



# British Columbia Multihull Society

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## Cruising to Desolation Sound

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Wendy and I purchased Flying Geese a Corsair F24-Mk1 this last spring. The boat was built in 1992 and only had one owner, Bernd and Angie Geise. The boat was meticulously maintained and kept in a garage for the winter months. We had two “best days” in the same week, we sold our Hobie 16 and bought Flying Geese the same week.

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Our first thought after buying a boat you could actually sleep in a cabin was “let’s go cruising”. Desolation Sound was an obvious choice. Stuart Kerr had just bought Dream Chaser from Cam McCannel so we made a plan. Alec and Marlene Mackenzie had been to Desolation more times than I can count so we turned to them for advice. We were ecstatic when they offered to accompany us on Green Flash.

The plan was to go to the sail-in at Newcastle and then continue from there up to Desolation. During the Newcastle sail-in we found that Jerzy and Bella (and Derek) on Tnt-34 were also heading up there, the more the merrier!



Our first stop after Newcastle was Sturt Bay (Van Anda). We motor sailed there comfortably in one day. Very nice spot to stop to fill water, re-provision (buy wine) and take a nice hot shower.



On the way there we learned our first valuable lesson. Keep the forward hatch closed when underway. The sea was flat calm we were motoring with the auto-helm. A BIG power boat went by about half a mile away. It generated a very huge steep wave. The wave broke over the bow of the boat and water flooded in through the open hatch.

Mostly only got the cushions wet. Luckily Wendy had just moved all of her clothes so not a total disaster. A bit of fresh water rinse at the dock, lots of sun and all was good.



We spent the night at the dock and went up to the Pub for dinner, a bit of a walk but the food was good. A great start to the trip.



The next day we pushed off for Squirrel Cove on Cortes Island. The wind was out of the South East so a very fun spinnaker run most of the way there!

Supplies, including gas, are available from the local store a half mile walk from the government dock at the entrance to Squirrel Cove.

Alec took us to a shallow bay in the back of Squirrel Cove. A beautiful peaceful spot, there are rocks to watch for in the bay. (Thank goodness for our kick up centerboard! Lesson 2)

We took a relatively short walk across Cortes Island to Von Donop Inlet, another beautiful anchorage across the island.

The next day we left Squirrel Cove for Roscoe Bay. Jerzy and crew wanted to check out Refuge Cove. Wendy and Karen went with Alec and Marlene on Green Flash to the store. Stuart and I decided that instead of waiting for them we would start heading for Roscoe Bay. We motor just a bit slower than Green Flash ☺. Stuart and I were about half way there when Green Flash zipped past. A couple minutes later Stuart and I saw a humpback whale surface not far from us, sometimes being slower isn't bad. We waited for the whale to surface again but after waiting 10 minutes we decided to keep going.



Roscoe Bay was definitely a highlight of the trip.



A short walk from the end of Roscoe Bay is Black Lake. We made several trips up the trail for a swim.

We met a lovely couple from Washington State who have been coming to Desolation for years on Flexible Flyer a Dragonfly DF1000-15.







Alec and I hiked up Mt. Llanover. The view is definitely worth the effort to hike to top.



Alec likes to hike in bare feet.



Our last night in Roscoe Bay, a campfire and popcorn provided by our new friends on Flexible Flyer.

Next stop was Melanie Cove in Prideaux Haven another lovely spot. We took several hikes there, one to Laura Cove and another along the peninsula.



We found a spectacular example of Indian Pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*)



The bay was rich in sea life with literally hundreds of Moon Jelly fish in the water.



