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Fall Rendezvous Roaring Success



Eighteen CSs and one Quanta were represented at the Fall Rendezvous at Telegraph Harbour. Three boats cancelled due to the threat of poor weather, but three others arrived unannounced. One was a Merlin, *Vital Signs*, with new owners Pat and Jack Armitage and co-owner Bob

Golonowski from Alberta. Merv Andrew, on *Quailo*, stopped by on Friday night on the way south. This was the first CS rendezvous for Merv who bought *Quailo* from Ford Clark. Jon and Ruth Rutledge

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From Our Commodore

Nice to see everyone enjoy the usual CS West camaraderie and technical information exchange at the **Telegraph Harbour rendezvous**. I was impressed by the breakfast prepared by your executive on the Sunday morning; I hope you were too! Well-done Mary-Ellen, both for the idea and for getting us organized to do it! The **boat insurance** arrangement with HUB/TOS seems to be working well ac-

cording to the feedback at Telegraph Harbour. Members are reporting up to a 30% saving in their rates for improved insurance coverage - we cannot ask for more than that.

The arrangement with **Steveston Marine** is now in place, which will give you a 10% discount on all non-sale item pur-

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Fall Meeting Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, November 5

Other Coming Events

Winter Meeting
Royal Vancouver Yacht
Club
February 11, 2006

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(*Malanka*) were also first timers. Tom and Pam Shenton (*Kewao*), fearless sailors, arrived after dark on Friday night after crossing Georgia Strait. Mary Ellen turned on her strobe light to guide them in. Other boats attending were *Blue Peter*, *Carriad*, *Cashelmara*, *Deckadance*, *Gadgets*, *Heron*, *Luana*, *Polaris*, *Slip Stream II*, *Sloop Therapy*, *Summer Ours*, *Summer Snow*, *Whistler I*, and *Wind Dancer*. Bob and Susan Cook of *Windsong* came by car on Saturday as their engine problem was not fixed. Two guest Catalina boats also joined our group and actively participated in the proceedings.

Mary Ellen Spinar (*Wind Dancer*), the rendezvous organizer, kept us well fed. We had an extended happy hour in the pavilion on Friday night, donuts and coffee on Saturday morning, a potluck barbecue on Saturday night, and a full breakfast (orange juice, pancakes and sausage with maple syrup, creamy scrambled eggs and, of course, lots of coffee) cooked and served by executive members on Sunday morning.

Ice cream cones could be obtained at the store and many of us indulged.



Carsten (*Polaris*) led a walk on Saturday morning. After lunch, we had a tour of the nearby Thetis Island Winery where we sampled the wares (free of charge) and many of us brought back bottles to be consumed with dinner. Later on, Norm Smyth (*Cashelmara*), assisted by Kathy Thompson (*Heron*), informed the members about the marine insurance package being offered to CS West members by HUB/TOS at a discount. A general discussion on various boating concerns followed. There was the usual boat visiting, exchange of information and advice, plus a lot of just plain socializing. Derek Barrio (*Blue Peter*) was co-opted into selling raffle tickets while Carsten ran the draw. Lots of great prizes were won.



The weather cooperated – sort of – sunny with cloudy periods, the occasional brief shower and rainbows.

The wind picked up for those heading home on Sunday. Bob and Kathie Thompson (*Heron*) reported wind speeds up to 29 kts later in the afternoon. They finally, reluctantly, decided that they should stop sailing, turn on the engine, and head in a straight line for home if they were to arrive before dark.

Telegraph Harbour Marina caters to rendezvous. The owners are very helpful, the washrooms are clean, essentials can be bought at the store and the covered and heated pavilion is a major asset. A good time was had by all. We have booked for the last weekend of September next year - the only slot available, but have asked for an earlier weekend should someone cancel.

Stephanie Greer
CS 36T "*Polaris*"





Montague Moments

Four CS's and one Quanta showed up for our mini rendezvous at Montague Harbour on the weekend of Aug.26-28th. They were *Blue Peter*, *Cashelmara*, *Polaris*, *Sloop Therapy*, and *Summer Ours*. Since we ended up anchoring in the south instead of north end because of south east winds and the first boat anchoring there, I hope that we did not lose anyone (there were rumours of a CS 36 and CS27 that did not stick around). Pierre and Sally Porcheron (formerly of *Katia*) turned up for happy hour on Friday in their brand new Catalina 42, *Shumka*. They happily showed off all their new luxury – full shower, double bed, dinette, spacious galley, guest cabin, the most up to date electronics - maybe sparking a few twinges of jealousy among us intrepid CS owners. A Sceptre 36, *Joy V*, joined our group on Saturday (no tour).

