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CS/Quanta Rendezvous, Ganges

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Our first rendezvous to be held at Ganges was a huge success - even though many of those who voted for the change from Port Browning did not show up with their boats and missed an enjoyable rendezvous. Those making an appearance for all or part of the time were *Blue Lagoon*(36), *Cahoots* (36M), *Cashelmara* (36), *Deckadance* (33), *FarFetch* (36), *first morning* (33), *Gadgets* (36), *Kendra* (36), *Kewao* (36), *Minnedosa* (36M), *Musashi* (30), *Optical Illusion* (40), *Polaris* (36), *Sloop Therapy* (33), *Summer Snow*

(36), *Summer Ours* (Q28), *Trelawney I*(36), *Wind Dancer*(36), and *Whister I* (36).

New owners, Gordon and Maralynn Wilkinson, came to their first rendezvous in *Kendra* (formerly owned by Jack and Marilyn Woodward who attended our first rendezvous in 1987).

New members, Donald and Sharon Taylor, were so keen to take part that they came without their boat: *Kaiulani* (36) is being shipped

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Commodore's Corner

It was with some caution that I agreed to subject myself to the rigors of election by the CS membership at Ganges this Spring. In fact, the election proved not to be too grueling. However taking over from past Commodore Norm Smyth will be more challenging. Norm worked hard in his role, and we all have benefited. Up front, contributions from Norm include his network of contacts for events and activities, and behind the scenes the club has benefited from his organizational skills. Thanks very much Norm.

I will introduce myself briefly. I have owned a 36T for some 15 years and used her extensively on this coast, although I must admit that my former boat a Grampian Discovery 27 was put through more work sailing than our current 36. That may be more of a function of age than interest. It is true that "Kewao" is more of a work horse than show piece, but we are taking steps to upgrade some equipment with more extensive cruising in mind. I am fortunate that Pam is a keen sailor and supports boating activities and expenditures. Currently we are looking forward to being more involved in CS West.

As I write this it is pouring with rain, and my vacation starts in two days.... I trust that the weather will brighten up. I wish you all a good sailing season in your fine boats, and look forward to the next evening at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club for our Fall gathering and weather course.

Tom Shenton, Kewao

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from the Maritimes. Bill and Janet Jackson came for Friday night in their new forty foot *Optical Illusion*. This was their first trip in her. They arrived with a blocked raw water strainer. Members rallied and the problem was soon fixed. Their old *Optical Illusion* (36) is sold, has a name change to *Fainleog*, and hopes to be at the September rendezvous. *Hushwings* (40) was spotted at the marina. Terry and Ruth Willey were there to take part in the around Saltspring Island race. They joined us for happy hour on Friday. Jenny and Derek Barrio of *Blue Peter* (33) live on Saltspring and were helping out with the race at the Saltspring Sailing Club. They joined us for dinner on Sunday night- after cooking lamb for five hundred! Mike McGaw of *Blue Heron*(33), who had other commitments for the weekend, turned up briefly by ferry and car to make sure that we had enough items for the raffle.

There was the usual assortment of dogs and cats to add to the entertainment. The Spinars' have two Westies -Gus and Annie, the Gieses' have a Bichon Friese - Chico, and the Lord's have a beautiful Abyssinian cat that goes for walks on a leash.

Where were all the 27's?! This is the first year we have not had at least two or three. Douglas Hudson had planned to come in *Wind Dancer* (27) but unfortunately had to cancel. This would have been his first rendezvous. Carl and Jane Swanson *Carriad* were in England. This is probably the first rendezvous that they have missed.

The weekend weather was mixed - sun, cloud, and rain (lots on Sunday). Naturally, things cleared up on Monday as we headed home. Fortunately, the Ganges Marina provided us with shelter for the Saturday night crab feast and the Sunday morning meeting.

Since most boats arrived on Friday, we had a good turnout for happy hour on Friday. There was a lot of variety and more than enough to eat. We were full. I am always amazed by those skippers who have room for a "proper" meal afterwards. Mary Ellen and Don Spinar contributed a canopy for the party dock. This helped to keep us dry during the occasional light shower. Dick and Marianne Duffley have offered to donate a canopy to the group for future use at rendezvous as protection from rain and sun.

Most of us spent Saturday morning visiting the Farmers' Market and exploring Ganges - resulting in a rather sparse turnout for the 11 a.m. technical session on the radio tester, propane tank fittings, and the Automated Identification System (AIS) demo on *Wind Dancer*. Mary Ellen says the AIS is great in fog when crossing Juan de Fuca Strait.

