



Commodore's Report

I start this month's report with a big thank you to the Executive for all the time and effort they put into organizing a fantastic 2015 Sailpast. Of course, Sailpast 2015 could only be a success if many members and guests were present to enjoy and appreciate the Executive's work. We had 22 boats and just about 100 members and guests take part in a warm, sunny Sailpast. I thank all who were there.

If you attended Sailpast you received a Welcome Package from the club. The welcome package included the 2015 Log Book, a BC Marine Parks Guide from Marine Parks Forever (for those who included the \$10 optional donation with their membership fees) and a number of items from our sponsors. This year the Executive made a decision to try to give back to our sponsors who have always been generous to the club. The only way we

can give back to our sponsors is to have our members frequent our sponsors' places of business. To encourage members to visit our sponsors' places of business a number of our sponsors supplied coupons and/or discounts on many of the items they offer. If you, as a member, make use of the coupons and discounts you will supporting our sponsors and saving money on the items you purchase. Your club membership is now a "value added membership".

If you have not received your Welcome Package they will be brought to club functions and distributed to attending members. Our June 10th lunch at Silva Bay will be the first opportunity to pick up a Welcome Package.

I would appreciate any comments you have on the welcome package.

In other news the BC Marine Parks Forever Society is continuing the stern tie ring program with new rings being added to Pirate's Cove, Princess Cove, Melanie Cove, Prideaux Haven and Grace Cove. The society has been

advocating for a Marine Park at Burgoyne Bay and it now seems that B.C. Parks is committed to this park and MPFS will be contributing considerable funds to the park's development. Your annual \$10 donation to the Marine Parks Forever Society becomes part of a tremendous legacy for now and future enjoyment by boaters.

The Council of B.C. Yacht Clubs has been actively opposing the proposed development in Squirrel Cove and to date, only the marina portion of the development has been approved.

The CBCYC is looking for club members who may be interested in becoming a B.C. Marine Park Host. If you are interested in being a park host please contact me.

I take great pleasure in wishing you all a great and safe boating season in 2015.

Kind regards,
Ian Waymark
Commodore

Upcoming Events	
Jun 10th	SBYC Lunch
Jun 13th-22nd	Summer Cruise
Jul 01-04	Canada Day-Sippin' on the Dock—Maple Bay
Jul 24th-27th	Mid-Summer Cruise
Aug 22nd	Chemainus Dinner Theatre
Aug 22nd-31st	Empty Nester's Cruise

SUMMER CRUISE

June 13th to 22nd
To
Victoria Harbour
With Stopping off Points
Before and After

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Fleet Captain's Report

Hello SBYC Members,

May has proven to be an extremely busy month for the club!

We had the Spring Cruise May 9th - 18th. We started off at Salt Spring Marina in Ganges and had 8 boats there. We had a lovely Mother's Day potluck brunch at Moby's Pub patio. We stayed there for three nights and then four of the boats returned for the week and the other four went on to Russell Island. This is a beautiful little island which is also a Marine Park and good anchorage. We then made our way to Brentwood Bay marina which has some nice facilities including a pool and hot tub. We made good use of both and also

had dinner in their restaurant. The next day we headed over to Todd Inlet. This is also a beautiful spot, and hard to realize the city is so close. Butchart Gardens, was as usual, spectacular and we spent all day there, and the weather co-operated. Then it was on to Cowichan Bay as we started to make our way back to Silva Bay. We enjoyed the little stores and cafes at Cowichan Bay and, of course, had dinner at Rock Cod Cafe, which is well-known for its excellent fish. Bela Vida headed home the next day and the others stopped overnight near Ladysmith. A very enjoyable trip.

The annual Sailpast was held on May 23rd and is one of the largest events of the year for SBYC. Everyone on the Executive worked hard to make it a success and it was. There

were 22 boats taking part in the Sailpast and all went smoothly. Over 80 people attended the BBQ that was catered by Robert's Place. It was wonderful food, wonderful company and wonderful weather.

May 29th -31st was the Welcome Cruise for new boaters' cruise. (See the submitted article on page 3.)

The next cruise (June 13th to 22nd) is to Victoria Inner Harbour and we are really looking forward to it! You can [register here](#).

See you on the water....

