



BCMS NEWS

March, 2006

Letter from the President

by John Harker

The AGM is here or at least this month. The location is new and hopefully more convenient for most of you to get to. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Spring has the feeling of being just around the corner. If I am like the rest of you the boat chores have been piling up over the cool days that we have been having over the last month or so. I don't seem to be as hardy and gung ho to get out there, despite the weather and get things done as I used to be. Maybe it's because we no longer live on the boat and the boats needs are easier to ignore when it's not staring you in the face. Or maybe it's the fact that the house needs so much more attention than the boat does. Most likely it's a combination of the two and the fact that when it's cold I worry about the problems at hand, such as keeping or getting the house insulated and the furnace in to keep the kids warm. Though as it begins to warm I start to dream of the easy going restful days on the boat and the challenges that need my attention there begin to loom. When the boat was new the excitement of having your own boat and the anticipation of all the explorations get and keep you motivated. After you have had the boat for a number of yrs the memories of the many things you have done and the pleasure that it's added to your life continue to keep you motivated. Regardless of what gets the work done so you can get out on the water, enjoy. John

Membership

Memberships continue to come in, although they have slowed somewhat. 70 members have now paid - which leaves 32 to go, to reach last years total. I am flying off to Edmonton shortly to spend some time with my family and friends, but will be back in time for the AGM.

Hope to see a lot of you there.

Now a word of WARNING --- this will be your LAST newsletter, if dues are not received.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday March 15th - our AGM, which will be held at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn at 7.30pm. The address is 1665 - 56th St. in Tsawwassen (the main drag!!). Please turnout if only to support those of us that run for office year after year!

NOW A BIG ONE!

Wednesday April 19th , again at the Coast Inn in Tsawwassen at 7.30pm - Steve MacDonald from Marine Parks Forever, a CBCYC endeavor, will be

giving a presentation. I know many of you may have questions regarding donated monies, and whether the government (provincial or federal) steps in and takes over land bought by donations. In years past, BCMS has donated money to Marine Parks - lets attend the meeting, ask questions and see if we want to continue donating.

May 20th - 22nd inclusive is of course our Port Browning sail-in/rendezvous/fun race etc.

March 15th

AGM

Tsawwassen Inn

7:30 PM Tsawwassen

Semiahmoo Regatta
April 29th, 30th

The Multihull sailing season starts with the International Semiahmoo Regatta at White Rock, BC on April 29th to 30th, 2006. This is the eighth year of the Regatta and more and more boats are entering every year. All classes of sailboats are welcome and great viewing of the race is available to spectators from the White Rock Pier. If enough Multihulls are entered, the BCMS Sailing Committee will arrange for a get together either Friday or Saturday night. If you are interested,

e-mail alec@arguscontrols.com. For more information on the regatta, visit their web site at www.interyachtclub.com

Swiftsure News

I have had a lot of "ground-up" input from numerous skippers and based on this input I met with the Principal Race Officer. As long as five boats want to do the Clallam Bay Race we will institute that for this year. The Steering Committee is always open to the wishes of the participants and if this will enhance the race and increase participation, we are pleased to offer this new race.

There are a number of reasons a skipper may want to enter the shorter course. Some of the slower rated boats may want to get home earlier than last year. Perhaps some smaller boats such as F24's and F25A's may be encouraged to participate, and others capable of the long race may simply wish to get home earlier in time for the Saturday night barge party. Nevertheless, you have the option of either course now, as long as a minimum of five (5) entries go for the shorter course. It is understood of course, that there must be five to make up the long course as well, so don't everyone plan on going short.

I would like to have feedback that I can take to the next Steering Committee Meeting in 2 weeks, so please start sending me your intentions. There are only three months left until the start.

RVYC wants Swiftsure to be the premiere multihull event in the Northwest and we depend on this input from participants to improve the race

and make it available for everyone who qualifies.

