



Dolphin

From the Helm—Bill Veselka, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Cruise

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Each of our summer cruises have been outstanding; and, the August **Vice Commodore's** cruise proved to be no exception. We had great weather and super port hosts who gave their all to entertain cruisers with a wonderful agenda of leisure; shopping; golf; good food and drink; and, entertainment. The cruise officially began on August 12th at the Otter Bay Marina, B.C., where we were greeted by port hosts **Bob and Pat Cushman; Jane and Jerry Wilson and Judy and Whit Hansen**. After a relaxing afternoon, the group gathered at the covered picnic area to observe the now traditional ceremony of the happy hour; followed by grilling of meats, fish and fowl of choice. The following day, many of the ladies enjoyed visiting and shopping at Renaissance Studios, an art gallery that also specializes in custom jewelry. Those who preferred a more strenuous form of activity tested their skills with a round of golf at the Pender Golf Course. Dinner consisted of grilled hamburgers, skillfully prepared by **Jerry Wilson**, along with all the trimmings and desert.

On August 14th it was off to Ganges Marina where port hosts **Alan and Janet Bargmeyer** arranged the evening's entertainment with a great picnic dinner on the dock catered by Calvin's Bistro. The main dish was excellent and consisted of fresh halibut with lemon herb butter along with sliced chicken in a wine mushroom sauce. The following day everyone enjoyed the Saturday Village Market in Centennial Park where fruits, vegetables, bakery goods and objects d' art were offered for sale by local artisans and gardeners. That evening, it was dinner on your own; and, Sunday morning we were treated to warm scones and yogurt on the dock prior to departing for Sydney.

Sidney is a great place for boaters to visit; and, port hosts **Tom and Dee Ihrig; Dennis and Sally Massoth; and Ron and Pat Kostanich** did a great job of scheduling activities so that everyone would have the time to enjoy touring the downtown area. It was fun to visit the many bookstores; coffee houses; sidewalk cafes; ice cream parlors; stores of all types; and, my personal favorite, a marine surplus store. I guarantee that most guys could spend hours in this establishment alone. Our hosts also prearranged for us to use a large tented area on the docks for all of our evening events; and, on the first evening everyone enjoyed having a catered pizza party under this tent. The second day, there was a lot of secrecy on the docks as some of our resident Chefs huddled over steaming cauldrons of chili mixings to submit for the evening's Chili Cook-off Contest. The competition was fierce, but, in the end, a concoction brewed by **Joe Pickett** proved to favor the pallets of the judges, although in this Texan's opinion his mixture did not look like chili; smell like chili; or taste like chili. Had the contest been held in San Antonio, Joe would have been strung up. But, I don't want to sound like a sore loser, so, "Congratulations, Joe". The next time I am going to put a little less 'possum and more seagull in my recipe!

And, so, thanks again to each of our port hosts and to each of our cooks for helping to make this year's Vice Commodore's cruise one of the best ever. Each of our cruises have been absolutely excellent this summer; and, I invite all our boaters to join with us for our final outing at Sucia Island this month.

Summer BBQ's

By the time you get the Dolphin, the last of our three summer BBQ's will be over. All were very well attended and we owe **Jerry and Jane Wilson** and their helpers our thanks for the excellent job they did in setting up these events.

**Happy trails,
Bill**

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September 2009—Shelter Bay Yacht Club

Anchorage of the Month—Don Bloye

We've just left this destination, and although it is not an anchorage but rather a marina/dock situation, we think it bears mentioning and definitely is worth a stop for at least a day. This is **Ocean Falls**, 52° 21.163' N, 127° 41.842' W, once a thriving Crown Zellerbach pulp and paper mill. This waypoint is the actual spot on the public dock where we tied for the night on this trip. At one time the population here exceeded 5,000 souls but today, the winter population is closer to 30, and they are known as the Rain People. It does rain in excess of 14 feet per year, but the times we visited, it was bright and sunny.

