

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

2013 In Review

This year has been filled with high and low points for the Club. The Club lost one of its founding members, Tom Barker, in August. He was an inspiration to so many of us, and right up to his death was still running the Saturday Races, including putting out and picking up the marks each week. Tom has laid down a strong foundation for the club and we all owe him our thanks for his many years of hard work.

Race/Cruises

These are now a new part of what the GBSC offers to its members. This year saw three such events. The first to Secret Cove had 10 boats show up for the start. In the end only seven boats finished the race in a rough sea and windy conditions. The impromptu dock party on *Peregrine* with 13 people and one dog crammed on board brought a whole new meaning to Club bonding! The second cruise was to Van Anada and saw seven boats participate. The wind was non-existent both ways but did not detract from the Cruise. The final one was to Egmont and four boats took part. They were joined by other Club members who drove up to the Backeddy Pub for dinner. After a rather stormy start at the mouth to Agamemnon Channel the cruise both ways was in light-to-non-existent winds. It is proposed that we will have three similar cruises next year and hopefully we will be able to draw in other members who don't enjoy the racing side of the Club.

Malaspina Regatta

Another very successful regatta was held on the Canada Day long weekend, with a total of 25 boats taking part. The

light south-easter was challenging for the majority of the fleet and resulted in the race being shortened and ending at Ackland Rock. This is the first time that we have had to shorten the race by so much, and although it was very disappointing, the party at Fisherman's Resort and Marina that followed more than made up for the poor racing. A total of 107 people attended the BBQ.

The "1st Across the Line Cup" was won by Ron Badley in *Drifter*, and Bruce Ledger in *Area 51* won the First Overall Trophy. The GBSC Committee Award was given to John Barker for his many years of work for the Club.

Summer Series

There were a total of 21 races in the Summer Series this year, and the winner was Lou Drummond in *Silver Bullet*. A total of 19 local boats took part in the series between April and September, and the average weekly turn out was eight boats. It was encouraging to see new members coming out to try their hand, and enjoying the Saturday Races.

Pub Gatherings

A new feature of the Club is the monthly gathering held at the Garden Bay Pub. This has been a great way for members to get to know each other and to discuss things nautical, and has certainly helped to build a sense of Club identity. Don't forget that this is open to all members and their families, and not just to the Saturday Racers.

UK Sails Trim Talk

The Club hosted Stuart Dahlgren the owner of UKSails Northwest on the 11th

September. Stuart gave a very interesting talk on how to Trim Sails. The 24 members who participated left with a greater understanding of the complexities and variables that have to be considered. By the number of questions asked it would appear as if the presentation was a great success. Stuart has volunteered to give a Talk on Tactics at a later date.

Member Racing Activity

This year saw Charlie Park (*Frendy*) once again take part in the Single Handed Vancouver/Nanaimo race. Andy Paulus raced *Wings II* in the Round Bowen Race, and Ron Badley also took part in this Regatta but as crew.

Carol Ships Parade

Although this is not officially a GBSC event it was organized by Charlie Park, who managed to get ten boats out for this festive occasion. Of these five were from the Club.

Garden Bay Sailing Club 2014

As we look ahead to the next year, we can certainly feel that the Club is the Focus for Sailing on the Sunshine Coast. This coming year we have a number of things that will be a continuation of last year, but we will also be looking for new opportunities to try to reach out to other boaters who are not members, but would probably enjoy and benefit from being involved in the Club.

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25th Annual Malaspina Regatta

In July we will be hosting this milestone for the Club. We have built a tradition of making this an all inclusive family event, which is fun for both those who love sailing, as well as for those who would prefer to watch. We are planning a special event for this our anniversary, and look forward to your participation!

Race/Cruises

The GBSC is made up of many different members, some of whom are happy just to race around Pender Harbour, while others prefer to cruise. It is therefore our intention to have three cruises again next year, the first will be in April, the second in the summer, and the last in September. Our Cruise Team of Charlie Park, Andy Paulus, and David Hoens is actively working on finalizing the dates and these will be announced soon.

New members

There are many sailboats moored in Pender Harbour and we would like to encourage the owners to come and meet us, and to join the Club. It is not imperative that they race, as we are also a cruising Club. So I leave it to you to invite prospective members to come to the Pub for one of our informal meetings

We all understand that not everyone wants to race, and if you have never done it, the thought alone can be traumatic. We would therefore like to encourage those members who are out there on Saturdays to invite the owners of non member boats to come along as crew.

The future of any Club is bound up in the involvement of its members, and it is up to you to help keep the membership growing and active.

Next Pub Gathering

The next gathering will be held on Saturday January 18th. This will take place after the race, or in the case of no race we will meet at 12.30pm. at the Garden Bay Pub. Please mark your calendars.

Racing Rules

It is hoped that we will be able to put on some discussion meetings at which the new Racing Rules will be graphically displayed, using the UKSails Tutorial.

The dates will be announced shortly once a few technical details have been ironed out.

There are a total of some 50 examples covering the Start, Windward Mark, Leeward Mark, the Finish and Obstructions. We will make it as interactive as possible, and will try not to get bogged down in the minutiae of detail!!

The purpose of these meetings will be to give more the "gist" of the rules rather than the legal interpretation.

After all, we are out there to have fun not win the America's Cup.

Membership Renewal, Email Circulars etc.

The Membership Data Base is in the process of being updated. Your input would be appreciated in order to complete this task. This can be done on your Annual Membership Renewal Form, which is attached.

In order to avoid endless lists if you no longer wish to receive the Monthly Newsletter, Race Results, Special events schedules, etc. please advise the writer in order that your name can be removed.

Regrettably we cannot have separate circulation lists for those who might want only a certain part of the offerings "it is all or nothing"!!

Monthly Newsletters

The undersigned would be happy to include any articles which members would like to share. Please send them to me at davidtwentyman@dccnet.com

Happy New Year to You All

As we enter a New Year I would like to once again thank you all for making 2013 a Great Sailing Year! I look forward to seeing you all again, on or off the water, in 2014.

David Ll. Twentyman