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## Newsletter of CS Yacht Owners West

### Telegraph Harbour Rendezvous

Our fall rendezvous is at Telegraph Harbour Marina, Thetis, from Sept. 10-12. We usually have twenty plus boats attending. Past owners are also welcome to attend. At least three couples are bunking in with another boat or staying at a B&B.

You need to book moorage directly with the marina at least a week in advance. The number is 250-246-9511 or 1-800-246-6011. Say that you are with the CS rendezvous. Moorage is \$1.25 ft. Power is \$5 for 15 amp and \$7 for 30 amp.

Please also let me know that you are coming by a week ahead Sept.3. or register via the Events section of the webpage [www.cswest.ca](http://www.cswest.ca). We need to know numbers for organizing happy hour, barbecue etc.

Hoping to see a lot of you at Telegraph and that it will be good ice cream cone weather.

Stephanie Greer  
Membership Secretary  
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*(See the agenda on Page 6)*

**Plan now  
to attend the**

**Fall**

**Rendezvous**

**Telegraph Harbor  
Marina**

**Thetis Island**

**Sept. 10 - 12, 2010**

### Commodore's Corner

HELLO CS'ERS!! I FOR ONE AM GLAD TO BE HOME AFTER A FANTASTIC SUMMER CRUISE. THE SAD THING IS THAT WITH PERFECT WEATHER, PERFECT ANCHORAGES ETC. WE MAY NEVER HAVE SUCH A GOOD TIME ON THE BOAT AGAIN. THAT'S PRETTY DEPRESSING. WE DID NOT VENTURE NORTH OF LADYSMITH THIS YEAR BUT STILL MANAGED TO FIND NEW PLACES TO GO AND ENJOY. LADYSMITH HARBOUR WAS NEW TO US AND WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED MEETING MARK AT THE LADYSMITH MARITIME ASSOCIATION DOCK. THE TOWN HAS A LOVELY TRAM

THAT TRAVELS ALL OVER THE AREA FOR A DONATION. WE WERE ABLE TO HOP INTO TOWN SEVERAL TIMES AND RE-STOCK THE MARGARITA BAR ALONG WITH THE FRIG. THE MARINA HAS A RESIDENT POPULATION OF PURPLE MARTINS AND EVEN A WEBCAM INSIDE ONE OF THE NESTS SO YOU COULD WATCH THE BABIES FEED! ANOTHER NEW SPOT FOR US WAS BUCHART COVE, WE WERE ABLE TO SNAG A BUOY AND STAYED FOR TWO LOVELY DAYS. OUR CRUISING PARTNERS, DON AND THE DOGS VISITED THE GARDENS AND ENJOYED THEM IMMENSELY. I WAS HAPPY TO STAY ON THE BOAT

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## Commodore's Corner (cont.)

### AND READ!!

THIS YEAR'S CRUISING WAS IMPROVED BY OUR NEW RADAR/CHART PLOTTER AND 3D CHARTS OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE. IT IS AMAZING TO SEE THE BOTTOM CONTOURS TRANSLATED AND WHILE I USED TO THINK THAT WOULD SCARE ME TO KNOW WHAT'S 'UNDERNEATH' IN FACT IT EMBOLDENED ME TO TRY NEW PLACES!! I KNOW SANDBARS CAN STILL GET YOU BUT ROCKS DON'T MOVE!!! WE ARE LEARNING TO USE THE RADAR AND PRACTICE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY SO WHEN THAT NEXT FOG BANK CATCHES US WE ARE READY.

ONLY ONE BIT OF EXCITEMENT HAPPENED THIS CRUISE AND WE WEREN'T EVEN THE CAUSE. WE WERE RAFTED WITH OUR POWERBOAT FRIENDS IN BLIND BAY ON SHAW ISLAND FOR THE NIGHT AND WERE RUDELY AWAKENED AT 6:00AM BY A RAFT OF BAYLINER 4700'S DRAGGING BY AND OVER OUR ANCHOR. WE CAST OFF AND FOUND A SPOT TO DROP 'BIG BERTHA' (OUR 45LB CQR) AND SET IT WITH LOTS OF SCOPE AND THEN SETTLED DOWN TO WATCH THE SHOW. IT SEEMS THE BAYLINER CROWD AFTER HOOKING OUR FRIENDS ANCHOR WERE OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT AND DRAGGED THEM ALL OVER THE BAY WHILE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO RE-ANCHOR. AFTER MANY LOOKS OVER THEIR SHOULDER AT THIS 40' TRAWLER THAT KEPT FOLLOWING THEM EVERYWHERE THEY FI-

