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Commodore's Corner

Hello CS West Members,

What a summer we have had ! It was slow to arrive and I trust that many of you have enjoyed boating regardless of the weather. *Slipstream II* (CS 36 - Deb and Ron Cook); *My Windsong* (CS 33 - Bob Cook) and *Rosmond* (CS 36 - Craig and I) successfully completed our circumnavigation of Vancouver Island and we are delighted to report that it was a marvelous adventure and one we will never forget. We have volunteered to bore you with a presentation at the November land rendezvous at SNSYC. As you can imagine the photographs will be wonderful given Deb Cook's talent with a camera.

We are looking forward to the September rendezvous at Thetis Island and hope that registrations pick up soon as numbers are lower than we would like to date. It is a lot of fun, a great place to meet some great people and of course to talk boats, especially our beloved CSs, Quantas and Camper Nicholsons.

I am writing this article from the deck of our boat while tied up at the Orcas Island Yacht Club. I promise to be back in time for our September rendezvous and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Best wishes, Alison Meredith

**Plan now
to attend the**

**Montague Mini
8/27**

**Telegraph Rendezvous
9/9-11**

**Sidney Fall Dinner
11/5**

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CS West Telegraph Harbour Rendezvous September 9-11, 2011

The CS West fall rendezvous is at Telegraph Harbour Marina, Thetis Island, from Sept.9th-11th. Mary Ellen Spinar is the organizer.

If you plan to attend either let me know (and how many days) or register yourself on the web at www.cswest.ca

If you are coming by boat, you also need to book with the marina at 250-246-9511 or 1-800-246-6011

Moorage is \$1.25ft and electricity is \$5. for 15 amps and \$7. for 30 amps.

CS West will also collect \$20. per person to cover some of the expenses.

EVENTS

Friday: 5pm Boat Hop Happy Hour.
Bring an appetizer and your own drinks.

Saturday: 9am. Full breakfast in the pavilion cooked by executive and volunteers.
10am. Walk, visit Chemainus, or Bocce Ball.
3pm. Swap meet (bring stuff and get more stuff) and Technical Discussion in Pavilion.
6pm. BBQ in pavilion - bring your own meat, fish, or whatever.
Salad, potatoes, and dessert provided.

Sunday: 8.30am Cinnamon buns and coffee on the deck.
10-12am Farmers Market in Pavilion.
General Exodus.

CS NAME TAGS

Please wear - Yacht Club or other will do. If you want to order them, CS name tags are \$10. each. They come in gold or silver with your name and boat name. Please let me know by the beginning of September.

MEMBERSHIPS

I will be happy to start collecting your membership fees for 2012 - still \$25. It would be appreciated if our American members attending paid in cash - to avoid high bank charges.

BURGEES.

Fly your CS burgee. I will have some with me (\$15.) if yours is lost or worn.

We are looking forward to a great turnout and continued good weather.

Stephanie Greer
Membership Secretary
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CS West Sidney Fall Dinner November 5, 2011

Please remember to put on your calendar Saturday November 5th for our annual dinner at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club. As usual we will arrange an afternoon visit and an evening speaker. Our speaker this year is Rick Searle Manager of Communications Ocean Networks, University of Victoria who will be talking on the current status of the university's research project such as Neptune as well as issues involving the overall oceans health. Graham and Nancy Williams are organizing this years event and will be in touch with more details in September.

Montague Mini-Rendezvous August 27, 2011

Those boats that turn up arrange to have happy hour on one of the boats and sometimes decide to get together for dinner, a walk etc. Any anchorage where there are two or more of us could turn into a mini rendezvous, it's up to you.

Are there any of you that are pretty sure you could at Montague and could act as a host boat? Usually several boats show up but we would not want new members to show up and find nobody to greet them. Fly your CS burgees.

