



From the Helm—Bill Veselka, Commodore

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Friday Harbor Cruise



The cruise packet for Friday Harbor began with very simple instructions to boaters to: **“Have Fun! Relax! And Boat Safely”**. Boy, did we ever follow these instructions to the letter! Thirty boats arrived safely at the docks where they were greeted by the smiling faces of **Greg Finch** and his crew, who did a masterful job of fitting a wide variety of boats of different lengths into the allotted dock space. The **“Fun and Relaxation”** part of the equation began promptly at 5:30pm with a feast of grilled oysters and clams prepared on the dock by our resident shellfish expert and Chef extraordinaire, **Bill Nelson**, ably assisted by **Don and Cherry Haas; George and Adrean Harris; Russ and Peggy Roberts; Bob and JB Taylor; Dana Nelson; and Walt and Linda Gromada**. To top this off, each boat provided a heavy appetizer; and, all this food was washed down with a seemingly endless supply of wine. As the evening waned and darkness descended, contented merrymakers slowly made their way to their boats; or, perhaps more aptly put, to other boats where the funfest continued until late hours.

Saturday morning dawned clear and bright and we were all treated to a delightful continental breakfast on the dock. Afterwards, several groups of members drifted into town in search of “mystery clues” to help solve a live version of the “Whodunnit” game of Clue. That evening, we were, once again, treated to another dock party with a main dish of hamburgers and hotdogs cooked by **Russ Roberts** and **Don Haas**. While we each indulged ourselves, Clue Detectives presented their clues that led to the discovery of the mystery culprit and weapons. It was judged that the winner (albeit with somewhat questionable, but creative, clues) was the team of “Opus” spearheaded by **Claus and Turid Dassel**.

On Sunday morning, none of us could possibly have been hungry, but, guess what, we again gathered at the feed trough and grazed on another great Continental breakfast prior to taking our heavy waists and happy hearts home!

Thank you, port hosts **Don and Cherry Haas** and your crew for all your hard work in making this a great and memorable weekend. And, thank you Fleet Captain, **Vanessa Finch** for putting together back-to-back great cruises. Let us all help Vanessa continue this winning streak by signing up and attending our upcoming **Commodore’s Cruise** which promises to be another great adventure.

Last, I want to welcome and acknowledge our first time cruise attendees, **Tom and Gloria Burke; Jack and Janet Cheetham, and Tom and Terry Sigmund**. Hope to see each of you again at the Commodore’s Cruise.

Well, that’s about it for this month. See you during July at our summer BBQ; and, at the Commodore’s Cruise.

**Happy trails,
Bill**



Oops! What’s wrong with this method?

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July 2009—Shelter Bay Yacht Club

Anchorage of the Month—Don Bloye

We are in the middle of finalizing two great trips: one back up to find new favorite anchorages in our Canadian cruising grounds and the other to Fiji in November. Our boat is full for the summer trip, but there is still room for divers and snorklers in Fiji! If anyone is interested in this different kind of cruising, let me know: DCBloye@Verizon.Net. Would love to have you join our group for a super two weeks in the sunshine.

One of my very favorite anchorages on the route to northern British Columbia is a little hidden lagoon not too far from Shearwater and Bella Bella. These settlements are popular stops for provisioning, fuel and repair along the way. Before visiting the Band Produce Store in Bella Bella, if you're coming from **Kinsman Inlet** (April 08 Dolphin) head up Sans Peur Passage then part way up Hunter Channel. I know I jump around a lot because this short route has already passed four or more wonderful anchorages that we will talk about in later issues. Using Canadian Chart #3787, near 52° 03.032"N 128° 10.854"W a reef protects the northern entrance to **Campbell Basin** while a small islet sits just inside the mouth. You can plainly see **Campbell Basin** on the chart, but it is easily passed by if you're not looking for it.

