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CAMPBELL RIVER YACHT CLUB



Dedicated to bringing ENJOYMENT to all aspects of boating.

***NEWSLETTER –
THIRD QTR, 2022***

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Commodore's Message

Hi All,

For most of us the boating season is now over. It has been a strange year with wet windy weather early in the season and then a period when it was very hot and now very dry. Like many other members that I have spoken with, we did not get out on “Katana” as much as usual. I did however, spend a lot of time on the water with the early regattas, fishing and crewing on a boat with the Comox Valley Sailing Club.

We have increased our membership during the past year and we were able to hold regular monthly meetings. We have moved into most regular meetings being social in nature with business discussed only as necessary. We did make a \$500 contribution toward Marine Parks Forever and we are looking at getting some better quality burgees.

November 16th is our AGM so there will be a business portion of the meeting with full financial reporting, election of officers and dealing with anything else needed. I hope that some of the newer members would consider letting their name stand for election to the executive. It is not a very onerous job. The business part of the AGM should not take very long and there will be social time with the club providing appies. I hope that most members will attend and give input into direction for the club.

Regards,

Wade Major

(“Katana”)

Editor's Notes

Once again, it is time to prepare the boat for the winter season...it seems like it was only a couple of weeks ago that I was dressing it up for the season start, how time flies! I have the head sail off and have done a few maintenance items. These include a strip out and clean up of the main bilge including an inspection of the float switch and main bilge pump (a job that should be done yearly but I always seem to procrastinate). Coupled with that work, I am currently waiting on a rebuild kit for the hand operated gusher pump and hope to have that back in by late next week.

I always hesitate in removing the main sail and reefing lines, expecting to perhaps get one or two more trips in before the snow flies. Last year I left the mainsail on all winter (under its cover of course) and it didn't seem to fair the worst for it. I did remove the reefing lines however and stored them in dry storage below decks.

Work and grandchildren seemed to prevent me from going on any lengthy trips this season, but I did manage a few weekend outings (see "Destinations" at the back of the newsletter) and had some great fishing as well (see attached photo). I hope to see everyone at the AGM in November, until then, safe travels.

Steve Gardner (*"Dance Lightly"*)
Editor, CRYC Newsletter



For Your Calendar

- **Men's and Ladies Lunch (Weekly): TBA via email.**
- **Executive meeting at 7:00 PM, Tuesday Nov. 1, at the Dakin residence.**
- **Annual General Meeting at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Fish & Wildlife Clubhouse.**
- **Stay tuned for email notifications regarding the Christmas get-together at the Fish and Wildlife Clubhouse.**



Announcements



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

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>



General News:

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 \$20.00 each. Please contact Dan Swain at 250-203-9100 to place your order.

CRYC BROCHURES AVAILABLE NOW.

The CRYC Executive has on hand a new supply of CRYC BROCHURES, which highlight the Campbell River Yacht Club and its activities, for persons interested in joining the club. If any members wish to pick up some brochures for distribution, please contact Dan Swain at 250-203-9100, Wade Major at 250-203-3515, or Doug McGregor at 250-926-0541.

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

Membership News...

The club currently has a total of 14 paid-up members and 2 Honorary Lifetime Memberships. The Club dues for 2022 have increased to \$150.00 which includes a \$10 donation to Marine Parks Forever.

Let's give a warm welcome to Alan and Marcia Marsh ("Antares") to the club, and wish them a safe and fulfilling boating season.

The mailing address for the Club is:

Campbell River Yacht Club,

2641 Campbell River Road, Campbell River, B. C., V9W-4P1

Mr. Doug McGregor, the CRYC Treasurer for 2022, is responsible for the collection of membership dues. If there are any questions related to membership, please contact Doug at 250-926-0541 or email him at dmcgregor98@icloud.com

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Due to an inclement weather forecast in early September, the proposed CRYC and Power Squadron get-together at Gorge Harbour was cancelled, however, a number of brave souls ventured forth and met each other in the Gorge. All in all, I think most agreed that the weather forecast was ultra-conservative, but its usually best to err on the side of caution. Doug and Linda McGregor in "Kismet III" related that in coming from Pacific Playgrounds near the mouth of the Oyster River, it was straight into the 20 plus knots wind for practically the whole trip. However, Kismet III is a very weatherly boat: she is 35 ft overall, is ketch-rigged and comes from a Swedish boat builder family (Carl Andersson) with a long history of manufacturing solid, well-made off-shore boats.



“Kismet III” at her moorage, a Vindo 35 (courtesy, D. McGregor)

Hugh and Royeen Silver, in the venerable “Windsong”, an Alberg 37, came out of Campbell River Fisherman’s Wharf and once rounding Cape Mudge, enjoyed an invigorating beam reach all the way across to Marina Island. And Dan and Margaret Swain in “Levity”, a Ranger 23 Tug, escaped the fresh winds by going over a day earlier in calmer conditions.



