



BC MULTIHULL SOCIETY

APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

Remembering Karl Uthoff (1940 – 2010)



Gayle Uthoff is organizing a couple of memorial events, one in Vancouver and one on Saturna Island. BCMS will also be honouring Karl at the Port Browning Sail-in. We will put the details up on the website when things are finalized and we will email the information to all members.

Karl was a pillar in the BC multihull scene and a great supporter of the club. See the BCMS website for some of the thoughts that members have been posting:

<http://www.bcms.bc.ca/>

PORT BROWNING SAIL IN - May 22 & 23

Schedule of Events



- *Sail in on Saturday; meet on the boats, on shore and in the pub.*
- *Saturday evening: Beach Picnic. Starting at 6:00 PM Bring your own food & drinks. If anyone has a portable BBQ, it would be appreciated if they could bring it to the beach and allow others to use it.*
- *BCMS Annual General Meeting @ 8:00 PM on Saturday evening on the Beach*

- *Sunday morning: No host breakfast in the restaurant followed by the skippers meeting on the deck in front of the pub at 10:00 AM.*
- *Fun sailing race Sunday afternoon. Every (sail) boat is welcome, with courses and race ratings for all. Lots of prizes, no entrance fees. If you don't have a boat to race on, crew with someone else. This is a great way to meet new people and experience different boats.*
- *Sunday-evening dinner and Awards Presentation at the Marina Restaurant @6:00 PM. Here is the proposed menu:*

Starter-green salad drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette

Choice of 3 main courses-

1. Pan seared wild Coho salmon with basmati rice and steamed veggies
2. B-B-Q baby back ribs with creamy mashed potato, steamed veggies
3. Alfredo chicken fettuccini

Strawberry shortcake for dessert....

Cost-approximately \$25 per person

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Multihull Society.

The Meeting will be held at 20:00 hours on the beach or nearby facilities at Port Browning, North Pender Island on Saturday May 22, 2009

Agenda:

- Director's Reports
- Review of 2009 Financial Statements
- Election of Officers.
- Other Business

All Members are urged to attend! Also, if you have not renewed your membership for 2010 please do so before the meeting. You can pay either by PayPal on the BCMS website: http://www.bcms.bc.ca/index.php?p=1_17_Join-Us- or use the application form on the website and mail a cheque.



2009 BCMS Annual General meeting at Port Browning

SWIFTSURE YACHT RACE – May 29 to 31

There are two races open to the multihull fleet. The long course goes as usual to Neah Bay and is about 105 NM. For those wishing to have a more relaxing weekend and have more time for the on-shore activities, the inshore Rosedale Rock Race is also available. It is closer to 20 NM and should finish in daylight. It goes to Pedder Bay and return, with the course depending on available wind.

Visit the Swiftsure website for details: <http://www.swiftsure.org/>

The Swiftsure multihull dinner

The Swiftsure multihull dinner will be held on May 28th the Friday night before the race. Once again it will be at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. There is great camaraderie at this event and the food has always been delicious. According to the organizer, Richard Ackrill, the costs are the same as last year (about \$40.00 CDN including taxes and gratuities) and drinks are always reasonably priced at the club to make a good deal even better. Richard needs to know as soon as possible how many will be attending so anyone interested should contact Richard directly or one of the BCMS Directors to reserve a seat. Do not wait too long as this is a very popular function and is a great opportunity to meet the best Multihull Sailors in the Pacific Northwest.

Here is Richard's invitation:

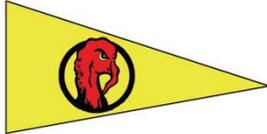
I am following up again about the Friday dinner at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, before Swiftsure. If you are like me just getting the entry form in before the early bird deadline is a challenge. Don't forget to talk to your spouse and the rest of your crew about the dinner plans for this event. As in the past racers, cruisers, past owners and anyone interested in the multihulls are all invited. Last year was great! The food was the best we have ever had at one of our banquets. The venue is fabulous and the guest list was the who's who in the Northwest multihull sailing family. The evening was capped off by some amazing story telling that had us all in stitches! I am sending this follow up letter because I



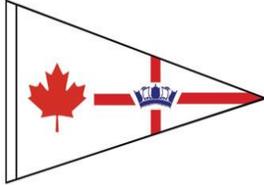
SWIFTSURE

haven't had enough response to date. I am sure you are all busy with your travel plans and boat preparation. There is some sense of urgency due to the fact that we need to confirm the numbers with Sharon at the club so she can pass on this info to the Chef. On top of the individuals getting back to me, if there could be some mention of the boat name to connect the names to the boat or team, that would help in the organization. The confirmation via email is great but please also add a contact phone number (home / cell) as well. Don't forget I am new to this and John has left large shoes to fill. The skipper could also sign up for his or her crew, and attach a list of names, to further simplify the names etc. This is an important chance to get together with friends and fellow Multihull enthusiasts. Be sure to pass this invitation along to anyone not on this list. Thanks for the response so far to date those of you who have sent a return message.

Richard Ackrill
richard.ackrill@shaw.ca



CFSA & Turkey Head Sailing Association Regatta May 1 & 2



There is a new racing event opened to Multihulls this year. The Canadian Forces Sailing Association (CFSA) Esquimalt 62nd Annual Regatta which is co-hosted with the Turkey Head Sailing Association is inviting Multihulls to register for the races.

Schedule of events:

Friday April 30th. 2100 Chilli Dinner

Saturday, May 01: 0955 Multihulls race.

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Sunday, May 02: 1000 Multihulls race

Check with Eric Pesty to get the latest details:

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PUB NIGHT

The next pub night is on Tuesday June 15th at the Rusty Anchor Pub @ 7:30 PM Captain's Cove Marina, 6100 Ferry Road, Delta, BC (604-946-2727). This is a great opportunity to swap sailing stories and we invite all members (& interested parties) to join us at this monthly event.



