



Heading out of Roscoe Bay as the sun rises in a smoky sky, August 2017.



A New Year and a New Executive for 2018

Commodore:	John Dixon
Vice Commodore:	Darlyne Farrell
Fleet Captain:	Klaus Reiniger
Staff Captain:	George Bamford
Executive Officer:	Pat Costa
Honorary Treasurer:	Chuck Spong
Honorary Secretary:	Chris Stangroom
Past Commodore:	Andreas Truckenbrodt

Introducing our New Executive for 2018.

This is just a reminder about the up and coming meeting on Monday: our AGM and the usual fisticuffs of our Annual Photo Contest. Come and cheer on the new Executive, applaud the old and start off 2018 with a laugh or two.

There's also a teaser of newsletter things to come: a NEW feature highlighting anchorages our members have enjoyed. First up Genoa Bay by **Liz Reiniger**. And a reprise of an article Ken found in the Gulf Sailor from 1974.

Suzanne Walker, Editor *S/V White Wolf*



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*AGM
Photo
Contest
and
Terry
Dixon*

Terry's presentation is about *Voyage d'Yvinec*, the sailing adventures of a young adventurer/explorer we met on the water last summer north of Port Hardy. We thought him very intrepid and when I looked him up on the Internet afterwards, I found he has quite an international following. I'm going to talk about who he is and why he is so interesting.

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From the Archives

Ken Buckley found this article in the December, 1974, *Gulf Sailor*. GYC member, **Jean Anderson**, recorded an exciting end-of-season cruise to Camp Artaban in Port Graves. Back then the bunkhouses and main hall could be rented out by school groups and others to enjoy. You'll find some familiar names were there, too, whooping it up and contributing to a delicious sounding pot luck dinner.

Wind-up Cruise to Artaban

17 boats, 16 members and 1 guest, braved the weather to Artaban, some 40-odd intrepid sailors who found it well worth their while.

Ian and I went up Friday in what turned into a gale and had a good run under jib all the way, but a wild night at the government float had us wondering if we would spend the weekend on our own. However, things improved with the dawn and by lunchtime the boats began arriving right up until suppertime in the big rec room in front of a blazing log fire. The weather seemed to have heightened people's pleasure in a good fire, good food and good company and the cold trip up was soon forgotten.

Ian's cribbage challenge was taken up by quite a few people but alas his supremacy was short-lived. At one time Sandy Ballantyne was heard to remark: "We're all being beaten by a kid." The 'kid' in this instance being Shiela Sutcliffe, no kid but a young lady who later showed off her prowess on the guitar together with Nancy Little and the crew of the *Rainbow's End*. Even with Mike's mouth organ to help out they had a hard time being heard over the buzz of general conversation but I expect the real singsong didn't start till most of us were off to our bunks.

The food. Well, what can I say except **fabulous**. Entrees of every kind, every one different too, including quiche lorraine, cabbage rolls, lasagne, chicken and ham pot pie, and desserts such as deep dish apple pie with whole pecan nuts, strawberry pie, rhubarb pie, all delicious. (Am I getting to you Don Brown, wherever you are???) A word must be said in praise of the crew of the *My Way* who made short work of the dishes ably assisted by the crew of Ray Cooper's *Snowgoose*, name of Paul, who later kept the fire well stocked with split logs to make us all so comfortable.



Nice to see so many new faces, new to Ian and myself at least, and to see the *Rainbow's End* completed at last. Her builder would be proud of her.

Ian and I left Sunday noon after hearing the forecast for Monday (one gale is enough) and made it home in the sunshine (sorry folks!).

We probably missed another good party Sunday night but our first club cruise this year and our last in 1974 will remain the happiest ever.



On a personal note - I've known Ian Anderson for thirty years now and though we have many happy memories over the years I have never seen him so pleased as to be chosen guardian of the "silver ship on the silver sea" for the coming year. Many thanks to you all.

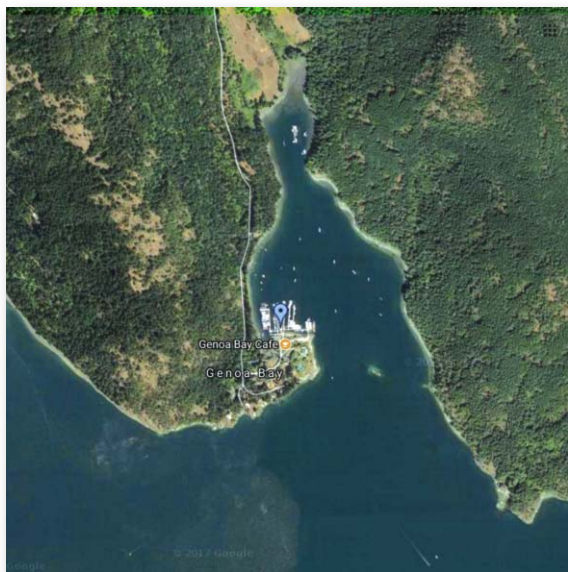
Jean Anderson.