"We were able to determine that we had a clear path for crossing traffic lanes and went for it. Amazing little box!"

There was a short afternoon walk to Hastings House led by Norm. The swap meet was held on the party dock at 3p.m., after which, a group of volunteers collected and cooked crab for the evening festivities. The rest of us checked out boats and socialized. The crab dinner, held on the top floor of the marina floating office and meeting area, was a messy affair but fun. Many thanks to Mary Ellen Spinar for introducing this new event. Yvonne Daczko did her usual stellar job of flogging raffle tickets. Carsten Nachtigahl ran the raffle. Due to a number of donations, nearly every boat won something.

Waypoint Marine in Sidney gave us twenty percent off raffle purchases and also donated several items. UK Sails gave Carsten caps for the group. Mary Ellen is advertising our events on Whateverfloatsyourboat.ca. This is a marketplace for boaters. Check it out. They donated two flats of water bottles to Tom Shenton for relief from the hot sun(!) and on our long walks. After dinner several boats hosted groups for coffee, tea, or something stronger.

Norm Smyth led the Annual General Meeting on Sunday morning while we indulged in coffee and pastries. This was his last official duty after being our Commodore for three years. Norm will be taking over from Graham Williams as Commodore of the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club in the Autumn. Tom Shenton was voted in as our new Commodore after promising to keep all meetings brief and not to wear shorts on cool days (he may not have Norm's legs!). Graham Williams was determined to go kayaking, whatever the conditions, and disappeared for an hour or so. His crew, Nancy, mutinied preferring to read a book in a warm, dry cabin. Len Daczko, who had volunteered to lead a long walk in the afternoon, for some inexplicable reason reneged on his commitment even though the intrepid Cockings and Gieses' showed up in foul weather gear raring to go. Dinner at Harbour House was excellent - a good meal at a reasonable price. Most of us had the Sunday night special of Prime Rib.

On Monday morning, the sun came out and the rendezvous gradually broke up..

Many thanks to Mary Ellen Spinar for organizing this event and to all those who helped to make the weekend a success. The general spirit of camaraderie and helpfulness is what makes these get-togethers a pleasure to attend.

Stephanie Greer
CS36T *Polaris*



Have you ever seen such a happy crew?

New Members

A warm welcome to our new members:

Tyler & Cheryl Campbell	Sea Weasel (27)	Mosquito Creek	(604) 637-2654	tylercheryl@shaw.ca
Tyler & Diane Kidd	Suntune II (27)	Oak Bay Marina	(250) 704-1233	tylerkidd@shaw.ca
Robert Milici	Moondance (34)	South Beach Harbour, Ca		rm@robertmilici.com
Richard & Becky Wageman	Serendipity (Q28)	Squalicum, Wa	(360) 303-2283	rbwageman@msn.com
Gordon & Maralynn Wilkinson	Kendra (26)	RVYC	(250) 592-2234	gwilkinson@shaw.ca
Leo Routledge & Chris Yeomans	Falcon (33)	Boat Harbour	(250) 390-2109	cyeomans@shaw.ca
Roy & Joy Davis	Tenacious (36), Partners Ken & Val Baker	SNS Marina	(250) 477-0072	roddavid@shaw.ca



Telegraph Harbour Fall Rendezvous

September 28th – 30th

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 Pavilion
Saturday evening - Happy hour and steak barbeque in the pavilion
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 25th at Montague Harbour

Fall Meeting: Saturday, November 3rd at SNSYC in Sidney

Winter Meeting: Saturday, February 9th, 2007 at RVC in Vancouver

Weather Forecasting Course

CS West is providing a two-day weather forecasting course for up to twenty participants, to be held Saturday 3 Nov and Sunday 4 Nov 2007 at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club (SNSYC). This is the same weekend as our CS West Fall meeting at the SNSYC. The objective of the course will be to allow participants to predict the weather on the southwest coast of BC.

The cost of the two-day course is \$75 per person or \$100 per couple. To this add \$25 per person to cover the costs of lunches and refreshments for the two days. Reservations for the course require payment to be sent to Norm Smyth at 4528 Gordon Point Drive, Victoria, BC, V8N 6L2. Norm can be contacted at (250) 383-9077 or smyth@telus.net. Make the cheque out to CS West.

We will start on Saturday 3 Nov at 1100 (when the Vancouver 0900 ferry arrives) and will end at 1630, as our CS West Fall meeting will start at 1700. On Sunday 4 Nov the course will run from 0900 to 1600, allowing people to catch the 1700 ferry back to the mainland.

