

# Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin



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## CVYC Executive:

### Commodore

Jonathan Rothwell

### Vice Commodore

Cameron Cairncross

### Rear Commodore

Barbara Thomson

### Past Commodore

Grant Watkins

### Secretary

Bonnie Seeley

### Treasurer

Ted Trueman

### Staff Captain Membership

Sue Newman

### Staff Captain Social

Position open

### Staff Captain Fleet

Kent Giebelhaus

## Upcoming Events

### First ZOOM Tech Nitght!

7pm Wed., Jan. 20, 2021

Speaker: Kent Giebelhaus

Topic: Operation of AED

### "CVYC Crummys's Awards Night!" via ZOOM

7pm Friday, Feb. 12, 2021

Organizer: Ken Newman

## Commodore's Report

*Jonathan Rothwell*

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Happy New Year everyone. Debbie joins me in hoping everyone had an enjoyable Christmas season despite the restrictions. I would like to extend a special thank you to Holly McAra for organizing our Zoom Christmas Party; all who logged in enjoyed a great time.

As I write this, I am looking out the window on a bright sunny morning and thinking about what destinations are next on our cruising plans.

We commenced some projects on K'adalawi. Some are overdue repairs and some upgrades we have been thinking about undertaking for a while. We will need to take her up to Campbell River later this month; I only hope that the weather is as beautiful then as it is today!

Thursday we had our first Executive meeting of 2021 and made an addition to our previously released Calendar of Events. Please annotate Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> as the proposed day for the Club Open House and possible TGIS. This event will be totally dependent on Health orders in effect at the time, so stay tuned for more information, as that date gets closer. By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our first Zoom TGIF of the new year. Many thanks to Sue Newman for taking the initiative on this. I hope those of you who attended will offer your feedback, and thanks, to Sue so we can continue to fine-tune these events to ensure everyone's enjoyment. Our next Zoom event will be the Tech Night on Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>. Kent Giebelhaus will be giving a tutorial on the Club's AED, it's use, status and operation.

Despite the current news describing extending our restrictions to inhibit COVID transmissions, we remain optimistic of being able to resume some of our activities over the summer. With that in mind, we will continue to look at end of summer and Fall events, but hold off on publishing anything specific until later in the year. Barbara Larson has commenced planning and organizing for both the Invitational BBQ and the Commodore's Ball, with dates and venues booked. So keep your fingers crossed we can safely hold these events in September and November respectively.

*Commodore's report continued...*

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... Commodore's report continued.

Shortly I will be distributing the new Boat Hook Award policy for the membership to see. At the 2019 AGM the proposed policy was voted down and the meeting directed the Executive to change the policy and distribute it to the membership prior to adoption. This award was created as a gift by the Weir's and is an integral part of our annual Commodore's Ball. Having said that, there are members who felt the award, or more to the point, the way it was awarded, was perceived as insensitive to some. We have attempted to craft a compromise that allows the Club to continue this tradition while being more aware of those who share a differing perspective. The new policy will be sent out via a broadcast email to all. Please read through it and if anyone has comments, you will be asked to respond to the Rear Commodore, Barbara Thompson before February 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow the Executive to review and discuss this issue at our next meeting on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>. In advance I thank all of you for your input and contributions to this matter.

Lastly, **two reminders**, first, Sue has received 104 of the 160 expected **membership renewal** forms. Your prompt response to this request will allow her to update and publish on the website the complete 2021 Membership list sooner rather than later. Secondly, your Club is still **seeking a Staff Captain – Social**. If anyone out there is remotely interested, please contact myself, or any member of the Executive team.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

*Jonathan*



## Council of BC Yacht Clubs Report

**Henry Bay News:** Peter Stockdill is a retired medical doctor who lives in Schooner Cove. He is an active member of the Council, keeping an eye on applications up and down the Coast which may impact upon the use of waterways by recreational and other boaters. (He is also the fellow that started tracking US vessels in our waters this past spring.)

Recently Peter consulted CVYC regarding an application to extend the shellfish operation at Henry Bay from 5.8 ha to 16.7 ha. Of particular concern was a remark by Transport Canada that “more recent charts do not list it as an anchorage”.

