

ANCHORLINE

Silva Bay Yacht Club Newsletter – November 2016

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

This will be my last Commodore's Corner as I step down after two years as your Commodore and welcome a new Commodore with fresh ideas and fresh enthusiasm. I could look back at what the club has done over the past two years but I prefer to look ahead to what might be.

I look ahead to new members who join us and bring their boating experiences to our club. I look ahead to the possibility of our club including kayakers, as a group, to our membership. I look ahead to our monthly meetings becoming a social event that our members look forward to and enjoy.

I look ahead to our club maintaining its reputation as the most active little yacht club on the west coast. I look ahead to seeing many of you at this year's AGM and accepting and welcoming your new Executive for 2017.

Finally, I look forward to taking my place beside the other Past Commodores, who have done their part in plotting the course your club is presently on.

Safe boating to you all,

Ian Waymark
Commodore

***DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE AGM
& CHRISTMAS PARTY!!***

See Page 3 for details

GABRIOLA POWER & SAIL SQUADRON UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshop on splicing

Saturday, November 19

9a.m to 4:30pm

Location: TBD

Squadron Social

Sunday, November 27

Doors open at 6pm

At 7pm, Ivan Bulic will talk about maritime flags and burgees

Location: Rollo Centre

Squadron Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17

6pm for 7pm

Location: Gabriola Golf Club

Please see the Squadron's [website](#) for further details

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VICE COMMODORE/ SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Our combined AGM and Christmas Party is coming very soon on November 29th at the Silva Bay Restaurant & Pub. The Social Committee and I are busy planning the event, and we hope to get a really good turnout.

Please review the emails, see the poster on page 3 and check the [website](#) for details and to register. The meals are set at a good price and it's always a fun and informative event.

It will help you all get into the Christmas spirit, and it's coming up very fast!

I would like to thank the Social Committee for all their work this year. All the social events we put together this year would not have been possible without them.

I would also like to wish everyone an early Merry Christmas and I look forward to the coming year.

Gillian Haines
Vice Commodore/Social Director

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 29 AGM & Christmas Dinner
Silva Bay Restaurant & Pub
Cocktails @ 5:30pm
Dinner @ 6:30pm
AGM @ 8pm

Dec 8 Monthly lunch
Silva Bay Pub & Restaurant
12:30pm

Time to renew your membership!

Payment for your SBYC membership is due by December 31st each year. Take the opportunity to renew at the AGM and Christmas Dinner on November 29th.

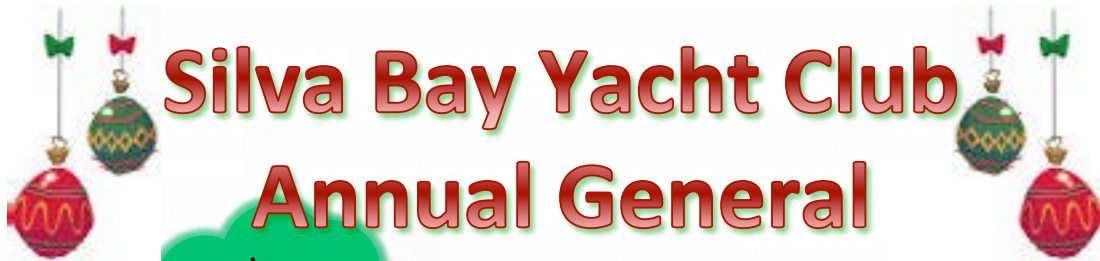
Annual dues are \$55 with an optional donation of \$10 to the Marine Parks Forever Society. You can pay by cheque or e-transfer to treasurer@silvabayyachtclub.com.

Benefits of membership include:

- Show your card at most marine stores – particularly Harbour Chandler in Nanaimo – and receive a 10% discount;
- Fly your SBYC burgee and [receive reciprocal moorage throughout the Gulf Islands, Vancouver and the San Juans](#). Check out the [website](#) for details.
- Share boating experiences by coming on our many cruises. We are one of the most active yacht clubs in B.C.
- Come out and enjoy our “on land” social events: monthly lunches, Commodore’s Ball, Christmas Dinner to name a few.
- Each month from January to November we host an Appy Hour followed by an informative talk at the Roxy. Plan to join us. Let us know if you’ve been on an interesting cruise or have specialized marine/boating knowledge that you would like to share with other members.

If you’re a snowbird and have flown or driven away from this rain and wind, don’t forget you can mail in a postdated cheque to P.O. Box 154, Gabriola V0R 1X0, or send an e-transfer.





Silva Bay Yacht Club

Annual General

Meeting

and

Christmas Dinner

Gift Exchange!
For those who wish to participate - bring a wrapped, gently used item or a new one (limit \$20 value)

Collection for the Food Bank Non-Perishable Food Item or Cash Donation

When: Tuesday, November 29th, 2016

Where: Silva Bay Pub & Restaurant

Time: Cocktails – 5:30 p.m.

Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

AGM – 8:00 p.m.

50/50 Draw!

MENU

Fraser Valley Duck Breast (medium rare, as normally prepared)
w/ sundried blueberry port demi
OR

Surf & Turf (Beef Tenderloin & Prawns Béarnaise
(both entries come with fingerling potatoes & seasonal vegetables)

Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Cannelloni
(house tomato sauce, honey balsamic greens, rustic baguette)

Dessert:

House Made Pumpkin Pie

OR

Crème Caramel

(coffee and tea included)

Remember to support Marine Parks Forever when writing your cheque!

Time to renew your membership for 2017

Cost: \$25/person (incl tax & gratuity)

Plan to Attend!

Reserve Your Place Now

By

Registering at:

“<http://silvabayyachtclub.com/agm-christmas-dinner-2016/>”

Deadline for Registrations - November 17th



Merry Christmas

COMMODORE'S QUIZ

It's time for Commodore Ian to test your general and not so general knowledge. The competition for the monthly prizes is heating up, so get your entry in early!

Here are the questions Commodore Ian has come up with for this month:

1. What reputation do I want the club to maintain?
2. What music is rumoured to best keep otters off your boat?
3. Give the date of the splicing workshop being hosted by Gabriola Power Squadron.
4. What time are cocktails at our upcoming AGM.
5. On what date are the annual club dues due?

Submit your answers [here!](#) A fabulous prize is just a click away!

Don't forget to check the guidelines for winning below – they've changed since the Quiz first started.

Commodore's Quiz/Draw

QUIZ RULES:

The Commodore's Quiz is open to all 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 December 5th.

Each month a winner will be drawn from all qualifying entries. A grandprize winner will be drawn from all qualifying entries at the Commodore's Ball.

GOOD LUCK!



WINNER! WINNER! WINNER! WINNER! WINNER!

*Congratulations to our WINNER from the
October Quiz:*

AGATHE GAULIN & HANS TERSTAPPEN

KEEPING THE OTTERS AT BAY

Christine Purfield

There's no denying that they are the embodiment of cuteness. Either at rest or play, these sea creatures are a delight to watch as they bask in the sun on the dock or swim about the boats in a marina.

Our love for them quickly vanishes, however, when they climb aboard our boats and make themselves at home. It's not their presence that bothers us, although freeloading, non-paying guests are generally not welcome on either the boat or in the home; it's the smell.

Otters produce a strong, disgusting scent from their anal glands to mark their territory and their poop is especially smelly. Cleaning up the waste has become the norm on many marina docks, but how do you keep the little rascals from moving their toilet onto your boat?

Here are a few suggestions gleaned from topic forums on various boat Internet sites:

1. **Moth balls**

Place a few mothballs in a plastic container with holes in the lid. Either screw the container to the dock or leave it under the boat cover. Apparently otters don't like the smell. They are not alone.

2. **Nails**

Placing a nail board with nails spaced every square inch is rumoured to be a deterrent. *Warning: don't try this on a marina where there might be children or pets wandering about!*

3. **Bleach**

Clean the area with bleach and leaving a tray of bleach in the cockpit. *Again, not to be advised where children or pets could be present.*

4. **Music**

A couple of people on our dock play music

on their boats all the time in an effort to discourage otters. Rumour has it that country and western music is especially effective. Must be all that twang and sad lyrics. More likely, music gives the impression that there's someone on board.

If you've been successfully dealing with otters on or around your boat, drop me a line at secretary@silvabayyachtclub.com and I'll share your wisdom in the next edition of *Anchorline!*

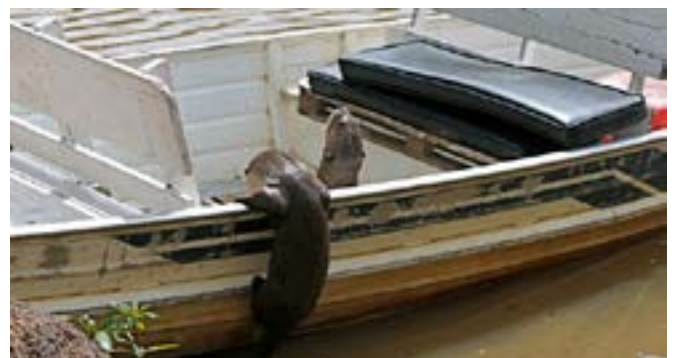
(sorry about the watermark on the first pic, but I couldn't resist the photo!)



Look! They've covered it up for us! Aren't they sweet...



Now, which boat shall I relax on today?



Give us a hand up, will yer?!