Make your own accommodation arrangements please. CS West has arranged discounted accommodation at The Cedarwood Inn at 9522 Lochside Drive in Sidney, www.thecedarwood.ca. The rate is \$75 for a regular room with Queen bed, no kitchen. The Cedarwood also has Studio Rooms (Saturna, Pender and Saltspring) with a King bed and kitchen. Our rate for these rooms varies from \$79 to \$99. People can extend their stay if they wish at the same CS West discount. Contact Robyn Cameron, the Manager, if there are problems. Reservations can be made at (250) 656-5551, or e-mail:

robyn@cedarwood.ca Just mention you are with the CS West Yacht Group when you make your booking to get the discounted rates.

Details of the course are as follows:

Course Name:

Meteorology: Weather on the Southwest Coast of BC - An Applied Approach for Boaters

Objective:

To predict the weather on the southwest coast of BC: To gain a better understanding of the principals of weather, weather prediction tools, weather data and methods of analysis. This will be combined with an understanding of local conditions.

Course Outline

- Day one

- Introduction to meteorology.
- Weather theory.
- Atmospheric pressure.
- Temperature and dewpoint.
- Weather systems.
- Frontal weather.
- Local weather.
- Weather tools.
- Radar and weather.

- Day two

- Obtaining and using weather tools.
- Weather scenario #1
- Weather scenario #2
- Weather scenario #3

Instructor:

Ward Cartier B.Sc., M.A.Sc.

Mr. Cartier holds a commercial pilot's licence and has worked as a commercial pilot accumulating extensive flying experience including float planes on the South and central BC coasts, over 23 years. Mr. Cartier has completed the Limited Master Mariner training which enables him to command vessels up to 60tn. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics, a Masters Degree in Applied Science (Electrical Engineering) and has acquired extensive experience in both applied and theoretical meteorology. He is a professional educator and is currently the Acting Associate Dean of Trades and Technology at Camosun College.



A CS Summer—highlights and lowlights

Polaris spent six weeks cruising this summer from Sidney to the Broughton's. Our trip was made most enjoyable by the number of CS West friends that we encountered during our trip. This camaraderie more than made up for all the inclement weather.

We started with the CS mini rendezvous on July 6th at Clam Bay. John and Sylvia Taylor of Deckadance with their friend Anne joined us for Happy Hour. Then the new owners of Falcon, Leo Routledge and Chris Yeomans, arrived, and were welcomed to the group.

Continuing up to Nanaimo, we spent a night at Newcastle Island where we found Amourena at anchor and socialized with Terry and Catherine Mooney. There was an unknown CS 36T anchored there called Interlude II with nobody aboard. We later heard that she has returned from offshore and is for sale. With gale force winds predicted, we moved to the Nanaimo Yacht Club dock for two days where we were visited by Bob and Susan Cook of My Windsong. They are heading offshore this year. We checked the Harbour Chandlery with Carl Swanson of Carriad, who made sure we received our discounts. Keith and Polly Tracey of Take Five were spotted in the marina with visitors from England.

Next stop was Schooner Cove where we found ourselves moored next to Whistler I and FarFetch. The Duffley's were in the East celebrating a big birthday for Dick. We chatted briefly with John Amy who was working on FarFetch and then joined Barb and Dieter Giese of Blue Lagoon for dinner. Summer happened while we were in Schooner Cove. The thermometer hit thirty six degrees celsius (for our American friends that's in the 90's). We used the pool!

After visiting friends in Comox, we headed up to Rebecca Spit, meeting Amourena again, then on to the Octopus Islands, Thurston Bay, Blind Channel, Port Harvey, Lagoon Cove, Potts Lagoon, Port McNeil, Crease Island, Matilpi Bay, Forward Harbour, Cordero Islands, Shoal Bay, and Oleo's at Frederick Arm. During this section of the trip, we frequently ended up in the same places as a group cruising from the Schooner Cove Yacht Club and got quite friendly with some of them. We accused each other of stalking. While in Port McNeil awaiting parts to rebuild the raw water pump, we took the opportunity to visit Alert Bay and Sointula by ferry. A highlight of this part of the trip was catching a twenty-five pound chinook salmon at the intersection of Cordero and Nodales channels. Since we had time to spare, Carsten rooted out our barely used downrigger and we joined the parade of boats trolling along the shore. We were the only sailboat. Lo and behold, we finally got a strike. Netting a struggling and heavy fish over the side of a sailboat

is quite a feat. This catch allowed us to later feed the masses in Pendrell Sound.