Gillian Haines
Fleet Captain



From the Archives (1981-2 Log Book):

FATHER'S DAY MYSTERY CRUISE ABOARD CANADIAN PRINCESS

Fifteen Members took advantage of this weekend and met aboard the CANADIAN PRINCESS (ex WILLIAM J. STEWART) in Ucluelet, B.C. to eat crab on the beach and surprise around Vancouver Island sailors Margaret and Andre Lemieux. They were given a special tour of the ship's engine room equipped with a steam turbine in operating order with MILES of polished brass and copper tubing.

The Coast Guard Radar Control Station was very hospitable and made a thorough explanation of the control of shipping entering and leaving Juan de Fuca.



 **Happy Father's Day** 



Membership Report

A hearty welcome to our newest member(s), Jake Russell and Jane Reddington

who will jshare the sailboat Griffin with our other new member, Alan Dennis. It was great to have all three of them and their daughter join us for the Sailpast.

Bodil Ellins
Membership Chair



Next General Meeting:

When: Tuesday, October 6th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Haven Dining Room

Check the website for details as they become available

Welcome Cruise

May 29th—31st Montague

There were eight boats on the cruise and all met up Friday afternoon at Montague. New members were Mark and Brenda Halliwell on SV Dogstar,

want to practice docking but anchoring was a skill some wanted help with.



The next morning, Doug went over to help Alan on Griffin as their two boats are "sister ships," Catalina 30s. They went out with Mark from Dogstar and practiced anchoring. Ian, having previously owned Lizzie, took Christine and her guest, Judy McPhee, out to practice their anchoring. They came back several hours later and Ian declared they had achieved the Golden Anchoring Award!

No one made any huge boo-boos (that I know about!) and I hope people gained a little extra knowledge that they didn't have before.

That evening we had Potluck dinner on the dock and, as usual, had excellent food and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Some left sometime on Sunday and we stayed over another night along with David.

We had excellent weather, good company and a very enjoyable weekend!

It is hoped that, if we have this cruise in future years, more will come out to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge our club members have, and have some fun at the same time!

Submitted by: Gillian Haines, Fleet Captain



Rear Commodore's Report

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Marine Garage Sale at Sailpast, either by donation or by purchase. We had \$279.56 in sales which will go to general funds or perhaps to offset Sailpast costs. The remaining items which were not sold will be sorted and either recycled, donated to GIRO, put on the Community Board for sale or stored until next year.

Last month's General Meeting presentation by Marine Parks Forever was well received. They are an amazing organization that does so much good work in the province.

Jerry Ellins
Rear Commodore



Alan Dennis on SV Griffin, and Christine Purfield on PV Lizzie.



As well, we had Darrel and me on Bela Vida, Ian on Salish C, David Kellenberger on At Ease, Doug and Deb Cunnian on SV Shadowfax, and Vic Dowling on PV Lady Lo.

Everyone gathered on the park dock for Happy Hour and we introduced ourselves. We all had a good time and established what kind of boating help each of us needed. No-one seemed to

Executive Changes to Some Membership Policies

Submitted by: Ian Waymark,
Commodore

Following is an overview of some changes to membership policies recently enacted by your Club Executive.

Clarification of Residency Requirement:

A sub-committee of the Executive was charged with examining our stated policy regarding admission of new members with regards to their residency. Most yacht clubs clearly define the boundaries of the geographical area from which they will accept members, for example you must reside within a 15 km distance of the clubhouse. We have been less prescriptive over the years, which has been both good and not so good. The good has been that we have some off-island members who are excellent, active participants in the club. In fact, in our recent Sailpast the "off-island" members were very well represented. Most of the "off-island" members also belong to their local yacht club but wanted to also be part of our club because we have such a great cruising program. This is a great compliment to us! We don't want to ever discourage these types of members. The downside is that some off-islander (and we suspect on-islanders as well) simply joined because we are very inexpensive and by being a member, they get full access to all of our reciprocals with other clubs. This is not why the club exists. The Executive wanted to tighten up the residency and application process to encourage new members who really want to be involved with the life and activities of the club. We have added this to our policy and website under new membership information:

"We give priority to residents (full or part-time) of our local community on Gabriola Island as well as small neighbouring islands. Consideration is given for membership to nearby off islanders if they can show a strong commitment to active participation in our club."

