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at **Silva Bay Marina, September 17 - 19.** (see page 5)

## Port Browning Rendezvous Great Kick-Off for 2004 Cruising Season

Twenty-three boats and their crews participated in our eighth rendezvous at Port Browning Marina from May 21-24, 2004: *Blue Heron, Blue Peter, Carriad, Cashelmara, Deckadance, first morning, Hushwings, Leap of Faith, Lollipop, Malanka, Musashi, Mystique, Nikik, Polaris, Quicksilver, Sabbatical, Slip Stream II, Sloop Therapy, Summer Ours, Sun-tune II, Tack- Tic, Trelawney I and Wind Dancer.* Eight of them (mostly new owners) were attending their first CS/Quanta rendezvous.

Carl Swanson (*Carriad*) did his usual valiant job as port captain – securing a dedicated area for us, finding everyone a spot and fending off invaders.

The Friday night happy hour for the dozen early arrivals was blessed with sunshine. However, after weeks of exceptionally good weather, it poured rain much of Saturday. Nonetheless, David Cohen (*first morning*), a new member, lead a walk in the rain on Saturday afternoon. The intrepid souls that took part had a good time and had the added bonus of a tour of a heritage home being turned into a bed and breakfast. Late in the day, the swap meet offered many opportunities to negotiate bargains (or to dispense with no-longer-useful items, depending on your point of view) .

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## From Our Commodore

I am pleased to have been elected Commodore of CS West. My wife, Joan, and I have been warmly welcomed to the west coast by CS West, and we therefore have a strong feeling of gratitude to the group.

We relocated to Victoria from Ottawa in 2003 but, even before we got here, we were embraced by the CS boaters in the Victoria/Sidney area and made welcome.

Through this generosity we have developed new friends, learned how to adapt our boat to sailing in salt water, and with the guidance of our new friends, we are now exploring the fabulous sailing this beautiful part of the world has to offer. CS West has therefore become a big part of our lives.

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### Upcoming Events:

- *Montague Harbour Mini-Rendezvous - August 28-29, 2004*
- *Fall Rendezvous - Silva Bay Marina, September 17-19, 2004*



Norm Smyth (*Cashelmara*) led a discussion on alternators and batteries. Carsten Nachtigahl (*Polaris*) repeated his popular rig and mast tuning session.



On Saturday afternoon, the boat-hop happy hour helped to get everyone in a party mood, despite the rain, and to introduce the new members. Suitably mellowed, forty-eight of us then proceeded to the Café for a substantial buffet meal. The raffle draw was held with many happy prize winners. Thanks to Derek and Jenny Barrio, the new owners of *Blue Peter*, for being such energetic raffle ticket salespersons.



Fortunately, Sunday dawned bright and clear.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the pub deck on Sunday morning. Bev Bayliss did not wish to serve another year as commodore (she was strong-armed last year), so Norm Smyth (*Cashelmara*) volunteered for the position. Our treasurer/raffle master team of the past few years, Sally Kobelka and Pierre Porcheron (*Katia*), have deserted us for a Catalina 42 and they will be much missed. Graham Williams (*Sloop Therapy*) agreed to take on the job of treasurer. Norm and Graham are fairly new members, both having recently retired here from Ontario bringing their trusty CSs with them. Both



were acclaimed to their respective positions. Mary Ellen Spinar (*Wind Dancer*), last years membership director, volunteered to become cruise director/vice commodore and Stephanie Greer (*Polaris*) returned to the membership portfolio. Carsten Nachtigahl continues as technical advisor and will also look for good deals for raffle items. Don Grovestine (also having emigrated from Ontario several years ago) remains as newsletter editor.



Mary-Ellen's role as cruise director is intended to be one of coordination, with other members handling the details of individual events. To that end, Barb and Dieter Giese (*Blue Lagoon*) will organize the upcoming Fall Rendezvous at Silva Bay, Graham and Nancy Williams offered to organize the November meeting at Sidney







North Saanich Yacht Club and David and Carol Ann Faith (*Leap of Faith*) volunteered to take on the planning of the February meeting in Vancouver.

