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COMMODORE'S CORNER



fever from a desert flu didn't hurt their case. And so now I find myself wondering what I've got myself into. To be honest, I am very honoured to be your Commodore and once the weather warms up on Gabe, I'll be back to step up to the helm. Before he stepped down, Ian assembled a very strong and talented Executive, and this makes my job much easier.

One of the first, and smartest, things we did when Karen and I came to Gabriola 6 years ago, was to join the SBYC. That same year, after being on just one cruise, I joined the Executive and almost immediately was pushed into the position of Fleet Captain (to be fair to Doug, I said I was interested in cruising). I have been on the Executive ever since – with my shortest term being the recent, relaxing 7 days as Rear Commodore. Here is an interesting note for you: I succeeded Jill as Fleet Captain. A few years later, she succeeded me as Vice Commodore, and now I succeed her as Commodore! (I must warn you Jill, I am not moving off island!).

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If the first month of the new year is any indicator, 2017 will be a *very* interesting year for the Silva Bay Yacht Club. The year started very cold, but didn't stop the club from enjoying its first event of the Season – the very important “**Salute the Compass**”. From what I hear, there was every good motivation to toast the Gods and beg their blessing in the form of good weather ahead. I also hear that only a very few brave souls were able to get out on the water – I'm not surprised to learn that Chris and Maralyn in *Kingfisher* was one of them. I also learned that several people were entertained by *Equilibrium's* antics trying to leave the dock in 20+knot winds and that Darrel was unable to untie *Bela Vida's* frozen lines to free her from the dock (or was that just an excuse?). Sean and Angie Lewis did make it out in *Tweety*. My admiration for all who tried, or even thought about it. Most importantly, thanks to Fleet Captain Agathe and Social Boss Bob, for a successful day 2 of 2017. It didn't stop there. On day 6, as you know, you found yourself with a new Commodore. Although I was hiding in my land yacht near Tombstone Arizona, it wasn't far enough to escape the long reach of your PPC Ian (PPC=Persistent Past Commodore). With his honeysuckled sweet talk and aided by his persuasive predecessor Doug Cunnian, I was convinced to take over the helm of good ship SBYC. The fact that I was running a slight

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I am very proud to take the helm of Good Ship SBYC, and although I am rather fearful of trying to fill the shoes of Commodores Waymark, Cunnian, Sorrenti and many others, I am also grateful for the strong legacy bequeathed by them. The club is in excellent financial condition, has an outstanding program of events, and has a strong feeling of comradery amongst its members.

This is not to say that we don't face some challenges in the year and years ahead. But challenges can be turned into golden opportunities with a little forethought. And so, the first task I have set your new Executive is to identify the potential problems and issues that they see from the perspective of their positions. I would like to pose the same question to all of you: what can we do to improve the SBYC experience? Even more importantly, ask yourself "what can I do to make SBYC an even better group to belong to"?

You may have noted that I have turned the traditional new Commodore's greeting upside down. Rather than saying what great things we will do in the coming year, and laying out my vision for your future, I have asked you to tell me what you see as the great potential moments of the coming year. The year started off in a very interesting fashion: lets make sure it continues to be exciting and rewarding. You'll read in the reports of the other Executive members of some of the super events on the near horizon – come out and get involved in as many as you can. Please do help me and your Executive continue to make the SBYC the greatest little Yacht Club on the Coast!

Fair Weather and Safe Passages

Mike Apps
Commodore

PS Please don't forget to try the Commodore's Quiz. I have expanded this great initiative of Ian's to include questions from the Club's website (www.silvabayyachtclub.com)

PPS. The best email address for me is mjapps2@gmail.com

Time to renew your membership!

Payment for your SBYC membership is due by January 31st each year. Annual dues are \$55 (\$75 after January 31) 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:	
JANUARY 28	SIZZLIN' SOUP CRUISE
FEBRUARY 7	MONTHLY MEETING (See page 6 for details)
FEBRUARY 12	MONTHLY LUNCH (Robert's Place, 1:30pm)
FEBRUARY 14	VALENTINE'S CRUISE (See page 8 for details)

COMMODORE'S QUIZ

Okay, here is the first Commodore's Quiz of 2017! Get those pens/pencils/keyboards sharpened and at the ready. Commodore Mike has come up with these questions to test your general knowledge about all things Silva Bay Yacht Clubish.....

