

How's this for a surprise!!

What a wonderful surprise at our SBYC Wednesday lunch in September! In walked two of our founding members, Judy and Arne Bentzen, who came up from Friday Harbor in their power boat "Husky."

The first planning meeting for the creation of Silva Bay Yacht Club was held in their home, "Shipyard House" (the yellow house on the property adjacent to the shipyard). Seven people were present, and after it was agreed to form a "fun" yacht club, we pulled numbers out of a hat to establish order of membership. Dave Hobbs drew No. 1 but I don't remember the order of the rest. Present were Judy and Arne Bentzen, Laura and Ron Stratton, John Dibley, and Wendy and Dave Hobbs.

Who would do what was established: Ron Stratton - Commodore; Wendy Hobbs - Vice Commodore; Laura Stratton - Secretary; John Dibley - Treasurer. The rest are a bit vague in my mind, with Fleet Captain, Staff Captain and Membership, but we all ended up with a job. The fees were set at \$5 a person and fifty charter members were soon signed up with equal rights for female and male members. It was a great and exciting start to what has become the Silva Bay Yacht Club of today.

-submitted by Diane Mumford on behalf of Wendy Hobbs

Silva Bay Yacht Club



Anchorline

September/October 2007

COMMODORE'S CORNER



It has been an unusual summer for boating. In the months that most cruises are usually taken the weather was not promising. That said our club has managed to have some wonderful trips with many of our members and their boats. Thanks to the planning by our Fleet Captain Jenny Ireland, the support of her cruise directors and the participation of club members we have had some wonderful experiences on the water.

June & I have had the opportunity to view David Kellenberger's DVD of the trip to Chatterbox Falls and Skookumchuck Narrows. It is our program for November 5th and is a treat. It contains both still and video pictures with wonderful music selected to complement the scenes.

This is the second season that our reciprocal program has been in place and many more of us came to appreciate the inexpensive mooring offered by these arrangements. Visitors to our dock like the facility and are especially complementary about the package promoting our island and sponsors that is given to each of them. We are in the process of renewing our arrangement at Pages for another year.

Our photo contest is underway. See the web site www.silvabayyachtclub.com for details. We are fortunate to have Ron Mumford receiving the pictures and preparing them for our judges Nick Halpin and Doug Harrison.

Six of us from the club plus another couple are off to try sailing on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey for 10 days. We hope to come home just in time to submit some excellent pictures to the contest and show you some others at a club meeting in the New Year.

Enjoy boating this fall - for the crisp fall days are some of my favourite times to be on the water.

Commodore Frank



Sounder and Diamond Girl who actually made it up to Jedediah Island in July



Mystery Cruise

Are You Involved?



A few months ago our new editor was overheard mentioning to someone that she wouldn't mind helping out in the club. That little bit of info got back to our commodore Frank, who approached Marlene about filling the important position of editor of this Anchorline. Alan Howardson has been the publisher and has been doing a great job but we needed someone to co-ordinate the articles and prod the various contributors to get their material in. At first Marlene was a little overwhelmed with the idea of such a big job but after a little prodding from myself and others and some help from Alan she decided to take on the task. The results are what you're reading today. She's done a great job.

One of the reasons the club has been so successful over the last few years is the new members and new ideas. You have to look no further than our current executive to find "new members" All of these people either volunteered or were gently prodded into getting involved. I guess the only "old member" that's fairly heavily involved is myself who was sick and tired of seeing our membership dwindle and our very existence a few years ago, be threatened. I got involved as did Marlene and all the members of the executive and various committees. We need more people to come forward over the next year or two to replace some of those members who have been shouldering the load for the past few years.

If you're not already involved, please take a moment or two to read this survey and if there is an area that you would be interested in helping out with, e-mail myself at withey@telus.net with your wishes. Remember, our club is only as good as its members and you only get out of something, what you put in to it.

The answers you give in this survey are not meant as a commitment to get involved.

I may be interested in helping out in the following ways;

Phoning committee

Cruises

Membership

Shore Entertainment

Other Suggestions for the club

I could be interested in holding office at a future date

**Remember that it's better for lot to do a little,
than a little do a lot.**

Fred Withey
Membership Chairperson

Editor's Message



Let me start off by saying that I hope you are all enjoying our "balmy" fall weather, and, in spite of our cool summer, that everyone had a wonderful time boating to all of the destinations you had wanted to visit this past season.

Since I am more of a "fair weather sailor" and our summer got off to a very slow start, the early fall was more to my liking, so our boating season didn't really start until September. Because of that fact, we were not back in time to put together our September issue of the Anchorline, and this is the first chance I've had to apologize to all of you. This is the reason that our fleet captain's report covers so many months, as do the pictures that cover these events. Many thanks to Jenny Ireland, David Kellenberger and whomever else coordinated these events for us.

