



*With reservations at Laughing Oyster on the line, White Wolf was towed to Lund just in the nick of time.*

## Eight filter changes en route not fun!

Not to mention herring in the sea strainer but we know how to deal with them – the filters were another issue entirely. We ran out of paper towels and moved on to cutting up Miles's old shirts. The engine just stopped, without warning, on day one, just off the Trail Islands. Things went downhill from there.

In the end, the final straw came after watching *Rogue Wave*, *Kerrisma* and *Koinonia* head off out of Isabel Bay. Two minutes later *White Wolf's* engine stopped dead. And nothing we tried would get it going again. With no cell service and spotty VHF we were finally able to get the Coast Guard to call C-Tow for us who took us to Lund. Next time, he warned, a tow would cost us big time.

The Yanmar mechanics in Lund had 17(!) jobs booked before us and it would be a week before they could even take a look. Fortunately, our C-Tow guy knew a guy. What happened next? See p.17 for the rest of the story.

Since the last Gulf Sailor there have been five(!) cruises, all but one we weren't able to attend, so I've tried to catch up with all your comings and goings. There are reports about Canada Day, the Summer Cruise, North and South BC Day, and Labour Day at Newcastle – you GYCers were SO busy!

Thanks to scribes Fred, Lorraine and Liz, and extra thanks to Lorraine and Ragnar for their pics – too many to caption properly but you know who you are. Don't forget to use your Acrobat magnifying glass to see them properly!!! Thanks too to Tom O'Flaherty and Robert Sinkus for their contributions.

A few years ago Miles and I came uncomfortably close to an uncharted 'rock' that gave us a real scare. Jackie Hildering will be telling us how to avoid them (and more) in her presentation on October 7th. Make sure to arrive early to get a good seat.

Suzanne Walker, Editor *S/V White Wolf*



OCT 7TH

## Humpback Whales Return



### Jackie Hildering

of the Marine Education & Research Society will discuss Humpback entanglement, feeding strategy research and how to reduce risks to whales and boaters.

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## Staff Captain's Report



**Jackie Hilderling** is a Humpback Whale researcher and the Education and Communications Director for the Marine Education and Research Society. She taught biology and administered international schools in the Netherlands for 14 years and since returning to BC in 1999, has worked as a marine naturalist and naturalist trainer striving to create positive environmental change.

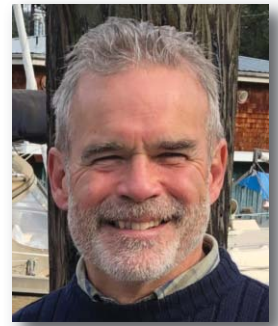
Her work has included being the local Department of Fisheries and Oceans Education Coordinator, Communications Director for the SOS Marine Conservation Foundation and Community Liaison for the 'Namgis First Nation's KUTERRA land-based salmon farm. She is the long-standing President of the local dive club and uses her underwater photography and storytelling as "The Marine Detective" to increase awareness of the biodiversity, mystery and fragility of life in the NE Pacific Ocean.



Recognition for her efforts includes being the 2010 winner of the Vancouver Aquarium's **Murray A. Newman Award for Excellence in Aquatic Conservation** and her website is the winner of the 2018 **Science Writers and Communicators of Canada "People's Choice Award for best Canadian Science Website"**. On-camera experience includes being featured on Animal Planet's "Wild Obsession" series; the BBC productions "New threat to Canada's Pacific humpback whales?" and "Ingenious Animals"; and the PBS production "Lineage" (to be aired in 2019).

In 2004 in the waters northeast of Vancouver Island, Jackie counted just seven humpbacks. In 2017, she counted 91 and numbers continue to increase. The whales' return to inshore waters can and does put both them and us boaters in danger. Jackie will be talking about this, explaining entanglement and, critically, how to avoid collisions.

**Don't miss this presentation on OCTOBER 7th.  
Mark your calendars now!**



George Bamford,  
Staff Captain,  
*S/V Somerset*

## Summer Fun by

Speaking of whales ... here's John's close encounter with a humpback in Blackfish Sound. I assume it looks closer than it really was!



John Dixon,  
*S/V Tantramar*



Photos from John's time in the Broughton's this summer. Above, nice sailing in Well's Passage and, left, a really nice 'facility' in Booker Lagoon.

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to our newest members!  
Please note that membership numbers  
have not yet been assigned.

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<b>Boat Name</b>	White Feather		
<b>Make of Boat</b>	Catalina	<b>Length (ft)</b>	27
<b>Moorage</b>	Heather Marina, False Creek		

<b>Name</b>	David Lyon	<b>Membership No.</b>	
<b>Mate's Name</b>		<b>Member Status</b>	Active
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<b>Boat Name</b>	Zelda		
<b>Make of Boat</b>	Beneteau	<b>Length (ft)</b>	40
<b>Moorage</b>	False Creek		

<b>Name</b>	Turkel (Ted) Henriksen	<b>Membership No.</b>	
<b>Mate's Name</b>	Dorte (Dee) Henriksen	<b>Member Status</b>	Active
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<b>Boat Name</b>	Lady Dane		
<b>Make of Boat</b>	C&C	<b>Length (ft)</b>	36
<b>Moorage</b>	Stamps Landing		

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<b>Make of Boat</b>	C&C	<b>Length (ft)</b>	36
<b>Moorage</b>	Stamps Landing		

## Important Reminders

### Coming soon to a venue near you... **Awards Dinner November 16th**

To get your tickets now, please email Chris at [christiecove43@gmail.com](mailto:christiecove43@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

Tickets are the same as last year:

**\$85 each or \$170 per couple.**

Tickets and money can be exchanged at the next meeting or a cheque can be mailed to Martin Pengelly at 322 East 6th Street, North Vancouver, V7L 1P6 and the tickets will be mailed to you.



