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Commodore's Report

April is a memory, but a fond memory for those of you who attended the Tribute to

Johnny Cash in Chemainus and the Easter cruise at Telegraph Harbour on Thetis Island.

The photographs of the boat decorations, the Easter bonnets, the "great race" to the pub, the pancake breakfast and the many smiles at each event are testament to the fun we had. Check out the website and see the photos Wanda has posted.

The Commodore's Ball on April 18 was "just" a bit different from our normal Commodore's Ball. I did hear a lot of laughing, see a lot of costumes, see many of you two stepping around the and took some humorous photos of Past

Commodore Doug and Past Fleet Captain Mike as they were sentenced to jail and put behind bars.

Judge Joyce was in fine form as were Bob Woods, Cec Ashley, Mike Apps, Doug Cunnian, Edie Wood. A shoot out at the OK Corral, it really happened! DJ The Durango Kid, aka David Kellenberger started the dancing with the "Tennessee Waltz" and finished the evening with "Help me through the night".

My sincere thank you to everyone who attended the Commodore's Ball and to all of Social Director Bob Woods committee who rehearsed for the skit, put out the decorations and took part in the skit at the ball. I think there was a little bit of adlibbing going on but it only added to the laughter. Thank you also to Webmaster Wanda Borley who kept the Commodore's Ball front and centre on the website,

made the wanted posters and patiently worked with the Social Committee and myself to help bring everything together.

Thank you also to Jerry Ellins for his unselfish use of his audio visual equipment. My last thank you goes to Heather and Robert Gray for the donation of the two hay bales. It was great to be on the dance floor with them as we danced the last waltz.

On a different topic, I was very pleased to see the pilings at our dock in Degnen Bay were once again home to numerous starfish after a blight wiped out so many of them last year.

I now look forward to seeing you all on your boats and at the dinner during our Sailpast on May 23rd at Pages Marina

Safe boating to you all,
Ian Waymark
Commodore

Upcoming Events

May 5th	Monthly Meeting
May 9th-18th	Spring Cruise
May 13th	SBYC Lunch
May 23rd	Sailpast
May 29th-31st	Newcomer's Cruise
Jun 2nd	Monthly Meeting
Jun 10th	SBYC Lunch
Jun 13th-22nd	Summer Cruise

SAILPAST-2015

May 23rd
Page's Resort and Marina
Registration: 12:30 p.m.
BBQ: 4:30 p.m. (\$20pp)
Marine Garage Sale
RCM•SAR Demonstration
2015 Log Books
[Register Here](#)

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Fleet Captain's Report

Hello SBYC Members,

The cruising season got off to a good start with the Easter weekend. Twelve of us attended the musical put on by the Chemainus theatre, "Ring of Fire, A Tribute to the Man in Black" and it was excellent. We had centre front seats and, as usual, the buffet was very good. Then we went on to Telegraph Harbour Marina on Thetis Island for Easter celebrations with nine boats in attendance. The cruise director for this trip was Mark Titterton and he and Shawn did a super job with the activities. Shawn made up a welcome Easter basket for each of us and had Swanlinbar nicely decorated. They had us going on a "treasure trek" walking around Thetis ending up at the pub. It was

very enjoyable and had us out and about. We also made up bunny ears that evening to be judged at the pancake breakfast the next morning, which was a lot of fun. Ian made up his famous pancakes with contributions from the other boats. A very enjoyable weekend.

The next cruise will be to Butchart Gardens from May 8th - 18th. There will be visits to Portland Island and Cowichan Bay enroute. It should be a great cruise!

Visit the website and my latest email for details.

The link is: <http://silvabayyachtclub.com/spring-cruise/>.

Also, this month we have the Sailpast on May 23rd and a weekend trip May 29-31st to Montague for new boaters and those who want to practice their docking and anchoring skills. Details on these events will be following soon. So, hopefully, we'll see you out with us on at least one

of these events in May!

As an aside, we now have a Silva Bay Yacht Club Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account I suggest you to do a search for it and request to join. It is a way of getting the club's presence known to the Gabriola community and maybe encourage some new members to join. Posts can be done showing our activities and maybe also to the Gabriola Community Board, which has over 2,000 Gabriolan members.

