

Comox Valley Yacht Club

"The Blue Jean Yacht Club"



On Volume 13 | Number 6

www.CVYClub.com

June 2020

CVYC Executive:

Commodore

Grant Watkins

Vice Commodore

Ken Gadicke

Rear Commodore

Jonathan Rothwell

Past Commodore

Jenifer Jennings

Secretary

Bonnie Seeley

Treasurer

Ted Trueman

Staff Captain Membership

Sue Newman

Staff Captain Social

Barb Hammer & Catherine Pedersen

Staff Captain Fleet

Kent Giebelhaus

Commodore's Report

Grant Watkins

r1g2w3@hotmail.com

250-650-5367



Finally! We had a great CVYC activity that gave us a chance to get together, say hi, and visit. They say that one of the most important things in retirement is to stay connected with people and be involved in activities, never more so than in this strange Covid year we have been living through.

The Sail Past and Tree Island cleanup turned out really well. Thank you to all who attended, both on their boats, and on the Comox breakwater, and then at Tree Island. Our members collected an impressive pile of garbage during the afternoon. Then we sat around in a social distanced ring and got a chance to catch up. It was great to see everyone out again. Special thanks to Kent and Jonathan for organizing the events.

Enter Laughing got out of the harbour a couple of weeks ago, visiting favourite spots. Our son came along, and it was great to see him swimming in the same lakes at 26 that we first took the kids to when he was 10.

Where to next? Well, what to do when the windlass is in the fix-it shop, and my wife wants to go boating! Ahah, how about at "dock" trip? In over twenty years of cruising we have never done a dock only trip, but things are starting to open up and with a little advanced phone calling along the way we should be able pull it off.

Lots of members prefer docks due to easy access, restaurants, hiking trails, and augmenting grocery supplies (like ice cream). Others prefer to avoid docks and swing on the hook as much as possible. We're normally in the middle for preferences and usually stop in somewhere every three or four days.

Commodore's report continues...

Upcoming Events

Zoom Dock Party,

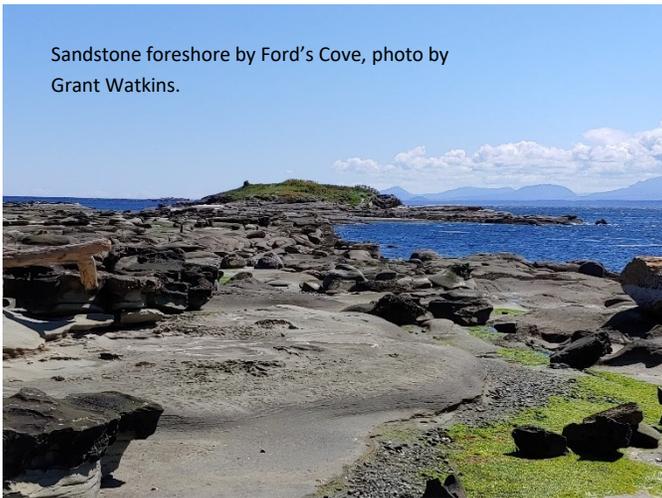
Friday, June 19th, assuming poor
Weather; Information to follow.

Social Co-Captains call for help with
planning for Summer Activities:
Fun Golf Tournament , CVYC Garden
Tours, Picnic or BBQ

Please sign up on CVYC Web Site for
Tree Island Park Host Program,
starting June 19

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

... Commodore's report continued.



Sandstone foreshore by Ford's Cove, photo by Grant Watkins.

Long time members know all of the places we could go, but new members are often looking for ideas for boat trips, so I thought I'd list a few options here.

If we go south we would first stop at Ford's cove for a couple of nights (or possible a night at Deep Cove). A really nice walk at Ford Cove is to go along the sandstone foreshore to Toby Island and back on a low or mid tide.