*Lots of Door Prizes,  
Fabulous Food,  
Great Conversation,  
Lots of Laughs,  
and Dancing,  
Dancing,  
Dancing.*

*Oh! And...let's not  
forget  
the Infamous Paddle  
Presentation!*

We encourage all members (new and old)  
to join us for this event.

#### Five Reasons to Come to the Party:

- A yummy meal
- Lots of Prizes are given out (and you may get one!)
- You get to see your fellow GYCers in their finery
- The band plays on, and
- It's a great start to the winter season.

**Looking forward to seeing you all there!**

## Your sailing club needs you.



Nominations are now  
being accepted for  
2020 executive  
positions.

If you are interested or know  
someone who might be a good  
candidate, call me for more  
information.



John Dixon,  
Past Commodore  
S/V Tantramar



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## Executive Officers 2019

**Commodore:** Darlyne Farrell  
*SawLeeAh*

**Vice Com:** Chris Stangroom  
*Christie Cove*

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*Koinonia*

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*Somerset*

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*White Wolf*  
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## Commodore's Report

Summer has come to an end and there's only one cruise left for this season. We had a great summer with about seven weeks on the water. Notice I did not say seven weeks of sailing. Sadly, the sailing days were few but the sunny days were many. We enjoyed a long sail with our drifter out from Squirrel Cove to Comox and another drifter sail from Pender Harbour to Schooner Cove and of course a great sail from Nanaimo back to Vancouver after the Labour Day Weekend.

We also enjoyed many happy hours with GYC members. I think that's my favourite part of sailing. We did prawning but the winner of all fishermen was Don McLeod. He caught and shared his freshly caught prawns and fish. Those prawns were plentiful and especially delicious when dipped in hot garlic butter or Don's 'special sauce'.

Rod and I were at the BC day rendezvous in Squirrel Cove which was organized by John Dixon. Thank you John. There was a good turnout of about eight boats. It was a warm sunny late afternoon with the usual array of delicious appetizers. It doesn't get much better.

The Rendezvous at Newcastle was a huge success. Fred, you're doing a great job.

Chuck introduced Bocce on Saturday. Everyone who took part enjoyed it. I certainly hope we have it again next year because I'm going to participate. The games on Sunday seemed to be enjoyed by the adults as well as their children and grandchildren. A new game of knot tying was introduced. I think most people were reluctant to admit that they did not know how to tie many knots. I heard that next year, they will introduce a different version of this game so we all have a year to study up on our knots. The most memorable part of this weekend was the salmon barbeque. There was some anxiety at the beginning of the weekend about whether or not we would get our usual place for the BBQ and we didn't. But what we ended up with was so much better: everyone was at a table, on a chair and under cover. The BBQ was at the center of the tables. It felt like we were a cohesive group.

I also want to thank all the volunteers at all the rendezvous. Those who organize the activities and those who take part. A big thank you to Martin for ordering and picking up the salmon and the chefs at the Salmon BBQ. The salmon was delicious.

A big welcome to three new members in our club who joined at Newcastle: **David Lyon, Ted and Dee Henrikson and Rory Dryden**. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and getting to know you.



Darlyne (Dar) Farrell,  
Commodore,  
*S/V Saw Lee Ah*



## Invitation from Centennial Sailing Club

Join their "Stag Cruise" (guys only) or their "Ladies Cruise"

An invitation from CSC Commodore Greg Bernard. Hi. I hope you had a great summer! Lori and I really enjoyed our time with the GYC in Smugglers Cove. We would love to see some GYC members join us on one of our two upcoming cruises:

### Stag Cruise, October 19-26

The first day will be to Silva Bay. Participants will determine the rest of the itinerary that night based on the weather. Anyone interested in joining us can contact Paul at [bugbee@shaw.ca](mailto:bugbee@shaw.ca) or call him at 604 936 6694. Any guys that want to take part as either crew (space permitting) or with their own boats are welcome.

### Ladies Cruise, September 21-22

Also, I know that it's late, but there is one spot open for a female sailor – preferably experienced – on our Ladies Cruise.

This event is on Sept 21/22, and is going to Gibsons. In addition to the sail there and back, there is a "fashion show/wine and cheese" at a local vendor, complete with an excellent discount on any purchases from that vendor, a walk and appetizer "feast" aboard one of the boats on Saturday evening, and finally a breakfast at Molly's on Sunday.

The available berth – the whole V-berth with a private head – is on a well equipped Sabre 42.

If there is a lady interested in this, please have them contact [loribernard.ca@gmail.com](mailto:loribernard.ca@gmail.com). This is always a great event, and Lori would love to have one more hand on board.

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## Fleet Captain's Report



The Fall Cruise  
is coming

**October 4-6th: Friday, Port Graves,  
Saturday and Sunday at Gibson's.**

We are sticking to the past plan of a Friday night in Port Graves, with appies on a "yet to be determined" boat, and then on to Gibsons Landing for a Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Please call **(604) 886-8686** for a reservation as soon as possible as another group is wanting in to **Gibson's Marina** that weekend as well. The marina staff have a wait list running but there may be opportunities for our members should marina members decide to shove off for the weekend. **Alternate moorage** may be found at **Gibson's Landing Harbour Authority (GLHA)**, **(604) 886-8017**, next to Gibson's Marina. GLHA operates on a "first come, first served" basis, so reservations are not taken. There is also some reasonable anchoring space North-East of GLHA and a dinghy dock on the East side of GLHA main dock.



