

KITSILANO YACHT CLUB

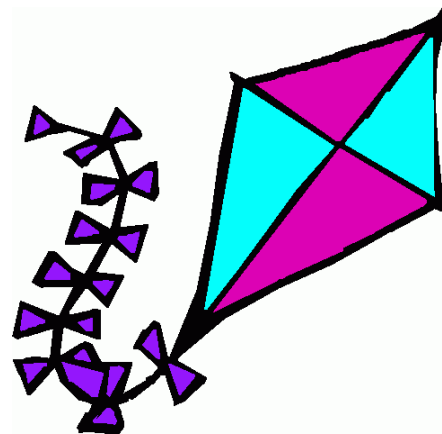


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March 27th late breaking news – KYC Weather Station back online

Peter Henley advised the weather station is back online after a lengthy absence. To access the weather station, you can view its data by going online to www.weatherlink.com/user/kyc



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Racing

Spring Series update by Kerry Brann

The first day of spring racing started off with a vague forecast of possible snow. In some areas there was a 1/2 inch of slush at 7:00 am but turned out to be a spectacular day.

The winds were moderate to light south easterly with a few wind holes scattered about. You really had to play the shifts to find your way to a good finish.

The Cal 20 fleet was joined by lasers and Andy and Colm did a great job on RC. We got 5 races in. Next race day is April 9th and we should have more on the start line as our snow birds return and new boats and new and old members join in.

Kerry sent some great photos, below, of the beautiful spring day.





Know your Club

The Club bylaws stipulate the Club shall have two ranks of officers, Flag Officers and Honourary Officers. Flag officers are elected, for a one year term, at the KYC Annual General Meeting, held each October. The Flag Officers are Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, and Staff Captain.

This is the third instalment of Know your Club and the focus is on the Rear Commodore. Our Rear Commodore is Sheridan MacRae and he is mainly responsible for the Land based infrastructure of the Club, including the club house, yard and outbuildings as well as the pier. Sheridan has been steadily working through the club house, junior training room and pier on the most urgent updates since taking over this responsibility two years ago. Jobs completed to date include:

- complete renovation of the Caretakers accommodation in 2016
- drywall and electrics to the junior training room after a re-roof the year before
- structural upgrade for deck boards on the pier

The last item, the structural upgrade for deck boards for the pier, has provided the same amount of strength but for a fraction of the price quoted for other methods, allowing for further “stitch in time” work to be done to the pier supports in a renewed 5-year plan to be presented to the Executive this summer.

New works this season include a temporary SUP rack to the East fence for 20 boards, to be built by volunteers (look out for the posting dates), and a longer-term plan for the “uber shed” to accommodate the majority of the paddle fleet’s vessels and equipment.

The constant maintenance to keep the buildings and infrastructure ship-shape and safe, and employ staff to manage the whole place is frankly a miracle on such a small income and we do it without any funding from any local authorities. So, think of that next time you sigh as you pull out your credit card for the yearly dues & boat storage fees, which is a great deal for less than 0.75 cents a day.



Kits Chronicles by Barbara Dill

The Clubhouse

In 1935, the newly formed Kitsilano Yacht Club along with Frank Fraser, the owner, operator of a boatyard at the foot of Balsam Street and a founding member of KYC, approached the Park Board seeking a lease on a portion of the foreshore adjacent to his boatyard. The proposal was to construct a breakwater and build a clubhouse. The Park Board rejected this proposal because it included a commercial element. The breakwater would also have been used by the boatyard.

Two members of the first Kitsilano Yacht Club executive, R.A. Lawrence and Ivan Barber, lobbied the Park Board for about a year, and eventually the Park Board granted the club a lease. Club members met throughout the winter at a house on Cornwall Street to plan for the construction of a clubhouse. On May 16, 1936, a group of volunteers poured the cement for a row of concrete posts. These served as the foundation of a 30' by 60' clubhouse. The completed Clubhouse had a large main lounge with a stone fireplace and French doors facing seaward. The doors opened unto a veranda that ran the full length of the building. The building also contained Men's and Women's lockers, an office and a kitchen.

Although the basic footprint and location of the original Clubhouse remain, there have been several renovations in the succeeding years. One constant has been the many contributions that members have made to the operation and maintenance of the Clubhouse, boat storage area, pier, ramp and float.

