



GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Winter Race Series 2019/20

We have had a disappointing month, but that is to be expected at this time of year. With members away and windy, wet and snowy weather it has been hard to get in even two races.

The results for January were:

Infidel (Dale Kerfoot)	25.8	Points
Pretender (Claus Sjogren)	23.8	“
Frendy (Charlie Park)	22.9	“
Lark (Zoro Szabados)	10.0	“

The results for October through January were:

Infidel (Dale Kerfoot)	115.0	Points
Peregrine (David Twentyman)	109.5	“
Chiquita (Ron Badley)	104.2	“
Imagine (Alain Catteau)	80.5	“
Frendy (Charlie Park)	70.4	“

Next Pub Meeting

The next Pub meeting will be at 12 noon on February 1.

I apologize for the short notice.

Race Quiz #25

A more experienced helmsman of a port-tack boat (P) hails “Starboard!” To a beginner who, although on starboard tack, not being sure of himself and worried about having his boat holed, tacks to port to avoid a collision. A third boat in the race protests the situation. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?

Video Night

The next Video Session will be on Wednesday, February 19 at 5:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you at the Legion, for the next instalment of boating videos.

Answer to Race Quiz # 25

Boat P is penalized under rule 10, On Opposite Tacks, and rule 2, Fair Sailing. Rule 60.1, Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or rule 69 Action, permits a third boat to protest an incident involving other boats. A boat that deliberately hails “Starboard”

when she is on port tack has not acted “in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play.”

Race/ Cruises 2020

The first Race/Cruise will be to Secret Cove, and Claus Sjogren will be announcing the date shortly. This is also the occasion for the opportunity to compete in the Upwood Cup, which is awarded to the boat with the fastest combined times for both legs.

Ron Badley has volunteered to organize the Race/Cruise to Vananda, which will be in August.

I am looking for a volunteer to organize another Race/Cruise to a destination of their choice.

GBSC Memberships

If you have not already sent in your renewals, I would appreciate it if you would do so as soon as possible.

To those who sent them in already, a hearty thank you!

New Editor

After almost one hundred editions of the GBSC Newsletter, I will be handing over the editorial to Ron Badley effective the March edition.

Thank you to all who have contributed, and I trust that you will continue to provide articles for Ron's inclusion.

Skippers' Profiles

Wayne Stremel & Lorraine Wareham

Fellow sailors:

Unlike many of you, who were drawn to sailing at an early age, my introduction was during mid-life. And NO, it was not precipitated by the proverbial mid-life crisis!

Having been born and raised in North Vancouver I was drawn to other pathways. Terra-ferma sports such as soccer, baseball, lacrosse, rugby, and

football filled my leisure time. Football evidently became my chosen sport; and this sport supported me a university education as a four-year letterman at Simon Fraser University (1977-1980). Hence, my life took a vibrantly different course - cycling and sailing would have to wait for a later stage of life's journey. Family life and managerial career with Canada Post took precedent.

While I had limited opportunities to explore our inner coast (my father was an avid recreational fisherman), those opportunities were aboard small sport motor vessels. I always dreamt, however, that I might somehow encounter and enjoy the mystery and enchantment of sail power.

My notion of sailing came to fruition one Spring following a job transfer to Vancouver Island in 1996, when a neighbour to our newly purchased family home in Parksville, invited me to join him for a day sail aboard his Catalina 27 'Farfadet'. Of course, I was immediately smitten, and by the Fall of that year I was the proud owner of a Bruce Roberts 28 aptly named 'Nansen'. The sailing community I was introduced to recommended 'Nansen' from an estate sale - the fraternity knew the strongly built, heavily laid fibreglass vessel would keep our family safe as we learned. Nansen had a large margin for error and her characteristics were as rugged as her namesake.

Nansen served us well for the better part of a decade (though admittedly, the family was perhaps not as enthusiastic as the Skipper). Early in that decade, I was asked if I would like to crew aboard Dan MacKenzie's Niagara 26 'Humber Arm'. This

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opportunity to sail and race as part of a 4 person crew would prove to be a life changing experience. I had taken the place of Bowman Larry Hunter, who had unfortunately lost his battle with cancer; and whose brother Ralph was our helmsman. Due to this circumstance, I took my responsibilities very seriously, which perhaps attributed to my dedication to the team and the sport! The DREW crew (acronym for Dan (Humber Arm), Ralph (Pharaoh's Dance), Ed (Faradet), and Wayne) took successive turns making gourmet sandwiches and bringing their favourite bottle of grog to each contest.

