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CAMPBELL RIVER YACHT CLUB



Dedicated to bringing ENJOYMENT to all aspects of boating.

***NEWSLETTER –
1ST QUARTER, 2024***

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Commodore's Message

Hail to all members and very pleased to announce that the vernal equinox has arrived. Trust all folks are well and ready to start preparing your vessels for sea trials for the boating season. A very good friend of mine told me many times, "don't spend more time fixing your boat than sailing her". I find this a difficult mantra to follow but looking forward to spending a lot of time on the water this season.

On a personal note, Linda and I contracted Covid in early February and spent a full 4 weeks at home and recovered fully by leap day. Eight years without a cold or flu, 6 inoculations and then wham.

Looking forward to a spectacular spring and summer with several rendezvous planned and great club meetings at the clubhouse plus a beach BBQ on April 27th.

Fair winds and calm seas,
Doug McGregor
Commodore
"Kismet III"

Editor's Notes

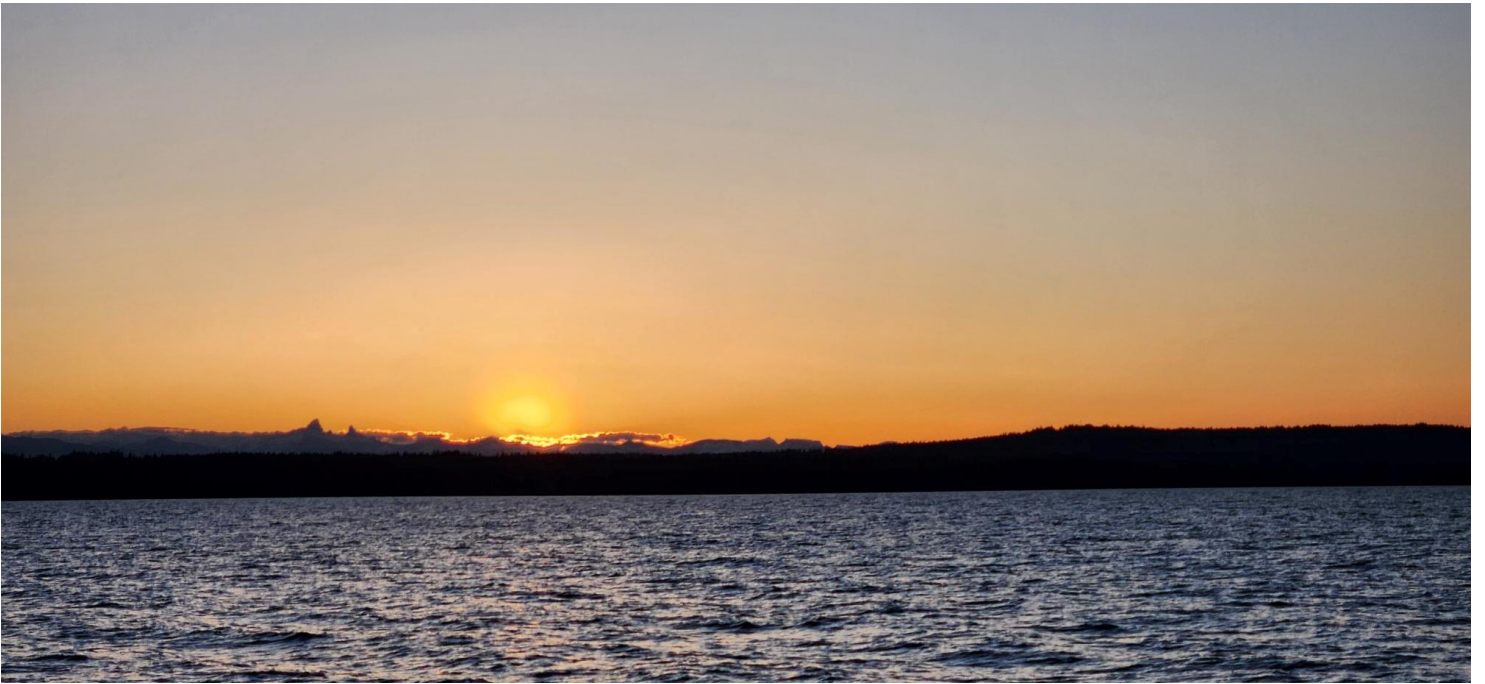
Spring is springing and another season of boating is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to another summer of boating, and while I haven't planned any long trips, I hope to be able to spend a lot of time on the boat around the local waters. For those that are followers of ocean racing, recently a 29 year old woman sailor from Maine, U.S.A. sailed solo around the world, starting on Oct. 29, 2023 and ending in Spain on March 5, 2024. Aboard her boat "***First Light***", she made history as the youngest solo woman sailor and came in second overall. In order to find out more about her exciting story, you can follow her on Instagram or on the web at colebraueroceanracing.com.