Several members of the Club were contacted to comment, and, as a result, Peter was able to provide advice as to the navigation lights that should be required. Further, thanks to our input, Transport Canada advised that “the Canadian Hydrographic Service has initiated the process to have the anchorage added to Chart 3527 to better match the Sailing Directions”. That felt good!

**Council Website:** The Council is upgrading their website, and would appreciate input from members. Please take a look at [cbcyachtclubs.ca](http://cbcyachtclubs.ca) and provide any suggestions for change, improvements, additional material, and any other general concepts that could be considered for the upgrade. Please send any comments or suggestions to [gcreek@shaw.ca](mailto:gcreek@shaw.ca)

**Thanks:** A belated ‘thank you’ to Past Commodore Alex Wile for volunteering to join the Advisory Board of “BC Marine Parks Forever”. He and Jonathan Rothwell will help this organization in its quest to acquire more marine parks as well as projects such as the installation of more stern tie rings in parks.

**COBCYC Minutes:** Always up-to-date on our Club website at [PHOTOS, REPORTS & INFORMATION | cvyc \(cvyclub.com\)](http://www.CVYClub.com/Members%20only/Photos,%20Reports%20and%20Information) !

Found bottom of page under: [https://www.CVYClub.com/Members only/Photos, Reports and Information](https://www.CVYClub.com/Members%20only/Photos,%20Reports%20and%20Information)

Submitted by,

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## Vice Commodore Report

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Our Communications team has remained COVID free over the holidays and is raring to go for 2021. Well, that may be a bit over the top, but hey, we can at least look forward to a new year and gaining back many of the social times we have enjoyed in the past. Can't wait for the vaccine.

We had a great TGIF on Friday January the 8<sup>th</sup> spearheaded by Sue Newman with help from Myrna. Enjoyed seeing some of our new and newer members as well as some old faces (frankly that could be a lot of us in the Club). Please consider joining the next TGIF's as well as the upcoming Tech Nights.

We all know that the COVID virus has hampered our lives and changed the way we go about our daily activities. Let's do our part and support the many local marine businesses that rely on us to do our shopping with them and leave the on-line shopping to others. We need them to stay in business so we can get on with our boating pursuits trouble free.

Happy New Year and stay safe.

*Cameron*



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## Past Commodore's Report

*Grant Watkins*

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Another gale is coming in tonight. Out here on our hill behind Radford's beach the highest gust we've recorded so far on the weather station is 53mph a few days ago. Fire is on and we're warm inside, after finishing our walk before the rain starts. Next activity is to play the guitar for a couple of hours. Retired life during COVID has at least a few benefits.

It's good to see a full line up of virtual activities plugged into the calendar by the new Executive – well done and thanks.

As for boating, now that the holiday season is finished it's time to turn once again to boat projects. I've quite a list, and as usual, it starts and ends with varnishing. Good thing I like it! Only a few more months until the cover comes off and we get back out there.

In the meantime, I'll see you at the docks and around town.

*Grant*

Back of Dredge. In Comox Valley Marina,

Photo by B. Luterbach, Jan. 6, 2021



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## Rear Commodore Report

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Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone!

Sometimes you only expect a polite “hello” in return and instead you hear “hurrah.” That’s what happened when I emailed Shirley Dumas, the contact person for “Friends of Tree Island,” a group of volunteers on Denman Island who for many years have shared in the care of Tree Island. What Shirley had to say about the CVYC Tree Island stewardship agreement, and in particular, our summer weekend volunteers, I quote with her permission:

“Before the Yacht Club participated, the “Sandy Islands” were in serious jeopardy. Illegal fires were prevalent in the logs above high tide and in the forest. One time the fire was so large, the fire boat returned the next morning to check on it. Another time vandals chopped down the kiosk and lit it on fire. The same happened to some “No Fire” signs. All this preamble is leading to the valuable contributions of the CV Yacht Club. The floating stewards’ presence to educate park users has saved the park from burning . . . Thank you for all that the CV Yacht Club contributes to preserving Jáji7em (Sandy Islands) Marine Park.”

This past week, I attended my second meeting of the Club’s Executive, yet another positive reflection of the CVYC membership. Our first Zoom Tech Night scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> will be a talk given by Kent Giebelhaus on the “Operation of AED.” Training Officer Stuart Mackenzie is working on future Tech Night presentations, and I’m exploring ideas around offering a historical look at Tree Island, with the help of Courtenay and Denman Island Archives.