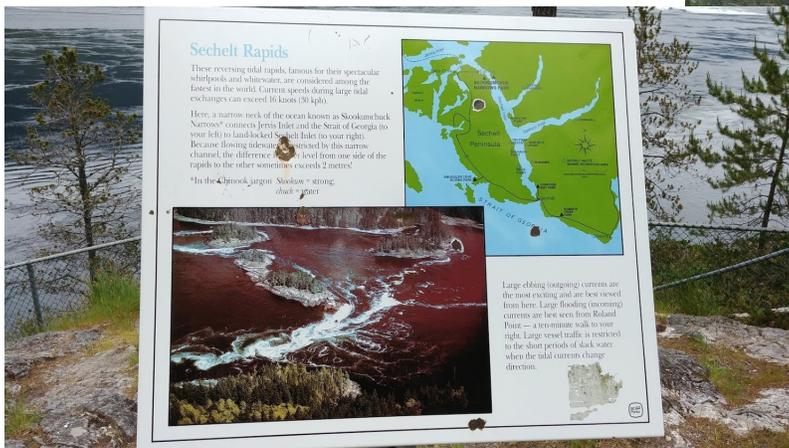
Next, we could head for Pender Harbour and stay at John Henry's marina (formerly Fisherman's). A hike to the lake for a swim is a must do requirement here, and a dingy ride to Madeira Park (the centre of "town").

This post is getting long, so I'll abbreviate from here...

Next stop at Egmont (marina or Gov't dock), hike to Skookumchuck Narrows.



Skookumchuck Narrows, photo by Bonnie Luterbach, May, 2020



Then Van Anda on Texada if open, or over to downtown Powell River to see the sights. (Good Mexican restaurant).

Then home.

If we go north? How about Lund, Refuge Cove, Shoal Bay, Blind Channel; and then Heriot Bay, Taku resort or Gorge Harbour on the way back.

Of course, we always have the spare anchor and 300' of rode that can be deployed by hand if necessary ("been there, done that"), or maybe the windlass will be fixed before we go!

See you out there.

Thanks.

Grant

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

Vice Commodore Report

Ken Gadicke

kgadicke1@gmail.com

250-650-1237



CVYC COMMUNICATION TEAM:

Sunshine Person – Jackie Scott (bobjackies@shaw.ca)

Email Broadcaster – Donna Ehrmantraut (donna.ehrmantraut@gmail.com)

Website Manager – Glenn Naylor (gnaylor@zoho.com)

Webmaster Backup/Assistant—Robert Riddy (rriddy@shaw.ca)

Audio-Visual Wrangler – Glenn Naylor (gnaylor@zoho.com)

Bulletin Editor/Publisher – Bonnie Luterbach (bluterbach@shaw.ca)

Photo Album Editor - Bonnie Luterbach (bluterbach@shaw.ca)

Recently we received an enquiry from a non-member asking whether camping was allowed yet at Tree Island. The enquiry was passed on to me so I proceeded to look through the Parks BC website to see what was said there.

First off, it was a bit of challenge to find Tree Island as it goes by different names depending on who is talking. On the Parks BC website it is listed under its First Nations name - Jaji7em... aka Sandy Island. Once there I noted that there were no comments about camping whatsoever (nor anchoring) – during COVID 19 or otherwise. A quick look at the other marine parks in our area proved that to be unique. Copeland Islands, Roscoe Bay and Desolation Sound all mention overnight camping and anchoring stating that they are open effective June 1. Yet no such comment on the Tree Island page.

To clarify this I called Derek Moore who is the Marine Parks supervisor for this area. He explained that Tree Island is an unusual park in that it is claimed as property by the local First Nations. A few years ago they pushed to make the island off limits to all visits. Parks BC was able to negotiate its current standing which is that overnight camping and all visits are allowed (outside of the COVID 19 restrictions); however that availability would not be promoted or advertised by Parks BC. That is why there is no information about camping (or anchoring) on the website. He assured me that Tree Island is now open to camping just as all the marine parks in his area with the exception of Mitlenatch Island, which remains closed to visitors.

The non-member, a local boater, was pleased to hear that he could enjoy a weekend camping out at Tree Island.

If you are planning to venture further out be aware that the status of reciprocal visits remains unchanged with our partner clubs. A quick look at their websites will let you know if they are welcoming visitors at this time. Links to those can be found on our own website at www.cvyclub.com.

Stay healthy and safe.