“Windsong” and “Levity” at the Gorge Harbour Marina (Sept, 2022)

On the evening of Oct. 19, a “non-pasta” night was enjoyed by CRYC members. It was a pleasant evening of socializing with other members and the meal of roast pork, gravy, potato patties, green beans baked in a crispy sauce, carrot coleslaw and carrot cake dessert was excellent. Many thanks go out to Dan and Marg Swain, Linda McGregor, Doug McGregor, and others who helped make the evening a success.



CRYC members enjoying a social evening at the Fish & Wildlife Clubhouse, Oct. 19, 2022.

Please note that discounts are available for paid up members showing a current (2022) membership card at a number of local businesses. Our thanks go out to the following businesses in Campbell River that are currently participating in the discount program for Campbell River Yacht Club Members:

<i>BOSTON PIZZA</i>	<i>(1309 Island Hwy)</i>
<i>DOGWOOD PET MART</i>	<i>(223B Dogwood St)</i>
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Destinations: Comox Harbour

Comox Harbour is a great layover spot for those heading south, or even just for a weekend trip. Depending on the weather and tides, it is about a 35 nautical mile or 6 hour journey from Campbell River. If there is a strong northwesterly blowing, one can sail down-wind with only one jibe or two for the whole length of the trip, at least to the marker buoys in front of Cape Lazo. I was not lucky enough to catch the wind this year and made the trip under power in the heat of early August. It was good to at least be moving under such a calm heat dome that the mid-Island experienced this year and I had all the windows off the dodger to catch the cool breeze as I made a steady 6 knots.

The entrance to Comox Harbour is through a fairway that crosses over the famed Comox bar. This sand bar is extensive and depending on tides, many a vessel has been grounded over the years, both large and small. On a low tide, its best to stay close to the marks as one transits the shallows. There is a narrow stretch of navigable water over the bar that at low tide provides only 2 to 3 fathoms of draft for 300 to 400 metres. Through this stretch, there is a sight line provided by lining up the buoys with a shore mark, which really assists in navigation across the bar (see Figure 1). Once across the bar, the entrance around Goose Spit into the marina is scenic. At the height of summer, the water around the spit is warm and there are many swimmers enjoying the beach area. There is also a great sailing school at Comox and on any given day in the summertime there are numerous dinghies out for instructional sailing and/or racing: fun to watch! Adjacent to the marina area, there is a great water park for kids to cool off in, there is a scenic walkway around the bay, and the Blackfin Pub just up the hill a couple of blocks offers delicious food and drink.

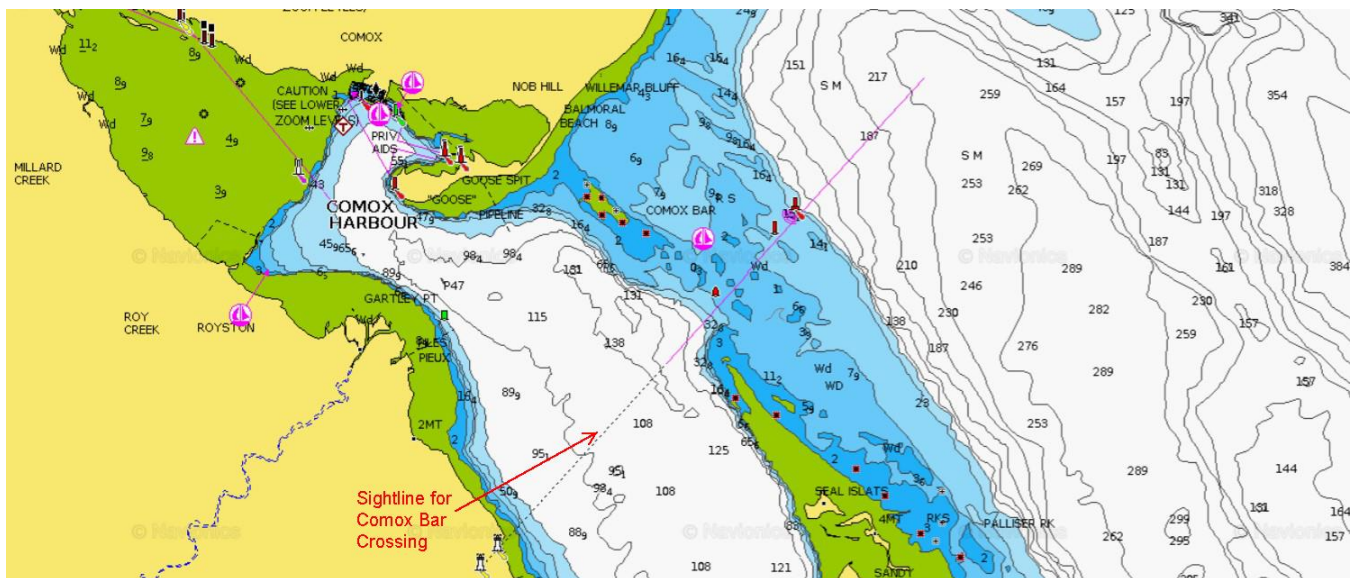


Figure 1. Sightline for crossing the Comox Bar.