1. What year was the Silva Bay Yacht Club founded?
2. What did Oliver win in 1995 and why?
3. Who won the Talent Award for "exceptionally decorated Easter eggs at an SBYC Easter Cruise"
4. How many US Yacht Clubs whose name starts with F share reciprocal status with SBYC?
5. How many words are on the SBYC web site?

Well, that should keep you all busy for a while! Don't forget that all the answers can either be found in *Anchorline* or on the website at www.silvabayyachtclub.com

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:

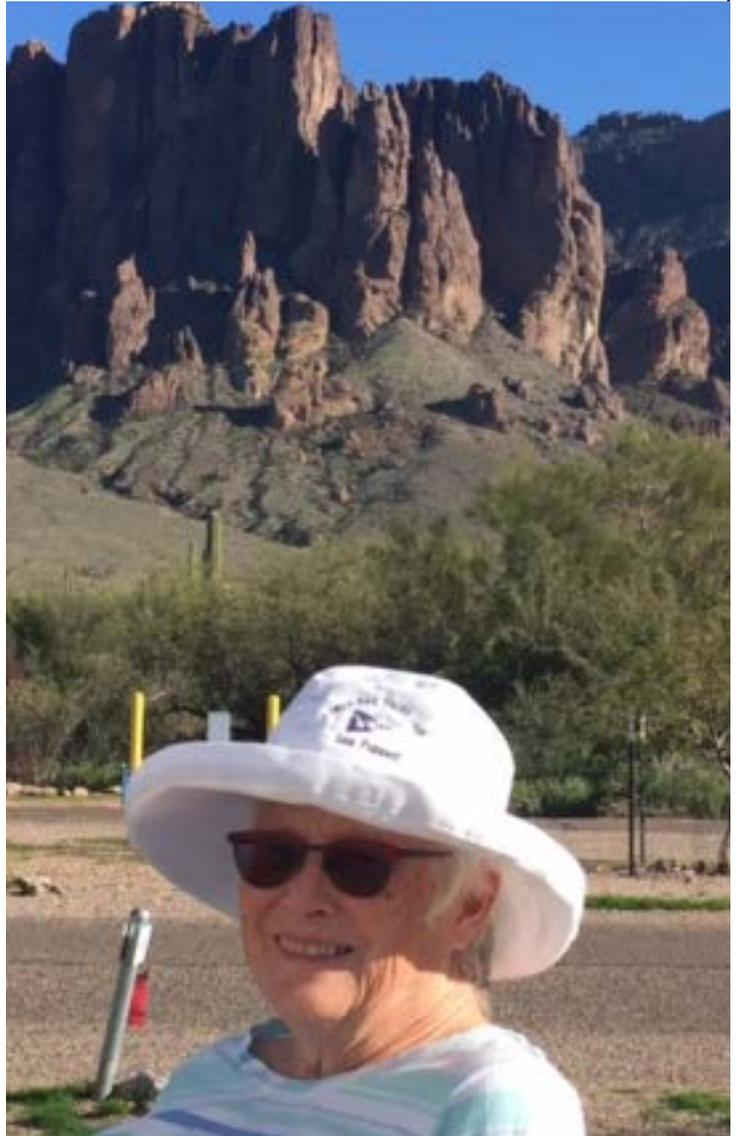
1. Answer all five questions correctly. Answers can be found either in the *Anchorline* or on the website.
2. Submit your answers using the "[Quiz Answer Form](#)"
3. Deadline for entries is February 8th, 2017.

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!

Sneaky question: What position does the lady in the white SBYC hat hold in the club and where is she?

Answer: Karen Apps is our Club Historian - she's sitting outside her land yacht overlooking Superstition Mountains, east of Pheonix, Arizona.





