

# Comox Valley Yacht Club Bulletin

Sunrise at Wiatt Bay, Octopus,  
B. Luterbach, 2020-08-18

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## Commodore's Report

### Grant Watkins

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What a beautiful summer it has been. We've seen lots of Club members out cruising. This has been a busy year in local waters, even without our U.S. neighbours. It seems everyone has correctly realized that there is nothing better to do in a crazy Covid world than to cast off the lines and head out into BC's coastal wilderness. There has also been lots of visiting down at the docks, with 2m distancing. Also, thanks again to Cat for organizing our Facebook page; it's been great to see what

others in the Club are doing and where they are located.

Thank you to Rear Commodore Jon for organizing Tree Island hosting for each and every weekend this summer. Well done. Also thank you to Barb, Cat, and the three host couples for putting on a successful outdoor event at their properties last month.

Covid continues to be a major issue. Dr. Henry's latest advice is to keep to our bubbles and up to a maximum of six others (with social distancing). We currently do not see any opportunities for indoor meetings for the foreseeable future.

## Upcoming Events

**Zoom Social Call,  
Thursday, Sept. 24th, 7:00 pm In-  
formation to follow.**

**Thank you to All Social, Cruise &  
Tree Island Volunteers during  
COVID-19 Summer 2020**



Misery Creek Falls, Salmon  
Inlet, Grant Watkins, 2020

We've been out a lot this summer. One new spot for us was to cruise Sechart, Narrows, and Salmon Inlets. Absolutely beautiful, and no crowded anchorages, even in a busy year elsewhere.

BC Hydro Dam, Salmon  
Inlet, Grant Watkins, 2020



*Commodore's report continued....*

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... Commodore's report continued.

We were all by ourselves in a couple of the nicest anchorages anywhere for several nights. Give it a try. Skookumchuck rapids are not so bad – at slack!.

Thanks again to everyone who volunteers with the Club. Even though it has been a different world, there has still been a lot of work in the background keeping everything ship shape.

*Grant*



Cove at Kunechin Point; nobody there in July, Grant Watkins, 2020

## *Some CNYC and Tour Boats on the water Summer, 2020*



Finally, owners Paul & Penny Vroom



Raven, owners Gary & Bev Campbell



SISU, owners Willie & Barb Thompson



Freedom, owners, Joy and Ted Harper



Tour Boat in Pendrell Sound



Tranquilo, owners Dave & Mary Anderson



Evanna, owners Duane and Donna Ehrmantraut



Tour Boat in Comox Harbour, 2020



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The summer of 2020 has been an interesting cruising season. After a tentative start it seems that everyone got in the mood and headed out boating.

In July we visited the Gulf Islands, in part, because we thought it would be a rare opportunity to cruise those islands with less boat traffic during the peak summer months. However, we soon found that most of the anchorages were as busy as usual. We visited some of the perennial favourites, including Pirates Cove, which was a big hit with the grandkids. Picking a toy out of the Treasure Chest made for an exciting morning. Granny had gone there ahead of time and put some special toys in that she knew the kids would like. When they dove into the chest, they each chose the toy especially put there just for them - making both them and Granny smile. When we stopped at the Ladysmith Yacht Club their reciprocal dock had only one spot open, with the other spots filled with boats mostly from the Vancouver area. Although it was almost as busy as usual, the Gulf Islands still made for a memorable cruise in one of BC's best cruising grounds.

### Reciprocals:

Reciprocals here in Comox have also been busy after a slow start. As of the end of August we have almost exactly equaled the visits we had by the same time last year.

This is my last year on the Executive as Judy and I have decided to sell the boat and have purchased a Motorcoach. Rather than travelling the waterways of BC, we will be travelling the highways of BC and beyond.

All the best and enjoy the rest of the season.