I was able to get in my first sail of the season already. I left Discovery Harbour Marina on the flood tide in early afternoon of March 23rd, turned around and headed back to the dock after inspecting my prop shaft for overheating (I tightened the packing in late fall). It appeared to be rather hot but upon further inspection I guess the packing seated in and it appeared normal, so I turned back around and headed out. The weather cooperated that day and after throwing out the prawn traps along Quadra Island I had a nice sail in a 10 knot breeze over to Marina Island. After a light dinner I headed back over to pull the traps and watched the sun set behind Victoria Peak and the moon rise over Cortes Island. After pulling the traps I was able to anchor in the dark at Rebecca Spit and spent a quiet night at anchor. The morning was heavily fogged in but beautiful and still, so I stayed in the anchorage until the fog burned off at about 1300 hrs. The SE breeze picked up nicely in the afternoon and after retrieving the prawn traps I had a nice easy sail to the Cape Mudge light. The boat performed well and appears to be ready for another season!

Thanks go out to Marg Swain for doing the pulled pork and all the other members that contributed to a great evening at the Fish and Wildlife Clubhouse on Wednesday March 20th. And thanks to our Commodore for arranging the speaker with a very informative session following the dinner (more details inside).

Steve Gardner

"Dance Lightly"



Sunset over the mountains of Vancouver Island, looking west from Sutil Channel.



A foggy morning in Drew Harbour.



Nothing to write home about, but enough for a meal or two!

NOTES OF INTEREST

CRYC entered its 43rd year as a Club as of March 15, 2024!

Calendar Items:

- **Men's and Ladies Lunch: TBA via email.**

Note: All planned social events will be confirmed by email, with more details. Un-planned social events, such as cruising hook-ups, are encouraged.

Planned Events:

- **A Refuge Cove boating/prawning expedition is contemplated for some time in late April (Weather permitting). Details to follow by email.**
- **A get-together is scheduled for April 27th (Beach BBQ). Details to follow via email (Weather permitting!).**
- **Plans for the annual May long weekend boating event are being finalized by the Executive: details to follow via email.**
- **CRYC executive received an invite from the Nanaimo Yacht Club for their annual "Swap Meet", to be held on Saturday, April 27th in Nanaimo. All CRYC members are invited to buy or sell marine items at this meet (see brochure).**

NANAIMO YACHT CLUB MARINE SWAP MEET AND SALE

Saturday, April 27th | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Upper Floor @ 400 Newcastle Avenue

**OPEN TO YACHT CLUBS, BOATERS &
GENERAL PUBLIC TO BUY OR SELL**

SELLER INFORMATION:

Marine related items only

\$20.00 to reserve a table

Setup is on Friday, April 26th from 5pm to 7pm and Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 am to 9:45 am.

Food will be available to purchase with all proceeds going to Nanaimo Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program

To Reserve Tables or Offer Silent Auction Items Contact:

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Recent Events:

- On Wednesday, January 17, club members enjoyed a great roast beef dinner. Thanks go out to Wade and Maureen Major for preparing the beef and to Marg Swain and all the members who helped in the kitchen and to set up. At this meeting, Commodore Doug McGregor presented Anne Bosshart a plaque commemorating her and husband Rene's long-standing service to the Club and appointing them both Honorary Members of the Campbell River Yacht Club. Brian Kyle was also inducted as an Honorary Member of the Club at this time as well (Brian was not in attendance).



