

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Skipper's Profile. The Garden Bay Sailing Club was founded in 1989 by Tom Barker and Zoro Szabados. Tom first started sailing with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets in English Bay when he was 13 years old. "We were taught on a boat that looked like an old lifeboat with 2 lug sails, and held about 10 cadets". He progressed to a 10 foot Cat boat which he bought with his brother and kept in False Creek.

While Tom was at UBC he crewed on Star boats out of RVYC, in their junior sailing programme. This is when he started his racing career which took him from English Bay to Maple Bay and Bellingham in Puget Sound.

After raising 5 children, Ann and Tom "finally ended up with my pride and joy, a Spencer 1330 ketch that was built partly to my specifications". In this boat the family cruised from the bottom of Puget Sound to the top of the panhandle in Alaska.

Sadly Tom's beloved boat caught fire and sank in Nov 2011. But this "allowed me to move to a boat that has successfully combined efficient sailing characteristics with comfortable cruising amenities". We all think of Tom as an out and out sailor, but he

does admit that he once owned a 37 ft power boat, and Tonnage and Starboard still applied!!

2012 Malaspina Regatta.

It is only one month until we will be hosting this year's Annual Regatta. A separate circular has been sent out asking members to advise David Twentyman (604-883-1199) their intentions to race in the Regatta, as well as for an indication of the number of people they may be bringing to the BBQ. The exact numbers are not critical at this point but any indication would be of assistance in ordering the food etc.

2012 Summer Race Series. So far this year we have had a total of 8 races and 11 different boats taking part in our Summer Series. The fleet seems to be getting very competitive with some tight races taking place. In the race on 19th May we had eight boats on the start line and some of the best sailing conditions of the year. The winner for May was Peregrine (David Twentyman) For April/May BC Navigator (Tom Barker) is the leader, though Avanti

and Peregrine are both snapping at his heels. I would like to once again encourage all sailors to come out and enjoy these Saturday races.

Next Post Race Meeting will be held at The Garden Bay Pub on June 2nd. Please mark your calendars. I look forward to seeing you there, with your crew and any other guests you care to invite.

Member's Activities.

The Around Thetis Race has taken place for the last 18 years, and this year Charlie Park "Frendy" took part in the race. About 50 boats participated this year, which was raced in rather light winds. Due to the slow conditions almost 50% of the competitors were DNF. (So we are not the only race to suffer in this way). This was a disappointment as the sail down and back were in good winds. This was, however, a good practice for Charlie who will be once again taking part in the Annual Vancouver/Nanaimo Single handed race in early June. We wish him Good Luck.

Skipper's Corner.

The Traveller: In **Light air** try pulling the traveller well to windward so as to give some weather helm. The boom can be above centre line as long as the sheet is eased to provide leech twist.

In **Medium air**, lower the traveller and increase the amount of sheet tension. If there is too much heel or helm then drop the traveller a little to balance the wheel. At the onset of a puff dump the traveller quickly, and then raise it as it passes.

In **Heavy Air**. You will find that lowering the traveller will not be enough, at which point play the sheet to control heel. Raising the traveller a little will make the bottom of the sail work and help with pointing.