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Garden Bay Sailing Club

newsletter

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Wings II - Slipping along

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Where the racing is fun!

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On the way to the Duncan cove mark



Ah, the Saturday Drift...

A bit of a pile up at the mark



But, we all came through in single file



Fall Race series results for October, the top 6....

	Gross	Net
Peregrine	6	3
Chilly	15	8
Frendy	18	10
Equanimity	29	15
Wild Side	27	16
Raven lunatic	18	16

...we had a couple of races cancelled due to bad weather. We still managed to offer up 3 events. Mostly in very light winds as can be seen on the cover and page 2!

Carol Ship Parade!

Every year Charlie Park does a great job of organizing a Carol Ship Parade. Decorate your boat with lights, crank up the Christmas tunes and join in! More info to follow but we have tentative date of December 17, which is a Friday

David Hoens has been busy on Welo.
Check out his latest video here...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SACiFpTdQeM>

Coming Soon!

Guest Race Officials

Once a month David will stand aside from running the race and let another competitor have the honours. The Guest Official will be responsible for calling the course, doing the countdown for the start and recording the finishing times. David will collect the times after the race, compute to results and email them out as always. The idea is give David a bit of a break and also to share some of the duties for the club with it's members. Sounds great! Some have already stepped forward to help out but if this is news to you... call out to David and offer your assistance. Perhaps there is a powerboater in the group that would like to take this on as well?

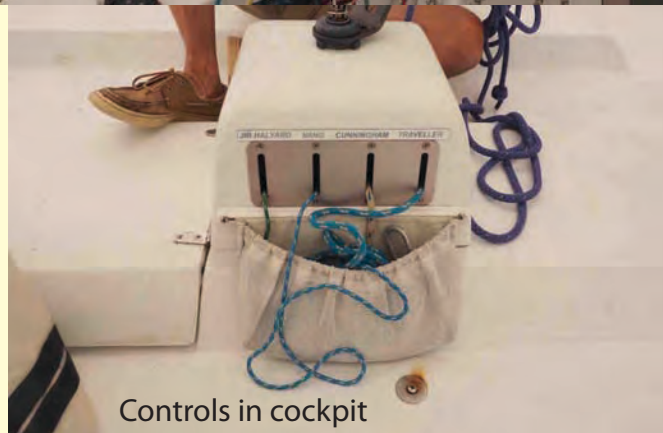
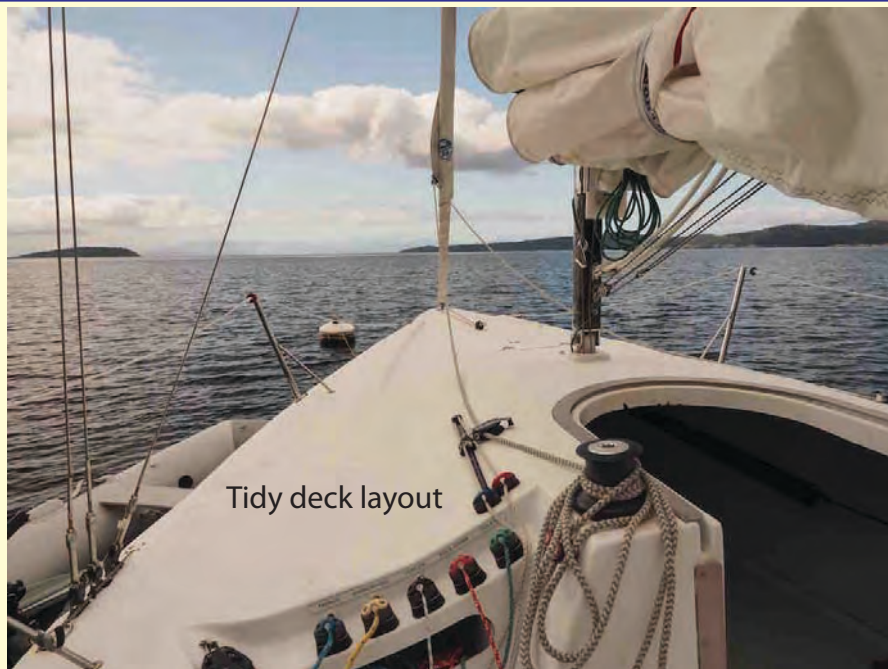
The PoopDeck by Brad Lowell

A short history of the Sport Boat and a local example:

The sport boat has been more an evolutionary process than a breakaway design. The idea of being able to sail faster than the wind was first achieved in ice boats using apparent wind sailing techniques. Going down wind, these vessels were capable of speeds four to five times faster than the wind. In the 1970's sailors in Sydney, Australia started adapting this "ice boat technology" for their 18 foot skiffs and tripled their downwind speeds. The 1996 Olympics saw the first introduction of a sport boat class with the skiff derived 49'ers. Proving to be exciting both for the sailors and the spectators this new class of planning skiff became well established in the sailing world. Manufacturers drew from the lessons of these first fast boats and started designing a new genre of big, swing keel monohulls that can fly downwind at unprecedented speeds. We are seeing these designs being further refined with the likes of the Volvo Open 60's.

Surprisingly one of the early sport boat designs was built right here in British Columbia. The Rocket 22 designed by Gary Mull and Don Martin was being built as early as 2002. Fifteen of these little 22 foot sport boats were built and I was fortunate to be invited aboard one here in Halfmoon Bay owned by Vincent Parkin. Vincent purchased this sailboat after a search for a boat with a keel for stability and more performance than his O'Day 17. The Rocket 22 that he purchased had been used as a demo for the company and trailered around the states to different events and boat shows. He also needed a boat that could trailer launch relatively easily. The Rocket 22 with its retracting keel seemed a good fit and was getting strong reviews in the US sailing magazines at the time. Vincent has modified the boat with a furler for the asymmetrical spinnaker and can solo the boat handily in light to moderate winds. He was kind enough to take me out for a sail recently in light winds around Halfmoon Bay. First impressions were the controls were well laid out and came easily to hand for a solo or two person team. She was also very "slippery" in the light winds – I think she would be tough competition in our harbour races! Here are a few pictures and some specifications.
Sail fast, stay safe

See pics on the next page....



Sailboat Specifications

Hull Type:		Lifting Keel		Rigging Type:		Fractional Sloop	
LOA:		22.00 ft / 6.71 m		LWL:		21.50 ft / 6.55 m	
Beam:		8.48 ft / 2.58 m		S.A. (reported):		312.00 ft ² / 28.99 m ²	
Draft (max):		5.67 ft / 1.73 m		Draft (min):		1.00 ft / 0.30 m	
Displacement:		1,600 lb / 726 kg		Ballast:		600 lb / 272 kg	
S.A./Disp.:	36.57		Bal./Disp.:	37.50		Disp./Len.:	71.87
First Built:		2002		# Built:		15	
Builder:				Rocket Boats (CAN)			
Designer:				Gary Mull/Don Martin			

Sailboat Calculations

S.A./Disp.:	36.57
Bal./Disp.:	37.50
Disp./Len.:	71.87
Comfort Ratio:	6.62
Capsize Screening Formula:	2.90
S#:	7.93

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Question:
How long does it take the average
person to become a Sailor?

Answer:
An average person will never become a
Sailor !!



To Err is Human,
to Arr is Pirate