John Green
2006 Swiftsure Multihull Chair

**PERFORMANCE CATAMARAN
SAILING ON MAUI
By Peter Schoonbeek**



"The brochure says performance sail and snorkel," I said to Vicki, "these guys look like serious sailors, let's give them a try!" The day we booked on "Paragon Sailing Charters Maui", a weather disturbance brought 30-35 knot winds. We sailed to "Coral Gardens", a reef area sheltered from the wind and did some excellent snorkeling. Sailing back to Maalaea Harbour we had a wet and wild ride. The seas were pretty rough but hitting 19 knots was no problem even with about 30 passengers aboard. That was a few years ago.

This January we went back to Maui and one of the first things we did was book a sail on Paragon II to Hawaii's premiere snorkeling site "Molokini Crater". Our morning light-wind sail out to the crater was relaxing and let us focus on whale watching. We saw many breaches, fin slapping and tail flipping. The humpback whales migrate to Hawaii between January

and March to give birth and breed. After some excellent snorkeling, we sailed back to the harbour. The winds start picking up before noon so we had a fabulous sail with our speed peaking at over 14 knots. We had such a great time that our friends Pam and Fred who were holidaying with us suggested going on the all-day Paragon sail to the island of Lanai. Well, Vicki and I did not need any more coaxing than that! I was on the phone in an instant making the booking.

They give you the first class treatment on the Lanai sail. They limit passengers to 24, but the boat is certified for 38. On our sail, there were only 14 passengers so we really got personalized treatment. We thought the snorkeling on Lanai was the best ever and the picnic lunch on a beautiful sandy beach was unforgettable. On the sail back to Lahaina we flew along at about 17 knots, occasionally charging through a big wave sending spray over the whole boat. Nobody minded getting soaked when the water temperature was 24°C and the air temperature was 32°C. What an adrenalin rush!!

Most of the other charter boats never put up their sails while Paragon has their sails up all the time.



Paragon Sailing has two boats, Paragon and Paragon II. Both are

Conser 47's. The cats are light with thin hulls, built for performance. They both have carbon fibre rotating wing masts. Both cats are powered by a single 90 HP Honda outboard in a central cockpit nacelle.

Check out their website at www.sailmaui.com and click on the title "Warp Speed to the Crater". This is a good story from "Sailing Magazine" about Paragon sailing charters and owner Eric Barto sailing Paragon II to their best speed of 31.4 knots.

Library News

Thanks to Richard Britton, BCMS member for contacting me in regards to information for building a trimaran. When he arrived at my house to pick up a few items from the library, I discovered he was a fellow New Zealander. We had a nice chat about boating and New Zealand before he went on his way with several books and videos.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: March 15, 2006
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Coast Tsawwassen Inn
166556th Street
Tsawwassen, BC.

AGENDA:

1. Directors Reports
2. Financial Report for year ending Dec 31, 2005
3. Resolution to change the BCMS Constitution & By-Laws
 - a. To Add a Wind Up Clause
 - b. To eliminate requirement for a Professional Auditor
 - c. To conform to new 2004 BC Society Act.
4. Election of Directors.
5. Other Business.



Just a short note
Last Saturday Jan 10 the wind was howling power was out so I grabbed the camera and Gaby and we headed to White rock . Wow it was wild west of the pier in full wet suites 3 surfers having a wonder full time . I almost jumped in myself but the cold stopped me I surfed for many years in New Zealand. Anyway I snapped a picture for those non believers stu

C.B.C.Y.C:

- BCCYC will no longer supply mooring rings to marine parks

- **RVYC wants an exemption for vessels not anchoring in False Creek over night nor for more than 8 hours**
- **RCMP constructing flair disposal facility in the lower mainland.**
- **Canadian Hydrographic Service is proposing that as of Jan 2007 tide tables will be metric with a conversion table from metric to imperial.**
- **Parks Canada in cooperation with the province of BC wants to establish a national marine conservation area in the southern Strait of Georgia**

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Glen McDonald



Letter from the Editor

Thank you!!

