

SBYC

NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

"If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance." - George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

We have set our clocks ahead, we recently convened our Annual General Meeting in March, we developed the enclosed Sailing and Activities Schedule for the coming season, we hosted a Boat Expo Event at our SBYC Dry-dock on March 24th, and most of us have begun earnestly thinking and working on our personal pre-Crane-in "To Do Lists". Some of us are hiding those visa bills and trying to explain increased late night internet surfing on marine websites, and the arrival of a litany of strange and wonderful West Marine packages. There is noise in the closet. I expect, there will be some finely dressed and lively skeleton's soon set dancing upon Sunshine Bay!

Welcome to another season of sailing at SBYC to our returning members, and a special welcome to our new SBYC club members on behalf of the SBYC Board. I encourage all our returning and seasoned SBYC sailors to extend your always gracious welcome and helpful assistance to our new members. Several new members have asked about opportunities to learn more about boat

maintenance and preparation for the coming season – this is a great opportunity to invite new members to perhaps get involved in some SBYC hands-on Dry-dock work! I recently had a chance to take the AI Day 3 credit hull preparation course with three other club members who collectively worked on a members boat – well I figure I earned three credits!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dock Repair

April 21

April 28

Docks In

May 5

Boat Crane In

May 20

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TENTATIVE Schedule of Sailing Events EYC/SBYC 2012

Date	Event	Social	Race Management
Saturday, April 21	SBYC Dock Repair	Lunch	
Saturday, April 28	SBYC Dock Repair	Lunch	
Saturday, May 5	*. *EYC and SBYC Docks in	Lunch	
Saturday, May 12	"B" Dock Chain replacement		
Saturday, May 19	EYC Crane in.		
Sunday, May 20	*. *SBYC Crane in		
Sunday, June 3	Race 1 Spring Series, Keelboats		EYC
Saturday, June 9	Inter-city Regatta Day 1	B/L/D EYC	EYC/SBYC/ WSC
Sunday, June 10	Inter-city Regatta Day 2 / Race 2 Spring Series, Keelboats	B/L EYC	EYC/SBYC/ WSC
Sunday, June 17	Race 3 Spring Series, Keelboats		EYC
Sunday, June 24	Race 4 Spring Series, Keelboats		EYC
Saturday, June 30	Down the Lake Race		SBYC
Sunday, July 1	MacGregor class race	Dinner/BBQ	EYC
Wednesday, July 4	Evening Pursuit Race 1		EYC
Wednesday, July 11	Evening Pursuit Race 2		SBYC
Saturday, July 14	Single Handed Race	Dinner / BBQ	SBYC
Wednesday, July 18	Evening Pursuit Race 3		EYC
Wednesday, July 25	Evening Pursuit Race 4		SBYC
Saturday, July 28	Jack & Jill Race		SBYC
Wednesday, August 1	Evening Pursuit Race 5		EYC
Saturday, August 4	SBYC Pirate Days	BBQ	SBYC
Sunday, August 5	Seba Beach Regatta Dinghy Race	Dinner/BBQ Volleyball?	EYC/SBYC
Wednesday, August 8	Evening Pursuit Race 6		SBYC
Saturday, August 11	AOSA Voyage of Discovery	Social @ EYC	AOSA
Wednesday, August 15	Evening Pursuit Race 7		EYC
Saturday, August 18	AOSA Fun Race	Dinner/BBQ	EYC
Wednesday, August 22	Evening Pursuit Race 8		SBYC
Wednesday, August 29	Evening Pursuit Race 9		EYC

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Saturday, Sept 1	AOSA Alberta Cup Regatta Day 1	Dinner/BBQ	EYC
Sunday, Sept 2	AOSA Alberta Cup Regatta Day 2 / Race 1 Fall Series, Keelboats		EYC/SBYC
Sunday, Sept 9	Race 2 Fall Series, Keelboats		SBYC
Sunday, Sept 16	Race 3 Fall Series, Keelboats		SBYC
Sunday, Sept 23	Race 4 Fall Series, Keelboats		SBYC
Saturday, Sept 29	Splice the Mainbrace Cup Day 1		EYC/SBYC
Sunday, Sept 30	Splice the Mainbrace Cup Day 2 / Race 5 Fall Series, Keelboats	Social @ EYC	EYC/SBYC
Saturday, Oct 6	EYC Crane out		
Sunday, Oct 7	SBYC Crane out		
Saturday, Oct 13	EYC and SBYC Docks out	Lunch	