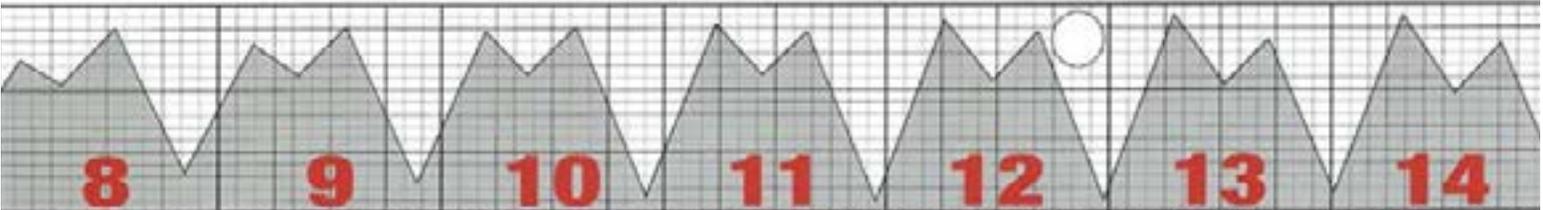
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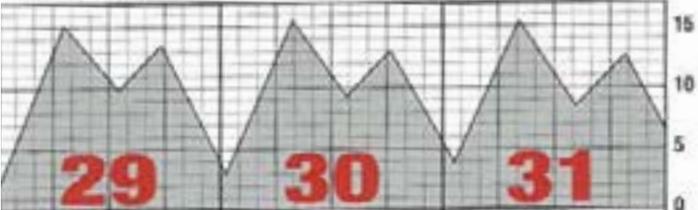
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Great time for Winter Springs and Pawning

POINT ATKINSON
 TIDE HEIGHTS SHOWN IN FEET
 CORRECTED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
 SILVA BAY, GABRIOLA ISLAND
 ADD 5 MINUTES, SUBTRACT 0.3 FEET

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Silva Bay Yacht Club

Monthly Meeting Program Talk with Guest speaker, **John Davis.**

A marine scientist by training with 37 years experience with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, currently John Commander of the Mount Brenton Power & Sail Squadron and President of the Ladysmith & District Marine Rescue Society and Training Coordinator for Rescue Station 29

Marine Search and Rescue on the B.C. Coast



on Tuesday February 7, 2017 at the ROXY, (Twin Beaches mall)
Pot Luck Appies at 6:30pm; Meeting / Presentation @ 7:00pm

Members & General Public are Welcome

PAST COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Well, we couldn't let him go without having one last word! Past Commodore Ian Waymark and Staff Captain Paddy Waymark are sunning themselves down in Southern California. Here is Ian's missive:



Commodore Mike Apps, Past Commodore Ian Waymark, Staff Captain Paddy Waymark and SBYC Historian Karen Apps having way to much fun



It is my first month as your immediate Past Commodore and it is very nice to sit back and relax. I did act as the "messenger" when Commodore Jill found it necessary to step down. Jill will be missed but your executive pulled together, followed the constitution and by-laws and we welcomed Rear Commodore Mike Apps as our new Commodore. Thank you Mike for taking the helm.