Commodore Doug McGregor presenting the Honorary Membership plaque for Anne and Rene Bosshart to Anne, January 17, 2024.

Wade Major invited Mr. Steve Ordano to speak at the January dinner, which Mr. Ordano graciously accepted. Mr. Ordano recounted numerous adventures and incidents on local waters during his 40 year plus history of commercial fishing around Campbell River and areas on the North Island and on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.



Mr. Steve Ordano, local commercial fisherman, giving a talk to Club Members.

- **The Club had a good turnout on Wednesday, March 20, for a pulled-pork dinner, followed by an informal presentation given by Captain Geoff Saunders, recently retired from the Canadian Coast Guard. Captain Saunders is a 20 year plus Canadian Coast Guard Captain stationed in Campbell River for many years. His talk was full of good information, here is a list of only some of the good points that he made...:**
 - **There are a few dangerous local waters that boaters need to be aware of. Seymour Narrows is obviously one and probably the most talked about, but the tide race between Cape Mudge lighthouse and the red marker buoy on the southeastern tip of the reef has seen more incidents. In a flood tide with an opposing SE gale, this area is treacherous and standing waves up to 4.5 metres high can be encountered.**
 - **Many people have a VHF Radio Licence, but older licences are not compatible with the new radios that have an emergency sending/location button (DFC). So older licence holders should get an upgraded Radio Station Licence with a DFC endorsement. Courses are available on-line with a self-study option. The cost is \$125.00 and an applicant has 60 days to complete the course and take the on-line examination. For more details, visit the Ripple Rock Power Squadron website: <https://www.cps-ecp.ca/>**
 - **The Coast Guard has been recommending that all boaters should produce a sailing plan and lodge it with family or friends prior to disembarking. The Club will look at embracing this concept and circulate to Club Members. If an incident occurs, Coast Guard is in a much better position to respond to a search if details exist as to boat description, probable destinations, number of people on board, and other pertinent information that may assist in determining the correct response.**
 - **All boats that have a freeboard exceeding 18 inches (0.46m) must have a reboarding device such as a ladder (portable or fixed), or other approved device.**
 - **Hypothermia is a real threat if a person ends up in the water, but cold water shock probably takes more lives. That's why its important to wear a lifejacket (it offers insulating properties). See page 12 of this newsletter.**

- The Coast Guard no longer publishes the “Safe Boating Guide” in print, for this informative brochure, please access the Canadian Coastguard website [Canadian Coast Guard \(cgc-gcc.gc.ca\)](http://Canadian Coast Guard (cgc-gcc.gc.ca))
- All boaters should be aware that sewage pump-out to the environment is limited to at least 3 miles (4.8 km) from any land. This limits pump-out opportunities around Campbell River. (For a list of mechanical pump-out locations, see Page 12 of this newsletter).
- The talk included a discussion about Seymour Narrows and the most famous incident involving the “Sundancer”, a cruise ship that ran aground traversing Seymour Narrows in 1983, and was responded to by the Coast Guard. Club Member and Past Commodore Hugh Silver gave an enlightening talk about how the ship managed to stay afloat and how it was able to tie up at the Elk Falls Pulp Mill wharf and safely evacuate over 800 people.



Club Members enjoying Marg Swain’s pulled pork sandwiches at the Fish and Wildlife Clubhouse, Wednesday, March 20, 2024.



Captain Geoff Saunders (center), Canadian Coast Guard (retired), speaking to CRYC audience, March 20, 2024.



