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Port Browning Spring Rendezvous

One of the Largest, Ever

Twenty five boats and fifty-three people attended our tenth anniversary spring rendezvous at the Port Browning Marina on the Victoria Day weekend.

Boats present were: *Cahoots* (formerly *Vital Signs*), *Captivator*, *Carriad*, *Cashel-mara*, *Blue Heron*, *Blue Peter*, *Deckadance*, *FarFetch*, *first morning*, *Gadgets*, *Heron*, *Lollipop*, *Mary Bye*, *Mystique*, *Optical Illusion*, *Polaris*, *Tac Tic*, *Trelawney I*, *Wind-song*, *Sabbatical*, *Slip Stream II*, *Whistler I*, and *Wind Dancer*. As well, there were two guest boats: *Fanfare*, a Catalina 30 owned by our guest speaker, and *Lady Lass*, owned by Randy and Karen Styles (friends of Ray and Pauline Wall). Jack and Pat Armitage and Bob Golonowski of *Cahoots* and Feather Mills, Simon Brissenden and daughter of *Captivator* had travelled all the way from Alberta for the rendezvous.

This was the first CS rendezvous for John and Sharon Amy, the new owners of *FarFetch*, and for Erika and Brian Smith of *Mary Bye*. Bill and Janet Jackson arrived with a "For Sale" sign on *Optical*

Illusion. They have bought a CS40 which they plan to fix up and take offshore in a couple of years.

Port Browning Marina was, as usual on these occasions, overbooked. Those of us on docking duty were kept busy defending our assigned area and praying that all the boats that had said they were coming would appear — and soon. Mary Ellen had prepared a docking plan which sometimes got followed and sometimes not. We managed to squeeze everyone in — also as usual, though, *Cahoots* had to raft to *Whistler I* for Saturday night. *Cahoots* had taken the time to install their new dodger before starting out. Moral — if you don't want to be tied to Dick, come early.

Several ex- and other current CS owners dropped by on the weekend:

- Pierre Porcheron and Sally Kobelka (formerly of CS36T *Katia*) and Bob Bayers (formerly of CS36T *Rosmond*) were on their way to a Blue Water

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Commodore's Corner

The Commodore, Norm Smyth and his lovely wife Joan are off on an extended cruise at the moment somewhere in the San Juans and Puget Sound. We'll hear from Norm again in the next issue of the CS West newsletter.

... Don



gathering in Bedwell Harbour; they now have a Catalina 42 and Beneteau 42 respectively;



- Janet and Don Strang (formerly of *Suntune II*), who now own a trawler;



- Leah and Graham Hollis of *Pas de Deux* arrived by dinghy from the Royal Victoria Yacht Club cruise in Bedwell Harbour; and
- Helen Watt and Bert Robillard, the new owners of *CS Cape*, who have since joined CS West.

We were happy to see them all.

Thirteen boats arrived in time for Friday night's happy hour. Some people actually had room for dinner after these spreads! The great selection of appetizers is more than enough for me.

The other boats trickled in during the day on Saturday. Bob Reynolds, a friend of the Barrio's, gave a well received, two-hour electrical session on Saturday afternoon with handouts. He also took more questions after the general meeting on Sunday morning.

Mary Ellen and Don Spinar organized a treasure hunt. Various clues had to be found and followed. Mark and



Judy Ponti-Sgargi were the big winners and were presented with a bottle of rum for their efforts.

As usual, a swap meet was held on the dock before dinner.

We then trooped up to the cafe for a buffet dinner. Unlike last year, the cafe was bursting at the seams with CSers.

A highlight of the evening was the group honouring Ray Wall, the now-retired designer of the CS 27, 33, 36T, and Quanta with the gift of a half model of a CS36T and honorary life-time membership in CS West. The presentation was made by Commodore Norm Smyth who expressed appreciation on behalf of Wall-designed CS owners everywhere for the quality of those designs. Ray and Pauline had battled strong winds on Saturday in their *Quanta 28 Lollipop* in order to attend the rendezvous. They had to return home to their dog on Sunday morning - but in friendlier conditions.



Mike McGaw ran the raffle. There were a lot of good items to be had. Peter Vassilopoulos of Pacific Yachting



had dropped by earlier and donated a logbook and a year's subscription to *Pacific Yachting*. Peter has just written a book on cruising in the Gulf Islands.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the pub deck on Sunday morning. All the current members of the executive were returned with no opposition. David and Gillian Cohen volunteered to take over the newsletter from Don Grovestine as of next January. Don will continue as web master.



While the skippers continued with serious technical discussion, the ladies embarked on a "cougar- "(formerly "chick-" - but we are more mature now) tour. We had a great time checking out the interior of various boats for new storage and decorating ideas. This came to an abrupt end when Mary Ellen fell down the companionway of *Whistler I*. She bravely claimed not to be hurt, but must have been pretty shaken up. Stairs on *Wind Dancer* are of a different configuration than on other 36s



Norm led twenty-four people across the bay by dinghy and then on foot to the new Morning Bay winery, about two miles from Port Browning on North Pender Island,

where they had a delicious lunch and received a tour. A good time was had by all, especially Bob Thompson who returned with a whole case of wine. Others stayed behind for some much needed down time and quiet socializing.

