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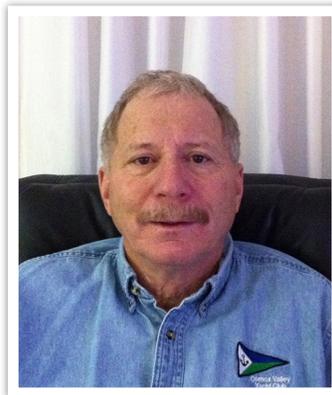
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Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 18th
St. Patrick's Dinner Party
6 - 10pm - Glacier Greens

Friday, April 7th
TGIF Appie Night
6 - 9pm - Comox Golf Course

Commodore's Message
Commodore George Luterbach
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to participate in some or all of these events.

I am pleased with the Social and Technical programs that have brought out so many members through the winter months. Hopefully the turnout is reflective of members' expectations being met and the planners should be praised for their efforts. Similarly, planning is well underway for the cruising season. Early indications are there will be opportunities to participate in the activities ranging from the Sailpast in the harbour area and then on to Tree Island, a short Spring Cruise to Deep Bay and longer cruises up and down Island and across to the Mainland side during the summer. Hopefully everyone will find an opportunity

A mini-consultation at the February Tech Night reaffirmed wide support for the spring Cleanup part of the Tree Island Stewardship Program and mixed support for the summer weekend program. It was determined that the mooring buoy availability was an essential part of the weekend participation. To this end, it was generally supported that the CVYC would pay a commercial diver to inspect and repair the buoy tackle. The use of a commercially-licensed diver should avoid any insurance issues on the rare possibility an accident claim occurred as a result of the weekend program. There continues to be concern that BC Parks should pay the maintenance cost of the buoy as we are a voluntary organization providing a service to BC Parks, park visitors and community. We will continue to seek reimbursement but not let this deter us from continuing the Stewardship Program. What will challenge the weekend program is if we cannot staff the weekends. We encourage everyone who is able to moor out on the buoy for a weekend to consider this. The obligations are not onerous and this is an opportunity to get off the dock for a weekend. This is also the closest we have to an unofficial outstation!

Lots of nice things can be found in the CVYC Stores. Pick up your spring wardrobe.

George

Vice Commodore Report

Don Somers

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Tree Island Stewardship: Thanks to everyone that came out to discuss our stewardship at Tree Island. This is a method for our Club to give back to the community and help keep a watchful eye on an important resource. That said, it needs the support of a broad base of our members. I urge all members to contact Jenifer with a date you can act as park Host if you believe this is an important activity for our Club.

Reciprocal Moorage Update: We are working with 19 Wing YC and both Clubs have budgeted \$2100 each to support our reciprocal moorage program. Comox Valley Harbour Authority has agreed to look after yachts coming in from visiting Clubs. The guidelines we give the Harbor Authority are as follows:

- Daily maximum overall length on dock of combined boats 150 feet.
- Max length of a single boat 50 feet.
- Boat owners pay for their own electrical and other fees.
- A limit of two non-consecutive nights per boat per calendar year.

We have heard from five (5) of the nine (9) yacht Clubs we have reciprocals with and I will be formalizing our agreements for the upcoming season in the next few weeks. We have turned down requests from three (3) new US-based Clubs as they would overwhelm our cash resources and our members do not travel into their area too often. In the upcoming cruising season, when traveling South be sure to fly the CVYC burgee and have your Club membership card. This will enable you to collect reciprocal privileges when visiting other ports and save moorage costs.

Only four more weeks till the winter covers comes off!

Don



Rear Commodore Report

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Tree Island Stewardship: This has been pretty well covered by the previous reports from the Commodore and Vice Commodore, but I'll have the last word!

At the feedback meeting, twenty-eight intrepid members put their names on the list to be contacted to see if their calendars would permit them to Host. If anyone else would like to add their names to the list, please contact me quickly. I will be holding a party/information session/training session in April for all those interested in Hosting, experienced in Hosting ... or those who just like a party! Stay tuned.