A big thank you goes out to Vicki Schoonbeek and Carlie Hanigan who both sent in articles for the news letter. I also had a bite from someone who might be a news hound for me. Yeh!!! However, I am still looking for more articles, so if you have a story to tell, please send it in. The more I have, the better. I have not yet had anyone interested in doing the newsletter. If this does interest you or you would like to do

a monthly article or just help out, please let me know. No help will be refused, as long as it doesn't make the job longer. Our boat has been sadly neglected over the past few years while we have been working on the house. We are close to the end (which means the end of Money) and so hopefully we will have a bit more time to spend on the boat. Our oldest daughter Courtney said "The house is OK now so can we work on the boat because it looks like a wreck. I agree with her and "Ko'ah" really does need some care and attention. We hope to make it to Browning but there is quite a lot to do before then. I hope to see lots of members out to our AGM as it is in a new place and should be a good time. Thanks to everyone who felt sorry for me and helped out. I do appreciate it and I will use your stories. Cheers, Tami

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More PIX from Saturna Island Sail In



I finally managed to get the photos from Winter Cove developed from a disposable waterproof camera I took along. They turned out not too bad and I discovered several other sailing photos from earlier in the summer I had forgotten about. My favorite from Winter Cove is the following photo of the Supercat 20 pushing Carl's power boat. Alec, who was at the wheel, I'm sure really appreciated the help.

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Politician Joke

A charter sailing vessel with load of politicians was half way to the Bahamas when a freak storm hit the boat. Several of the passengers were thrown overboard and drowned. After retrieval of the bodies and with the knowledge that they may not be rescued for some time, if ever, the deceased were buried at sea.

Three days later, the local Coast Guard found the damaged craft. Upon boarding, the Coast Guard Captain asked, "Is everyone okay?" The Captain of the damaged vessel explained that he had a few passengers fall over board.

The Coast Guard Captain asked, "Are they all dead?"

The Sailing boat captain replied, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how those politicians lie."

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*“Only the guy who
isn't rowing has
time to rock the
boat”*

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**BCMS Society
Balance Sheet**

as at December 31, 2005,
with comparative figures
for 2004

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ASSETS:		
Bank	\$4,044.25	\$1,858.46
Investments (HSBC balance fund)	\$30,566.56	\$29,425.99
Sales Inventory (Year End)		
Hardener	\$395.02	
Burgees	\$144.00	
Total Sales Inventory	\$539.02	\$646.72
Capital assets, @depreciated value:		
Library	\$3,000.00	\$3,579.94
Misc Fixed Assets:	\$1,421.88	\$3,089.77
Total Assets:	\$39,571.71	\$38,600.88
LIABILITIES		
Retained earnings:	\$39,571.71	38,600.88
Total Liabilities:	\$39,571.71	38,600.88

Statement of Retained earnings		
year ended Dec. 31, 2005		
retained Earnings at beginning of year		\$38,600.88
Net loss from operations	(\$221.91)	
Income reinvested	\$206.00	
HSBC balance fund gains	\$3,034.57	
fixed asset depreciation	(\$1,667.89)	
fixed asset recovery (TV sale)	\$200.00	
library depreciation	(\$579.94)	
retained Earnings at end of year		\$39,571.71

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Statement of operations,
adjusted for inventory
Year ended Dec 31, 2005
(unaudited)

Income			
Membership Dues			\$1,813.00
Sales			
	Hardener	\$125.26	
	Burgee Sales	<u>\$20.00</u>	
	Total Sales		\$145.26
Bank Interest			
	Bank Interest	\$2.14	
	Mis Income	<u>\$0.20</u>	
	Total Bank		<u>\$2.34</u>
	Total income		<u>\$1,960.60</u>
Expenses			
	Newsletter		\$361.24
	Stationery & Postage		\$295.48
	Meeting Expenses		\$144.50
	Club Functions		\$354.16
	Internet		\$526.70
	Misc. Expenditures		\$390.65
	Provincial sales taxes remitted		<u>\$2.08</u>
	Total Expenditures and Disb		<u>\$2,074.81</u>
	Net cash loss from operations:		<u>(\$114.21)</u>
Inventory adjustment			
	Inventory, beginning of year	\$646.72	
	Less Inventory, end of year	<u>\$539.02</u>	
	Inventory reduction		<u>\$107.70</u>
	Loss from Operations		<u>(\$221.91)</u>
Other income:			
	HSBC Bal fund income (re-invested)		\$206.00
	HSBC Balance fund gain/loss		<u>\$3,034.56</u>
	Net Income:		<u>\$3,018.65</u>