Ganges Spring Rendezvous May 20-23, 2011

CS West held the spring rendezvous at Ganges Marina, Saltspring Island, from May 20th to 23rd. Eighteen boats were at the dock were *Carriad* (27), *Cashelmara* (36), *Deckadance* (33), *Driftaway* (33), *FarFetch* (36), *Heron* (36), *Inishmor* (36), *Minnedosa* (36M), *Musashi* 30 (30), *Ocho* (Q28), *Quantum Leap* (Q28), *Rosmond* (36), *Sabbatical* (33), *Sante* (27), *Sloop Therapy* (33), *Summer Ours* (Q28), and *Verdia II* (36). Dick Duffley (formerly *Whistler I*) dazzled us all with his new Jeanneau 42 "*Pyrat*".

Janet and Bill Jackson left "*Optical Illusion*" in Mexico and stayed on "*Musashi*". Barb and Dieter Giese (*Blue Lagoon*) drove down and slept in luxury on "*Pyrat*". Carsten Nachtigahl and Stephanie Greer were provided with B & B by the Derek and Jenny Barrio (*Blue Peter*) who were dividing their time between the rendezvous and helping out with the Around Saltspring race. Ann and Martin Sheriff (*Sabbatical* Q28) missed receiving information about the rendezvous due to an email address change. They booked in at the Saltspring marina (after some confusion due to the two boats named "*Sabbatical*") and just missed us at the "Oystercatcher".

Two CS's were on the dock while their owners crewed in the race - "*Nina*" (36) and "*Mistral*" (30). Malcolm Fletcher of "*Mistral*" joined us at the Friday happy hour in the sun before heading off to the Saltspring Island Sailing Club. We watched the spinnaker start of the race on Sunday morning. Some boats took over twenty-two hours to get around Saltspring in rather damp and cool weather with not much wind. Malcolm got back about midnight.

Saturday morning was spent wandering around the Ganges Saturday market and visiting shops and galleries. On Saturday afternoon, skippers gathered for the swap meet and the technical discussion session led by Robert Lord. Safety issues and the necessity of replacing aging rigging were among the topics discussed.

**Ganges (Cont.)**

John Taylor, our Events Coordinator, who organized this rendezvous, got Len Daczko to help him cook crabs for the crab feast on the dock. Many thanks to John, Sylvia, and Ann for all the work they put in arranging this.

Sunday morning was our Annual General Meeting chaired by John Taylor as our Commodore, Mary Ellen Spinar, was in Europe celebrating her birthday. Three incoming executive were elected by acclamation: Alison Meredith (*Rosmond*) is our new Commodore. Paul Robertson (*Moonraker* Q28) is our new Treasurer replacing Barb Giese. Becky Wageman (*Ocho* Q28) volunteered to be our new Technical Director replacing Robert Lord.

In the afternoon, Norm Smyth organized a walk to a nearby local winery, Mistaken Identity, for a wine tasting. Jenny Barrio had made the arrangements for us all to have dinner at the nearby "Oyster Catcher" restaurant. Thank you Jenny and Derek.

Many thanks to the organizers and to all those who helped to make this another successful CS West rendezvous.

Stephanie Greer



Above: Ganges May Rendezvous



Right: Port Browning Mini Rendezvous





CS Yacht Owners West (CS West) Annual General Meeting.
Ganges Marina May 22, 2011
Minutes

Forty-two members attended the CS West AGM at the Ganges Marina starting at 9.30am on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

In the absence of Mary Ellen Spinar, the current Commodore who is resigning her position, John Taylor, Vice Commodore, chaired the meeting.

Events:

John thanked all those who had helped with the rendezvous. Telegraph Harbour Marina has been booked for the fall rendezvous from September 9-11th, 2011. David Scandrett had volunteered to coordinate this event. Alison Meredith also offered to help. Graham Williams will coordinate the November 5th dinner meeting at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club. Norm Smyth offered to organize a tour of the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre in the afternoon. Mike McGaw has agreed to coordinate with the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club about facilities and meal arrangements for the February 2012 dinner meeting. Volunteers will be needed to organize a speaker and any other activities

A move back to Port Browning from Ganges for 2012 was suggested but it was agreed stay with Ganges at least for another year.

