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Plan now to attend the **Fall Meeting**  
at **Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club** on **November 6** (see page 4)

## Silva Bay Rendezvous a Big Hit Despite the Rain

Record rainfall and a major (by BC standards) thunderstorm - fortunately, all at night - didn't detract from the enjoyment of those participating in the recent Silva Bay Rendezvous - which also featured brilliant sunshine almost all day every day.

Eleven boats and one virtual boat attended. Carl & Jane Swanson in *Carriad* arrived early so Carl could perform his stellar dock master duties. Not only did he guide us to our moorings, offer encouragement while backing-down the narrow channel, take our lines and fend off all other comers, he also gave sage technical advice on a number of topics. Norm and Joan Smyth in *Cashel-mara*, Don and Wendy Grovestine in *Gadgets*, Carsten and Stephanie in *Polaris*, and

Graham and Nancy William in *Sloop Therapy* all arrived on the early Friday afternoon slack at Gabriola Passage - having spent the previous evening at various nearby Gulf Island anchorages. Dick Duffley, single-handing down from Schooner Cove in *Whistler I*, also arrived on Friday afternoon; he was joined on Saturday by Marianne and son Erik who drove. Vancouver members Tom and Pam Shenton arrived Saturday morning in *Kewao* along with Jurgen and Manuela Schulte on *Chesa*. Dennis Eade and a guest dropped in on *C'est La Vie* and were able to stay for dinner and join the fun. Len and Yvonne Daczko on *Minnedosa* stayed on the reciprocal

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## From Our Commodore

What a summer we have had! Other than the four wet weeks starting in mid-August, this has been the best summer and fall I can remember. The best part was the ten weeks we managed to spend in *Cashel-mara*. Joan and I covered almost 1000 miles - about half of it under sail. It's great to be retired here on the beautiful West Coast!

But, I still found some time, along with the rest of your executive, to deal with CS West matters. First of all we completed our Operating Plan, which sets out what we do in CS West and how we do it. We are now following the plan. It will soon be on the website.

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## Upcoming Events:

- *Fall Meeting, Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, November 6, 2004*
- *Winter Meeting, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, February 5, 2005*



dock and Oliver Woolcock and Lynn Coleman from *Hannibal* (moored at Silva Bay) joined us for the weekend. *Wind Dancer* was represented by Mary Ellen Spinar who drove up from the States.

Silva Bay Marina reserved an entire dock for us. Thus, we were able to moor close together and the dock became our evening happy hour spot.

We were treated to various appetizers on Friday evening as we all munched instead of cooking dinner. Jane Swanson's brie and brandy was easily the hit of the evening. We pried the recipe out of her; it's on page 7. Happy hour went on until dark.



Shortly after we turned-in, we were treated to a rather spectacular thunderstorm that went on for several hours, with accompanying heavy rain. But by dawn, the rain had passed.

Saturday morning began with the usual dock walking and continued catching up with friends. While the skies were still a little threatening, the sun managed to find its way through the clouds by mid-morning. A four kilometre hike to see the petroglyphs behind the United Church at Degnan Bay took up the rest of the morning for the hardy souls who participated. (That's four km out and another four km back, for a total of eight km or



five miles. Whew!) Those of us who didn't walk enjoyed a very early happy hour on *Polaris*!!

Carsten's afternoon technical session on propane was well attended and appreciated. Several propane tanks were examined and ways of protecting against rust discussed and demonstrated. Great job, Carsten!



Saturday night dinner was preceded by another dock party before we trooped up to the pub for a great meal in the private dining room. We were twenty-four for dinner and could have squeezed in a few more with no trouble. From all accounts the salmon was marvellous, the chicken great and the prawns tasty but rather sparse.

After dinner, Carsten hosted a raffle. We were all flush with tickets thanks to Yvonne Daczko's super salesmanship (or was that 'arm twisting?'). Every boat won a prize - with the exception of our Commodore's boat. Norm says that keeps his record of not winning anything intact! Thanks to Carsten and Stephanie for purchasing the raffle prizes.





Just as we were preparing to leave for dinner earlier that evening, the rain started again. Before long the

skies really opened-up. The noise on the steel roof of the restaurant while we were eating dinner at times made speech difficult. Heavy rain continued all night. Vancouver airport, just 20 miles across the Straits, recorded 91mm ( $>3\frac{1}{2}$  in), a one-day record and nearly twice the normal monthly rainfall for September. Based on Don's precision rainmeter (an upright bucket in the dinghy), Silva Bay had at least 75 mm of rain. We certainly didn't have to worry about footprints on deck!