NALLY GOT IT AND STOPPED SO THE MATED ANCHORS COULD BE SEPARATED!!! WE TOOK OUR FRIENDS ALONGSIDE FOR A WHILE AFTERWARDS SO THEY COULD CALM DOWN AND GET ALL THAT CHAIN BACK DOWN IN THE ANCHOR LOCKER. WE WERE ASKED IF WE GOT THE WHOLE THING ON VIDEO AND WERE EMBARRASSED TO ADMIT THAT WE DIDN'T EVEN THINK TO GET THE CAMERA OUT. IF THERE HAD BEEN DAMAGE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT SO IN THE FUTURE WE WILL BE SURE TO VIDEO ALL OUR FRIENDS MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS!!!

WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR AND WILL BE DRIVING TO THE TELEGRAPH HARBOUR RENDEZVOUS. IT SEEMS LIKE WE JUST GOT HOME AND GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEK TRIP ON THE BOAT IS NOT APPEALING. MAYBE NEXT YEAR WE'LL GO FOR THE BIG CRUISE LATER AND STAY OUT FOR TELEGRAPH, WE'LL SEE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WERE ABLE TO INVITE THE SHENTON'S TO JOIN US AT THE B&B SO WE WILL ALL HAVE THEIR COMPANY AT THE RENDEZVOUS AND CAN ENJOY THEIR STORIES OF MEXICAN CRUISING.

SEE YOU ON SEPT 10-12 IN TELEGRAPH HARBOUR!!!

MARY ELLEN SPINAR  
36T

## BOATING SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

### Our 200 Mile Shake Down Cruise

We managed to break free of the gravitational pull of El Cid Marina, Mazatlan in mid April as the boat had not been underway for 12 months what with summer storage and the extra 4 unplanned months due to Pam's illness. (She is quite well, now). I had been able to change the engine oil, varnish the cabin floor, and remove the bird's nest from inside the mainsail cover before leaving. We had originally planned to take the boat away from the marina for a night or two as a check on all the systems before crossing the Sea of Cortez, but there was suddenly no time for such cautious niceties. The destination was to be Bahia de los Muertos (Bay of the Dead) which I assured Pam had no bearing on our planned shake down of crossing the Sea of Cortez for 200 miles!

A reach in 15-20 kts for the afternoon and evening then motoring through part of the night followed by a light broadreach in the morning proved well for the 200 mile "southern crossing" of the Sea of Cortez. We found the difficulty in hoisting the main was because one of us was still sitting on the rope! The sheets just wouldn't open the jib but then they were not threaded yet! So who knew! Coiling ropes over winches that would not work took many tries. The winches worked but we found we were coiling them the wrong way. We were clearly out of practice! As the day and night progressed, we found we were "remembering". We dropped the hook in Bahia de los Muertos (Bay of the Dead) on the Baja side. It's name came from the early Spanish explorers who had some sick men aboard whom they thought could not survive the rigours of exploration into the Sea of Cortez. The plan was to pick them up on the return. However, they were all dead when the ship returned. Fortunately, we sailed in alive and well! Los Muertos is



## BOATING SEASON HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

about 60 miles south of La Paz. Held there by high winds for about a week, we realized our anchoring skills had returned and we were under no stress as the beach was almost to ourselves. Swimming in beautiful warm, green water was easy to take and the only restaurant nearby on shore was reasonably priced. A local panga fisherman also came by with fresh lobster for sale. We realized we had oh, so quickly settled into our Baja season.

Tom Shenton SV Kewao



## STOLEN DINGHY

A couple of things: Tracy and I had our dinghy and motor stolen out of Brentwood Bay in June, if people could keep an eye out. It's a ten foot zodiac with a 8 hp mariner motor. Also, a month later while at anchor off Chemainus and we were ashore for a few hours, someone came out to our boat, broke in and robbed us and ransacked the place. They seemed to know we had left the boat, so I suspect someone was watching. A good place to avoid.

