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Commodore's Corner

Hello all, Christmas is fast approaching and I am far from ready. The boat is tucked away for the next few months as we get ready for our annual migration to Cabo and the sun.

We are looking forward to the boat show in February, one bright spot about coming back to the cold and rain I guess. At least the boat show gets us in the mood for spring and boating again.

Hopefully we will make it to Desolation this summer and see you all up there for Margaritas and fresh cooked prawns! Don will have to hone his hunting/gathering skills but I am confident he will provide the seafood.

For those of you who didn't attend the November dinner at Sidney NSYC, you missed a wonderful dinner and sail loft tour. The dinner speaker was very knowledgeable about our local sea life and the way they are being threatened by the environment. If you get a chance, stop by the Shaw Centre in Sidney, they pack a lot of exhibits in that facility.

I also announced my pending retirement from the chair of CS-West. I have enjoyed my years on the executive both as event chair and board chairman. The time has come for new blood to step up and guide us thru the next period in our group's development. I will be stepping down effective May 1st so you will need to elect a new chairman at the Ganges Rendezvous as Don and I will probably be in Italy at that time.

This group runs on volunteers and a few members who coordinate our activities, to be truthful the easiest job has been mine which is to oversee the others and show up for the meetings!!

If everyone lends a hand the work is minimal to keep a group this size vibrant and growing. My thanks to all those who have stepped up for next year, David Scandrett (Telegraph Harbour Rendezvous), Scotty Wilson, Joanne Graham and Lornell Baker (Event Speakers), Graham & Nancy Williams (SNSYC dinner

**Plan now
to attend the**

**Winter
Meeting/Dinner**

**Royal Vancouver
YC**

Feb. 12, 2011

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Commodore's Corner (cont.)

Nov), Mike McGaw (Feb. dinner RVYC) and John and Sylvia Taylor (Ganges Rendezvous).

We are still in need of a treasurer as Barb Giese is retiring also. Stephanie is willing to continue as our membership chair even without a boat, as is Don Grovestine (recently boatless) willing to continue as our webmaster.

What can you do to make it better for all of us??

New Members

A warm welcome to our new CS members:

New members are:

Stephen Casson. Juno II (33) RVYC Jecho
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RIGGING PROBLEM

At the end of this season's sailing I noticed a short tear in the UV protection strip on the genoa that lined up exactly with the spreader. It was obviously time to go up the mast and check the rig. I expected to find a frayed shroud where it bends around the spreader end but it turned out to be okay. The problem appeared to be the plastic boot covering the end of the spreader had worn thru exposing the metal endcap.

Question: anyone know where to get replacement boots to fit the aerofoil shaped spreader end?

Continuing on with the inspection I found something worse! The upper half of the stainless steel boom hinge had a stress crack right thru it meaning the boom is hanging on with just the bottom half. It looks as if a loose topping lift can put undue strain on hinge (gooseneck) until the sail is fully raised. Needless to say, a broken gooseneck can spell disaster!

Best of the season to you,
Derek Barrio, 'Blue Peter' CS33

CS West WINTER MEETING

**Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Saturday, February 12, 2010
Social hour: 5:00 - 6:00
Dinner: 6:00 - 7:00
Guest Speaker: June Cameron**

Solo Sailing the BC Coast

June Cameron, now 81 years old, has been navigating the British Columbia coastline her entire life. From early childhood cruising with her parents, to an illustrious racing career as skipper of her own San Juan and C&C sailboats.

She is also a cruiser's cruiser having explored every part of the British Columbia coast. At the age of 59 she circumnavigated Vancouver Island in her 25 foot C and C sailboat with one female crew member and finished the Juan de Fuca section of that trip alone. She has explored little known anchorages around the Queen Charlotte Islands and along the 500 miles of this coast both solo and with a crew often sending home reports that were published by Pacific Yachting magazine.

For her sixty-fifth birthday, she sold the sailboat and bought a 27 foot displacement cruiser, a Maple Bay with a sturdy diesel engine, an oil stove and windows all around. She spent the next six years living on board with her small Welsh terrier for company. During this time she produced two books published by Heritage House. [Destination Cortes Island](#) was a reminiscence of pioneer life and has become an essential handbook for those who want to cruise in Desolation Sound. The second book, [Shelter from the Storm](#), tells how a middle-aged woman mastered sailing and thereby took control of her own destiny. The concluding paragraphs of this book reveal to us the life philosophy of this accomplished human being.