As the time for our potluck dinner on the dock Sunday afternoon approached, it started to drizzle intermittently. Unfazed, we managed to fill our stomachs with a wide selection of tempting offerings before the skies really opened and we fled to various enclosed cockpits to continue socializing.



first morning had pulled their fiberglass dinghy up onto the dock with the oars inside. David Cohen awoke up to a commotion in the middle of the night and went to investigate. A man had the dinghy in the water and was about to row away. When David pointed out that it was his dinghy, the man said that "he had to get away", returned the dinghy, and said that he "guessed he would have to get another one". David will keep his oars on *first morning* from now on.

On Monday morning, we awoke to fog and drizzle. The general exodus begun.

Motoring home through the fog was rather disconcerting. We could not see where we were going and boats would suddenly appear out of the mist. It was comforting to know that other CSs were not far away. Our GPS got a workout and we (and I hope everyone else that had to travel) arrived home safely.

Thanks to all of you who pitched in to make this another successful rendezvous.

Stephanie Greer
CS 36T *Polaris*

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Diesel Engine Maintenance Course

Provided there is sufficient interest, CS West proposes to offer a diesel engine maintenance course at

Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club

on

Saturday, November 4 from 1100-1700, and

Sunday, November 5 from 0900-1700.

(The annual Winter Meeting is on Saturday evening at the same location.)

The instructor will be **Charles Yokimas.**

Registration fee for the two-day course is \$75/person

Norm Smyth is our “point man” for this course. He will e-mail further details to all members in early September. In the meantime, if you’re interested, please mark your calendars.



Telegraph Harbour Fall Rendezvous

September 29th - October 1st

Come and join your CS West friends for our final on-the-water rendezvous of the year. You will have the opportunity to meet other owners of boats like yours or of your 'next boat' and compare notes on projects and upgrades. There will be activities for everyone: technical sessions, shopping, hikes, pub-crawling, lots of great food and a swap meet for all that great gear that you no longer need!

Friday afternoon - Happy hour in the Pavillion
Saturday evening - Happy hour and steak barbeque in the pavillion
Sunday morning - Pancake breakfast

Mary Ellen and Don will be your hosts – Please let them know if you can help with any activities.

Phone: (360) 779-5604 E-mail: spinar9@comcast.net

Please register on-line at <http://cswest.ca>

Mark your calendars now for:

Mini Rendezvous: Saturday, August 26th at Montague Harbour

Fall Meeting: Saturday, November 4th at SNSYC in Sidney

Winter Meeting: Saturday, February 10th, 2007 at RVYC in Vancouver



Trouble Come in Threes

We had had an uneventful passage from Tsehum Haven, starting at 5:00 am on a glorious June morning, and entered Sooke Harbour after warily negotiating through masses of flotsam. The four knot current on the flood sped us into the basin where, just past navigational aid V13, the bottom came up to meet us! Fortunately it was just silt from the river. We slewed around and were off as fast as we had gone aground. But then the engine wouldn't stop! Employing the decompression lever brought silence and we fairly soon found the problem to be a loose wire to the solenoid which controls the flow of the diesel fuel.

Next day, working our way up Juan de Fuca Strait, the second problem presented itself - more serious than the first: an overheating engine. Keeping the revs down was the only answer, but it made for a long day during which we were only able to sail for a couple of hours. To make matters worse, we had the tide against us a good part of the passage. Cape Beale came into view towards the end of the afternoon. But with decreased visibility in rain squalls, we were often out of sight of land. Keeping well offshore to avoid the dangerous shoals, we finally made it to our destination in Dodger Channel just before dusk and dropped the anchor— with a great sense of relief.

Next morning we solved the overheating problem when we discovered and replaced a cracked impeller in the cooling system. Then we had a walk ashore in sight of the breaking surf on Cape Beale.

Towards the end of the day, the wind started to shift to the southeast and we reluctantly decided to move. Problem three started when we raised the anchor – with difficulty – only to discover it enshrouded in a great ball

of steel fishing line. We managed to disentangle ourselves and again, through lowering skies, poor visibility and rising wind, we powered the few miles to Effingham Bay.

There we were warmly greeted by an English couple on their lovely Halberg Rassy 42 to whom we'd been given an introduction by a member of the Bluewater Cruising Association.

