



# ANCHORLINE

Silva Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER

With Sailpast fresh on my mind I will start this month's Commodore's Corner with our very successful 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sailpast. With a forecast for winds SE gusting to 30 knots and heavy rain it seemed prudent to postpone Sailpast one day. What a difference a day makes. NW winds to 15 knots easing to 5 knots and sunny skies made the day close to perfect. Add in 19 boats and 60 + members and guests and I think it is fair to say the club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated in style. Photos will be on the website shortly. You will see a sea of smiling faces.

A few things of interest: While Bob Wood and I were doing Courtesy Boat Checks for Gabriola Squadron we happened to come upon a unique boat. At the very end of the docks in Degnen Bay Group Moorage, a 40' blue hulled sailboat looks like any other sailboat. However, this sailboat was anything but "any other sailboat". The only thru hull fittings were the stuffing boxes for the rudder and the propeller shaft. The head was a composting head, not to far out of the ordinary, but the motor was 100% electric. The

sailboat has no fuel tanks, only batteries and solar cells with a wind generator to come. The owner/builder is an experienced blue water sailor so he knows what he wants and needs. Just before we left the boat the skipper turned the motor on. We heard a low whine and could see the propwash behind the boat. Is this boat a sign of boats to come?

Our visit to the electric boat came about because Bob and I were doing courtesy boat checks. Have had your boat checked? In checking just two boats I found two serious and life threatening problems. On one boat 2 of 3 fire extinguishers had no pressure and would have been useless in a fire. More importantly, two out of two PFD's would not have inflated in the water as both charged cylinders were not attached to the PFD and would not have fired when immersed in water. The boat checks are free and the boat checkers only have authority to advise you of any problems on your boat. There are no fines, no reports, just the peace of mind knowing your boat is adequately prepared to keep you safe. If you would like a courtesy boat check of your boat just contact Bob Wood at [bobgwood@gmail.com](mailto:bobgwood@gmail.com).

One more item that might give you a "sinking feeling" The photo below is a "T" clamp off the exhaust system of my boat. I had done my annual tightening of all of my hose clamps and everything seemed good to go for the coming cruising season. After the Spring Cruise I was tied to our home dock and shutting the boat down. On closing the intake to the engine cooling thru-hull fitting I saw the clamp pictured below lying in the bilge. As you can see, it was badly corroded. However, all of the corrosion was out of sight. I have now positioned all of my hose clamps so any part where the stainless steel overlaps stainless steel is now visible. The two clamps I could not position for easy viewing I checked with a mirror. THE IS A REASON FOR DOUBLE CLAMPING ALL THRU HULL FITTINGS AND ALL HOSES FASTENED TO THE SEAWATER SIDE OF THE EXHAUST SYSTEM.

Have a safe and happy boating season!





### Fleet Captain's Report

Mark Halliwell

May was a busy month starting with the Spring Cruise to Ganges, Oak Bay, Genoa Bay and Clam Bay on. There were four boats in attendance and Mike Apps did a great job as Cruise Director planning what sounded a fun and exciting trip. The Sailpast was a great success on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, in spite of the last - minute postponement on Saturday due to weather. After the opening ceremonies, twenty boats participated in the Sailpast. Many of the boats were nicely decorated. I understand that it was a tough decision the Judges had to make, but Kingfisher took the prize for the best sailboat presentation and Bela Vida for best powerboat. A presentation was provided by Ladysmith Search and Rescue regarding search patterns, followed by a delicious meal provided by Robert's. The Father's Day Rendezvous to Victoria (and other points) is our next cruise from June 10 - 20<sup>th</sup>. This also looks like another fun time with 5 nights in Victoria. The Summer Cruise to Howe Sound and Vancouver is July 20 - 28<sup>th</sup>. An announcement and registration will be sent to membership shortly. Chemainus Dinner Theatre cruise for the show "Footloose" on August 13<sup>th</sup>. There is still opportunity to reserve your tickets for this popular event by clicking on this link: <<http://silvabayyachtclub.com/chemainus-dinner-theatre/>>



### Membership Chair: Bodil Ellins

Seven new memberships in 2016 are:

