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“My favorite color is October.”

Unknown

Racing News

Passage Island by Commodore Brian Trainor

The two 505s went clockwise around the island, and the rest of the fleet who completed the race went anti-clockwise.

The Grumpy Old Men were only about 8 - 10 boat lengths ahead of me when Chris swung by us in his motorboat, to check in with us off the Eastern shore of Passage Island.

But then the wind changed radically, just after that.

The Grumpies seemed to drag the light Westerly windline away from us by their transom as they made for Point Grey, and so my boat just stopped in a complete dead air zone of about a mile radius off Point Atkinson.

When any occasional zephyrs of wind occurred every few minutes, they randomly boxed the compass, East, West, North and South.

So, we just bobbed up and down on 1.5 metre swells listening to our sails slap, periodically putting the kite up and down uselessly.

We watched the rest of the fleet stay in the wind line that stayed out far to the West and South of us, which carried them from the Western shore of Passage Island across towards Point Grey.

We sat parked out there for well over an hour.

Super frustrating, because at Spanish Banks the wind was blowing about 15 knots, and we could see the white caps and all the sailboats heeled over.

But there was no way to get there, from our dead zone.

Once we finally drifted across to the wind line, it was like someone threw the “ON” switch.

Really fun “wire running” conditions for us once we finally drifted far enough South to catch that good Westerly, and so we blasted back on full plane, back to KYC.

- Brian



Lawrance Cup, October 1, 2017



The Bell Buoy

The Lawrance Cup is a race from the pier at KYC to the Bell Buoy off Point Grey and back. It's a timed race and the best time wins, regardless of boat. No handicapping.

A gorgeous sunny day with strong westerlies starting 12-15 knots at KYC and building in strength up the shore to the bell buoy. Of the 11 sailboats and 2 OC1 canoes that started this race 10 sailboats and the 2 OC1's finished. The heavy winds and short high seas at Point Grey were too much for short-handed M242 Scarlett but the rest of us finished in good time.

This year's race saw a good turnout from the M242 fleet (3 from KYC and 5 from Royal Van). In an interesting twist, the M242 fleet asked to score their results within their fleet as it mattered in the overall M242 Fleet One standings. KYC's Back in Black, with Reto Corfu and Phil Cragg in command, needed to defeat RVYC's Michael Clements in Too Wicked in this race to win the M242 Out of Bay Series. Smiles all round from the crew of Back in Black told the story –handily defeating Too Wicked by over 2 minutes on the day. Back in Black also had the fastest time of all entries to win Lawrance Cup for this year.

Ran Vared and yours truly in Lightnings had a fun match race. Battling waves and the strong westerly outbound, we traded the lead up wind while Ran was the first round the buoy. He was not able to hold the lead down the run to the finish, finishing 30 seconds back in a nearly two-hour race. Great fun and great sailing surfing the waves back – planing down waves without spinnakers set for fear of broaching. A good time.

In OC1 canoes were Rob Varnel and Doug Thomas of KYC's Pacific Reach fleet. As Rob said "After a grueling 1:10 min 8 km uphill paddle to the bell can, into what turned out to be the slowest 8 km paddle of our lives at 6.9 km per hour. We were only 1 min behind Menno's boat. When we turned into a giant downwind run our speed went from 6.9 km per hour to over 11.5 average. There were great rides where we were often above 16 km per hour. Our return time was only 45 min." Rob and Doug finished behind both Lightnings but ahead of the lone Cal 20 in the race – the Roses in La Galatea.

Full results are [here](#)

Menno Bos

Some Lawrance Cup history

Thanks to Barbara Dill for providing a bit of history about the Lawrance Cup.

It is one of the earliest trophies in the Club. First raced for in 1934. All boats 18 feet or under could compete. The original trophy was donated by the Club President, R. A. Lawrance, as a perpetual trophy for inter club competition. The first trophy was won by a RVCY boat the "Verio".

I don't know when it stopped being an inter club race.

Barbara



6 Metre World Championships

KYC Members Sail in Six Metre World Championship! **article by Johanne Berube**

In September 2017, the International Six Metre Association (ISMA) Worlds was held for the first time in Canada in our very own English Bay. With 45 boats registered, this comprised the largest representation of the world - in total 11 countries were represented, from 5 continents – some for the first time at this international event.