We went for walks on Saturday and Sunday morning around the harbour and peninsula, buying ice creams at the store and checking out rock formations and jellyfish on the beach. On Sunday, Graham Williams led us on the trail and had us scrambling over (and through) the rocks at our peril (some of us are not as limber as we used to be) but we all survived intact.

Polaris (anchor declared firmly set) and *Sloop Therapy* had rafted together on Friday in dead calm conditions. After Saturday's walk we had lunch and then settled

down to a quiet read. The south east wind was getting quite gusty by then and we were fish tailing all over the place. The anchor decided to drag and in no time at all we were practically on top of another boat (Isn't that boat a bit close?). All hands on deck! *Sloop Therapy* was rapidly cast off and left to her own devices. We both re-anchored and the winds then abated. Thank goodness, we were all aboard.

Cockpits were full for happy hours. *Polaris* hosted on Friday and *Cashelmara* on Saturday. We went to the marina for a very good dinner and entertainment (violin/guitar) on Saturday night.

On Sunday afternoon, we all raced with *Blue Peter* (the undisputed winner of Saturday's proposed race) towards Ganges Harbour where we left him and continued on towards Sidney.

Mini –rendezvous are scheduled over the summer at popular locations. They are a chance to get-together with other owners and be sociable. Those who turn up appoint a happy hour boat and decide what else they want to do together (or not). Attendance has ranged from no boats to ten depending on the conditions. We try to ensure that at least one boat will be there to greet first –timers.

Stephanie Greer
CS 36T "Polaris"

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chases. You need to register with Steveston to get this discount - see the CS West web site for the details.

Charlie Hierons has discovered he is too busy with his second career to devote sufficient time to CS West and wants to defer his involvement in the Executive

until he retires again in 2007! Fortunately, **Derek Barrio** is available to take on the Technical Directors job. Thanks Derek. But, we still need a **Raffle Director**. This is the fun job - buying boat things and giving them away to people.

Norm Smyth
CS 36T "Cashelmara"

New Members

A big CS West welcome to the following new members:

Russ Eicher and Jane Powell

Scarlett (40)

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Jack and Pat Armitage
Bob Golonowski

Vital Signs (Merlin)

Marina Park Marina

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'Blue Peter' Wins Montague Mini Rendezvous 2007

It's a shame Henry Kucera couldn't participate in the mini-race he organized for the Montague Harbour rendezvous. The wind and weather were ideal for the race (SE 10-12 knots, gusting to about 18) and the competition - well, not what we expected.

But let me go back to Friday evening. *Blue Peter* arrived at Montague at 20:30 hrs. and dropped her hook in the middle of the bay. With darkness closing in, a quick scan with binoculars revealed one solitary CS West boat near the northeast shore. Assuming the rest of the race participants would show up in the morning, my crew, a dedicated and accomplished sailor by the name of Hugh Greenwood, and I settled down for the night. Saturday morning's daylight helped identify the other lone CS West boat as *Summer Ours* (Q.28) from Sidney. I dinghied over to inquire if they knew where the rest of the CSers were, but they were none the wiser. I tried calling Henry Kucera's boat, *Summer Snow* on Ch.16 with no response. So, when the ship's clock indicated 09:30 hrs. I said to Hugh "Come on, let's go racing."

After all, that's the reason he came along.

We took our time stripping the sail cover, attaching the main halyard and rigging the spinnaker (asymmetric) sheets. When all was ready, we "upped" the anchor and sailed out to find the starting line.

Expecting to find a gaggle of CSs milling about behind the 'line' between Sphinx and Wise Islands, we were somewhat surprised to find ourselves alone save a couple of seabirds diving for their breakfast.

At the allotted time of 10:30 hrs., we charged across the imaginary line between the islands and beat our way across Trincomali Channel on a zigzag course making for James Bay, Prevost Island. The sailing was great! Once inside the bay, it was short tacks all the way up to

the shallows - watching for rocks on the east side and the reef to the west. But what is this? Two sailboats already anchored there. Phew! They're not CSs. We took our elapsed time at 11.41 hrs.

Being the only CS there, it seemed pointless to anchor and row ashore for a picnic. Instead, we sailed out again on main alone, practiced heaving-to and enjoyed lunch bobbing around outside the bay, much to the amusement of passing boats that must have wondered why we weren't moving. Once lunch was dealt with, the headsail was unfurled and we spun around on track for Phillimore Point. This time an easy beam reach all the way.

Back in the marine park at the north end of Montague Harbour, we grabbed a mooring buoy while under main only (it took two passes!) and sat down to enjoy a well earned beer, with *Summer Ours* our only CS West companion. At about 16:00 hrs a stiff wind started blasting the anchorage causing boats to swing uncomfortably. The decision was made to drop the mooring and reposition ourselves at the south end of the harbour.