This hideaway is not for everyone or every boat. There are three serious challenges to conquer before you can set the hook! The limited depth will definitely eliminate deep keel boats, and the very narrow and sharp turns you need to navigate will further eliminate any larger boats. *Island Spirit* is a 32' Bayliner and we had tree limbs brushing both sides in places while the rocks were clearly visible beneath us. It is imperative you check tides for both depth and current concerns; you should enter only at the very top end of a very high water condition just as it begins to ebb so you have steerage. Departing the basin is just as tricky so be sure again you have enough high water, and leave about fifteen minutes before the tide peaks at its highest. Last time there we were stuck for a few nights because we didn't account for high enough tides for departure, and then we had to leave just at daybreak (that's awfully early for me!) to catch the proper depth and current condition.

Being inside is well worth the effort! We have anchored at 52° 05.235"N 128° 12.536"W, and also off the point at the top center of the basin. Once inside you will notice a tiny entrance to yet another lagoon. This is now dinghy country but the tides are still very important here as well. Once inside this inner lagoon (no name that I am aware of, but we called it the Jellyfish Swimming Hole) there are many little coves and islets to explore and the water, although quite tannin brown, is warm enough for swimming with the billions (I just learned that is a Government Issue term) of jellyfish that live here. As we were leaving this lagoon via the narrow stream, we encountered a seal that was heading into the lagoon. The stream is barely wide and deep enough for us to navigate but the seal paid us very little attention.

We didn't find any fish here and the crabbing was sparse, but just the feeling of being so remote and alone in a totally peaceful environment was spellbinding.

The day (still night, actually) we were to leave, we were startled awake by something slamming against the hull of *Island Spirit*! At first I thought we had drug anchor and were hitting the rocky sides of the basin, or a crazed wild animal-man from the old lagoon near us was trying to get aboard – it was just before three o'clock in the morning! Carolyn and I are both scampering around the boat, not wanting to turn on the lights and let the monsters see us clad as skimpy as we were, so we located the small flashlights on board and searched the waters in the inky darkness outside. Again the slamming sound of something thrown against the hull made our blood run cold. After long thence hours (moments really) we saw our seal chase a huge school of small fish clear out of the water to come slamming into the hull. When it came time to depart Campbell Basin just before five in the morning, we were already on our second pot of coffee...

Thank you and enjoy,
Don and Carolyn Bloye
MV Island Spirit

Vice Commodore—Tom Ihrig

Friday Harbor Cruise

What a good choice it was to go to Friday Harbor. Originally, we had planned on a cook off at Blakeley Is. Unfortunately, the facilities were not going to be available to us to use. Friday was our next choice. Given the number of boats that attended, Blakeley would have been out of the question anyway. Not sure whether a record was set on the number of boats attending but I counted 30. What a great turn out. Dee and I certainly had a good time. Hope all others did as well.



We had three couples that came out for their first cruise with SBYC. They were **Tom and Gloria Burke** in Carosel, **Jack and Janet Cheetham** in Slo-poke, and **Tom and Terry Sigmond** in Attitude Adjustment. Welcome all.

Hope to see all on the water for the upcoming Commodore's cruise. Be sure to get your 2009 Custom's Sticker in advance. Also, be sure to have your passports on board. It would also be helpful to obtain I-68's if you do not already have Nexus. This will allow you to clear by phone on your way back into the USA rather than put into a port of entry. In order to be able to phone in all on board must have either an I-68 or Nexus. I-68's can be obtained in Anacortes at the Custom's office. Nexus, one must apply for and it takes several months to obtain. Applications are available in the Custom's office in Anacortes.

Training—Ron Kostanich

Thanks to Barry Arnett (a marine surveyors tool bag), Bill Nelson (oyster farming and cooking methods) and Pamela Maxwell/Tom Richards (crab pod escape cords) for their presentations on June the 9th. We had a good turn out of Club members and everyone came away with more knowledge in the specific areas than before the presentations. Bills oysters were especially good on the Friday Harbor Cruise.

June will end training/seminars until we restart again in September or October. We encourage your input for classes and would like to know if you would be interested in presenting a class. We are considering a Coast Guard Safety presentation and LaConner Maritime on all phases of care for vessels. Call or email me your thoughts and ideas at 466-1331 or ron.kostanich1@verizon.net.

