

# GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

## Malaspina Regatta Wrap-up

It seems like ages since we held this year's Malaspina Regatta. From all reports it appears to have been a success, and that everyone enjoyed themselves. The BBQ which was held on the Saturday was the usual culinary delight. The Race, which had to be postponed by one day, was also one of the best in the history of the Regatta. The Prize giving was delayed by two weeks, and took place at the Garden Bay Pub, after a well attended Saturday race (12 boats). For the second year in a row, Ron Badley was awarded The First Across The Line Trophy.



The First Overall Trophy was presented to Andy Paulus, who has to be commended for single handing his boat "Wings II" around the windy course.



The winners of the individual classes were also presented with their Plaques: Dave Zuest for Division AA, Andy Paulus for Division A, David Pritchard for Division

B. Group C was given to Keith Muir, on a separate occasion.

## Summer Race Series 2012

This has been an active month of racing and on 14th. July there were a total of 12 boats on the Start line. The total number of boats that competed this month was 38, which is very commendable. The winner for July is Avanti (Dave Zuest) with 56.9 points followed by Peregrine (David Twentyman) and BC Navigator (Tom Barker) with 52.2 and 52.1 points respectively. The overall leader from the beginning of this year's series is Tom Barker with 179.4 points followed by Dave Zuest with 171.5, and David Twentyman with 170.0 points each. It is good to see that we are continually having new boats join the race, and I can only encourage you to invite other skippers to participate. We are now at the half way point through this year's series and I hope that we will continue to see an ever increasing attendance in the Saturday Races.

## Next meetings

Please mark your calendars for the next two meetings which are to be held at the Garden Bay Pub on **August 11th.** and **August 25th.** Remember that this is a casual gathering, which is open to all, regardless of whether you have sailed or not in the Saturday Race.

## Skipper's Profile

Nick Loenen grew up in Nieuwe Loosdrecht in the Netherlands, and emigrated to Canada when he was 12. Nick has always had an interest in boats, be it the building or the sailing of them. In his early twenties he built a Kitsilano 12 and taught himself to sail. Nick joined the Jericho Sailing Club where he continued to refine his skills in his Flying Dutchman,

which was one of the Olympic classes for many years. This is a very demanding dinghy, and when Nick bought his home in Pender Harbour he continued to sail it around Lee Bay. His interest in boat building continued with the construction of a cedar strip canoe, followed by an Optimist for his grandchildren. But his real boat building career began in 2000 when as he writes in his recently published book: "It happened at Lee Bay near Pender Harbour, seventy kilometers north of Vancouver along the spectacular, uniquely rugged coast of British Columbia. I had just overturned the Flying Dutchman. While clinging to the centre board it reluctantly dawned on me - I was no longer twenty-five and I might need to give up the high performance Dutchman dinghy for a stable keel boat, more appropriate to my age." Most people in such a position would have gone out and bought a boat, but not Nick, he was going to build his own wooden boat. He chose the Dragon, which had been designed originally in 1928 in Norway, and is still a very popular boat in Europe. This design has slim lines and offers fine sailing and is sea worthy. It took Nick six plus years to complete "Lady Jayne", and she is a masterpiece. He had to learn the art of working brass flat bars and stainless steel; melting lead to cast the keel; how to roll the hull and how to steam wood to make the beautiful curves of her hull; and many other things which any one of us might take a life to learn. Nick is a consummate perfectionist and an excellent sailor. His book "Wooden Boat Building, How to build a Dragon Class Sailboat" is a fascinating account of the trials and tribulations of boat building, and full of fascinating details. He is one of the many talented members that we are fortunate to have in the Garden Bay Sailing Club.