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Commodore's Report

I start this report with a welcome to some of our new and returning members. Welcome

back Ron Parish and welcome to the club Dave & Diane Hepper and George & Lynn Myette. I hope each of you enjoys our club and its activities on and off the water.

My scheduled Commodore's meeting at Maple Bay in January was thwarted by thick fog that made travel by boat unsafe and extremely slow. However, I can report, one of the topics to be discussed was the changing of the rules pertaining to pumping our black tanks. The proposed change proposed was to reduce the distance from the shoreline to one nautical mile from three nautical miles. The outcome of the discussion was moot as the

government withdrew the proposed change.

The Valentine's Day event was attended by fifteen SBYC members and all had a good time.

The next event on our calendar is St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance at the Skol Pub on March 17th. The new owners of the Skol are going all out to give us a fun night and a great meal. A Big event is new to the pub and even newer to the new owners. The owners would like to know how many of us will be there so they can have extra staff ready to serve us. If you plan to attend, please let us know at your earliest convenience by registering here.

The next cruise is the Easter Cruise (April 2-6) and is our first overnight cruise. The cruise starts in Chemainus with "Ring of Fire", a Johnny Cash/Man in Black tribute

and then moves onto Thetis Island where we will be at either the pub or the marina. The first announcement to you all should come shortly from Cruise Director Mark Titterton. The Easter Cruise is a great cruise to warm up the engines, stock the lockers and ease back into the cruising mode for the upcoming Spring Cruise (May 9-18) to Ganges and on to Todd Inlet and Butchart Gardens.

Please mark your calendars for the Commodore's Ball on Saturday April 18 at the Golf Club. Break out your cowboy boots and Stetsons and prepare yourselves for a Texas hoedown with all the trimmings.

Safe boating to you all,

Ian Waymark
Commodore

Upcoming Events

March 3rd	Monthly Meeting
March 11th	SBYC Lunch
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day Event
April 2nd-6th	Easter Cruise
April 7th	Monthly Meeting
April 8th	SBYC Lunch
April 18th	Commodore's Ball



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Fleet Captain's Report

Hello SBYC Members,

February 14th, Valentine's Day, was our cruise for the month, although it wasn't really a cruise, none of our boats ventured out! But we had a great time with 13 club members at the Dinghy Dock pub. I was the odd one out as Darrel was working! The day was beautiful and sunny and we had a free ferry ride over there. We played a fun little game throwing ping pong balls into cups with a chance of winning a dozen roses or a box of chocolates, and the booby prizes were to read out nautical themed jokes. The winner of

the dozen roses was Anne Zamluk. A rose was also given to each of the ladies and to the female staff at the pub. A really nice way to spend Valentine's Day!

The next event will be St Patrick's Day on March 17th. This will be a local pub event and handled by the Social Committee. Watch for details coming soon!

See you on the water....

Gillian Haines
Fleet Captain



All The Things You Cannot See

Warmer temperatures and longer days means the maintenance to-do list for the boat is finally getting some attention. Oh, there are the usual suspects: A leak or two (well, more than two), bulbs halfway up the mast to replace, lines to replace and re-splice. Basically all the things you can see. But I worry...

I worry about all the things I cannot see. Like how much refrigerant has leaked past the compressor seals, how much corrosion is there on the spreader bases, or has any crevice corrosion started on the chainplates. Months of being tied up to the dock takes it toll on the boat and soul.

But one thing that most of us have in common is the diesel fuel languishing in the tanks. And diesel fuel tanks are a breeding ground for all sorts of horrors. Now, there are all kinds of extreme environments where all kinds of exotic creatures like to grow. Super-heated anoxic water near hydrogen sulphur vents thousands of feet down on the ocean floor is one such place. Your fuel tank is another.