Announcements



We Support BC Marine Parks Forever <http://www.marineparksforever.ca/>

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Marine Parks Forever Website has some great tips and informative articles on stern tie methods (I highly recommend visiting this site). There is also some great information on tree damage (in particular arbutus trees) that can occur from stern tie rope abrasion. It's recommended that boaters not use live trees as stern tie points whenever possible, and when it is necessary, use a towel or rag around the tree and do not free spool the stern tie rope around the tree when retrieving, thus preventing excessive bark damage.

Marine Parks Forever –

The Campbell River Yacht Club donates each year to the B. C. Marine Parks Forever Society. Our membership donates \$10.00 each to Marine Parks Forever, as a surcharge on the Annual Dues. CRYC issues tax refundable receipts for these individual donations. Thanks to your generosity we can continue to support this worthwhile BC charity. For more info, see <http://www.marineparksforever.ca/>



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The B. C. Marine Parks Forever Society received feedback regarding the recent improvements to the Stern Tie Program (in particular Desolation Sound and Teakerne Arm Marine Parks). Attached is a map of the Desolation Sound Area (courtesy B. C. Parks and Recreation Website: not to be used for navigation). Recent stern tie improvements include both the Desolation Sound anchorages at Tenedos Bay and at Grace Harbour, as well as the Teakerne Arm Marine Park on West Redonda Island. As a result, a program of installing yellow tags on all stern tie anchor points was completed this year, in order to make the anchor points more visible to boaters. For more information on the stern tie program and other improvements, please visit <http://www.marineparksforever.ca> or <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/info>



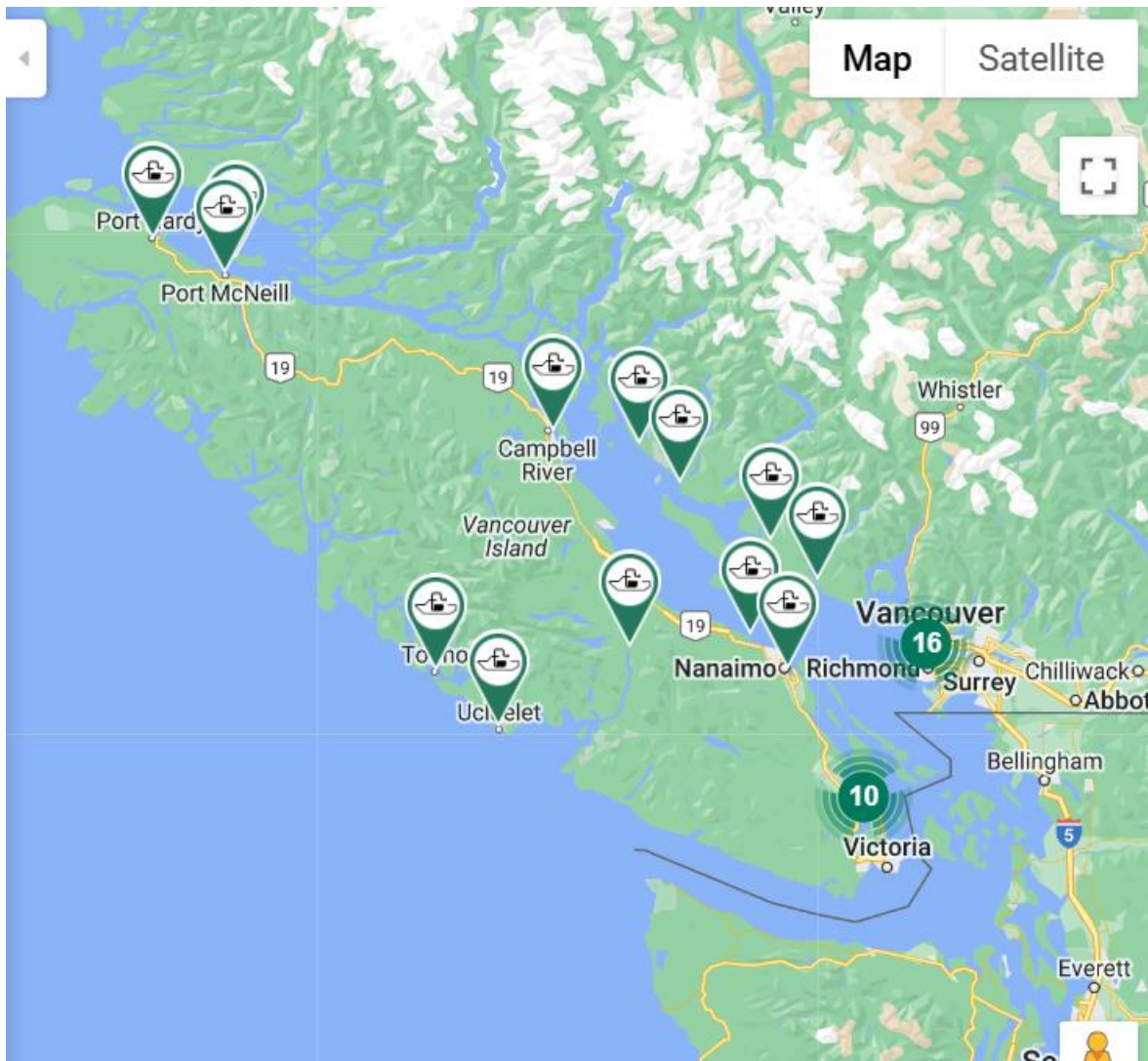
A general note regarding Transport Canada Pleasure Boat Regulations (*according to the BCCYC there is some serious consideration being given by the regulators to require that lifejackets be worn at all times*):