As stated, we will need to re-attach the buoy. I will attempt to find a commercial diving company to volunteer, or an alternate source of funding somewhere. Also I'm writing the deputy minister of BC Parks to complain. If these initiatives fail we will have to take the \$500 for the buoy out of our budget. Any ideas are welcome ...

Tech Nights: Moving along well – thanks Eric, Bronwen, and Sheila. Insurance presentation was informative, and the questions were good as were the answers. A presentation by a retired lighthouse keeper is coming up next.

Stores: Congratulations to Barb Hammer and Ralph Larson – Stores' sales are up so far this year. Let's go for a record!

Jenifer

Quarter Masters' Report

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Barb

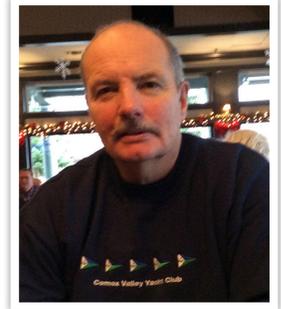
We have a large selection of men's and ladies' golf shirts, denim shirts, Storm Tech fleece jackets, sweatshirts, can cozies, aprons, coasters and many more items with our Club logo. Most items are at cost.

We have all the merchandise set-up at every TGIF Night. The next TGIF evening is April 7th at the Comox Golf Course.

Please try to use up any credits you have from raffle winnings.

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Ralph

Training Officers' Report

Bronwen & Eric Young

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Next Tech Night is Wednesday, March 8th, at the Sand Trap, Comox Golf Club. Time 6 - 9 pm - 6 pm social - 7 pm presentation - 8 pm more social!

Topic: Keepers of the Light. Jerry and Janett Etzkorn spent their working lives as lighthouse keepers in numerous locations, including Chrome Island. They are coming to share their knowledge and adventures with us. Don't miss it!!



Tech Night April 22: FIRE! and how to deal with it. Comox Fire Hall.

It was nice to see such a good turnout at our meeting and last presentation. The agents from Waypoint Insurance gave us some very useful information and advice. I think the 'exclusion clause' impressed us all as it is such a quick way to figure out those events that are not covered! During question period there were a few questions that needed to be researched. Sontina Espey from Waypoint Insurance sent me the answers and here they are, below:

- 1. Is there such a thing as a good Samaritan law in marine law? Is it out there that if you see someone in distress you are legally obligated to assist them? If they do assist, is it recommended that the person asking for assistance should pass you the line vs you passing them the line for help? Does this make a difference in a claim situation? Law of the Sea states, providing there is no fee associated with the assistance, read as follows... "Every master is bound, so far as he can do so without serious danger to his vessel and persons thereon, to render assistance to any person in danger of being lost at sea". Anyone rendering assistance to save another from danger shall not be held liable for doing so.*
- 2. Is there any opportunity to pay an additional premium and increase the towing from \$2500? No, it's a pretty standard amount and written into our wordings - we prefer for it to remain as is. We have found that for an emergency tow this limit has always been sufficient.*

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3. *I am sure that this is stated somewhere but I must be missing it. Is there a change to the basis of settlement from agreed value to actual cash value on sails? What if they can show good maintenance has been done?*

It's not shown in our wordings because we are one company that does not change to actual cash value... obviously wear and tear is excluded but this is another aspect of our policy that makes us stand apart from others... it's replacement cost on partial losses, including sails and canvas.

PCOC Youth Course

One of our yacht club members, Eileen Phillips, is organizing a youth PCOC course. Eileen is passionate about our youth learning about boat safety and ensures her two grandsons are safe on the water.

The course will consist of two parts:

1. Self-study of PCOC material will be done at home with tutoring by parent or grandparent. An adult must coach their child through the course AND attend the two Saturday sessions.
2. Two Saturdays of in-class review of course material and exam preparation. Verbal exams may be presented if required.