*Ken*



Kootenay Rose  
memory on shell in  
Octopus Marine  
Park museum. B  
Luterbach, 2020

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## Past Commodore's Report

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All That Jazz, owners Jenifer Jennings & Jack Reynolds

We were able to do a few short cruises on “All That Jazz” with other vessels while socially-distancing and, although I was expecting quiet anchorages, it was the opposite. It appears many of the larger vessels from the Greater Vancouver and Victoria areas came north – maybe because they had more time on the water; also with the border closed they could not go to the San Juan Islands and south as usual. For instance, we were quite surprised last season when there were 8-10 boats in Walsh Cove. This year we counted 27, two nights in a row! We also learned that US vessels are not the only ones who resort to scolding - quick but unsolicited boat driving lessons - on the VHF radio. Apparently Canadians jump right in, too!

The Council of BC Yacht Club's *ad hoc* committee to track US vessels crossing the closed border proved interesting for a lot of us out on the water this summer. Our Club members were helpful in identifying boats to the committee. Here's a funny photo taken by Diane Gage when “Walter H.” was at Newcastle Island:



Despite the Washington registration, the sign says “We are Canadian. ID available on request.”

Canadian owned but American Registered boat, taken by Diane Gage, 2020

Thank you to Cat and Barb, Staff Co-Captains – Social for the great Garden Party they organized in August, and thanks to the couples who hosted at their homes. A lot more work than in pre-Covid days had to go into that event, but we certainly appreciated it.

As part of my duties as Past Commodore, I have completed incorporating the input from the incumbents in various positions into our Position Descriptions - thanks to those who offered changes and proofread the results. This ties in with my other responsibility this year, convening and chairing the annual Nominating Committee to look for volunteers to stand for election to our vacant positions at our AGM in November. Stand by for news!

*Jenifer*

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## Rear Commodore Report

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Debbie and I hope everyone has enjoyed their time on the water this summer, exploring new anchorages or revisiting favourites from cruises past. After some Spring maintenance on the hard, we took K'adalawi north, heading up through Seymour Narrows and Discovery Passage. Due to some high winds in Johnstone Strait we ducked up Nodales Channel to get to Blind Channel to enjoy the hospitality of the Richter Family. Our daughter, Laura, has been living and working in the UK these past 4 years, but due to COVID, she has been 'furloughed'. An opportunity arose to get her back to BC to spend her time with us rather than alone, so we returned to Comox to welcome her. While she looked after our dogs, we returned to the boat to continue exploring Desolation Sound while she completed her quarantine. During this trip we ran into the Damens in Roscoe Bay and joined up with the Jennings/Reynolds, Gielbelhaus', Gages, Manson/Ashtons and Rippons in Pendrell Sound. At Jenifer's suggestion we all cast off in our dinghies to drift around, social distancing, and catch up with everyone's summer adventures. Great fun on a very hot afternoon/evening!! Another return to Comox was required to collect Laura and then take her up to the Octopus Islands and back into Desolation Sound. As I write this, we have just finished some late summer repairs to the dinghy (darn oyster shells) and re-installed the bow thruster motor after a rebuild. We are now planning the Southern Gulf Islands later this month. Although still busy, it was a joy to 'take back Desolation Sound' as Jenifer expressed it.

### Sandy (Tree) Island

Labour Day Weekend will be the final Park Host weekend at Sandy (Tree) Island. We had twelve weekends to host and thanks to Ray Fountain on Sea Breeze, Cat & Jan Pederson on Cat's Cradle, Daryl Dancer on Merrow, Mary & David Anderson on Tranquillo, Jenifer Jennings and Jack Reynolds on All that Jazz, Elena & Jerry Day on Mardonna, Sue & Ken Newman on Brandy III and Barb & Willie Thompson we covered them all, weather permitting!! A big 'thank you' to all who stepped up and performed a marvellous job to make this summer's host program a success.

Prior to the season starting we had to replace the anchor mooring line and after the season is complete we will be installing a new buoy donated by the BC Marine Parks Forever Society.