*Barb*

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## Staff Captain Membership Report

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**Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 Last years total 163**

**For the year Nov 1st 2020 – Oct 31 2021**

**Renewals are due by the end of January, 2021**

**Current Membership**

Resignations – (1 Associate)

New Members - 2

Full Renewals so far - 103 (incl. 5 Associate transfers back to Full membership)

**Associate Renewals – 7**

**Total members to date – 112**

(Thank you to all who have contacted me.)

Please welcome our two new members Danny and Gaynor Bereza and their PV “Caviar”. We were happy to see them at the TGIF on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.

There are 59 members who have not yet contacted me to let me know their plans for this year, to either renew or to resign. Please contact me before the end of January, when I will be posting the new membership list on the website.

Respectfully submitted

*Sue*



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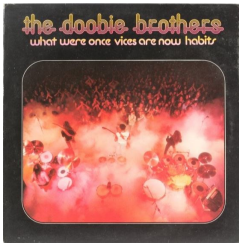
Barge to hold dredged material.  
Photo by B. Luterbach, Jan.7, 2021.

## Staff Captain Fleet Report

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When I was a teenager my family made a road trip from our home in Brule AB to see our cousins in Regina SK. My older cousin toured my brother and I around in his Ford pickup to show us the sights, all the while blasting this awesome music through his stereo. Back at home one afternoon my brother was joining my mom for a trip to town so I gave him some money and asked him to pick up that new Doobie Brothers album (well 8-Track as it ended up).

Upon their return, of course I immediately ran to my brother asking if he found the music; he said Mom's got it. So I went to Mom, "Kevin said you have my new album?". Then came the talk. I guess the band's name DOOBIE Brothers along with the smoky haze across the stage on the album cover, not to mention the title words "what were once vices are now habits" caused some concern to our Mom who tried to raise us with Christian values.

I never forgot that talk and as it ends up it crosses my mind each New Year Eve as I reflect on the good and the bad of the departing year and make goals to strive for in the coming year. It's funny how vices can become habits and habits become lifestyle. We all faced some strange, difficult social restraints last year forced upon us by circumstances beyond our control and most of us no doubt have adopted these impediments as habits and yes, the new lifestyle.

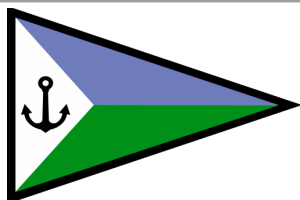
But with a new year comes new hope, let's work together to grapple free of COVID-19 for good and prepare to transform these curtailments and return to our former outgoing selves again, opening our arms to our families, our neighbours, our friends, our communities and our clubs!

The Cruise Captains who diligently created unique adventure plans for us last year have all stepped up to give it another go this year. Naturally, these events are dependent on suitable relaxation of current protocols. However, we may be able to adapt the scope to enable modified cruises of some form. Watch for updates!

Oh, by the way, 'what were once vices are now habits' remains one of my favourite all time albums. Ah, the memories!

Be safe, stay healthy, have fun, and keep in touch.

*Kent*



## **Calendar of Events**

**18 December**

Zoom Christmas Party



**8 January**

Zoom TGIF hosted by Sue Newman



**20 January**

Zoom Tech Night “Operation of AED”, Kent Giebelhaus

**12 February**

Zoom CVYC ‘Crummy’s’ hosted by Ken Newman

**24 February**

Zoom Tech Night P. & L. Rippon ‘s “Loop Trip”

**5 March**

Zoom TGIF hosted by Sue Newman

**17 March**

Zoom Tech Night hosted by Stuart Mackenzie

**02 April**

Zoom TGIF hosted by Sue Newman

**14 April**

Zoom Tech Night hosted by Stuart Mackenzie

**23 – 25 April**

Spring Cruise location **TBD**

**8 May**

Sail Past and Tree Island Clean up

**21-24 May**

Seafest Gorge Harbour (to be confirmed)

**29 May**

Club Open House & TGIS (to be confirmed)

**25 September**

Annual Invitational BBQ

**20 November**

Commodore’s Ball

**PLEASE ANNOTATE YOUR CALENDARS**



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## Social Reports

SEEKING VOLUNTEER(S) TO PROPOSE AND ORGANIZE A SINGLE VIRTUAL CLUB EVENT. WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE BALL, LET'S WORK TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING.