The in-class review will be guided by Barb Hammer, Cape Lazo Educational Officer, who will also administer the exams. In addition, Eileen is hoping to add a one-day First Aid course through St. John's Ambulance and possibly a maritime radio course, through Cape Lazo CPS.

Youth participants should be between the age of 10 to 16. Cost will be kept at a minimum. Dates have not been finalized; we are looking at April, early May timeframe.

Please contact Eileen Phillips at singingsandsbeach@gmail.com for more info and to express interest in this course.

Bronwen



Photo credit: Eileen Phillips

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Staff Captain Social Report

Barbara Larson

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Committee Members:

Helen Hull, Holly McAra, Jackie Scott



Well, winter is almost over. Our many events throughout the season kept us all busy. March 3rd saw us back at the Comox Golf Course. Ann Sullivan has taken over the Banquet portion of the Comox Golf Course and it is called "The Sand Trap". The food is great. We had 65 members attending this last TGIF and no one walked away hungry. Ann also has a "Piano Man" playing every Friday night.

Our "LAST SUPPER" or last Dinner Party of the winter is scheduled for March 18th. We are celebrating St. Patrick's Day. This will be held at Glacier Greens Golf Course. Bring a plain white T-shirt to paint. Helen and Holly will try to bring out the Rembrandt in all of us. We will also have a Coin Toss into a pot of GOLD. Winners of each event will win a bottle of **Irish Whisky or a bottle of Bailey's Irish Crème**. The menu for our evening will be:

Braised beef
Green sliced cabbage in butter sauce
Carrots
Roasted potatoes
Brioche bread
Butter pudding and fruit



Tickets are only \$25 pp for members and \$35 for guests. To purchase tickets online go to www.comoxvalleyyachtclub.com/social-program

MARCH TO APRIL 2017 EVENTS FOR CVYC:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
March 8th	Tech Night: Life as a Lighthouse Keeper	6 - 9 pm	Comox Golf Course
March 18th	St. Patrick's Dinner Party 	6 - 10 pm	Glacier Greens
April 7th	TGIF Appie Night	6 - 9 pm	Comox Golf Course
April 22nd	Tech Night: Dealing With Fire	6 - 9 pm	Comox Fire Hall
April 28/29/30	Spring Cruise - Partying, games, fine wine and dining		Deep Bay

Barb

Staff Captain Membership Report

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My thanks to all of you who have renewed in good time this year. We are looking forward to a good year. Perhaps even getting out on the water, once this "Carpet of White Flowers" has finished blooming!

Membership numbers:

Full Members IGS (In Good Standing) – 123. NIGS (Not In Good Standing) – 8

Associate IGS – 14. NIGS – 2

Total membership – 137. NIGS – 10

Look for the Membership lists for the 2016/17 year (without those NIGS) which will be updated and put on the website soon and those NIGS will have been removed from the communication lists. Please check out your own information and alert me to any changes or errors I may have made (I know that is hard to believe, but on occasion it has been known!)

I give grateful thanks to David and Mary Anderson who have stood in for me at recent events when I was unable to attend.

Sue



Staff Captain Fleet Report

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Below you will find preliminary schedules for cruise events taking place in April, May, June and July. At this time only the Spring Cruise to Deep Bay is open for members to sign up. Sign ups for other cruise will be available nearer the event time. Note that you don't have to register for the Sailpast/Tree Island Cleanup/Barbeque, just turn up for this event.

Please only sign up for cruises that you are sure you can go on. Cancellations or no shows make life difficult for organizers and may result in other members not getting a place on a cruise.

Ted

SPRING CRUISE 2017

"Celebrating Canada's 150 Anniversary"

April 28, 29, 30

This year's Spring Cruise will be held in Deep Bay, just a short run down Baynes Sound, and centered in the Deep Bay Yacht Club's on-the-docks clubhouse.

