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June, 2005

Vice Commodore's Message

The month of May was packed with lots going on. We had a fabulous turnout for the two dollar nights and the general meetings. At the general meeting, May 27th, Spencer Swain did a really nice job with a power point presentation about the history of our club house and how it got where it is today. With a packed house almost every meeting and two dollar night there has been a lot of talk about looking into expanding or changing things to allow for more room. While nothing has been done, Spencer did have several ideas that have previously been presented. These were also included in his presentation.



This brings up the point that we need to hear from the members if we have a problem of a lack of space and what should or could be done about it. If there is a majority thought about this then we could look into it further. However, until I hear more from the members I am not going to push further ahead. In other words let us know what your thoughts and feelings are about the club house. We are going to have to do some maintenance on it soon such as new floor coverings upstairs and on the stairs.

June 4 was the all members bar-b-que I hope many of you turned out for the event.

What else is going on in June besides the all members bar-b-que.? Well check out our web site for the schedule of events. The Windermere Regatta was last weekend on June 11th with a dinner on Saturday evening that was fun for both the racers and non-racers. Hopefully next issue there will be some good stories from the event.

June 24th is the general meeting. At this time the menu is bar-b-qued boneless pork spareribs. The program should be interesting as well. Tim Smyth

from the BWM-Oracle Racing syndicate will be our speaker for the program. They are constructing two America's Cup boats in Anacortes this year. Tim will be talking about the construction of the boats and what it takes to put together a campaign to race in the America's Cup. We don't often get an opportunity to have something like this built in our backyard and I personally am looking forward to what he has to tell us. I will be getting out more info about the dinner in a week or two. Watch your emails for this information.

As for the rest of the summer this will be our last general meeting until September. The two dollar nights are still going and the club will be open on Friday nights all summer long. As for me, I am trying to be out on the water as much as possible. All the rest of this stuff can wait until this fall. Happy sailing and I will see you around,

Dave Malsed

Vice Commodore

- June 11-12 Windermere Regatta**
- June 15 Otterstadt Series Race I**
- June 17-19 Edmonds Art Festival**
- June 22 Otterstadt Series Race II**
- June 24 Next General Meeting**
- June 25 Gulf Islands Cruise**
- June 28 Board Meeting**
- June 29 Otterstadt Series Race III**

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Garrison Bay Cruise

This year's Garrison Bay Cruise over the Memorial Day weekend was a well-attended and fun event, as always. We were blessed by great weather throughout the weekend, particularly on Saturday, when temperatures exceeded 80F. Highlights included a Saturday evening social gathering on Krsytal Ki, a Saturday hike (or dinghy ride for some) to Roche Harber and, nearby, the Sunday evening oyster and clam cook-out, and the anchoring adventures of Mike and Barbara Ritts (who are wonderful sports!).

Participants:

Bill & Jennifer Bowman, plus son Zack - *Krystal Ki*
Phil & Madelyn Case - *In the Mood*
Steve Dubnoff & Marian Lowe - *Nereid*
Roy Gothberg, *Spray*
Pete & Linda Harbers - *Harber Lights*
Dave & Pat Malsed - *Wildfire*
Mike & Barbara Ritts - *Water Music*
Walt & Christine Schad - *Percepción*
Bill & Marsha Short - *Friendship*
Dave & Karen Thomson - *Tortuga*
Warren & Linda Walz - *Mischief*
Dick & Laura Smock - *Voyageur*

Dave Thomson
Cruise Captain

Gulf Islands Cruise

The Garrison Bay cruise was well attended and now we are getting ready for the Pub Cruise. As you know, it begins on June 25th at Bedwell Harbour (Poet's Cove) with a "pre-cruise" stop at West Sound for those who want to get a little closer the day before.

The complete itinerary is posted on the AYC Website, but I would like to call your attention to an item that was sent to me about a winery/resort on

Thetis Island. The following was written and sent by the owner:

"Please may I introduce you to Thetis Island Vineyards in the heart of 'cruising country'. Just a 10 minute stroll from the popular Telegraph Harbour Marina in the beautiful southern Gulf Islands of BC.

Last year we opened with vineyard tours, a wine shop and tastings. Our wild blackberry port, picked by Kuper Island First Nations from a first growth cedar and arbutus forest has quite a reputation on Vancouver Island. More than a thousand boaters visited us last summer.