Among those competing were our very own Kitsilano Yacht Club entry – KC79 STARWAGON, helmed by new member Nigel Ashman with Honorary Life commodore Matthew Henley on bow! Also competing were KYC longtime members Johanne Berube and Cynthia DesBrisay on US83 LLANORIA. Charles Hansen made cameo appearance on US96 HANKO III – providers of Llanoria's daily G&Ts - on the last day of racing! All in all, KYC was well represented.

All of us were racing in the beautiful 'Classics' division for boats built before 1965, with a very deep fleet all vying for top place. 'Our' division was won by former Spanish King, Juan Carlos I and supported by a crew under the guidance of Canadian Olympic yachtsman and local Vancouver man, Ross Macdonald!! Also competing with us were Mr. America's Cup Dennis Conner and multiple Olympic winners including Eric Jespersen in 2nd, as well as multiple Olympians from Brazil (3rd place winners), to name a few.

LLANORIA did very well coming in 9th place overall, considering our all-women crew only had a few times to practice on the boat together before the event. Llanoria also did well in the Westerleigh pre-regatta (5th out of 21) and the Oceana Cup, hosted by KYC (1st of 3 – with member Kathy Kushner as trimmer). KYC's Starwagon came 3rd at Oceana Cup, 16th at the Westerleigh and 15th for the World Cup Classics Division – not bad for a boat that had been recently put together with 'hand me down' parts and sails from other Sixes!

The World Cup itself was won by the Open Class's SUI77 JUNIOR. Her success was a repeat of winning performances of two years ago in France and to the world titles won in Europe in 1985, 1999, 2007 and 2011.

Of course, an international sailing event like this isn't just about the racing – competitors enjoyed off-the-water camaraderie at daily post-racing socials, with the first being the Oceana Cup BBQ at KYC!

For full results and links to daily race reports, tracking history and pictures visit <http://6mvancouver2017.com/>



KC 79 STARWAGON CREW - Matthew Henley, Steve Durfee, Phil Barron, Fred Stearman, Nigel Ashman & new member Rainer Muller - photo credit Viki Ashman



Oceana Cup: US83 LLANORIA - 1st place! Crew: Johanne Berube, Cynthia DesBrisay, Kathy Kushner, Stephanie Stearman, Leigh Andrew - photo credit: westwingcalling.ca



US 83 LLANORIA waiting for a race during the Worlds: crew Stephanie Stearman, Johanne Berube, Alexa Edgar, Cynthia DesBrisay, Leigh Andrew



'THE LIST' - on Dennis Conner's boat of boats to look out for! Winners = E16 1st, US 81 2nd, KC19 3rd. Notice Llanoria in the middle! photo credit Johanne Berube



'Red Devils' - Enjoying G&Ts after racing with the HANKO III crew :) photo credit: Matthew Henley



Bluenose Regatta – October 28 and 29

The last regatta of 2017 is coming up this weekend. The Bluenose is well named as it is a chilly event. As I write this, the weather forecast calls for foggy mornings, sunny and warmish afternoons and dipping down to cool in the evening. There are 79 boats registered already and still a couple of days to go before the regatta. Read the November Hailer for a report of the 2017 Bluenose.

Club News

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the AGM, held Thursday, October 19th, will be made available when they are completed.

Election of Officers

The last item on the AGM agenda is the election of Officers for the coming year. Most Executives remain in their positions for 2018 but there are four changes; Nicole MacRae joined the Executive as a Director; Chris Duncombe took on the portfolio of Financial Director and Ran Vared is our new Fleet Captain. Jeanine Ziolkoski completed her final year of a three-year term as Financial Director and stepped down from the Executive. Many thanks to Jeanine for her hard work and time on the Executive.

Commodore	Brian Trainor	Hon. Sailing Bosun	John Lavery
Vice Commodore	Mark Kelly	Director - Membership	Su Bailey
Rear Commodore	Sheridan MacRae	Director	Rob Varnel
Fleet Captain	Ran Vared	Director 2	Paul Torriero
Staff Captain	Rosemary McCallum	Director 3	Nicole MacRae
Hon. Secretary	Daryl Geisheimer	Financial Director (Y1)	Chris Duncombe
Hon. Treasurer	Fred Grimm	Financial Director (Y2)	Menno Bos
Hon. Power Bosun	Peter Henley	Financial Director (Y3)	Doug Thomas
Hon. Hydrographer	Kerry Brann		



Colm and Brian preparing for the AGM

Sea Cadets

Fall Dinghy Regatta



Group shot of all the cadets and support staff at Fall Dinghies.