Ken

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

Past Commodore's Report

Jenifer Jennings

jjr@telus.net

250-650-0883



Position Descriptions:

As the current Past Commodore, one of my jobs is to lead the annual review of the Club's Position Descriptions. These (found on our website) list the tasks to be accomplished by each member of the Executive as well as other positions such as Quartermaster, Sunshine Person, et al. They are useful to read if you want to know who to speak to about a specific issue, what a position consists of if you are thinking of volunteering, and as guidance to someone who is new in the position.

I will be incorporating comments from the current incumbents in the positions and preparing draft Position Descriptions for review by the Executive at the September Executive Meeting. Thanks to all of you who provided input.

Missing You:

The other day Jack and I were walking through the parking lot at the marina and encountered 5 or 6 Club members. We all eagerly stopped to chat with each other and catch up. Although we were socially distancing, I was close enough to see the grins on everyone's faces showing how happy we all were to have a chance to talk together during this strange time.

It was a heart-warming several minutes of comradery, and it reminded me how lucky we all are to belong to a Club of such nice people with common interests. And as for Jack and I, as we drove away we remembered how lucky we were to have made the wonderful friends in the Club when we moved to Comox.

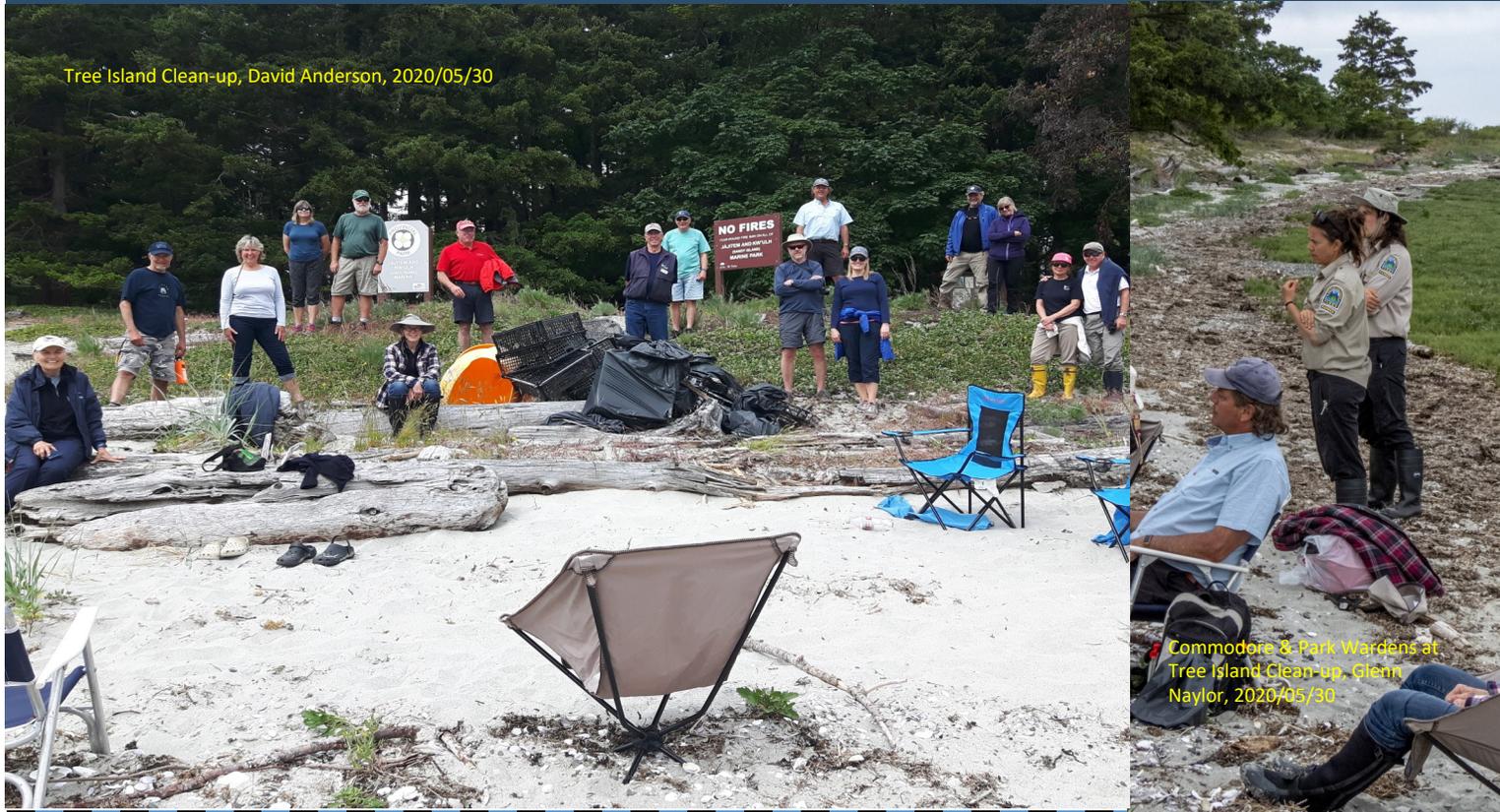
I look forward to resuming our comradeship with Club members – and Staff Captains-Social are working towards a great social event this summer.