This year we will have an educational trail, model still, children's playground with non alcoholic ayran and chai, turkish mezes, steam bath and gazebo looking across the green forest canopy to the distant Vancouver Island ranges as attractions.

If your group would like a winemakers lunch or dinner please call us at (250) 246-2258. Our website is <http://www.cedar-beach.com>

Yours faithfully, Colin Sparkes"

I checked out the web site and it looks a little pricey, but it could be interesting to see.

The Pub Cruise continues from Thetis to Nanaimo, and points beyond, including all the Canada Day festivities at Sidney, and ends at Fisherman Bay on July 4th. We hope you will join us.

Cruise Captains
Bill & Brenda Cheaqui

Other News

The 2005 Saddlebag Island cleanup Report

The weatherman said it was going to rain with possible thunderstorms moving in so, we think, no one else showed up because of that. We also know we didn't do much advertising or promoting of the event on our part as well. But, we hung out at the dock for a bit anyway hoping late shows might arrive. We also had to setup the dingy we borrowed from Ed Kennedy.



Photos by Jennifer Bowman

We brought along our son, Zachary and two of his friends, Thadius and Blake. The sail over was wonderful because the day turned out great with 12 knots of wind and a 60 degree temperature. We had on rain jackets but should have brought sunglasses and sunscreen. We actually took an extra hour and sailed north for bit.....Bill didn't want



to stop sailing! We finally pulled into the north anchorage of Saddlebag at noon and ate lunch on board on the hook. Then we went ashore, cleaned up what little garbage we could find and then spent the next two hours exploring the beach for crabs and flying kites.

It was a rough and arduous experience as is evident in the pictures...especially with the sun and all but someone from the Club had to take on the responsibility!

The AYC Clean-up crew,
Jennifer and Bill Bowman

June Events

---- **Wednesday, June 01, 2005** ----

Otterstadt Series

6:30 PM-8:30 PM (every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

---- **Thursday, June 02, 2005** ----

Lido 14/One Design Racing

7:00 PM-9:00 PM (every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

---- **Friday, June 03, 2005** ----

Bar Open

5:30 PM-8:30 PM (every Friday from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

---- **Saturday, June 04, 2005** ----

Leukemia Cup

12:00 PM-6:00 PM (Elliott Bay)

Race & Auction

All Members BBQ

1:00 PM-5:00 PM (AYC Clubhouse)

---- **Thursday, June 09, 2005** ----

Lido 14/One Design Racing

7:00 PM-9:00 PM (every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

---- **Friday, June 10, 2005** ----

Two Buck Night

All Day (Clubhouse) (the second Friday of every 1 month)

Bar Open

5:30 PM-8:30 PM (every Friday from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

---- **Saturday, June 11, 2005** ----

Windermere Regatta

10:00 AM-7:00 PM (every day from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM)

---- **Sunday, June 12, 2005** ----

Windermere Regatta

10:00 AM-7:00 PM (every day from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM)

---- **Wednesday, June 15, 2005** ----

Otterstadt Series

6:30 PM-8:30 PM (every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

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June Events

----- **Thursday, June 16, 2005** -----

Lido 14/One Design Racing

7:00 PM-9:00 PM (every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

----- **Friday, June 17, 2005** -----

Bar Open

5:30 PM-8:30 PM (every Friday from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

----- **Saturday, June 18, 2005** -----

Miller Rental

5:00 PM-10:00 PM (Clubhouse)

----- **Sunday, June 19, 2005** -----

Fathers' Day

All Day

----- **Wednesday, June 22, 2005** -----

Otterstadt Series

6:30 PM-8:30 PM (every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

----- **Thursday, June 23, 2005** -----

Lido 14/One Design Racing

7:00 PM-9:00 PM (every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

----- **Friday, June 24, 2005** -----

Gulf Islands Criuse

June 24-July 5

Bar Open

5:30 PM-8:30 PM (every Friday from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

General Membership Meeting

6:00 PM-9:00 PM (the fourth Friday of every 1 month from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

----- **Tuesday, June 28, 2005** -----

Board Meeting

7:00 PM-9:00 PM (Clubhouse) (the fourth Tuesday of every 1 month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

----- **Wednesday, June 29, 2005** -----

Otterstadt Series

6:30 PM-8:30 PM (every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

----- **Thursday, June 30, 2005** -----

Lido 14/One Design Racing

7:00 PM-9:00 PM (every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)