The 2017 Fall Dinghy Regatta was held at Royal Victoria Yacht Club on September 23rd and 24th. Captain Vancouver Cadets, Diana Liang, (skipper), Calvin Lim, (crew), and Joey Sekulovich, (skipper), and Marco Tom, (crew), participated. The wind did not cooperate for this regatta; no boats were even launched on the first day and only six races were completed on Day Two.

The Officer in Charge of the on the water activities for PAC region had these comments:

September 23 - Fall Dinghies is underway at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club! Cadets from Smithers, Lower Mainland and the Island are all competing for the top spot and the Navy Centennial Trophy. Today the athletes were faced with very light air (very light) and races were postponed. However, they are all looking forward to better winds and racing tomorrow.

September 24th - Fall Dinghies Day 2 - Six races completed. PAC sailing had beginner and experienced teams racing in this great event. Congratulations to all! Also, to Sharikov and Cramer for taking home first place overall in the 420 fleet and the Navy Centennial trophy! A big appreciation to the leagues that sponsored their sailors and the CO's support for encouraging these athletes to get out and race! Also, to Sub Lieutenant (SLT) Angelblazer and New Cadet entry level rank for an officer (NCdt) Smith for their coaching and commitment to racing in our region.



Meet Cadet Joey Sekulovich from British Columbia!

Taken from Cadets Canada · Friday, August 25, 2017

By: Lt(N) Stephen La Salle (the following article is taken from the National Cadet's Facebook page)

Cadet Joey Sekulovich from 47 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps in Vancouver, B.C., has been spending the week representing Pacific Region at the National Sea Cadet Regatta 2017, part of the Canadian Olympic Regatta Kingston (CORK) in Kingston, Ont. He is competing for the first time at the Regatta and is the team's skipper. His crewmate is Cadet Lillian Zhang from Maple Ridge, B.C.

Fifteen-year-old Sekulovich has been a cadet for four years, having joined on the advice of a friend. For him, the best parts about being a cadet are the friends that he continues to make and the many opportunities that he has been able to take advantage of including travelling to Kingston to participate in this Regatta.

Sekulovich was familiar with sailing before starting in cadets; however, he attributes the additional sail training providing him with further skill development. He appreciates how the sport has taught him how to handle the pressure of difficult situations and quickly solve problems in a team setting; two important skills required to compete successfully at this level.

He has found sailing in Lake Ontario more challenging with difficult waves and winds compared to his familiar waters off the Pacific Coast. The most difficult aspect of sailing this week for Sekulovich has been keeping the boat straight, going fast, and ensuring the sails are well-trimmed.

With three years left in the Cadet Program, Sekulovich is looking forward to improving his sailing skills and returning next year to improve his results.

---end of Cadets Canada article---

In April of this year, Joey was paired up with Lily Zhang, from #354 Invincible in Maple Ridge, at the National Qualifying Regatta (NQR) for Pacific Region, held in Esquimalt. The officers of Pacific Regional Support Unit (RCSU) made the pairings from the pool of cadets that qualified at Provincial Qualifying Regatta (PQR) held last October, also in Esquimalt. Cadets were selected to advance to NQRs. Joey, Diana Liang and Marco were successful at PQRs, advancing onto NQRs. Cadet names were submitted by each corps from around the province to participate at PQRs originally. From this submission, cadets were selected by RCSU officers to attend the NQR regatta.

Joey got his start in sailing as a Navy League cadet with #15 NLCC (Navy League of Canada Cadets) Captain Rankin. He then continued to #47 RCSCC (Royal Canadian Sea Cadets of Canada) Captain Vancouver.



All the cadets in the picture form the Pacific Region Team who competed at the National Regatta. Joey and Lily can be identified by the pink dots.



New in the Yard by Su Bailey and Sheridan MacRae

Roman wasn't built in a day or How KYC acquired new SUP slot racks

As the medieval French phrase says goes "Rome wasn't built in a day" - an adage attesting to the need for time to create great things!

Stage 1 - The funds - In August 2016, \$4,000 was raised by our Firework Fundraiser Event Team of 20 volunteers lead by Su Bailey (Membership and Volunteer Manager)

Stage 2 - The design - Sheridan MacRae (Rear Commodore) and Paul Torriero (SUP Fleet Captain) spent many hours designing the perfect structure and sourced to build it.

Stage 4 - The foundations - Thanks to Rob Varnel, (KYC Director and Pacific Reach leader), and his team, the foundations were laid using 40 bags of cement.



40 bags of cement put to good use!