- You are required by law to have a lifejacket or PFD (Personal Flotation Device) on board for each person on a watercraft. This includes human-powered craft.
- A lifejacket is your best defence against cold-water shock. Research shows that unexpected immersion in cold water is a serious risk to life if a boater is not wearing a flotation device. This is true despite the boater's experience, closeness to shore, and even swimming ability.
- A sudden fall into cold water can seriously affect breathing, nerves, and muscle strength. A lifejacket gives you thermal protection as well as keeping you buoyant.

Link to DOT website: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/getting-started-safe-boating-/choosing-lifejackets-personal-flotation-devices-pfds>

In case of emergency... Channel 16 on the VHF Radio for the Canadian Coast Guard. The Canadian Coast Guard website lists the following contact numbers for BC: Toll free (within region) 1-800-567-5111; Phone 1-250-413-8933, Cellular #727

http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/eng/CCG/SAR_Rescue_Centre_Contact_Information



The Council of BC Yacht Clubs has provided a map showing the locations of marine pump-out stations along our part of the coast.

For those of you interested in studying regional weather patterns, Environment Canada has just produced a very detailed study on regional B.C. coastal weather patterns. Its available from the Environment Canada website:



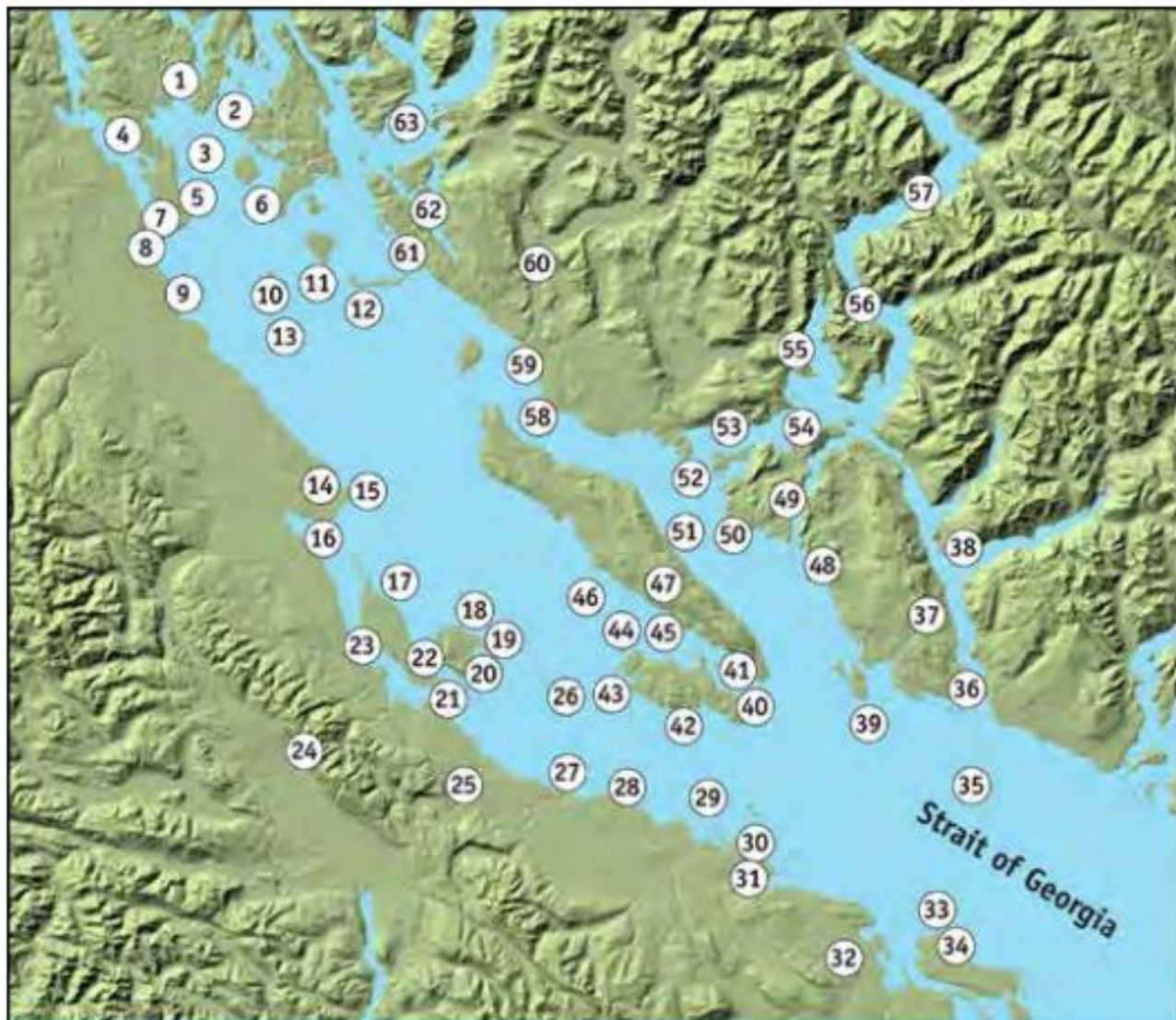