New Members—Dennis and Sally Massoth

Welcome aboard to two great new couples to SBYC!

Dick and **Carol Dorton** are very both retired and very avid travelers. They have traveled all over the world and lived in the Netherlands for a time because of **Dick's** job in high tech sales. **Carol** is retired from the school district. They have a place in Desert Aire by the Columbia River where they enjoy boating in the summer. They also enjoy taking trips on their motorbikes and reading. They have a Bayliner power boat.

Tom and **Terry Sigmond** have been boating for over forty years. They both have operated 65 plus ton boats together. They currently own a Chriscraft called Altitude Adjustment. **Tom** is a Captain for United Airlines and has worked for them for 14 years. **Terry** is working as an Assisted Living Administrator and is also a Registered Nurse. They have owned their own assisted living facility.

From the Clubhouse—Kirsten Chandler, Rear Commodore

Summer BBQs

You will already have enjoyed the first **Shelter Bay Yacht Club BBQ** of the summer by the time you read this issue of the Dolphin. I want to thank **Jane** and **Jerry Wilson** for once again hosting these **Summer** events.



The next **BBQs** will be on July 31st and August 28th, be sure to mark your calendars and come join the fun!

5:30 P.M. Cocktails
6:00 P.M. Coals will be ready

The Club provides: Ice, pop, water, coffee, salt, pepper and hot coals.

You bring: meat to cook, what you desire to drink, your own table service and a salad, hot dish or dessert to share.

Come visit with old friends and meet new ones, it is a relaxed evening-- no reservations needed.

Soon our 2010 Calendar for Clubhouse Dinners will be finalized and we will be signing up hosts.

Kirsten

Dolphin Deadline Reminder – Pat Elston

I've been experiencing a number of late requests for articles to be included in the Dolphin lately (including a few after the Dolphin has gone to the printer) and feel it is time to remind everyone that the due date for inclusion in the Dolphin for the upcoming issue is the 23rd of the month. I really don't like having to tell people I can't get their article in because it's too late. So, please send your submissions to me at pelston@verizon.net no later than the 23rd for inclusion in the next issue. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Change of Address – Pat Elston

Changes to your mailing address should be sent to **Fred Laws** at fblaws@aol.com. **Fred** maintains the membership information and provides the mailing labels to our Dolphin printer each month.

Reciprocal Program—Chris Dailey

Another additional reciprocal yacht club for 2009.

False Creek Yacht
1661 Granville Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 1N3
604-682-3292
www.fcyc.com

Facilities: North Side of False Creek

Contact the Vancouver Boating Welcome Centre located directly under Granville Street Bridge. Two slips available on first come basis. FCYC Lounge.

Limits: One night moorage and utility per visit per month. Additional moorage is available at a rate of \$1.25 per foot per night, includes utilities.

Pump out fee of \$10.00, WIFI 3.00 per day

From the Chart House—

Vanessa Finch, Fleet Captain

2009 Calendar

Friday Harbor Cruise Report

Its official now: We're setting records for cruise attendance this year. 30 boats and 63 folks enjoyed a weekend filled with mystery, fun and food. **Don and Cherry Haas** hosted the event and their team did a phenomenal job of ensuring that we had entertainment and plenty of tasty items to feast on all weekend long. Nice weather + lots of friends + oysters, burgers and hotdogs = good times in Friday Harbor!



Commodore's Cruise

Our trip north officially begins on July 10 in Brentwood Bay where, hosted by **Commodore Veselka**, we'll enjoy **Past Commodore's Carr's** infamous Pirate's Grog, a Butchart Garden picnic dinner and fireworks. Montague Harbor with a dockside dinner and sing-along bus ride to the Hummingbird Pub is our next stop. Check out the cruise packet to see what else our hosts **Jim & Betty Foster** have planned for us on Galiano Island. It's a short hop on the 14th to Telegraph Harbor where the port team of **Doupe, Dailey and Duehning** have planned a BBQ and adventure in fiscal conservancy firmly in mind. We'll wrap up with a transit of Dodd Narrows and visit to Nanaimo hosted by **Millers and Picketts**. Moorage reservations for the ports must be made ASAP if you're not planning on anchoring. There is a small fee for both the Butchart Garden picnic and Telegraph Harbor BBQ dinner and you'll want to your checks handed in before leaving on the cruise. Cruise packets with all the details including costs can be found in "the Box" and on the blog.

