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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Paddy and I are aboard *Salish C* in Gorge Harbour. We are halfway through the Empty Nester's Cruise. As our 2016 cruising season draws to a close I am pleased to comment on some aspects of the cruises.

I cannot recall a cruising season that has seen so many "weather" days. The Victoria Cruise saw our boats facing forecast winds of 25 knots that became winds in excess of 45 knots. We all docked safely in Victoria and had stories to tell. The Howe Sound Cruise went well with some real surprises and pleasure on summer events taking place in various locations but again the wind was a factor as we were held in False Creek for three days by high winds on in the Straight. Don Butt succeeded in crossing but found it hard to recall a rougher day on the water in all his days of sailing. The Empty Nesters' Cruise was delayed in Silva Bay by strong north westerlies and delayed again when we attempted to

depart Pender Harbour. The Empty Nesters' Cruise has ten days to go so we may have more to report before docking at home on Gabriola

The cruise to the west coast, where we expected weather, did not disappoint us but we had built in weather days and sailed when we felt comfortable. The enclosed photo shows *Cipango*, crewed by Jean-Michel and Anne, as it sinks into the trough of three metre seas. The big seas were exciting, but the motion was smooth and perhaps a bit tiring after six or seven hours of pitching and rolling.



To conclude this "weather" report, the benefits of cruising with an SBYC group were evident. The

experienced members passed on some of their skills to the less experienced members. When problems were encountered, everyone pitched in to help the others. We learned about each other and more importantly, we learned about our selves and our boats.

The camaraderie of cruising is hard to describe. The happy hours, the potlucks and the activities make for lots of laughter, too much good food and new friendships.

A last point to mention on cruising would be the use of our reciprocal privileges at participating clubs. The SBYC spends close to \$1500 each year to provide reciprocal docking space at Pages Marina so our members can use similar docking space in Canadian and US waters. My experience at every reciprocal dock Paddy and I have visited has been positive and often educational as we learn about other clubs and their activities. I would invite any of you to submit an article to Anchorline on your experience/s at our reciprocal partner's docks.

On another topic, many of you will have heard about the problems

with derelict boats up and down our coast and in our on bays on Gabriola. There is good news: An infamous boat in Ladysmith, the *Vicki Lynn II* is now on her way to being demolished and the government is, at present, holding cross Canada telephone conferences to determine a policy for dealing with all derelict boats.

It is good to see many of you at our monthly lunches and I hope some of you who are new to the club will come to the Silva Bay Pub, introduce yourselves, meet other members and enjoy a good lunch with good company.

Last but not least, as we head into the fall your Executive starts to look for members for next year's Executive and for members for many of the committees that work so hard to make our club the successful club it is. If you would like to be part of our Executive or part of a committee, I invite you to e-mail me at commodore@silvabayyachtclub.com or phone me at 250 247 7883

Safe Boating
Ian Waymark

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Above: Ian & Paddy Waymark "Saluting the Empress" on the Victoria Cruise. Below: Salish Sea encounters a pod of Orcas in the Sooke area.





Fleet Captain's Report

Mark Halliwell

It was a busy summer for club members, starting with the June Father's day cruise to Victoria and Barkley Sound. Thanks to Anne Kerr and Jean-Michel Hanssens for organizing this memorable cruise. See Anne's detailed report of this fun and eventful cruise.

The Summer Cruise to Howe Sound and Vancouver in July was also a fun time, attended by Salish Sea, Bela Vida, Sea Puppet, Lizzie and Dog Star. The weather was wonderful in Snug Cove, except for a serious lightening storm one early morning. The group hiked up to and almost around Killarney Lake, followed by a nice dinner at Doc Morgan's Pub.

The group cruised over to Gibson's Landing Harbour Authority marina, where the town was buzzing with their Sea Cavalcade Days. We experienced two days of non-stop, town-planned activities, including a parade and fireworks that almost equalled those at Vancouver. We also had the opportunity to go aboard HMCS Oriole and one of the Navy training ships. We spent a night at Plumper Cove and then off to Vancouver's Fisherman's Wharf.

We saw two sets of fireworks during the Honda Celebration of Light presented by a team from Australia and a team from Disney. The group spent a few additional days in Vancouver due to high winds in the Strait of Georgia. Numerous happy hours and breakfast on the dock kept the group fed and happy. Christine Purfield won the prize for completing the "Name that Boat" contest. Paddy and Ian Waymark collected the most items for the scavenger hunt.

Thanks to Mark Stock and my lovely wife for helping with organizing the Summer Cruise. The Chemainus Dinner Theatre cruise for the show "Footloose" on August 13th also sounded like it was a great success.