Fred Bains, Fleet Captain  
*S/V Koinonia*



Gibsons Marina

Government Dock

### Saturday Dinner

**Tapworks Brewing Company: 537 Cruise Lane, Gibsons**

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/tapworks-brewing-company-gibsons>

<https://www.gibsonstapworks.com/>

**Sunday Breakfast at Elaine's House: time to be confirmed.**

We have arranged for assistance from some of our local members for transportation for those in our group who may find the walk a little too far from the moorage.

Please contact new members you may know who are not yet on our mailing list. At the time of writing we are up to eight boats attending and three people attending boatless.





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## Really Good Boat Internet

On the GYC May Long Weekend at Thetis Island, a number of members wondered about the odd selection of antennae mounted on Charabanc. Read all about them...

We did not get a chance to explain these to many who enquired due to the busy program so we thought we'd write this article.

Background: As ageing boaters we have had a few health issues. We also have children who fret if they can't contact us quickly when we are sailing. Also as summer boaters and winter snowbirds, we are away from our home a lot. With one home burglary under our belt, we installed on-line devices that let us know what is going on at our home. We also get to know when bees, birds and large spiders check in too. All of this had us hunting for what we hoped would be a good internet access when we are on the boat.

A little research and some inquiry among other boaters led us to Victoria-based Coastal Marine WiFi. You could stop reading now and go to [www.coastalmarineWiFi.com](http://www.coastalmarineWiFi.com). However I'll give you a description of our installation and our experience with it.

The system supports two methods of connection; WiFi and cell. So we have a big WiFi antenna plus booster and a big cell antenna with booster. Both of these are connected to a WiFi router in the boat which broadcasts information to devices in and around the boat.

The system is managed with a smartphone using a free app provided by Coastal Marine WiFi called "EasyBullet".

When you first turn on the system it usually defaults to WiFi, finding every WiFi within a mile or two, and ranks these by signal strength. The top WiFi will usually be your marina. Near most towns on the island we get a good signal from ShawOpen.

If you can't get WiFi which is usually the case in Desolation and other remote areas, you can use your smartphone to ask the system to look for a cell signal. We have a data plan with Virgin, which uses the Bell network. I can't recall any time or place when we could not get a workable cell connection, even though our individual phones were showing "No Service". However we have not gone north of Desolation or around Vancouver Island with the system so we can't speak for the performance in really remote areas.

So we have a high degree of internet access in the places where we usually sail. This allows our various marine apps to work. We can make phone calls through the system with Skype. As WiFi is free we can also watch online programs. This works well with ShawOpen, but not so well with some marina WiFi for obvious reasons (too many users and too little capacity). However you have to be careful with a cell connection. A movie will soon run up the costs. We generally run up a \$50/month for cell data when using the system. Our standby charge is \$15/month.

You will notice on the Coastal Marine web site that they do not show the cell equipment. This is because there are a number of choices depending on cost, reception and the antennae that your boat can handle. However they can and will recommend the cell equipment after discussion with you.

What about cost? In 2017 all the components cost \$1,700 in round numbers. The company claims that you can do the installation yourself. You decide. As Charabanc was at the time in Canoe Cove getting a full electronics upgrade with Raven Marine, we decided to hand the task to them. They did not break out this installation from all the other stuff so I have to guess. My guess is five hours at their rate of \$95 for around \$500.

The contact at Coastal Marine WiFi is Ben Morris. He is very knowledgeable and helpful. You can reach him through their web site.



Tom O'Flaherty  
S/V Charabanc

*From the Coastal Marine WIFI website:*

### Easy to install, easy to use

No technical experience? No problem: the Coastal Marine WiFi booster is easy to install, and our mobile app for Android and iOS needs just a couple of taps to connect to onshore hotspots.

Our system ships ready-to-run and setup requires only simple tasks like connecting power and network cables. No computer is necessary and there's no complex software to install.

All cables are included with your purchase, as are full installation instructions—and we offer phone support if you need help to get up and running.

Once you're set up, operating our booster is a snap; our mobile app for iOS and Android makes connecting to hotspots as easy as tapping on the network and entering its password (if required).

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## Summer Cruise 2019: Gambier to Keats Isles

Departure-time blue skies and sunshine looked tentative as we headed towards Gambier Island on Friday afternoon. It looked, in fact, like the calm before the storm.



Whether to weather the storm or avoid a storm we'd rather not weather was not in question. George donned sou'wester and rain gear. I slipped inside with a good book. To our surprise, not a drop of rain fell. Clouds simply passed overhead as we



Lorraine de la Morandiere,  
S/V Somerset

we rounded Hood Point and found *SawLeeAh* and *Willpower* anchored in a port of sunshine. *Reality*, *Windstrel*, *Moondance*, *Boqueron* and *Koinonia* soon joined us. All 17 of us, including our hosts, Rod and Dar, guests Anna (Fred and Deirdre's granddaughter), Wendy (Klaus and Liz's friend) and Jennifer (Chuck's sailing partner), boarded *Saw Lee Ah* for appetizers. Our Summer Cruise kicked off with bread and tapenade, hot spring rolls, salmon pinwheels, pate, sweet and salty Kettle corn, wine, laughter and conversation among friends. What a beautiful evening together. Thank you Dar and Rod for hosting.



We were all settled aboard our respective boats before darkness fell. All except Robert, that is. Buck was patiently awaiting a shoreline walk (Robert literally on 'dog watch') and Robert was certain crabs awaited the bait in traps he planned to set before nightfall.

Luckily, one large 'keeper' was hungry for the bait. Robert hauled him in early Saturday morning and headed for dock space at Keats. Doug and Mariette departed for home to attend an important family celebration. *Moondance*, *Boqueron* and *Koinonia* weighed anchor shortly afterwards.