Racing Series

Spring Series – Sundays in June – noon start - \$35 entry fee

Evening Pursuit Series – Wednesdays in July & August

Fall Series – Sundays in September - noon start - \$35 entry fee

Race Committee Volunteer positions needed

Mark layer, Line judge, Sound signaler, Flag officer, Recorder, Timer

Alberta Sailing Association Race Management Seminar date TBA.

***Dates provided are subject to change. Notification will be given in the event the ice conditions change.**

Those assigned to A dock may put their boats in any time after the docks are in. Chain replacement must be carried out before any boats are placed on B dock. This work is subject to the availability of EYC's Premadawna. Al Day will have any updates.

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Commodore's Message

Dates have been set for dock work April 21 and 28; docks in for May 5; dock chain replacement for May 12, and May 20 as Boat Crane In day! Our club has always excelled at getting volunteers out on work-party events. They are a great opportunity to reconnect with friends, discuss and get feedback on your special boat projects while working, and they provide a chance to get some exercise, fresh air and enjoy the first glimpse of Chef Stuart and John's culinary genius! Some have even been moved to take that first swim of the season.

As you heard at the AGM the Board has several projects underway that range from the continued discussion with our Landlord around extending our lease, to a proposal to use funds from the last Alberta Sailing Association casino to develop and support more opportunities for young sailors at the club, to a replacement of chains on Dock B.

Traditionally, your Board confirms all of the Board member portfolio's at the first Board meeting after the AGM. At this point the positions of Commodore, Barry Tonge, and Past Commodore,

Neil Herbst, are the only two set Board positions. We look forward to sharing the confirmed portfolio of Board members shortly.

I hope that your season will be one of embracing the dancing skeleton, by reconnecting with old friends and meeting new friends, and discovering new joys in sailing!

Barry Tonge



RULES & REGULATIONS

SUNSHINE BAY YACHT CLUB

SOUTH SEBA BEACH, ALBERTA

If you would like a copy of our new Rules & Regulations for our club, they will be available in our clubhouse after "Boats In" in May... Read up on all the Do's & Dont's - Know your club.



Yacht Expo Seminars Edmonton Spring 2012

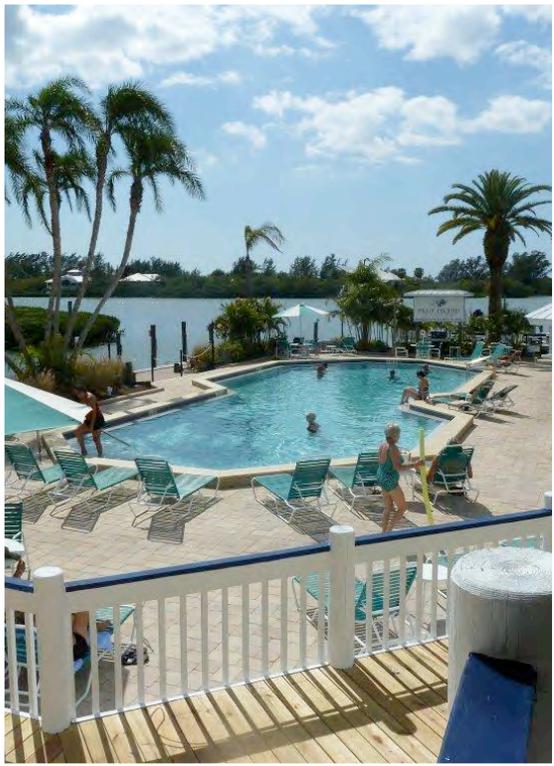
SBYC was pleased to support a unique first time event in Edmonton by hosting a series of boating seminars at the Sunshine Bay Winter Drydock on Saturday March 24, 2012. The list of sessions delivered on Saturday at the SBYC Dry-dock are noted below. We would like to say a special thank you to Cooper's Boating, Swiftsure Sailing, NorthSails, Pacific Yacht

Systems – Marine Electronics and Electrical, Bosun's Yacht Sales & Service, Yacht Sales West for supporting seminars.