In the afternoon, Mary Ellen introduced a group of us to bocce ball. The *Tack Tic* team of Mark and Judy Ponti-Sgargi proved to be naturals at the game and walked away with the big prize. (With a boat name like that, what else would you expect!)

The Sunday potluck happy hour/dinner on the docks in the sunshine was a great success. (Somehow we always



seem to end up with a balanced menu and not a dozen salads or desserts.) But, we missed Bob Bayer's (*Rosmond*) delicious fish chowder. (Bob is the proud owner of a new Beneteau 42.) Bob, we missed your company too.

It was great to see so many new members actively participating and helping to make the rendezvous a success.

Thanks to everyone who helped organize this event.

Stephanie Greer  
CS 36 *Polaris*

## Jonie Foran's (Now) Famous Orzo Salad

The big "hit" at the pot-luck dinner at Port Browning was Jonie Foran's Orzo salad. (Not surprising when you remember that it was her biscotti that was the "rave" at Port Browning last Spring.) Several people have asked that she reveal her recipe - which she was pleased to do. Jonie writes:

Here's the Orzo Salad recipe that I made for the Port Browning Rendezvous. I made 1 1/2 batches and would think a 1/2 batch would be about the right size for 3-4 people. It can be made ahead and keeps well as leftovers.

### Orzo Salad

- 1 450 gram package orzo
- 2/3 cup chopped sundried tomatoes (I used the dried and reconstituted them)
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar (I added a pinch of brown sugar to the vinegar to "age" it)
- 1 cup pine nuts

- 1/2 cup chopped Greek olives
- 1 cup fresh basil
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves minced garlic

Boil 4 litres water. When water boils add salt and then add the orzo. Cook for 8 minutes or until tender. Drain and transfer to large bowl. Blend olive oil, vinegar and garlic and toss with the orzo. Add tomatoes and olives. Toss to blend. Chill. When chilled add pine nuts, basil and cheese. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve cold.

Enjoy!

Jonie Foran  
CS 33 *Sabbatical*

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## New Members' "Takes" on the Port Browning Rendezvous

Arriving at Port Browning Marina, we were hailed by Carl Swanson, the dockmaster, who quickly took charge and directed us to our slip and then got us tied-up in short order. Suddenly we were part of a gaggle of CS yachts of various sizes crewed by enthusiastic and friendly people who made us feel so welcome.

As new owners of a 1981 CS 33, we were eager to learn from others just how to get the most enjoyment out of our new boat. Whilst Jenny went off to look at interior layouts, I was keen to compare rigging, electrics, engines, etc. However, along came Stephanie with a roll of raffle tickets and instructions to go forth and sell them. We complied forthwith!

The boat-hop happy hour was fun - a great way to meet other owners on their own boats, discuss boat projects, cruising plans etc. and then host others on *Blue Peter*. It was amusing to watch as the bell rang or the horn blew to signify "time's-up" and we all tottered down the docks, glass in hand, to the next host boat.

No sooner had we finished snatching ten dollar bills

My wife and I sailed from Maple Bay to Port Browning on Pender Island, for the first time, to take part in the Spring Rendezvous.

Friday started out as a windy, dry day and continued as a blustery night at our anchorage in Fulford Harbor on Saltspring. Saturday morning we awoke to rain. However, it was sunny as we arrived in Port Browning. As we neared the marina, I called on channel 68 and was greeted by an instant and helpful reply on how to approach the marina. As we neared our moorage, members of the club were on the dock to offer assistance - at least I think that's what those gestures meant. Soon we were moored and introduced to other members of the club. The camaraderie was excellent. We felt instantly welcome and it was great to see so many other CS sailboats.