It's been a disheartening summer.  
Thanks, Nathaniel Poole



## CS West Rendezvous. Ganges Marina. May 21-24, 2010

Our spring 2010 rendezvous was held at the Ganges Marina from May 21-24. After several cancellations due to sickness and boat problems, we had eighteen boats attending and nineteen represented. Those attending were *Blue Lagoon*, *C-otter*, *Carriad*, *Cashelmar*, *Chaka*, *Corcyrian* (formerly *Morning Light*), *Deckadance*, *first morning*, *Inishmor*, *Minnedosa*, *My Windsong*, *Polaris*, *Quantum Leap*, *Sabbatical*, *Slip Stream II*, *Trelawney I*, *Wind Dancer*, and *Whistler I*.

Jenny and Derek Barrio left their boat, *Blue Peter*, moored at the Saltspring Island Sailing Club and split their weekend between acting as volunteers at the Around Saltspring Island Race and the CS West rendezvous. A CS 36 "Nina" took part in the race. Nancy and Graham Williams (Sloop Therapy) had intended to come over on the ferry for Saturday with two guests but could not get on the busy ferry.

This was the first rendezvous for Colin and Barbara Thomson in **Chaka** and it was the first rendezvous with a boat for Garry and Arvita Cotta of **C-otter** (another Ontario boat)

Last year at the Ganges rendezvous, Norm Smyth, helped Sue Hoover (Quantum Leap) set up her auto helm. This year she fell against it and disabled it. Norm fixed it again. Will this become a Ganges tradition?! Norm says no.





## HIGHLIGHTS (Cont.)

Gillian and David Cohen, the editors of CS West were there in **"First Morning"** for probably the last time as they are selling their half ownership in her. They have bought an Island Packet sailboat in Maine and are awaiting delivery. We hope that they will still join us at rendezvous.

The weather turned sunny just in time for happy hour on Friday night. It remained sunny until after the starts (five) of the Around Saltspring Island race which we watched on Saturday morning and the Saturday market attended by most of us. It had clouded over by the time we held the afternoon swap meet and technical session. The rain held off until we had almost finished our crab feast. Someone added an extra tarp cover and, apparently, hardy CS 'ers continued socializing under it for quite a while.

We returned to the Barrio's house (they had kindly offered bed and breakfast for the weekend now that we are boat-less) and had a hot coffee in front of a roaring fireplace.

Sunday morning saw the Annual General Meeting on the party dock, starting at about 9.30 am so those leaving could get an early start. Norm Smyth organized a walk to a nearby local winery- Mistaken Identity. The Salt Spring winery also had a wine tasting on the dock later in the afternoon. Members shopped, checked out boats, or relaxed in the afternoon. The Barrio's had organized a very good dinner at the Oyster Catcher. Thirty-three attended. Thank you Jenny and Derek.

Monday morning saw a general exodus by boat and ferry (us). Apparently the alternator caught fire on *Whistler 1* and the Duffley's had to sail most of the way home to Schooner Cove. Fortunately there were good southerly winds. We hope that a good time was held by all in spite of the less than perfect weather.-----Stephanie Greer





## HIGHLIGHTS (Cont.)

### Port Browning CS West Mini-Rendezvous. July 16-18, 2010

Port Browning, Pender Island, was a designated CS West mini-rendezvous location for Saturday, July 17th. Boats had the option of anchoring out or docking. As it turned out, five boats arrived on Friday and one on Saturday. Canada and Washington State were equally represented. Two stayed over until Monday morning. All chose to dock at the Port Browning Marina. Boats present were :

Carriad (27) , Chaka (30), Ocho (Q), Quantum Leap (Q), Verdia II (36T), and Wind Dancer (36T).

This was the first CS event for new owners Kevin and Lynne Chilvers on Verdia II. Past CS 36T owners, Stephanie Greer and Carsten Nachtigahl, who were staying at a family cabin on South Pender also attended - for a total of thirteen people.

We had the usual happy hours and talked boats etc. Most walked up to the small Driftwood Shopping Centre to browse the bookstore, buy liquor and visit the bakery, eat ice cream or have a fish and chips lunch at the new Fish on Pender restaurant. We all gathered in the pub for dinner on Saturday night.