Well look who was there - *Cashelmara*, *Polaris* and *Sloop Therapy* and they had been there all the time. Didn't know we were out there racing against...? Well, it's about time to go aboard *Cashelmara* for happy hour.

We did finally get a bit of a race arranged on Sunday. All the boats left Montague at 12:30 hrs. and the race to Nose Point was on. This time *Cashelmara* was first over the line.

Thanks CS owners for a fun weekend. Henry, sorry, you missed a good one.

Derek Barrio
CS 33 "*Blue Peter*"

CS LogoWear

The CS logo can be embroidered onto a variety of clothing items - fleece vests, golf shirts, caps, etc. The Dog's Ear outlets in Victoria, Richmond and West Vancouver, E-zone in Nanaimo and Justin Stitches on Granville Island are able to do this. You can bring in your items to be embroidered or purchase at the stores.

If your requirements can't be met by one of these outlets and you want to have the work done elsewhere, please contact Jonie Foran (CS 33 *Sabbatical*) at (604) 241-1322 or by e-mail at d-jforan@shaw.ca. She can arrange for the loan of a computer disk containing the logo.



**CS West Fall Meeting
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club
November 5th, 2005**

5 - 6:00 pm - **HAPPY HOUR**

6 - 7:00 pm - **DINNER**

Starters

House Salad with Maple Sherry Vinaigrette

or

Oregano Infused Cream of Wild Mushroom Soup

Main Courses

Sesame Glazed Cedar Salmon topped with Crispy Leeks

or

Pounded Chicken Breast Stuffed with Ham, Spinach & Parmesan Cheese then napped with a Sherry Rosemary Sauce

Dessert

Pumpkin Cake with Sage Ice Cream & Cherry Compote

8 - 9:30 - **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Sharon McBride, Loft Manager, UK Sailmakers

Brent Jacobi, Rigging Shop Manager, Blackline Marine

It's not definite yet, but we're also trying to arrange a tour of a Coast Guard ship at the Pat Bay base during the afternoon, either the icebreaker Sir Wilfred Laurier, which will soon return from the Arctic, or the large hydrographic ship. "Stay tuned".



New Editor Needed

Your current newsletter editor has been on the job for nearly four years. While it's been fun, it's time for new ideas and new "blood".

The newsletter is published four times a year. Each issue seems to require about 1 - 1½ days effort including:

- soliciting articles,
- following up with contributors to ensure that deadlines are met,
- editing incoming material for consistency in presentation and creating,
- organizing the content, and
- creating text to fill the empty spaces.

The last item may seem a little "scary", but it becomes more routine with each issue and, since you'll get to

decide how long each issue will be, it really isn't a problem.

So, if you:

- have a reasonable command of written English and a little imagination;
- have ever had a "hankering" to publish or be published,
- like to have "the last word", and
- enjoy receiving the gratitude of your colleagues,

this is the job for you.

If you have a little spare time and you're interested, please contact the editor or one of the other CS West executive members.



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From Our Members ...

Opening Ports with Screens/Anchor/Binnacle Cover For Sale - Henry Kucera (CS36 *Summer Snow*) - 8 new Beckson ports for CSs. Part number PO414DWC 10. These are opening ports, still in the plastic shipping cases. New price from Beckson is \$127.00 US each. Also have 6 new screens to fit the ports, list new \$12.00 US each. Asking: \$85.00 Cdn. each for the ports and \$8.00 for the screens. Also 33 lb. Bruce Anchor - \$140 Cdn. and Binnacle/Wheel cover - Sunbrella Royal Blue - \$75 Cdn. Phone: (250) 477-4746 or e-mail:

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Please Patronize Our Supporters

Currently, five West Coast chandleries offer discounts ranging up to 15% to CS West members. They are:

- Steveston Marine at all its lower mainland stores (you'll have to be on their mailing list to receive the discount - see the website)
- Massey's Marine Supply in Ladner,
- All Bay Marine in Sidney
- Waypoint Marine in Sidney, and
- The Harbour Chandler in Nanaimo. Harbour Chandler is holding a clearance sale on October 28th and 29th and we are led to believe that discounts at this sale may exceed our present 15%.

As well:

- Quadrant Marine Institute in Sidney is offering a 10% discount to CS West members on its seminars and at-home courseware
- HUB International TOS insurance brokers in North Vancouver will provide the best marine insurance-package available at a competitive price, and
- JM Marine Canvas in Victoria is offering 10% off all its canvas products and services.

We're also hopeful that UK Sails will announce a discount at the upcoming Fall Meeting.

Please refer to the website for the latest list of supporters and, whenever possible, patronize them.

