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Newsletter of the CS Yacht Owners Group

Fall Meeting

Saturday, November 15/97

7:30 PM

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
3811 Point Grey Road, Vancouver

Come and join your fellow CS owners at the first annual fall meeting of the CS Yacht Owners Group West. This will be an informal gathering starting with an open bar and an opportunity make new friends and talk to old ones.

Ray Wall, designer of the CS 27, 33, and 36 will be our guest speaker. Bring your questions about these three fine yachts that set the high standards for the whole CS line.

A short business meeting will also be held to discuss such things as the best uses for the money from membership fees, a proposed Web site and e-mail list serve, next years rendezvous, etc. Submissions for the next newsletter would be greatly appreciated.

If time permits we will have another "Skippers Meeting" to discuss things CS and avail ourselves of the combined experience of the many owners present.

There will be door prizes for paid up members. If you have not yet remitted your membership fee, bring it with you and sign up at the door. A photo album has been started and will be on display. If you have any pictures from this year's events please bring them along and add to the album.

Don't be disappointed. Get off the couch and come to Fall CS Meeting on the 15th at RVYC! A great time will be had by all! CS





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A Short History

Stephanie Nachtigal

CS Yacht Owners West got off the ground with an inaugural meeting at the RVYC on April 19th, 1997. Barb and Dieter Giese (*Blue Lagoon*) and Stephanie Dykstra and Carsten Nachtigahl (*Polaris*) had started gathering names after six CSs turned up at one time in Roscoe Bay, Desolation Sound, last summer. We all had such a good time comparing boats that we decided to try to get a CS group going. At that time we thought that there might be close to thirty CS's in our sailing area. We now have nearly eighty names! Once the list was started, other owners (especially Mike McGaw of *Blue Heron* and Bob & Kathie Thompson of *Heron*) started feeding me more names. Most owners were enthusiastic about the idea of setting up a CS group. They were interested in the exchange of information, rendezvous and the comradeship.

About forty people showed up at the first meeting last April which was set up by Bill Earle (*Arbutus Girl*) and Stephanie Dykstra. Several owners volunteered to be on an initial executive group in order to get the ball rolling.

A CS Owners Association was started in the eastern U.S. at about the same time by Anton Imling. Members are scattered all over North America. Anton has put out a few newsletters and one member has set

up a CS Web page (www.closereach.com/csoa/cshome.htm). They have difficulty getting together as their members are so spread out. Possibly both groups can cooperate in the future with newsletters, a listserv, and web page as the need for communication is what got both groups started in the first place.

CS Yacht Owners West had two organized rendezvous in 1997. The first was at Port Browning during on the Victoria Day weekend. Several mainland boats braved the storm over Georgia Strait (a couple of crew succumbing to seasickness). Twelve boats showed up. Fifteen boats came to Silva Bay on the September 20/21 weekend. We were blessed with sunny and warm weather for both events. The main activities of rendezvous seem to be Happy Hours, boat talk, and boat tours. Most owners go home with a long list of ideas for improving their boats.

There were several no-host rendezvous during the summer cruising season. A list of meeting places and dates was sent out in the spring. They were meant to provide a destination for those cruising in the area who wanted to meet other boat owners. Attendance ranged from two at Roscoe Bay to eight at Montague Harbour.

Pacific Yachting will feature the CS Yacht Owners West an article on owners associations in their December '97 issue. cs