But, by dawn, the skies were once again clear and another beautiful fall day was in the making. Several boats left for home early. Those of us who stayed on had an informative and enjoyable tour of the Silva Bay Boat-building School, which draws its students from all over the world. This was followed by lunch at the pub before heading off.

It was a great weekend. We hope more boats will join us next year.

Mary Ellen Spinar  
CS 36T *Wind Dancer*

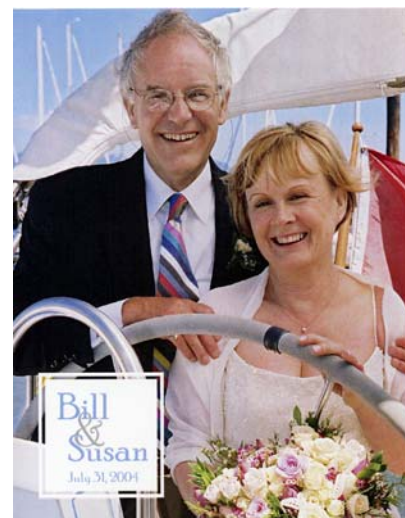


## It's a Small World

Barb and Dieter Geise (CS 36T *Blue Lagoon*) report that, while flying to Switzerland, Barb was wearing a shirt decorated with a sailboat. The Air Canada steward stopped to ask if they were sailors. On mentioning that they sailed a CS, the steward responded that he had once owned a CS 36T. Turns out he was the previous owner of *Gadgets*.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Bill Earle, one of the founders of CS West, and Susan Close who were married on July 31 aboard *Arbutus Girl* in a family event. We wish you fair winds and following seas!



# CS West Fall Meeting

November 6, 2004

## SIDNEY NORTH SAANICH YACHT CLUB

1949 Marina Way, North Saanich

By now, you should all have received an e-mail notice of the Fall meeting. However, as a reminder, the program is shown below. As usual, we've taken into account the Vancouver ferry times to make things easy for our mainland members. Please notify Graham if you plan to attend, giving the number of people in your party and their choice of entrée. Should you need overnight accommodation and/or transportation from/to Swartz Bay ferry terminal, please contact Stephanie.

This year, we've arranged for a tour of the Pat Bay Coast Guard facilities for those who can spare the afternoon. Please advise Graham if you plan to attend so that he may coordinate with our hosts. (The tour will take place in groups of 10.)

Otherwise, the agenda is much the same as in previous years. You will be met at the door by Stephanie and her helpers to collect \$25/person to cover the cost of the meal. (CS West will pay for the rental cost of the facility.) Stephanie will also be grateful if you would renew your memberships for 2005 at the same time.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

### PROGRAM

1:00 pm	Tour of the Pat Bay Coast Guard facility. Please advise Graham if you plan to attend.
5:00 – 5:45 p.m.	Happy Hour (cash bar)/Summer Photographs
5:45 – 6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner (choice of salmon or chicken)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Slide Presentation by Tony Gooch – <i>Nonstop Solo World Circumnavigation 2002-03</i>
8:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Raffle Draw
8.15 p.m. onwards	Bar and coffee

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### CS LogoWear

The CS logo has been digitized and can be embroidered onto a variety of clothing items - fleece vests, golf shirts, baseball caps, etc. The logo is available at Dog's Ear outlets in Victoria, Richmond and West Vancouver and at E-zone in Nanaimo. You can bring in your items to be embroidered or purchase them at one of the outlets.

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](mailto:d-jforan@shaw.ca). She can arrange for the loan of a computer disk containing the logo.





## Resorting to Resorts

In August, we had two couples from “back east” join us for a week of sailing. But, one couple (in their eighties) insisted on staying ashore each night. That called for some planning. We needed “resorts” which would take a dock booking and be able to accommodate our guests within a short walk from the boat.

Our first destination was Ganges. We set sail from Sidney under gennaker and, a few hours later, were tied up at Moby’s Marina in Ganges Harbour. Our elderly couple stayed in Hastings House - a short uphill walk



*Hastings House in Ganges*

from the marina. We all dined there that night. Everything was very impressive, as you would expect from this “Relais & Chateau” property, but it was VERY expensive.