On inspecting *first morning's* prop in the morning light, we discovered more of that nasty fishing line wrapped around the shaft and propeller. After a good half hour of underwater cutting, we managed to remove the wire. Thanks to our new-found friends for the loan of a full-length, 9mm wetsuit.. Later, over a much needed drink in the luxurious saloon of our friends' boat, we recounted our various problems. They, who have spent the last twelve years of their lives cruising the world, aptly described world cruising as "fixing boats in exotic places". From then on for the next two weeks, Gillian and I, together with long time friend John (who, as a diver, had valiantly undertaken the underwater chore of removing the wire) enjoyed a problem free stay in the Barkley Sound area. With each day warmer than the last, we basked in sunshine, beauty and frequently empty anchorages. Visibility was good, the sailing was great and so was the fishing.

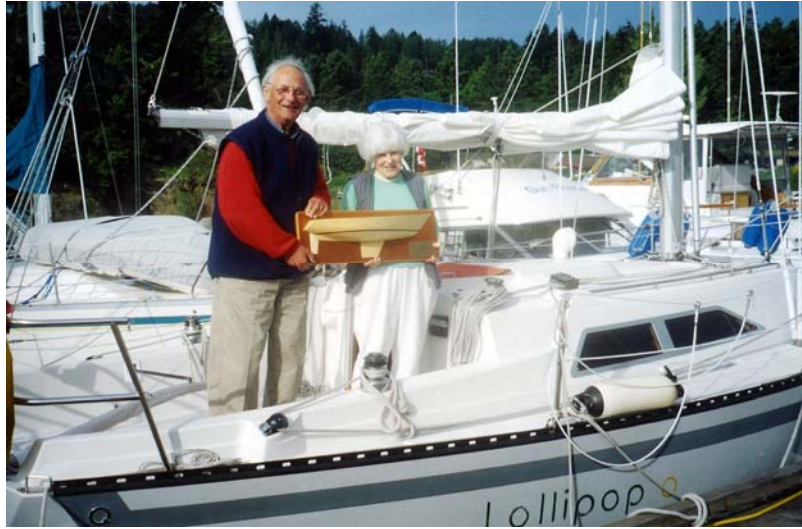
To top it all off we had an exciting overnight sail home in winds of up to thirty-two knots down the straits and into the calm of Tsehum Haven.

David Cohen
CS36 *first morning*

New Members

A BIG CS West welcome to another bumper crop of new members, bringing our total membership to ninety-five:

Felice (Phil) & Susan Calderoni	<i>Abacadabra</i> (36T)	San Francisco	(650) 967-4014	fcalderoni@sriconsulting.com
Ron & Donna Drane	<i>Miracles</i> (40)	Van Isle Marina	(250) 658-2273	rdrane@shaw.ca
Paul & Jane Mendham	<i>Quailo</i> (Q28)	WVYC	(604) 925-9412	paul_jane@telus.net
Terry & Catherine Mooney	<i>Amourena</i> (36T)	Mosquito Creek	(250) 786-7973	tmoney@nlc.bc.ca
Gary & Carol Nelson	<i>Champayne</i> (36T)	San Francisco		x38y122_sfbay@earthlink.net
Owen & Dela Tyers	<i>Amitis</i> (27)	Point Roberts	(604) 689-9922	otyers@gmail.com
Helen Watt & Bert Robillard	<i>CS Cape</i> (36M)	SNS Marina	(250) 656-7664	hb watt@telus.net
Michael Wilcox	<i>Saturnina</i> (36T)	WVYC	(604) 922-2507	wilcox@spotgold.ca



Commodore, Executive & Owners
CS Yachts Owners West.

25 May 2006

Dear Norman, Stephanie et al,

A very big thank you to you all for the very beautiful half model of the CS 36 presented to me this past weekend and, to top it off, a card signed by all those present at the 10th Anniversary Port Browning Rendezvous. What more could a man wish for.

It seems to me now another age, when thirty two years ago the adventure started with CS Yachts, first of course the 27 followed by the 36 and then the 33. I had no idea then, that one day I would be on Pender Island being rewarded by satisfied owners. What is so special for me is to witness you all enjoying – well, most of the time – your boats, as in the immortal words of Ratty to Mole “Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

Again, thank you all.

Yours

Ray.

Raymond Wall
Sidney, BC.



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From our Members ...

CS36T Magic Karpet is for sale - See the advertisement on the CS West website or contact Jim Towgood, Phone:(250) 494 7971, email: jtowg@hotmail.com

Are Your 2006 Dues Overdue?

If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2006, you are no longer a member in good standing and your "member-only" privileges on the website have been removed. To be reinstated, please mail your cheque for \$25, made out to CS Yacht Owners West to Stephanie at 37-1255 Wain Road, North Saanich BC V8L 4R4.

Please Patronize Our Supporters

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,
- Massey's Marine Supply in Ladner,
- All Bay Marine in Sidney
- Waypoint Marine in Sidney, and
- The Harbour Chandler in Nanaimo.

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- JM Marine Canvas in Victoria off all canvas products and services, and
- UK Halsey Sailmakers in Sidney off all goods and services, including specials.

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