Stage 5 - The build - On Saturday, 17th September, the 12-slot rack was finally installed thanks to Sheridan, Paul and a group of dedicated volunteers. Thanks to Erik Van Selst, Rob Varnel, Rob Borsoff, Phil Chan, Sam Sui, Graham Gee, Darren Murray and Mark Ellis who again jumped in to make it happen.



Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work - Aristotle

Stage 6 - Clean up - As always there is clean up! Thanks Sheridan for renting a trailer and single-handedly doing yet another Sunday trip to the City junk yard.



Sheridan on clean-up patrol.

The addition of these new racks will allow the club to offer membership to 12 new SUP enthusiasts.

New kayak/canoe rack

We also now have an additional galvanized steel kayak and canoe rack that was sourced through Craigslist by Sheridan. This rack was previously in Surrey and was picked up by Sheridan and his family, thanks guys for all your efforts to make this happen.

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Kits Chronicles by Barbara Dill

Early Kitsilano Fleets- The Sabot

The Sabot (or similar El Toro) is an 8-foot-long one-person sailboat with a Bermudian rig and single mainsail. It was designed and built in Naples California in the nineteen forties

Because it is “fun to sail, easy to rig and hard to capsize, it became a popular sail training boat and is still utilized as such in some places. The Sabot sail logo resembles a French wooden clog, referring to the shape of the boat although, some have likened the shape to a baby pram. The boat has also been described as “a bedsheet and a sheet of plywood gone to sea”.

The Sabot was introduced to KYC in 1945. Some of the first Sabots were supposedly built in the basement of the Birks building at a cost of less than \$40. Fortunately, the elevator would hold a single Sabot.

The Sabot underwent modifications that enhanced its capabilities on the race course and it became very popular among adult sailors in the sixties According to one writer, “much of the credit for the Sabot’s success was attributable to the Kitsilano Yacht Club and its members who were instrumental in the formation of the Canadian Sabot Association and the development of a set of standards for the boat”.

A newspaper columnist describing KYC in the sixties wrote” the entire property is crammed with boats with Sabot prams 3 layers deep”.

Many Club members at the time owned and raced a Sabot. Often, several family members owned one. Because many Sabot owners sailed other boats in the summer, Sabot racing activity occurred mainly in the late Fall and early winter Frostbite Series.

The racing schedule included Thanksgiving, Grey Cup and Boxing Day Regattas. On Thanksgiving Day, 70 or more Sabots might compete in the “Sabotage Regatta”. For this regatta, rules were “practically non-existent”. It featured a Le Mans or running start. The competitors would line up on the beach 10 feet behind their boats carrying their rudders and dagger boards. The starting cannon would signal a mad dash to the boats and “the sailor who could push off the competitor’s boats most effectively got away from the mob with the best advantage”.

Although KYC last had a Sabot fleet in 1975, many Sabots still reside in the garages or basements of older and previous Club members. Others are being sailed at summer camps or used as tenders.

Plans for the Sabot are easily available, and one can be constructed by the amateur boat builder as my husband, Fred did a few years ago.



Different phases of a Sabot under construction in Fred Dill's basement



Fred and his grandson, George, at the first launch on Mayne Island...



Success!

From the Staff Captain

New Members

We are very happy to welcome the following new members to KYC.

Elena Corin
Marilyn Northrop
Matt Strand
Tim Singh

Charles was our New Member Greeter for October and he welcomed Marilyn and Tim and Tim's guest, Kim, on October 19th.



New member, Marilyn Northrop, and Charles Hansen, our New Member Greeter for the evening

Annual General Meeting, Thursday, October 19th

Thursday, October 19th was our first Thursday back at the club since mid-September and it felt good to be back! A few Hallowe'en decorations, a great dinner from Ed and Nelson, Lindsey and Achilles behind the bar, good conversations, a spooky quiz, a little trick or treat candy, and, oh yes, the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

When completed, the meeting minutes will be available elsewhere but here are a few items.

Staff Captain's 2017 Report to Members

Just a quick summary of the Staff Captain social events at the club this season; there have been 11 editions of the Hailer, 21 Thursday night dinners; we have had five themed nights; five craft beer nights; five Welcome New Members nights; and two really big regattas, the Kits Invitational and the Ocean Cup.

For 2017 we still have the Bluenose Regatta on October 28 and 29 and the Awards Dinner on November 18th to look forward to attending. Watch the club website and your email for details closer to the dates.