- New sail boats to watch for - YACHT SALES WEST
- Up close and personal with your marine head - BOSUN'S YACHT SALES & SERVICE
- Commuting to the coast for sailing adventures - YACHT SALES WEST
- Marine electrical 101 - PACIFIC YACHT SYSTEMS
- 10 essential tips for boat buyers - COOPER BOATING
- Ask the Experts - Open Forum

There was good attendance at the seminars. Feedback on the seminars and ideas for future seminars is welcomed.

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The Stobbe's have some new idea's for club expansion that they picked up while visiting the Palm Island

The Wabamun Sailing Club has is organizing a Marine VHF Course on May 12 13:00 for 3 hours instruction and May 26 13:00 for 3 hours review and exam upstairs at WSC. Price is \$100 for everything. Doug Flower the Fleet Captain at WSC has indicated they presently have about 6-8 people interested in taking the VHF course and extended the offer to join the course to SBYC members. To register please contact Doug Flowers at the WSC : dm.flowers@shaw.ca

RACE OFFICIAL TRAINING

Serving as a Race Official not only promotes the sport of sailing but it helps solidify the understanding of the rules and tactics for those officials who currently race or plan to race.

There are two courses provided by Peter van Muyden, the Club Race Officer (CRO) clinic

With a view to conducting even more professional club race management and to increase the talent pool of qualified officials. This clinic takes 12 hours (offered 4 hours for 3 evenings or over two weekends)

The Assistant Race Officer (ARO) clinic –takes 4 hours Peter van Muyden is available as follows:

For CRO - 4 hours on each of
 Wednesday April 18
 Wednesday April 25
 Wednesday May 2

Or on any of the two Sundays -April 22, 29 and May 27
 For ARO – 4 hours on Wednesday May 9

Cost is \$20 for the ARO and \$40 for the complete CRO clinic. Peter says “Strangely we found attendance at free courses was much lower than when we charged for clinics”.

The venue would likely be the Percy Page Center. It is desirable to have at least two people from SBYC trained as Club Race Officers and as many others as possible trained as Assistant Race Officers.

The first two events the trained officers would be involved with officiating are the Spring Series and the Inter City Regatta on June 3,9,10,17 & 24.

I'm also in the process of setting up an “Introduction to Racing Clinic” with Lawrence Lemieux sometime in June. This clinic is intended to introduce new sailors to the thrill of racing, honing sailing skills and getting the most out of their boat and equipment.

More information will follow as dates are firmed up.

Regards,
 Brian Styles, Fleet Captain
 Sunshine Bay Yacht Club

CLASSIFIED ADS

1997 Seaward 23 (Soleil) with carbon fibre spar (new 2002) with shoal draft wing keel. Single owner since new. Includes three sails: 260 ft. main (original and improved by North Sails last year); 100% jib and 57% jib with both in good to very good condition. Single axle trailer maintained by McKay Bros. 8 hp Honda outboard maintained every year by Honda technicians. Includes single burner Origo stove, porta pottie, plow anchor with 20 ft. of chain and 200 ft. of rode, knotmeter, compass etc. Proven singlehander with 2800 nm on the log, all done on Lake Wabamun. Very stable boat in all wind conditions. Excellent young family cruiser. Asking: \$25,000

Contact: Marvin Abugov: mabugov@shaw.ca. Also see the SBYC website: Boats4Sale!



