

# GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

## Skipper's Profile

### Ron Badley

Ron Badley began sailing in the early 70's on Kempenfelt Bay in Barrie Ontario. The boat was an Invitation, which is very similar to an oversized Laser. Over the years Ron sailed all manner of dinghies and yachts and in 2000ish he was to be found crewing on a Martin 241 out of Gibson's. After a couple of years he "jumped ship and tried every boat that was available...so many boats...most were fun, a few not!"

During the next few years Ron sailed several Southern Straits on everything from a large C&C to an Olson 30.

In the Gibson's Club he worked his way up through the club to become Fleet Captain and eventually Commodore. During that time the Gibson's Club put on a number of very fun and successful regattas.

Anne and Ron have owned more boats than either of them care to recall, but a few highlights were a Cal 34, Kismet 30 tri, Nonsuch 30, Express 27, J42, T-Bird, Martin 242, several Lasers, at least two Thistles and their present cruiser a Newick 36 Trimaran *Drifter*.

Most of Ron's racing experience has come from the watch and learn method. The biggest teacher is learning from ones mistakes. Ron's hot tip is "Get in front early and stay there. It is much easier to defend than attack". He is also a strong advocate for attending some of the local regattas, and feels that the Round Bowen is a must. The start and the spinnaker run down the channel being the highlights. For round the cans he recommends Squamish as well as SIN in Nanaimo.

"Heck, it's all good, just get out there!!"

But there is a dark side to this modest sailor. Ron also lusts after motor boats!! He is currently in the process of building a Badley 40, trailerable. The hull is almost complete, and then there will be the tricky task of rolling her over to finish the interior and install the motor etc. If anyone is going past the Badley's home I would encourage you to drop in and see this masterpiece as she unfolds. Good luck Ron... we all look forward to seeing her in the water.

## Summer Series 2013

The Summer Series is about to begin its third year. It will be running from 6 April until the end of September. I would like to encourage all our members to come out and try their hand in our weekly Saturday racing event. It is not necessary that you get into the fray but just by participating in these races it will help you learn about your boat and yourself as a skipper. So do give it a try.

## Next Pub Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Garden Bay Pub on Saturday 13 April. Please mark your calendars. As always friends and family are welcome. It will also be an excuse to celebrate the start of the Summer Series. Call either Tom Barker or David Twentyman by 10am to find out if there is a race.

## 24th.Malaspina Regatta

It is only a matter of three months before we will be holding the 24th Annual Malaspina Regatta and BBQ. This is our one big event of the year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, not only out in the straits, but also at the BBQ in the evening. The format will be unchanged from last year and if anyone has any special suggestions as to

how we can make it even more successful then please contact David Twentyman (604-883-1199), or bring the topic up at the next Pub Meeting.

## Sail Trim Lecture

I spoke with Stuart Dahlgren (the new owner of UK Sails Northwest), at the Vancouver Boat Show, and he indicated that he would be prepared to give a Sail Trimming Lecture in July, on his way to or from Desolation Sound.

In subsequent talks I told him I would poll the membership to find the interest level and let him know. This is a wonderful opportunity for all members to learn more about the intricacies of sail trimming from someone with lots of both practical, as well as inside, knowledge of the industry.

In order to make this happen I would appreciate it if anyone who would be interested in attending let me know as soon as possible so that I can firm it up with Stuart. The dates are open at the moment but will be announced shortly.

UK Sails Northwest have also agreed to donate a couple of Door Prizes for the Malaspina Regatta.

## Crew Pool

At the last Pub meeting it was suggested that we should start a Crew Pool/Bank on the Website, where interested people could put their names for crewing.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in crewing on a casual or full time basis then please send me their names and contact information so we can start this new link. For those boat owners who have not yet participated in the Saturday Races this is a great way to get to know the basics before trying it in your own boats.