The Empty Nesters' cruise is well under way at Desolation Sound at the time of this report.



Vice Commodore/Social Director

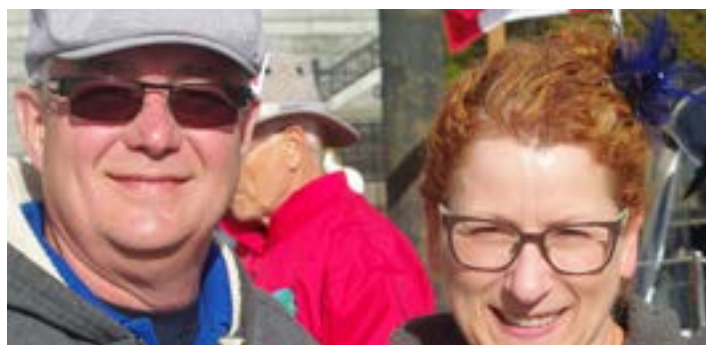
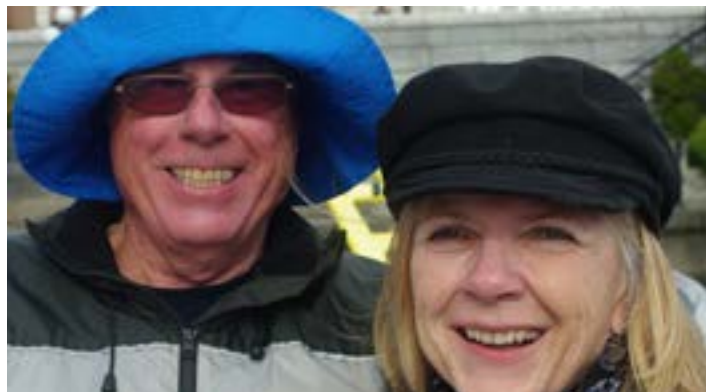
Jill Haines

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is having a good boating summer! We are still out on the Empty Nesters' Cruise and having a great time, except the weather hasn't been that good so far.

There hasn't been any Vice Commodore or Social Director responsibilities over the summer but stayed tuned for the fall.

Below: Jill and Darrel Haines (Bela Vida); Stu and Marilyn Cunningham (Peter Duck); Mark and Brenda Halliwell (Dogstar) - all "Saluting the Empress"



GABRIOLA POWER & SAIL SQUADRON SOCIAL EVENT

The Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron, in the first of its fall socials, will feature Dr. Phillip Vannini as our guest speaker. Phillip is a professor at Royal Roads University, as well as head of its Canada Research Department.

A guy with a curious mind and an expensive camera, Phillip has made a movie about float planes. In this effort he has been up one side of Vancouver Island and down the other, as well as the Gulf Islands, Gabriola included, interviewing pilots and others in the industry, gaining insight into “flying low and slow.”

The social is at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at The Rollo Center. The door will open at 6:00. Tea, coffee and goodies will be offered to enjoy while socializing and waiting for the presentation to begin. A question and answer session will follow. Admission is by donation.

We are hoping for a large audience. Please join us.

Elaine Pearce
Chair, Social Committee
Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron



“Queen Deb” Cunningham and escort, Doug.

Wildlife seen on the “Extension” Cruise to the West Coast



Jean-Michel Hanssens catches dinner!



Paddy and Jill try out their kayaking skills



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. Our Anchorline Editor has a new boat. What was the boat's original name and what will be its new name?
2. What is the the name of our guest speaker for the October general meeting and what is the topic of the evening's presentation?
3. What is the date of our next club lunch at Silva Bay Pub?
4. What are the first names of the crew of the sailing vessel "Cipango"?
5. To make you read into the depths of Anchorline, what was the highlight of the "British-Themed" evening?

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 Novmber. Get in now! You snooze, you lose



The following people submitted correct answers for the June quiz:

Agathe Gaulin, Georgette Duhaime, Karen Apps, Jill Haines, David Kellenberger, and Jane Giffin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2016

October 4: Monthly meeting:
Ron Perry from Aztec Off-Grid Solutions about marine solar applications
See poster on page 9

October 13 Club Lunch
@ Silva Bay Pub, 12:30pm

NEW MEMBERS:

A big welcome to our latest new members:
Gary Porter and Suzanne Cross (27' Power)
James Mitchell and Patricia Rokosh (26' Sail)



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 30th of each Month.