See you on the water....

Gillian Haines
Fleet Captain

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Submitted article

By: Judy Roschlaub:(non-member)

So... you want your wife to go sailing with you, eh?

Involve her early. Don't be like Sailbad the Sinner... he chose his new yacht and a new yacht mop for his wife. If you want her to feel at home in it, take your first mate shopping with you for that new boat. You wouldn't buy a home without her input, so why a floating house?

Gents, let your spouse name the boat, or better yet name it after her. "Lady Jane" is easily understood by the coast guard. It is difficult to spell "Helluvadeal" in the phonetic alphabet, especially if the reception is cutting in and out.

If you want your boat to be manned by your woman, encourage her to learn about the nautical world. There are "ladies only" sailing courses that may pique her interest. Or perhaps taking some courses together, such as power squadron or ham radio operation might be a fun alternative. In this era of digital living, consider a course in technology or GPS; many are available online. If she clicks with a digital camera, be prepared to be her model on call, willing to pose whenever she feels the urge, unless of course the water is getting thin, or she runs out of batteries.

If she becomes enthralled with entering GPS waypoints, use them. If she has the coordinates for the intended harbor entrance punched in, you can no longer just eyeball it. You must wait to turn until the GPS flashes "approaching waypoint." She wants her input to be valued, and so should you.

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From the Archives (circa 1979):

SILVA BAY YACHT CLUB HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL SAIL PAST

by Arne Bentzen

The Silva Bay Yacht Club held its first annual Sail Past on Saturday May 28. It was a great success, with sail and power boats coming from Vancouver, Nanaimo and Gabriola.

The Club Burgee, a blue gull on white background, designed and made by Wendy Hobbs, was raised by Henry Silva.

Many of the boats were gaily decorated as they sailed past the Commodore's boat, and saluted in a smart fashion. First prize was awarded to John Dibley, Jr. for the most shipshape vessel. In the evening members and guests enjoyed dining and dancing at Silva Bay Lodge.

Sunday saw sail boats racing around the Flat Tops with twelve boats participating. Rex Case

from Vancouver was first across the finish line followed by Ron Stratton and Denis Maze. The power boats engaged themselves in a fishing derby. Albi Bentzen winning the prize for the largest fish.



Sailpast -2015 is fast approaching!

Mark your calendar; plan to be there. Strut your boat—Show your pride!





Membership Report

A hearty welcome to our newest member, Alan

Dennis and his sailboat Griffin!

Bodil Ellins
Membership Chair



Rear Commodore's Report

We had a mediocre turnout for an excellent talk by Coastal Missions

on April 7th.

The next presentation will be by George, Creek, President of the B.C. Marine Parks Forever Society. See details on this page.

Properties & Awards

The awards were given out at the Commodore's Ball (Hoe-Down!).

Awards were presented as follows:

Best of Sail (from Sailpast 2014—SV Kingfisher (**Chris Boulsbee & Marilyn Campbell**))

Best of Power—(from Sailpast 2014—MV Salish C (**Ian & Paddy Waymark**))

Good Seamaritan—**Ian & Paddy Waymark** for assisting and towing David Kellenberger to Degnen Bay.

Fairlead Trophy—Wanda Borley for service far above and beyond her duties as Treasurer as Webmaster, Anchorline Editor and Log Book Editor.

Talent Award—David Kellenberger for his numerous and talented DJ personas.

Cruising Trophy—**Darrel & Gillian Haines** (MV Bela Vida)

Marlin Spike Seamanship Award—**Mike Casling** for entering and sailing SV Griffin in the 2014 Swiftwure Race (and the previous three years)

Membership Award—awarded to a member or members who have recruited the most new members in the past year. 2014—the Executive

decided to partially retire and make the award only when a member (not on the executive) signs up three or more members.

Off Course Compensator Award—**Mike Apps** for his unexpected discovery of Danger Reef when he failed to realize the Salish Sea was being drained.

Marine Garage Sale

Reminder: As you sort through things in preparation for spring, please remember to set aside items for the Marine Garage Sale to be held at Sailpast on May 23rd. Also, we ask that you price each item. If needed, call Jerry at 250-247-8545 to arrange pickup or drop off.