Southeast winds persisted the next day, so it was a nice upwind sail to Bedwell Harbour and Poets Cove. Everything about this resort is “a class act”.



*Poets Cove*

The following day, we motored in the rain to Friday Harbour where we cleared customs before continuing on to Rosario Resort. This is an old dowager of a place with lots of interesting history, but needs a face-lift.



*Rosario Resort*

The next morning brought a pleasant change. We were treated to sunshine and had a nice sail to Roche Harbour. Just off Henry Island, we encountered a large pod of whales, which “blew away” our crew. We rated that sail as 10/10. All enjoyed the lovely Colours ceremony Roche Harbour conducts every evening.



*Roche Harbour*

The next day, it was back to Sidney to clear customs. Then we sailed up Saanich Inlet to Squally Reach (well named – and spectacular) before heading to Brentwood

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## CS West Conducts Member Survey

In May, your executive decided to conduct a member survey to see what we were doing right and what we could do better.

The survey was to be a vehicle to get ideas from the membership. So we composed a simple questionnaire that we hoped would provoke thought. It was distributed by e-mail in August. We closed off responses on 15 Sept so we could compile the results for our meetings at Silva Bay on 19 Sept. Sixteen boats were represented in the responses, which is about 20% of the membership.

The quality of responses was very good, providing useful feedback. We're happy to report that those who responded are generally happy with the current functioning of CS West. Nonetheless, we received a number of good suggestions for improvement.

Most of you like the format of the major rendezvous, but you asked us to look into alternative locations. In order to hold our place with the two current locations, we need to reserve a full year in advance. So, for 2005 we will probably stay with Port Browning and Silva Bay since we've already reserved. But, we are checking out several potential new locations: Poets' Cove, Ganges, Telegraph Harbour and Snug Cove. And, in response to one specific suggestion, we will try a club breakfast, prepared by the CS West executive, at Port Browning on the Sunday morning.

In spite of poor attendance at mini-rendezvous in 2004, we will continue to hold them in 2005. But, we'll try a couple of new locations and, in response to suggestions from several of you, we plan to add a sail racing event to at least one mini-rendezvous.

While several of you suggested we look into other locations for our fall and winter meetings, we think, for logistical reasons, we'd be hard pressed to improve on SNSYC and RYYC. SNSYC, being handy to the ferry terminals, allows our mainland members to attend and return home the same day. Holding the winter meeting

at RYYC takes advantage of the large number of non-Vancouver members that are usually in the city for the boat show. We did briefly consider a couple of other locations, but each presented significant challenges that we didn't think would be acceptable. Thus, for the time-being, we'll be sticking with Sidney and Vancouver as our meeting locations. They seem to offer the optimum arrangements for accessibility to most of our members. Many good topics and speakers for future meetings were suggested.

Regarding communications, you all seem very happy with the newsletter – well done Don. There were several good suggestions regarding the website. In the near future, we will add a schedule of CS West events to the web site. As well, we will also add a list of the modifications you have made to your boats (as reported in your responses to the survey) and cross-reference those modifications to boat names. For privacy reasons, we don't think we should name people.

Likewise, you seem to be happy with the membership information – well done Stephanie.

As for member discounts, Reliance Insurance Agencies in Vancouver has set up a fleet policy for CS owners which has resulted in significant savings for those of us who have signed-on. In addition, we will seek discounts for you at chandleries in Vancouver and Sidney. Going beyond those two areas gets difficult due to the dispersed locations of our members.

Carsten's technical seminars are highly regarded and, hence, will continue at future rendezvous. Many good new topics were suggested. But, let's give Carsten some help. If you would be prepared to lead a seminar, please let us know.

Overall, your executive is very pleased to see that CS West is so well appreciated, both for its camaraderie and as a medium for the exchange of boat information.

Norm Smyth  
CS 36T *Cashelmara*

### Resorting to Resorts (continues from previous page)

Lodge. The first night was free, so the total cost for the two days was more acceptable! But the rain returned the next day as we toured Butchart Gardens, Butterfly Gardens and Victoria Estates Winery. We ate dinner in the Seahorse Bistro by the ferry dock in Brentwood Bay the first evening and in the Lodge the next night.

Six days after leaving, we returned home. All in all, the distances were good – all were about four-hour sails. The resorts were great – nice to see them. Now we are all on diets.....and paying the VISA bills!