## Yes! You Can Feed a Jellyfish

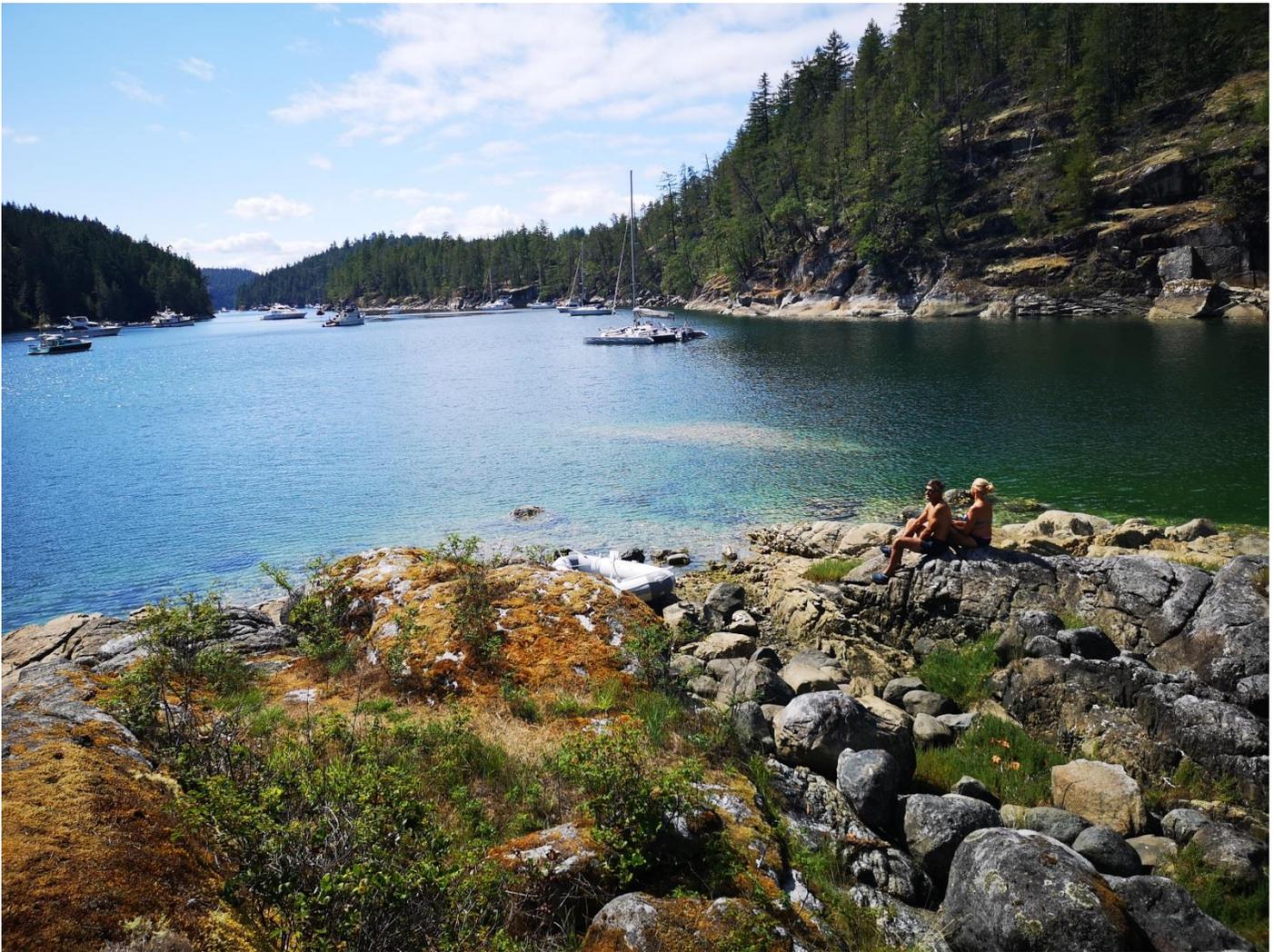
If you can feed a horse or a cat, you can feed a jellyfish ---- *after you figure out what it eats and how to present the food.*

You are in luck. Jellyfish are not fussy, are always hungry, and eat lots of different things. Seafood canned in water will suit the jellies perfectly. In a cup of seawater, roll the seafood between your fingers to break it into small pieces. Fresh mussel, oyster, prawn flesh or even uncooked oatmeal, diced into small pieces (about 1 mm) will also be fine. Choose a food that sinks when you release it and is a light or a dark color so you can watch where the food goes after it is caught.

Find a location where there is no wind or current, where the surface is smooth, where there aren't many other jellies, and if possible, where you can see the bottom. ***Viewing a jelly through a glass pie dish placed on the surface of the water will eliminate ripples and surface reflections.*** Locate a jelly close to the surface that is swimming up. Lower your hand into the water, and drop pieces of food above the jelly. When the jelly bumps into it, the food slides down the side of the bell and is caught on the rim.