*Somerset* and *Windstrel* (left) departed in tandem around 10:00 and were perhaps the only two who 'craced' a third of the way. It abruptly changed to motor cracing in the lee of Keats. *SawLeeAh* hung back for a quiet morning in Port Graves before joining us at Plumper Cove along with *Christie Cove*, *Kwinnum* and *Naida*.



Robert joined in while he dismantled and cleaned his winches. An ounce of prevention, I expect, as boat/engine problems are indeed a 'reality' for all as well as Robert. (See his write-up in the June Newsletter). Socializing and boat maintenance abruptly gave way to dockside visual entertainment around 1500 hrs. That oh-so-familiar sound of keel against rock at Plumper brought everyone out to watch. Fortunately, it amounted to keel dents, hull scrapes and ego bruising. It was a 35/40' Catalina with many aboard (not yet GYC'er) hitting The Rock. When it was clear that all were safe, we headed for the picnic area. nother delicious selection of appetizers including, yes, Robert's delectable crab treat for everyone to sample.

At 1800 hrs. barbeques were fired up and hamburgers





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placed on grills. George and Klaus manned the bbq'ing while others retrieved salads and deserts from their boats.

Thank you to Klaus and Liz who kindly stored George's birthday cake for me and for having people

sign the card. Robert brought out his guitar and songbooks to kick off the sing-along after dinner. Cake, candles and singing Happy Birthday to George followed by his own rendition of When I'm 65! Proud Mary, Hallelujah and other selections took us through to 2100 hrs. when we returned, sated and tired, to our boats.

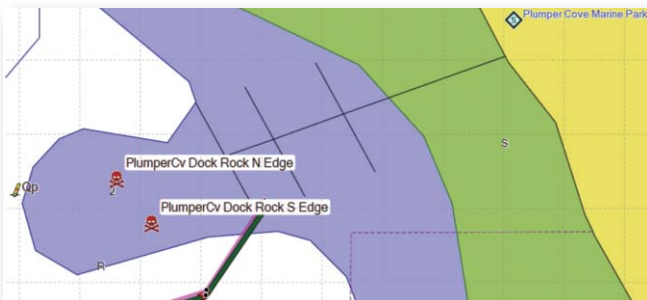


Thank you Anna for helping Jane distribute poker cards. Thanks Fred and Deirdre for the planning and preparation of our summer cruise. It was enjoyed by all and ended with early and leisurely departures on Sunday morning.



## 'The Rock(s)' in Plumper Cove: Paddle Prevention Info

'The Rock' has caught many an otherwise 'good' sailor by surprise. This year on the Summer Cruise another boat ran afoul of this wretched rock. Finally, an exact location!



I was out and about on the dinghy on Saturday (of the GYC Summer Cruise) at low tide and took some GPS readings of the rock off the end of the Plumper Cove Dock.

**The N end was at N49 24.242 W123 28.355,  
and the  
S end was at N49 24.235 W123 28.348.**



Robert Sinkus  
S/V Reality

These are not official, but I have put them as waypoints on my chart using the Garmin marine symbol Skull and Crossbones:

From the dinghy, we didn't see it extending as far from the dock as the photo below, so it's good to know that it actually does. (from the dinghy it only appeared to be about 10' wide X 50' long. But the pic indicates the hazard area is actually about 50' X 50' (extending about 50' SW at a right angle to the line between these two waypoints).

Also, it's worth noting that according to Trish (the Park attendant): that the buoy was held in place by a pair of tethers secured underwater in an inverted V Shape and the tether that would normally pull the buoy closer to the middle of the dock center-line, let go, so the buoy is temporarily lying off the North end of the West Finger (per the pic) until they get it repaired.



*Here is a photo of the area taken by a pilot friend in late May  
– you can see the hazardous rock area.*



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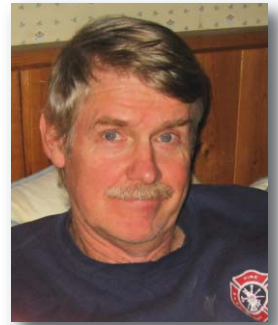
## Celebrating Canada Day 2019 at Smuggler Cove

The cruise to Smuggler Cove started for some of us on Friday June 28th. The sky was a little cloudy and a few sprinkles came down but not for long.



There was a light South Easterly so sailing (4kts) up the Sunshine Coast was a pleasant surprise.

*Koinonia* arrived in Smuggler Cove about 1805hrs to find *Rogue Wave* and *Forever Young* already stern-tied and anchored. *Palomina* from Centennial Sailing Club arrived a little later. The mosquito welcoming party made us feel wanted!



Fred Bains, Fleet Captain  
S/V *Koinonia*



Saturday saw the arrival of *Tantramar*, *Kerrisma*, *Will Power*, *Beautiful Day*, *Tucana* and *Reality*. We gathered on the little island on the East side of the cove for appies at 1700hrs. Nice evening, lots of conversation.

On Sunday *Palomina* left, heading north and *Zelda III* arrived. Many members went to the south end of the cove and hiked on the paths to the south and to the north. Upon return some members were spotted swimming, floating and swinging in a seating device hanging in their rigging. The "Bring Your Own Dinner" began at 1800hrs on the same spot as the appies. Another good evening with the club and well behaved dogs. The mosquitoes had even left us alone by then.

11 boats attended over the weekend with 21 members and guests.

Monday morning saw a sequential exodus as members headed out on the next leg of their journeys or on their way home.

### And you can't get more Canadian than this!

On Canada Day, Ken and Anne, aboard *Naida*, reported: "Sitting on the water in Haida Gwaii listening to Spirit of the West on CBC."