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Sabine and Ian MacLeod "chartered" a Dhow 27 for a wonderful cruise while in Zanzibar in February 2012. The boat was a single masted sloop constructed in early 1930s of mahogany wood from stem to stern. She was equipped with a head and a sun deck. Her simple yet efficient rigging made for enjoyable sailing along the coast of the island where we stopped for snorkeling adventures and barbecues on deck.
Ian and Sabine



Here's a few pictures of Linda and my sailing adventures in Australia's Whitsunday Islands - right next to, and protected by, the Great Barrier Reef. For those who don't know, the Whitsundays are a series of 74 mainly uninhabited islands, most of which are parks or protected areas of one sort or another. Only one island (Hamilton) has a town with all varieties of commercial services available, including sail charter companies. A few of the other islands have private resorts on parts of them which you are free to visit by sail to use their amenities like pools, showers & pubs (for a fee). The only other nearby harbour or marina area is on the mainland at Airlie Beach/Shute Harbour. The Whitsundays themselves are a very tranquil, relaxed, uncrowded area which is perfect for tropical sailing, chilling out and enjoying quiet evenings aboard, either on the hook, or on one of the many park authority provided free moorings. If you're looking for an area loaded with bars, nightclubs and endless streams of people you will be better off chartering out of Airlie Beach and remaining close to that area to enjoy it's abundant nightlife. For our holiday we (including our son Chris, who has lived in Sydney Australia for the past 4 years) chartered with Sunsail out of Hamilton Island in early December. It was heaven, we couldn't have been happier, just 1 day with clouds and a smattering of rain, then the rest of the week was ideal trade wind conditions with just the right temperatures, fairly hot, but not sweltering, muggy & unbearable. We'd recommend the area for anyone who wants a beautiful, peaceful, relaxing, sailing holiday. And the rest of Australia, or at least the parts we were able to explore in 5 weeks, is pretty amazing too! Richard & Linda Sims

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Pierre & Leslie enjoying the British Virgins at Christmas.



John and Avery enjoying Florida with friends.

John ran across the long lost brother of Stuart Sherwin. Must be pirate bloodlines in that family.



A big THANK YOU from Dancin Bear.

Recovery from cancer is tough but having friends like those at SBYC makes it easier. I had the Bear in the warehouse with a whole list of chores to do over winter. I never planned on not doing boat work for weeks at a time but I was just too ill. I had not been to the warehouse for a few weeks then when I did what a wonderful surprise. First I noticed the bottom paint had been redone. Then I found that the hull had been cleaned and polished. It sounds like the SBYC board members arranged a work bee and they spent a day on my boat.

Words can't spell out a big enough thank you to this group. I hope that we can at least have an onboard get together for some sailing, storytelling and sun this summer.

Thanks again guys for this great healing gift.

Ken and Robin Lane (Annie too.)



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Preparing Your Boat for the Season Pre-Season Checklist

In order to assure a safe and uneventful season make sure that you go through the list below and make a note of any discrepancies that need attention.

General

Hull	Water System
Deck Fittings	Mast & Rigging
Required Equipment	Below Decks
Electrical System	Trailer Sails
Inboard Engine(s)	Outboard Motor(s)
Head System	Galley

GENERAL:

- * Do a general cleaning of hull, deck and topsides using a mild detergent
- * Make sure drains and scuppers are clear
- * Put on a good coat of wax
- * Clean and polish metal with a good metal polish
- * Clean teak and oil
- * Clean windows and hatches
- * Clean canvas, bimini and dodger
- * Clean interior including bilges
- * Check spare parts and tools and replace as necessary
- * Make sure registration is current and onboard
- * Check and replace wiper blades if necessary

HULL

- * Check for hull abrasions, scratches, gouges, etc. and repair
- * Check and replace zincs
- * Check for blisters and refinish is necessary
- * Check rub rails
- * Check swim platform and/or ladder
- * Inspect and test trim tabs
- * Check shaft, cutlass bearing, strut and prop
- * Check rudder and fittings
- * Touch up or replace antifouling paint