**FATHER'S DAY RENDEZ-VOUS CRUISE
JUNE 10TH-20TH
With Extension to the Broken Islands**

Cruise directors: Anne Kerr and Jean-Michel Hanssens

SBYC cruisers experienced some memorable moments both on the water and off during this year's Father's Day cruise. We got off to a good start at Sidney Spit with a pre-Father's Day celebration on the beach over a pancakes and sausages breakfast. Everyone in turn regaled us with stories to accompany their responses to a Father's Day quiz. The 'difficult' questions included, "Did you ever borrow your father's car and return it in less than stellar condition?" There were tales of other shenanigans ... and at such a tender age!

Do you believe in weather forecasts? All was not quite as predicted when our fleet of five boats rounded Gonzales Point and met rising winds earlier than expected as well as large opposing tidal swells in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. What a slog! Just ask Stu (s/v *Peter Duck*) how long it took to be rid of the sight of Clover Point, or Ian (m/v *Salish C*) about their nasty turn towards Victoria Harbour. The sight of the Victoria Causeway docks was a welcome relief.

Victoria treated us well: the only rain came at night and otherwise we basked in sunshine. "Salute to the Empress" on June 15th in celebration of Her Majesty's 90th birthday brought out a couple of Queen Elizabeths and Prince escorts competing for the 'tip of the hat' award, but all the headgear was imaginative ... with stories to match.

The highlight of the British-themed evening was surely the "Guess that Tune" contest on s/v *Peter Duck*, with DJ Marilyn. Who knew that Doug's (s/v *Shadowfax*) memory of British Invasion tunes was so prolific? It must have been all those high school dances.

The "Extension" cruisers had so much fun in Victoria that they extended their stay ... well, actually, current and weather forecasts also played a major role. So we all set off together on June 18th: *Dog Star* and *Shadow Fax* wound their way

northward to Gabriola, while for Cipango, Bela Vida, Peter Duck and Salish C, it was onward to Barkley Sound.

Timing can be everything and so it was on this part of the adventure. We had a perfectly timed run through Race Rocks passage, and then encountered a pod of about 20 Orcas just before Sooke. 'Awesome' is truly a fitting description.

Crabbing off the dock in Port Renfrew was incredible: 30 plus crabs in Jean-Michel's pot, but only one keeper!

For our trip up the West Coast between Port Renfrew and Bamfield, we timed it so the Pacific Ocean swells were relatively subdued and the wind was light --the latter to the delight of the MV cruisers.

Our destination, the Broken Islands Group, was amazing: crystal clear, green waters, a myriad of little islands and coves to explore by dinghy, great anchorages with few other boats, and wildlife including eagles diving for fish, black bears scavenging along the shoreline, and herring 'balls' in constantly changing configurations.

On our return trip, we had a good run from Bamfield to Port Renfrew, despite the fog. The following day we reached Esquimalt. There we were warmly welcomed by the Canadian Forces Sailing Association to join in a Canada Day BBQ celebration at their lovely, vintage clubhouse.

As the cruise wound down, the SV cruisers had a glorious sail all the way from Esquimalt to Port Sidney.

We had a final celebratory dinner in Sidney, joined unexpectedly but delightfully by Bob and Edie of s/v *Sojourner*. It was a great ending.



PHOTOS FROM THE SUMMER CRUISE TO HOWE SOUND AND FALSE CREEK, VANCOUVER



EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, what a boating season that was! Especially for yours truly who only actually managed to go on just one cruise before breaking her foot ☹️ That may have put an end to cruising for the season, but not for the adventures.

Cruising the Boats for Sale page on a number of websites, as one does when one should be otherwise gainfully employed, I came across a boat with the unlikely name of "Fat Dog."

Twenty-five feet long and in immaculate condition, how on earth is a girl supposed to resist? To cut a long story short, I bought her and brought her back to Gabriola with the help of Les' daughter on September 10.

So, my beloved *Lizzie* is up for sale. But only to a good home. And only to people we both approve of. Just kidding. Sort of ☺️

Fat Dog – apparently named for a much-loved family pet – is about to be renamed *Sand Swallow* and is already chomping at the bit for another boating season.

And the air cast boot, which I have been fashionably sporting in a dashing black colour for the past 5 weeks, is hopefully coming off in a week or so. Let's just say that I have a new appreciation for people with a permanent foot disability.

This summer has seen some great boating adventures. Come out and join us next year for both long and short cruises – you're welcome to arrive and leave at will; we take no prisoners ☺️

Lizzie waiting patiently for a new owner



More summer cruising fun





Silva Bay Yacht Club

presents the Monthly Meeting Program Talk with
Guest speaker, **Ron Perry**
from **Aztec Off Grid Solutions**
will be talking about

Solar Electric for Marine Applications

on Tuesday October 4, 2016 at the ROXY,
(Twin Beaches mall) 6:30pm

Pot Luck Appies at 6:30pm; Meeting / Presentation @ 7:00pm

Members & General Public are Welcome