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## New Traffic Separation Scheme in English Bay



Andrea Truckenbrodt  
*S/V Beautiful Day*

The Port of Vancouver has changed the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in English Bay, see below. QB has been moved to the Northeast of it's previous position.

International trends in shipping show that ships are becoming larger. Specifically within the Port of Vancouver, cruise ships and container ships are getting bigger, making it more challenging for them to maneuver through English Bay, First Narrows and Burrard Inlet within the navigation channel that currently exists.

### Proposed amendments

To ensure these larger ships can safely enter Burrard Inlet through First Narrows, the port authority is proposing to implement changes to the existing ship routing system in English Bay, referred to as the Vancouver and approaches Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).

The existing TSS establishes a ship routing system for large vessels entering and leaving Burrard Inlet. The alignment of the existing TSS poses challenges to large vessels constrained

by their air draft on approach to the First Narrows Traffic Control Zone (TCZ-1). By replacing the existing TSS with a newly aligned ship routing system, the English Bay Routing System (EBRS), these large vessels will approach the TCZ-1 at less of an angle, meaning the ship will be in greater control over their rate of turn as they transit under the Lions Gate Bridge. These findings have been determined through an engineered channel design process, full-mission bridge simulation exercises and real world experiences.

Go online to the Port of Vancouver website where you can download a March 18 pdf that provides a detailed explanation of the changes.

<https://www.portvancouver.com/marine-operations/port-information-guide/>

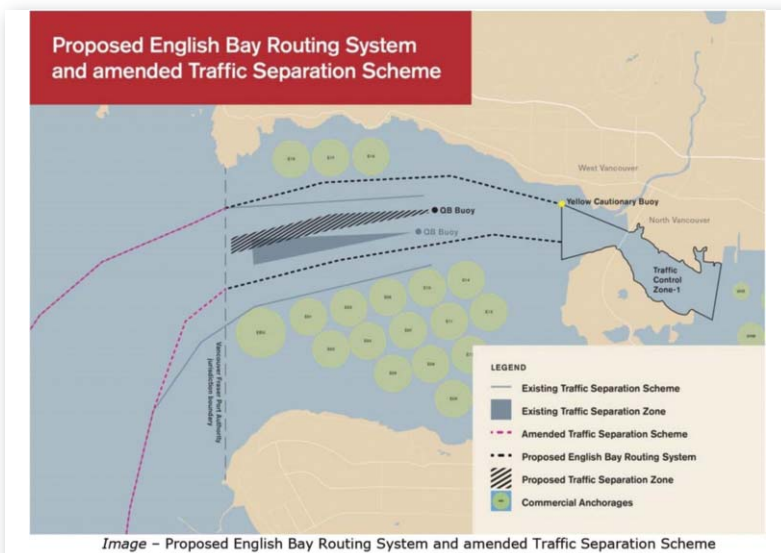


Image - Proposed English Bay Routing System and amended Traffic Separation Scheme

## Summer Fun by —————>

For a fun, quirky evening, take in the 'Open Mic' Night at Ladysmith Marine Heritage dock on Wednesday nights in the summer.



We happened upon it last year and made a point to be there this year on our way to Newcastle. Each performer is allowed to perform three things – songs, poems, musical interludes etc. One person introduces them and keeps a list of each act.

These are all local "talents", mostly older folks who play guitar, banjo, sax, mandolin and one National guitar. One lady who was there both times dances by herself on the dock, says she just has to move to the music.

There are picnic tables and benches under the awning at the marina and some bring chairs. Some of the performers are really good and some are questionable but it is an amusing evening. The music starts at 7 and goes until 10pm. Enjoy!



Liz Reiniger  
*S/V Moondance*



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## BC Day Cruise (South) to Montague 2019

*Showtime, Sparkle Plenty, Taeko IV, Fast Forward, Demara, Charabanc, Contender, Snapshot and Somerset* attended with former member, *Faem*, thrown in for good measure.

Nine GYC sailboats were nestled among many anchored in Montague Harbour for the long weekend. Ron spotted former members Peter and Yolande Lissett at anchor and Peter later joined us for appetizers while Yolande rested on *Faem*.

All but *Charabanc* and *Contender* joined our evening of catch-up and camaraderie aboard *Somerset*. Thirteen people in all squeezed aboard to share appetizers and sailing adventures. Cheese, crackers, dips, shrimp, salami, and refreshments were all part of the spread. I managed to add cheese, tomato and basil on boat-made skewers by George. Not a toothpick or single skewer had made it to our boat so George quickly whipped out a block of cedar, a knife and sand paper from his supplies. In a matter of minutes, I had twelve smooth, tapered skewers. Alas, I had to eat my words about excess shop-like items on board.



Lorraine de la Morandiere  
S/V Somerset



Before the night ended we learned that Jon and Janet were only staying that night before continuing with former sailing plans. Peter announced that he and Yolande were also heading out in the morning. Albeit short, it was a great opportunity to meet and become reacquainted.



The following day, nine of us caught the bus to Galiano Farmer's Market. While some bought fresh produce and baked goods, others wandered around various craft tables and indoor art displays. George headed for community booths and discussions about local endeavours. Still others sought shady spots in the burger/beer garden to enjoy live music from a local band. *Charabanc* and *Contender* arrived that day and joined the evening Potluck Picnic in the park. Their little pup, Odin, joined the party. Pat and Roy laid back with the Boardmans for a special dinner celebration of Costa's 45th Wedding Anniversary. While things were sparkling aplenty there, we enjoyed a picnic of salads, meatballs, jicama sticks, wine and beer on shore.

