

SBYC

NEWSLETTER

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FROM OUR COMMODORE

“ Frost on the dock, tick-tock tick-tock”

All the summer charms of our lake are now like a falling tide ebbing away. Another season of sailing and camaraderie on the water are now at an end.

The few, the hardy, tempted mother nature to enjoy the last brisk October winds and the final few warm days under layers of fleece ... it was a good season.

SBYC witnessed a record number of boats on our docks proving helpful for club finances and the opportunity to meet some new sailors. We welcomed new members and thanks to Al Day's guidance and several work parties our re-set dock anchors and the new Mediterranean anchors on the west dock held up brilliantly all summer in the face of the strongest blows. Incredible work by our events directors Stuart and John, many volunteers, and the generous sponsorship of Alley Kat Brewery needs special mention, as do Brian and company for a superbly managed race season. Many others put in countless hours without fanfare keeping things working and adding those extra touches that make our club so special.

We were able to provide funds for youth to take sailing courses this summer and have a plan for continued support to sustain interest in youth sailing.

Club crane-out went off with a hitch...so to speak. If not entirely, without incident. There are always things we can improve as a club, and as individual members, in making ourselves ready for the day. We as always get another shot in a number of months.

Your club directors will keep busy over the coming months with a number of business items including advancing discussions with our land lord around the extension of our lease, and of course our next shore-event – the mid winter party.

Our club also lost one of our fondest members this season with the recent passing of Ken Lane. An avid and accomplished sailor and a friend to many. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. Ken's wit and his infectious good nature and that broad telling smile will be remembered always.

Barry Tonge
Commodore



IN MEMORY

KEN LANE



Many stories about Ken that come to my mind, mainly related to our sailing experiences over the past 10 years. We sailed together many times, including trips from Alaska to Washington, from Victoria to Maui, and up the west coast of Vancouver Island. And, of course, many afternoons and evenings at Lake Wabamun. As everyone knows, Ken was a very social person. He loved to talk, joke, and tease. He had a wonderful ability to make people feel at ease and to keep parties lively. Perhaps I saw this best at our arrival celebration at the end of the Vic-Maui race. For days before our arrival Ken had been letting everyone know how much he loved chocolate-chip cookies. Somehow our hosts in Maui had got wind of this, so waiting at our arrival was a large plate of chocolate chip cookies. Ken's never-ending compliments to the cook (with Ken in the photo) and his affection for everyone there were a large part of our celebration. The enthusiasm and appreciation Ken expressed were so characteristic, as Sunshine Bay club members have seen so often.

Keir Pearson

SAILING

How Do You Do This? How Do you Fix This?

One of the great benefits of belonging to SBYC is the fact it operates as a member operated "cooperative" where everyone brings their experience and knowledge from all walks of life. There is room for everyone to participate in the club. We all bring something unique. That is why in addition to our official club e-mails sent out by the club's membership chair, members have been asking for another forum where various subjects from A to Z about sailing can be discussed. In particular where questions and answers and sailing related opinions can be expressed and shared.

Approximately, 2/3 of club members are now subscribed to the club's new "closed group" Facebook page. A closed group means that the page is supervised. Only club members are approved to join. While anyone can see the page, only members are permitted to post to the page. Inappropriate posts can be removed by the club's administrator(s).

To join go to: www.facebook.com and provide your e-mail address and your private password. To limit access to your personal page, set your privacy setting to "members only". Then in the Facebook "Search" function on your Facebook "home page", type in: members@SBYC. This brings you to the club's page where you can ask your questions and post your club related photos. When you post, all club members subscribed get an automatic e-mail with your question or post which you can respond to right away.

For example, how do you raise a very heavy steel flagpole after being renovated to its upright position? The photo as posted on the club's page should offer you a clue?!

Remember: Spring is coming -- SOON!

Regards,
Marvin Abugov
SBYC Vice Commodore



A Little of Our History

Today, if you look around closely, you will see some of the tangible remains of what occupied our club's property in the past. An old chapel site remains a peaceful, and almost, sacred space flanked by a huge cross that still rises majestically out of the overgrown bush and bramble. All you need to do is explore just south of the SBYC parking lot and west of our trailers.



Are you prepared for an emergency ?

Fire Extinguishers are critical, these should be checked every year. Take them to your local safety store for an annual.

Have you checked your **Flares** on board ? Flares are only certified for four years and should be replaced after expiry.

Money Saver Tip: BoatCraft in Edmonton orders Emergency Safety Flares once a year, this saves you huge on shipping costs as they are considered "Dangerous Goods". Call Don to place get in on a group purchase and save some money.

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SBYC goes Scottish

For one night on August 18, the club house was overrun by men in kilts showing off their wares. That is their favourite bottles of single malt Scotch whisky! On that night, a group of Scotch lovers got together to share stories and sips of single malts that they have come to know and love over years of experiences both good and bad.

To make the night as authentic as possible, we were lucky to have a true bag piper to play us some tunes. His name was Robert Johnston. He warmed up the pipes by serenading the loons at the end of B dock. He then piped the revelers into the club house, where the serious discussions, sipping and stories began. People who attended brought a bottle of their favourite single malt to share with others. There was a great range of whiskies from throughout the lowlands, midlands and the highlands with the flavours ranging from chewing on smoked peat moss to a light port and sherry infused nectar. The sharing proved educational for everyone and even Jenny Sherwin was heard to say "I think I like scotch. I learned that there were different flavours to the @#? \$ Stuart drinks!"

Being the facilities manager extraordinaire, Steve Guest "re-tuned" one of the chairs in the club house to be suitable for the night as shown in the attached picture.

Many thanks to all who contributed a bottle and a story about the golden nectar from the land of Scots. Thanks to Robert for playing on the pipes for us. Look forward to announcements for a repeat of the event in the future.



Who says you need a boat to sail. Pierre finds all kinds of ways find the wind !



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Out on the water - whats better ?



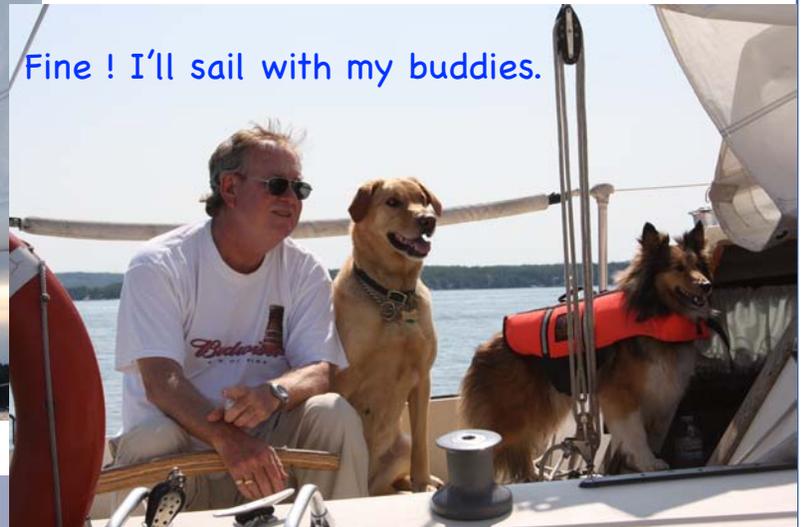
Ahhhh - Spinnackers - luv `em



Roman checking the bottom paint



I love my SBYC



Fine ! I'll sail with my buddies.



Is there any better sight than this !



At the end of the day,
A "Dave" built fire !