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Newsletter of **CS Yacht Owners West**

Plan now to attend the **Spring Rendezvous** at **Port Browning Marina, May 21-23.**

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25 Boats Represented at the February Meeting

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, February 7, 2004

White, blue, some yellow, some red and some green were colours present in the flowers on the tables at our dinner at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Yet these colours are so familiar to us as the colours of the CS boats we know and enjoy so much. (Funny how these colours "fit" so well this night!) Some new faces and old faces were seen. Also, talk of gear and trips, all continue to make this gathering a highlight.

Overheard conversations of "I don't know what kind of boat it was; it was not a CS.", "It fits on a CS bow easily.", "Oh, I'll show you how I did that.", "I really didn't go aground; I never stuck and barely touched." and "I love my CS!" continue to reflect the camaraderie and support we have built

over the years. Our land rendezvous this past February reminds us, once again, of our enjoyment of company and sailing.

After a full and complete dinner, an informative talk by Bob Kitching of Maritime Associates continued to fill our appetite for knowledge. Discussing the topic "What Safety Equipment Should I Carry?", Bob reminded us of the legal requirements for our sailboats and pointed out the equipment now needed in our dinghies.

The prizes awarded in the raffle later helped supply us with equipment as well as other excellent items. From brass mirrors, log books, books, polishers, brass lamps and then a pressure washer, winners gleefully accepted their prizes. Many

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From Our President

Well, it's getting to be that time of year when we start getting our boats ready for the Spring and Summer sailing seasons.

For the first time in years we did not do any winter cruising aboard *Luana*, so we've got extra work trying to get her back into sailing condition, scrubbing above and below decks, making sure eve-

rything works, and loading all the essentials (junk) back into all the lockers. To compound the problem, all the marina plumbing is being replaced so, to obtain fresh washdown water, we have had to make numerous trips with a dock cart up to the laundry facilities and precariously

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2004 On-the Water Rendezvous:

- *Spring Rendezvous - Port Browning Marina, May 21-23, 2004*
- *Summer Mini-Rendezvous - see page 3*
- *Fall Rendezvous - Silva Bay Marina, September 17-19, 2004*



thanks to Pierre and Sally Porcheron for their shopping efforts and imagination.

The owners of *Arbutus Girl*, *Blue Heron*, *Campbell's Sloup*, *Carriad*, *CS Cape*, *Deckadance*, *Driftaway*, *Gandalf I*, *Katia*, *Kewao*, *Leap of Faith*, *Luane*, *Misty Gray*, *Mystique*, *Mushashi*, *Nikik*, *Optical Illusion*, *Polaris*, *Trelawney I*, *Sabbatical*, *Slipstream*, *Sloop Therapy*, and *Thalia* were all represented. New members, Feather Mills and Simon Brissenden of *Quicksilver* and Peter Vandergugten of *Coast Wanderer* were introduced and welcomed.

Many thanks for the successful evening also go to Bill Earle for arranging the dinner and to Stephanie Greer and Sally Porcheron for welcoming people at the door. Thanks also to Bev Bayliss for hosting the event.

Pam Shenton
CS 33 Kewao





Does anyone look like they're not having a good time?

A BIG CS West Welcome To:

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“Yachty” Fasteners for a Cabin Sole

When we first looked at Heron, our CS 36, I was impressed by the teak and holly cabin sole. This helped elevate the boat into the yacht classification in my mind. After we bought her and got to know her more intimately, I became slightly disappointed with how the sole was fastened to the frames and liner. Somehow, the exposed stainless screws didn't live up to that yacht image, but I couldn't think of another way so I tried to ignore them. Then one day I noticed a new product in Lee Valley Tools Hardware Catalogue, countersunk brass washers. With these nifty little gizmos, the screws would bear on metal rather than squashing the plywood, would still be flush with the cabin sole and would be much more professional and "yachty" looking.

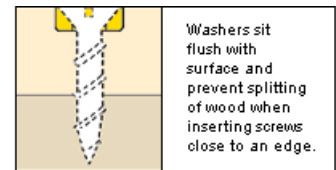
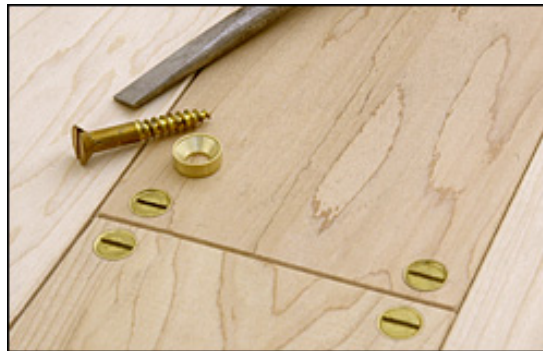
Now comes the tricky bit – installing the washers in the existing floor boards. The washers are set into a shallow flat-bottomed hole centered over the screw hole. This is easy when starting from scratch because you drill the hole for the washer then the smaller hole for the screw. You can use the centre point left by the larger drill bit to centre the smaller drill bit. Centering the larger hole over the smaller one is a bit tricky – especially when trying to hold a large piece of plywood in a drill press!