DECK, FITTINGS, SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- * Check stanchion, pulpits and lifelines for integrity
- * Check ground tackle, lines, fenders, etc.
- * Check chainplates and cleats
- * Check hull/deck joint
- * Check deck, windows, and port lights for leaks
- * Inspect anchor windlass and lubricate
- * Clean and grease winches
- * Check and lubricate blocks, pad eyes, etc.
- * Check dinghy, and life raft

BELOW DECKS:

- * Check, test and lubricate seacocks
- * Check condition of hoses and clamps
- * Make sure below waterline hoses are double clamped
- * Check bilges pumps for automatic and manual operation
- * Check for oil in bilges
- * Check limber holes and make sure they are clear of debris

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ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AND COMPONENTS:

- * Check battery water level
- * Check/recharge batteries
- * Check terminals for corrosion, clean and lubricate
- * Check bonding system
- * Inspect all wiring for wear and chafe
- * Test all gauges for operability
- * Check shore power and charger
- * Check for spare fuses
- * Check all lighting fixtures (including navigation lights) and make sure you have spare bulbs
- * Check all electronics for proper operation
- * Inspect antennas

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:

- * Sound signaling device
- * Check distress signals and expiration date
- * Check Pfd's
- * Inspect life rings and cushions
- * Check fire extinguishers and recharge if necessary
- * Check and adjust compass
- * Check navigation lights
- * Check charts and replace as necessary
- * Check radar reflector
- * Check and replace first aid supplies
- * Check bailer and hand pump

INBOARD ENGINE(S):

- * Change oil & filters - have spare onboard
- * Check and change fuel filters - have spares onboard
- * Check and change engine zincs
- * Check cooling system change coolant as necessary - have extra onboard
- * Record engine maintenance log, especially date & hours of last oil changes
- * Check belts for tension
- * Check transmission fluid
- * Check and clean backfire flame arrestor
- * Check impeller
- * Check and clean water strainer
- * Check bilge blower

HEAD SYSTEM:

- * Checked for smooth operation - lubricate and clean as necessary
- * If equipped with treatment system, have chemicals on hand
- * Y-valve operation checked, valve labeled & secured

WATER SYSTEM:

- * Flush water tank
- * Check water system and pump for leaks and proper operation
- * Check hot water tank working on both AC and engines
- * Check for tank cap keys on board
- * Check and clean shower sump pump screens

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GALLEY:

- * Fill propane tank, check electric & manual valves, check storage box vent to make sure it is clear
- * Check refrigerator, clean and freshen, operate on AC and DC
- * Clean stove, check that all burners and oven are working
- * Check microwave, if fitted

OUTBOARD MOTOR:

- * Replace spark plugs
- * Check plug wires for wear
- * Check prop for nicks and bends
- * Change/fill gear lube
- * Inspect fuel lines, primer bulb and tank for leaks
- * Lubricate and spray moveable parts

TRAILER:

- * Check for current registration
- * Check rollers and pads
- * Check and lubricate wheel bearings
- * Clean and lubricate winch
- * Lubricate tongue jack and wheel
- * Test lights and electrical connections
- * Check tire pressure and condition
- * Check brakes (if equipped)
- * Check safety chains
- * Check tongue lock

SAILS:

- * Check general condition
- * Look for wear and chafing
- * Check battens and batten pockets
- * Check all sail attachments
- * Inspect bolt rope

MAST AND RIGGING:

- * Check mast and spreaders for corrosion or damage
- * Inspect spreader boots and shrouds
- * Inspect rivets and screw connections for corrosion
- * Check reefing points and reefing gear
- * Clean sail track
- * Check rigging, turnbuckles and clevis pins for wear and corrosion
 - * Inspect stays for fraying and "fish hooks"
- * Check forestay and backstay connections
- * Check masthead fitting and pulleys
- * Check and lubricate roller furling
- * Check halyards and consider replacing or swapping end for end
- * Tape turnbuckles, cotter pins, and spreaders

Barry suggested that we add three more items to the spring checklist. They are as follows:

1. Lubricate stuffing boxes, shaft and rudder logs
2. Empty water separator filters
3. Shock the drinking water tank. Barry suggests pool shock not bleach. Pool shock breaks down in a few days and then can be flushed out.