For more information, please read our Commodore's report above and contact Jonathan Rothwell by email: [rothwellfamily85@icloud.com](mailto:rothwellfamily85@icloud.com) or by phone at 250-703-1700 .

### Christmas Party report

On Friday, December 18th I had the pleasure of putting on our Zoom Christmas party. I used a facilitator, Myrna Logan. We worked very well together. She added a fun Trivia game and a time to chat so we could catch up with each other. Bruce put together a sing-a-long with a few Club members pitching in to record a few Christmas carols for me. I was so grateful for their participation: they were Kent and Leslie, Jack and Jenifer, Kirk and Alana, Al and Stella plus their grandchildren, (it was so nice to hear those young voices), Bruce and myself.

We had two prizes, one for the Trivia contest, won by Willie and Barb, and the door prize was won by Cameron. Bruce and I were able to get those prizes delivered the next day. I hope that our 2021 year is a time that we again will be able to get together in person. *Holly McAr*

The following link is to the Christmas Sing Along.

<https://youtu.be/QATay7mZ2VI>

### JANUARY TGIF

Thirty members attended the TGIF on Friday night on Zoom. It was so much fun, you just had to be there!!!

Thank you so much to those of you who have given us some feedback so that we might outdo ourselves next time.

Below is some of that feedback:

*"There was a lot of laughter, tall stories (lies – you had to be there!!!) and appropriate silliness which is one of the things I have missed so much. I had a great time."*

*"It was a chance to get to know people better. I thought it was great".*

*"Last night was just great – well done! It was really nice to see everyone, the breakout room strategy works really well, and the scavenger hunt was a great idea."*

*"We both enjoyed our intro to the club and want you to know that it is by far the best Zoom meeting EVER!"*

*"Thanks for a great evening. And the same to Myrna with her Zoom skills. Loved the stories and the scavenger hunt".*

*"What worked best—scavenger hunt to take us away from the screen.*

*What didn't work as well for us—the last 1/2 hour of being with the group of 15. On an iPad we can't see faces and tiny names or who's talking, particularly if we haven't met them. We weren't able to find filters on the iPad either so couldn't fully participate. But the rest of the gang looked like they were having fun!"*

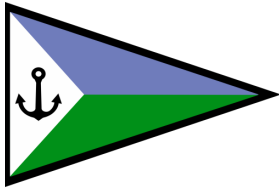
Thank you all for coming. Keep the constructive comments coming, so we can make it the best experience it can be for as many folks as we can, in spite of the limitations of Zoom. See you at the next one in March. Hugs and Stay safe. *Sue Newman*



TGIF Zoom Participants, screen capture by Myrna Logan, 2021-01-06

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## Upcoming Tech Nights and Social Events



### COMOX VALLEY YACHT CLUB

If you witnessed someone having a heart attack,  
would you know what to do?



Join Stuart and Kent on Tech Night - Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 7PM to learn all about the Club's Automated External Defibrillator and see how it could save a life!

***Watch for Zoom Link by email!***



The Crummys are racing towards us with a curtain time of 7pm,  
Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. The format of our extravaganza will be:

Following a grand opening, some of our wonderfully talented club members will entertain us with a variety of music, poetry, comedy, recitation, magic, juggling, etc. The sky's the limit especially if you are a high-wire tight rope walker.

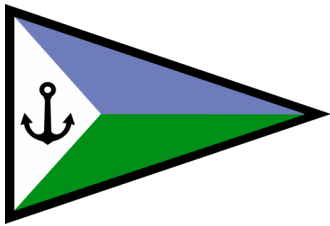
If you would like to be one of our performers, please let me ([kennewman@shaw.ca](mailto:kennewman@shaw.ca)) know by Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan.

In the show, people will be performing live on Zoom. A downside of this is that duets, etc. performed using different internet connections will not work. The only way round this Zoom limitation would be for one half of the duet (perhaps an accompaniment) to be pre-recorded. If you like help with a pre-recorded accompaniment please let us know – we MAY be able to help.