Jerry Ellins
Rear Commodore

Next General Meeting:

When: Tuesday, May 5th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Haven Dining Room

Presenter: George Creek

Presentation: BC Marine Parks Forever Society

[Click here for full details.](#)

Report from Council of BC Yacht Clubs

By: Doug Cunnian

I was asked by Commodore Waymark to attend this meeting as he was unable to.

I'll begin with some background on the Council for those who may not be aware. The Council of BC Yacht Clubs is the umbrella organization for all BC yacht clubs and we are therefore members. The Council is entirely supported by dues paid to it by each member club (our dues are \$100 per year). All work done by it is through the efforts of dedicated volunteers. The mandate of the Council is to advocate for the interests of member yacht clubs in particular and all recreational boating in general. The Council meets about six times a year at various locations around the coastal areas of southern BC. Twenty-five years ago, the Council organized the BC Marine Parks Forever Society to promote, both by lobbying and financially, the development of new or expanded BC Marine Parks or upgrades to existing parks. To support the Society, it was suggested that each member yacht club

attempt to contribute \$10 per member per year to the Society. This could be done by requesting voluntary contributions by members (as we do) or by adding an additional \$10 onto club membership dues. The Society reports directly to the Council, thus Council meetings are also Society meetings.

Bill Wilson of the Nanaimo Yacht Club is the current chair of the Council and he brought the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. The following is a summary of the reports given

BC Marine Parks Forever Society:

1. Their new traveling slide show/presentation has been very well received at all the clubs so far visited. Note: SBYC gets this presentation at our May meeting – it should be very good!
2. The stern-tie ring program continues with the Society purchasing the chain, rings and pins and BC Parks doing the actual installations (for liability reasons). New rings have been added to Pirate's Cove, Princess Cove (Wallace Island), Melanie Cove, Prideaux Haven, and Grace Cove in Desolation Sound, and in the Octopus Islands. More will be added to each of these parks this year. The hold-up is the ability of BC Parks to get the work done.
3. Bourgoine Bay: This is the Societies newest initiative. Bourgoine Bay is on Saltspring Island just north of the entrance to Sansum Narrows. The Society has been advocating with BC Parks for the last couple of years to establish a marine park here and provide either mooring buoys, stern ties or both as well secure landing spots. It seems that finally Parks is committing to this and the Society will be contributing a lot of money to the development.
4. There is much more ongoing with the Society that George will address at our meeting on May 5.

Hydrographic Services:

The Council monitors and reports on all new chart development being done on the west coast by the federal Hydrographic Services. Almost all of the projects for this year (as has been the case for the past several years) are centered from Kitimat north although two new charts are being worked on in southern waters.

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If you want your wife to go cruising, buy her a cruiser suit. If she wants to go fishing, buy her a license. Just because you are obsessed with sailing and plan to do so from dawn to dusk on your holiday, think again. Would it really hurt to slow down at a good fishing spot? You will be able to tell where the fish are. Boats are bobbing around with fishing lines out. It is her holiday too, and a fresh fish is a welcomed menu item even if you have to clean it. You are partners in this adventure, right?

Because room aboard a boat is limited, there is a boating philosophy that everything aboard should have two uses (for instance, my tea cozy doubles as a compass cover in the off-season). If the captain needs two of every tool so that he can find one in an emergency, he needs to rethink his philosophy. Just get organized! Your Olive Oyl needs room for her tea towels.

Remember, once you are underway think “a comfy home afloat” — not the spin cycle in a washing machine. So at first take the little woman out in protected waters and not around Cape anything.

Also, as the skipper, you have the responsibility to use your head (toilet) well before approaching anything called narrows, rapids, or any dock or land mass.

Initially, anchor only in good all-weather harbors. Double-check the guidebooks. You want to provide the missus with gentle waves rocking her to sleep at night, not breakers trying to throw her out of her berth. If your wife decides on a good anchorage, don't sneak by it while she is below making you a cup of tea. Another hour of sailing on any given day isn't worth having a mutiny on your hands. You are trying for the popularity of Popeye, not Captain Bligh.

Recognize that females are more intuitive than males. If your normally gung-ho wife says, “I don't like this weather, this anchorage, or the looks of those people in the next boat,” be prepared to reconsider your plans.