John will stay on as Vice Commodore for the time being in the absence of volunteers but is the process of selling his boat.

Mini rendezvous dates for 2011 are:

July 16 th	Port Browning
July 31	Squirrel Cove
August 27 th	Montague

Membership:

Stephanie Greer announced that we now have 81 paid up members for 2011. We usually average between 80 and 90 members for the year. She will continue to do Membership and maintain the group email address.

Treasurer:

Barbara Giese reported a healthy bank balance of \$5,431.25.

She suggested that, as we did on our tenth anniversary, we could donate some money to such organizations as Boats for Hope, Marine Parks, S.A.L.T.S, or junior sailing programs. After some discussion Nancy Williams moved and Norm Smyth seconded a motion that \$1000 could be distributed at the discretion of the executive. Motion Carried.

Kathie Thompson moved and Carl Swanson seconded a motion that we should keep a reserve of \$4000. Motion Carried.

Barbara recommended that we should encourage American members to pay memberships in cash to avoid bank charges for U.S. Cheques

Barb is resigning as Treasurer.



Raffle:

Mike McGaw had suggested that event organizers could purchase items for this. Some discussion about the need for a raffle or just have them at rendezvous. 50/50 draw at dinners?

Executive 2011 -

Three positions were voted in unanimously..

Commodore: Alison Meredith

Treasurer: Paul Robertson

Technical Director: Becky Wageman

Continuing:

Vice Commodore: John Taylor

Membership: Stephanie Greer

Newsletter: Don Spinar

Webmaster: Don Grovestine

As a co-signors are required for CS West cheques, Several names were suggested. At a short executive meeting following the AGM. They do not have to be on the executive. Should have at least two in Vancouver area and a couple on Vancouver Island so that a co-signor is usually available when required..

Vancouver: Mike McGaw, Joanne Graham

Island: Alison Meredith, Debra Cook (Brash)

Meeting adjourned at 11am.

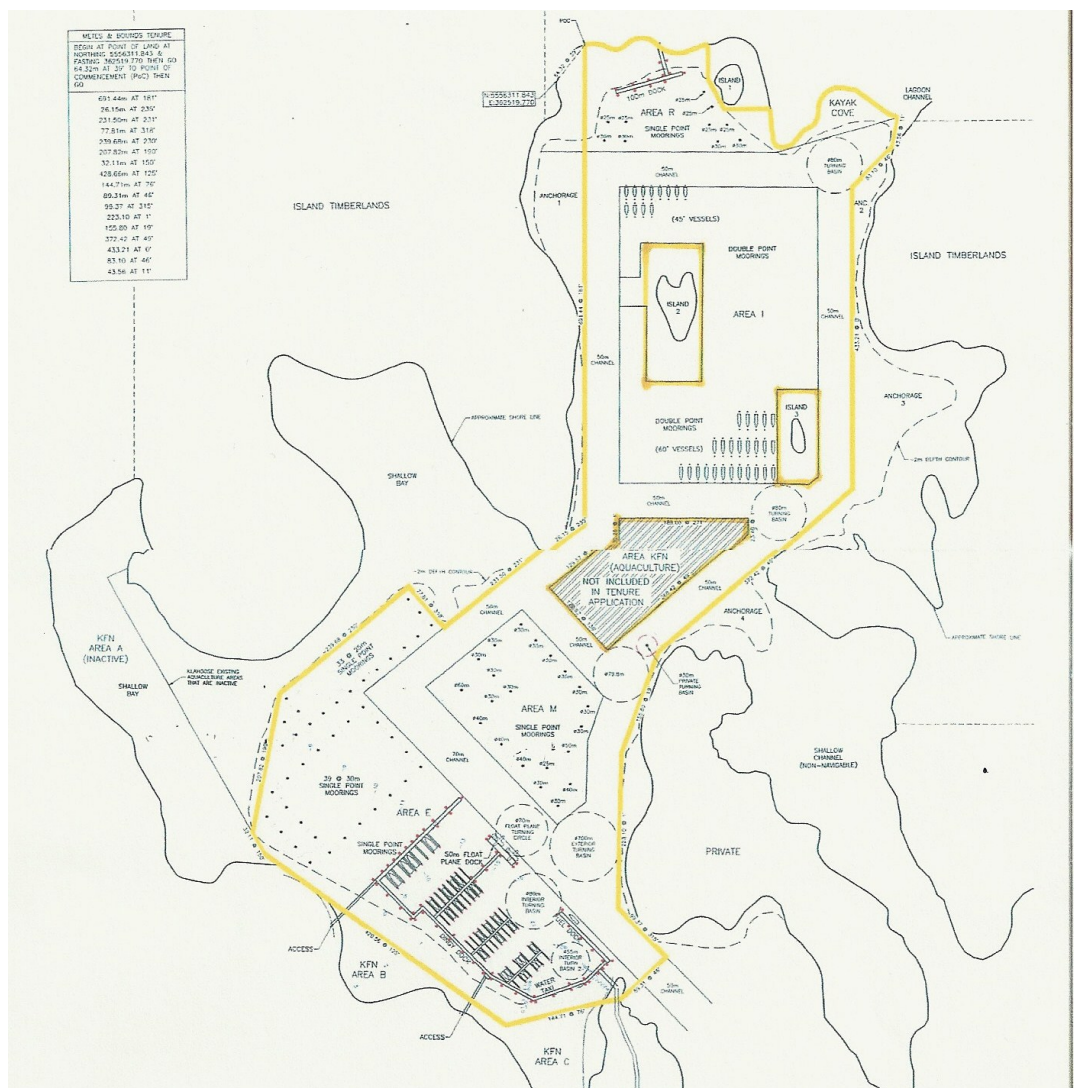
Squirrel Cove Proposed Development (by Graham Williams)

