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Commodore's Report

As we leave March behind us we can have a chuckle at the efforts we go to, to be just a little bit Irish. Go to our website and click on the "Gallery". See the green and see the smiles. If you were not there you missed out on the chance to win a cabbage or a potato (we do have big prizes).

We now look at April and we start with our Easter cruise to Chemainus to see "Ring of Fire" a tribute to Johnny Cash and then on to Telegraph Harbour for the Easter weekend. Again, go to the website and see all the details including a buckwheat blueberry pancake breakfast with real maple syrup.

Next up is our monthly meeting at

the Haven on April 7 at 7:30. Our guest speakers are from the 52' MV Coastal Missions. The topic will be the outfitting of a vessel for continuous cruising up and down our coast. You guessed it, all the details are on the website at silvabayyachtclub.com.

April 18 see us all at the Commodore's Ball at the Golf Club. Have you seen the program, the menu and some of the activities? The jail is good to go (thank you Bob Wood) the wanted posters are ready to pin up, the judge has her robes and the docket is full. Break out your cowboy boots and hats, come and enjoy the fun, see the awarding of our annual trophies and dance to the tunes of our DJ, the "Durango Kid".

Did I say "go to our website for all the details?" Webmaster Wanda has done a fantastic job of

upgrading our site. The site is so user friendly even I can use it.

April is the time our numerous snowbirds start flocking home, so "welcome home" to all you snowbirds who are finding it just a little too hot down south. We hope to see you at all the above events.

I will close this report with wishes from the club to Jean and Gerry Raymond as they enter retirement, become live-aboards on their boat and head north to new ports and a new chapter in their lives. Jean has assured me we will be getting up-to-date reports on their travels. Jean and Gerry, may you have gentle winds and kind seas.

Safe boating to you all,

Ian Waymark
Commodore

Upcoming Events

April 2nd-6th	Easter Cruise
April 7th	Monthly Meeting
April 8th	SBYC Lunch
April 18th	Commodore's Ball
May 5th	Monthly Meeting
May 9th-18th	Spring Cruise
May 23	Sailpast
May 29th-31st	Newcomer's Cruise



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Fleet Captain's Report

Hello SBYC Members,

There were no scheduled cruises in March, but we have the Chemainus dinner/theatre coming up April 2nd, followed by the Easter Cruise April 3rd. This will be at Telegraph Harbour Marina, Thetis Island. Mark Titterton is organizing it and it should be loads of fun! Go to the website to sign up if you haven't already done so:

<http://silvabayyachtclub.com/easter-cruise-2015/>

A good way to celebrate the coming of spring!

See you on the water....

Gillian Haines
Fleet Captain

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WEBMASTER'S REPORT

The new website went live on February 27th and from all indications it has been well-received. It was a bit of a learning curve for me but I'm always up for a challenge and this was just one more.

Just because it has been launched though, doesn't mean it's finished—not by a long shot. I continue to tweak and adjust as I become more familiar with the software.

The next step will be to limit parts of the website to "Members Only." This process

has already been started and everyone should have received a userID and temporary password by now. Please let me know if you have any problems setting up your profile or logging into the site.

I have also been making updates to the 2015 Log Book in preparation for printing in time to hand them out at Sailpast on May 23rd. Please review your information contained in the 2014 Log Book and let me know if there are any changes to be made.

Wanda Borley



A little Light Reading

I'm not exactly sure what inspired me to do it, but I recently read, and then re-read the following:

Storm Tactics – Lin and Larry Pardey

Adlard Coles' Heavy Weather Sailing – Peter Bruce

Sailing a Serious Ocean: Sail boats , Storms and Lessons Learned from 30 Years at Sea – John Kretschmer

Solitaire Spirit: Three Times Around the World Single-Handed – Les Powles

and lastly, Victor Shanes Drag Device Database by Noel Swanson.

I wasn't really scared until I read that last one. It's a litany of storms, hurricanes, rogue waves, capsizes and pitchpoles that made me wonder what \$4.29 piece of hardware I had that was going to fail at precisely the wrong time thereby turning my own world upside down (literally and figuratively – there's a story in Swanson's book about three New Zealanders living in their capsized trimaran for 118 days).

When I re-read the lot, I was looking for some common-threads among the many different, almost always, harrowing experiences that I was vicariously living. It didn't take long to find them. Once I knew where to look, I began to find them everywhere.

Like most things we experience away from the dock, what I found was elemental . Better yet, it was simple, easy to understand and inexpensive. In other words, it was within easy reach of anyone willing to cast off and turn their backs on the shore.

What separated the disasters from the near misses, the truly terrifying from the simply uncomfortable was preparation. Some of the sailors, power boaters and fisherman were simply better prepared than others. They had practiced heaving to, deploying drogues and sea-anchors, rigging up bridles and warps before the ultimate test. They had practiced these things, and more, on flat water under sunny skies before Neptune decided to put them to the ultimate test.

Those that had suffered the most were barely, or not at all, prepared. The time to learn is not when your life is on the line.

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Membership Report

As of March 23, 2015 there are 100 fully paid-up members of which four are new. Nine former members have given their resignations and there are still five members who have not renewed or given notice of resignation. They have until March 31st to renew.

Bodil Ellins
Membership Chair



This is an invitation from the Nanaimo group of Bluewater Cruising Association to hear the internationally renowned boating author, **Nigel Calder** in a speaking engagement on Monday, April 13th at 7 p.m. at Beban Park (2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo). The title of this presentation is "Lessons Learned Along The Way."