During a scary time like this, it is sure nice to have close friends and you folks are our close friends!

Jenifer

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

Tree Island Clean-up, David Anderson, 2020/05/30



Commodore & Park Wardens at Tree Island Clean-up. Glenn Naylor, 2020/05/30

Rear Commodore Report

Jonathan Rothwell

rothwellfamily85@icloud.com

250-703-1700



Supporting Team:

Stores Quartermaster: Debbie Rothwell, rothwellfamily85@icloud.com

Training Officer: Stuart Mackenzie, stuart@comoxmarine.ca

A great big thank you to the 24 members who ventured over to Tree Island to help get the park ready for the summer season. Your enthusiasm and hard work are greatly appreciated, and all had a fun time, especially as we have been previously starved of conversation and interaction with those outside our immediate 'bubble'!

Can't decide what to do this summer? How about the ultimate 'staycation', exclusively available to CVYC members? You too can sign up for a weekend outing less than an hour away. Your reserved mooring buoy, with wonderful park like views, awaits. All you need to do to take advantage of this limited offer is

to sign up on the Club website to be a BC Park Host for one of the 12 weekends this summer. Your responsibilities are to be visible and approachable, answer questions, be a local promoter and, if so inclined, tour the island and replenish the TP in the various rustic facilities. Two nights, except for two specific 3-day weekends, is all that is required to enjoy this amazing opportunity for a short-term getaway, so very close to home.

Rear Commodore's report continued...

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

... Rear Commodore's report continued.

To sign up please log into the Club's website move your cursor over the "Member's Only" title bar and a drop-down window will expand. Move your cursor down to "[Tree Island Calendar](#)" and 'click'. A new page will open, scroll down to "Click [HERE](#) to view calendar" and the summer calendar will open on the month of May. Click on the right side of 'Today' to advance the calendar to your desired month; you will see the hosting weekends are already highlighted. Find your weekend of choice and click to edit. A window will open, and three blocks down is the box named 'Who'. Place your name and boat name in here and then select save, and we'll all know where to find you having a wonderful time at Tree Island. Should anyone have any questions please contact me and I'll do my best to answer them. This volunteer activity is a big part of our summer presence on the water and your participation is greatly appreciated.