Within 2 or 3 minutes, the oral arms will begin picking food off the rim of the bell. Once on an oral arm, it will take about 10 minutes for the food to arrive near the centre of the bell. The food then moves down the side of the manubrium and up a tube from the bottom of the manubrium to a stomach in the middle of one of the rings under the top of the bell. Moving the food from the rim to a stomach takes 30 to 40 minutes.

You can watch the entire process if you can keep the jelly in view ---- that's the hard part --- keeping the jelly in view. If you have chosen a shallow spot where there aren't too many other jellies, you may be able to keep the jelly in view.



The water is lovely to swim in, so warm.



We can anchor in shallow water so we get more secluded spots. At low tide about a foot or so of water under the boat is perfect.



We took turns hosting happy hour; it was really nice travelling with the four boats, lots of great memories from the trip.





Thanks to Alec and Marlene for the guided tour of Desolation Sound.







### Mainland Pub Nights @ River House Pub

5825 60th Avenue, Delta  
<http://www.riverhousegroup.com/>  
7:30 pm

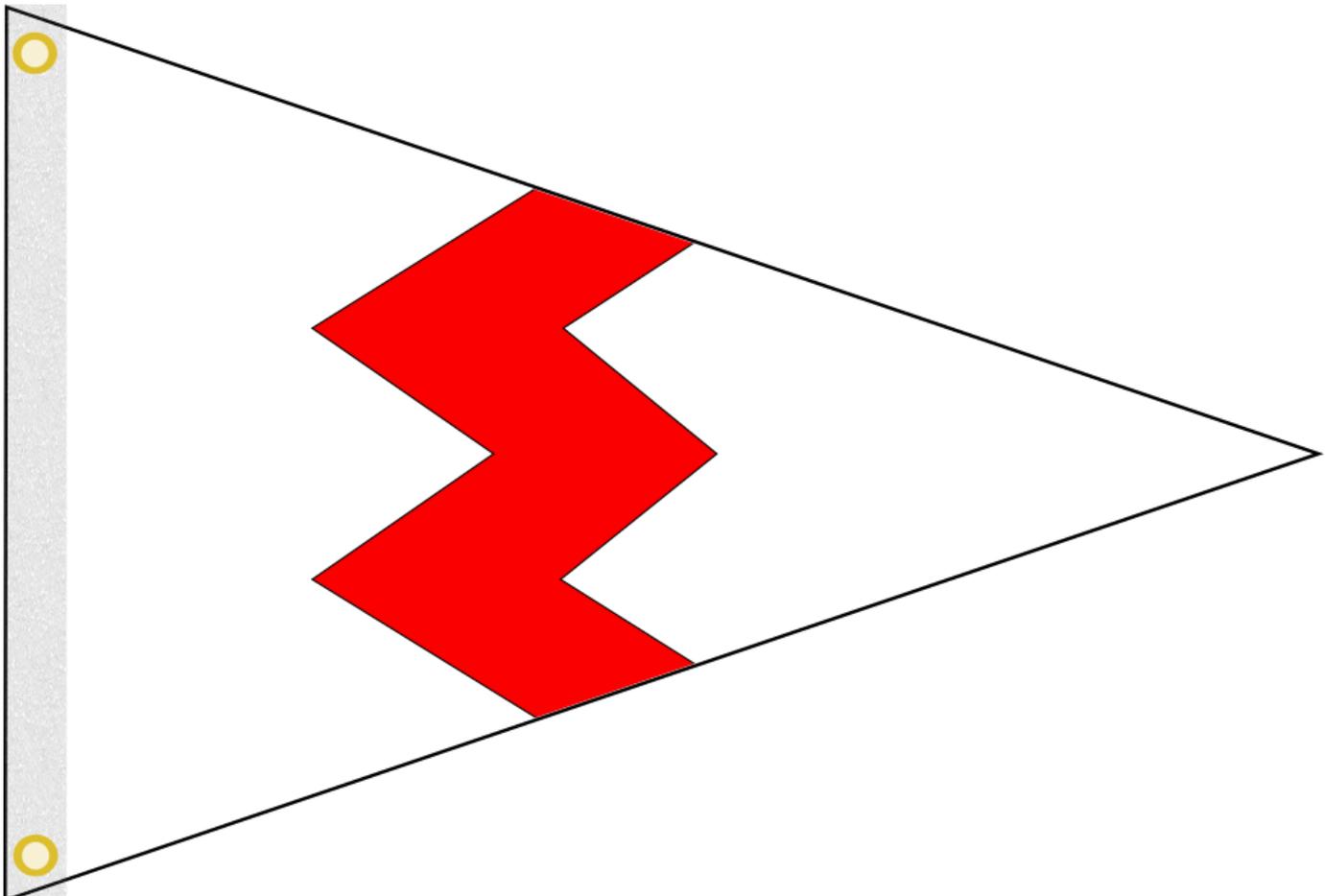
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### Island Pub Nights @ Carlos O'Bryan's