Nigel Calder is a world-renowned offshore sailor and author of many definitive books on the subject of boat mechanical and electrical systems. This event promises to entertain you as Nigel relates his life-long acquisition of wisdom on all matters nautical.

Next General Meeting:

When: Tuesday, April 7th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Haven Dining Room

Presenter: Sarah-C Buschhaus

Presentation: Coastal Messenger and Coastal Missions

[Click here for full details.](#)

Don't Miss The Commodore's Ball



When: Saturday, April 18th

Where: Gabriola Golf Club

Theme: Western

Tickets: \$25/ea

Music provided by:

The Durango Kid

There'll be a 50/50 draw, prizes, and lots of action both on and off the dance floor. Mark your calendar and plan to be there. You can register on line [here](#). **Deadline for registration is Saturday, April 11th.**

Page's Resort & Marina Recognized by the Canadian Association of Family Enterprise (CAFÉ).

In early March the Hatfield family of Page's Resort & Marina was honoured as the recipient of the 2015 Family Enterprise of the Year Finalist Award by CAFE at a gala held at the Uplands Golf Club in Victoria.

**CONGRATULATIONS
KEN & GLORIA!**



Rear Commodore's Report

We had a great turnout (26-28 including speakers) for Bob &

Barb Hoffstom's presentation on March 3rd at our house. The next monthly meeting will be back at the Haven dining room on April 7th. Sarah-C Buschhaus will speak about the Coastal Messenger and the work being done by the Coastal Missions Society and Roy Getman, designer of the Coastal Messenger will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

SBYC now has a Facebook page—be sure to check it out. The page was set up, and will be maintained by, Jana Montgomery. This will allow SBYC to post on the Gabriola Community Board in the hopes of attracting new and interested parties to our club.

With the Commodore's Ball fast approaching we need to be thinking about the awards to be handed out that night. Email me any ideas you may have in regard to who you think some of the recipients might be. The categories are: Talent Award, Fairlead Trophy, Marlin Spike Trophy, Good Seamaritan Award, and Off-Course Compensator Award. If you need clarification as to how members may qualify of these awards please refer to the Commordore's email that was sent to the membership on March 20th or email me at:

rearcommodore@silvabayyachtclub.com

An email has been sent out to membership to review their information in the Log Book and send any updates and boat pictures for the 2015 Log Book to Wanda Borley at publications@silvabayyachtclub.com. Deadline for updates is April 15th.

Reminder: As you sort through things in preparation for spring, please remember to set aside items for the Marine Garage Sale planned for the day of the Sailpast. Call Jerry at 250-247-8545 to arrange pick up or drop off.

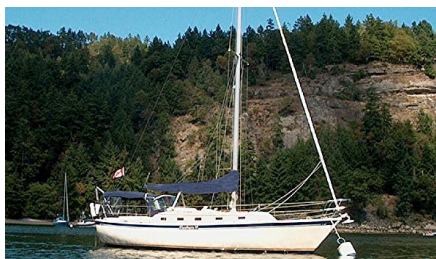
Jerry Ellins
Rear Commodore

Power Squadron News:

The Squadron will be offering Maritime Radio as a one-day course on both Saturday, April 11. See the Squadron's web site <http://www.powersquadron.gabriola.org/> for all information regarding times and venue, contacts and our new option of online registration through the secure Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's server. Alternatively, you can reach Education Officer Bob Weenk by email at: gabriola_squadron@yahoo.ca or Commander Ralph Hagen at: ralphhagen@gmail.com

The Squadron's social programme for this winter and spring consists of three evening socials with presentations. SBYC members are welcome. The third one will be on April 14. For details, see the Squadron website's Upcoming Events page: <http://www.powersquadron.gabriola.org/upcoming.html>

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS



For Sale:
Eleuthera IV
a 1981 Aloha 34

See full details here.

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That opportunity has come and gone. What was left was a life or death struggle and a tiny sliver of hope.

I believe the lesson here is simple. The better prepared we are, the better the outcome. The outcome doesn't have to be surviving the ultimate storm. The outcome can be simply getting off the dock in one piece. I can honestly say that because I have tried to leave the dock while still attached to it. The boat and/or dock was saved from my lack of preparation by a by-stander's willingness to risk injury by untying the offending spring-line in double-quick time.

You can be better prepared to leave the dock. To arrive back at the dock. To anchor. To reef. To refuel. To navigate. To stand watch. To go aloft. To tie that watcha-ma-doodle knot that takes the strain off a jammed winch. In short, there's an endless parade of opportunities to be better prepared for.

Make it a habit. Take ten seconds before you undertake anything and ask yourself if you're prepared. That simple habit will someday pay dividends that you, and Neptune himself can only imagine.

Submitted by:
Bert Terhart



Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except July, August and January) at 7:30 p.m. at the Haven dining room. These are informative get togethers with a small business meeting to start with reports from working officers and committee chairs, as available.

Following the short business meeting, the Rear Commodore will introduce an interesting presentation dealing with west coast boating, safety and especially interesting cruises by members and friends.

Always informative and entertaining. Check the website for up-to-date details.

Social Lunches

Social lunches are held every second Wednesday of each month at noon at the Skol Pub. This is strictly social and an opportunity to catch up with fellow boaters.

Are you ready? Your life awaits and now is the time. Space is limited, don't let this opportunity pass you by. What are you doing with your one, Wild and Precious life? Join us for this unforgettable and awe-inspiring journey around Vancouver Island May 15-29, 2015



See our website for complete details at: <http://www.naturalpacesailing.com/#vancouver-island-circumnavigation/c16sm>