

# GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

## Carol Ships

The Flyer giving the details of the Carol Ships on December 20th should have been received by all of you. If you have not already been in contact with Charlie Park please let him know if you plan to take part. For those of you who do not get on the water remember that there is a Gathering at the Garden Bay Pub following the parade. If it has had to be postponed we will meet at 6 pm.

## Egmont Race/Cruise

The third and final race/cruise of the season took place on the weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The destination was Egmont. Although nine boats had indicated that they might participate, the gale force wind warning which was issued the night before the race deterred all but four boats from coming out. The boats which took part were *Frendy* (Charlie Park), *Hraefn* (Brad Lowell), *Pretender* (Claus Sjogren) and *Wings II* (Andy Paulus).

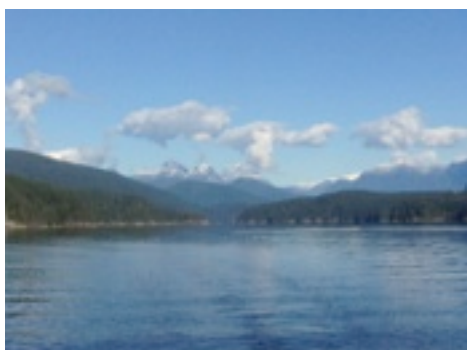
Although the wind was strong at the start of the race it soon died off and the racers struggled with light and variable winds for the first leg on Saturday. *Wings II* crossed the line first with a time of 3 hours 16 minutes, with *Frendy* finishing second in 3 hours 45 minutes.

The evening was well spent around the fire in the Backeddy Pub where the participants were joined by about a dozen other club members who drove up to Egmont for dinner.

Sunday was a glorious day to be out on the water. The sky was clear and the mountains, which had a light dusting of fresh snow, made a spectacular backdrop.

Unfortunately, once again, the wind was light so a decision was taken during the

race to shorten the course. *Pretender* finished first with a time of 2 hours 22 minutes with *Frendy* in second place with a time of 2 hours 36 minutes. If you ask



Charlie he will probably tell you that he can still hear the whale which blew just a few metres off his port bow during the race. We don't know what kind of whale it was but Charlie described it as being "as big as a submarine".

If anyone has any suggestions for destinations for next year's race/cruises let Andy Paulus know [Paulus1@dccnet.com](mailto:Paulus1@dccnet.com).

A special Thank You to Andy for organizing this Race/ Cruise, and making all the arrangements at the Backeddy Pub.

## Next Pub Gathering

December can be a busy month and the only date that seems practical is after the race on the 14th. Please mark your calendars and lets get a good gathering to celebrate the Season and the end to another good year of racing and cruising.

## New Racing Rules

Just a reminder that the new Racing Rules will come into effect in the New Year so it is time to read them through and to acquaint yourselves with any of the changes.

## 2013/14

Although the club were deeply saddened by the death of our Founding Member, Tom Barker, it has been an active year for the Garden Bay Sailing Club.

Members have become more engaged and interested in the Club's events and future plans and three Race/Cruises were completed

Remember it is your participation that will make the club a success.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support, and to wish you all a **Very Happy Christmas** and **Fair Winds in the New Year.**