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National Marine Weather Guide British Columbia Regional Guide

**I found a really good reference map on the Georgia Strait area,
reproduced below:**



Strait of Georgia

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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Hoskyn Channel | 22. Lambert Channel | 43. False Bay |
| 2. Read I. | 23. Baynes Sound | 44. Scottie Bay |
| 3. Sutil Channel | 24. Beaufort Range | 45. Sabine Channel |
| 4. Discovery Passage | 25. Home Lake | 46. Texada I. |
| 5. Quadra I. | 26. Sisters I. | 47. Mt. Davies |
| 6. Cortes I. | 27. Qualicum Beach | 48. Pender Harbour |
| 7. Cape Mudge | 28. French Creek | 49. Agenemnon Channel |
| 8. Campbell River | 29. Ballenas I. | 50. Nelson I. |
| 9. Oyster Bay | 30. Schooner Cover | 51. Malaspina St. |
| 10. Mitlenatch I. | 31. Nanoose Bay | 52. Hardy I. |
| 11. Hernando I. | 32. Nanaimo | 53. Saltery Bay |
| 12. Savary I. | 33. Entrance I. | 54. Jervis Inlet |
| 13. Sentry Shoal | 34. Gariola I | 55. Hotham Sound |
| 14. Comox Airport | 35. Halibut Bank | 56. Prince of Wales Reach |
| 15. Comox Bluff | 36. Sechelt | 57. Princess Royal Reach |
| 16. Comox Harbour | 37. Sechelt Inlet | 58. Grief Pt. |
| 17. Denman I. | 38. Salmon Inlet | 59. Powell River |
| 18. Hornby I. | 39. Merry. | 60. Powell Lake |
| 19. Helliwell Pk | 40. Bull Passage | 61. Lund |
| 20. Tribune Bay | 41. Jedediah I. | 62. Okeover Inlet |
| 21. Chrome I. | 42. Lasqueti I. | 63. Desolation Sound |