There is limited anchorage areas outside of the marina breakwater and it is usually hard to find enough room to safely anchor. There are plenty of mooring balls but these are privately-owned. There are 2 marinas available for transient moorage: the Comox Valley Marina, and the Comox Harbour Authority Marina (Fisherman's Wharf). The Comox Valley Marina is located within the large entrance in the middle of the breakwater and the Comox Harbour Authority Marina (Fisherman's Wharf) is located on the farthest-east entrance along the breakwater. Both Marinas monitor VHF Channel 66A. The Comox Valley Marina will take reservations but the Fisherman's Wharf operates on a first come-first serve basis so its best to call ahead on the radio when you get close to the entrance to see if there is available space. The 2022 rate for transient moorage is a very reasonable \$1.71 per foot (power extra). I was lucky enough to find a perfect spot at Fisherman's Wharf and enjoyed a nice quiet night with a great view of the surroundings.

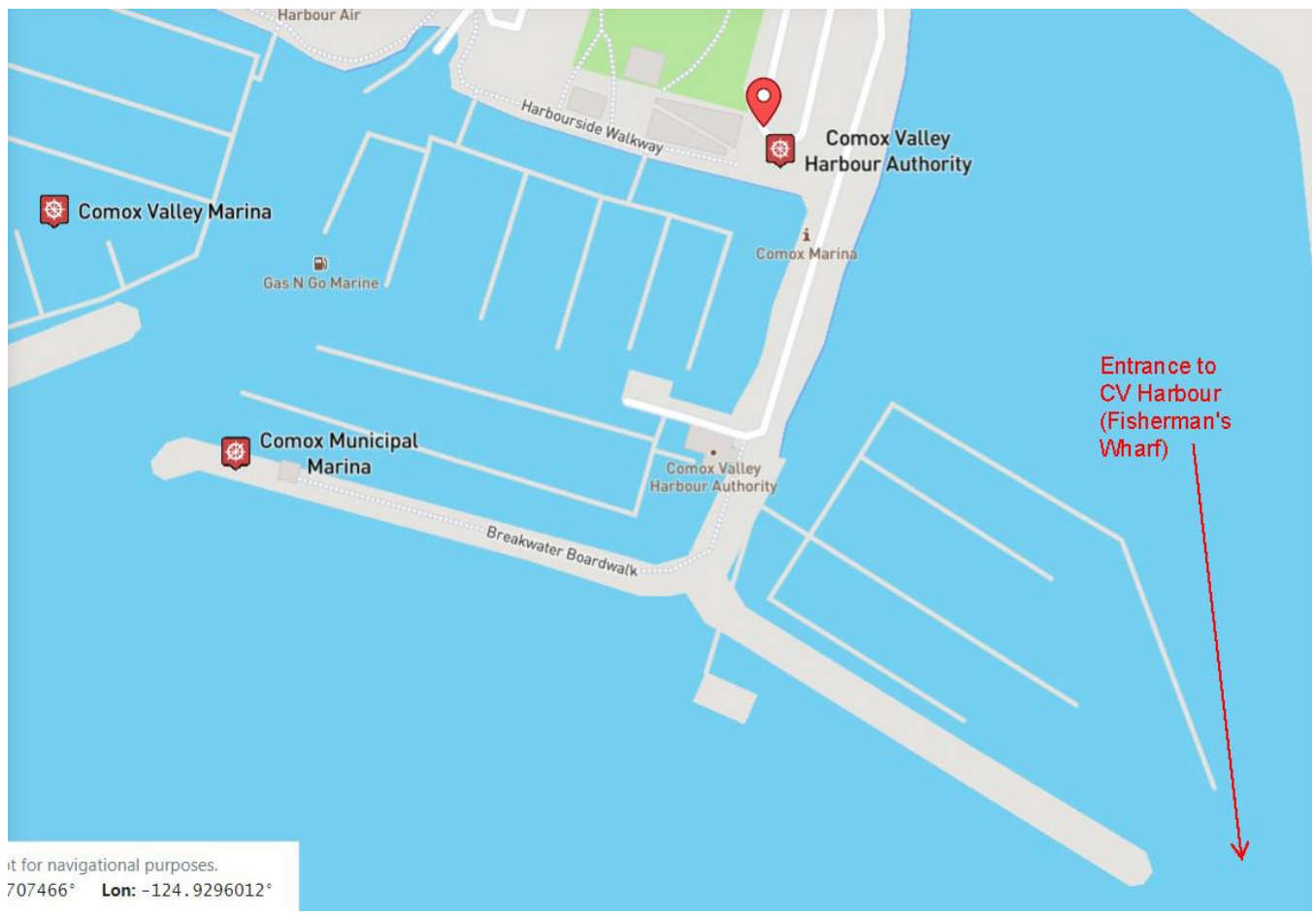


Figure 2. Transient moorage available at the Comox Municipal Marina or Fisherman's Wharf.



