

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Summer Race Series 2018

August Results

There were four races in August, one more than expected as the Egmont Race/Cruise was cancelled. The turnout was good, averaging 12 boats per race, which is good when one considers that a number of members were away cruising. There were light winds most of the month, which provided flukey and frustrating conditions. However, the last race of the month turned into a total drift, resulting in eight boats withdrawing, retiring or not finishing.

The results for August are as follows:

Imagine (Alain Catteau)	51.6 Points
Frendy (Charlie Park)	43.0 “
Peregrine (David Twentyman)	39.7 “
Pretender (Claus Sjogren)	38.8 “
Lark (Zoro Szabados)	32.8 “

Congratulations to Alain for winning this month's races.

The results for April through August are:

Pretender (Claus Sjogren)	184.5 Points
Peregrine (David Twentyman)	178.9 “
Linnea (Anders Rahmberg)	152.6 “
Frendy (Charlie Park)	131.1 “
Lark (Zoro Szabados)	128.7 “

September is the last month for the Summer Race Series, as well as the Tom Barker Award. To be eligible for the latter you must have competed in a minimum of ten races during the Summer Series. At the time of writing there are only six skippers who have made the cut-off: Pretender, Peregrine, Linnea, Frendy, La Belle Rêve & Lark,

But the following boats are close to inclusion: Imagine (9 Races), Far Horizon (9), Wings II (8.5), Elua Makani (8.5), Infidel (8.5), Nexus (8), Addycake (8), Deviant (7), Te-mer-i-ty (7) & Wildside (6).

There are four races in September, so you still can get included in this Award.

Egmont Race/Cruise

Due to a lack of interest this Race Cruise was cancelled. However, many thanks to Claus, Jude and Ron for trying to create some enthusiasm.

Final Cruise to Ballet Bay September 8 / 9

The final Cruise, for this year, is to Ballet Bay, on Nelson Island. The plan is to leisurely cruise up there in your own time, then to raft up and share food and drinks on Saturday evening. You can overnight there, or if you choose, you can return as it is only a short distance to “home”.

If you are interested please contact Claus Sjogren at runicviking@gmail.com or Jude Le Moine at judethepuppynanny@gmail.com or Ron Badley at badleybuiltboats@gmail.com

July Pub meeting

There was a good turnout at the meeting held at the Garden Bay Pub in July. The main point of discussion was the status of the handicaps that are used in the GBSC.

I gave a summary of the current position. We have about 23 active racing boats in the fleet, which can be split into 7 who have PHRF certificates, but only three of which use them. We have a further four boats which belong to design classes where set ratings are used, and of these two are using their correct ratings. This leaves around 12 boats which fall into the “unclassified” group, some of which can be paired with similar boats in the BCSail PHRF lists, and others fall outside any guidelines.

I went on to suggest the idea of trying to bring the ratings more in line. A list of the proposed new handicaps was circulated to the members for discussion. I further emphasized that the other objective was to

try and narrow the differences within the fleet, in order to make it more competitive.

There seemed to be general agreement with the idea, and it was agreed that the new ratings would only be put into effect at the beginning of the Winter Race Series in October. In the meantime the races would be tracked using both new and old to see what impact it would have.

The list of all the new handicaps has been circulated to the total membership for further input. At the time of writing only one slightly negative comment has been received.

Next Pub Meeting

The next Pub Meeting will be held at the Garden Bay Pub on September 15, following the race.

If you would like to join us and are not racing then we should be there around 2:30 to 3:00 pm.

GBSC Memberships

At the time of writing the club membership stood at 65, which is an all time record, and more than double that of 2013.

Well done, and don't stop there. Remember this is the best little sailing club in Canada! Let's prove it.

There are still a few members who have not paid their dues for this year, if you are one of them, it is not too late.

Winter Pub/video Sessions

Last winter a number of video sessions were held, which covered all manner of boats, and things to do with boats. If there is enough interest, we will be doing that again this year starting in October.

Please let me know if you are likely to attend.

Fair Winds
David Ll. Twentyman