CRYC BURGEE'S AVAILABLE NOW.

The CRYC Executive has on hand a new supply of CRYC burgees: For existing members, and new members, these are available at a cost of \$25.00 each. Please contact Dan Swain at 250-203-9100 to place your order.

Membership News...

The club currently has a total of 17 paid-up members and 4 Honorary Lifetime Memberships. The Club dues for 2024 are pegged at \$150.00 which includes a \$10 donation to Marine Parks Forever.

Please notify Alan Marsh or Doug McGregor if you have a change of address, e-mail or telephone so the club can keep our Membership List up to date.

The mailing address for the Club is:

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Mr. Alan Marsh, the CRYC Treasurer for 2024, is responsible for the collection of membership dues. If there are any questions related to membership, please contact Alan at 519-375-7625.

CRYC Annual Donations: In addition to our Annual Donation to Marine Parks Forever, the Club was able to donate \$325.00 in 2023 to the local Campbell River Food Bank, (a worthy recipient).

Members Boat

This issue of the newsletter presents our 2024 Commodore Doug MacGregor and his wife Linda's boat, "***Kismet III***". "***Kismet III***" is a Vindo 50. Vindo is a Swedish boat factory owned and operated by Carl Anderson and family, that made its name in the 1960's turning out well-built wooden work boats and sailing yachts, designed to weather the tough conditions of the North Sea and the Scandinavian coastline. With the advent of fiberglass in the 1960's, Vindo switched its hull design and fabrication over to fiberglass in 1965, but still retained the interior woodwork and joinery that sets it high on the list of well-designed and well-appointed boats. "***Kismet III***" was built in 1974. During the difficult economic conditions of the 1980's, the Vindo factory met the same fate as many of its counterparts, eventually ceasing production in 1990.

The V50 was produced in two versions, one as a sailor and one as a motor sailor with doghouse and aft cabin. Later came a version called Mix aft cabin but without doghouse and another called CC captains cabin, a variant with aft cabin that had an entrance from the saloon.

Doug and Linda have owned "***Kismet III***" since 2018. Doug is quoted here:

"The history of the ownership is not complete although I know her original name was ***FERNWEH*** which is German for "wanderlust". How she came to Canada is unknown. However, anecdotal story attached was the boat came from Fiji to our coast with moorage in Lady Smith. The vessel was purchased by the previous owner some 15 years ago and brought to False Creek. A major refit was undertaken and then left untouched for some years and we took the boat on 5 years ago and it has been a labour of love (a lot of labour).

KISMET III is one of the 35 footers with ketch rig and is called a Vindo 50 MS because it has 50 square meters of sail area. That does not count the 5 extra sails we have on board including a genoa and staysails. Hull speed is 7.2 knots with an Isuzu 35 hp diesel for auxiliary power. We have a 7.5 foot inflatable with a 2.5 hp Lehr propane outboard for shore trips.

The cabin has traditional berths to sleep 5 plus a fridge, ice box, 2 burner propane stove, diesel heater and wood stove with electric head. ***Kismet III*** handles like a dream and a very strong boat to handle just about anything the Salish Sea can throw at her."



"Kismet III", a ketch-rigged Vindo 50.



"Kismet III": strong fibreglass hull with timeless teak decking.



"Kismet III": Ample headroom and lush interior woodwork featuring mahogany and teak.



"Kismet III" in her new berth at Fisherman's Wharf.