A rummage sale was held on the dock where members sold off nautical items they no longer needed. Had I thought of it earlier, I may have been able to cash-in on some of the bargains.

We particularly enjoyed the afternoon boat hosts.

This gave us a chance to see what other CS boats looked like inside and learn some great ideas on changes we could try as well. We also got to meet other sailors and hear their terrifying stories of close

from people in exchange for raffle tickets when Norm Smyth shoved a list of visiting members and boat names at me and told me to fill in the details.....fifteen minutes before we were supposed to muster for dinner. Needless to say, I didn't comply and made up the answers at the dinner table and won a beer mug for my efforts. The raffle was very successful and lucky members went away clutching wonderful prizes such as a polisher, portable VHF, fire extinguisher, books and, steak knives.

Carsten's talk on rigging was very informative and I will be tweaking our turnbuckles before too long. And yes, Norm, the house batteries have already been replaced and the voltage across the terminals is 14.3 with the engine running. Thank you both

Regrettably, we had to get back to Saltspring by Sunday evening so slipped away during the bocce game without saying goodbye to all of you. It was a great rendezvous and we are both looking forward to the next one.

Jenny and Derek Barrio  
CS33 *Blue Peter*

calls and successes. It was eerie to find ourselves on another CS27; it was the same boat, but different. Almost like an episode out of the Twilight Zone, only nicer.

Dinner was great and winning the hand held radio was even better. My wife and I are not (usually) very lucky at these things. Sitting at the table she muttered "We never win anything." No sooner had the words left her lips when one of our numbers was called. Our luck appears to be changing! After a lovely dinner that just kept coming, particularly a scrumptious chocolate cake dessert, we headed off for a quiet night at dock.

The next day I was Malanka's representative at the AGM and was impressed with the professional conduct of the executive and members. After the meeting I spent time learning about rigging testing and heard some valuable tips from Captain Carsten.

Time passed quickly and soon it was time to begin our journey home. Again, we were offered precious assistance from many people; I didn't really need to pilot the boat out of our moorage at all.

My wife and I spent a lot of time talking about the various people we had met, the welcome we were given,

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## CS West Fall Rendezvous Silva Bay Marina September 17-19, 2004

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Rendezvous to be held at Silva Bay from September 17-19. Silva Bay is an easy half-day sail from Vancouver and not much more from Victoria and Sidney. We've been assured the weather will be fantastic throughout the entire weekend. So, no excuses will be accepted for not being there.

Those that arrive on Friday afternoon, please bring a contribution for the pot-luck dinner to be held on the dock that evening.

On Saturday evening, we'll all have dinner together in the restaurant. The organizers, Barb and Dieter Giese are working to arrange for a private dining room and special docking rates.



*Boats at the 2003 Silva Bay Rendezvous*

Saturday afternoon, the usual, very popular boat-hop will be held. Two walks are also being planned. Barb and Dieter claim to know a shortcut to Drumberg Park. As well, our Commodore will lead a walk to see the many petroglyphs on a site behind the United Church near the southeast corner of Gabriola Island.

Other details and a firm schedule will

be sent to you via e-mail in the near future.

If you think you'll be able to attend, please notify Barb Giese, e-mail: [blulagoon36@hotmail.com](mailto:blulagoon36@hotmail.com) or Mary Ellen Spinar, e-mail: [spinar9@comcast.net](mailto:spinar9@comcast.net).

See you there.

### **Newbies on Port Browning** (continued)

the PRIZE we had won and the new ideas for things to build or buy for the boat. So, to all other newcomers to the CS Club, I am sure you feel as welcome as my wife and I did and I offer you our welcome as well.

We are looking forward to joining you all once again come September at Silva Bay. Have a safe and happy summer sailing and we hope to see you all in September at Silva Bay.

Len Engst  
CS 27 Malanka

### **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](mailto:d-jforan@shaw.ca). She can arrange for the loan of a computer disk containing the logo.





