

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

The Winner of last month's Quiz was: David Pritchard.

The Answers were:

1. Slightly windward of center.
2. Ease sheet because sail needs twist.
3. Ease because draft needs to be aft.
4. Ease slightly because you need a fuller bottom.
5. No tension.
6. No tension and use the topping lift to hold the boom up.
7. 14% - 15%
8. 50% or slightly further aft.
9. Leech telltails - top just begins to flow. If top disappears, the sheet is too tight. Centre Telltails - windward and leeward should both be streaming.
10. Straight.
11. Top should be parallel to the boom but can point slightly to weather.
12. Tight
13. Leeward and forward.
14. Minimum.

Summer Race Series 2011.

At the March After-Race-Meeting, the trophy for the Summer Series 2011 was finally given to Tom Barker, who claimed the trophy with a total of 251.2 points over the next boat Peregrine (David Twentyman) with 207.1 points. During the season we had a total of 104 boats take part in 21 races, which makes for an average of about five boats per race. This Trophy was presented by The Garden Bay Pub, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Ron Johnson for this very kind donation. The results are based on the weekly placing in the Saturday races as well as the number of times skippers/boats show up, and cross the start. This is to try to encourage skippers to participate, and not have to worry about winning (though it helps)! The results of the Malaspina Regatta are not included in the overall results as there are separate Trophies for that event. I would like to encourage everyone to come out and enjoy Pender Harbour from its most scenic side.

23rd. Malaspina Regatta.

It is two months until we host the 23rd. Annual Malaspina Regatta, and at this point it promises to be another enjoyable occasion.

The format will be the same as last year, as it seems to have been a great success.

As in previous years it would be greatly appreciated if as many of you as possible could offer their services to the committee.

We will be needing assistance in raising the tents after the Skippers Meeting on the 29th June, and also with their dismantling on Sunday. If anyone can offer their services in the way of Trailers etc. in collecting and returning the tents please do not hesitate to call David at 604-883-1199.

Early advice of numbers of BBQ guests would be appreciated.

Skippers Corner.

Sail trim on Reaches.

If you have a hard time deciding on the trim of your sails, why not try this:

Close Reaching.

1. *Initial Trim:* Trim the headsail to set the clew just inside the outer edge of the boat. Set the end of the boom just inside

the outer edge of the boat. 2. *Fine Trim:* Start with the headsail. Ease the sheet until the luff starts to flutter. Then trim enough to stop the flutter. Next, trim the mainsail. Ease the mainsheet out until the luff just begins to flutter. Then, gently pull in the mainsheet until the flutter stops. Repeat as



many times as needed. Remember that as you sail closer to the wind you will have to continue this over and over again. Remember that one sail affects the other, and you should not alter one without making a change to the other.

More hints next month.

Summer Series 2012.

We have had a total of four Races with nine different boats participating. The leader for April is Avanti (David Zuest) with a total of 40.9 Points. In second place is BC Navigator (Tom "The Kid" Barker) with 30.7 Points. The last race of the month was a Drift which resulted in all four boats DNFin, however they all got points for showing up and crossing the start line. The full months results are on the website. We had a total of 19 boats taking part in the races this month, and hopefully this number will climb as the season gets under way.

Next After-Race-Meeting. This is scheduled for Saturday, 5th May. As usual we will meet at the Garden Bay Club after the race, or at 12.00 if the race is called off. Please mark your calendars and remember to invite a friend. Look forward to seeing you there.