FYI: There are several members planning on being in Reid Harbor on Stuart Island July 9 before crossing the border on the 10th. We'll try to get on one or both of the floating docks at the back of the harbor to facilitate an unhosted group gathering.

Vice Commodore's Cruise

August brings us another opportunity to visit interesting ports with boating friends. This cruise starts in Otter Bay on the 12th, continues to Ganges for the weekend and concludes in Sidney on the 18th. Port captains **Cushmans, Bargmeyers and Ihrigs** have all kinds of good times planned for us including a golf tournament and BBQ at Otter Bay,

July

- 9 **Commodore's Cruise**-Unofficial Start at Stuart Island (Reid Harbor)
- 10-11 Brentwood Bay/Butchart Gardens
- 12-13 Montague Harbor, Gailiano Island
- 14-15 Telegraph Harbor, Thetis Island
- 16-17 Nanaimo
- 23 Dolphin article deadline
- 31 Summer BBG #2 – Jerry and Jane Wilson

August

- 11 **Vice Commodore's Cruise**-Unofficial Start at Stuart Island
- 12-13 Otter Bay, North Pender Island (Cook Off)
- 14-15 Ganges Harbor, Saltspring Island
- 16 Sydney Harbor
- 23 Dolphin article deadline
- 28 Summer BBQ #3 – Jerry and Jane Wilson
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September

- 11 End of Season Cruise – Fossil Bay, Sucia Island
- 12 Fossil Bay, Sucia Island
- 13 Return
- 19 Board meeting 9am
- 19 Clubhouse Dinner - Bob and Pat Cushman and Past Commodores
- 23 Dolphin article deadline

catered dinner on the dock in Ganges, and a chili cook-off in Sidney to finish things off with a bang! Whether you're heading south from Desolation Sound or starting out from the San Juans, you'll want to take part in this cruise event (and the sign up sheet is already in the office for those who plan on staying out cruising after the Commodore's Cruise). Here are the numbers to call for moorage reservations. Don't forget to identify yourself as part of the SBYC group:

Otter Bay (12th & 13th):	250-629-3579
Ganges (14th & 15th):	250-629-3579
Port of Sidney (16th & 17th):	250-629-3579

SBYC OFFICERS 2008

Commodore	Bill Veselka	466.1012
Vice Commodore. .	Tom Ihrig	466.1264
Rear Commodore. .	Kirsten Chandler	466.1555
Fleet Captain	Vanessa Finch	941.4141
Secretary.	Joanne Knutson	466.1452
Treasurer.	Doug Duehning	466.1281

Happy Birthday

Carolyn Bloye	7/2
Don Sundean	7/2
Carol Hayes	7/3
Shirley Carson	7/5
Pamela Oldow	7/6
Tom Napier	7/8
Russ Roberts	7/8
Ham Vittery	7/8
Doris Schmitt	7/10
Chris Morrell	7/11
Gary Noland	7/11
Candice Tjersland	7/12
Elizabeth Landry	7/13
Sally Massoth	7/13
Greg Finch	7/14
Susan Olsen	7/14
Pam Malmberg	7/15
Eve Boe	7/16
Judith Colby	7/19
Glen Hasenwinkle	7/19
Bill Garrett	7/20
Marilyn Allen	7/21
Judy Bennett	7/25
Larry Killinger	7/25
Nancy Miller	7/26
Marion Dinham	7/27
Kathleen Dootson	7/28
Lynnett Fink	7/29
Judi Slajer	7/29
Oscar Gjertsen	7/31

wounded comrades on the battlefield, when I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier, when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.

