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### CCGS Sir Wilfred Laurier



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### From Our Commodore

The warm Xmas weather has permitted nice sailing days - between storms that is! Makes me think about warmer days, and longer sails. Time to reflect on 2005 and make plans for 2006!

**Last year** was a banner year - over 90 members, well attended events, discounts with many chandleries, CS West boat insurance, and a new interactive web site. Good meetings were held at Vancouver in February (sixty-seven at-

tended) and at Sidney in November (fifty attended). In spite of stormy weekend on both occasions, fifteen boats attended the Spring Rendezvous at Port Browning in May and twenty-one boats attended the Fall rendezvous at Telegraph Harbour in October. About five boats attended the mini rendezvous held at Squirrel Cove in July and Montague in August.

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**2006**

**Winter Meeting  
at RVCY,  
Saturday Feb 11**

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**2006**

**Spring Rendez-  
vous  
Port Browning  
Marina**

**May 20-22**

Details in next issue

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## CS West Visits the Sir Wilfred Laurier

Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian Coast Guard's 1500+ tonne, diesel-electric buoy tender and light icebreaker lay waiting at her dock nearby. Twenty-five or so hardy CS West members stood huddling in the lee of the guard house at the Huron Street entrance to the Coast Guard's Shoal Point facility, taking advantage of what little shelter it could provide from the 5°C, 20-25 kt wind-driven rain — waiting for the tour guide. At the appointed hour, the guide arrived and we all made our way, with haste, to the Laurier.

Built in 1988 at Collingwood, Ontario, the Sir Wilfred Laurier, at 275 ft (83 m), is the largest Coast Guard vessel on the West Coast. She carries a crew of twenty-six. Her home port is Victoria where she spends about eight weeks a year. The rest of the time, she is at sea—much of it in the North.

Once aboard, after negotiating the 30°+ slope of the gangway, we were warmly greeted by the First Mate

and the Navigator, who gave us a detailed tour of the bridge and, later, with the assistance of a couple of senior NCOs, the rest of the ship. The nav gear that most of us can only dream about prompted many questions and we eagerly listened to offered advice on selecting navigation gear for sailboats. We also visited the helicopter hanger, the cargo deck, the engine room (where one of the engines was partially dismantled), the generator room (the three generators produce 5250 Kw, - more than a large railroad locomotive), the motor room where two huge electric motors deliver the propulsive force through 18" propellor shafts, the crew facilities, the research facilities and, finally, we enjoyed cookies and coffee in the Officers' Mess where the skipper, Captain Mark Taylor, greeted us.

Few of us had been on a ship like that before and the interest in all aspects of the tour level was high.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the commander of the Coast Guard station at Shoal Point and to Captain Taylor and his crew.



## New Raffle Director and Newsletter Editor Needed

CS West is becoming a mature organization. This year we celebrate our tenth anniversary. We know what "works" for us and that's what we do.

Like many other socially-oriented organizations, the efforts of a few provide enjoyment for many. But, we can't expect that same few to stay on forever. For organizations like ours to remain successful, "new blood" in the core group from time-to-time is essential.

Raffles have become a standard and very popular aspect of CS West's meetings and rendezvous. Cap'n Carsten, who filled the role for many years, has "laid down the baton"; the raffle at the Fall Meeting used up the last of the accumulated prizes.

We urgently need a replacement for Carsten. The job entails soliciting/buying raffle prizes and conducting the raffles at the meetings and rendezvous. The first part of the job can easily be shared among CS West sailing friends, so it doesn't need to be a major drain on your time—and you're shopping with someone else's money. With the next issue of CS West, your editor will have been on the job four years and would like to "retire".

The newsletter is published four times a year. Each issue requires about 1 - 1½ days effort including:

- soliciting articles,
- editing incoming material for consistency,
- organizing the content, and
- creating text to fill the empty spaces.

The last item may seem a little "scary", but it becomes more routine with each issue. Since you'll get to decide how long each issue will be, it really isn't a problem.

So, if you:

- have a reasonable command of written English and a little imagination;
  - have ever had a "hankering" to publish or be published,
  - like to have "the last word", and
  - enjoy receiving the gratitude of your sailing friends,
- this is the job for you. Past experience is not necessary; your current editor had none when he took on the job. If you're prepared to give us a hand and take on either of the open positions, please contact the Commodore or one of the other CS West executive members.

**Commodore** - continued from front page

First up in 2006 are the boat shows. **Seattle is from 6 to 14 January.** Go to [www.seattleboatshow.com](http://www.seattleboatshow.com) for details. The **Vancouver boat show is from 8 to 12 February.** Details for this show can be found at [www.vancouverboatshow.ca](http://www.vancouverboatshow.ca).

Next, our **CS West Winter Meeting will be held on Saturday, 11 February** starting at 5 pm at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Eric De Bruijn has arranged for Hector Williams, a UBC Professor of Classical Studies, to talk to us about ancient sailing vessels. Preliminary details can be found elsewhere in this issue; more will be coming soon from Mary Ellen Spinar.

I am trying to arrange with the Coast Guard a tour of the **Vancouver Traffic Control Centre in March.** This will permit those who were unable to visit the Vic-

toria MCTS last year to visit a vessel control centre.

**On 20 to 22 May we will be back at Port Browning** for our first rendezvous of 2006 and our Annual General Meeting. There is new ownership at Port Browning, so we may see changes.

Our Executive has a need for a **Raffle Director** and a **Newsletter Editor**. Don Grovestine has been our editor for four years now, and wants to turn over to someone else this summer. He will continue to look after our web site.

