

# GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

## Skipper's Profile

### Andy Paulus

Andy learned to sail dinghies as a child, when he spent summers at his father's cabin on Sakinaw Lake in the late sixties, early seventies.

In 1979 he joined the Canadian Armed Forces as an Engineering Officer. His military career included several tours of duty as a peacekeeper in the former Yugoslavia.

It was not until he left the military in 1999 that Andy had a chance of pursuing the sport of sailing. The only challenge was that he did not have a boat. After a little looking around he found an empty Ariel 48 hull lying in a storage yard in Delta. After reading a few books on boat building he then spent five years building his 48 foot sloop *Wings II*.

By 2009, after an absence of 30 years, Andy was ready to go sailing again even though his previous experience had only been in a 10 foot dinghy. Much to his surprise he survived the first few outings so he decided to try his hand at racing with the GBSC. Andy is the first to admit that what he knows about racing is from watching the other boats in the Saturday races, and that he still has a lot to learn.

Andy certainly showed the fleet that he is a force to be reckoned with when he took First Place in the 2012 Malaspina Regatta and also placed first in Division A. He is eagerly looking forward to defending his title this year.

Andy summed it up well "while racing is fun, the best part of having a boat like *Wings II* is the cruising. My wife Dianne, my daughter Shelley, and I like nothing better than exploring places like Desolation Sound or the Gulf Islands."

Andy is another of those members who has been a willing volunteer at many of the club functions. His enthusiasm is infectious!!

## Skipper's Corner

There are many rules that we have to know when racing and Rule 17 **On the Same Tack; Proper Course** is worth reiterating:

17.1 A boat *clear astern* that becomes *overlapped* to *leeward* and within two of her hull lengths of the *windward* boat shall not sail above her *proper course* while the boats remain *overlapped* and less than that distance apart, unless as a result she falls astern of the *windward* boat.

17.2 Except on a beat to windward, while a boat is less than two of her hull lengths from a *leeward* boat or a boat *clear astern* steering a course to *leeward* of her, she shall not sail below her *proper course* unless she gybes.

All the words in *italics* have clear definitions in the racing rules. The one that deserves repeating is for Proper Course:

"A course a boat would sail to *finish* as soon as possible in the absence of the other boats referred to in the *rule* using the term. A boat has no *proper course* before her starting signal."

## Next Meetings

The next meeting will be held at the Garden Bay Pub on February 16, when the following subjects are up for discussion:

- Cruising Schedule: (Charlie Park)
- Malaspina Door Prizes (All)
- Summer Series: (David Twentyman)

As usual the meeting will take place after the race, or at 12 noon if there is no race that day.

## AGM Meeting

There will be a separate AGM meeting in February, and the date will be advised later.

## Summer Race Series

The Summer Race Series will begin on April 6 and run until September 28.

These races are based not only on the Saturday Race results (factored by the number of boats in each race), but also on what we call "Show up" points. This is to reward and encourage everyone for getting out and trying their hand at racing. This means you get points for just crossing the start line, but more if you finish!!

This year when there are Overnight Weekend Races their results will be tabulated as a separate "trophy" and will not be part of the Summer Race Series Trophy. If any race takes part in the harbour that same weekend then those results will also be excluded from the overall results.

## Vancouver Boat Show

Just a reminder that the Vancouver International Boat Show will be taking place from February 7 to 11. The show has developed a new two day pass, which allows pass holders to attend at any two of the four days. Passes cost \$20 but seniors will pay only \$17.

For more information visit [www.VancouverBoatShow.ca](http://www.VancouverBoatShow.ca)

## Spring Clean

It is almost that time of year when you can dust the boat off and get her ready for another summer of great sailing. Take advantage of each nice day to cross another chore of the list!!