** is being promoted as a new Marine Park to eventually have docks, mooring buoys and onshore facilities similar to Newcastle and Montague. This will entail the Society working with BC Parks to have the required foreshore areas transferred to BC Parks, to say nothing of getting rid of the boat squatters, both of which will likely take "Forever"!

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New Member Award

As noted in our New Year's edition of *TellTales*, our 2014 New Member Award recipient was **Bruce Stenstrom** who, with his partner **Kiran**, joined the Club in March 2013.



Due to work and family commitments, Bruce missed out on the awards ceremony at the 2014 Commodore's Banquet, and we finally caught up with him at our March Board meeting to formally recognize him with this honour.

Bruce exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism in the Club. For the 2014 season, he took on the role of Sailing School Coordinator

and made a major contribution towards its success. Undaunted, Bruce has stepped up this year as Fleet Captain Dinghy, and we are delighted to welcome him to the SISC Board. ■

Secretary's Report

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Lastly, on a sad note I would like to express the Club's condolences on the recent passing of **Roy Lamont**, a long-term SSI resident and former Club member.

Please note, your new, freshly laminated **2015 Membership Card** is ready to be picked up in the clubhouse vestibule.

If you have not done so yet please make a special effort to pick up your card in the near future. Last year there were at least 30 members who did not pick up either their card or the Yearbook, which is a waste of Club resources and volunteer effort. ■

Past Commodore's Report

by Eric van Soeren



The rezoning committee of **Eric van Soeren, Jack Webster** and **Philip Grange** has now filed a completed rezoning application with Islands Trust, a planner has been assigned to the file, and we are looking forward to a relatively speedy processing of the application. As mentioned before, it is clear that there are significant benefits to having legal conforming status with our zoning, even if we do not plan to make any major changes to the uplands property. The main benefit is in that we could rebuild if there were a catastrophic event that destroyed the club house. Our current non-conforming status does not give us that comfort.

I am working with each of the other Sailing Club directors on updating the job descriptions of their

positions, as well as the appointed positions that report to them. So far there are no major re-writes required, but having up-to-date job descriptions will help when each incumbents passes the file to the next member to fill the role.

Recently the Board decided we should develop policies and procedures to be used by the SISC Board members to ensure proper retention of Club records, proper security on all data bases used by the Board, and proper protection of privacy for member information held by the Club.

I have recently received a copy of similar policies developed by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Using that as a starting point, I will work with other Club members to make what we believe to be the appropriate changes and bring them to the Board for discussion and ratification. ■

Dinghy Report

by Bruce Stenstrom



Sailing School

I'm happy to report that everything is coming along in preparation for Summer of 2015. We're introducing three new instructors and one new assistant instructor for the season. While all very talented and experienced, they will be working under the watchful eyes of our seasoned Head Instructor, Leh Smallshaw, and Senior Instructor, Hayley Ray.

For everyone keen to register children and grandchildren, please check the Sailing School site for schedules, courses, prices, and downloadable documents, which Silk Questo has already updated for 2015. Mark Strongman and Silk are working hard to get the web registration system set up and linked to the SISC Sailing School website, and that will be complete in the near future.

As always, SISC Club members will have priority registration for classes. This year, rather than tie our Open House to registration opening, we're going to issue a code for Club members to access Mark's Effective Registration system as soon as it

is operational. This will allow our members to plan for the summer and register sooner.

It will also allow our Sailing School team to hold our Open House in June, when the weather is warmer and our staff and boats are available. We plan to showcase not only the School and sailing fleet, but our Junior Program as well.

Junior Program

This year, we're offering Junior Memberships as a package option when registering for sailing classes this summer. Find the details on the Club website.

As a part of our Junior Program this year and in addition to our Junior Week of sailing in the summer, we are looking for interested volunteers to help with staffing weekly 'fun sails' this July and August. Specifically we'll need volunteers on the shore side to check dinghies out and in, and on-the-water volunteers on the safety boat. If you're interested please contact the Fleet Captain Dinghy.

If you have questions regarding the Sailing School, schedules or dinghies please don't hesitate to contact me at dinghy@saltspringsailing.ca. ■



SPRING

PUB NIGHT

Friday • April 24 • 1700 hours • Clubhouse

SAVE THE DATE ~ SUNDAY, MAY 3

OPENING DAY 2015



Parting Shots

The clues will be short and sweet for this familiar mark. If you've ever sailed around Saltspring Island, you've passed it. The landforms behind the islet should be a dead giveaway! For a chance to win a club gear gift certificate, send your guess to telltales@saltspringsailing.ca



Editor's Log

I can't remember an earlier Spring, can you? Many flowering trees have bloomed and gone to leaf already. At the same time, friends back east still have several feet of white stuff on the ground and are shoveling fresh snowfalls. It hardly seems fair, but let's enjoy our good luck and try not to gloat!



But it's left my internal calendar a bit confused. It feels like we should already have all our spring boat chores done, and be getting ready for an imminent summer cruise.

Hopefully this weather has stimulated everyone's appetite for boating, and we'll see a record number of you out for our May 3rd Opening Day Sailpast!

Since last year's was a damp one (remember gentleman Philippe Erdmer holding the umbrella over our Scottish piper on the procession to the clubhouse?), maybe we can hope for a sunnier version this year!

Silk Questo

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February contest winner...



The winner of our last contest in February was **Nick Hodson** whose sharp eye identified the **Port of Anacortes**. This newly rehabilitated public park alongside Cap Sante Marina is a great venue for concerts, and features a lovely landing beach for kayaks and other small craft. Nick, I'll leave your certificate in the member's slot!



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