I will be sending out a detailed order of events for the weekend soon but a synopsis is as follows: we start with our traditional apple night on Friday evening; there are two events planned Saturday am; in the pm there are team

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and individual games; dinner is at the Deep Bay Marine Field Station. Sunday am there is a buffet breakfast, prize presentation and then departure. There will be a limit of 60 people, cost is anticipated to be \$65/person and sign-up will be at our upcoming events.

Cruise Captain – Cameron Cairncross. For further information 250-339-0739 or email cairncross@live.ca

SAILPAST/TREE ISLAND CLEAN-UP/BARBEQUE

May 6 or 7

SAILPAST: The Annual Sailpast is scheduled to take place on Saturday May 6th or, if weather conditions dictate, on Sunday May 7th. This is your opportunity to 'salute' the Commodore and his wife, George and Bonnie Luterbach, in the traditional maritime manner! (But perhaps not as formally as other yacht clubs do.) All members are invited to attend this event. The Commodore's sailing vessel, *Island Tyme*, will anchor just outside of the Comox Valley Marina breakwater and members' boats will circle anti-clockwise passing between the Commodore's boat and the breakwater.

A short briefing session will be held on shore at the head of the Comox Valley Marina dock, near the float plane offices, at 1000 hours on the morning of the event. Members' boats will meet in the bay between the marina breakwater and Goose Spit. The *SV Freedom* will lead the Sailpast at between 1045 and 1100 hours - sailboats followed by motor vessels, smaller boats in each category first. After saluting the Commodore, boats will head for Tree Island. If you do not have your own boat available but wish to participate, come to the briefing and we will fix you up with someone.

Enquiries: Ted Harper. For further information 250-339-5748.

CLEAN-UP: A very popular event (believe it or not!) is the Tree Island Clean-Up. When we arrive after the Sailpast, we anchor at Tree Island (rafting if you prefer) and go ashore (let us know at the briefing if you would like a tender to pick you up). Bring gloves, a garbage bag, and a sense of humour. There is recognition (catcalling with a smattering of applause) for garbage culled during the day and presented at the BBQ for all to see. Please note that, although BC Parks has insurance for any of us that might be injured on shore during this event, it does not extend to those 85 or older.

Enquiries: Jenifer Jennings Reynolds. Email leenjak@telus.net

BARBEQUE: We then meet back on the beach to have a Barbeque. Everyone will be asked to bring either a salad or dessert to share along with drinks of your choosing. (You may want to bring a beverage of your choice as well.) Seating is limited so lawn chairs come in handy. Smokies (regular and veggie), buns, condiments, flatware and plates are provided. This is a family event so kids and grandkids are more than welcome.

Enquiries: Barbara Larson. Email blars2294@shaw.ca

SOMEWHERE NORTH

May 8 to May 25

Monday 8 May. Comox to Squirrel Cove. The fleet will then head in a northerly direction to the Broughton Archipelago via: Octopus Islands, Blind Channel, Forward Harbour, Port Harvey, Lagoon Cove.

From Sunday 14 May until Sunday 21 May, the boats will cruise the Broughton Archipelago either individually or in small groups. Possible destinations are as follows: Potts Lagoon, Dead Point, New Vancouver Native Village,

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Mamalilaculla Village, Goat Island anchorage, Waddington Bay anchorage, Echo Bay Marina [Billy Proctor's Museum], Booker Lagoon, Ladyboot Cove, Simoon Sound, Kwatsi Cove, Sullivan Bay. These are some of the many interesting anchorages and marinas to visit. Many of the marinas have water, fuel and stores available.

The return trip south will begin at Lagoon Cove on Sunday 21 May aiming to reach Squirrel Cove on Thursday 25 May when *SV Freedom* will join the fun filled Okeover Inlet Cruise.

Cost of cruise: No participation charges however boat captains will be responsible for any marina charges incurred.