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## CVYC FOUNDER STORIES *(Stories by original members of the Club.)*

We are one of the original founding families of the Club, joining in 1999 with our son Brendan and daughter Meghan. The Comox Valley Yacht Club came into existence as a social club – a place both power and sail boat-ers could meet, learn from each other, cruise and have a good time!



With a mix of boats, skippers and Admirals we needed a unifying flag to sail under – a burgee! The Club held a design contest open to all members to submit their ideas.

Pam Chaney, a former member, had the winning design. The colours in the burgee represent green – the Comox Valley, blue - the water and white - the Comox Glacier and snow covered mountains. The anchor, as you would guess, tied it altogether in one nautical theme for us.

From the outset we have done tech nights, dinners or potlucks and cruising. One of our first cruises was in 2000, an Easter Cruise to Pender Harbour where we were able to rent the outstation from the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. RVYC has a very strong history of not renting or sharing their outstations, but thanks to Bill and Jo MacDonald we were able to do it, as they were members of the R.V.Y.C. as well as our Club. (Bill and Jo have since moved to Victoria). Both sail and power boaters made the weekend trip over and we had a great time with a dinner on Saturday night and breakfast Sunday in their Clubhouse before we all set course for home. At that time we had our 28 foot sailboat “Judith E”, and I will always remember the sail home. Leaving Pender and setting course down Malaspina Strait we had rain, snow and sun; we ran a broad reach, sailed into wind on the nose and late in the day were becalmed so we had to motor from the North end of Texada Island to Comox. We switched to power boats in 2004.....

Dinner in the R.V.Y.C Pender Harbour



Submitted by Don & Judy Somers





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### CVYC Easter Cruise

We moved to the Comox Valley in October 1999, not knowing a soul. As we had already been sailors for a few years we decided, in early 2000, to join CVYC. Peter Sanderson was the Commodore at the time and was on a mission to increase the membership to 100, known as the 'Founding Members'.

The first event we attended was the Easter 2000 cruise, organized by the MacDonalds aboard Anjoline. Day one was the crossing, in the pouring rain, and onto Ballet Bay. As 'Wee Dram', our Beneteau 26, lacked the luxury of a dodger, bimini and enclosure, we were soaked by the time we arrived. But all was soon forgotten as we boarded Anjoline to enjoy

the comforts of a well appointed power boat, including carpet, heat, and of course the blender mixed Easter cocktails while we were introduced to several of the other members.

The next day we ventured on to Pender Harbour where we enjoyed the luxury of RVYC's outstation, thanks to the MacDonalds, who were RVYC members. There we were joined by the Somers on Judith E, the Harpers on Freedom, the Nicholsons on Windarra, (yes Avril had the role of Easter Bunny), the Rush-

tons, as well as Orion, Sea Lure, and Ragtime. Our apologies to those we have forgotten.

We had a great time and were happy that we had made the effort to get there. The sail home was interesting with typical 'spring' boating weather, mini twisters followed by periods of fog, and snow on Texada almost down to the water. Eventually, the sky cleared and we had a sunny broad reach up to Westview. Gotta love Spring cruising.

All and all, a great introduction to the new yacht club as well as to the joys of boating that come with living in the Comox Valley.

Submitted by Gary & Wendy MacLean

'Wee Dram'



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## 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 ([bluterbach@shaw.ca](mailto:bluterbach@shaw.ca)) for inclusion in the Flotsam and Jetsam section. Include a description of the item (photo?), price if applicable, your name, telephone and/or email. No "For Sale" ads this month!

## Discounts Available (show your CVYC card):

- **Comox Marine & Woodworking Ltd.** - 1782 Ryan Rd. East, Comox, **Phone:** 250-941-6699  
**Website:** <https://www.comoxmarine.ca>
- **DSYC** – 10% discount on Marine mechanical services. **Phone:** 250-339-7222  
**Website:** <http://www.desolationsoundyachtcharters.com>
- **Bumper to Bumper (Hartman Auto Supply)** – 480 Puntledge Road, Courtenay,  
**Phone:** 250-338-7261 **Website:** <http://bumpertobumper.ca>
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Dredge hose with floats. Photo by  
B. Luterbach, Jan. 6 2021



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