I chose the #10 washers which need a 7/16" hole. Unfortunately, this size doesn't seem to come with most Forstner drill bit sets so, back to Lee Valley for another bit. A Forstner bit won't self-centre over the existing hole because it only has a very small centre point. I had to clamp the floor boards to my drill press table to drill the shallow holes because you can't use any kind of handheld drill without the aid of the centre point to guide the bit into the correct location. A spade bit would

probably work but I couldn't find the right size. I finally figured out that if I pushed a screw up from the bottom of the hole, I could align the drill bit's centre point with the screw's tip, clamp the board to the table, drop the screw out and then drill the hole. The hole has to be just the right depth so the washer is perfectly flush with the surface of the floor board. You can either set the depth stop on the drill press or mark the drill bit.

This was a somewhat fiddly job, but I think the results were worth it. The new fasteners do look much more professional and definitely add the finishing touch to the freshly varnished cabin sole.

Bob Thompson
CS 36T Heron



Designed for use with turned brass screws, these machined brass washers prevent the normal tendency of screw heads to split stock.

The washer/screw combination applies force the same way a pan-head screw does, only they are countersunk to a flush position. The finished work is normally sanded before varnishing, creating a smooth, finished look, the screw head and exposed washer rim being at the same level.

Pictures and commentary courtesy of Lee Valley Tools



Nova Kool Refrigeration Parts

Anyone with an older (10 years or more) version of the Nova Kool LT 200 refrigeration system should be aware that Nova Kool is having difficulty getting replacement circuit boards that control the system. Danfoss in Europe made the boards, and Danfoss is no longer supporting old versions of the product. After much digging around, replacement boards were located at Victoria

Refrigeration – (250) 383-6484. They sell for about \$300. The only alternative if you have a failed board and cannot get a spare is to replace the entire compressor and controls system at about \$600. For further information, contact Nova Kool – www.novakool.com.

Norman Smythe
CS 36T *Cashelmarra*

2004 Mini-Rendezvous

If you're going to be in the area, why not join your fellow cruising CSers at one or more of this summer's mini-rendezvous. Suggested dates are:

- June 12 - Silva Bay
- July 10 - Clam Bay
- August 1 - Squirrel Cove
- August 28 - Montague Harbour

Based on past attendance, all the scheduled mini-rendezvous are in Desolation Sound and the Gulf Islands. But, no need for it to remain that way. Why don't you folks on the mainland gather at, say, Center Island sometime this spring, before the cruising traffic gets too heavy. You could publicize the date using group's e-mail distribution list at cs-west@interchange.ubc.ca.

For those who have never attended one, a mini-rendezvous is simply two or more CSs anchored/

moored in the same harbour with all activities being impromptu. About the only "standard" activity is for the captains and crews of the anchor/moored boats to gather for happy hour on one of the participating boats, each boat making an edible contribution to the group and, of course, BYOB. Sometimes there are shore-side activities as well, depending on location. Montague Harbour and Silva Bay are great in that regard.

Incidentally, there's no need to restrict yourselves to the dates and places noted. Anytime two CSs are anchored/moored within sight of each other, there's the potential for a mini-rendezvous. Don't be concerned that you may not know who is on the other boat. Go on over and introduce yourself. CSers are a sociable lot and enjoy associating with other CSers. That's why they joined CS West in the first place. One of you surely will suggest getting together for "happy hour" and, "Bingo", you have a mini-rendezvous.

2004 Renewals / Membership Information Changes

Those of you who have not yet renewed your membership for 2004 are reminded that your dues are overdue. Please send your cheque for \$25.00, ASAP, to:

Stephanie Greer
37 - 1255 Wain Road
Sidney BC V8L 4R4

Those who have already renewed for 2004, and those who plan to, please verify your personal information

(e.g., address, boat name/type) as shown on the membership list is correct. If it's not, kindly advise Stephanie by e-mail at polaris@interchange.ubc.ca or by post at the address to the left. Alternately, you can send the revised information online by filling in the CS West membership questionnaire on the CSOA website at <http://closereach.com/csoa/questw.htm>.

Stephanie, Sally and Mary Ellen

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. She can arrange for the loan of a computer disk containing the logo.



From our President (continued from front page)

balance buckets back down to our boat! I think it would be easier to just wait for a good rainstorm, but the captain thinks otherwise.

It was great to see some old friends and meet some new ones at the Vancouver rendezvous. We had an excellent turnout, good food, and an interesting speaker (time to update some of our safety equipment and charts on board). Many thanks to Bill Earle for organizing the venue and meal.

This will be my last message as your president, as I am resigning this Spring. It sounds like there are individuals in the club willing to take over Board positions, so I am happy to relinquish my job. It's been a pleasure being

able to work with all the talented and creative people on your board over the past year and I wish them continued success.