Figure 3. "Dance Lightly" safely tied up for the night at Comox Fisherman's Wharf.



Figure 4. A perfect summer evening at Comox Valley Harbour (Fisherman's Wharf).

After leaving Comox Harbour, I made my way back north on another dead calm day under the middle of the heat dome. In no particular hurry, I shut down the engine for a lunch and found myself surrounded by no less than

8 humpback whales forming a great circle between Sentry Shoals and Mitlenatch Island. The sight and sound of these behemoths as they encircled their prey and began feeding was truly amazing. I sat in one spot for more than an hour, with no other boats around, mesmerized by these huge forms breaching gracefully out of the water.

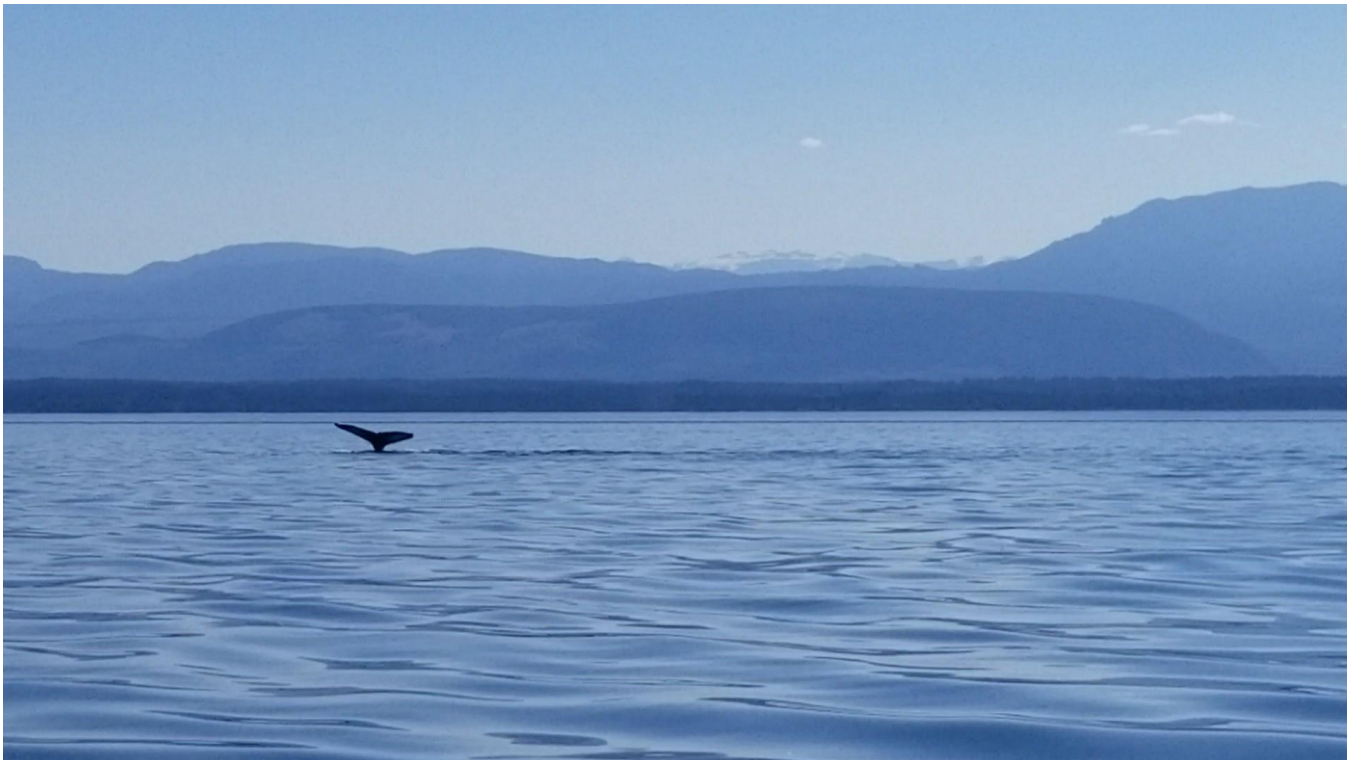


Figure 5. Humpback whale in feeding mode (near Sentry Shoal). Constitution Hill forms the background, with Mt. Washington on the extreme right of the photo.