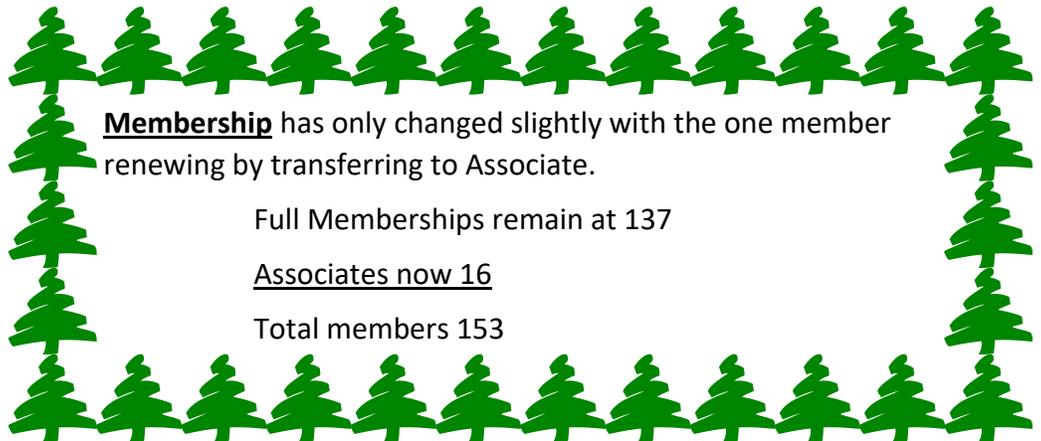
See you on the water,

Jon



Staff Captain Membership Report

Sue Newman
sue.newman@shaw.ca
250-898-8333



Membership has only changed slightly with the one member renewing by transferring to Associate.

Full Memberships remain at 137

Associates now 16

Total members 153

I hope you are all still well and cautiously enjoying some of the lifted restrictions to our strange lives and times.

There have been many events, some really positive and encouraging, and others not. I try to dwell on those leading us forward to more relaxing and maybe healthier times.

I enjoyed seeing some of you from a distance during the sail past and we were happy that we could show the sails in the process, though the wind (or lack of it) did mean that we had to rely on "back up" to get past the Commodore in a timely fashion.

We will not be hosting an Open House this year, but will be welcoming new members as the year progresses. I have already had 2 inquiries.

We hope that you enjoy the season together exploring the coastlines that we are surrounded by and showing respect to those communities which are nervous about visitors.

I am off to work in the garden before Zooming with family in the UK (I have not seen their faces for 2 years). The new normal for us.

Looking forwards to some cruises in the summer, organised or impromptu.

Keep smiling,

Sue

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

Staff Captain Fleet Report

Kent Giebelhaus

kent@frontiershed.com

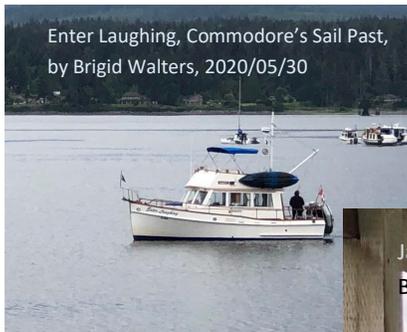
250-650-0588



“Keeping it flat”, that’s what we did! Now is not the time to get careless but we’ve earned the ability to stretch our legs a bit and enjoy some quasi-group activities – like cruising!

As of June 1, BC Parks has reopened many of our favourite boating destinations and I know you’re anxious to get reacquainted with them. Many members have already been enjoying time on the water throughout the early part of the season and with reduced crowds, it seems like a perfect opportunity to venture out and do some exploring. So, reach out to fellow members and boating companions and organize a trip. Physical distancing practices are still in effect so please be cognisant of this while boating, docking, hiking, or paddling.

I am happy to announce that we were able to complete our first formal on-water activity of the season; on Saturday May 30th we successfully held this year’s Commodore’s Sail Past. Eighteen member boats attended plus we had several onshore members supporting the event from the Comox pier. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped make this event a success!



Enter Laughing, Commodore’s Sail Past, by Brigid Walters, 2020/05/30

As you know, due to the unfortunate circumstances this year, we were forced to cancel many of our formal cruises, the most recent of which is the Festival of Lights in Vancouver. We are still hopeful for the Active Cruise and Squirrel Cove, however. Check the website for updates. It is very likely that with the parks reopening and relaxed restrictions in place we could conceivably organize some other local cruises. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

Have you checked out the **Virtual Cruise** slideshow on the CVYC website? [<click this link>](#) Thanks for the pictures you have submitted, check back for updates.

Oh, have you checked out the Comox Valley Yacht Club private group Facebook page that Cat Pedersen set up? You will find the Virtual Cruise link there as well as other great Club related content! Thanks Cat!

Happy Cruising; stay safe and keep in touch!



