



British Columbia Multihull Society

December 2015

**BCMS would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and Healthy and Happy New Year!**



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Pub Nights @ *Rusty Anchor Pub*
Captain Cove Marina
 6100 Ferry Road, Ladner, BC @ 7:30 PM

January 19, 2016
 February 16, 2016
 March 15, 2016
 April 19, 2016

BCMS Christmas Party 2015

We had a great turnout this year, including some Vancouver Island members who were able to make the trip over (on the BC ferry) in spite of the stormy weather. The Pot-luck dinner was held at Wayne and Wendy's house. Bob brought the Turkey (special thanks goes to Bob's Mum for 'helping' to cook it!) and everyone else pitched in with a dish. Evidently our members are good cooks as well as good sailors!

A great start to the Christmas season and a good time was had by all. For those who couldn't make it – start planning for next year.

Newsletter

Our newsletter editor has been swamped with work the last few months so this is the first Newsletter in some time. We hope to make amends and return to more regular newsletters, but we could really use more short articles, pictures and stories from our members.

- Does anyone have cruising, building or repair stories to share?
- How about a story about that new boat in your life?
- Can you share your experiences with a new piece of boating technology?
- Need something for your boat or want to get rid of something you no longer need? Send us the information and we will publish it in the next newsletter.

Please send your content the Newsletter Editor wsc5968@gmail.com as soon as you can he can 'edit' it and get it into a future issue!

BCMS May long weekend sail-in at Port Browning

This sail-in is a long standing tradition and the premier sailing event for the BCMS. We have returned to Port Browning each May long weekend for the last 25 years. Easily accessible by boat or ferry, this is a great location with easy access to stores, pub, restaurant and other facilities. Port Browning continues to impress with their well-run restaurant. The Marina is under new ownership but we have been assured we are good to go for next May

Over the Years the weather has been a little less reliable, but this year came through with pleasant temperatures and nice early summer weather – a harbinger of the season to come. We didn't get much wind for our fun race, but then we never do – we don't want too much stress this early in the season!



Saturday night around the fire at the 'Oak tree' BCMS campsite

Sunday 'fun race' in Plumper Sound



Jamie Mckerrow's 'Trips' finally made it to a sail-in after a long rebuild



Bob Davis on 'Bad Kitty' dueling it out with Jerzy Kostanski's 'TNT 34' in 0.5 knots of wind



Stu's 'Flying Kiwi' and Brenda & Dave's 'Tsonoqua'

Sunday Dinner



Council of BC Yacht clubs Report

Marlene and Alec represented the BCMS at the November meeting of the Council of BC Yacht Clubs in Nanaimo. BCMS is a member of this umbrella organization. The Council continues to work on various issues of interest to boaters on the Coast. Here is a summary from the meeting:

Derelict boats

Ladysmith Harbour continues to work to evict derelict boats. Some have sunk and others are threatening to do so. There is a legitimate concern about toxic spills. Eviction notices have been issued, but not with the consent of town council, so are currently on hold. Ladysmith harbour is a really nice place to visit by boat but like many other BC harbours, is clogged with neglected or derelict boats occupying some of the best anchoring spots. This is an ongoing problem with no easy resolution in sight because there are so many different government agencies responsible for different portions of our waterfront.

There is a Transport Canada 'Vessels of concern' report that identifies 245 derelict boats along the coast of BC. The CBCYC supports removal of derelict boats but is always working to protect our right to transient anchoring in as many locations as possible. By comparison, Washington State is ahead of BC with better legislation and a small user fee earmarked to pay for the removal of derelict boats in Washington State waters.

The BC Marine Parks Forever Society

The BCMPF Society has been accumulating money from donors (including the BCMS) but is currently having trouble spending it because BC Parks is severely underfunded and really not able to initiate or fund any park acquisitions or improvements. Remember, BCMPFS works *with* BC Parks and uses donated money as a lever to support and encourage new park acquisitions and some long term improvements such as installing stern-tie anchors at many popular anchorages. The Marine Parks Forever Society is currently working with other marine lobby groups to encourage the Province to increase BC Parks funding. This includes a campaign directed at MLAs as well as working closely with Government Ministers and senior government officials. George Creek from BCMPFS reports that things are so bad now that BC Parks is unable to keep up with even the most basic maintenance of Park facilities. On a positive note, George reports that there are some signs the Provincial Government recognizes there is a problem and is now considering funding increases. In the meantime, BCMPFS continues to build up its war chest so they will be ready for future opportunities.

Safe Boat Havens

The Council of BC Yacht Clubs continues to lobby for protection of safe boat havens on the BC Coast. Having toiled away at this project for many years, we are delighted to see that many of the original CBCYC recommendations dating from 1997 have actually been protected in various ways such as Park or conservancy designations. Many of these havens are associated with local First Nations people. It is gratifying to see that volunteer work occasionally gets recognized by government agencies and turned into solid action. Without this work, there is a danger that many safe havens would be used for a variety of commercial and private purposes that exclude transient use.

Changes to Water leases

Water lease applications in Pender Harbour have been unilaterally turned over to local First Nations groups. This was formally a Provincial responsibility. There are many concerned waterfront property owners because major changes are on their way and some may have to remove their docks and other water lease improvements. They have formed a group to oppose this change. There is some fear that this change might be repeated in other coastal areas.

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## Please renew your membership in BC Multihull Society for 2016.

The cost remains at \$35.00 and there are many ways to pay:

1. Visit the BCMS website ([www.bcms.bc.ca](http://www.bcms.bc.ca)) and click the *contact us* tab. Fill out the renewal form and pay via paypal.
2. Make out a cheque to BC Multihull Society and mail it to the membership director Stu Kerr. His address is: 19897 36A Avenue, Langley, BC V3A 2R8.
3. Come to the BCMS pub night (@ the Rusty Anchor pub 7:30 PM) and give Stu either a cheque or cash.

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