Ocean Falls is best located using Canadian Chart #3720 as this will give you the various routes to use in getting there. Chart #3781 is very detailed of Ocean Falls proper, if you're looking to buy property! We made our entrance from Gunboat Passage to the west after provisioning at Shearwater and Bella Bella. Cruising north up Fisher Inlet to turn a bit more northerly at Boscowitz Point for the final approach to the destination, we are almost constantly in sight of at least one Humpback Whale. If you notice on the chart, the point opposite Boscowitz is Barba Point, both probably named after Barbra Boscowitz, an early citizen.

If you're a hunter/gatherer there is much to do here. Lots of folks drop a crab trap in about 70 to 85 feet of water in front of the old docks, the far side of the falls, and do quite well. You should not leave your trap at this location overnight because the resident seals turn them over to get at the crabs. We found the best place was in 150', +/- 20', just out from the little bay south of Coolidge Point. In much earlier times, a lone house, operated by Blanche, a 300# Madame, called this prominent point and landing Pecker Point. Just out from Wearing Point in Cousins Channel is a small deep spot, marked on the charts exceeding 300,' where large prawn seems to gather. Ocean Falls is famous for its Halibut fishing and in season, all five species of salmon can be caught. A short and interesting hike through the old town and above the falls is Link Lake, 16 miles of incredible rainbow trout fishing. Someday Carolyn and I will have our float tubes with us and spend time casting flies to these hungry fish.

Fuel is available a few days per week, and the water on the dock is some of the cleanest on the coast. You pay your moorage in the "Shack", same place you can get on the Internet for free, and they brag that moorage is cheaper here than anywhere around. From the top of the dock, turn left for a one kilometer walk to Martin Valley, the residential "town", but you probably will go only a short distance before one of the friendly Rain People driving a pickup stops and yells, "climb in". Just before town is a small pub in case you walk this far in the hot summer sun, then just a few more steps you will find the local grocery store, a little "shop" with just about everything for restocking your provisions.

A few of the above historical comments came from a wonderful book by Bruce Ramsey called *The Story of Ocean Falls, Rain People*. Before you go you should read this book, not after you've made a few trips like we've done. It is very well written and very interesting – a must read!

We'll be back at our dock in Shelter Bay by the next installment so for those who didn't venture this far, a few comments on the "Summer of 09". We had some bad winds and water early on in Nanaimo, just before the Commodore's Cruise, then calm, clear, and mostly quite hot weather until the first week of August. Since then we've really been able to have the boat rinsed of salt water spray a number of times. The weather channel predicted strong winds and gale warnings a few times but either that changed or we were lucky to skirt those patterns. Getting on the Internet has been alien to us as the places we've dropped anchor is a *long way from anything!* This is the first chance here in Jennis Bay in the Broughtons and today is August 14th, I think....

Enjoy your summer,
Kind regards,
Don and Carolyn Bloye
M.V Island Spirit

Vice Commodore—Tom Ihrig

Dee and I are writing from Fisherman Bay at Lopez Island. The Vice Commodore's cruise went very well. We had a fair number of boats attend and the weather cooperated for the most part. There was no rain that I can recall for any of the six days of the cruise. This ends our long cruises for the year with just a two nighter to go at Sucia this September. September, the end of the third quarter, how did it get here so fast?



Dee and I were port captains at Sidney along with **Ron and Pat Kostanich and Dennis and Sally Massoth**. We would like to thank them for their support. Also, we would like to thank the participants in the chili cook off the second night in Sidney. They were **Alan and Janet Bargmeyer** teamed with **Fred and Marge Laws, Claus and Turid Dassel, Bill and Jeanice Veselka, and, Joe and Shelly Pickett**. Joe's chili was selected number one. It was a white chili different from the normal color of red. All four were very good. Once again the effort is appreciated and thanks. We would also like to thank **Harold and Estelle Moles** for helping with set up and serving for the chili feed, and **Turid Dassel** for tallying the votes.