I sincerely hope you will enjoy this issue, and I will try my best not to miss any more of our Anchorlines in the future.

Marlene Loewen
Editor



Chatterbox Falls

Fleet Captain's Report- June-October, 2007



What an incredible summer of cruising we have had this year. Our cruise to Chatterbox Falls in June/July went off spectacularly and was enjoyed by the six boats and 11 members who participated. Unfortunately Thetis' problems were not over and we spent the week cruising at 6 – 8 knots (actually a wonderful pace and very cost effective!!), but it didn't dampen the fun we had. Be sure to come to the November presentation kindly put on by David where you will see what you missed!

The Summer cruise to Jedediah Island was blown out, but two intrepid boaters made it up there.

Kudos' to Jordan & Kerry on their beautiful new boat with guests and Earl & Barbara Miller on Diamond Girl. Some boats made it to Newcastle Island, but a decision was made not to go ahead and try and cross Georgia Strait as the weather was awful. Thanks to Darrel & Jill for being Cruise Directors for this cruise.

David Kellenberger kindly took over the Mystery Cruise at short notice and set up three different courses for the different categories of boats (sail, displacement hulls and fast power). He had everyone trying to guess where the destination was as he had us going first in one direction and then in another! We even had to double back on some occasions. What a hoot it was to listen in to the radio!!

We all got to our destination of Cowichan Bay and had a wonderful meal at the Rock Cod Café on the Saturday night. There is a mural on the wall in the restaurant which I have decided to rename "Ralph's Rock"! Look for it in the pictures – it is self-explanatory! We had 9 boats attending this cruise and Terry & Jerrie joined us via land for the dinner.

Our one week Southern Gulf Islands Cruise in September had an incredible turnout of boats, members and guests (17 boats and countless members). This cruise was a great hit and boats came and went when they wished. We visited 7 islands in the one week, had a great champagne breakfast, a wonderful pot luck dinner and incredible Happy Hours with snacks and hors d'oeuvres to die for! Most of the time, we were too full to cook for ourselves. The weather was absolutely perfect with hot sunny days and incredible sunsets. How lucky we were! We even had entertainment in the form of a high speed chase between a cigarette hulled speedboat, a USA coastguard and two RCMP boats in Winter Cove and had a great running commentary kindly narrated by Larry Gordon. There was so much laughter and good fun. Again, be on the lookout for a presentation.

We have just had our Fall Cruise where the venue was changed from Wallace Island to Telegraph Harbour Marina on Thetis Island. Once again we had an incredible turnout of 15 boats, 3 of which were guest boats. The weather was again kind to us and cool weather in the evening did not dampen the Happy Hour and great Pot Luck. Three boats stayed on another night and were joined by the Mary E and once again there was a lot of fun and laughter.

Our next cruise is set for the first weekend in November and will have a Pirate and other Nautical characters theme. Hope you will join us.

Thank you all for supporting the cruising program this year and I hope to still see you out on the water before 2008.

Jenny Ireland

Pictures of Cruises from 2007 Desperately Needed:

I would really appreciate it if could please send copies of any pics you might have taken of any of the cruises and/or SBYC events throughout 2007 to either David Kellenberger or myself. They can be put onto a disc if you wish and either David or I will pick it up or if you don't have too many, they can be sent via e-mail.

David's e-mail is dkellenberger@shaw.ca. Mine is phantomcreek@shaw.ca.

Also:

It would also be appreciated if you could advise me of any changes in boats, boat names, (length and type), changes in address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses etc., so that I may keep my records current and up to date.

Many thanks,

Jenny Ireland

Fleet Captain



Chatterbox Falls

Membership Report for Oct. 2007



We just got back from the Southern Gulf Island Cruise. It was another cruise that was well planned by our Fleet Captain, Jenny Ireland. There were a total of 17 boats that

made either all or part of the trip. Another 3 members also made the trip but rode with others. We visited a total of 8 other islands and were gone for nearly 10 days. We had fantastic weather during all but the last day and the showers we had on the way home helped clean off the boat.

It was nice to see **Arne & Judy Bentzen**, lifetime-charter members now living in Friday Harbour, drop by during our pre-cruise briefing luncheon. I've known Arne for some time as it was he who bought the shipyard from my father in the 70's.

Nominations for new members continued during the summer and the following people became members of our club. **Charlie & Terri Champaine, Peter & Lesley Whittall, Don Gray & Holly Scheu, Ted Johnson & Wendy Geddes and Art Vertlieb & Bev Briscoe** are now members of the Silva Bay Yacht Club.

So far we have added 17 new memberships to our club this year, bringing our total to 88 or approximately 176 actual members. The competition for the 4th annual Membership Advance trophy (given out at the Commodore's Ball to the members who bring in the greatest number of new members) has been keen and one couple has now moved out from the pack. As there is still about 3 months left in the year, there's still time for that to change and as the overall record for bringing in

new members in one year sits at 21, there is still time to break that record.