**MY NAME IS OLD GLORY -
LONG MAY I WAVE
DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN -
LONG MAY I WAVE**

*Righteousness exalts a nation.
Proverbs 14:34a NIV*

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER-

Peggy Duehning, SBYC Chaplain

The American Flag

As we celebrate America's independence this month, reflect upon the symbol of our nation and its history. The following came from the internet, author unknown, and was written before our battles in the Middle East. Our flag was there too!

My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's halls of justice. I fly majestically over institutions of learning. I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident. I am arrogant. I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one! I am recognized all over the world. I am worshipped - I am saluted. I am loved - I am revered. I am respected - I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox. I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy. Guam, Okinawa, Korea, KheSan, Saigon, and Vietnam know me.

I was there. I led my troops, I was dirty, battle worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me. I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country. And when it's by those whom I've served in battle- it hurts. But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon. I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my

Congratulations July Anniversaries

Fred & Lois Streimer	7/1/1967	42	Years
Bob Doupé & Diane Dailey	7/4/1991	18	Years
Al & Debbie Shiner	7/4/1959	50	Years
Jerry & Jane Wilson	7/7/1956	53	Years
Donald & Pamela Oldow	7/8/1967	42	Years
Jack & Janet Cheetham	7/11/1981	28	Years
Bob & Sue Agramonte	7/12/1958	51	Years
Gary & Carol Curtis	7/12/2001	8	Years
Tom Rosadiuk & Judi Slajer	7/12/1997	12	Years
Bill & Bunny Thisius	7/13/1957	52	Years
Bill & Dana Nelson	7/14/1996	13	Years
Russ & Donna Smith	7/15/1972	37	Years
Robert & Mike Ellis	7/19/1952	57	Years
Harry & Judi Mullikin	7/25/1970	39	Years
Jerry & Kathleen Dootson	7/30/1953	56	Years

Congratulations to all our anniversary celebrants. Special congratulations to **Al** and **Debbie Shiner**, **Bob** and **Sue Agramonte**, **Jerry** and **Jane Wilson**, **Bill** and **Bunny Thisius**, **Jerry** and **Kathleen Dootson**, and **Robert** and **Mike Ellis** who have all been married 50 years or longer. Wow!!!

Marine Trader

The submission guidelines for submitting ads are:

- Be brief
- State whether you are selling or looking for an item
- Provide your contact information
- All items must be related to boating
- Ads must be received by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter
- Ads will be published on a first come basis
- If your ad is not included in the newsletter and you still want to advertise it in the next newsletter, re-submit it for the following month and it will be placed at the top of the list
- Ads must be submitted each month, they will not be automatically run every month
- Ads must be placed by members for members only

Please submit your boating related want ads to me at pelston@verizon.net.

SBYC Items For Sale

The following items all have the SBYC logo embroidered on them. They are available to Club members at the prices paid for them by the Club. The prices include sales tax and the items will be delivered to your door. Call **Richard** and **Britt Wisniewski** at 466-4149 to order, or send an email to wisniew@wavecable.com

Twill Caps, variety of colors.....	\$13.00
Long Sleeve Denim Shirts in Women's and Men's Sizes	\$32.00
Sweatshirts, Navy, Ribbed or Open Bottom.....	\$32.00
Short Sleeve Polo shirts, Women's and Men's sizes, variety of colors	\$32.00
Reversible Vest, variety of colors.....	\$45.50
Poplin Jacket, variety of colors.....	\$45.50
License Plate Frames.....	\$ 4.00

Thank you July, 2009 Advertisers

Lovric's Sea-Craft	3022 Oakes Ave	Anacortes	98221	293-2042
Marine Sanitation, Inc.	1900 N. Northlake Way Ste. 121	Seattle	98103	206-633-1110
Marine Servicenter, Inc.	2417 T Ave	Anacortes	98221	293-8200


Join us for:

***Commordore's Cruise
July 9th—17th***

***2nd Summer Barbeque
July 31st***

Training: *See you this fall...*

Interested in becoming a member of the SBYC? Applications for membership are available in the Shelter Bay Community office. You may contact any of the listed officers for further information.

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