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Winter Events

Thirty-eight owners and friends attended our CS dinner meeting at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Saturday, February 7, 2009.

Most of us had already attended the Vancouver Boat Show. Pierre Porcheron and Sally Kobelka, the previous owners of *Katia* and past Treasurers, joined us. We are happy to keep up with past owners, particularly if they have deserted us in favour of bigger and fancier boats!

Boats represented were *Battle Axe*, *Blue Heron*, *Carriad*, *Cashelmara*, *Deckadance*, *Driftaway*, *Heron*, *Huff 'n Puff*, *Kaiulani*, *Minnedosa*, *Misty Grey*, *Mystique*, *Ocho*, *Polaris*, *Sabbatical*, *Sloop Therapy*, *Tac Tic*, *Trelawney I*, *Wind Dancer* (both 27 and 36T).

Since our speaker had cancelled that afternoon due to illness, we decided to have members tell

tales of summer disasters. Graham Williams led by describing a wiring fire in the engine compartment of *Sloop Therapy* while racing an unnamed CS 30. Nancy smelled smoke and Graham handed over the helm to her to investigate and turn off the power, which extinguished the fire.. Nancy still managed to sail ahead of the CS 30. George Streadwick, the new owner of *Mystique* apologized to Ralf Smidtkje, the former owner, for almost sinking the boat. George went below just before the start of a race and discovered that he was ankle deep in water. Apparently the PSS seal had failed. Fortunately *Mystique*, with all crew bailing, made it safely to land and a speedy haul-out. Mary Ellen Spinar, our Commodore, described having the steering cable on *Wind*

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Commodore's Corner

Greetings! As spring approaches I expect most of you are doing what we are doing: hauling out and evicting small beasties from the nooks and crannies they love to inhabit on our rudders, keels and other protrusions.

This year we decided to have the yard clean and prep the bottom so Don could paint the boat. What a marvelous gift to your back to have someone else do that task!! We and the yard are working hard to get *Wind Dancer* ready for a long season of cruising this year as we missed last summer completely due to my health issues. I can report that all is well on that front and we are looking forward to Desolation Sound and points south.

I hope you all have marked the May long weekend on your cruising calendars for the Spring Rendezvous at Ganges Marina. That's May 15-18 for those of us who don't have that date blazoned on our brains. John and Sylvia Taylor will be our hosts and will be contacting you with cruise arrangements in the near future.

We will have the Shentons back from Mexico in time to join us this year in Ganges. They should have lots to share with us about cruising in Mexico!

Mary Ellen
Wind Dancer 36T

Plan now
to attend the

Spring

Rendezvous

Ganges Marina

Salt Spring Island

May 15 - 18, 2009

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RVYC Dinner



CS West Website - a Reminder

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



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Dancer break while sailing back to Poulsbo. She managed to adjust the sail to keep them away from shore while Don frantically pitched stuff out of the cramped lazaret in search of the emergency tiller. He unearthed and installed it and they also made it home safely.

After all this, we wondered if we really needed speakers. However Mary Ellen asked for volunteers to line up future speakers and organize courses.

Mike McGaw ran our usual fantastic raffle featuring donations from West Marine, discounted items from other local chandleries, and items picked up at the Boat Show. One bright person suggested that, since we have a one item per boat policy, why not leave the tickets in strips so

that once a ticket was picked from that strip that was it. This idea certainly sped up the distribution of the spoils.

Even though we were a smaller group than usual, we all had an enjoyable time in a relaxed atmosphere. Thanks to Mike for making the arrangements with the RYVC. The meal was delicious.

Because of the Olympics, the 2010 Boat Show has been moved to April. Mike will see if he can get us a booking at the yacht club for April 10, 2010.

Stephanie Greer
CS 36T *Polaris*

New Members

A warm welcome to our new CS members:

Ken and Cathy Carey Surrey, B.C. 604-536-5449 ken.carey.mail@shaw.ca *Czeck Mate* (36) -due to be moved from Ontario in May.

