

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

It is always nice when a club can welcome new members and even better when they show an interest and join in the racing and other events. Such a person is Dale Kerfoot and his wife Darlene and their boat *Infidel*.

Skipper's Profile

Dale started his sailing career frankly on a whim a few years ago at the age of 63. A friend took him and his wife Darlene out sailing, and he caught the sailing bug.

The thought appealed to Dale to one day have his own sailboat! That day arrived 2 years ago when an add popped up for a Classic 1969 Alberg 30 for sale in Garden Bay. Although it needed engine work and lots of TLC it was afloat! Dale had his first sailboat without even knowing how to sail it!

The next year saw Dale switch his talents from building Hot-Rods to Sailboats, and with the help of Darlene everything from the tip of the keel to the mast head saw dramatic improvement.

The boat was now ready and it was only in June of 2012 that Dale took to sailing seriously. He took part in the August race series and many of this year's weekend races.

Recently 'Infidel' has been moving up from last place and taking part in more Club long distance races. She has also cruised around Lasqueti and up to Princess Louisa Inlet, all in one year! Look at the club website to see videos of some of these trips.

Now Club members, Dale and Darlene look forward to many more sailing adventures together. Welcome!!

And a big thank you to David Hoens for providing so much encouragement to Dale.

Next Pub Meeting

The next Pub Gathering will be on August 17th after the Saturday Race. This is a great opportunity for members of the club to get together and talk. Remember it is not just for the skippers and crew but for all the family members too. It is also a great opportunity to introduce potential members to the group.

Summer Series

The July results for the Summer Series are as follows: Area 51 (Ron Ledger) with 56.8 points, Peregrine (David Twentyman) with 54.3, and BC Navigator (Tom Barker) with 54.2 points. These three boats were very close being separated by only 2.6 points. In the April to July tally Silver Bullet is still leading the pack with 193.1 points, having got an impressive lead at the beginning of the season. He is followed by BC Navigator and Peregrine with 174.8 and 173.4 points respectively. In July we had a total of 38 boats show up with 9 or 10 boats for each of the four races.

Sail Trim Talk

I have talked to Stuart Dahlgren, the owner of UK Sailmakers NW, and he is still on board to come and do a talk on sail trimming. The timing will be announced at a later date but it looks as if it will be sometime between the 1st and 24th September. As soon as a date is fixed I will let you know.

Words from the Wise

In Pacific Yachting there was a good article about Don Martin, the designer of the 242 we have all come to know. In it he is quoted as saying "Sailing for me has always been about learning and teaching and discovering. Winning is one way to keep score, but it has never really been the main goal for me. One of the things I

learned early on was: don't compete to beat people. Compete to sail better every time you go out, and the winning will take care of itself. If there is one thing I try to teach today, it's this point."

Van Anda Race/Cruise

So far we have nine boats showing interest in the Race/Cruise to Van Anda in either the second, third or fourth weekend in September. David Hoens, Charlie Park and Andy Paulus are the organizers so if you have any questions or suggestions please contact them directly.

There is the possibility that we may be able to get a race going for the return trip to Garden Bay against the Texada Boating Club.

As soon as the details are finalized they will be circulated.

The Race Course

Over the years a number of different courses have been used for the Saturday races, and it continues to be a work in progress.

Recently the Duncan Cove mark was selected, and the Hospital Bay mark discarded. This gave us, in a North-Westerly, the chance for a long first leg. However, when the wind is a South-Easter, it results in a very short first leg to the Garden Bay mark, and the resultant confusion at that mark.

We will be experimenting with a new "SE course". The Start line will be parallel to the coast, opposite BC Navigator's dock and out into the harbour about 100 feet. The first leg will be up to the mouth of Whiskey Slough, then to Duncan Cove, mouth of the harbour etc.

When the chance presents itself be prepared for this innovation to be put to the test! Any comments would be welcomed by Tom or David.