Tiny Bowles (26' Sail)  
Agathe Gaulin and Georgette

Duhaime (44' Sail: Free Spirit)  
Bob and Nancy Griffiths (36 Sail: Waegbora)  
Sheila Kirkwod and Steve Philpott (31' Sail: Bandido)  
Jim Morton & Gwen Frey (42 Sail: Sea Esta X)  
Donald Sutherland and Claudia Brann (17' P: Eccles)  
Randolph Venker and Ann Chappell (26' P: Missbehavin"

Total memberships year to date: 101



### Vice Commodore/Social Director

Jill Haines

May was busy for the Social Director with organizing the Sailpast. It went very well even though we had to postpone it a day due to bad weather. We had 20 boats participating and 53 for the BBQ. As usual, Robert did very well with the catering. Everyone won a door prize so we all went home happy. Bela Vida won Best in Power ( who'd have thought! But we spent a lot of time polishing her up) and Kingfisher won Best in Sail. We all had a good time, and now the Social Director can get into the Cruising season!



### Editor's Ramblings

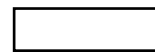
Hullo everyone!

I know you've all been hanging on with baited breath trying to figure out why *Anchorline* wasn't in your mailbox on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sorry about that. Me and the man - aka Leslie - are on a land cruise across Canada at the moment and the wifi gods refused to cooperate.

We got as far as Halifax, Nova Scotia and were subjected to not one, but two tropical storms with rain I've never seen the like of before, despite the fact I was raised in northern England and live on the Wet Coast!

We have to take people's word for it that there is actually a harbour in Halifax as the fog was so thick we couldn't see it.

This is the last *Anchorline* until September, so enjoy and have a wonderful boating summer!





**Rear Commodore's Report**  
*Jerry Ellins*

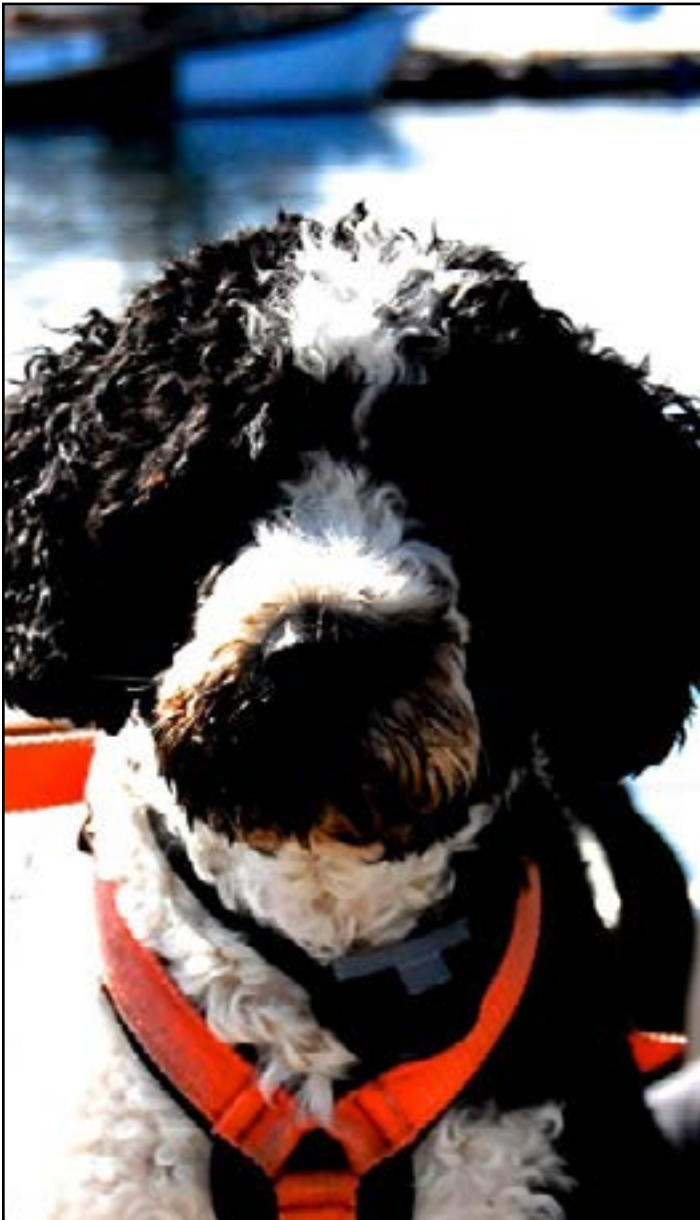
**Programs:**

The last program with presentation by Sean Lewis about boat stability, entitled "Top Heavy" was held on May 3rd at our home with about a dozen people attending. We have noticed that the smaller attendance does not feel as "negative" in the home venue.

