

# GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

## Summer Series June Results

There were only three races this month due to the Van Anda Race/Cruise which took place on the weekend of June 18. However, we did have good turnouts each week, averaging 10 boats.

The first five boats in the June series were:

Peregrine (David Twentyman)	42.8	points
Pretender (Claus Sjogren)	38.8	“
Lady Jane (Nick Loenen)	38.3	“
Frendy (Charlie Park)	28.4	“
La Belle Rêve (Tom Spooner)	25.6	“

In the overall series, April through June, the leaders are:

Pretender (Claus Sjogren)	149.7	points
Peregrine (David Twentyman)	101.0	“
Belle Rêve (Tom Spooner)	100.3	“
Frendy (Charlie Park)	81.5	“

Please note that in July the race on Sunday, July 3, as well as, the two races the following weekend (Pender Harbour Days Festival) will all count towards the Summer Series. I look forward to seeing you there!

## GBSC Memberships

The Club continues to attract new people and stands at 46 paid up members. There are, however, some 14 outstanding Annual Dues. **If you have not paid please do so, otherwise your name will be removed from the distribution list.** Thank you!

## Next Pub Meeting

The Pub meeting will be held after the race on Saturday, July 16. If there is no race we will meet around 12 noon at the Garden Bay Pub.

## Malaspina Regatta

### July 2-3

At the time of writing there were 27 boats registered for the race. This compares to 22 in 2015, 21 in 2014 and 23 in 2013. There are 130 reservations for the BBQ.

Those skippers who have registered for the Race will be receiving a Registration and Entry Form, Racing Instructions, and Chart of the Course two days before the Skippers' Meeting. They are requested to have them printed off and filled in before the Skippers' Meeting so as to speed things up.

**PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO THE PERSON/PERSONS WHO WILL BE BRINGING DESSERTS: This year we do not have the use of the Tackle Shop, so any desserts brought to the BBQ MUST be kept with you until serving time.**

**There is limited parking available, but you will be able to drive in to drop off chairs/food/drinks, etc. then exit and park outside the resort. Thank you for your cooperation!**

## Single-handed Vancouver/ Nanaimo Race

by Charlie Park

This race from Vancouver to Nanaimo and return is an annual two day event organized by the Royal Naval Sailing Association, and run by the racing committee of the False Creek Yacht Club. It attracts sailors who like to be competitive but do not always choose fully crewed racing. I have heard certain people calling the participants 'a little mad'.

Being attracted to the madness of this sort of thing, I have done this race many

times over the years and even won it one year, but I am usually an "also ran". ending up in the middle of the pack. The weather is often boisterous in early June. The wind in the previous two years was too strong for me to fly the spinnaker and to get any success in my boat "Frendy" you have to fly to sail to the flying sail rating I declared. So in those two years I was just an "also ran".

Time for a change, got to get into the medals. However, this year, the conditions were just as bad as ever! Strong north westerlies meaning a tough beat all the way to Nanaimo. You all know that I don't point as well as some, but with a reef in the main I wasn't doing too badly. The wind picked up some more as we got a few miles from Nanaimo, about 25 knots on the nose causing too much heel and lots of water blasting the dodger and rushing by the side decks. Fortunately, only spray in the cockpit. A very rough trip. The hot shots can make it in one tack from Roger Curtis to Snake Island, but not me, I had to throw in an extra couple or so to make it, and tacking was a nightmare with the full 135 up. I tried to reduce it by furling in a bit but too difficult in those conditions without losing a lot of time. On this, the first leg, I placed in the middle, just an "also ran" yet again.

A fine social evening was spent at the Nanaimo Yacht Club over dinner, pretty much the same people every year so you get to know them. I was asking one particular young hot shot about flying the spinnaker in these conditions and how to jibe and get it down. His take was, just get on with it, get it up and things will usually work out. I reflected on his words the following day during the return leg.

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The conditions were not quite as bad but still strong north westerlies. I started with white sails and was doing around 7-8 knots, rolling a bit so why fly? So I didn't. After about an hour the wind eased a little, not that much as I was still doing 6.5 to 7.5 knots, but I could see some chutes



popping in the fleet. OK, this is the moment. get it up and don't worry about the rest, easy to say, eh? So with a very dry mouth I got it up. Wow, then we really took off, 8, 8.5, 9 knots, just a trucking, surfing off the waves. Fortunately, "Frendy" tracks very well downwind so even though it was a wild ride I never felt in danger. Too much for the autopilot though so I had to breakdown and steer myself. A bit of a drag. There was no way I could contemplate a jibe in those conditions, but fortunately the wind direction held and as I approached English Bay I could see that I was doing quite well. Then the wind died a lot, to be replaced with a god awful chop coming out of the bay. Please wind, keep the same direction, I don't want to be on the foredeck in this. Which it did until about 100 yards from the finish line. Then it changed and I had to jibe to make the line. Seemed easy enough, wind down but

hugh chop, so off we go on the foredeck, executing the jibe, back to the cockpit to trim the sheet and guy. But all hell broke loose in the time it took me to get back to the cockpit and before I had time to trim. Somehow the chop had caused the pole to get on the wrong side of the headstay and furlled the spinnaker clew around the stay, everything completely jammed up, wind now forward of the beam. What a spectacle for those on the committee boat. Anyway I was just able to make the line with the main, the chute flapping like crazy. Very embarrassing to say the least.

After the finish, getting the mess sorted and the chute down was a hugh challenge, but thats another story. But I did learn something the hard way, never too old eh? That was "keep off the foredeck when conditions are bad and don't try to jibe, just get it down and to hell with race position". Too bad my hotshot friend never mentioned that! Anyway, despite the foul up I managed second place in Division 2 overall and I won the Ancient Mariner Award. Thats for the aged "over 75" idiots that do this sort of thing when they should be at home in a rocking chair.

Maybe next year I'll do that!

## Van Anda Race /Cruise June 18-19

By Andy Paulus

The second race/cruise of the season took place on June 18-19 with the destination being Van Anda on Texada Island. Five boats took part: Frendy (Charlie Park), Pretender (Claus Sjogren), Infidel (Dale Kerfoot), Encore (Ian Wright) and Wings II (Andy Paulus).

On Saturday morning the fleet gathered off Cape Cockburn on Nelson Island, but was met by a light drizzle and

calm winds so everyone motored up to Northeast Point where a steady Northwest wind was blowing. After two hours of sailing, and with Van Anda in sight, the wind calmed and the rain started again so sails were lowered and everyone motored into Van Anda.

On Saturday evening a pot luck dinner was held on the dock of the Texada Boating Club.

Again on Sunday morning the winds started out calm but picked up around 10:30 am. Conditions were ideal; winds southeast 10 to 15 knots with partly cloudy skies. Pretender, skippered by Claus Sjorgen, showed us what his Peterson 35 could do in a stiff breeze. She outpointed everyone on the upwind beat home by a considerable margin and finished well ahead of Wings II and Frendy, who crossed the line second and third respectively.

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The next race/cruise will be to Nanaimo on August 13-14.

## Pender Harbour Days July 8-10

The Festival weekend begins with a boat parade which will start to assemble at 5:00 pm and will leave Madeira Park at 5:30 pm on Friday. All boats are welcome to participate.

On Saturday and Sunday the GBSC will be hosting two in-harbour races, one each day, which will be open to any visiting boats. The start time will be at 12 noon, and boats should assemble between Madeira Park and Garden Peninsula at 11:45 am. Check out all the festivities at: [www.PenderHarbourDays.ca](http://www.PenderHarbourDays.ca)

Fair Winds

David Ll. Twentyman

# VAN ANDA RACE/CRUISE