This is about the time we start looking to next year. In particular we need a volunteer to fill the **Fleet Captain position. This is a board position**. The nominating committee will be meeting in the near future to select an individual. Nominations will be held at the October Board meeting with announcements made at that evening's dinner. Term of service is one year starting in January. Swear in will be performed at the Commodore's Ball in December. Normally, a Fleet Captain will move through the chairs of Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Commodore. The responsibilities are to schedule our cruises with the various selected ports and recruit port captains for each destination. The destination port captain's responsibilities are to determine the events that would take place at each port of call. Our basic cruise schedule is a two night shakedown in April usually close to Shelter Bay. This year we went to Anacortes. We have a day cruise to Coronet Bay in May the day after Opening Day. This is a pizza feed attended by car as well. In June we have a two night cruise. This was traditionally a chili cook off at Blakely Island. Last several years we have been going to Friday Harbor and forgoing the cook off because Blakely became unavailable. July and August are our long cruise months. We have a cruise in each month usually lasting six to eight nights. And, there is one last two night cruise in September to cap off the year. The ports of call on all cruises are established by the new Board at the January meeting kicking off the new year. Please let me know if you would like to have the job or if you may have a recommendation in mind. Call me at 466-1264 or email me at tihrig32@verizon.net. Thank you.

Training—Ron Kostaninch

Fall is coming and its time to restart Training/Seminars. October will be our first session with **Tony Ford** from **LaConner Maritime** presenting boat care issues from corrosion to the most often asked questions from boat owners. In November, **Tony Wyatt** will come talk to us about the latest and greatest in new electronics and how they can make our boating more enjoyable and safer. One of our members, **Tom Sigmond**, is on SV Search and Rescue and is interested in talking to us about being better prepared when we go out on the water.

Notice the dates below for future training/seminars:

October 13th (Tuesday) @ 7PM	Boat Owner questions from a boat yard stand point by Tony Ford
November 10th(Tuesday) @7PM	New electronics by Tony Wyatt

We encourage your input for classes and would like to know if you would be interested in presenting a class. Call or email me your thoughts and ideas at 466-1331 or ron.kostanich1@verizon.net.

From the Clubhouse—Kirsten Chandler, Rear Commodore

BBQ's

Our second Summer barbeque was enjoyed by a record number of members, and once again many thanks to **Jane and Jerry Wilson** for hosting the event, also thanks to all who attended and brought such wonderful pot luck dishes to share.

August 28th is our last Summer BBQ, come join the fun.



Clubhouse Dinners

September 19th Dinner - **Summer Memories**

Bob and Pat Cushman and the Past Commodores are hosting this first Clubhouse event of the season, the party starts at 5:30 P.M. it is BYOB for Happy Hour and Dinner, and cost is \$12.00; details provided on the flier.

Reservations: **Cherry Haas** at 466-0576-----last day for sign up is Wednesday, September 16th.

Dinners yet to come:

October 17th hosted by **Sally and Dennis Massoth** and **Jackie and Larry McKean**

November 7th hosted by **Jan and Bob Longstreth** and **Barbara and Richard Stockwell**

December 5th, Commodores Ball hosted by **Jan and Bob Longstreth**

Be sure to save the dates, more information about these events will be in the next Dolphin.

Kirsten

Reciprocal Program—Chris Dailey

I have some reciprocal news, some good and some not so good. Maple Bay Yacht Club cancelled a larger number of reciprocals including Shelter Bay YC. On the good side, we should be adding the Royal Victoria YC soon. I received a letter with special instructions for anyone that wants to go to Vancouver for the Olympic Games by boat and stay at Burrard Yacht Club. Contact me for details.

Here is a quote from an email I received from Clark and Joan this summer regarding their use of reciprocal moorage: "We stayed at Edmonds, Tacoma YC. Olympia and Port Orchard and they all worked out great for us."

We still need slips as the summer cruising season winds down, so call Bob Gruber at 466-4694 or email openslipsbyc@verizon.net to make your main marina slip available. I would like to give special thanks to all of the members who put their slips into the reciprocal pool and to Bob Gruber for his work on this program.

Chris Dailey 466-7469

New Members—Dennis and Sally Massoth

Welcome Back to SBYC! We are always delighted to have old friends return to the club.

Gordon and Jane Godfrey had been members for 24 years and are back for more fun. They have enjoyed boating for over 50 years on both the Northwest and East coast. They also love to golf. **Gordon** is a retired commercial electrician and **Jane's** career is in real estate and design. They have a 25' power boat named Jag.