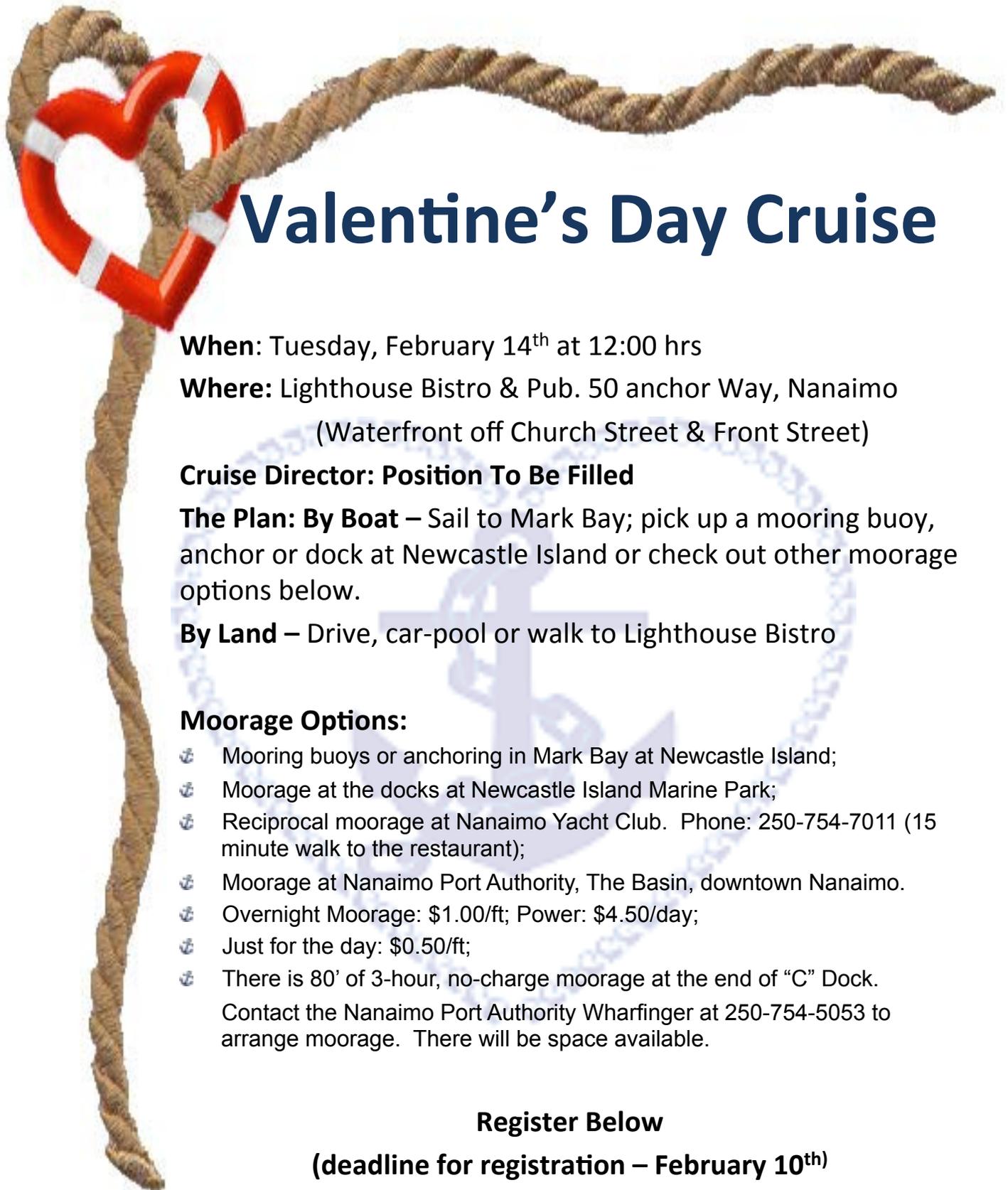
I also wear a hat as a Director for the Marine Parks Forever Society (MPFS), along with Past Commodore Doug Cunnian. It is therefore appropriate I comment on MPFS.

In the past, the mandate of MPFS has been to help BC Parks create and enhance marine parks. Recently, the BC Parks budget has been insufficient to allow the acquisition of additional waterfront, therefore MPFS has changed gears and gone from enhancing of existing parks to attempting to assist the B.C. Government to purchase appropriate waterfront thereby adding additional marine parks for our use. Late last year MPFS advised BC Parks they were willing to donate \$210,000 toward the \$850,000 purchase price of Harmony Islands. A few days ago MPFS advised BC Parks the donation was being raised to \$250,000.

I am reporting this to you because your annual \$10 added to our club membership dues could well be going to a new Marine Park for your use. Every time you drop anchor in a Marine Park, or tie up to a stern tie you can pat yourself on the back and say I helped create this park, and in a little way, you did.
Safe Boating to you all,

It seems that all our members are swanning off to southern California! Here Dennis and Wendy MacKenzie are enjoying dinner in Palm Springs.





Valentine's Day Cruise

When: Tuesday, February 14th at 12:00 hrs

Where: Lighthouse Bistro & Pub. 50 anchor Way, Nanaimo
(Waterfront off Church Street & Front Street)

Cruise Director: Position To Be Filled

The Plan: By Boat – Sail to Mark Bay; pick up a mooring buoy, anchor or dock at Newcastle Island or check out other moorage options below.