## Are We Sinking?

On our way north to Desolation Sound in early June, I was afraid we were.

Half way across the Straits of Georgia on a course between Silva Bay and the south end of Texada Island, *Gadgets* bilge pump came on. The winds were 20-25 kts SE and the seas were three to four feet. We weren't concerned at the time since I had filled the fresh water tanks the previous morning and I knew one of the inspection ports on the starboard tank leaked a little. When the bilge pump came on again about fifteen minutes later, I still assumed that it was due to the leaking inspection port.

However, the bilge pump sprang to life once again barely ten minutes after that. The outlet from the bilge pump is high on the starboard side just forward of the helm seat. So, I reached down, wet my fingers with the outflow and tasted it. SALT!!!

Now, we were concerned!

Giving the helm to Wendy, I went below to investigate. Except for a little water sloshing around in the bilge, everything seemed in order. I checked the engine compartment; the sump was dry. Likewise, the engine water intake showed no sign of leakage. I then checked under the head and galley sinks, where the remainder of the thru-hulls are located. Everything seemed normal - except that the bilge pump activated yet again. We were taking on salt water at an ALARMING rate and I had no idea from where it was coming!

On the suspicion that there could be a leak around one of the electronics transducers, I pulled up the floorboards outside the head under which the speed and depth transducers are located. Bone dry!

That only left the cockpit drain thru-hulls and the packing on the rudder post. Since I had replaced and double-clamped both drain hoses (and all other thru-hull hose connections) a couple of years ago, they were unlikely to be the cause of the problem, but I was running out of possibilities. So I emptied the quarterberth, which, when we cruise, is piled high with cockpit cushions, cockpit enclosure, rain tents, sun shades, knapsacks, crab pot, etc. Those items were flung in all direction so as to gain access to the back of the boat as quickly as possible. But, to my astonishment, there was not a drop of water to be seen through the access panel at the end of the quarterberth.

At that point, I had checked every possible source of leakage I could think of, and had not found the problem. (*Gadgets* had never had a major deck leak before and, since we were on a broad reach, we weren't taking much water on deck anyway.)

I considered issuing a PAN-PAN just in case we were on the brink of some catastrophic failure.

Then I remembered I hadn't checked the forepeak. I could think of no opportunity for water entry there, but what did I have to lose? It was good thing I did check, because water was streaming through the limber hole below the chain locker. But, where was it coming from?

Finally, it struck me. I had had the "*Rosmond* mod" performed during spring refit. (The "*Rosmond* mod" involves removing a large section of the floor of the anchor locker to allow open access to the chain locker below, glassing in the bottom of the chain locker to make it water tight and drilling a new drain hole through the hull on each side.)

We had put a new floor in the chain locker about 8" above the waterline and it was well glassed in. However, the fiberglass fillet at the corners between the new floor and the hull and bulkhead must have been too large a radius such that, when the new drain holes were drilled, the back of the fillet was exposed. Thus, instead of the seawater that entered the chain locker through the drain holes (which were frequently under water in the sea we were experiencing) eventually draining back out through the same drain holes, the water was draining into the bilge by way of the back of the fillet.

Once I understood what was going on, we relaxed. Even though we were taking on water at an alarming rate, the bilge pump was capable of handling it and, hence, we weren't going to sink. Re-stowing the items in the quarterberth and replacing the floor was a daunting task in the four-to-five foot seas we were then experiencing. But, had Wendy seen the state of the cabin, given her efforts in carefully packing-up the boat barely twenty-four hours before, I fear I would otherwise have been making the rest of the journey alone, in the dinghy.

At the earliest opportunity, I smeared the walls of the drain holes with SikaFlex, sealing the unintended path to the bilge and temporarily fixing the problem until I could have it properly repaired.

Don Grovestine  
CS 36 Gadgets



## An Encounter with Luna

My two buddies and I decided this was the year to circumnavigate Vancouver Island in my CS 33 *Falcon*.