In addition to her sailing accomplishments and writing, June has painted many boat portraits, of old time fishing boats, and wooden tugboats, which are illustrated in articles she wrote for the Pacific Yachting magazine. Her paintings hang in offices and homes internationally.

June calls herself a "ham" who loves public speaking and hopes to offer her experience and humour to those who hear her.

WINTER MEETING MENU ENTREES

Prime Rib of Beef - In a light demi-glace sauce, roasted potatoes and market fresh vegetables

or

Grilled BC Salmon Filet

or

Rack of Lamb - French-cut lamb with Rosemary-mint sauce, roasted potatoes and vegetables

Make your selection on-line when you register!!

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Quality Hotels will offer '**CS Yacht Club**' a special rate during the Vancouver Boat Show of \$89 + tax. However, for \$109 you can get breakfast plus a one way taxi voucher to the Boat Show at the Convention Center. Make your reservations early because space might be limited because of the Boat Show.

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February 9 to 13, 2011:

New Vancouver Convention Centre

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Saturday s	10am to 7pm
Sunday s	10am to 5pm

False Creek Yacht Club

The in-water venue closes daily at 5pm.

Shuttle Bus

FREE shuttles run continuously between the Vancouver Convention Centre and False Creek Yacht Club.

CS West Dinner Meeting Nov. 6th, 2010

Thirty people attended our CS West dinner meeting at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club on Saturday, November 6th. They were John and Sharon Amy (FarFetch), Ken Carey (Inishmor), Len and Yvonne Daczko (Minnedosa), Dieter and Barb Giese (Blue Lagoon), Don and Wendy Grovestine, Henry and Gail Kucera (Summer Snow), Mike McGaw and Heather Pederson (Blue Heron), Carsten Nachtigahl and Stephanie Greer, Barry Rolston (first morning), Mary Ellen Spinar (Wind Dancer), Carl and Jane Swanson (Carriad), John and Sylvia Taylor (Deckadance), Bob and Kathie Thompson (Heron), Bob Van Alostyne (Windrush II), Ray Wall (Lollipop), Graham and Nancy Williams (Sloop Therapy), Jack and Marilyn Williams (Musashi), and our speaker Linda Funk.

Graham Williams organized a tour of the Leitch & McBride Sail Loft in the afternoon. Rick Leitch and Paul McBride gave an interesting tour and explained the process of designing and building a sail. They demonstrated how to determine whether to replace or maintain a used sail. People we encouraged to ask questions and the answers were very knowledgeable.

Mary Ellen presented Don Grovestine with an Honorary membership. Don has recently sold "Gadgets" but will continue to maintain the CS West website. Mary Ellen announced that both she and the Treasurer, Barb Giese, will be giving up their positions in May and that we are looking for volunteers to be on the executive and organizers for our two rendezvous and two dinner meetings. Graham Williams offered to coordinate the November 2011 dinner. We also have had David Scandrett volunteer for the Telegraph Harbour rendezvous and John Taylor said he would do the Ganges Rendezvous next year. Scotty Wilson and Jonie Foran are searching out speakers for our dinner meetings. So all that's left is Treasurer and Chairman for 2011.

Our speaker, Linda Funk, was a biologist from the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre in Sidney. It is a non-profit organization which exhibits sea life found in the Salish Sea. It hopes to educate people about the importance of preserving our sea life and the effects of pollution, both toxins and noise, on it. Linda showed slides of some of the unusual sea creatures in the aquarium. A female octopus has just laid a lot of eggs. After laying eggs, an octopus stops eating and eventually dies. Linda also talked about protecting habitat for killer whales. Pollution and the availability of fish (our resident pods prefer Chinook salmon) are threatening our local populations. The first born of a female orca usually dies because of the huge amount of toxin build up from industrial contaminants the mother offloads onto it. Freight traffic is increasing. The U.S. Navy wants to conduct seismic tests. We can help by keeping toxins out of the water and slowing down or stopping when close to killer whales as to cause as little disturbance as possible.