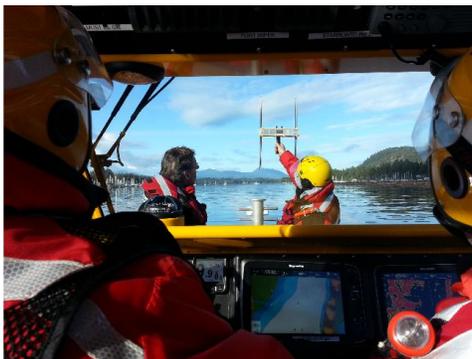
The little critters that thrive in your tanks are a permanent fixture. You can polish the fuel, clean the tanks and diligently add your favourite fuel biocide at every fill, but it's a battle you simply cannot win. You can stay one step ahead, but you can never claim outright victory. That's the bad news. The good news is that these little guys sink.

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News From RCM•SAR

The following two pictures are of the new Radio Direction Finder in use by RCM•SAR. We were able to purchase this new Radio Direction Finder entirely through SBYC's donation. On behalf of those mariners whose safety is enhanced by this technology and those of us who volunteer our time in saving lives at sea, we thank you.

Brian Crompt
Station Leader
RCM•SAR Station 29, Ladysmith





Membership Report

Membership Status:
As of February 18,
2015 there are ten

past members who are not renewing. We have three new membership and one lapsed renewing. There are ten outstanding memberships who have all been contacted by telephone and we expect will renew shortly.

Welcome to our newest members, Dave and Diane Hepper and George and Lynn Myette and to returning member, Ron Parish

Bodil Ellins
Membership Chair



Family Boatbuilding

Build your own boat with the family

Great for Parents, Grandparents, Guardians and kids
(there may be age restrictions). Minimal woodworking experience necessary.

Cost \$675

(Most materials supplied)

March 21th to 24th, 2015

Location:

"The Grove Woodworking School"

2505 Coho Dr. Gabriola Island

tgroveys@gmail.com

250-247-0142

In this 4 day workshop you will build an 8ft plywood Sabot Pram.
Great for rowing and can be set up for sailing.

Class size: Maximum 5 families.
Course must have minimum 4 families to run.



Next General Meeting:

When: Tuesday, March 3rd

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: 50 Haig Road

Presenter: Bob Hoffstrom

Presentation: The American Great Circle Loop

Click here for full details.



Rear Commodore's Report

Tony Grove's presentation at the February 3rd meeting was excellent. Unfortunately, there were only about six members in attendance. Please join us for Bob and Barb Hoffstrom's presentation on March 3rd (see poster). NOTE: the Haven will be closed so the meeting has been moved to Jerry and Bodil Ellins' home at 50 Haig Road—off Berry Point Road, first right past the Surf Lodge and first house on the left (navy blue). There is room for 3-4 cars in the driveway and three in a pull out just before the driveway. You can also park on Berry Point and walk up. Bring a flashlight.

Properties & Awards: Call to last year's recipients to return their trophies to Page's trophy case by the end of February.

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

New Business: Island Futures is looking for a (power) vessel or vessels to take 6-10 people to Saturna Island on March 7th to attend a Gulf Island "futures" conference. Fuel costs will be covered for this one day trip. Contact Susan Yates if you are interested in helping out at susanemilyyates@gmail.com

Jerry Ellins
Rear Commodore

Power Squadron News:

The Squadron will be offering Maritime Radio as a one-day course on both Saturday, March 21 and 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 second one will be on March 24 and the third 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 is to say they are found at the bottom of the tank. And having had free-reign for pretty much the whole winter, rest assured they are there and in fine form.

Here's what you can do...

Firstly, visually examine your primary filters. If you think they look dirty, they are. Change them. If you don't know when they were changed last, change them now and enter it into the log.

Secondly, and most importantly, the next time the boat is out in choppy or bouncy conditions, keep a weather eye on the fuel filters. The choppy conditions will thoroughly mix the bugs and sediment throughout the fuel. If you've got a real problem, your fuel filters will let you know all about it. If you do have a problem and don't take action, you may very well find yourself engine-less at a most inopportune and inconvenient time.

If you're thinking about your own boat to-do list this spring, give some thought to all the things you cannot see. Sometimes the best surprise is no surprise at all

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 have 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.



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