Pat organized a group walk around the park Sunday morning before everyone relaxed and enjoyed the afternoon. Around 1400hrs all but Glen wedged their dinghy's into place at the park dock and walked to meet Tommy Transit for our trip to the Hummingbird Pub. We were treated, as usual, to Tom's unique symbol-crashing, horn-honking bus ride. The Pub is now licensed to serve alcohol in the new adult-only garden area. This is where we found Glen – in a beautiful outdoor setting - holding tables for thirteen hungry and thirsty GYC members. We returned to the Marina to the sound of Blueberry Hill by Fat's Domino and to Tommy's advice to extend one's life by expressing gratitude for one thing each day.

As the evening and weekend cruise came to a close, I was grateful for the food, drinks, stories shared and, most importantly, the spirit of friendship always present at GYC events.





## GULF SAILOR

## BC Day Rendezvous (North) in Squirrel Cove 2019

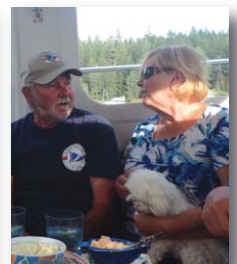
The livin' was easy in Squirrel Cove for GYC members who gathered there for the Northern fleet's celebration of BC Day, hosted by John Dixon once again.



This is the second time that John, on *Tantramar*, has hosted this BC Day rendezvous in Desolation.



Commodore Dar and captain Rod on *SawLeeAh* were already there when we arrived (see above left behind paddling guy) and hosted a happy appie get-together the day before our meet-up on Dog Poo Island. And was that ever a treat! Fresh prawns supplied by Laura and Don on *Boqueron* and heaps of clams from John Dixon, made for a quiet start to the get together as we were too busy snorfelling all the goodies on offer to offer up much conversation. It was hard to know what to try first!



The official Dog Poo Island meetup dawned bright and a bunch of folks headed off to find the 'secret' clamming beach around the corner.

Others went off to the store to replenish supplies before dinghying to the island and setting up our picnic.



We had an unexpected visit from John's friend, Chris, who swam over from *Karavita* to greet him. The Bains' dog, Maddie, was initially hopeful that this wet person would play ball, but no such luck. And as her efforts to snag some snacks off the blanket didn't meet with success either she took her place quietly under the chair. The boats attending our get together on Dog Poo Island were *Kerrisma*, *Boqueron*, *Koinonia*, *Rogue Wave*, *SawLeeAh*, *Kailani*, *Tantramar* and *White Wolf*.



# GULF SAILOR

## Labour Day Cruise 2019 on Newcastle Island

Boats arrived early to secure a spot on the dock New games a highlight of this year's rendezvous included Bocce, organized by Chuck, and a knot tying competition

The weekend started early with boats arriving at the Newcastle dock on Thursday. After that it was boats jockeying for dock space as it came available. Thursday friends gathered on the dock for an informal happy hour. Friday some went to Nanaimo for supplies and meals out. By Saturday things got more serious as there were appies on shore. Dar gave an informal tribute to Kellay. We were all shocked and saddened by her loss. As usual there was plenty of delicious food.



Liz Reiniger  
S/V Moondance

New members and guests were welcomed and we were happy to have a visit from Sandy (Steven Lapin's partner) (see below, third from left). Sandy now lives in Nanaimo and said she is happy to have GYC visitors.



Saturday afternoon **Bocce Ball** was introduced by **Chuck**. We split into teams of two and with a play off between the two winning teams, **Glen and Nick** won in overtime.



*Chuck pointed out this interesting factoid about serious Bocce Clubs.*

*The Legend of Fanny: "Fanny" began on the "plateau de la Croix-Rousse" between 1860 et 1870 in Lyon, France. She was not known as a player, but rather a girl who would expose her backside to the losers of the match. The losers would then be obliged to kiss it in defeat! Today it is common for clubs to have a picture or sculpture of Fanny, thus providing something to kiss for anyone who loses without scoring a single point. I am not sure how we can, in good taste, work that in to our Tournaments but I am open to suggestions!*



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Sunday dawned bright and sunny. We had muffins on the dock while **George B and Klaus** set out the **Geo-caching** clues. At 10 the teams gathered, chose names and began the quest. The questions were challenging as usual. After checking in, handing our answers to George, we had a brief rest until the games began at 14:00.

## The Games

We had three of the usual games: The **Bucket and Sponge Race** was organized by Fred and won by "The Sponge Bobs". The second was the **Egg Toss**, was run by Martin and Jane and won by Sean and Amber from *Boqueron*. Then came the **Welly Toss** run by Geoff. **David Clode** won for the men, **Carmen Leal** from *Snapshot* won for the women, **Kathlyn** was the under 10 winner, from *2nd Chapter* and **Vivian** won for the over 10s.



## New! Knot Tying:

**George B** introduced a new competition – knot tying. It took a while to figure out how it would work but he finally got two teams of four members each and they had to tie eight knots. **Klaus, John Dixon, Glen and George P** won. I think the knots need to be smoothed out of this event next year.



After the games we returned to our boats to prepare for the salmon BBQ. Eleanor took the time to teach Scarlett, Wilma and Kurt's granddaughter, how to weave a chevron bracelet. **Elizabeth and Larry** ran the **Coin Toss** and raised \$67 for **Disabled Sailors**. **John Dixon** won the bottle of red wine and **Martin** won the white. The **50-50 Fundraiser** made \$290. **Tom O** from *Charabanc* (left) won the GYC portion. Lucky guy!

Just before the dinner, the rain came down but thanks to our wonderful cooks all the tables had been moved so that they were under cover of the lean-to where the grills were and we were able to have a dry dinner. **George B** spoke after dinner with tributes to Fred as fleet captain, **Chris** who organized all the prizes, and the cooks – **Phill, Ted, Don, Jim and George P**.