Speed: *Freedom* motors at between 5 and 5.5 knots.

Cruise Captains – Ted and Joy Harper. For further information or to register contact tedjoy@telus.net

OKEOVER CRUISE 2017

May 26, 27, 28

This is a short cruise to the Lund Shellfish Festival. We depart Comox on Friday, tying up at Lund for our appies on the dock or to attend the Festival's Chowder Challenge. On Saturday we voyage to the Okeover wharf, and have supper at The Laughing Oyster Restaurant's annual Seafood Buffet. Sunday – back to Lund for the night or return to Comox.

This cruise is designed to particularly welcome smaller vessels, folks who are new to our cruises, and anyone who likes a party! There is land-based accommodation in Lund for those who wish to come by vehicle.

Costs (optional): dock moorage charges at Lund and Okeover, and the Seafood Buffet (\$35/each last two years, might increase).

Look for comprehensive details in the April Bulletin and a call to register.

Cruise Captain – Jenifer Jennings Reynolds leenjak@telus.net

SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS CRUISE

June 14 to 26

Participants will meet on Newcastle Island, off Nanaimo, June 14 at the latest. Tentative destinations will include Chemainus (2 nights), Montague Harbour, Winter Cove, Bedwell Harbour, Victoria Harbour (2-3 nights), Sidney Spit, Maple Bay and Telegraph Harbour.

Reservations have been made for dinner and theater performance in Chemainus for the evening of June 16 - this was a highlight of last year's cruise. The cost is \$80/person, which includes buffet dinner (including dessert, coffee, taxes & gratuity) and the theater. The theater performance is "Rock Legends - live tribute to The Beach Boys, The Everly Brothers, The Monkees, Elton John, Simon & Garfunkel, Sonny & Cher, and many more incredible artists." Reservations have also been made for two nights at the Chemainus Municipal Dock for a maximum of 15 boats. A non-refundable deposit of \$40/boat for moorage will be required with payment of \$80/person for dinner/theater by May 15.

If travelling to Victoria, about 20 nautical miles from the Sidney area, is not of interest, those participants may prefer to spend a few days in Ganges or the Sidney area. The final planned stop for the cruise is Telegraph Harbour on Thetis Island. A detailed itinerary will be circulated to those interested at a later date.

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The cruise will 'officially' be limited to 15 boats. Please advise Ted and Deirdre of your interest (contact info follows.) Those first to advance or guarantee payment for the Chemainus dinner/theater plus moorage deposit will be confirmed as participants. You may still register for the cruise if you do not wish to participate in the Chemainus portion. Alternatively, people who would like to participate in the Chemainus activities but not the cruise are welcome to do so - a number of members did so last year and drove from the Comox area.

Cruise Captains: Ted Trueman & Deirdre Bowers, *MV Jacana*. For further information phone 250- 871-3809 or email trueman9000@gmail.com

VANCOUVER CULTURAL CRUISE

July 8 to July 23

Janice and I are taking *Mischief* to Vancouver in July. We expect to leave Comox on July 8th and head down either the Malaspina Strait or the east coast of Vancouver Island (depending on weather) taking 4-5 days to get to the big smoke (we'll strive to average between 20 and 25 nm/day). Upon arrival in Vancouver we'll settle in for 3 full days in False Creek - either at the False Creek Marina (probably) or anchored out if space is available. While in False Creek we'll spend time exploring Granville Island, probably take in a production of *Bard on the Beach*, do some shopping, bike riding and a little dining out. Leaving False Creek we'll head over to Coal Harbour for another 2 full days where we'll spend some time exploring Stanley Park and I'll no doubt get dragged off to do more shopping. Time permitting, an overnight side trip up Indian Arm may also be fit in before starting the journey home. We hope to arrive back in Comox around the 23rd of July (16 days in total).

Though this is our first time taking the boat to Vancouver, Dennis and Helen Hull have offered to join up with us as co-trip leaders (surprise, Dennis!) and lending their wealth of experience from living onboard in Vancouver to the planning of the trip details.

