

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Skipper's Profile

Lou Drumond

Lou started sailing in his early teens in a hand-me-down plywood day-sailer, with a "how to sail" book in one hand, and the tiller in the other.

Later, as time and the responsibilities of a young family allowed, an interest in woodworking and the opportunity to restore a vintage wooden Lightning provided Lou with a proper sailing craft to hone his boat handling skills.

Three wonderful daughters and all the drama that accompanies, turned sailing into sometimes harried weekend excursions in a stout little trailerable pocket cruiser. *Bliss* was towed to the myriad lakes that dot the Ontario landscape. Trailer-sailor camping memories still linger fondly with all family members.

Over the years Lou has had a number of re-inventions in earning his daily bread, mostly in the fast paced tech sector.

Once his 3 daughters had flown the nest, he decided to shift gears, slow things down and take up the 3rd generation family tradition of woodworking. He says "it must be a genetic thing".

Fast forward a few years and we now come to a couple of empty-nesters deciding that living on a sailboat, on Canada's 'wetcoast' was worth a try. "Actually a lifelong dream in Lou's mind, Brenda is the one that says lets "try it". Lou says fingers crossed, "so far so good".

They sold up, found an abandoned project boat languishing on the Colombia River in WA state, and embarked on a 2 year self-build/ self-realization programme that culminated in what is now their comfortable home.

Salome is an Ed Monk Sr. designed 60' ketch/cutter rigged motor-sailor with

circumnavigation experience under her keel. She calls the Gov't. Dock in Hospital Bay home port and a jumping off point to explore this wonderful coast, and perhaps beyond.

Never having forgotten the joy of dinghy sailing, Lou has recently acquired a retired Olympic Class "Star" and is threatening to offer, and is offering, some spirited competition in the GBSC races.

Lou freely admits he has his hands full single-handing this highly technical craft, but she's a joy to sail and aptly named *Silver Bullet*.

Summer Series 2013

The third "Summer Series" began on Saturday, April 6. There was a turn out of six boats for this inaugural race, which is the official start to our racing season.

For those of you who only come out occasionally, remember that you earn points 'just for crossing the start line'. i.e. the end winner of the Trophy does not necessarily win it just because they have the fastest boat over the next six months.

This is also a good way to gradually get you and your crew up to speed for the Malaspina Regatta at the end of June.

The Saturday Races are a great opportunity for you to learn more about your boat. It is only when you have someone alongside, behind or ahead, that you can gauge the impact of any sail trim changes you make. You don't have to get caught up in the action, but you can still get a good sense of things from near by.

May 25/26 Race to Secret Cove and back

Our first Racing Cruise will take place the weekend of May 25/26, and all

boaters are welcome to participate in this event.... power (not in the race), or sail. This is a great opportunity to make boating once again a part of the way of life in Pender Harbour. The plan is to race from the mouth of Pender Harbour Between Martin and Charles Islands, to the Green buoy between Secret Cove and Thormanby Island. We will dock or anchor at the Secret Cove Marina, have dinner at the Upper Deck and then race back on Sunday to Pender Harbour.

The Finish in Pender will be the usual Saturday Finish Line at Tom Barker's dock.

Please tell your boating friends and see if we can make this into not just a one off, but the beginning of a number of weekend race-cruises.

It has also been agreed that we will open this to the Power Squadron.

A separate Flyer will come out at the beginning of May with the details.

Lets make this a success and the start to a new tradition.

Annual Malaspina Regatta

The 24th Annual Malaspina Regatta will be held on 29/30 June. This is our biggest event of the season so mark your calendars. Make sure that you can come and join us, not only out in the Straits, but also at the BBQ that follows in the evening, at Fisherman's Resort and Marina.

As always **volunteers** are needed to help with Pick up and Drop off of tents; Flipping Hamburgers; Set up and Clean up at Fisherman's Resort and Marina; Collection of Trophies etc. etc.

If you have any questions, or need more information please do not hesitate to call David Twentyman at 604-883-1199 or at davidtwentyman@dccnet.com