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George read out all the questions and answers to the Geo-caching just to keep us in suspense. The winners, **"The Gypsies"**, consisting of **Elizabeth, Larry, George P, Jane, Jennifer, Chuck and Deidre** got 9 out of 10 questions correct (*below left*).

Beside them below are the Knot Tying winners, **Klaus, John Dixon, Glen and George P**, the Welly Toss winners, **David Clode, Carmen Leal, Kathlyn (Vivian not in picture)**. And finally, the Sponge

**Bobs** who won the Bucket and Sponge race. Thanks were given to Dar and Fred for organizing everything on the week end. Thanks to Lorraine and Ragnar for all their great photos. Thanks, too, to Dar and Fred for organizing everything on the week end.



The following boats were in attendance: *Toolik, Kerrisma, Perspective, Trooper, Kwinnum, 2nd Chapter, Naida, Moondance, Demara, Rogue Wave, Snap Shot, Fast Forward, SawLeeAh, Kailani, Charabanc, Reality, Tucana, Forever Young, Windstrel, Knot Sure, Boqueron, Renewal, Kewao, Koinonia, Somerset, Christie Cove, Taeko IV, Tantramar, Contender, Willpower, Shalvah.*

**Three boats joined the club: White Feather, Zelda III and Lady Dane. Welcome!**



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## Buck's Stomach is Alarming!!

My dog Buck was not doing well on the Labour Day Cruise, so I was thinking that perhaps it would be his last rendezvous. But looks can be deceiving ...

As many of you know, my Dog Buck's Stomach was acting up at Newcastle, and with the amount of blood in his "business" increasing every day, I was thinking that perhaps it was going to be Buck's last rendezvous. Well after getting home, he got much better.

So last weekend, we went to Bedwell Bay.

After a moonlit swim on Friday night, I was in the cabin when an alarm went off. I know my CO<sub>2</sub> detector is nearing the end of its life, so first I checked it out. But no, it turned out it was my propane sensor. I opened the companionway curtain and looked at my propane locker, thinking – "Okay, no appliances are on, the solenoid is off, I guess I need to turn the valve off at the tank."

Suddenly though, the alarm stopped, and the red LED alarm light went off. So I went back to the dinette to look at emails on my laptop. Shortly after, the alarm went off again! This time, I noticed that Buck was pushed up against the propane sensor. In particular, his butt was right against it. I moved his butt and the alarm stopped. I learned that my propane sensor will also read methane produced by a dog ;-). Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks.



Robert Sinkus,  
S/V Reality



## A happy time

Thanks to John Dixon for this photo of Robert and Buck exploring Black Lake.



Fair winds everyone as we head into the stronger winds of the fall.

## Summer Fun by —————>

The first was taken passing Lund on July 5.

↓ The second was passing Lund on August 1st! ↓



Chris Stangroom,  
S/V Christie Cove

Hope your summer  
was warmer and drier!

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would be invited to participate The CSC will retain their Women's Cruise and Stag Cruise and invite the GYC to participate."

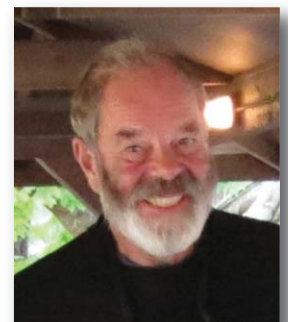
Motion Passed

- Martin Pengelly reported on the proposed By-law clarification and changes to Membership Definitions, Rights and Dues. This proposal has been reported in the Gulf Sailor and will be discussed at the October General Meeting and voted on at the November Special General Meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn** by Miles Walker.

**Meeting adjourned** 2035 hrs.

**Minutes prepared** and respectfully submitted by Cam. Shields, Hon. Secretary, S/V Kwinnum.





# GULF SAILOR

## Write it and they will come. And a bunch of GYCers did!

Doug Macleod's lovely book *On the Edge of Wilderness: Tales of Hazelton and the Kispiox Valley* has finally been published.



There was a great show of support for the launch of Doug's book last weekend. Several GYC members came out to cheer him on and get a signed copy from the author himself. I can wholeheartedly vouch for this book as I was fortunate to have enjoyed an advance copy. It is a delightful read describing the realities of escaping the big smoke to live closer to nature – all kinds of nature. Doug and Mariette can both be very proud of this book – they needed each other on this adventure and together made their dream a reality.



## What we did on our summer 'holiday' ...

And it wasn't this: floating around in a lovely warm pool somewhere. That would be an actual holiday. What we did was stinky, dirty, frustrating and maddening...

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In order to access the fuel tank inspection port we had to totally take apart the aft cabin (my bed) which isn't as simple as moving the cushions – we have a layer of old pine shelving slats all cut to fit to afford air movement and prevent condensation and soggy cushions. So we did that. Our 'guy' arrived at 9:00 – it was totally dark. This didn't seem like optimum repair conditions but it would have to do. It took three hours to remove all the fuel and clean the part of the tank we could reach as best we could. The next day we filled the fuel tank with new fuel. The engine started and we ran it for 1/2 hour – we let out a feeble 'Yay' but just as we began to unclench, an alarm went off. Consulting the manual it turned out that the electronics were signalling a problem with the saildrive: "Call your Yanmar Dealer" was the proffered solution. As we don't have a saildrive we weren't too worried, only quite certain that we would go mad listening to an alarm going for the 10 hours it would take to get home. But how to stop it? Which of the million cables to pull?