Accept that your helm's angel uses charts differently. A man always has the north up, whereas a woman points the chart in the direction the boat is heading. She doesn't move it upside down just to annoy you; she is Venus to your Mars.

If you want to turn your Madame Butterfly into dragon lady, turn up channel 16 while she is sleeping (although it is for rescues and you might suddenly need it).

Likewise, shouting out at 6 AM, “Time to hit the deck,” isn't welcomed by your drowsy mate. If you must go through Active Pass at slack tide first thing in the morning, the time to discuss it is the evening before. It's called communication.

Talk to your spouse. Don't Yell! She is cut off from family and friends. You are all she has.

Become her best friend. If she feels chatty, put down that interesting book on corrosion that you are reading, and chat for a few minutes.

That said, reading material is of the utmost importance on a boat. Encourage your Frau to stock up on some books she prefers. If she likes romances, don't scoff. Studies show their readers have a more active love life than the norm. If you are lucky, some of that pirate fantasy may rub off on you. It gives new meaning to the term “hands-on sailor”.

No one expects a sex goddess to be a good cook, but most wives cook while at sea. Refrigeration on boats being what it is, it's usually a question of, “What do we have to use up today?”

A propane stove takes some getting used to. It is not wise for the husband to comment that the first roast beef looks more like a well-done cormorant.

Chances are pretty good that if your wife had always been just Suzy Q homemaker, you might not be in the financial position to have your vessel. So, be patient with her efforts and let her decide what groceries to buy and ask her permission before loading the shopping cart with a bushel each of European wieners and fresh figs.

If the cook is happy, everyone is happy. So guys, in matters pertaining to the galley she is Captain Cook not captive cook.

When men sail with other men, whoever does the cooking is exempt from doing dishes. Some women may not want your help but it never hurts to offer. You get points regardless and she feels less like a galley slave. The ongoing tally determines whether she comes with you on your next outing (i.e. whether it is the ocean or oh shun)!

If you are away for a longer sail, laundry is another opportunity to get a few points. For once, let your gal go gallivanting while you do the wash. Since marina laundromats are busy places, it is best to arrive early in the day. In addition to the laundry bags and detergent, remember to bring lots of quarters. In Canada, you need quarters plus loonies. If you have any problems doing the laundry, rest assured any lady there knows the ropes.

There is usually something to read on the take-one-leave-one shelf, or you can finally read that corrosion book for a couple of hours without your wife interrupting you.

Fellows, we are glad your dreamboat is a boat, and not a trophy girlfriend. We want our marriages to last. So anchors aweigh, even though living your dream isn't always easy.



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Water Use Licenses (Leases):

The Council monitors all applications for new, or modifications to, water leases on both Vancouver Island and the mainland. If any have the potential to impact either a BC yacht club or recreational boating negatively, the Council submits a concern in writing. The biggest problems come from requests for aquaculture and logging both of which can impact safe navigation and the availability of safe haven anchorages.

Guest Speaker: Mike Green, BC Ferries

Mike is a Captain on the Queen of Vancouver running between Vancouver and Victoria. He shared with us a lot of information about how the officers of BC Ferries are selected and trained. He also spoke a good deal about how recreational boaters can have safe interactions with the ferries. He offered three suggestions to skippers of recreational boaters:

1. Know the traffic lanes and ferry routes and stay out of them as much as possible.
2. Keep a look astern especially when in or near ferry traffic routes.
3. When crossing a ferry traffic lane, be predictable and pass astern whenever possible. If in doubt, you can call them on channel 16 but try to avoid doing that when you are one of a lot of pleasure boats around them (they have trouble knowing which boat is saying what their going to do).

Mike went on to emphasize how difficult it is to stop or quickly turn a ferry and to be especially careful when in Active Pass and near Swartz Bay.

Squirrel Cove Update:

The Council has been very active in opposing the plan for the development of Squirrel Cove. While the marina portion of the plan has been given approval, the aquaculture lease must be moved to the side to allow free navigation into the Cove. It appears that the First Nations group behind this have no money to do anything and have been unable to come up with any partners, so nothing seems to be happening at the moment.