We have also added more questions to the application (you can see these

on our website under "Membership").

Reinstatement of Lapsed Memberships:

The second issue that has been arising lately and made us realize we needed a more clearly defined policy is the process by which a previous member who has allowed their membership to lapse may apply for reinstatement of their membership. This doesn't happen often but seems to be increasing. The Executive was of the opinion that we should encourage past members to re-join but also to place a defined value on continuing membership. We wanted to be fair, consistent and operate in the best interests of the club. Membership dues are due by December 31st each year. The club allows a one-month grace period until January 31st during which time the dues can be paid without penalty. A further grace period is allowed until March 31st with the addition of a \$20 late fee. After that, a membership is deemed to have lapsed and that member is removed from the club register. There are many reasons a member chooses to leave the club but sometimes a past member may wish to come back and renew their membership. In most clubs, this is a very expensive proposition (primarily because their initiation fees are so high). We didn't want to go this way, however we realized that we really didn't have any defined policy on this. To this end, the following policy has been approved:

"To request reinstatement of a lapsed membership, a former member must meet the following criteria: (refer also to Section 1.5.1 of the club bylaws)

Have not let membership lapse for more than three years; (After three years, follow the New Member protocols including payment of initiation fee)

Meet the current residency requirements;

Send or submit the completed "Reinstatement of Lapsed Membership Application Form" together with a reinstatement fee of \$50.00 as well as the current year's dues.

A returning member is assumed to be in possession of a current club burgee

and name tag(s) If they no longer have these items they must obtain replacements from the Membership Chair at the current cost.

Final decision on reinstatement rests entirely with the club Executive."

As in all club policies, the Executive has the right to modify or even ignore any provision of any policy (consistent with the Club by-laws) for exceptional, extraordinary, or compassionate reasons. You can see the details of these membership policy changes by looking at the various tabs under the Membership tab on our website.

We hope that you agree that these changes are fair, consistent, and in the best interest of the club, as your Executive does. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns that you may have on this or any other club related issue.



SBYC Sailpast—2015

Sailpast—2015 is but a memory now. This is SBYC's biggest event of the year marking the official beginning of the cruising season. If you missed it you missed a great event. It was well received and by all accounts everyone had a good time.

Part of the Sailpast ceremony is the blessing of the fleet. This year we were able to acquire a copy of the blessing from the Reverend Scott Agur and is reproduced here with an introductory comment by Past Commodore, Doug Cunnian.

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Submitted by: Doug Cunnian, Past Commodore

From the very beginnings of Sailpast with Naval Fleets, the Blessing of the Fleet has been an integral part of the ceremonies. Today, many yacht clubs actually have a Fleet Chaplain position in their club who does the blessing during Sailpast as well as other duties. SBYC doesn't have a Fleet Chaplain but has been fortunate over the last several Sailpasts to have various clergy members step forward and offer the blessing to our fleet during Sailpast. This year, we had the Rev.

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Scott Agur (retired United Church minister) come and offer the Blessing. A number of members remarked afterwards how meaningful they found Scott's blessing. So, for those of you who missed it or heard it and would like to re-visit it, here is his Blessing of the Fleet.

“A PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF THE FLEET GABRIOLA ISLAND YACHT CLUB SAIL PAST SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

Let us pray....

Creator God, you who reveal yourself in love, hope, bread, comfort, shelter, justice, humility, consolation and mystery, I invite you to take into your loving embrace all mariners who go down to the sea in ships and sail upon the sometimes raging waters of the world. Make these mariners alert and wise in their duties, faithful in the time of routine, prompt to decide and courageous to act in any time of crisis.

Gracious Creator, bless these boats and all who sail in them. Give the skipper and the crew presence of mind in danger and guide them to keep their boats in good repair. Grant them the wisdom of knowing when to go out and when to stay put, so that they may have a safe passage. Grant that all who sail be renewed in spirit through their encounter with the miracle of your beautiful world and with the singular gifts of love and friendship that a sailing community offers in abundance.

Encourage all mariners as they face the dangers and the perils of the sea; and even in frightening storms, grant that there may be peace and calm within their hearts. When they are far from home, far from loved ones and far from the country which they know, help them to be sure that wherever they are, they can never drift beyond your love and care.