Our 'guy' was in the area so he came back and with the guidance of a technical drawing it had only taken three hours to locate on the intermittent wifi, he was able to isolate the cable and do something to it. No alarm. He advised we always first perform the Wiggle Test before despairing. He was happy because with all the \$\$ we had shelled out he could take his darlin' out for dinner. We were happy as the alarm had stopped and the engine would start and run enough for us to get to Pender or even home.

We only got as far as Hardy Island. The alarm went on again and then off after intense, but delicate, wiggling. The engine stopped but there was wind in the strait and we threw open the genny and headed for the marine park. A following boat that had been rafted to us in Lund suspected we had problems and kindly towed us into the park so we could anchor and change the filters in peace. The weather was kicking up the next day but the wind was supposed to be changing to a northwesterly the day after that and we figured that if we could just get out of the anchorage at least we could sail home.

We changed filters which were pretty dirty again, inspected the sea strainer, found three herring. Bloody hell – where did those come from this time? Maybe in Lund during the tests when we were stationary? Who knows. There they were. Amazing the wet exhaust hadn't seemed to be affected. Head shaking.

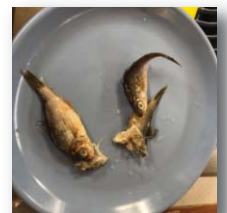


Miles decided to jury rig an emergency fuel tank and we eased out of the anchorage very early into a flat calm glassy sea, no wind. Just 45 minutes later we'd used up all the fuel! How could that be? We should have gone for ages on that tank and we would have if we'd known we should have hooked up the return to the emergency tank too. A big oops. We hooked up the fuel tank again and started one more time. It ran perfectly and, holding our breath, we beetled south, getting some help from the wind. We made it all the way to Gibson's where we decompressed before heading home a couple of days later. We bought paper towels! We were ready. But the engine got us home to Bowen.

We're going to put in a new fuel tank. Hopefully that will be the end of the story. And that's all she wrote.



Suzie and Miles Walker,  
S/V White Wolf





# GULF SAILOR



## Minutes

of the General Meeting,  
June 10, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 19:35 hrs by Commodore Dar Farrell.

Darlyne announced that the vote

for the Silver Ship would be during the break.

**The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting** were accepted by Miles Walker and seconded by John Dixon.

**Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting**

- None identified.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

**Executive Officer** – John Dixon reported for Pat:

- Thirty people in attendance
- Welcome cards and club information brochures were available in the back of the room and members were encouraged to give them over during the summer to prospective members.
- Tom Shenton introduced Carla as his guest
- Library books will be available during the meetings, donors are asked to take their books back home if not claimed.

**Treasurer** –

- Martin reported that the bank balances are in good shape for this time of year.

**Secretary** – • No report.

**Hon. Signals Officer** –

- Andreas demonstrated some of the changes to the website and the utility of the club's Facebook account.
- Members are encouraged to use the website to find information regarding upcoming cruises. Members with marine items for sale are directed to contact Andreas so that the items can be published on the website.

**Fleet Captain** –

- Fred reported that the Summer Cruise had a good attendance with 21 people (10 boats) joining together for dinner.
- The BBQ for the Canada Day cruise will be held on Island 25 in Smuggler Cove.
- Rob raised a query regarding the raft location for the Smuggler Cruise. The original location for the raft on the NW wall was agreed upon.

**Staff Captain** –

- George outlined that the presentation tonight would be member of the Lifeboat Society
- Future presentations will be given by Interlux Paints and a special presentation on Pacific NW Whales
- October will be a great talk from "The Humpback Whale Lady".
- November will be a visit from a paint tech from Interlux.
- December sing-along.

### Executive Officers Present:

Commodore	Darlyne Farrell
Vice-Commodore	Chris Stangrooml
Fleet Captain	Fred Bains
Staff Captain	George Bamford
Hon. Secretary	Cam. Shields
Hon. Treasurer	Martin Pengelly
Signals Officer	Andreas Truckenbrodt
Past Commodore	John Dixon

### Absent:

Executive Officer	Pat Costa
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### Vice Commodore –

- Chris noted that this year's Dinner Dance will be on Saturday Nov. 16 at RVCY Jericho Ticket price will remain the same as last year (\$85). Tickets will be on sale at the Labour Day Cruise at Newcastle.
- Chris showed a hat from Outdoor Research that could be purchased on line. .

**Past Commodore** – • No report.

**Gulf Sailor Editor** –

- Reported by Miles: Suzie is always on the hunt for additional Gulf Sailor articles and pictures.

### Council of BC Yacht Clubs –

- Marine Parks has completed the purchase of one of the Harmony Islands.
- There are new regulations regarding boating restrictions around whale populations such as giving the whales 400 m clearance with engines and depth sounders off.
- The location of the separation marker has been shifted N closer to the W. Van shoreline.

### Commodore –

- Darlyne presented a burgee to Nancy and Phill Little with thanks for donating their burgee to the dinning room at Thetis Is.
- A note that the proposed changes to bylaws regarding descriptions of membership categories was published in the Gulf Sailor. The October Mtg. will be a time for discussion of the proposed changes. With the bylaw changes voted on at the November meeting.

**Business Arising from the Reports** – • None identified.

### NEW BUSINESS –

- Chuck Spong reported that the Strategic committee through its initiative to reach out to small sailing clubs, has met with some members of the Centennial Sailing Club. It was agreed at the meeting to propose a trial for consideration by both Clubs in order to get to know each other.

**Motion Moved** by Chuck Spong Seconded by Andreas Truckenbrodt that:

*"The Gulf Yacht Club and the Centennial Sailing Club (CSC) merge their Cruising Schedules for the remainder of 2019 on a trial basis. This would permit the CSC to adopt the GYC Cruising Schedule and CSC members*

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