As you can see from these two archival photos, Artaban has long been a favourite of GYC members over the years:

Above: Phill and Nancy at the potluck described in Jean's account from 1974, and left: Nancy and Phill floating their boats off the dock in 1995.

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GYC Recommended Anchorages



Everyone is keen to hear about a newly discovered, old favourite, surprising or best-sunsets-ever anchorage. I hope this becomes a regular feature in the newsletter. First up a contribution from **Liz Reiniger**.

This past August, we were sailing up Sansum Narrows from Salt Spring island looking for a place to stay the night. We first tucked into Cowichan Bay but could not rouse anyone on the radio to see if there was available moorage.

So we went over to Genoa Bay on the other side and happily got a dock space. After settling in, exploring the little store and having a leisurely read on the covered dock patio, we went for a walk. (The restaurant beside the dock serves breakfast on the patio).

The man at the dock store told us about a house on the hill that had historical interest and that had opened its grounds to visitors. The hillside property juts out over the narrows with a fantastic view.

As we approached the property a lady welcomed us and toured us around the grounds. She then invited us to see the inside of the house. She had been doing bed and breakfast and hosting day sailing groups. I'm not sure if this is still on going.



We went into the living room which was at least 60 feet long. It was chock-a-block with things collected by the owners including a pump organ, a square grand piano a large doll house and lots of native artifacts. At one end of the room, suspended from the ceiling was the hull of a Cooper 41.5 sailboat painted white! The previous house owner had had the beams of the room reinforced to accommodate its weight.

The whole place was amazing and added to our lovely, quiet stay at Genoa Bay.



"Genoa Bay is like a breath of fresh air in this sterile, denaturalized culture. It's a bit ramshackle and improvised, honest and eccentric - the way life ought to be. A rustic hideaway full of old wood sailboats, some of the last true individuals, genuinely good food and deafening silence. The kind of place...sailors, wooden boaters, romantics and intelligent sentimentalists hold close to their hearts"
 ~ Ferenc Mate', author "From a Bare Hull", "The World's Best Sailboats" and "The Hills of Tuscany".

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Minutes

of the General Meeting,
December 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 19:40 hrs by Commodore Truckenbrodt.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Nick Palmer and seconded by Chris Stangroom.

Business arising from the Minutes of the previous Meeting

- John Laing raised the issue of increasing togetherness.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Executive Officer –

- Pat reported that there were 43 members and one guest.

Treasurer –

- Chuck reported the following, as of October 31, 2017:

\$ 9,047.20	Current bank balance
\$ 0.00	Cheques outstanding
\$ 9,047.20	Reconciled Chequing account balance
\$ 4,036.23	GIC savings
\$ 13,083.43	Total cash and savings

Secretary – No report.

Fleet Captain –

- Cathy wished those going to Bowen for New Years a good time.

Staff Captain –

- Tonight is the Xmas sing along and donations are going to the food bank.
- Jan 8 is the AGM, there will be two mini presentations. February we need a presenter and Nick Palmer volunteered.

Vice Commodore –

- Lorraine has created a new album in GYC photos for the January Photo Contest. Those wishing to participate can either upload their photos of choice to the album entitled 2017 Photo Contest or email them to Lorraine at lorraine@bamford.ca. Photos should be 300DPI. There is a limit of 8 entries per person. Categories and titles are not required for each photo.

Past Commodore –

- Ken read from a 1974 Gulf Sailor, they did a fall cruise to Artaban.
- Next Years Executive line up is as follows:
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Vice Commodore : Dar Farrell
Fleet Captain: Klaus Reiniger
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Hon. Signals Officer –

- No report.

Executive Officers Present:

Commodore	Andreas Truckenbrodt
Vice-Commodore	Lorraine de la Morandiere
Fleet Captain	Cathie West
Hon. Secretary	Elizabeth Reiniger
Hon. Treasurer	Chuck Spong
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Absent:

Gulf Sailor Editor –

- No report.

Council of BC Yacht Clubs –

- The uproar over Pender Harbour has died down and will be re-studied. Some relic and abandoned vessels have been raised.
- Marine Parks Forever: More stern ties have been installed. The purchase of the Harmony islands will be completed.

Commodore –

- Dues are due \$140 + \$10 for regular members, \$110.00 +\$10 for other members. These are due at the January meeting.
- The committee is working on revising the bylaws for the Society Act.

Business Arising from the Reports – None identified.

New Business – None identified.

Motion to Adjourn by Miles Walker.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00 hrs.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Honorary Secretary, Elizabeth Reiniger, *S/V Moondance*