Watching the Sail Past, CVYC Past Commodore David Clark & wife Kate and Bonnie & Doug Seeley; by Brigid Walters, 2020/05/30



Jackie & Bob Scott by Brigid Walters, 2020/05/30



Onshore, Watching the Commodore’s Sail Past Brigid Walters & Ken Melnyk 2020/05/30

Kent

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

Staff Co-Captains Social Report

Barb Hammer

bmhammer@telus.net

250-339-2333



Catherine Pedersen

catherine.pedersen@gmail.com

604-789-6278



As the pandemic hit B.C., we were all asked to do our part and stay home to help flatten the curve. With each day, the rate of growth in COVID-19 cases has steadily declined and we have the lowest mortality of any jurisdiction in Canada, the United States and western Europe with more than 5 million people.

Now the challenge for all of us is to modify our behaviour and protective measures cautiously to allow for greater interactions without putting the health of our loved ones, friends and fellow Club-members at risk.

CVYC's social restart will be a careful process aligned with the BC government's [Phase 2 Guidelines for Social Interaction](#). This will ensure all of our combined efforts and sacrifices are not squandered and we keep our members as safe as possible.

The new (and optional) **CVYC Facebook** group got going this month and currently **37 members** are participating with lots of picture-sharing and posts to get caught up on what we are doing on our own on the water and in smaller groups practicing physical distancing.

Club members will soon be invited to participate in CVYC's first '**Zoom Dock Party**'. We will try and schedule it for when the weather is not that great, and we are not wanting to be on the water or otherwise enjoying the outdoors. Given the current 14-day forecast it looks like Friday June 19th might be perfect(ly) poor weather!

Other summer events being considered include smaller groups getting together on some of the beautiful and larger properties of our fellow Club-members. And a 'physically distant' bicycle ride may also be a part of our 'stay close apart' social calendar.

Stay-tuned as the logistics for how these might happen safely are carefully considered! This is new ground for all of us and if any members have ideas or want to help, please contact Cat Pedersen(Catherine.pedersen@gmail.com) or Barb Hammer (bmhammer@telus.net)

Your Social Co-Captains,

Catherine & Barb

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

Stores Quartermaster's Report

Debbie Rothwell

rothwellfamily85@icloud.com

250-703-1700



So we are all living in interesting times. There have not been any social events for me to display the wares we have. There are a number of items left in our inventory that we need to clear out. Have a look on our website; no reasonable offer will be declined.

It has been brought to our attention that some of the “pinned” name tags have come apart. If this is so for you, please send me an email at rothwellfamily85@icloud.com. We will contact the supplier to see if we can reorder them.

We are now able to take our own clothing into HiTek to be embroidered with the Club burgee and the Yacht Club lettering. Just show your membership card and they will charge you directly for it. If you get together with a friend(s), there will probably be a savings.

As there has been no interest so far, there will not be a spring order. You can have a peek at their website and let me know if you are interested in something and I will make a fall order, in time for Christmas.

Merchandise:

Lapel pins – continue to be available. There are lots.

Clothing – all clothing will be sold off at very reasonable prices. Once the inventory of clothing is gone, we will no longer keep any clothing for sale.

Burgees - we have the replacement Burgees in stock. If you have been contacted you need to bring in your old Burgee in order to receive the new one. This is a condition of the producer.

Heavier burgees are also available for sale. They are \$25 and over the summer can be purchased from our boat (K'adalawi)

See you on the water.

Denman Island viewed from Tree Island, by
Glenn Naylor, 2020/05/30

Debbie



Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

-INVITATION TO JOIN A PRIVATE CVYC FACEBOOK GROUP

A **private** Facebook (FB) group has been created for members of the Comox Valley Yacht Club. 'Private' means only members of the CVYC FB group can see who is in the group and what is posted to that group.

If you are a regular FB user just login to your FB, search for 'Comox Valley Yacht Club' and request to join. All requests to join are checked against our Club member list. If folks are CVYC members the requests to join are accepted.

Dock Talk...

NOTE:

Dock Talk is a place in the Bulletin for you to pass on notes of interest or a thank you to CVYC members. Please send a short note or a thank you to Bonnie's Bulletin email address: bluterbach@shaw.ca. Pictures sent may be included in the Bulletin, if space allows, or on the Club web site. Please make submissions for the Bulletin by the first Friday of the month.