Some of you may be aware that the local Indian band in conjunction with a development partner (the Qathen Xwegus Management Corporation) are seeking regulatory approval for a mega marina development in Squirrel Cove which includes a land based service Marina but more importantly as far as boaters are concerned buoyed moorage which- if approved - will take over the vast majority of available anchoring space. Their plan is to lease the majority of these buoys to boats in the 50ft range on a monthly or seasonal basis.

This has obviously drawn the attention of some of the regions Yacht Clubs and an umbrella group, the Council of BC Yacht Clubs, has already filed an objection and are seeking intervener status. Pacific Yachting has also written on the issue in the Currents section of the July Issue. The Yacht Club Council are encouraging all Yachts Clubs, organizations like CS West and individual boaters to write to the regulators and politicians involved to reject the application in its present form. We encourage CS West members to write and express their views. The letter the Yacht Club Council sent follows on the next page and you can also contact Graham Williams for additional background.

The below proposed plan is more visible if you go to:

<http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/files/1413569-Site-Specific.pdf>





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Re: Application Number 1413569 - Qathen Xwegus Management Corporation application for a Marina in Squirrel Cove

This application is of serious concern to the members of the Council of BC Yacht Clubs and prompted a lengthy and lively discussion at our regular meeting held last Saturday, June 11th. Squirrel Cove is a very popular and safe anchorage used by many recreational boaters as a stopover on the way to or from Desolation Sound or points further up coast. It is also used as a destination anchorage by many people within easy day cruising range. There was anecdotal information of 200+ vessels being safely anchored in Squirrel Cove on a number of occasions. Apart from being a very protected anchorage, one of the primary reason boaters like this bay is the natural surroundings. Also, if boaters felt it was not safe to anchor here they would not.

The total area applied for in this proposal occupies approximately 95% of the total area of Squirrel Cove with a depth of 2 m. or more leaving the remaining 5% available for public moorage in, it is claimed, 4 areas. When I look at the map I see only 3 area of any use for anchoring as Anc 2 is only about 35 m. at its widest point, from the marked navigation channel to the 2 m. depth contour, no where near enough distance for a boat of the average length used in the plan to anchor with sufficient scope to be safe. The combined area of the public anchorage areas is in the reported as 4.5 ha. and it is further claimed that this area will allow up to 50 boats to anchor, this gives 11.11 boats/ha. In Area M, where there are mooring buoys which allow more boats in a given area, the density is only 8.47 boats/ha.