DREW were collectively members of Schooner Cove Yacht Club, whose club racing was active, extensive, and recognized throughout Vancouver Island. This membership and relationship were interchangeable, and while our 4 person team was loyal to Dan and Humber Arm, other opportunities often presented for regattas and distance races with other crews. When not club racing with 'Humby', I could find myself aboard a C&C 40 Custom 'Amazing Grace' for the 'Van Isle 360' or long course 'Southern Straits' (clumsily mastering a 'dip pole gybe for downwind legs), or on a Cal 30-2 for the Astoria to Victoria 'Oregon Offshore Race'.

About 2005 Nansen was sold to make way for another 28 footer; a Crown 28 named 'Maxim'. 'Maxim' was slightly more nimble, though marginally raceable. She served for a short time, and was sold to, who turned out to be great friends, (Kelley and Darren Mahoney...who have also participated in Malaspina Regatta). 'Maxim' had been put up for sale to make way for 'Silent Motion', a 1988 C&C 35 Mk II...a racer-cruiser with a fine reputation and pedigree. (SM was additionally purchased with the notion I may be in

need of a place to live...). Silent Motion's tenure was unfortunately short lived, though not before an ill-fated 'Round Lasqueti' SCYC Regatta in 2012, when she clipped part of our spectacular continent at 6.8 knots to windward. I honestly wish, in hindsight, that I was on the helm rather than the rail in that race.

Shortly thereafter, following extensive, professional repair, SM found a new home, and I too, in the process, found a new townhome in Parksville for bachelor living.

Notable during these post 1996 years of sailing and racing was a sincere fondness for Pender Harbour. My family had first visited the area while visiting friends with summer property in Middlepoint (1969) - and had grown accustomed to summer vacationing here, giving way years later to anchoring in Garden Bay amidst many sailing excursions and multiple Pender Harbour Jazz Festivals. It was at the 2014 edition of the PHJF when I fortuitously encountered my high school acquaintance Lorraine Wareham (McConnell) thanks to my (our) friends Kelley and Darren Mahoney, whom I was accompanying on the voyage. This encounter with Lorraine led to romance, which in itself carries a remarkable story, knitted together with coincidences bordering on divine intervention.

Our friendship with Kelley and Darren also led Lorraine and I to an extended sailing adventure through the British Virgin Islands and beyond to Turks and Caicos in 2016, together with an earlier introduction to mutual friends Judy and Paul Nasmith. Judy and Paul sail a beautiful Robert Parry 44 'Annie' out of Bellingham, Wash., and Lorraine and I have had the good fortune of crewing on 'Annie' for 5 consecutive Swiftures.

Lorraine's relationship with the Coast runs deep. Her nautical experience and fishing prowess are exceptional. Lorraine and her husband Lindsay (1955 - 2008) owned both 'Wetback' (Bayliner 23) and 'Hooker', a Glasply 28. Lorraine's experienced navigational and boat handling was clearly evident in our early association and quickly formed part of her considerable charm (though these attributes comprise only a small fraction of her immense talents) : artist, philanthropist, championship golfer, volunteer, culinary expert, gardener, .. the list is much longer!

Following a sail on Calais, it became immediately evident Lorraine would quickly adapt her years of Coastal motor cruising to learning 'the lines - rather than the ropes' of sloop sailing. She had transitioned from the 'dark side' and much to my surprise, arranged the sale of her beloved Glasply 28. The early years of our relationship included cruising and intermittent club racing aboard Calais with our beloved new-found sailing club GBSC.

Cruising Calais led this aspiring 'new couple' to inadvertently be bitten with 'two footitis'; and we found an unnamed C&C 27 Mk V (Robert Ball) lying for sale in the former home port of Schooner Cove. 'Calais' in turn, found a new home within the SCYC tribe when she was purchased by Ed Annau (former owner of 'Farfadet', my first sailing experience!).

The unnamed C&C was afforded all the appropriate pomp and graces and more pomp; complemented with rum and cannon volley. (Five of our Island fraternity were gifted ceremonial brass cannons, designed and manufactured by the irrepressible Ewan Cameron; skipper of the schooner 'Fair Heid'). With ceremony and a single black
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powder blast, our sloop was baptised as 'Wild Side' in favour of the Lou Reed song bearing the same title ...(Sweet Lorraine was apparently out of the question...). W.S & L.W



Amazing Grace in Hot Rum Series in 2011



C&C 40 "Amazing Grace" in Van Isle 360



Lorraine on her Glasply 28 "Hooker"



Christening of Wild Side 2016

Fair Winds
David Ll. Twentyman