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Commodore's Corner

Greetings to all CS West members! Happily, boating is not far around the corner. Spring is making an effort to prevail with getting down to the boat starting to look appealing, both for maintenance and actually getting out on the water.

Thanks to the organizers of the Vancouver International Boat Show which was scheduled in January, earlier than other years. We particularly enjoyed the speakers this year, who were speaking in separate rooms on the ground floor, rather than broadcasting from the bleachers. We attended two such sessions, one about boating at night and one about chartering in the Caribbean. Both were informative and, regarding sailing or powering at night, a cautionary tale. The bottom line was "don't do it" unless it is absolutely necessary. What a relief! For example, the speaker demonstrated the difference in what could be seen at night and in the daytime in an area close to Steveston. The difficulty was with recognizing aids to navigation and with loss of depth perception. The most surprising thing for me was that it is not uncommon for tugboat operators to err when using their light system to indicate details regarding their tow or for boat owners to misinterpret. We have been on the water at night twice when we were young and foolish, and thankfully, luck was on our side both times.

CS West's first rendezvous of the year at Ganges is coming up on the Victoria Day Weekend in May. Mark this on your calendars and please contact the Ganges Marina directly with your boat length and power requirements. There will be more information to follow regarding activities on this very enjoyable weekend. Watch for email details and I hope to see many of you on the dock!

Most of you are aware of controversy regarding the shipping of oil and condensate off our coast. Please don't hesitate to make politicians aware of your concerns. In Burnaby there is a concerted effort to resist the efforts of Kinder-Morgan to twin the pipeline from the Edmonton area which will result in more than one large oil tanker per day of additional traffic in Vancouver harbor and Haro Strait, not to mention that the company has a new route in mind that cuts right through existing neighbor hoods.

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An organization which we have been involved with for some years , the Georgia Strait Alliance is worth a look and there are probably many more involved with the health of our waters and the creatures that live within it that deserve your support.

Lastly, hopefully there will be technical information available on our website in the near future.
Fair winds!

Joanne Graham

QUIZ FOR MY BRIGHTEST FRIENDS

There are only nine questions. This is a quiz for people who know everything! I found out quickly that I didn't. These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers..

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends?
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

(Answers on next page)

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: **Boxing**.
2. North American landmark constantly moving backward: **Niagara Falls** .. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: **Asparagus and rhubarb**.
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: **Strawberry**.
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? **It grew inside the bottle**. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Three English words beginning with dw: **Dwarf, dwell and dwindle...**
7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: **Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses**.
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: **Lettuce**.
9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': **Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts**.

New Members

Here are our recent new members:

Bryce Andrews and Molly Arnold brycea@pacbell.net "Abracadabra" 36T. Home base is San Francisco but now in Mexico.

Aleck Ostry. Secondwind CS36T. ostry@uvic.ca



Membership 2013-2014

You may recall that there was a motion passed at last year's AGM to set the dues at \$30 per year. So the dues for 2013/2014 are \$30. Cheques for \$30 made out to CS Yacht Owners West can be mailed to me at:

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North Saanich, B.C. V8L 4R4

I will send you a membership card and current membership list. A CS West burgee is an extra \$15. If anyone has changed addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, location of boat etc. please let me know so that I can update the record. If you get your boat insurance from HUB/TOS, you need a current membership to qualify for the discount.

Happy Sailing.
Stephanie Greer
Membership Secretary
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Is ultra-low-sulfur diesel harming your engine?

Starting 2012 in Washington, the use of Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) for marine diesel engines began.

ULSD is diesel fuel containing a maximum of 15 parts per million (ppm) of sulfur. Previous sulfur levels were up to 3,000 ppm.

In reviewing articles online pertaining to ULSD, I have found that generally there are no problems with using ULSD in an older engine. However, there are a few issues to consider. As far as I can tell, all low-sulfur diesels, which have been in use since 1993 and reduced further in 2006, can affect older gaskets. By this reasoning, anyone operating an older engine has already been exposed to the lower sulfur levels. Most feel that the ULSD would not cause this problem to be worse with the newer fuel.

Estimates on the effect of ULSD on fuel economy are about a 1% loss.

Following is a release made by BoatUS about the effects of ULSD. It addresses the main concerns and some suggestions. Here's what the researchers found:

(Article From BoatUs)

As a way to reduce particulate matter, ultra-low-sulfur diesel (ULSD), with only 15 ppm or less of sulfur, was mandated for use in most vehicles, boats and machinery as of December 2010. As a practical matter, however, ULSD has been around since late 2006 when 2007 model year vehicles with more advanced emissions control devices began requiring its use in cars. And since most fuel refiners don't have the capacity to offer more than one type of diesel, it's also been sold at marinas ever since.

During that time, the BoatUS Damage Avoidance Program has kept a close look out for any potential prob-

lems with the newer, environmentally-friendly fuel. Recently, the boat owner association's Damage Avoidance Program publication, *Seaworthy, The BoatUS Marine Insurance and Damage Avoidance Report*, investigated the issue and has these findings to share:

Lubricity: *In diesel engines, having enough "lubricity" in the fuel is critical – without it, the engine would grind itself to a premature death. A lot of publicity has been given to ULSD because the process of removing sulfur from diesel fuel also removes much of the fuel's lubricity. Contrary to what some have said, however, lubricity is not a problem with ULSD. Minimum lubricity is a requirement of the ASTM-D975 diesel fuel standard and oil companies typically use a synthetic additive to return fuel to its pre-ULSD lubricity levels.*

Cetane: *All diesel fuel must have a cetane rating of at least 40. Most regular diesel fuel has a cetane rating of 43 to 45, which should be fine for most boat engines. The good news is that the cetane numbers remained the same with ULSD.*

