

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Saturday Races

Well they say that “if March comes in like a lion she will go out like a lamb”, and this certainly turned out to be the case.

The first two races resulted in some excitement and regrettably a little damage. I hope that this is a rare event for us, and I am glad everyone is now back on the water.

This photo finish between Wings II, Fenix, and Calais occurred at the end of the



race on March 19. The real time difference between the three was only 15 seconds.

On the Easter weekend we had a longer race to Nares Rock. Nine boats took part and it was good to see Elua Makani back in the mix. The rounding of Nares Rock caught most skippers by surprise, but the fleet then proceeded to concertina as the wind filled in from the west. By the time the fleet reached Duncan Cove it was too close to say what the final result would be. On the leg to Hospital Bay the wind filled in nicely which resulted in some close finishes.

See pictures on page 3 courtesy Barb Nield, and Louise Twentyman

Boat Inspections

On Saturday March 19 Gary White, Dennis Lefeaux (North Sails) and Steve White (SW Rigging) came to Fisherman's Resort to inspect, advise, and discuss members' concerns about their sail condition, deck lay out and rigging. Altogether there were eight skippers who took advantage of this opportunity.



Gary White, Dennis Lefeaux reviewing sails with Tommy Spooner



The assembled boats at Fisherman's



Steve White fixing Elua Makani's masthead wind instruments

Dennis is North Sails 'Care Manager' and was able, at a glance, to tell skippers what they needed to do to their sails in order to optimize them. This was very instructional and of great assistance.

I believe that every skipper learned something from this inspection and that they were all very appreciative of the visit and the time Gary, Dennis and Steve took in coming up to Pender Harbour.

In subsequent talks with Steve White he told me that he would be willing to return if there are more than three boats to work on. So if anyone still has any questions, or was unable to attend and needs his services, please let me know, and subject to interest levels I will talk to Steve.

Racing Rule # 20

It is worthwhile re-reading Rule 20, which covers Room to tack at an obstruction, Hailing, Responding and Passing on a Hail to an additional boat. It is up to each skipper to be aware of what is going on around them during, before and after a race. It is not enough to only look at the nearest boat to you. You also have to consider its size, crew make-up, and what other boats are nearby on the other side of her, i.e. what ability do they have to react to a change in the situation, be it a gust or an obstruction, or a motor boat. If you call for room you must be aware what impact that has on all the other boats in the vicinity and have to give them and yourself appropriate reaction time. Even a preliminary shout that you will be calling for room, prior to actually calling for room, can save a lot of anguish when it comes to tight sailing conditions.

Summer Race Series

Don't forget that the Summer Series starts on May 2. This series runs until the end of September. The Cruise /Races do not count in the scores.

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Next Pub Meeting

The next meeting will be held after the race on April 16 at the Grasshopper Pub. If there is no race we will meet around 12 noon.

Weather App

Ian Wright drew my attention to another weather App which might be of interest to some of you.

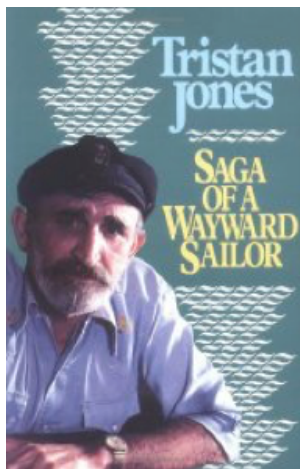
Go to www.windyty.com

Favourite Nautical Books

The books of Tristan Jones

submitted by David Pritchard

Tristan Jones was an original. The author of sixteen books chronicling his adventurous life as a sailor, a romantic, and a story teller, he spent most of his life at sea, first in the British Navy and then sailing around the world in impossibly small boats with little money. His writings about his early life were an entertaining mix of fact and fiction. He claimed to have been born in 1924 aboard a tramp steamer off the Island of Tristan da Cunha - hence his first name, but later it turned out that he was



actually born in 1929 in Liverpool and was christened Arthur Jones. In later life he settled in Thailand, converted to Islam, and changed his name yet again to 'Ali'.

After his death in Thailand in 1995, an obituary in *Cruising World* said this of him: "Those of us who sail and dream, and who find that our dreams are just an approximation of reality, reveled in Tristan's adventure. In his books he let us join him in now impossible adventures that we would wish for ourselves. That he sailed in the most difficult climes is fact. His confrontations and battles with petty officials were fact. Tristan's battles against the odds, as he described over and over in his books, were little more than his irascible railing against the larger officialdom of fate."

His most famous book is probably *The Incredible Voyage*, published in 1977, chronicling the realization of his unlikely idea of setting the "altitude record for sailing" by sailing both the Dead Sea (below sea level) and Lake Titicaca (12,000 feet up



in the Andes Mountains). The photo above shows his 21' boat the Sea Dart somewhere in South America while in the course of getting from Lake Titicaca to the headwaters of the jungle rivers leading eventually to the Atlantic Ocean at Buenos Aires.

A lesser known book, but one that I particularly enjoyed is *Outward Leg*. After having his leg amputated and spending seven ashore, Jones decides to return to sea and in October 1983 Jones and one crew member set out from San Diego in a 36 ft trimaran, intending to circumnavigate the world. The most interesting part of the book covers their trip via the Rhine and the Danube into the Black Sea at a time when

the Communist states of Eastern Europe were beginning to crumble.

Unfortunately I don't have *The Incredible Voyage* or *Outward Leg* in my library anymore, and I could not find copies in the Sechelt Library - but if you come across them I highly recommend them. The books of his that I still have on my shelves are *Ice!* (1978), *Adrift* (1980), and *Somewhere East of Suez* (1988) - I'll be happy to lend them to any GBSC sailor who wants a good read.

GBSC Memberships

At the time of writing we had 43 memberships renewed for 2016. We are awaiting the return of some of the "snow geese", and hopefully we will reach the same number (51) as last year. I look forward to receiving any outstanding memberships fees.

Pender Harbour Clean Up

April 22 and 23

If you have not already volunteered your services for the Annual Pender Harbour Clean Up there is still time. I have circulated the flyer with details of the area leaders, and hope that you will get involved.

Member Activity

In the WVYC Southern Straits Race on Easter weekend, Alan Slater took part in *Bedlam II*, but did not manage to finish due to time constraints. Alan and *Bedlam II* hope to be in PH for most of the summer.

David Hoens and Dale Kerfoot took a trip to Harmony Islands last month. Take a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuRM3xaCfW>

Fair Winds
David Ll. Twentyman

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EASTER WEEKEND NARES ROCK RACE



CALM: SEA CONDITION CHARACTERIZED BY THE SIMULTANEOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF THE WIND AND THE LAST COLD BEVERAGE