Cruise Captains - Colin and Janice Marlowe. For further details or to register contact Janice or myself at cjmarlow@shaw.ca. You can phone us too at 250-941-3221, but I tend to forget my phone calls whereas I usually keep e-mails.

**On shore at
Mamalilaculla
Village on Village
Island with the
Broughton's
Cruise in 2015**



Photo credit: Jack Reynolds

Flotsam and Jetsam



Do you have any boating 'stuff' for sale? Do you want to buy something that other members might have for sale? How about lost and found items? Send your information to the editor (leenjak@telus.net) for inclusion in the Flotsam and Jetsam section. Include a description of the item (photo?), price if applicable, your name, telephone and/or email.

DISCOUNTS (SHOW YOUR CVYC CARD):

- **Glenn Naylor Photography** – (10% discount), **Phone:** 250-650-8979 **Email:** gnaylor@zoho.com
Website: www.gnaylorphoto.com
- **The Harbour Chandler Ltd.** – 52 Esplanade, Nanaimo, **Phone:** 250-753-2425
- **Ocean Pacific Marine Supply & Shipyard** – Discovery Harbour Shopping Centre, #102-1370 Island Highway, Campbell River. **Toll free:** 1-800-663-2294
- **Comox Valley Kayaks** – (10% discount) 2020 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay, **Phone:** 250-334-2628
- **Hartman Auto Supply** – 480 Puntledge Road, Courtenay, **Phone:** 250-338-7261
- **Industrial Plastics & Paints** – #2-2946 Kilpatrick Avenue, Courtenay, **Phone:** 250-334-2886,
Website: www.ippnet.com

FOR SALE/WANTED/ANNOUNCEMENT:

For Sale: 3.5 HP Mercury 4 stroke outboard. One owner, purchased new in 2009. Low hours. Excellent condition. Fresh service ready to go. Manual and tool kit included. **\$500 (half price)**. Contact George Luterbach, 250-941-8432.

Slip available at Pacific Playground Marina from now until May 31. Can handle 40', new finger wharves. **\$100/month plus power**. Contact Colin McDonald at colinflteng@gmail.com.

For Sale: Outboard motor. Mercury 3.5 HP 4 stroke/standard shaft. New (2 hrs. of run in) **\$1100**. Contact Gail or Orest, 250-897-1681.



Dear Editor,
Did you know you can fit any boat on your head like a hat, if you flip it over? That makes it cap-sized.

Cameron Cairncross

Dear Editor,
(In response to the email that went out regarding errata in the last Bulletin that thanked Joe, Cameron and Don for finding the errors.)

I read it, Jenifer. I'm just not as critical as those other guys...

Besides, I simply recognized the discrepancy for what it was... alternative facts.

Keep up the good work.

David Anderson

Dear Editor,
Calamity - I've dropped my keys overboard! Not to worry, my bunch is attached to a key chain float. These handy devices are often given away as promotional items or at worst they cost only a couple of bucks. At a recent Tech Night, "Waypoint Insurance", who did a great job stick-handling us through the perils of boat insurance, gave some away.

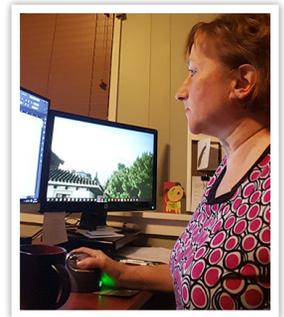
The challenge with such handy devices is that they will only keep about 1 ounce (30 grams) of keys afloat. In practice, this will only be a couple of typically sized keys. So if you have boat, house, car keys all on one bunch attached to a key chain float and you drop them overboard, the fish thank you for your donation.

Ken Newman



"He who lets the sea lull him into a sense of security is in very grave danger."

- Hammond Innes, Novelist



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