

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Winter Series Results

Last month we managed to get in a total of four races, and each week there were more boats on the start line. The results for January were:

Pretender (Claus Sjogren)	39.4 points
Frendy (Charlie Park)	28.5 “
Infidel (Dale Kerfoot)	24.1 “
Elua Makani (Sean McAllister)	11.7 “
La Belle Rêve (Tom Spooner)	10.7 “

There are some surprising placings for October through January:

Pretender (Claus Sjogren)	86.5 points
Infidel (Dale Kerfoot)	72.8 “
Elua Makani (Sean McAllister)	38.1 “
Nexus (John Mattison)	28.6 “
Frendy (Charlie Park)	28.5 “
Peregrine (David Twentyman)	27.4 “
Wings II (Andy Paulus)	25.2 “

There are still two more months of the Winter Series and, as you can see, there is still plenty of room to find a top three placing! So lets see you out there!

Pub Meeting Jan 21

At the meeting held in the middle of January it was agreed that the GBSC would make a Donation of \$4000 to the Health Centre. They have been running in a deficit for a couple of years, and need extra funds in order not to have to cut any of their services.

A number of other items were agreed on which will be updated at the next meeting.

Next Pub Meeting

The next Pub Meeting will be held after the race on Saturday, February 18 at the Garden Bay Pub.

If there is no race we will meet around 12 noon.

Renewed Memberships

At the time of writing we have received **29** renewed memberships. If you have not already paid, now is a good time! Thank you.

PHRF Sail Measurement

A number of the Club's members attended the Sail Measurement and Rules Seminar put on by North Sails and Gary White. David Pritchard gave the following summary of what is happening in Gibsons:

“Gary is proposing to form a new club - membership fees \$150 per year. That would include BC Sailing membership. They would incorporate as a non-profit society.

Lots of discussion about things like whether the name should include the word “sailing” (Gary seems to prefer not since he does not want to exclude anybody - I think most people on the floor were there as sailors so I think the sentiment was against his view), and how much effort should be directed at activities other than racing (again I think the audience want mostly to focus on racing).

A lot of misunderstanding about the role of BC Sailing and yacht clubs when getting a PHRF certificate. Gary seems to be putting out the view that you can only get a certificate if you are a member of a club which is tied in with BC Sailing. This was contradicted by some on the floor who say that there is a way to get a certificate just by belonging to BC Sailing. My sense of it is that most people there just want to get back to regular organized sailing in Gibson's and don't care much about how “official” their rating is. Of course there are going to be a few serious racers who compete in more regattas who do need an official rating certificate.

People seemed to just want organized, regular racing. I think we should stay with our inexpensive and simple minded approach to the Malaspina Regatta”

Gunkholing By David Hoens Overnight at Harmony Islands near Freil Falls, and lunch at Green Bay

This is the time of year to certainly take in Freil Falls (see pic), with the



runoff just starting. It will be a spectacular site to behold with all the water cascading down and pouring into Hotham Sound. As you are anchoring at Harmony Islands you can just hear the falls in the distance.

This is a great one or two day destination, which is within easy reach from Pender Harbour. Dale and I were advised last year to try this out by many members of the sailing club, and we were not disappointed. I felt so comfortable that I tried a day cruise with my wife Diane as well. Dale and I used the Dreamspeaker Cruising guide step by step to follow the path from Pender Harbour to Harmony Islands. We overnighted there and the next day stopped at Green Bay, on Nelson Island, for lunch on the way back.



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This is just about 1/2 way up Agamemnon Channel

The tricky bit to Gunkholing at Harmony Islands (pic below), we discovered, is finding places to stern tie. A couple of locations there are private islands, and no stern tying is allowed.