Norm Smyth and Joan Wood-Smyth  
CS 36T *Cashelmara*



## The Hors-d'Oeuvres Corner - Jane's Brandy-Nut Brie

In keeping with the tradition established in the last issue of CS West, here is the recipe for Jane Swanson's Brandy-Nut Brie, the hit of the Silva Bay happy hour. Jane says the recipe was taken from "Grand Slam" and that more such recipes can be obtained from the "Best of Bridge". (I guess we know how she passes her time in the winter!)

1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup pecans or cashews-chopped  
1 tbsp brandy  
1 4 inch round brie  
crackers

Oven method: Stir together sugar, nuts and brandy. Bake cheese at 500 degrees for 4-5 min. Mound sugar mixture on cheese and bake 2-3 min. more - until sugar is melted.

Microwave method: Cook sugar, nuts and brandy on high for 1 min or until sugar is melted. Place sugar mixture on cheese and microwave on medium for approximately 2 min.

We tend to use a larger cheese for the CS gatherings and alter the other quantities as the mood strikes us!!!

Enjoy

Jane Swanson  
CS 27 Carriad

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## Do You Have a Leaking or Cloudy Hatch Cover?

If so, you may find the following helpful.

The cover of the hatch over *Gadgets* main salon recently developed a leak. On-the-dock advice at the Silva Bay rendezvous was that I should take the unit to an automotive glass shop. So, I visited several auto-glass shops in Victoria. The first one that inspired any confidence was Standard Auto Glass on Government Street.

While they had never resealed a hatch cover before, the Manager, Ken Smith has an apparently genuine interest in boats and was very helpful. (Someone else was there at the time looking for new framing-channel for the ports on his boat.) Ken removed the old plexiglass from my hatch cover, not without difficulty but without a scratch. It turns out that, when I had the plexiglass replaced five years ago, it had been epoxied into the

frame. Thus, the old "slice the sealant and push the glass out with your foot" trick wouldn't have worked for me. The leak was due to the epoxy corroding and, in one corner, separating from, the aluminum frame.

After grinding the remaining epoxy off the frame and cleaning up the old plexiglass as best possible, new, marine-grade silicone sealant was applied. The next morning, my hatch cover was as good as new.

The price? Not marine-grade at all.

If you have a similar problem or simply wish to replace cloudy plexiglass, I suggest you visit Ken Smith at Standard Auto Glass. No fuss, no mess!

Don Grovestine  
CS 36T Gadgets

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### From our Commodore (continued from front page)

Secondly we undertook a member survey, which is covered in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. We are already implementing many of your suggestions, such as exploring new locations for rendezvous in 2005 and sail racing.

Thirdly, planning for the events over the next twelve months is well advanced and organizational responsibilities have been assigned.

The Silva Bay rendezvous was great fun. We even managed to keep the rain for the nights and the clear skies for the days! Well done Barb, Dieter and Mary Ellen.

The feature event of the November meeting at SNSYC should be really interesting – a talk with pictures by the record setting, single-handed, around the world non-stop sailor Tony Gooch. And, for those who can get to Sidney in the afternoon, a tour of the Coast Guard's Victoria control centre. This centre controls all shipping and distress responses in the local area. If this works out well, we will arrange another tour of the Vancouver centre in February for those of you who do not make it to the Pat Bay event.

CS West is a lot of fun. I hope you are enjoying it as much as I am.

Norm Smyth  
CS 36T Cashelmara





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## From Our Members ...

**Looking for a CS 30** - Rod MacDonald (CS 27 *Pincoya*) - I am still looking for a CS 30 . If anyone is interested in selling their 30, they can contact me by email: [rodmac@nanaimo.ark.com](mailto:rodmac@nanaimo.ark.com) or by phone: (250) 753-8711..

## CS West Financials

As you can see below, we're in pretty good shape.

### BALANCE SHEET (as of Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2004)

ASSETS (cash in bank)	\$3530.07
LIABILITIES	-
NET EQUITY	\$3530.07

### YTD INCOME STATEMENT

#### REVENUES

Memberships (83)	\$2089.20
Burgees	70.00
Event & Raffle Receipts	1586.00
Bank Interest	.69
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Sub-Total	\$3745.89

#### EXPENSES

RVYC Event Costs	\$1389.23
Prizes and Speaker Costs	562.18
Stationary & Photographs	355.64
Postage	52.43
Bank Charges	44.08
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Sub-Total	\$2403.56

**YTD NET INCOME:** \$1342.33