A building fund provided the money required to complete the construction. This fund was subscribed to by 44 individual members and 37 local business firms. Dances were held to raise additional funds. More than 200 individuals attended the first dance held at the Jericho Tennis Club.

An active Lady's Auxiliary held raffles and bake sales. The proceeds were used to purchase furnishings for the Clubhouse. The table that often occupies a prominent position near the current office is one of their contributions.

Finally, on May 12, 1937, Vancouver Mayor George G. Miller officially opened the Clubhouse.

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Club News

505 Fleet Ski Day – February 25, 2017 by Charles Hansen

On February 25th, 2017, the newly formed Bellingham fleet of 505's organized a ski day at Mt Baker followed by a social evening of après ski drinks, food, and hot tubbing hosted by Jim Holstine and family at their place at Lake Samish.

Our ski hosts at Baker, Lee Laney and Mike Powell, set up the event with three rendezvous times to ensure that we could do some socializing and not just scatter all over the mountain. The first gathering was in the parking lot to start the day at 0830. About 15 keeners (see first photo) made the first rendezvous to get some good warmup tracks on the soft corduroy.



First rendezvous

The fleet got separated after a few runs and some went off looking for steeper and deeper while others continued to explore and cruise the groomed trails. Over the next few hours, we were joined by some late starters.

The second gathering was at a lodge for lunch near mid-day. The crowd that came together at lunch was now 24.



Lunch break

The Bellingham fleet made the Canadians feel welcome on "their local hill". Canada was represented by Kitsilano sailors Fred and Peter Grimm, Phil Cragg and Cynthia Des Brisay and myself. We also had Jeff Boyd from eastern Canada (along with his buddy Gord Boyd).

After a leisurely lunch, the group of 24 started out again. There was some splitting of the fleet owing to different objectives. That was okay, because of the scheduled 3rd rendezvous for Après ski fun off the hill would bring most people back together for more socializing and seas/ski stories.

The weather at Mt Baker ski area wasn't too bad, overcast and cool, with reasonable visibility. There was lots of snow, some of it untracked; the crowds were light at the lift lines. The back country adjacent to the patrolled ski area looked very inviting. Bringing back country gear next time certainly is in order to take advantage to the huge terrain outside the ropes. Both Lee and Mike indicated that they would be keen to show off the huge ski areas outside the ropes for those who want to come back for more, (we are planning to go back and take advantage of their local knowledge.) Some had to leave the hill early, but the keeners skied to the end of the day, getting last rides on a few of the lifts.

After a short drive from the mountain to Lake Samish, most of the group re-convened at the lovely home of Jim Holstine. It was supposed to be a bring your own affair, but our hosts really went to town preparing a couple dozen homemade pizzas and providing local keg beer. In the midst of all this, Jim organized a model sail boat building competition where materials were supplied and races were held in his swimming pool (industrial fans providing the wind).

The word on the street is that this was a great event and likely to happen again.

Well done Bellingham Fleet!

Member Adventures – Racing in Sint Maarten by Johanne Berube and Matthew Henley

We won our division in the Valentines Regatta and have just returned victorious from Heineken Regatta in Sint Maarten. Here are some pictures, as requested - the first 3 are mine, the other one is copyright Tim Wright.



Matt and Johanne Valentine's Regatta 2017



Heineken Regatta -Jo and Matt, hoisting a glass on the right, first in their division



About to tack - photo courtesy of Tim Wright

Jo and Matt crew on Blue Peter while they are in the tropics.

Message from the Volunteer Director

Now that Spring has officially arrived, KYC volunteer work parties are being planned. Watch your email for dates and details.

Please remember to sign up online through the volunteer system on our website – this is the third season using the online sign up and it's proven to be a great system.

Below is a list of dates where we will be needing your support this season.

Work Parties (maintenance and cleaning) - April / May (Sat dates TBC)

Sailpast - Official Season Opening – Sat May 6, pm

Kits Regatta - Fri 7th, Sat 8th, & Sun 9th July

Celebration of Lights - Fireworks Fundraisers - Sat July 29th, Japan, and Sat Aug 5th, Canada

Message from BC Sailing - KYC Club Manager, Colm, received the following message from BC Sailing

Dear BC Sailing Members,

Since the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors (BoD) has been busy developing a new overall committee structure for the operational functions of BC Sailing. The BoD is moving towards a structure that will see the membership of our Members participating within the various committees that BoD has structured.