**Awards:**

The off course compensator has been inscribed and delivered to Darrel Haines.

I remind all the recipients to take their trophies to Pages for display for if you did not do so at Sailpast.



**Spring Cruise Directors**  
*Mike Apps*

**Good locations, excellent weather and great companions**

There were only 4 boats – SV Sea Puppet, MV Hagar III, MV Bela Vida, and MV Salish C – on the 2016 SBYC Spring Cruise but we were a very relaxed and simpatico group. We arrived at Ganges Harbour on Friday afternoon (Sea Puppet had to be towed in by Hagar III due to a failed impeller which we fixed the following day) and enjoyed a pleasant happy hour on the docks at Saltspring Marina. Once again, Manageress Leslie showed us excellent hospitality and we stayed for the weekend, enjoying a great pub dinner at Mobies. On Monday, we moved over to Otter Bay for a couple of nights. The highlight of our stay was a great Potluck Breakfast on the breakwater – Ian's pancakes, Darrell's sausages, John's scrambled eggs and Karen's bacon – what a feast! In the afternoon we had a dinghy excursion to Roe Islet marine park where Schooner and Molly entertained us by shaking off all over us after their (several) swims.

From Otter Bay we went to Cowichen Bay public dock for a couple of nights. The wharfinger at Cowichen Bay was very accommodating and gave us very good rates – the club should consider going there again as the strip above the dock is very interesting with lots of stores and restaurants. Heading home on Saturday, we all made good time with a following wind and flooding tide.

Mike and Karen managed to get a superb downwind sail (over 7 knots in very calm water) from Sansum narrows to home (with a stop to top up the fuel tank at Chemainus). We all agreed it was a very relaxing and pleasant cruise – good locations, excellent weather and great companions.

Too bad that others weren't able to get away to join us!

## COMMODORE'S QUIZ

Below is Commodore Ian's quiz for this month. Sharpen your pencils and let the games begin!

Enter here: [Quiz Answer Form](#)

1. How many boats attended the Spring Cruise to Ladysmith?
2. There is a unique sail boat docked in Degnen Bay. What is unique about it?
3. What is the name of the boat winning the "Best in Sail" at this year's Sailpast?
4. How many members do we have in the club at the time of the June Anchorline being posted?
5. What are the dates of the Summer Cruise?

Enter now for the last Commodore's Quiz until September. Last chance for a fabulous prize - get moving!

*Check out the rules below right and get your answers in! If we have more than one correct winner, a draw will be held at the monthly lunch. But every name, regardless of whether you win the monthly prize or not, will be entered into the grand annual prize to be drawn at the AGM in Novmember. Get in now! You snooze, you lose .....*



And the winners of the May Commodore's Quiz are:

Paddy Waymark and Jill Haines

Get your entry in now!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July and August 2016

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|--------------------|--|
| July 20 - July 28: | Summer Cruise to Howe Sound                              |
| August 13          | Chemainus Dinner Theatre<br><i>Footloose the Musical</i> |
| August 27 - Sept11 | Empty Nesters' Cruise to Desolation Sound                |

*Check the website at [www.silvabayyachtclub.com](http://www.silvabayyachtclub.com) for more details.*

**Have a wonderful summer!**



## Commodore's Quiz/Draw

The Commodore's Quiz is open to all SBYC members, whether they've won previously or not.

Here's how to qualify:

1. Answer all five questions correctly. Answers can be found either in the Anchorline or on the website.
2. Submit your answers using the "[Quiz Answer Form](#)"
3. Deadline for entries is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each Month.