Sue Hoover of Quantum Leap got a cracker stuck in her throat on Sunday afternoon and staggered on to the dock looking for help. Fortunately, Don Spinar of Wind Dancer saved her by successfully administering the Heimlich procedure. CS West members are there for each other in all emergencies !

Port Browning Marina has much improved since we used to hold our May rendezvous there. New washrooms and showers have been build under the pub deck and are kept clean. The docks have had some repairs and new power outlets have been added. The food in the pub was good and reasonably priced. The swimming pool was even clean and people were using it!-----Stephanie Greer



## Upcoming Events

**Fall Rendezvous:** Sept. 10-12 Telegraph Hbr.

**Fall Meeting/Dinner:** Nov. 6 Sidney North Saanich YC

**Winter Meeting/Dinner:** Feb. 12 Royal Vancouver YC

For more details, check the website closer to the time of the event.

## Telegraph Harbour Rendezvous Agenda

### Friday:

**5pm** - Happy Hour (Boat Hop Mixer?). Bring an appetizer and your own drinks.

### Saturday:

**9:00** - Cooked breakfast in the Pavilion.

**10:00 or Later** - Walk or trip to Chemainus or Bocce Ball

**3pm** - Technical Session and Swap Meet, bring boat stuff that needs a new home.

**5pm**- Barbecue. Bring your own meat or fish. Rest of meal will be supplied by marina. We will charge \$10. each.

**CS West is subsidizing the rental of the pavilion and the cost of the meal (your membership dollars at work).**

### Sunday:

**8:30** - Cinnamon buns and coffee.

**10:00-12:00** - Farmer's market and General exodus.

## New Members

A warm welcome to our new CS members:

### New members are:

**Cedric and Nancy Burgess** West Vancouver 604-922-2580 cedric@rbaarchitects.com

"Dolce far Niente" (36T) Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

**Bill and Michelle Crum** Vernon 250-542-2469 bercrum@shaw.ca "Valuta" (27)

**John LeGood and Audrey Ellis.** Maple Bay 250-483-5246 shawniganjohn@gmail.com "Quicksilver" (27)

**Gerard Nachtegale.** Powell River. 604-483-6542 nachtegaele@canada.com "Magic Karpet III" (36T)

**Dale Posgate.** Victoria 250-595-5496 dposgate@islandnet.com "Quailo" (Q28) Royal Victoria YC.

**Paul Robertson and Catherine Schier.** West Vancouver. paul.robertson@quantumllp.com

778-227-0071 "Moonraker" (Q28) Royal Vancouver YC, Jericho.

**Geoff and Trish Vickery.** North Vancouver. 604-989-2855 trishvickery@hotmail.com

"Akabono" (27) Eagle Harbour YC.

**Cliff and Linda Wood.** Squamish. 604-989-4145 cliff-linda@shaw.ca "Taliesein" (36M) Squamish Yacht Club.

### Name Change:

**Ron and Linda Windrim** have renamed their boat "Tantalus" (formerly "Polaris").

## CS West Website - a Reminder

In case you weren't already aware, our website has a feature whereby links to members' own websites and blogs are available in the main menu, under "Other Links".





## Your CS Yacht Owners West 2010-11 Executive

### *Classifieds*

**Fainleog** is for sale!! You can read all the details in our blog <http://loosemoorings.org> We are also willing to look at a CS 27 in trade plus cash. -- Tracy and Nathaniel Poole

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Website: <http://www.cswest.ca>

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## Your 2011 Dues

Dues paid at the Telegraph Hbr. rendezvous or at the Sidney North Saanich YC dinner will be credited as your 2011 dues!! You can also send your cheque for \$25, made out to CS Yacht Owners West to Stephanie Greer at 37-1255 Wain Road, North Saanich BC V8L 4R4.

If you are not sure if you have renewed, call Stephanie at 250-656-4200 or email [smgreer@shaw.ca](mailto:smgreer@shaw.ca)

Please let Stephanie know if you change your email address..

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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.

As well, CS West members are entitled to a 10% discount at:

- Quadrant Marine Institute in Sidney off its seminars and at-home courseware,
- JM Marine Canvas in Victoria off all its canvas products and services, and
- UK Halsey Sailmakers in Sidney off all goods and services, including specials.

Finally, HUB International TOS insurance brokers in North Vancouver offers the best marine insurance package available at a very competitive price.

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