Gaskets: *When the transition was made to low-sulfur diesel (LSD) in 1993, there were problems with leaking gaskets. Newer gaskets that resist leaking were developed, but there were some fears that the gaskets might not stand up to ULSD. After talking to numerous marina owners and engine manufacturers, leaking gaskets don't appear to be a problem.*

Water and "Bugs": *Microbial growth – bugs – need water to grow and have always been a concern with diesel fuel. ULSD holds less water than older, higher-sulfur fuels, which means that any water entering the tank is less likely to be absorbed and instead more likely to become a breeding ground for bugs. Biocides (and cold weather) kill the bugs but their tiny little carcasses pile up in funereal goo at the bottom of the tank. Tanks may need to be cleaned more often to prevent clogged filters and corrosion. The best defense is to keep tanks as full as possible (especially over winter storage) and keep a routine eye on the water separator.*

CS West Rendezvous

May 16-19 - Spring rendezvous at the Ganges Marina. Crab feed on Saturday, annual meeting Sunday morning, dinner at Oyster Catcher on Sunday. Mary Ellen is looking for additional ideas so contact her at (spinar9@comcast.net) if you have any suggestions or questions or want to help. More details to follow.

Sept. 12-14 - Fall rendezvous at the Telegraph Harbour Marina (Thetis Island)

Classifieds

STUFF

Having sold Gadgets several years ago, Wendy thinks its time to free up some space in our locker by removing all those boating-related items one collects over the years - and as an avid "do-it-yourselfer", I've collected a lot.

There's some pieces of well-aged teak, s/s rigging wire, several lengths of s/s tubing (including a pedestal guard for a CS-36T), lots of electrical wire (tinned and not tinned), adhesive non-stick tape, a vented plexi-glass companionway board for a CS-36T, a pelorus and other such things.

I've been given one week to get rid of it. If any of you would like to take the lot, I'll be happy to see it get a new home - AND WENDY WILL BE HAPPY TOO.

Don Grovestine, p/o CS-36T Gadgets, (250) 386-1783 (Victoria)

BOAT SWAP

My wife and I have owned our C S 36 Merlin for 12+ years. We are the second owners. She is currently berthed at Townsite Marina in Nanaimo. "Leap of Faith" [formerly Moanna Rei] is in excellent condition, both structurally and mechanically [two surveys by Ken Rorison support that assessment].

Although my wife and I have chartered several times in the Caribbean and have done some lengthy passages, we have no interest in sailing her down the West Coast. Accordingly, we have plans to move her by trailer to San Carlos, Mexico this fall.

We spent 3 months on the Baja last spring and fell in love with La Paz; but, most of the cruisers that we met said "You sail your boat to La Paz; but, you keep your boat in San Carlos." Accordingly, we are currently in San Carlos/Guaymas, with our 5th wheel, checking out the marinas and boatyards. There are quite a few "Canadian Registered" boats sitting here "on the hard" that don't look as if they have moved in quite some time.

We are, naturally, very partial to Canadian Sailcraft. We thought that we might be able to find an owner of a CS 36 T/ Merlin or CS 40, who has their boat in Mexico, has finished their "cruising" and isn't interested in shipping it back to B.C. or sailing it out to Hawaii and back up; but, who are still interested in sailing in the Gulf Islands. We are interested in a "PERMANENT TRADE". We hoped that we could save the cost and logistics of getting our boat down to Mexico.

We are looking for a boat that is, of course, in excellent condition and, approximately the same age and value. If you are interested, or knows someone who might be.

Dave and Carol Ann Faith (dfaith@telus.net)

Moorage

I'm a new owner (purchased Second Wind in July a CS 36T) and looking for moorage in Vancouver area. Wondering if anyone knows of moorage available. I'm looking for long term and stable moorage. Regards,

Aleck Ostry (ostry@uvic.ca)

BOATS FOR SALE

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CS33		
Falcon.	listed with Paul Shield	paulshield@telus.net 604-240-7310 www.alliedyachtsales.com Leo Rutledge cyecomans@shaw.ca 250-390-2109
first morning.	Victoria.	Barry Rolston . 250-652-5501 bwrolston@shaw.ca
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CS36 Traditional		
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CS40		
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CS 36T MODIFICATIONS

The following is a question and answer about modifications to the 36T. If you have something to contribute, contact Aleck.

I've made some modifications to my CS 36T. One is to take out my 2 12 volt batteries and replace with Four six volt golf cart batteries. This seems to be a better option. Wondering if others have done this and had similar results? Also added a 155 Watt solar panel on stern davits. Hoping this is going to help me while "on the hook". Also, took out the 42 Imperial gallon holding tank from its initial location and got a custom built tank (20 Imperial gallons) built and installed it just aft of the original holding tank location (thought I didn't need to go around with 42 gallons of poop swilling around on the boat) that 20 gallons would do the trick. Now replacing all incandescent fixtures with LED ones. I'm looking for advice on where to get cheap and warm light LEDs? Regards Aleck

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Hi Aleck:

I own a CS36M, but have made many of the same modifications as you:

- I replaced the 12V standard deep cycle batteries with 2 235 amp-hour AGM house batteries (with a 4" width and the ability to mount on their side, I found room under the aft cabin berth) and one very small starting AGM battery. Gained a lot more capacity, and was able to re-deploy a great deal of space that was freed up.
- I replaced all my interior cabin bulbs with LED ones, over 5 years ago. I'm very pleased with the result. Technology and availability has skyrocketed since then, so there's not much use in my recommending my bulb sources.

This year's project is the conversion of my large ice box to a high-efficiency "Aussie" fridge/freezer.

By the way, I had a consulting contract with the Michael Smith Foundation shortly after it was formed... small world!

Cheers,
Mike Nusbaum

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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.

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