

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

23rd. Malaspina Regatta.

With only one week to go, we have between 19 and 21 boats registered. We are planning food for 120 people so if you have not reserved for the number in your party, you may be disappointed. **Please call David Twentyman 604-883-1199 if you have not already done so.** Only those who buy BBQ tickets will be entered for the 16 Door Prize Draws. Please remember to bring your own Chairs/Drinks/and Finger Food Desserts

Skipper's Corner.

As you have sailed around Pender Harbour you will all have noticed the fluky wind conditions that exist. But here are some interesting tidbits of information about "Wind Shadow".

In light winds the air remains disturbed longer and further. It is only a rough guide, but under these conditions it is about 8-10 times the height of the object.

In heavier wind conditions, the wind reforms more quickly into an undisturbed state, and it is estimated it is only 4 to 5 times the height of the obstruction/boat.

Remember this when another boat comes up behind you, or you come up behind another boat, especially if spinnakers are being flown. You can really use this to your advantage.

Next Meeting.

As we are now in Summer and more of our sailors are around, it was thought that we should try having our informal gatherings every two weeks. **The next meeting will be on 14th. July** followed by one on 28th. July.

2012 Summer Race Series.

There were four races this month. (The Malaspina Regatta does not count towards these results). The winner for this month was

Peregrine with 49.6 points, followed by BC Navigator, and Avanti with 48.8 and 39.8 respectively. We had a total of 12 different boats racing during the month and favourable wind conditions prevailed for the first two races, but the latter two were lackluster.

It was good to see some new entries in May/June: Le Bel Reve, Yippykaiyae, Infidel, Carthasis and our old friend Drifter, and we hope to see them out more often over the summer months.

A small note of mirth occurred on 16th. June when only BC Navigator and Peregrine showed up in the pouring rain to see if C&C had made any improvements in design in 30 years. It was a lack luster day with very light to non existent winds and an incoming tide. Peregrine managed to lead from the start and BC Navigator had to fend off a piling and start their engine just before reaching the mark at Hospital Bay. David Twentyman got into good breeze as he sailed back toward the finish line but just 50 yards from the line the wind stopped and Peregrine was caught by the tide. Slowly she was spun round until she was going backwards, and narrowly missed crossing the Finish as she was swept past the pin end of the line on the wrong side!! Tom Barker in the meantime was just getting breeze, and was sailing at a good pace towards the finish. Peregrine was fortunate to get the same wind and just got back across the line before backwinding the genoa and recrossing the line in the right direction a couple of seconds ahead of BC Navigator. Fun was had by all!!! For those who have not come out on Saturdays this may be an inducement!!

Member Activities.

The Single Handed Vancouver to Nanaimo and back to Vancouver Race took place on the week end of 1st and 2nd June and

Charlie Park "Frendy" placed fourth in his class, out of twenty. Congratulations to him. It is good to see Club members taking part in other club events, and it would be nice to see more of this in the future.

Skipper's Profile.

David Twentyman started sailing at a relatively late age of 29, which was just after he came to Canada. His first experience was when he took a sailing course at The Jib Set in Coal Harbour, in a lumbering Cal 20.

From there he was given a once in a life time opportunity when he was asked to crew on one of the Soling which were being sailed out of RVYC. (The Soling at 26' 9", was the largest of the Olympic Class dinghies at that time). Over the next two years he crewed as the centre and then foredeck man in the three man boat and raced in regattas in Vancouver on Wednesday nights, and then trailered the boat down to Seattle at the week ends, where the then World Soling Champion and number three both raced. "It was a great opportunity and a case of learning by osmosis about all aspect of sailing, boat preparation, racing and tactics, and I was fortunate to be on the best boat in our fleet". It was an exciting couple of years which culminated in placing third in the Rothman's Olympic Training Regatta in 1975. After the crew split up David decided to buy a Fireball dinghy, which he sailed for a year before leaving Vancouver for four years.

After Louise and David moved to Pender Harbour the idea of taking up this passion again was rekindled and they bought "Peregrine", a C&C 29 Mark 1. "The reason I go sailing is I love the challenge of trying to learn something new about the boat every time I venture out, and who would not enjoy such a magnificent setting as Pender Harbour."