Report from the Council of B.C. Yacht Clubs meeting at Tsawwassen, March 27, 2010.

By Glen MacDonald

- Marine parks forever society has raised \$1,400,000 for future marine parks. It is unlikely the B.C. Government will match this in the near future.
- Wallace Island Marine Park: Two apple trees were planted replacing damaged trees.
- B.C. Marine Parks have raised the fee for tying to a mooring buoy from \$10 to \$12.
- Brentwood bay thermal loop is marked with buoys and a warning sign on shore.
- Automated lights that fail sometimes take days to repair.
- LORAN C is to be discontinued.
- Gorge Harbour (Cortes Island) Taylor Fisheries now wants two water leases of 20 acres each instead of one large one of 40 acres.
- Nanaimo Harbour is cleared of long-time anchored boats. They have moved to Silva Bay.
- Private mooring buoys are now to be coloured black over white or white over black. The owner's phone number is to be shown.
- Yacht Clubs are to charge HST on membership dues When the HST kicks in.
- HST is to be charged on fuel then rebated at the fuel dock.



Victoria is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy. On June 9-13 2010 a fleet review will include warships from 7 countries including 1 ship from Australia and 2 from New Zealand. The aircraft carrier NIMITZ will represent the U.S.A. An aircraft fly-past will be followed by an air show with the SNOW BIRDS.

Submitted by Glen MacDonald

Member profiles:

Tell us how you got into multihulls. This is the perfect opportunity for old members to tell us their story and new members to introduce themselves to the other club members. Accompanying photos are always helpful.

Here is one from long-time member **Roy Mills**:

"I started sailing at age 39 when I moved from Dawson Creek to Courtenay BC in 1968 and my kids showed an interest in "messing about in boats". The sailing club had a Sabot building project so I built one, but ended up using it more than the kids did.

I then built a scaled up **Fireball**, named **Bluebeard of Comox**, so several of us could go out together in it and still sail fast. It was developed as experience indicated from year to year and was Mark 5 when I moved from Courtenay to Gibsons BC. There I made further improvements to get a PHRF rating so I could go in the annual RNSA single handed races to and from Nanaimo. Mark 8 did the job and in 1979 we went fast enough to win the trophy for the first boat across under 30 feet long. However, I had noticed whilst passing to windward of the slower boats (which had started in the two earlier starts) that a boat with a red flash near the top of the main was moving through their ranks very quickly indeed, and much faster than I was. I later found that it was a catamaran called **Solar Heat** which had not only started 30 minutes later than I had, but had got to Nanaimo before the Committee boat had made it across to take the finishing times! On the way back next day I was passed very quickly by a green catamaran kipped by a chap who gave me a cheery wave. He was sailing level and obviously quite at ease, I was hiked out as far to windward as I could get, heeled well over and was not at all at ease.

This exposure to **Solar Heat** and **Limelight 5**, both **Banks 35** cats, decided me to look into them more closely. My wife did not enjoy sailing in **Bluebeard**, too light, too narrow and too tippy. I thought she might like a cat better, but something more voluminous than a **Banks 35**. I had a friend whose wife so rejected sailing in a mono that even a chartered **C & C 35** one summer had not pleased her. He too thought a cat might be the answer.

In 1980 I went to the Caribbean to see if I could get a crew position in the St Maarten Trade Winds Race, which specialized in multihulls. I got a ride on a 48 foot Spronk cat called **Blue Crane**. Eminently cruisable, she still sailed well while running and reaching, but only moderately well to windward as she had only tipping quadrant boards instead of the deep dagger boards which Peter Spronk fitted to all his later cats. It withdrew at its home port of Fort de France, Martinique, as the owner had a business problem to deal with. Peter gave me a ride back to St. Marten on his 60 foot cat **TsjeTsja** (Hurry up in Afrikaans). That was really something. I was hooked, but could not afford anything that big.

I went back again in 1981, and yes, I was right the first time, so my friend and I canvassed multihull designers for something that would go fast and level but have room for two husband and wife pairs to cruise with some privacy. We chose a design called the **Turissimo 10** (meters) by a New Zealand designer called Malcolm Tennant and when launched was named "***Gilbert and Sullivan***". If my friend had not been involved in the decision making and sharing (from which he withdrew a year later as his marriage failed anyway) I think I would have just added amas to Bluebeard, taken the ballast out of the hollow dagger board and put a bigger and stronger rig on her. I was committed to light weight and wide stance as the answer to both speed and convenience. Still am.



Gilbert and Sullivan

The 2010 Semiahmoo Regatta

Speaking of stories, Robbie Uthoff joined Stu and Crew on ***Flying Kiwi*** in the Semiahmoo regatta. With ***Bad Kitty*** still in pieces in Bob Davis' boat yard (I mean *back yard*), ***Bad Kiwi*** stepped up to the plate in her absence and had a "***Bad Kitty*** moment".

To hear it told, they were running down-wind under full main and jib, passing everything in sight, with more sail area than would be considered prudent.

Just when things couldn't get any better, they didn't.

First one tiller parted company with its rudder, but that is no big deal on a catamaran... right? Then the second decided to join its mate (out of sympathy?) and things became just a little more difficult. Time to motor back to the dock and take the pieces up to Bob's boat yard and get them all fixed up for the next day's racing.

Of course, if you have too much wind on the first day...

Mad Kiwi drifted around, managing to finish one race out of two on the second day. Light airs are not her strength, but provided time to enjoy the fresh air and camaraderie, not to mention a few beers.

A more accurate and detailed report should be forthcoming in a future BCMS newsletter.

Submitted by Alec Mackenzie



Flying Kiwi, Winter Cove 2008

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