

Reciprocal and Cruising Survey Summaries

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the Cruising Committee was unable to present both the Reciprocal Presentation or the cruising survey results at the end of March as initially planned. Therefore, we would like to provide a summary of those surveys here.

Reciprocal Clubs summary

The SSISC has reciprocal agreements with 24 other clubs and marinas in the Vancouver/Gulf Islands, Lower Mainland, Puget Sound (USA) areas. Eighty-one members responded to the survey. Table 1 highlights both the number of our club members who have exercised reciprocal privileges at those marinas as well as their satisfaction. In addition to this are the number of visitors from those clubs to ours over the past 5 years.

Table 1. Reciprocal Marina Use & Satisfaction

Reciprocal Club	Visitors From	Number visited	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Campbell River	7	4	3	1
CFSA Esquimalt Hbr	94	7	7	0
Capital City YC (Sidney, Tsehum Hbr)	102	9	8	1
Comox Valley YC	27	16	14	2
Deep Bay YC (Qualicum)	16	12	6	6
Ladysmith YC	77	18	13	5
Maple Bay YC	121	34	33	1
Nanaimo YC	125	34	32	2
Royal Victoria YC	126	24	24	0
Schooner Cove YC (Nanoose Peninsula)	52	18	17	1
Sidney North Saanich YC (Sidney, Tsehum Hbr)	119	17	16	1
Silva Bay YC (Gabriola Island)	12	13	10	3
Burrard YC (Vancouver, Burrard Inlet)	78	8	7	1
Deep Cove YC (North Vancouver)	28	5	5	0
False Creek YC (Vancouver)	9	12	12	0
Royal Vancouver YC (Jericho)	50	14	11	3
Royal Vancouver YC (Coal Harbour)		9	8	1
Vancouver Rowing Club (Coal Harbour)	44	26	26	0
West Vancouver YC	86	2	2	0

Bellingham YC (USA)	27	4	3	1
Oak Harbour (Whidby Island, USA)	6	2	2	0
Orcas Island YC (USA)	11	6	5	1
Port Ludlow YC (USA)	NA	1	1	0
Port Townsend YC (USA)	9	9	6	3
San Juan YC (San Juan Isl. USA)	1	7	5	2
Semiahmoo YC (Blaine, USA)	43	1	1	0

The most common complaint about unsatisfactory experiences is due to limited or unavailable space. Of the eleven clubs suggested to be removed from our reciprocal list, Deep Bay was identified three times and Nanaimo twice. All other clubs that were identified for removal were only listed once each. Of the ten locations that were suggested to be added to our reciprocal list, the most frequently suggested was Texada YC with two votes. All other locations were identified once each.

There were 15 additional comments at the end of the survey. Most common among these were three suggesting equality of either price, length/number of visits, or availability of slips at reciprocal locations compared to ours.

Cruising survey

Thirty-nine members participated in the Cruising Survey. The total number of cruises participants have gone on (in recent years) is 200 with an average of five for each participant. Nearly 60% of participants of the survey own a sailboat with the most common length of both power and sailing vessels being from 31-35 feet in length. Additionally, 77% of the survey participants do not participate in club races. Of those who responded, 80% were interested in participating in club cruises.

When asked what aspect of club cruises participants enjoy the most, the social aspects were mentioned in 78% of responses and exploring/visiting new destinations was mentioned 22% of the time.

Table 2 shows participants' preferences for cruise length.

Table 2. Length of cruise interested in					
Cruise Length	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1-2 days	0%	11%	15%	26%	48%
3-4 days	4%	0%	15%	46%	35%
5-6 days	12%	19%	38%	27%	4%
7 + days	23%	31%	27%	11%	8%

Regarding the five destinations participants would like to cruise to, 90% of participants indicated their preference was in the local (Nanaimo, Vancouver, and Victoria/San Juan) areas and 74% did not have a preference regarding tying up to a dock/buoy or anchoring.

The Cruising Committee would like to thank everyone again for their participation in these surveys. The committee will review your responses and forward any recommendations to the Board regarding reciprocal arrangements. Also, we will endeavour to accommodate your interests in planned club cruises as we adapt to current and future COVID-19 physical distancing and socialization recommendations.

Sincerely,

Cruising Committee