*Sue Newman sent a **correction**. Jess Sandler did some digging about the poem posted in this section last month. It wasn't written back in 1869; it was written by a poet, Kitty o'Meara, in the states recently about this pandemic.*

2020 Virtual Cruise pictures: Remember to snap a few pictures of yourself, your guests and your surroundings and email to Kent, your Fleet Captain, at kent@frontiershed.com. Send pictures with dates, names, and places for the Virtual Cruise 2020 Slide Show. The [Virtual Cruise](#) show is already started on the Comox Valley Yacht Club web site.

Connection from the past....an update from CVYC past members Susan & Dag now in Guatemala-thanks Sue Newman

The crew of Nordlys have evolved from sailors to a couple of cruisers temporarily living aboard their sailboat at a Marina. We came to Guatemala last July with a long project list for hurricane season and plans to explore some of the country. In August we returned to Quebec for a delightful month of visiting family and friends. On our return to Guatemala we set about our main project of removing the teak decks and painting. For part of the time we had to have the boat hauled again because the marinas didn't want paint sanding done at the dock. That was ok since we did have to check the keel. Our arrival into Guatemala had been a bit dramatic, as we had an engine failure at the end of our 5 day sail from the Colombian island of Providencia. Our only option was to be towed over the sandbar at the entrance to the Rio Dulce at close to low tide. Unfortunately, the freshly applied antifouling was scraped off and the rudder was knocked and jammed passed its mechanical stop. So, a few things to correct. The usual adventures. All is in good shape now.

The plans for this season were to leave here when the northers died down and explore Belize, Mexico, perhaps the south coast of Cuba and then finish the season in the Honduran Bay Islands before returning to the Rio for hurricane season. We were waiting for the first high tides of March. (The high tides here are pretty puny compared to BC, between 1.6-1.9 feet which would just get us across the sandbar) when the Covid-19 border shutdowns began. In many ways we were fortunate with the timing as many of our fellow cruisers who left earlier than us are trapped in Belize, Mexico and Honduras, with hurricane season approaching.

So here we are, in beautiful Guatemala, and not expecting to leave before next November at the earliest. Internal travel here is highly restricted for the moment. The government has imposed frequent curfews on all citizens and has forbidden pleasure boating. We use the dinghy to get across to the town for errands as there is no road access to our marina. Weeknights we aren't allowed out after 6pm. Controls are stricter on weekends; no movement from 5pm **Friday** until 5 am on **Monday**. They are trying very hard to restrict the virus spreading. They simply do not have the resources here to deal with a large outbreak, so they must enforce strict controls.

We manage to keep ourselves busy though. We have movie nights once or twice a week here at the marina. One lady gives Spanish lessons (I'm not very good at it though). I lead a yoga group 3 mornings a week, just to keep us all moving, since we can't go anywhere for a nice long walk. The restrictions and curfews the government imposed are very hard on the people here, most of whom have lost all income. This worries us. Many of the Mayan villages had little enough to begin with, living mostly day to day, and now they are getting desperate. People have begun putting out white flags to indicate when they've run out of food. A large portion of the cruisers we know are supporting the various charities here and donating money for feeding families. The group I'm helping with was able to prepare 110 bags of food to go to some remote villages, and I think we are going to manage similar numbers for next week too. We can buy enough basic food to feed a family of 4 for about \$20---that is corn, beans, rice, oil, and a powdered milk that is enriched. Cheers, Dag and Susan Keating SV Nordlys

Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

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) for inclusion in the Flotsam and Jetsam section. Include a description of the item (photo?), price if applicable, your name, telephone and/or email.

For Free!

' Two new zincs, 1 1/2" inside diameter. FREE.

Call Gary Campbell 250 897-1085.



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>
- **Industrial Plastics & Paints** – #2-2946 Kilpatrick Avenue, Courtenay, **Phone:** 250-334-2886, **Website:** <https://goindustrial.ca/index.php/en/courtenay>
- **Sound Marine Sales and Service** –103-1797 Comox Ave, Comox, **Phone:** 250-941-7373, **Website:** www.soundmarine.ca
- **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



**Bonnie Luterbach,
Editor & Publisher**

bluterbach@shaw.ca
250-465-1948

*George and Bonnie
Luterbach on Island Tyme
saluting
Commodore Watkins on
Enter Laughing*