Bless these sailors and those whom they call family and friends, that they may open their hearts to you and discover in you a strong anchor for their hopes, and so be filled with your peace and purpose.

O God, frail is our vessel and wide, deep and challenging your ocean; but as in your mercy you have set our

course, so help us to steer the vessel of our life towards the everlasting shore of peace, and bring us at length to the quiet haven of our heart's desire, where you, Creator God, are blessed, and live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

(The Rev. Scott Peter Agur, retired, the United Church of Canada)”

Asperges—the rite of sprinkling with holy water. Above: Rev. Scott Agur performing this rite during Sailpast.



New member(s) Alan Dennis, et al aboard SV Griffin taking part in Sailpast.



Every effort was made to pass by the Commodore's boat and give him the requisite salute—even if it meant being towed. Way to go Fred & Carol!

Other Sailpast Happenings

RCM•SAR demonstrated their new Radio Directional Finder that they were able to acquire through donations from SBYC.



There was good food, good conversation, door prizes and a good time had by all.

They also gave a Man Overboard demonstration on the dock with our own Vic Dowling being rescued.





PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

CANADIAN COAST GUARD - WESTERN

BC Ferries Spring and Summer 2015 Operations

May 21, 2015

BC Ferries, in partnership with Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety, wishes to advise commercial and pleasure craft operators that the upcoming spring and summer ferry sailing schedules will increase marine traffic over many BC Ferries routes along the British Columbia coast.

BC Ferries would like to bring particular attention to the fact that sailing dates, times and routes may change with little or no notice due to operational requirements or sudden and significant changes due to operational incidents, weather and traffic demand.

Mariners transiting waters in the immediate area of BC Ferries terminals shall use caution and ensure that they do not impede ferries approaching or departing berths pursuant to the Canadian Shipping Act, Collision Regulations and the ordinary practice of good seamanship. Additionally, mariners should exercise caution and be aware of increased BC Ferries spring and summer traffic in the area of Active Pass.

Information regarding BC Ferry sailings can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.bcferrries.com/>

<http://www.bcferrries.com/schedules/>

BC Ferry vessels standby on VHF marine radio channel 16 (calling channel) and the appropriate VHF vessel traffic channel for their area; these channels are: *Comox Traffic*, VHF 71; *Victoria* VHF 11; & *Victoria Traffic for Vancouver Harbour and Howe Sound*, VHF 12

Marine Communications & Traffic Service – Western

Regional Office – 250-363-8904

mets@dfo-mpo.gc.ca



Power Squadron News:

The Squadron has concluded its course offerings for the season. To find out what courses the Squadron will be offering this coming fall, go to the web site <http://www.powersquadron.gabriola.org/> or simply Google Gabriola Power Squadron. The information will be available in August at the latest.



CLUB CLASSIFIEDS For Sale:



Eleuthera IV
a 1981 Aloha 34

[See full details here](#)

Moorage Available Page's Resort and Marina

Two slips for boats 20' or smaller
May be rented on a seasonal or
annual basis

[Click here to see rates.](#)

Get Well Wishes

SBYC sends best wishes to Past Commodore, Andre Lemieux and his wife, Carole. At the time of writing, Andre is in hospital and is very ill after being stung by a bee or wasp. We wish him a full and speedy



Helpful Tip To make your time on the water more enjoyable:

How often have you been annoyed by zippers that won't open or close and sliding windows that won't slide?

Just recently I had to break out a spray can of silicon to lubricate a roll-away screen door at our house. The effect on the door was instant and gratifying, no sticking or grabbing in the rails. My immediate thought was the sliding windows on our boat and the number of finger nails Paddy has broken trying to open or close them. One squirt on the open track and a couple of slides back and forth and the windows quickly became a two-finger slide, no more pushing and tugging, no more windows stuck closed.

My next thought went to the multitude of zippers on the boat. You guessed it. One spray on the length of the zipper and the zipper was like new again.

If any of you have a tip to share, please pass it along. None of us is to old to learn.

Ian Waymark
Commodore

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except June, 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 Silva Bay Restaurant. This is strictly social and an opportunity to catch up with fellow boaters.