Other items:

1. A free flare disposal day is upcoming in Nanaimo – details will be emailed to each club's contact person (Ian in our case).

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I WAS FRAMED!!



I should have suspected. There we were, enjoying ourselves in Australia visiting with our daughters and grandchildren when I received an email from Bob Wood. He tells me that Commodore Ian has selected a Western theme for the Commodore's Ball and as Social Director he is organizing it. There is to be a "little skit" performed during the Ball and I'm in it (no choice). He sends Act 1 and says Act 2 isn't ready yet. The skit is an SBYC interpretation of the famous Shoot-out at the OK Coral and I'm to be Tom McLauray. Unlike the real shoot-out, in the SBYC version, I'm only wounded not killed. OK I think, this can't be too bad. By the time we arrive home, there still is no Act 2 sent to me although Bob says I have a key part in it. Further, I find out that it's only Mike Apps (who plays Ike and Billy Clanton) and I that haven't seen Act 2. Act 1 ends with us both being arrested. Now I'm really suspicious! We have rehearsals for Act 1 but still no Act 2 is shared with Mike and me.

Finally, the night of the Ball arrives and I see wanted posters for Mike and me all over the venue with ridiculous trumped up charges against us! Finally, it's time for the play and Act 1 is performed brilliantly, but at the end we are both arrested and thrown in jail! Act 2 is our trial! I'm charged with insobriety (ridiculous charge) and im-



proper use of public transport (since when is a wheelbarrow public transportation?). Mike is charged with damaging the sea bottom (with his boat). We are hauled before Judge Joyce with the only evidence against me being an obviously photo-shopped photo allegedly catching me in the crime. I was framed! They didn't buy my defense and the entire membership enthusiastically sentences me to jail! Mike had an excellent defense that the judge didn't buy either: nobody had told him that on the day in question, the authorities had decided to drain the Salish Sea for maintenance which is why he brushed against Danger Reef. Clearly not his fault! He was thrown in jail with me! Anyway, we made the best of it in jail and even had a dance to Jailhouse Rock while in the slammer!



After numerous photos were taken, we were released and allowed to return to our very concerned wives.

In all, it was a terrific Commodore's Ball. Great work on the part of Social Director Bob Wood and the entire Social Committee for all their efforts in organizing it. Special kudos to Bob for his very liberal interpretation of the Shoot-out at the OK Coral! Vice Commodore Mike Apps did a fine job as MC for the night (once he was released from jail!) and in organizing the program. Kudos also go to



David (the Derrango Kid) for his choice of music selections. I'm no country-western fan but who doesn't like Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Charlie Pride? I thought it was particularly interesting that Mike and others (I don't know who all) researched and told the history of the Club Trophies that were presented at the Ball. Commodore Ian seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening as did everyone else in attendance. There is more fun and frivolity coming soon with our annual Sailpast on May 23, hope to see everyone there.

Doug Cunnian
Innocent Past Commodore

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.

2. Roster verification: The Council email contact list will be emailed to each club current contact for verification of information.
3. Park Hosts: the Council is looking for club members interested in being Marine Park hosts for some time during the summer. If interested, contact me for information.
4. The Council maintains contact with many other marine agencies and groups including the Coast Guard and Port Metro Vancouver. There was a lot of interesting discussion and information shared about the recent oil spill in English Bay.



CLUB CLASSIFIEDS



For Sale:
 Eleuthera IV
 a 1981 Aloha 34
[See full details here](#)

**NOTICE—May Lunch
 Change of Venue**
**SBYC May Lunch will be
 on Wednesday May, 13th
 at the newly opened Silva
 Bay Restaurant.**

**Back by Popular
 Demand!**
**The Marine
 Garage Sale**
May 23, 2015
Sailpast Special Event



**We need your donations
 for a successful event**

This is a great way to get rid of some of your superfluous items & a great way to pick up some deals you just can't be without!!

**Bring your wallets
 and have fun
 dickering at our
 table.**

Contact Jerry Ellins at ellinsarchitect@shaw.ca or call 250 247 8545 or 250 714 9786 to arrange drop off or pick up. A general sense of the value of item would be appreciated.

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 Silva Bay Restaurant. 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**



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