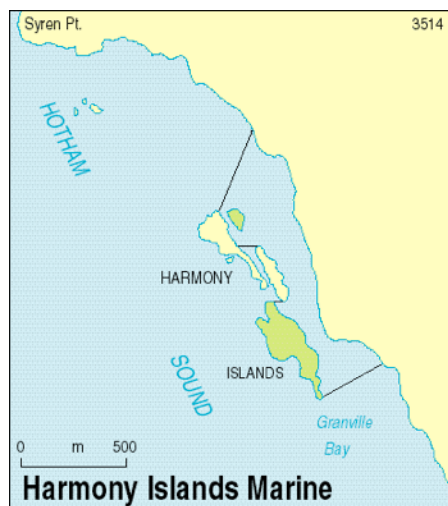
You can view the progress of this journey at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuRM3xaCeFw> or [Welo's trip to Harmony Islands](#)

However, the Dreamspeaker book gives the best illustrated diagrams of the locations available to stern tie and anchor, for both Harmony Islands and Green Bay.

If you would like a copy of those pages let me know. dhoens@dccnet.com

The coordinates for this trip are:

Harmony Islands	– 49.51.888' N, 124.00.945' W
Freil Falls	– 49.51.267' N, 124.00.254' W
Green Bay anchoring	– 49.42.554' N , 124.4.883' W



- Harmony Islands Marine Parks is only the southernmost island (light green) The other 2 islands are privately owned and are not a part of the park

- Bring your own drinking water as potable water is not available in the park.

- There are no developed trails.

Malaspina Regatta Volunteers

Thank you to the following people who have volunteered to help at our main regatta on July 1. The numbers in red show the positions that are still open.

Committee Boat: Len Lee

Committee:

Food Organizers: Louise Twentyman, Darlene Kerfoot, Jude LeMoine, Susan Mattison (3)

Buns:

BBQ tossers: Charlie Park, Tommy Spooner, Brad Lowell, David Pritchard, John Mattison

Propane BBQ: Charlie Park, David Twentyman, (1)

Tent Pick-up: Dale Kerfoot, David Twentyman, John Mattison

Tent Setup Friday: same plus (2)

Tent Dismantle: All

Tent Returns Monday: Dale Kerfoot, David Twentyman, John Mattison

BBQ Ticket Collection: (1)

Late Ticket Sales: Ian Wright

50/50 Draw: Jude LeMoine

Summer Series Presenter 2016: John Farquhar

Winter Series Presenter 2016/7: David Twentyman

Tom Barker Award: John Barker

“Committee Prize” Presenter: Nick Loenen

Dinghy Races & Presenter: David Hoens or sub

Racing in the Big League

This year is full of some of sailings epic races. Many of you may have been, or still are, watching the Vendee Globe round the world single handed. The winner was Armel le Cléac'h in Banque Populaire VIII, in a record time of 74 days 3 hours 35 mins and 46 secs. In second place was

the Brit Alex Thomson in Hugo Boss just 15 hours 59 mins and 29secs behind. Alex managed, however, to smash the 24 hour distance record, covering an extraordinary 536.81 miles, at an average of 22.36 knots!

Of the 29 skippers who started, eleven have had to abandon the race due to damage or structural problems. There are still 12 skippers trying to finish the ‘Everest of sailing’.

The next event on the sailing calendar is the 35th. America’s Cup which is to be held in Bermuda. The Cup Qualifiers and Challenger Playoffs are scheduled to begin May 26 and run until June 12. Unlike in previous America’s Cups other events have been intermixed in the schedule. From June 12-21 the Red Bull Youth America’s Cup will be raced. There will be a three days Regatta for America’s Cup “J” Class between June 14 and 20. The America’s Cup itself will take place June 17-18, June 24-27.

The Results of the Louis Vuitton America’s Cup World Series has Land Rover BAR leading with 512 points ahead of Oracle Team USA and Emirates Team New Zealand with 493 and 485 points respectively. There will be six teams competing for the Cup.

<https://www.americascup.com>

Towards the end of the year, on October 14, the Volvo Ocean Race will begin in Alicante (Spain) before heading off on a 45,000 nautical mile lap of the planet. The stopovers for the teams are Lisbon, Cape Town, Melbourne, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Auckland, Itajai, Newport, Cardiff, Gothenburg and finish in The Hague at the end of June 2018.

www.volvooceanrace.com

Fair Winds

David Ll. Twentyman