One evening during the trip, we checked out Friendly Cove prior to proceeding to our chosen anchorage - at the top of Ewin Inlet on Bligh Island. While admiring the light house, we noted quite a crowd of people on the dock, a number of small power boats and an Indian dugout canoe. The next thing to catch our attention was a medium sized Orca coming out to greet us like a friendly puppy - a BIG friendly puppy.

What had happened, we learned later, was that a group of Indians had enticed "Luna" from Gold River down to Friendly Cove and were getting a close up view of the whale from the dock. When the whale came alongside our boat, it appeared that everyone else lost interest and immediately jumped into their boats and took off. Perhaps we provided the distraction they needed to leave without the whale following them.

As we saw the whale approaching us, we put the engine in neutral and started taking pictures. Luna has apparently no fear of people and wanted to get as close to our boat as physically possible - often swimming upside down with a piece of kelp in his mouth, rubbing against *Falcon* and at times turning us in the direction he chose.

When we tired of this we put up the head sail and headed for our anchorage. But, this did not deter our new friend in the least. My greatest concern was possible damage to the rudder since when he rubbed it the wheel would spin to its stops and it was all we could do to just cushion the rudder by holding the wheel and tightening our grip as it approached the end of its travel. We subsequently heard that he actually broke the rudder off another sailboat a couple of days later (a testimonial for CS?).



The love affair between Luna and *Falcon* went on for about two miles until we entered Ewin Inlet. However, the next morning, as we left the inlet, a Fisheries inflatable approached and asked if we had seen the whale. They were trying to locate it. Within five minutes of their departure, who should appear beside us but Luna - renewing his acquaintance with *Falcon*. We stopped the engine and started sailing while the Fisheries officers tried to entice Luna to follow them. At their request, we pulled our inflatable out of the water and headed for the open ocean since Luna "liked inflatables but was not interested in going to sea". They splashed a paddle in the water to attract him but, apart from going over for a look, he preferred *Falcon* and returned to us. After about a half hour of this, his dislike for the open ocean overcame his desire to rub our bottom paint off and he left with the Fisheries guys.

Needless to say, this was the highlight of our trip.

Bob Sanders  
*Falcon*

### From our Commodore (continued from front page)

Our experience, I believe, embodies what CS West is all about – discovering new things about our boats, making new friends, sailing, and having fun!

Your new executive has embarked on a few initiatives:

- We have developed an "Operating Plan" which outlines the objectives for the group, and the way it functions. This helps us all understand what needs to be done, and who should do it. When you review it, I encourage you to think of how it can be improved.

We will look for your suggestions by email, or in person at the September Rendezvous in Silva Bay.

- We have developed a questionnaire to solicit your ideas on things CS West can do better. Feedback can be provided at any time, but it will also be a discussion item at Silva Bay.

I look forward to meeting everyone and receiving feedback on these initiatives and listening to any other ideas you may have.

Happy Sailing.  
Norm Smyth



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## From Our Members . . .

**Anchor for Sale** - Henry Kucera (CS 36 *Summer Snow*) - I have a "real" Bruce anchor (33 lbs.) along with a brand new rode (never used), The rode is 30 ft. of 3/8 BB chain with 270 ft. of 5/8 nylon rope. Please contact me by e-mail: [henry.kucera@swiftspace.com](mailto:henry.kucera@swiftspace.com) or by phone (250) 477-2663.



Recognize the location?  
Did you see it first hand this summer?

If not, maybe you'd like to live vicariously through the experiences of your intrepid editor. Read all about *Gadgets'* return to Desolation Sound this past summer, accompanied part of the time by *Cashelmara* and *Polaris*, with honourable mention of several other CS West members and their boats

Interested? Just click on the following URL, [www.members.shaw.ca/svgadgets](http://www.members.shaw.ca/svgadgets), and follow the links to Chapter 8 of the GADGETS Chronicles entitled "GADGETS Returns to Desolation Sound".

