

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Malaspina Regatta 2015 Volunteers

The following people have kindly volunteered themselves for the Malaspina Regatta BBQ:

Friday 3 July

Tent Pickup: David Twentyman, John Mattison, Paul Kappeli, Dale Kerfoot.

Saturday 4 July

Table Monitoring: Mary Bentley, Darlene Kerfoot, Dianne Paulus

Dinghy Races: David and Adam Hoens

BBQ: Charlie Park, Tommy Spooner, Andy Paulus

Ticket Collection at BBQ: Ted Bentley

Late Ticket Sales: Sean McAllister

50/50 Draw: Jude LeMoine

Baking Potatoes (50): Dale & Darlene Kerfoot

Baking Potatoes (balance 50): Carole Stickley

Prep Tomatoes: John & Susan Mattison

Slicing and cooking Onions: Diane Hoens

We are still looking for volunteers for the following roles:

BBQ/ food setup (during Race):

Louise will be contacting all the BBQ food volunteers closer to the date.

All Potatoes, Tomatoes, and Onions will be provided for you to prepare.

Please contact either David or Louise at davidtwentyman@dccnet.com or at 604-883-1199 if you can help.

Summer Series April Results

The Summer Series has started with a good turn out, averaging seven boats, in each of the four races in April.

The top four boats for the month were *Peregrine* (David Twentyman) 52.3 points, *Pretender* (Claus Sjogren) and *Frendy* (Charlie Park) each with 37.0 points and *No Name* Sean McAllister 34.2 points.

On 18 April we had an excellent and closely fought race with eleven boats taking part. The the first six boats were separated by only 3 mins 55 secs (adjusted time) at the finish.

On 25 April we saw an even closer finish in terms of elapsed times with the first four boats finishing within 3 mins 43 secs of each other.

Race/Cruise Schedule Change

The Single Handed Vancouver / Nanaimo race has been rescheduled to June 6/7. This clashes with the dates that we had set for our Race/Cruise to Secret Cove. At the Pub gathering it was agreed that we would change the date of our event to 20 & 21 June. *Please mark your calendars.*

Next Pub Meeting

The next Pub gathering will be held after the race on **Saturday 9 May**. If there is no race we will meet around 12 noon.

Please mark your calendars, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Memberships Renewals

We have a total of 36 renewed memberships, which puts us on a par with 2014, and are still waiting for a few who have not yet renewed!

Genoa Cars (follow-up)

I was delighted to receive this response from Kent Walker to last month's article on Genoa Cars, (he is the former owner of *Ainsley*, and has taken part in a number of Malaspina Regattas as well as the occasional Saturday race):

"Hi David, another way to do sheet blocks for adjustment downwind is using tweekers. A small block on a thinner line that can give the same effect as moving the sheet block forward. Kent"

This system can also be used for flying spinnakers in lighter conditions without a pole.

P.S. After one month I am delighted with my new Genoa cars. I can confirm that they are very smooth and easy to trim, and make a huge difference to the sail shape.

Skipper Profile David Hoens

My skippering history didn't really start till I turned 40! I sailed on friends' boats off and on till the spring of 2002 when I finally decided I was going to buy a sailboat! I didn't know much about boats but I remember all the fun I had and people saying that "wind was free"! and that I had a small budget. For weeks I scoured ads and

researched all the different types of boats that would take you around the world. Suddenly my wife started buying me books about sailing disasters and stories of all the wild adventures sailors had around the world. Those books did little to quench my desire, but indeed reinforced the thrill of it all; I mean if Josh Slocum could do it why not me?

My wife saw a fleet of small sailboats racing down in Crescent Beach in White Rock and they were part of a club, and it



appealed to me to join a racing/ sailing club. I think the thought of me heading out to the ocean in a boat with Hawaii in mind was a concern to my wife. Honestly what could really go wrong ..right?

One afternoon shortly after that weekend at Crescent Beach, I just walked up to a chap working on his boat in the yard, and he asked boldly if I would like to join the sailing club and buy a boat! Do you have any for sale? He introduced himself as Rob and proudly leaned against his boat and said "This boat I race and sail here and it's the best to start with. It's called an Albacore 16 and it just so happens my friend has one of the best ones here. He is moving up to a bigger boat and is selling his!" So the next afternoon I grabbed my wife and said that we are checking out a sailboat! 20 minutes later we showed up at his house. My wife stayed in the car and I went in to introduce myself. He escorted me around to the backyard where he pulled back the tarp of his boat under the back deck. I looked at it and thought sure why not? And in the matter of 30 minutes I was the proud skipper of my own sailboat! I

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even eventually named her *Diane* after my wife. I began my racing sailing experience with the Surrey Sailing Club, joining them in all the club races, and taking all the racing classes and mentorship I could handle. I added a little Laser to the fun and named her *Alice Maria* after my Mother and Sister, and raced her as well with them. (By the way, remember to always check to see you have a 'bung plug' in the stern; it



helps keep the water out and helps stop you capsizing a dozen times in your first time out! but that's another story ☺)

After a few years I was ready to venture into a little bit bigger sailing experience, so I volunteered for a few summers at the Disabled Sailing Club at Jericho Beach in Vancouver. There I



witnessed the Hobie 18's racing on the water so ...one morning Ben, who worked at Jericho, said he was selling his Hobie and asked if I knew anyone who would like to buy it? I thought 'why not?' I sold the Albacore back to the club and hit the water with a super fun wet wild ride on the Hobie

18 with a spinnaker. I can't imagine what I would have done without all the club classes and club members who helped to improve



my racing/ sailing skills. I would highly recommend that all novice sailors should start with a local club!

After a couple of years I learned that the local Cal20 racing fleet was actively looking for new members to race with their



fleet. Once again I just walked into the Burrard Civic Marina and approached a chap working on his Cal 20. I said I would

like to race with the club and did they have any boats for sale? His name was Zenon and he told me that an active member was just about to sell his race boat, and stated that if I acted quickly I might be first in line. In a matter of a day Colin showed me his boat and the next chapter in my skipper path started with a keeled sailboat with the engine on the back no less! No longer would I need to push a boat into the water with a dolly. Instead I would need a trailer and a hoist that attaches to hook inside the keel and lifts it in to the water. I put a deposit down and in the next few days sold both the Hobie and Laser. I was the beaming owner of a keel sailboat named *Tyrannical*. This wonderful little sailboat led us to many enjoyable family sailings and club races.

After a while my wife said sailing on a keel boat was more enjoyable than a tippy dinghy, and if I had a bigger one she was willing to go cruising with me. So one month later *Tyrannical* was sold and I was looking at *Nesika*, a Catalina 27, up in Garden Bay. This lovely boat was our home on the water for the next 5 years racing and sailing with the GBSC. Even taking *Nesika* as far north as Desolation Sound and Princess Louisa last year!

Finally at present *Nesika* has a new home with a Spa Resort in Sechelt Inlet and this Skipper is looking for a little better performing racer/cruiser for club racing. Stay tuned for the next chapter in my Skipper career. As the saying goes "You never know what the tide bring in".

Tell -Tales / Skipper's Boats / Skipper's Profiles

Any members of the club who have not yet told their or their boat's stories is encouraged to do so. It is a great way for each of us to learn about fellow members.

Also any skippers or crew who have tales to tell should send them to davidtwentyman@dccnet.com by the middle of the month prior to inclusion.

I am always looking for articles to add to our monthly Newsletter and your help would be appreciated!

Fair Winds
David Ll. Twentyman