James Snodgrass Malone, N.S. jtssnodgrass@phnx-pcnetworks.com *Empty Nest* (30)

Craig and Alison Meredith. Duncan 250-748-8920 cmeredith@shaw.ca *Rosmond* (36) at Maple Bay Yacht Club

Romance in Port Townsend

In 2004 my husband David, and I bought a half share of a CS33, *first morning*. We had been away from B.C. for over 30 years and to return to sailing was the fulfillment of a dream I had had since the years of cruising and racing I had delighted in as a child with my parents. They had owned a few boats but my all time favourite was *Doxy* a 26 foot double ended Danish Spidsgatter.

David has been editing the CS newsletter for a few years and for the Fall 2008 issue he received a submission from Sue Hoover in Port Townsend, the excited new owner of a *Quanta 28*. David and I were intrigued by the story of a woman, recently widowed, taking up sailing again after a long hiatus. Now here is Sue taking boating and navigation courses, maintaining and cruising in her own boat. She even

went offshore on a course given by Nancy Erley who teaches sailing and cruising skills to women in her boat *Tethys*.

After a few emails between David and Sue, Sue kindly invited us to stay with her in Port Townsend on our way back from a 5 week camping trip to Arizona in February. As an afterthought, we asked Sue if she knew of any Spidsgatters in the Port Townsend area as I had heard some years ago that *Doxy* was there. Sue replied that she would ask a couple of friends, Kaci and Inger. The next day I heard from Inger Rankins that the name of the boat was familiar but she would ask her husband as he would surely know. Hours later I received this message: "Now I know why it sounded familiar, she's our boat but we have reverted to her original name, *Cito*. We'll take you on board when you get here."

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After three days of driving, with the last one through hail, sleet and snow, we arrived on Sue's doorstep. How warm her greeting was to two people she had never met! Within minutes David and I were on our way to meet Sean Rankins at the warehouse where he was working on *Doxy*.

My emotions on seeing her familiar profile were quite overwhelming. Sean took us up the ladder and we saw how he had taken her down to her bare bones and, with the help of the building plans that he had located, was restoring her to her original condition. With no bunks, floor or lockers we saw her solid, shapely ribs and planks and marveled at the beauty and integrity of her construction. Sean showed us all that he had done and was still planning to do. When finished he wants to bring her to Victoria to show her to us. I told him how delighted my mother would be to hear that someone, who loves her as we had, and has the skills to do her justice, is now lovingly restoring her. Sean asked how old my mother is and when

I replied that she was nearly 90 he quietly responded that he had better get a move on.

Once home, the phone conversations to my sister in Kelowna and my queries to my mum evoked wonderful memories and nostalgia of our years on board. How sad that my dad was no longer here to participate. Vivid memories were relived of surfing down the path of the moon on a broad reach, or lying in a bunk watching the jib and hearing the rush of the sea along the hull while mum and dad made an early morning departure from an anchorage and left the deckhands to sleep in.

How different it is working with wood than fibreglass. Sean expressed it beautifully: "But for these years it has been in a more intimate way that I have grown to know and love this well made boat. Each phase of her renewal has been an awakening of sorts. It's hard to describe to someone the feeling when suddenly, as you are touching some part of the boat, working on a frame and holding a plane or chisel in your hand, your head down in the deep bilge in a upside down yoga position, suddenly you see hands holding the tool and they are not your hands, but Jorgen Waas' hands, her builder and first owner, dirty finger nails and all....I have these moments often, and always suddenly, and then they are gone. In many ways, I know I will miss this part of my relationship with *Cito* once she returns to the saltwater."

We are grateful for the warmth of our reception in PT, to Sue who made this all happen, to Kaci Cronkhite (also a proud Spidsgatter owner) of the NM Maritime Center and especially to Sean and Inger Rankins, whose devotion and hard work is invaluable in the stewardship of old wooden boats.

Gillian Cohen
first morning

Upcoming Events

Spring Rendezvous:	May 15-18	Ganges
Fall Rendezvous:	Sept.. 11-13	Telegraph Harbour Marina (Thetis)
Mini Rendezvous 2009:		
	July 11	Clam Bay
	Aug.1	Squirrel Cove (Desolation Sound)
	Aug. 29	Montague (south)

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



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Your 2009 Dues are Overdue

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2009, please mail 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

Please let Stephanie know if you change your email address.

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- 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.

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