By Land – Drive, car-pool or walk to Lighthouse Bistro

Moorage Options:

- ⚓ Mooring buoys or anchoring in Mark Bay at Newcastle Island;
- ⚓ Moorage at the docks at Newcastle Island Marine Park;
- ⚓ Reciprocal moorage at Nanaimo Yacht Club. Phone: 250-754-7011 (15 minute walk to the restaurant);
- ⚓ Moorage at Nanaimo Port Authority, The Basin, downtown Nanaimo.
- ⚓ Overnight Moorage: \$1.00/ft; Power: \$4.50/day;
- ⚓ Just for the day: \$0.50/ft;
- ⚓ There is 80' of 3-hour, no-charge moorage at the end of "C" Dock.
Contact the Nanaimo Port Authority Wharfinger at 250-754-5053 to arrange moorage. There will be space available.

Register Below

(deadline for registration – February 10th)

MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS!

At the 2016 AGM, the membership voted five new faces to your Executive. Please see below for who they are, their positions and a short bio.

Agathe Gaulin - Fleet Captain



Before moving to the West Coast 15 years ago, I was an Albertan. I grew up on a farm, studied at U of A, worked as the Executive Director of several non-profit organizations, got a Master's in Adult Education, then re-oriented my career in organizational development and major event and community based program management. Fell in love with sailing on a day trip in Florida 25 years ago. Came back to Alberta, signed up for sailing lessons with CYA and the CPSS; bought my first boat - a McGregor, then a Catalina; chartered in the Caribbean then out of Vancouver. After moving to Comox, I've owned 3 progressively larger boats. I now own *Free Spirit*, a Spencer 44, getting it ready to go back offshore (she has been around the world a few times with previous owners). I've sailed around Vancouver Island in 2010 (3 weeks); have been an ISPAssociation sailing instructor since 2009; crewed on a Beneteau 50 in the Vic-Maui (2012) and this past summer (2016) crewed on a delivery of a Jeanneau 44 home from the Vic-Maui race. I obtained ISPAssociation Yachtmaster Offshore certification on this trip.

Bon Van Hardenberg - Rear Commodore



I started sailing as teenager on the lakes in Holland, studied physics in Amsterdam, then architecture in New York City. I moved to Canada rather than Vietnam, and built his my first sailboat in Victoria. This was followed by several house boats and an Endurance-35 sailboat. I went back to school and got degrees in Geography and Oceanography from UBC, and spent several decades involved in Arctic research, collecting data aboard Coast Guard icebreakers, before retiring to Gabriola.

Judy McPhee - Treasurer



I moved to Gabriola 10 years ago and purchased an accounting practice here on the island. I loved my work and have made many friends here. I retired 2 years ago now and am loving my retirement. I fill my days with kayaking, biking, gardening, woodworking and boating. Winters usually find me heading for warmer climes. I am looking forward to contributing to the Silva Bay Yacht Club.

Anne Zamluk - Director and Log Book Editor



I have spent most of my life on and around sailboats. A sailboat was my home for several years; under the Second Narrows Bridge in North Vancouver and on the Fraser River. Currently, there is no boat in my life but that could change without notice. I enjoy writing and am reinventing myself as a novelist.

Bob Wood - Social Director



In High School, I toured The BC Coast from Bull Harbor to Anacortes in small outboard run a bouts. Some were built by my father and one by me. On year I had a summer job taking Saturna Island cottagers boats over to their anchor buoys and checked out their anchor tackle via SCUBA.

Graduated from Hi School 1964.

Obtained a BSC in Geology and almost (I did not write my theses) a Masters in Oceanography, 1970.

Our Daughters and I bought "Sojourner" a 27 ft. Albin Vega sail boat in 1999.

We joined The Silva Bay Yacht Club in 2008. I came on the Executive in 2013 as Director at Large and Deputy Cruise Director. In 2014, I accepted the position of Vice Commodore and primarily worked with Social Director, Carol Martin.

Upon her retirement, I took over as Social Director in Sept 2014.