The social success of this season could not have been possible without so many people. The Executive Committee, our Manager and Assistant Manager, Nelly's Catering, Barbara Dill for contributing the very interesting Kits Chronicles articles for the Hailer and for her eagle-eyed proofreading skills, our new member greeters, everyone who has contributed to the Hailer, all our official volunteers and the unofficial volunteers who just jump in and help and do what needs to be done, I am sure I am forgetting too many important people and groups but will end with a final thank you to you, our members, who attend our events, create the great feeling of fun and welcome at the club and dress up in costumes on request, and who have made this such an exceptional year for me. Thank you all very much, it has been a great pleasure to be your Staff Captain for the 2017 Season.



Ed and Nelson having fun in the kitchen





Su, our Membership and Volunteer Director, shared some very interesting numbers...

- 229 members
- Number of Volunteer hours by event
 - Sailpast – 35 hours
 - Fireworks Fundraiser – 99 hours
 - 21 Thursday nights – 200 hours
 - General maintenance and work parties – 250 hours
 - Kits Invitational Regatta – 330 hours
 - Ocean Cup – 180 hours
 - Bluenose Regatta - ???





Colm preparing AGM documents

At the AGM, we had a quiz but did not have time to reveal all the answers. By popular request, here is the quiz with the answers. One team, Table Two, did answer all the questions correctly but the Google family was part of the team. One Google Free team, Table Five, did very well and the most interesting answer was from Table Six, who answered that real Vampire bats live at KYC! Questions in black and answers in purple.

1. Who chased Ichabod Crane through Sleepy Hollow? - *The headless horseman, the ghost of a Hessian soldier from the American revolution.*
2. Is a banshee likely to: sing, hum, scream or whistle? – *Scream*
3. Name the first ingredients which Shakespeare's witches added to their bubbling cauldron.

Fillet of a fenny snake, In the caldron boil and bake.

*Eye of newt, and toe of frog/ Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting/ Lizard's leg, and owlet's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble/ Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.*

4. Lambs Wool was once a popular Hallowe'en drink made of milk and crushed, roasted...what? - *Apples*
5. What do pumpkins grow on - stalks, trees, vines or bushes? - *Vines.*
6. What is the title of a witch's pet cat or toad? - *A familiar.*
7. By what name is midnight also known? - *The witching hour.*
8. Who wrote the novel, "Frankenstein"? - *Mary Shelley*
9. What was Dr. Frankenstein's first name? - *Victor*

10. Why did the tradition of fancy dress for Hallowe'en begin? - *So that when evil spirits see you, they'll think you're one of them and leave you alone.*
11. What were Jack O'Lanterns carved from before pumpkins were used? - *Turnips.*
12. Which song was a 1973 hit for Bobby "Boris" Pickett and the Crypt-Kickers? (lyric clue: it was a graveyard smash.) - *"Monster Mash"*
13. Where do real vampire bats live? - *North and South America*
14. Who wrote the novel "Dracula"? - *Bram Stoker.*



Awards Dinner, Saturday, November 18

An award is defined as “a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement.” This is an excellent definition for the serious awards that will be handed out on November 18th; awards for fast and skilled racers, for individual excellence; for sportsmanship. We will all enjoy hearing the stories and congratulating the winners!

Ahh, but then, there is the final award of the evening - The Sandbar Trophy. Where the gloves come off, where, when the going gets tough the tough get going; crews throwing their skipper under the bus (or the keel) - skippers doing the same for their crews. Members who saw it all happen while sitting on the deck – everyone will be able to contribute and then vote for the winner.

Past years have seen dramatic nominations, vivid defenses, and remarkable presentations all done to avoid having their name added to the Sandbar Trophy.

I'm told there are some pretty interesting Sandbar stories out there this year. Come join us at the club on November 18th - catch-up with your fellow members, enjoy an excellent dinner by Nelly's Catering, wind up the 2017 season in style. And, when listening to Sandbar nominees defend themselves, remember this quote from Oscar Wilde, “Whenever a man does a thoroughly stupid thing, it is always from the noblest motives.”

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 confidentiality if you wish.

The Last, Silly Hallowe'en Word

Groaner Riddle Alert! What did the ghost teacher say to her class?

“Watch the board and I’ll go through it again.”

Horror movie quotes from CTV website

"We have to convince the little housewife out there that the tomato that ate the family pet is not dangerous!"

Attack of the Killer Tomatoes! (1978)

From Google...."in a spoof of low-budget sci-fi films, oozing tomatoes go on the rampage, splattering innocent victims."