

Hot Rum Race and Luncheon

January 1, 2025

The Clubhouse was full to welcome in the new year, after a couple of boats returned from spending New Year's Eve in Montague Harbour reviving a Club tradition, and about ten boats turned out in the cold to race for the bottle of rum. (Who needs a polar bear swim when you can cool off just as quickly on your boat...)



Bartender **Michael Clark** was kept busy dispensing hot rum to chilled sailors and to warmer folks who were there to welcome the sailors in.



Staff Captain Trevor's food prep and serving crew of **Liz Erdmer, Arlene Dashwood, Sam Keating, David Wood, Melissa Pitts, Simon Wheeler, Linda Woodward, Tracy Watkins, and Jacqueline Sutton** served up a delicious array of pies, fritatta, salads and desserts.

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There was animated chatter at all tables, with happy people enjoying the time together and the tasty feast.

Greg Slakov oversaw the draw for the bottle of rum, won by visiting boat Saorse (a visitor now, but nonetheless one with a long Club history).



Commodore David Wood welcomed the crowd and made a plea for someone to step forward to join him as CoChair of the upcoming 50th anniversary Round Saltspring Race in May. (If you are even the tiniest bit interested in this position, please contact him at commodore@saltspringsailing.ca).

Thanks to **Mia Cahill, Betsy Johnson, Derek Hill, and Jan Macpherson** for pitching in as the clean up crew.



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