**Tech Nights:** Due to COVID gathering restrictions we were only able to organize a single Tech Night, which was well attended and enjoyed. Stuart Mackenzie has some great plans, which hopefully we'll be able to act upon, but not until it is safe to do so. With Dr. Bonnie Henry's latest directives it is unlikely we will have any Tech nights until sometime next year.



**Stores:** Equally, without social events to attend, very few sales of Club merchandise have occurred and no interest was expressed for a Spring order through the catalogues. Our Club policy has been amended and members may take clothing of their own to Hi-Tek in Courtenay and have, at their own expense, the Club burgee embroidered on to it.



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... *Rear Commodore's report continued.*

Additionally the Quartermaster has clothing catalogues, which can be viewed by members for a semi annual, pre-paid bulk purchase. If you're wishing something from the CVYC stores for a possible gift for your Captain or First Mate, please contact Debbie to discuss the possibilities. She also has available catalogues for review by interested members should a Fall order in time for Christmas be desired.

The Burgee replacement program is about half complete. At our first fall Executive meeting, September 3, it was decided that we will mail out a replacement burgee to each of the affected members and, if applicable, their Club nametags. Keep an eye on your mailbox if you were advised that your burgee was defective and was being replaced by the manufacturer. As part of this arrangement, you are requested to destroy the defective burgee, which is identifiable by the green portion fading to a grey hue. Due to the problems experienced with the printed nylon burgees we have returned to the heavier sewn style and have a supply available for purchase at \$25. There are a few of the printed nylon burgees remaining, which are being discounted to clear them from stock. Lastly there are some items of clothing still in the stores, which are available for sale. Please check the list on the Club website, and no reasonable offer will be refused, these items must go!

It has been a unique, yet fun summer and with the weather forecasted for the next few weeks, there is still more to come. We hope to see you on the water!

*Debbie* (Quartermaster) and *Jon* (Rear Commodore)



## Staff Captain Membership Report

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Full Members 137  
Associate Members 19  
Total membership = 156

This has been a period of unprecedented situations. As a result the last group of Members to renew have been slow to complete forms resulting in the delay to verify data and therefore delaying posting the update of the Membership list online.

For this I apologise and we have posted what we have received online.

PLEASE would everyone check their data as posted online and alert us of any need for corrections.

*Staff Captain's report continued...*

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... Staff Captain's report continued

We have been off the water while Ken replaced our fuel tank, but have made up for it since it was completed by being out three times in the last couple of weeks.

The fourth time (and our first and last cruise) will begin Thursday before the long weekend as we head over to Lund and then to Squirrel Cove. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you who are able to make it.

*Sue*



## Staff Captain Fleet Report

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Looking out the window while sipping my morning coffee, I am seeing an all too familiar scene; the trees are changing color, ribbons of wood smoke linger in the air, flocks of geese are heading south and the forest creatures are busily foraging and building their winter stash - clearly this marks the end of summer. I'm writing today from our cabin near Pigeon Lake in Alberta where we've been for the past three weeks. We feel privileged to have a secluded place to come to during these uncertain times and as I reflect on the past six months, I think of how drastically our world has changed.

As spring approached, several enthusiastic Cruise Captains took up the task of arranging some very special cruises for us all to look forward to this summer. It is a shame we weren't able to execute them, but I sincerely thank you all for your enormous efforts:

- ⇒ Duane and Donna Ehrmantraut with Chris and Diane Gage: Active Cruise
- ⇒ Bruce and Holly McAra: Gorge Harbour / Seafood Festival Cruise
- ⇒ Jack Reynolds and Jenifer Jennings: Lund / Okeover / Shellfish Festival Cruise
- ⇒ Ken and Sue Newman: Princess Louisa Inlet / Chatterbox Falls Cruise
- ⇒ David and Mary Anderson: Vancouver / Festival of Lights Cruise
- ⇒ Wulf and Lynne Von Schuckman with Toni Lapore: Squirrel Cove Raft Up Cruise

Besides the Commodore's Sail Past in May, the only official cruise that materialized in 2020 was a modified version of Squirrel Cove we called "Unrafted". Due to unforeseen circumstances, the original Cruise Captains had to defer to others who enthusiastically jumped in at the last minute to make this year's Squirrel Cove event a huge success; specifically Lynne Daman, Duane Ehrmantraut and Joy Harper. I'm certain there



Despite the many constraints we experienced as a Club this year, eliminating most of our organized social and cruising events, I am very happy to hear that so many of you were able to spend a lot of time out on your boats, making your own adventures.

