

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

February Saturday Races

The first race of the month was a wash out due to a total lack of wind, but the second weekend more than made up for it with some very strong gusts hitting the fleet mid race. Our luck faded again in the third and last race of the month when the weather gods sent us snow and no wind!!

It was good to see that we have been able to seduce a "new" boat to join the Saturday race, *La Belle Reve*, under the watchful eye of Tom Spooner. Tom has participated in the Malaspina Regatta so is not totally new to the club, but now he is keen on taking part in our weekly races. Welcome.

Next Pub Gathering

The next Pub Gathering will be on March 15th, and as usual will take place at the Garden Bay Pub, after the Saturday Race. If there is no race we will meet at 12.30.

The **Second Racing Rules talk** will also be given, and the focus will be on situations that can occur at the Start.

Please mark your calendars, and let me know if you will be attending.

Race/Cruise Schedule

The following dates have been drawn up for this year's Racing/Cruising weekends.

3 - 4 May: Race/Cruise to Secret Cove and Dinner at the Upper Deck. (This date is subject to confirmation).

12 -13 July: Race/Cruise to Van Anda with pot-luck dinner on the dock.

9 - 10 August: Race/Cruise to Egmont with dinner at the Backeddy Pub.

12 - 14 Sept: Cruise to Princess Louisa with campfire dinner.

This schedule has been selected in the hope that it does not clash with any other events that members may be taking part in. For more information please contact Andy Paulus or Charlie Park.

Summer Series 2014

The Summer Series is only a month away so it is time for all those skippers who have been away for the winter to get down to their boats and get them ready for another great season of sailing.

For those who have not participated in this six month series before, here are the basic guidelines:

- The handicapped results from each Saturday Race are used.
- The end points are made up of race results as well as points given for just crossing the start line.
- The Series is from the beginning of April to the end of September.

As in previous years neither the results of the Race/Cruises, nor any 'in harbour' races sailed on the same weekend will be included in the the Summer Series totals.

Answer to Rules Quiz

Green became overlapped to leeward of **Red** from astern and within two of her hull lengths, so Rule 17 prohibits her from sailing above her Proper Course while the boats remain on the same tack and overlapped within that distance. However, a boat has no proper course before the starting signal.

After the starting signal, **Green** cannot sail above her proper Course so she must bear off to a broad reach or run. Had she born off to that course at the starting signal as required, there would have been plenty of room for **Red** to pass between **Green** and the Committee boat. **Red's** protest is upheld and **Green** should do a

two-turns penalty or risk being disqualified under Rule 17.

Had **Green** been closer to the committee boat at the starting signal then **Red** would not have been entitled to room.

The lesson here is that it is always risky to expect room at the windward end of a starting line.

25th. Malaspina Regatta

The planning has already begun for this major regatta. The race is to be held on Saturday 28 June. If you have friends who would like to take part please put the word out and lets celebrate together.

We already have a few Door Prizes lined up and are looking for some additional donors. If you have any suggestions please contact me by email or at 604-883-1199.

Sail Trim

Whether you are out for a cruise or involved in a race the key to getting the most out of your sails and boat is the art of sail trim. Recently I came across this website and found it to be not only well done but also easy to understand. See what you think.

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Much of it may be things that you already know but it is always good to remind yourself of all the multitude of controls that we have at our fingertips. It is too easy to forget to readjust a setting when one is short handed, or there is another boat close by, but the impact can be quite significant. There are many pages, but being on the web you can take it at whatever speed you feel like.

I hope that you enjoy it and are able to benefit from it.

Fair Winds

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