Unfortunately, we are going to miss the Port Browning rendezvous for the first time in years - it's always a highlight of our cruising season. If you haven't been there, please try and attend - it's a great way to meet new friends, enjoy wonderful camaraderie, eat way too much, and discover another absolutely essential boat project to consume your free time in preparation for the next rendezvous!

Safe sailing!
Bev Bayliss
CS 30 Luana

**Spring Rendezvous
Port Browning Marina, May 21-23, 2004**



On the docks at the 2003 Port Browning Spring Rendezvous

Port Browning, the ever-popular Gulf Islands rendezvous location, will see CS West return for its eighth annual spring rendezvous on the long weekend in May. Unlike last year, the weather promises to be bright and sunny all weekend. Great sailing winds are forecast on

Friday, Saturday and Monday with less than a two-foot chop on the Straits of Georgia. With that kind of forecast, no one has an excuse not to attend.

For the early-birds who arrive on Friday afternoon, there will be lots of socializing on the docks as well as



The boats at the Port Browning 2003 Spring Rendezvous

a potluck dinner. The “formal” program will commence on Saturday afternoon, allowing time for the rest of the fleet to arrive by midday.

Bring your “treasures” for the swap meet. (If last year is any example, there’s little in the way of used boating equipment that’s not saleable – especially to some of the “locals”.) As usual, Captain Carsten will lead the “exercise class” with walks to the bridge and the “downtown” shopping center. On Saturday evening, we’ll take over the café and, following dinner, our raffle-master, Pierre, will reward many of us for our earlier “investments”.

A highlight of the rendezvous will be the annual general meeting of the group, usually held on the veranda of the pub. As she notes elsewhere in this issue, our president, Bev Bayliss will be resigning (in absentia). As well, we’ve been without a publicity person for almost a year now. And, if Pierre and Sally sell *Katia*, we’ll be looking for a new treasurer and raffle-master too. None of these jobs takes a great deal of time or skill. An interest in the welfare of the group is the prime prerequisite. So, if you’d like to help (or are able convince another member to step in) please let one of the executive know before the meeting which will take place on Sunday.

A new feature of this year’s rendezvous will be instructional sessions. Often at rendezvous, we get together and talk “technical”. This year, two of our members will be making presentations on technical matters. Captain Carsten will discuss/demonstrate standing rigging and mast tuning. (We’ll have a couple of tension gauges on hand so that you can check your own rigging.), Norm Smythe (CS 36T *Cashelmara*) will lead a discussion on batteries and alternators systems. (Norm is getting some first-hand experience in that field on his own boat this spring.)

So, plan now to join us at Port Browning and get the coming summer off to a proper start.





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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 (but no longer a 33). We are finding that, as much as we enjoy the 27, we hope to travel further afield (awater) next year. If anyone is interested in selling their 30, they can contact me by email: rodmac@nanaimo.ark.com or by phone: (250) 753-8711.

CS 27 YSB8 engine CS27 for parts - Carl Swanson (CS 27 *Carriad*) - I have for sale a YSB8 engine from our CS27 for parts. The engine is in pieces and crated. We will sell it in bit and pieces or in its entirety. The water pump has new bearings and seals and the alternator was checked out and has a connection installed for an electronic tach. There are also a number of spare parts in the way of v-belts, fuel filters, impellers, gaskets and the like. Interested members can contact me by e-mail: quik9640@nanaimo.ark.com or by phone: (250) 655-0231.

CS 33 Storm Jib - Bob Sanders (CS 33 *Falcon*) - I have a storm jib for a CS 33 that is as good as new - price negotiable. I also have a 7 foot fibreglass dinghy c/w oars available - asking \$100. Please contact me by e-mail: rsanders@shaw.ca or phone: (250) 752-5081

Westerbeke 30 (Disassembled) - Dick Duffley (CS 36T *Whistler I*) - Rebuildable (I have estimates of \$2500 for new parts, \$1000 for machining the crank and head and \$1500 to rebuild fuel system). The engine has a:

- rebuilt starter (only 2 starts on it)
- new heat exchanger and oil cooler
- new exhaust elbow
- oil filters, zincs and other sundry parts

I'll be keeping the transmission and gears.

The engine ran well, but I decided to replace it after tear down. It's a good buy for someone with more talent than me! Make offers by e-mail: dickduffley@shaw.ca or phone: (250) 468-9801.

C-Map Cartridges for Sale - Don Grovestine (CS 36T *Gadgets*) - With my purchase of a new "super-wide" C-Map cartridge covering the whole of the South Coast, I no longer have any need for the following cartridges:

- M-NA-B281, Saltspring Island to Nanaimo, (C-Map NT precision)
- M-NA-B283, Nanoose Harbour to Johnstone Strait (C-Map NT wide area).

Both cartridges have been updated to January 2003 and are available for the bargain price of \$50 and \$75 respectively. Please contact me by e-mail: dgrovestine@shaw.ca or phone: (250) 386-1783.