Who knows what next year will bring but rest assured the CVYC will make the most of it!!

*Kent*

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## Staff Co-Captains Social Report

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**Note from Barb:** Ken and I still don't have a boat, and this would have been a good year to jump into boat ownership. We have looked at lots of boats on the internet and visited a number of boats as well. In the end, we were not ready for another boat commitment. Instead, we'll have our kitchen renovated starting later this month. Actually, it would have been easier to buy a boat!

As unusual as this Summer has been, it has been a good year to enjoy our backyard. We also hiked at various local parks and walked along the beach a lot. Our favourite nature hike is Seal Bay, though Mac Laing Park is nice as well as the Comox Marina Park. Kye Bay beach is by far my favourite beach.

Here is what happened to me at Kye Bay beach earlier this summer. My friend Andrea and I decided to take a long walk at Kye Bay beach. As we arrived, the tide was at its lowest point and we knew we had to watch the incoming tide as we walked further out. Once we decided it was time to head back to the beach, there were still many sunbathers and swimmers around us. But, as we were heading in, the water and waves were getting stronger and higher. Up to the calves, then the knees - what the heck? Lots of sand visible on either side of us, but the place we were walking was getting swamped by water. Up to the derriere, lifting my vest with the cell phone in the pocket. Up to my chest and then I lost footing and had to swim. Only for two or three minutes, but I was swimming. My friend held her cell phone over her head and managed to get through on her tippy toes. Needless to say, my beloved iPhone was DOA. We couldn't stop laughing. After a short rest on a log, we continued our walk, soaking wet. This was an expensive adventure because now I had to buy a new iPhone, shucks. Live and learn!

**Summer Social Event:** The Garden Party on August 8 was a blast, thanks to our three hosting couples and their beautiful country properties. Forty members attended this event. A huge thank you to Bonnie & Doug Seeley, Ted Trueman & Deirdre Bowers and Kent & Leslie Giebelhaus. Without their generosity of offering their yards, we could not have held this event. Thank you!

**Note from Cat:** After some mods and upgrades to the boat in July, Jan and I were able to take off in August for a two-week trip in and around Desolation Sound and visited many of the places Club members suggested to us.

For the most part we had great weather and at almost every stop we paddle-boarded, hiked and swam in beautiful warm lakes. We saw whales for the first time, even though we have lived on the coast for over 40 years! We were gob smacked by the beauty and know we just scratched the surface. It was a trip of a lifetime and we can't wait to continue exploring! We are so happy we moved here and very grateful for our new friends and neighbors and especially the CVYC!

*Staff Co-Chairs ' Social report continued....*



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... Staff Co-Chairs ' Social report continued.

**Looking Forward:** We had hoped to plan another garden event around mid-September, but given Dr. Bonnie Henry's advice to reduce our social interactions and rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, it was decided not to host additional official in-person events this year. Very sad, but that's our reality at this time.

Alternatively, as we transition to the fall and then to winter, we will start experimenting with hosting social Zoom calls for Club members. Depending on the state of the pandemic we may also be able to consider safe, informal and optional ways for very small groups of people to connect outdoors – perhaps walking, cycling or up on the mountain for snowshoeing, downhill or cross-country skiing.

Stay safe and help us stay connected with suggestions and feedback.

Your Social Co-Captains,

*Catherine & Barb*



Newton Lake, Octopus



Summer 2020 Cruise memories:



SSOCIAL Distancing in Grace?