Berit Kenin has also rejoined and has been boating all her life. She is a former flight attendant for PanAm. **Berit** is an artist and very involved in the art world. She has downsized to a 16' Arima powerboat called GB IV. Welcome back **Berit!**

From the Chart House— Vanessa Finch, Fleet Captain

VICE COMMODORE CRUISE:

The skipper and I are sorry to have missed out on what, from all accounts, sounds like a terrific cruise to Otter Bay, Ganges and Sidney last month. The event was possible because of Port Captains



Pat & Bob Cushman, Janet & Alan Bargmeyer and Dee & Vice Commodore Tom Ihrig who each put lots of time and effort into creating memorable meals and fun experiences for the cruise attendees. We received a cruise report nearly every day from Symphony's crew and it was hard not to feel envious when told "These people are so much fun; we're having a great time and last night's dinner was SUPER tasty!"

END OF SEASON CRUISE TO FOSSIL BAY, SUCIA ISLAND:

I hope you'll join our final cruise of the year over the weekend of September 11-13 as we get "Back to Basics" on Sucia Island. Once again we've reserved the group site at Fossil Bay so we can have a campfire and use the large shelter for meeting and eating. While there isn't power available, there are mooring buoys, dock space (if you arrive early enough) and good anchorage. We'll be potlucking on Friday, waking up to a hosted breakfast on Saturday and finishing off the day with grill-fest. In between there be opportunities for view-filled walks, a dinghy trip to the Patos Island lighthouse, beachcombing or just catching up with friends. The sign up sheet is in the office and the cruise packet will be available on Sept 4.

MAHALO, GRACIAS, TAUSEND DANKE:

It's only because of generous volunteers and those willing to say "Sure, I can lend a hand" that we get to enjoy so many fun and interesting events on the water every summer. Because of these volunteer port team members, our boats are docked in an orderly fashion, we're entertained, amused and informed during our cruise and we eat very, very well! To all those who've made our club's adventures on the water possible and most of all, to my skipper, Greg: **Thank You Very Much!**

Now's the time to let any SBYC Bridge member know if there are ports you'd like to see included in next year's cruising schedule. If you have a favorite cruising destination, why not volunteer to help plan a trip for the club there!

2009 Calendar

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

October

- 17 Board meeting 9:00am
- 17 Clubhouse dinner / Annual Meeting – Dennis and Sally Massoth
- 23 Dolphin article deadline

November

- 07 Board meeting 9:00am
- 07 Clubhouse dinner – Longstreths and Stockwells
- 23 Dolphin article deadline

Howdy Buckaroos,

Saddle up and join us for the **October** roundup at the Shelter Bay Yacht Club Saloon!!!!

We're fixin' to serve up some great grub from **Double Barrel Bar BQ** with more fun and dancing to follow.

So rustle up your old jeans, boots and cowboy hats, and ride on down for a good old time.

Hoping to see you on October 17th.

Your ranch foremen:

**Dennis and Sally Massoth
Larry and Jackie McKean**

their cowhands:

**Tom and Dee Ihrig
Ron and Pat Kostanich
Jerry and Carolyn Morris**

SBYC OFFICERS 2008

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Vice Commodore. .	Tom Ihrig	466.1264
Rear Commodore. .	Kirsten Chandler	466.1555
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Treasurer.	Doug Duehning	466.1281

Happy Birthday

Mike Ellis	9/1
Kathryn Hasenwinkle	9/1
Donna Swartz	9/2
Britt-Mari Wisniewski	9/2
Richard Reynolds	9/3
Bob Ellis	9/4
John Gifford	9/5
Carol Lee Baker	9/6
Mary Geisel	9/6
John Carr	9/9
Judith Rosso	9/10
Ken Lee	9/11
Jim Foster	9/12
Linda Duffy	9/19
Wayne Fink	9/19
Joan Fridell	9/19
Stan Frey	9/22
Betty Wilson	9/23
Jerry Dootson	9/24
Donald Oldow	9/25
Al Shiner	9/26
Claude Sourbeer	9/27
Ron McFarlane	9/28
John Bratland	9/29
Vi Jesberg	9/29
Dolores Bratland	9/30