As of this writing I have membership tags for all of the new members mentioned above plus Ron & Cathy McCaffrey and Dave & Wilma Nott. I will have these tags with me at the monthly meetings plus the monthly luncheons at Silva Bay and can also be reached at home by phoning 247-7962, where they can be picked up.

I look forward to seeing you on the water or at the meetings.

Fred Withey
Membership Chairperson

Program Coordinator's Message

The November meeting will be on the 5th at the Roxy Theater. We start at 7:30 and the speaker starts about 8:00 after some nominal business content. The presentation this month is by David Kellenberger,



one of our esteemed members. David has prepared a video of this year's trip to Chatterbox Falls in Princess Louisa Inlet in June. There were six boats in the cruise this year so this will be an opportunity for those that did not make it to be there vicariously.

It was a great trip with stops at Secret Cove, Egmont, Chatterbox and Harmony Islands. The scenery was fantastic and the social events were great fun (especially the champagne breakfast). There is a great video of the Skookumchuck Rapids at full flood for those of you who have not seen them.

Earl Miller
Program Coordinator



PHOTO CONTEST

Photos (digital or film) taken by SBYC members in 2007 of boating activities, water scenes and our sponsors.

Five Categories

People, Scenery, Boats, Sponsors, Other

Submit photos (maximum of 5 per category) by November 10th to Ron Mumford

By email to rmumford@shaw.ca

Or by mail to 1773 El Verano Drive, Gabriola, V0R 1X6

We are honored to have as judges renowned island photographer Nick Halpin and past commodore and accomplished artist Doug Harrison.

The prizes for each category will be awarded at our December dinner/AGM/photo show. The winners will also have a special spot in the parade of pictures shown that night.

PROPOSED S.B.Y.C. CRUISE & MEETING SCHEDULE 2007

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MEALS</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>
Jan 1 st	Salute the Compass	Silva Bay	Lunch at the Pub	Dock
Jan 27 th	Winter Blues Cruise (Day cruise)	Wakes Cove	Soup & Sandwiches	Dock & raft
Feb 17 th & 18 th	Valentine Cruise (Day, overnighiter or foot & ferry)	Newcastle Island	Dinghy Dock Pub	Dock or anchor
Mar. 17 th & 18 th	St. Patrick's Day Cruise	Thetis Island Marina	Irish Stew at Pub	Dock & power
April 28 th & 29 th	Spring Cruise (Day or Overnighiter)	Butchart Garden's Cove (or Maple Bay Marina)	Happy Hour Snacks (Restaurant)	Anchor & stern-tie Raft (Dock & power)
May 19 th & 21 st	Pre-Summer Cruise (overnighiter)	Wallace Island Princess Cove	Evening Pot Luck	Anchor & stern-tie Raft
May 27 th	S.B.Y.C. Sailpast	Silva Bay	BBQ after sailpast	Pages Resort
June 1 st - 3 rd	Two nighter	Otter Bay & Port Browning	Pot luck	Dock & Power Pot luck or pub
June 23 rd To July 2 nd	1 Week Cruise	Smuggler's Cove Egmont Marina Chatterbox Falls Harmony Islands	To be arranged	Dock & anchor
July 21 st & 22 nd	Summer Cruise	Jedediah Island	Happy Hour Snacks	Anchor & stern-tie
Aug. 18 th & 19 th	Mystery Cruise (Overnighiter)	?	BBQ	?
Sept 7 th & 16 th	Pre-Fall Cruise 1 Week Cruise	Choice of San Juans OR Southern Gulf Islands	To be arranged	Dock, buoys or Anchor
Oct. 13 th & 14 th	Fall Cruise (Overnighiter)	Conover Cove Wallace Island	To be arranged	Dock or anchor & Stern-tie
Nov. 3 rd & 4 th	Guy Fawkes/Halloween Cruise (Overnighiter or day)	Pirates Cove	Pot luck on board (comfort food)	Anchor & stern-tie
Dec. 15 th	Lighted boat parade (Early evening cruise around the bay?)	Silva Bay	Mulled wine & Eggnog	Home dock

Our Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Silva Bay Resort, with the exception of the summer months. These meetings are very casual in nature. The business portion is extremely short, sweet and to the point. The hi-light of the evening (approx. 8:00pm) is that we always have very interesting guests that are extremely informative. Everyone always has a wonderful time. Come out and enjoy the evening with your fellow members. You'll be glad you did!

Our Monthly lunches are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon at the Silva Bay Restaurant. They run all summer long, with the exception of our one week cruises. These delightful lunches are so much fun and a great time is always had by all. What an excellent way to meet other members.

Chatterbox Falls Trip





Mystery Cruise



Southern Gulf Islands



Mt Baker taken from Abbotsford