After much socializing and boat talk the evening drew to a close. The executive had a breakfast meeting at 8.30 am on Sunday morning. Fortunately, it felt more like 9.30am because the clocks went back that night giving us an extra hour.

Stephanie Greer

CS West Dinner & Executive Meeting Nov. 6th, 2010



*(Pictures courtesy of Heather Peterson
and
Stephanie Greer)*

CS West Rendezvous. Telegraph Harbour Marina. Sept.10-12, 2010

Twenty- three boats were represented, Three couples either stayed at a Bed and Breakfast or bunked in (Spinars, Shentons, Greer/Nachtigahl). Gary Cotter came by BC Ferries for the day on Saturday leaving "C-Otter" in Squamish. The Spinars and Shentons left their boats in Poulsbo and Mexico respectively. Boats actually bringing their owners were *Battle Axe*(CN30), *Carriad*(27), *Deckadance*(33), *Driftaway*(33), *Heron*(36), *Idle Time II*(36), *Kimmeridge*(33), *Lollipop* (Q28), *Ocho* (Q28), *Quantum Leap*(Q28), *Quicksilver*(27), *Rosmond*(36), *Sante* (27), *Secondwind*(36), *Shumka* (Cat42), *Slip Stream* (36), *Sloop Therapy* (33), *Summer Ours*(Q28), *Tac-Tick*(34), and *Verdia II* (36).

Quanta's were well represented this year. Only a dozen were built and four of them attended. One was "Lollipop" owned by Ray Wall, the designer of most of our boats (27, 33, 36T, CN30, and Quantas).

We also had several members attending a full CS West rendezvous for the first time. Some had attended dinners or mini rendezvous. They were:

John Baker and Lornell Ridley in "Sante"

Chris Diamond in "Idle Time II" - New member with boat from the East planning to go offshore so had a good discussion with the Shenton's.

Stan and Val Hark on "Kimmeridge"..

John LeGood and Audrey Ellis on "Quicksilver" - New owners.

Stephanie Greer organized a Boat Hop Happy Hour for Friday evening. Several regulars were host boats. Everyone else was given a schedule of which boat to go to and when. After about half an hour, the bell rang and it was time to move to the next boat (just when everyone was getting comfortable). This was a successful mixer. The old and new members got to know each other. Socializing and boat discussions continued through the evening.

John and Sylvia Taylor organized breakfast in the pavilion on Saturday morning. The executive and volunteers helped cook and clear up pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausages. There was plenty to eat. After breakfast a few took the ferry to Chemainus to check out the murals and shop. Alison Meredith led a large group on a walk on The-tis for about an hour. She showed us an old cemetery that few of us knew existed.

Don Spinar had us playing Bocce Ball after lunch. After a closely fought game, Sally and Pierre were declared winners of the trophy which had been donated by Ron Drane last year.

For the first time, a woman offered to give a presentation at the technical session. Joanne Graham bravely volunteered to explain electrical systems to us. Her talk generated a lot of discussion. Then Bob Lord warned to owners to keep their safety equipment up to date as the RCMP is checking and handing out fines to those not in compliance.

After this and just as the rain began, it was time to move to the pavilion for the barbecue dinner. This year the marina provided the salads, potatoes, and dessert (for a price) so we just needed to bring our steak or fish to barbecue. Judging by the noise level, a good time was had by all. Carl Swanson ran the raffle.

Mary Ellen Spinar thanked everyone and tried to persuade members to join the executive as several current members will be stepping down.

Many thanks to John and Sylvia Taylor for organizing this rendezvous and to all the volunteer helpers who helped make things work

Stephanie Greer

Telegraph Harbour Rendezvous Highlights



(Pictures courtesy of Stephanie Greer and Lynne Chilvers)



It was a an unplanned meeting at the Theatre in Mazatlan for the three skippers and crew. *Optical Illusion* (Bill & Janet Jackson) and *Kewao* (Tom & Pam Shenton) were tied up to the dock at El Cid in Mazatlan, when Jack and Marilyn Williams (*Musashi*) came to visit from a land base. Both *Optical Illusion* and *Kewao* will be cruising Mexico for another season.



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- All Bay Marine in Sidney
- Waypoint Marine in Sidney, and
- The Harbour Chandler in Nanaimo.

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