This is our **Tenth Anniversary** so we are planning a special newsletter and special entries on the web site. If you have other suggestions, let your exec know.

**Happy Tenth Birthday CS West!**

Norm Smyth  
CS36 Cashelmara

## New Members

A big CS West welcome to the following new members:

Angus and Judy Taylor  
Tim and Gena Kelly

Seonag (36)  
unnamed (33)

TrinityBay NF  
Savannah GA

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**CS West**  
**WINTER MEETING**

**Royal Vancouver Yacht Club**  
**Saturday, February 11, 2006**

**Social hour: 5:00 - 6:00**

**Dinner: 6:00 - 7:00**

**After dinner, Hector Williams, a UBC Professor of Classical Studies, will talk to us about ancient sailing vessels.**

**This is also the Vancouver Boat Show weekend. For those who would like to arrive early or stay an extra day to attend the Boat Show, Bill Earle has again arranged with the Downtown Quality Inn for a group rate (\$79/night, double room including full breakfast).**

**Quality Inn Downtown**  
**1335 Howe Street, Vancouver BC V6Z 1R7.**  
**Telephone: (604) 682-0229**  
**Toll-free: (800) 663-8474**

**Mention "CS Yacht Owners" when you book**

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**CS LogoWear**

The CS logo can be embroidered onto a variety of clothing items - fleece vests, golf shirts, caps, etc. The Dog's Ear outlets in Victoria, Richmond and West Vancouver, E-zone in Nanaimo and Justin Stitches on Granville Island are able to do this. You can bring in your items to be embroidered or purchase at the stores.

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.





## Fall Meeting — Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club

We had forty-eight for dinner at our CS/Quanta dinner meeting at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club dinner meeting on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2005 – Guy Fawkes Day.

Twenty-two boats were represented – *Azad, Blue Heron, Blue Lagoon, Blue Peter, Carriad, Deckadance, first morning, Gadgets, Heron, Kewao, Lollipop, Minnedosa, Nikik, Polaris, Seonag, Slip Stream II, Sloop Therapy, Summer Snow, Suntune II, Trelawney I, and Windrush II.*

New members Angus and Judy Taylor joined us for the first time. They are snowbirds from Newfoundland who reside in balmy Victoria from November to April. Their CS 36T *Seonag* was left behind in Trinity Bay.

Nobody was hardy enough this year to come by boat and tie up to the visitors dock. Several local members put up out of town friends. Some members opted to take advantage of the special rate arranged by Norm Smyth at the Cedarwood Inn.

Graham Williams organized an afternoon tour of the Coast Guard icebreaker, the *Sir Wilfred Laurier*. About twenty-five people attended this tour and it was a great success. (See report on page 3)

The evening began with membership renewals and then it was time to catch up with old acquaintances and meet new ones during happy hour. The noise level was high. It looked as if everyone was having a good time.

Henry Kucera organized the after dinner speakers. We had Sharon McBride, Loft Manager at UK Halsey NW. She is a journeyman sail maker. Sharon spoke on sail maintenance, choosing the right sail for your boat and sailing style, cruising spins, ATN socks, and cradles. Proper maintenance can greatly lengthen the life of your sail. Fold sails with battens lying on boom. Cover sails. Wash sails with mild soap and rinse well. It is best to take down your sails in the winter if you are not sailing. Fold and store. **Bioshield** kills mold and mildew. Brent Jacobi, head of the rigging department of Blackline Marine, also stressed the value of proper maintenance. Regular inspections of your rigging every year or two are very important. Both answered a lot of detailed questions about sails and rigging.

We had the traditional raffle. Derek Barrio was a super ticket salesman. Carsten Nachtigahl, who still searches out and purchases the raffle items, ran the draw. Mary Ellen Spinar donated a gift card for one of her sunbrella boat bags with CS logo and winners boat name on the

bag. Len Daczko won this, much to his delight. The speakers had donated a sweatshirt and jacket. Pauline Wall selected the jacket for Ray (the designer of most of our boats). There were many other lucky winners. Nobody had to catch the ferry back to Vancouver this year so socializing continued well into the evening. Some of us met for breakfast at Smitty's the next morning with those who had stayed at the Cedarwood, before they headed home. The weekend was not over yet as Phil and June Cockings took us and the Wall's out to dinner at the Stonehouse Pub on Sunday night. Ray and Pauline Wall had given bed and breakfast to the Cockings.

Many thanks to all those who helped organize this event. Graham Williams arranged the tour and acted as Master of Ceremonies. Norm Smyth arranged a special rate with the motel. Henry Kucera lined up the speakers. Carsten organized the raffle and Derek Barrio sold tickets. Don Grovestine set up the webpage so that all the attendance information could be added. Mary Ellen Spinar helped out at the reception table. All I had to do was organize the dinner with the SNSYC, keep track of numbers coming and their food choices, and collect for memberships and meals. Many hands make light work.

Stephanie Greer  
CS36 *Polaris*









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## From Our Members ...

WANTED: Items for CS33 — I'm a new CS33 owner. I'm particularly interested in a cockpit enclosure frame/canvas and a folding prop. But I may be interested in anything else for a CS 33 that you have for sale — Tim Kelly — [timkellydc@msn.com](mailto:timkellydc@msn.com).

## Your 2006 Dues are Due

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2006, please either see Stephanie at the Winter Meeting or mail your cheque for \$25, made out to CS Yacht Owners West, to her 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 (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 Sainmakers off all goods and services, including specials.

Finally, HUB International TOS insurance brokers in North Vancouver offers the best marine insurance package available at a very competitive price,

Please refer to the website for the latest list of supporters and, whenever possible, patronize them.