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER-

Peggy Duehning, SBYC Chaplain

The Hand of God

To behold a spectacular sunset or sunrise, to look up at an ebony sky so full of sparkling stars you get dizzy trying to focus on them all, to see an eagle watching from a craggy limb, to witness a family of whales frolicking close enough to the boat to excite even the most calm of seafarers, are experiences we as boaters enjoy. God has blessed us with the opportunity to delight in the everyday wonders of His water world. I am in awe of the majesty around us. From those towering cliffs at water's edge to the smallest most perfect wildflower in the crevice of a rock, I see the Hand of God in all of it. I cannot look at the wonders of nature and not believe in a supreme Creator.

For those of you who are boat free now just look out your windows. What do you see? Do you see the ever changing sky, the multiple hues of green in our trees, the mountain tops, the water at different levels as the tide changes, the beautiful flowers in your garden, the deer sauntering down our roads? I cannot begin to mention all the wonders both majestic and miniscule around us. Rest assured I know how blessed I am and I thank God for it.

I also know that some of you do not believe as I do. As Chaplain, my columns always come from a Christian and Bible believing standpoint. All my statements come from my faith. I do not argue with scientists. You see I believe God is the author of science and He must be intrigued as humans delve into the intricate working of His world. Scientists look around and see theories and evolution. I look around and see the Hand of God.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Proud to know Betty Foster and Vanessa Finch—Darlene Dailey

The Endless Summer, Angelina, Pharm-A-Sea and Ocean Dream were anchored at Walsh Cove in Desolation Sound, after having spent two days together enjoying tubing, swimming, kayaking and BBQ Prawns by Greg. It was time to break away and to go our different ways. Endless Summer and Angelina were heading for Rebecca Spit and the Pharm-A-Sea and Ocean Dream were going around the corner to a favorite secret cove of Greg's.

Angelina broke away and Endless Summer brought in her stern line and started to bring up her anchor when Vanessa of Ocean Dream said I think our anchor is over yours, I will get things ready and get ours up so you can go. The next thing we see is Pharm-A-Sea starting her engine and breaking away from Ocean Dream with Betty at the helm. Vanessa brought in the stern line and the anchor so that Endless Summer could bring hers up and we all moved out of the bay. This was done so well, Chris never realized until it was done, it was the women doing it all by themselves. We met Jim and Greg coming back in their dinghy up the channel. **To Betty and Vanessa outstanding job.**

Congratulations September Anniversaries

George & Margaret Stapleton	9/3/1960	49 Years	Frank & Pamela Tuzzolino	9/16/2006	3 Years
Bert & Mindy McCabe	9/4/2004	5 Years	Jay & Mary Geisel	9/17/1981	28 Years
Brian & Vickie Boyd	9/8/1961	48 Years	John & Mary Kay Siddle	9/17/1960	49 Years
John & Judy Carr	9/9/1961	48 Years	Don & Carolyn Bloye	9/21/1979	30 Years
John & Anne Fleming	9/10/1954	55 Years	David & Marilyn Allen	9/22/1990	19 Years
Al & Mary Ann Womac	9/13/1968	41 Years	Ralph & Patricia Roper	9/23/????	?? Years
Dick and Carol Dorton	9/13/1964	45 Years	Neil & Kathleen Brosnan	9/25/1971	38 Years
Al & Sandy Strutzel	9/15/1984	25 Years	Richard & Mona Reynolds	9/27/1947	62 Years

Congratulations to all our anniversary celebrants. Special congratulations to **John and Ann Fleming** with 55 years, and **Richard and Mona Reynolds** with a whopping 62 years.



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 September, 2009 Advertisers

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North Harbor Diesel & Yacht Service	720 30th St.	Anacortes	98221	293-5551
Northwest Yachts	1019 Q Ave Ste. G	Anacortes	98221	299-0777


Join us for:

***End of Summer Cruise
September 11th—13th***

***Summer Memories Dinner
September 19th***

Training: *See you in October*

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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