Having had our fill of rain, we headed south to Desolation Sound – not much drier, but warmer. Arriving at Squirrel Cove for the August 4th mini rendezvous, Polaris rafted with Kewao, Wind Dancer, and Optical Illusion. Tack-tic, Sante (formerly Gamma), and Amourena were also anchored in Squirrel Cove. The guys spent a lot of time measuring their dip sticks and discussing whether or not a hole in the end was advantageous (sounded rather kinky to us wives). Terry of Amourena returned to his boat and drilled a hole in his, apparently solving a transmission fluid problem. A group of us hiked from Squirrel Cove to Von Donop Inlet the next day. We got somewhat muddy and Carsten got stung but otherwise had a good time.

This mini rendezvous continued on for nearly two weeks, with a varying cast of characters, from Squirrel Cove to Nanaimo. Is this the longest rendezvous ever?! Polaris, Kewao, and Wind Dancer headed off to Pendrell Sound for a couple of days. On the way up the Sound we met Dennis Myronuk and Antoinette Dumalo of Monaxia. They hailed us from their dinghy, tendered their regrets for missing the mini, and displayed their catch of a big red snapper. Bill and Janet Jackson (Optical Illusion) also rafted with us for a night in Pendrell. Tom Shenton and Don Spinar kept us supplied with prawns for happy hour. Barry and Dale Rolston of first morning also stopped and tied up to us briefly before the raft broke up with some of us heading for Refuge Cove. Minnedosa and Whistler I had just arrived in Tenedos Bay with some Schooner Cove boats but we never saw them.

After a night in Refuge Cove, Polaris headed over to Galley Bay to meet Phil and June Cocking of Trelawney I. As we motored over, I peacefully reading a book, there was an almighty crash and we stopped dead. We had hit a rock! Luckily nobody was hurt and there seemed to be no water coming in. We continued on to Galley Bay, rafted with Trelawney I, and assessed the damage. The engine was working alright but there were signs of structural damage. Carsten was mortified. Other people hit rocks - not us! He has taught Power Squadron, been around Vancouver Island, successfully navigated Beware Passage in the Broughton's, and never hit a rock. Thank goodness that we have such strong boats and that I was not at the helm!

We anchored in Grace Harbour with Trelawney I and Mary Ellen and Don Spinar of Wind Dancer. Since we did not have the number of the insurance company with us, we unsuccessfully attempted to contact Optical Illusion who have the same company and were actually buddy boating



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with their agent.

During our two days in Grace Harbour, we headed for the Laughing Oyster restaurant for lunch on Trelawney I. Since there was no space at the dock, we prepared to anchor. At this point Phil's anchor windlass gave up the ghost. As he could not tell how much chain he had out, Phil was not happy leaving the boat and we headed back to Grace Harbour minus lunch. He rafted to Wind Dancer and set his second anchor.

Time to head home before something else happened. Wind Dancer and Kewao accompanied Polaris to Powell River from where we notified our insurance agent of the accident. CS Cape was stopping in Westview on their way up to Desolation. Next stop was Secret Cove where we had lunch with Keith and Polly Tracey of Take Five and admired their new dodger. Next morning Polaris and Wind Dancer motored across to Nanaimo (fortunately Whisky Gulf wasn't active). We did not want to risk putting any extra strain on the hull by sailing. First morning radioed us with a generous offer of a tow to Sidney if required. There

are no secrets over the VHF!

We docked in Nanaimo Harbour and took the ferry with the Spinars to the Dinghy Dock for dinner. Barry Rolston (first morning) and his friend joined us there. Later on in the evening, Janet and Bill Jackson (Optical Illusion) visited Polaris to commiserate and offer advice. They had also heard of our disaster. We left at dawn the next morning to catch slack at Dodd's Narrows. Spotted Serendipitous leaving at the same time. Went through Dodd's Narrows with Freyja, a Tredwell 43, owned by Feather Mills and Simon Brissenden. They are planning to go offshore and have Captivator up for sale in Sidney.

Polaris arrived home safely and is now (at time of writing) awaiting a visit from the marine insurance surveyor. We appreciate all the help and support we got from fellow CS owners after we hit the rock. It seems that practically everyone has a rock story to tell.

This is a great group to belong to!

Stephanie Greer
CS 36T "Polaris"





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- The Harbour Chandler in Nanaimo.

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