



GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

WinterRace Series 2019/20

December has been one of the most frustrating months for sailing. The light winds from November persisted, but we did managed to get a fair turnout each week.

The results for December were:

Peregrine (David Twentyman)	25.8	Pts
Infidel (Dale Kerfoot)	17.5	“
Chiquita (Ron Badley)	14.0	“
Nexus (John Mattison)	13.8.	“
Imagine (Alain Catteau)	13.5	“

The results for September through December are as follows:

Peregrine (David Twentyman)	109.5	Pts
Chiquita (Ron Badley)	104.2	“
Infidel (Dale Kerfoot)	89.1	“
Imagine (Alain Catteau)	80.5	“
Te-mer-i-ty (John Verver)	56.3	“

Next Pub Meeting

The next Pub meeting will be on **January 11**, after the race. We should be at the Grasshopper Pub around 3:00 pm.

GBSC Membership Dues

Membership renewal for 2020 is now due. Forms will be sent out separately. I would appreciate it if you could return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas Boat Parade

Eleven boats turned out for this year's Christmas Boat Parade. Although there was a light drizzle, it turned out to be the best parade for years. All the boats were beautifully decorated and the festive spirit was in full force when we gathered at Pender Harbour Resort afterwards. Congratulations to all, and a special thanks to Charlie Park for coordinating it all. *(See Photos Page 2)*

Video Night

The first Video Night of 2020 will be held at the Legion on **January 22**, at 5:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you there, for another selection of nautical films.

Skipper's Profile

Alain Catteau

I learned to sail almost by accident at the age of 14 or 15. I was on vacation where my mom lived in La Baule, on the south side of the Brittany coast, France, and wanted to do something while spending my summers there, so I joined a sailing club. I sailed on a 410 club boat, derived from the 420. Over the following summers, I was racing with some of the most competitive young French sailors, and learned a lot. I really enjoyed the racing part of dinghy sailing. I spent most of my time as the crew, hanging from the trapeze!

While in La Baule, I had my first cruising experience, an overnighter under clear sky. Navigating based on the stars; I missed our port of call but really enjoyed the night sailing.

I moved to Vancouver in 1972 and by 1973 I found a co-worker who had a Fireball and we spent time going around in circles on English Bay, just enjoying being on the water. Still, I was missing racing, so I joined the Jericho Sailing Club and got on as crew on a Taser.

One winter I got invited to participate in a Winter Series from West Vancouver, my first race on a cruise boat. Ice on the deck, snow falling, not knowing our competition, I was cold and miserable. I did not go back and decided that I was a fair weather sailor!

In 1998 I travelled to New Zealand to spend a week on the Tall Ship, the Soren Larsen, cruising around the Hauraki Gulf. I liked the experience a lot and when the Soren Larsen decided to enter the Tall Ship race around the world in 2000, I decided to join her on her leg across the Atlantic from the Canary Island. Three weeks of boat handling, learning navigation, challenging myself to go aloft in rolling

seas, enjoying time on the bow sprit and star gazing, was amazing.

In 2001 I met Kathie. We lived in Langley and joined the Lower Mainland Sailing Co-op in White Rock and spent time cruising the Gulf Islands and learning about boat maintenance. In 2006 we moved to Vancouver and I went to Royal Van to hitch rides on the Wednesday night racing. After a while, I mostly raced on Manana, an Express 37, with Kathie joining me when she could. I also raced on a Martin 242.

In 2011, I graduated to Skipper, when Kathie thought that we should buy our own boat. We bought our Hunter 30, Imagine..., as she looked to be a very comfortable cruising boat and she is. We moored her at Heather Marina, a 5 minute walk from where we lived at the time. We would spend the summers cruising the Gulf Islands and the Sunshine Coast. During that time, we chartered twice in the BVI, and once in Turkey, to sail 50' monohulls and a 47' catamaran with friends.

In 2017 we moved to Pender Harbour. We brought Imagine... to Pender Harbour in 2018. We have not done much cruising since, as buying a boat was to escape the day to day life of work and living in Vancouver, and now that we live in Pender Harbour, we have escaped!

Once I learned about the Garden Bay Sailing Club, I quickly joined, enjoying the Saturday racing and the club ever since; even doing the winter series, which I had told myself I would not do, has proven to be very enjoyable.

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Fair Winds, and a Very Happy New Year to you all.

David. Ll. Twentyman



CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE 2019