1724 Stewart Ave, Nanaimo  
<https://www.kobcob.com/locations/nanaimo/>  
5:30pm

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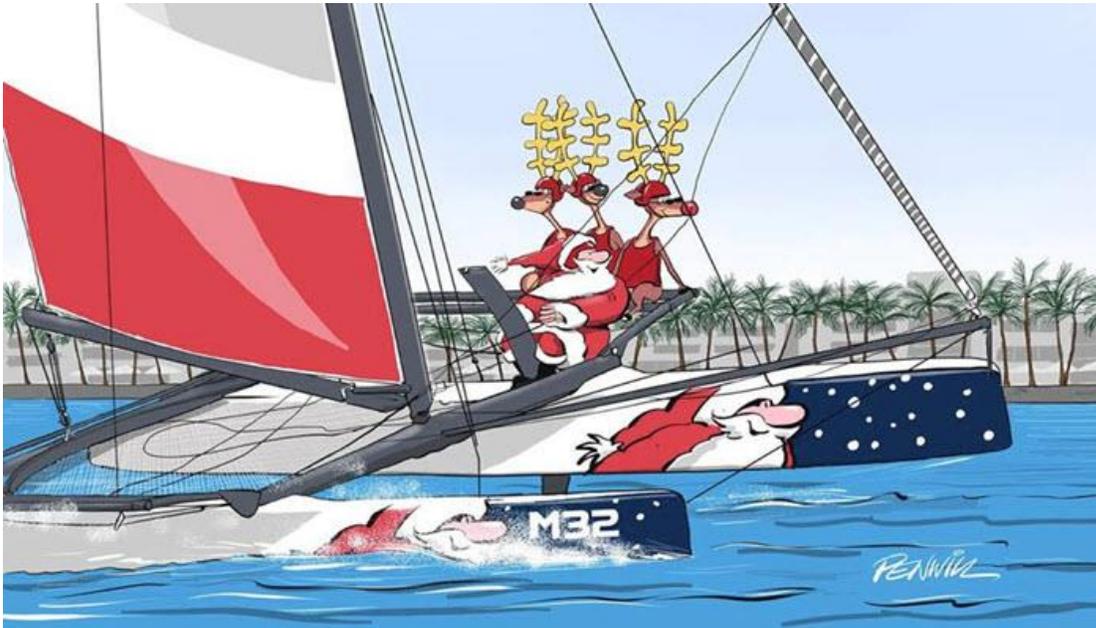
## BCMS BURGEE



If your BCMS Burgee is worn out, bring it to the Newcastle or Port Browning Sail in and the club will exchange it for a new burgee.

Check out BCMS News @ [www.bcms.bc.ca](http://www.bcms.bc.ca)

*'Tis almost the Christmas Season once again.*



*All are invited to the mainland BC Multi-Hull Christmas Party  
Hosted by Lynda and Kim Alfreds  
4593 Belcarra Bay Road  
Belcarra BC V3H 4P5*

*Mark your calendar*

*December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm*

This will be a pot luck BYOB affair celebrating camaraderie and all things multihull.

\*Secret Santa gift exchange. Gift a useful boat part that you have had laying around for a least a year but never got around to using! Or if you prefer, a gift under \$30.

\*The hot tub will be hot if anyone wants to soak outside.

