

# GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

## Summer Race Series 2012

We have had another good month of racing with a total of 38 boats showing up for the four races. It was nice to see that we also had some out of station visitors take part, "Wingading" a C&C Redline 41 and "Leonessa", a Cal 323. Other welcome participants, who we have seen in the past, were "Cartharsis", "Celtic Sun" and "Infidel". The latter took part in all four races. The winner for August is David Twentyman ("Peregrine") with 50.2 points, closely followed by Nick Loenen ("Lady Jayne"), and Tom Barker ("BC Navigator") with 47.5 and 47.3 points respectively. The Summer Race Series 2012 has one more month to run, so I hope that we will see as many of you out there as possible. The overall results so far for April through August are: First place is "BC Navigator" (Tom Barker), Second is "Peregrine" (David Twentyman), Third is "Avanti" (David Zuest), and in Fourth place "Starlight" (Zoro Szabados).

## Next meetings

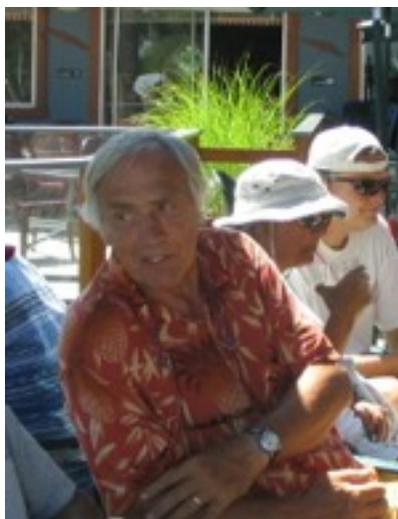
I should like to apologize for the confusion concerning the Pub Gatherings that were scheduled for August. Having asked everyone to mark their calendars, I failed to do that myself, and got the dates mixed. However, please mark your calendars for the next two sessions which are to be held at the Garden Bay Pub on **September 15th.** and **September 29th.** Remember that this is a casual gathering, which is open to all, regardless of whether you have taken part in the Saturday Race, or not.

## Member activities

Nick Loenen has been invited to the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Show to give a

talk on The Making of Lady Jayne. He will be sailing down and back, and we wish him well on this trip. Fair winds and sunshine!!

## Skipper's Profile Claus Sjogren



Claus recalls "Until the age of 30, I had never been on a sailboat but friends back east introduced me to sailing on a Cal 20 on the lakes and I rather enjoyed it". When he moved to Vancouver he was enticed by neighbours to crew for them in West Vancouver. His passion for the Peterson design began then as he crewed on a 33 and a 35 as well as an Arlberg 30. During this time Claus partook in three Swiftsure Races, as well as, two Southern Straits Races. His talent was appreciated and he soon found himself sailing year round from either WVYC or sometimes at RVYC. When he and his family moved to Tsawassen he realized that he had to have his own boat and he bought a Martin 24, which was the precursor to the 242. Claus became Fleet Captain of the Tsawassen Yacht Club, where he continued to race, and he also found time to do a little cruising to the Gulf Islands. When he moved to the interior the contact with

sailing was once again lost and it was twenty years before he ventured back into sailing. By this time they had moved to the Sunshine Coast and Claus bought his Peterson 35, "Pretender". It has been a slow uphill climb with the usual never ending project list, but she sails well and provides Claus and his family with a competitive racer as well as a comfortable cruiser. As Claus says: "I seem to enjoy competitive sailing, yet lay-back cruising with family is very special also - there are so many beautiful spots nearby that we have not even visited yet, and the harvest of the sea sets my taste buds a-tingle."

## Skippers' Corner

This column is a mixed bag of ideas for sailors, and will not only be used to give trimming thoughts and racing tips but will cover other ideas that have been suggested by members. A few of these are:

1. Summer Cruise. Rather than doing a Race one Saturday, is there any interest in going on an overnight cruise?
2. What about trying "Pursuit Racing"? "What is that?" I hear. The whole theory of this type of racing is that all the boats should finish together as a result of beginning with a series of staggered starts, which are based on their handicaps. This gives the fast boats something to really work for, while providing the slower boats with the joy of being first and having clean air to sail in. It requires more thought in the planning, but provides for an interesting change to our weekly theme.

If you have any thoughts or comments, or other suggestions please contact: [davidtwentyman@dccnet.com](mailto:davidtwentyman@dccnet.com). Remember this is your Club, and it is what you make of it.