I noticed on the maps and in the report the 2 m. minimum depth contour is referred to on several occasions. This may be an appropriate minimum depth for power vessels at the bottom end of the lengths used in the plan but will not work well for sailboats as they, even as small as 30' overall length, can require more water depth to safely navigate.

One item in this plan that boaters would welcome is the proposed waste pump-out as there are very few of those currently available. Squirrel Cove is designated as a No Discharge zone requiring vessels to have onboard holding tanks which must periodically be emptied. In the absence of onshore facilities this is done while underway and away from shore usually in channels with some current. The consensus of the members at the Council meeting felt that there was not a problem, at least that they observed, with overboard discharge of black water in Squirrel Cove. Boaters don't like to anchor in polluted areas. The lack of enforcement may be in issue in Squirrel Cove but it is no different than many other anchorages in BC.

Speeding is another issue that is talked about in the management plan. Recreational boaters generally are respectful of other boaters and, except for occasional dinghies or tenders, keep their speed to a minimum in anchorages. Most recreational boaters will likely tell you that any speed problems in anchorages and near marinas are caused by commercial vessels or, as could be the case with this proposal, water taxis.

In this proposal most of the moorage planned will be on mooring buoys and, also from the management plan, it would seem that this is intended to be long term moorage; the only rates shown are per month. All of these vessels will then likely be required to run generators for some period of time if not just to charge batteries. This is going to add to the noise and air pollution that the management plan talks about reducing.

There is reference in the plan to proposed moorage rates being based on comparable facilities in the area. The only facility named is Gorge Harbour Marina. The rates for the single and double-point moorings are apparently based on other facilities in BC and Canada. As far as BC is concerned the only places where there are single-point moorings to the best of our knowledge are Federal and Provincial parks. For these mooring buoys a flat rate per day is charged regardless of vessel size. As for the safety issue, it may be a matter of opinion as to mooring buoys being safer than anchoring but, where anchors may drag; mooring buoys can fail quickly and suddenly. It all depends on the degree of maintenance and the care taken when doing maintenance. I personally have had a mooring buoy separate from its anchor when a shackle failed.

As I stated at the start of this letter, The Council of BC Yacht Clubs is concerned about this application and oppose it in its cur-

**Squirrel Cove (cont.)**

rent format. Squirrel Cove should remain a public anchorage available to all boaters. The Council can see that some services such as the fuel dock and the pump out facility would be used by recreational boaters. Perhaps this proposal could be scaled down to just the marina and the adjacent area for mooring buoys as shown on the map as Area E.

Thank you for considering this.

Yours truly,
Bill Wilson

SmartPlug, Something to Consider

Most marina fires are caused by 110v shore power, either a short or overheating because of poor conductivity in the plug where the 110v enters the boat. Hub Insurance (our boat insurance company), is offering a discount for any boat that replaces the MarineCo shore power that were originally installed on our CS boats with a new Smart Plug.

In addition to insurance companies, a number of marinas and yacht clubs have begun to ask owners to retro-fit their boats with new Smart Plug.

Even though the 110 was working perfectly and the chrome cover plate and terminals visually looked fine from the outside on my CS33, I decided to change it anyway. I bought a 30 amp Smart Plug and installed it today, very interesting thing when I pulled out the old plug's protective back cover, it was burnt inside. There was a short and overheating where the ground entered the back of the plug. Looks pretty close to a fire to me. The installation is straight forward, SmartPlug website has great video with installation tips (see link below).

SmartPlug info can be found on their website

http://www.smartplug.com/marine_why.html

<http://www.smartplug.com/videos.html>

Garry & Arvita Cotter
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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.