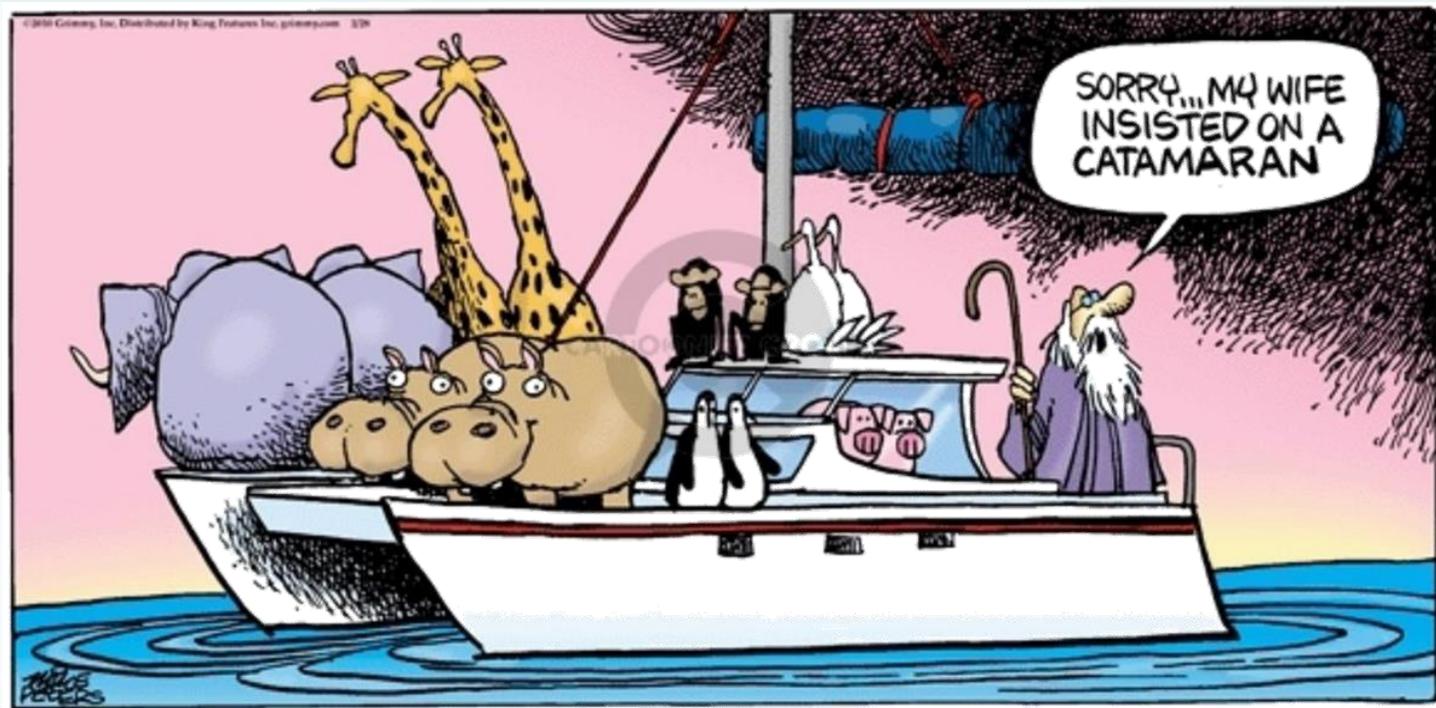
\*The pool will be very cool and refreshing as well.

\*Bonus: Christmas light ship parade at 19:00 past their house

Please RSVP: [members@bcms.bc.ca](mailto:members@bcms.bc.ca)

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## Island Crew and Mainland interlopers!



## Christmas Potluck Party 2018

Saturday, December 21st, 2019

at

### Gary & Liz's

7138 Dickinson Rd, Lantzville  
(250-390-3957)

Starting at 3:00 p.m.

and ending at 8:00ish (all tidied up)

All multihull enthusiasts and partners welcome.

Bring a plate of something to share and a couple of wobbly pops to enjoy.

Bring a Secret Santa gift if you want to participate.

**BUT PLEASE, PLEASE RSVP by December 14th to Gary ([gastill@shaw.ca](mailto:gastill@shaw.ca))**



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