The purpose of the attached documents are to outline the new Committee Structures (BCSA - Committees Paper) and to also provide our Members with the Terms of Reference documents for each committee. There are several committees that are formed by the Executive Committee and the terms of reference for those are finalized. The rest of the Terms of Reference will be open for each committee to provide their input to the BoD before they are deemed as finalized.

We ask that you please review the attached documents, and share them with your membership. In order for our vision of a more engaged membership within BC Sailing to succeed we need new volunteers to help us run these new committees. Please ask your membership if they are interested in becoming active within the BC Sailing Association and specifically ask them to volunteer on any of the committees that interest them.

Those interested in participating need to email crew@bcsailing.bc.ca by 15 April 2017 and let us know where they want to assist. We will then create a Committee List and start the process of pulling the committees together.

Should you have any questions, please free to contact us.

Regards,

BC Sailing Board of Directors

NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURES & MEMBERS

Training and Athletic Development Committee Terms of Reference	Keelboats Committee Terms of Reference
Audit Committee Terms of Reference	Membership Committee Terms of Reference
Communication & Marketing Committee Terms of Reference	Race Officials Committee Terms of Reference
Finance Committee Terms of Reference	Regional Development Committee Terms of Reference
Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference	Squamish Development Committee Terms of Reference

Mark your calendar

2017 Racing Rules of Sailing Presentation

Don Martin, designer of the Martin 242, will introduce the major changes to the Racing Rules for this year mainly as they relate to keelboat sailing in our area. The important rules for local racing will also be reviewed.

Date: Thursday, 30 March 2017

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (PDT)

Location: Royal Vancouver Yacht Club - Jericho Station, 3811 Point Grey Road

Details and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2017-racing-rules-of-sailing-tickets-32206588774>

COSA Springtime Regatta

The Central Okanagan Sailing Association will be hosting its annual Springtime Regatta, May 20 and 21, 2017. NOR and other info can be found at: http://cosa.bc.ca/racing_regattas.php

KYC Sailpast – Saturday, May 6, 2017

Sailpast is a formal event that officially opens the KYC season. Kitsilano Yacht Club Sailpast 2017 is set for Saturday, May 6th (please note the day change from Sunday to Saturday).

KYC's Sailpast is always a well-attended event. All KYC boats salute our Commodore by "sailing past" under sail or paddle power, and then indulging in a lovely afternoon tea in the Clubhouse. Mark the date, dust off your deck shoes, get your summer ducks out of the closet, and watch for the April edition of The Hailer for full details.

Message from the Staff Captain

Sailpast Contest

In the Sailpast information in the Mark your Calendar section above, I referred to getting your summer ducks out of closet. At Sailpast, on May 6th, the first three Sailpast attendees, under the age of 12, who can tell me, Rosemary, Staff Captain, what "summer ducks" means to a sailor, will receive a small, sweet treat.

And, still on the subject of Sailpast, if you have any pictures of previous Sailpasts, or any good Sailpast stories you would like to share, please email your photos or tales to Colm at manager@kitsilanoyachtclub.com. On May 6th, we will display photos and memories of past opening days.

Staying with sharing pictures and stories, thanks to Johanne Berube and Matthew Henley for sharing their Caribbean racing successes with us! Best wishes for continuing fair winds and following seas and we look forward to seeing you back at KYC!

If you have any racing or watersport or vacation pictures to share, please send them along to Colm, (manager@kitsilanoyachtclub.com) and they will be published in the next issue of The Hailer.

The KYC website has lots of great pictures including the entire 75th Anniversary Book (2009) which has photos of the original clubhouse being built (described in Barbara's Kits Chronicles article earlier in this newsletter). Sign into the website, <https://kyc.clubexpress.com/>, go to the Information drop-down menu and select Photos.

Contact Us

Do you have suggestions or comments you would like to share? Your feedback is welcomed whether we are doing something well or if there is something we could be doing better. Feedback is important as it helps us to make positive changes and, we need to hear from you. Our General Manager, Colm Webb, would like to receive your comments.

Colm can be reached at manager@kitsilanoyachtclub.com or 604-730-1646. Colm can also take your feedback confidentially if you wish.

The Last, Silly word...

(with apologies to our Rear Commodore)

What keeps a dock floating above water? Pier pressure.

Courtesy of The Musings of Mark Haggan