CVYC Members Social  
Distancing in Von Donop





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Canadian flag flying above Tenedos

B. Luterbach, 2020/08/24

## 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](mailto: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.

### CVMRS call for Volunteer Treasurer

"The Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society supports the RCM-SAR Stn#60 and the two fast response vessels in the Comox Marina.

The society is now in need of a volunteer Treasurer. This position is supported by a bookkeeper and involves about three General Meetings per year.

Activities of RCM-SAR Comox can be checked out on our website at [www.unit60comox.ca](http://www.unit60comox.ca).

For any further questions or inquiries, please contact me a [cghansen@shaw.ca](mailto:cghansen@shaw.ca) or phone 250-339-1964.

Thanks.

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### -REMINDER: 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.*

### Eileen Phillip's positive new boatyard experience



Selkie, Eileen Phillips, 2020

In the past I've dropped Selkie, my Albin 25, at the boatyard like bottom painting was the boat equivalent of a root canal that I didn't want to witness. This year I hauled out at Texada Boat Yard in Sturt Bay. There are 3 buoys, so I arrived the day before for an early haul out. Its DIY or hire some help. I power washed the bottom and hired a local guy, Dave, to prep, paint, replace zincs and repack the stuffing box.

Al Davis, the owner, just opened the yard in 2019. He has a good selection of paint and supplies. The hot water on demand shower and internet was a bonus. It's an easy walk to the Pub, cafe and grocery store. I stayed on Selkie, but an Airbnb is close by. So good to enjoy the quiet cove and know exactly where I'm at with the hull. Selkie had slipped the surly bonds of marine growth, looked smart and gained speed crossing the Strait.

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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.

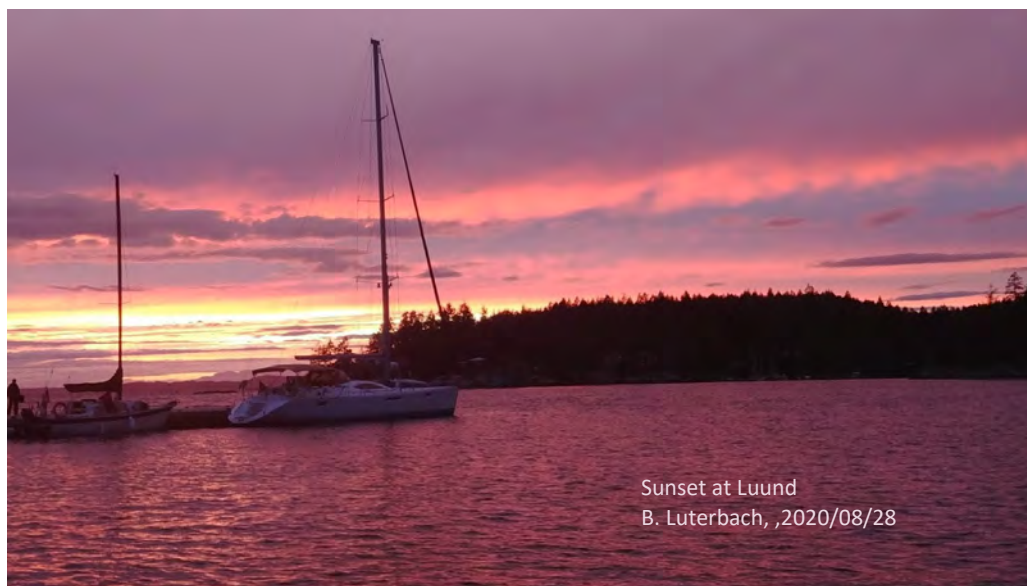
### Flying Junior FREE to a CVYC member:

Flying Junior, 13 ft Sailboat with Comox Valley Yacht Club logo; includes sails and all equipment required for sailing; currently located at Comox Valley private marina on floating dinghy docks; (one must pay to continue to keep it there). Contact Jeremy Ralph, Courtenay, 604-739-8534.



### Discounts Available (show your CVYC card):

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- **DSYC** – 10% discount on Marine mechanical services. **Phone:** 250-339-7222  
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