

Our 40th Year



BCMS NEWSLETTER

December 2009

Yet another year is quickly drawing to a close, so this will be the last newsletter for 2009. Both Bad Kitty and Flying Kiwi managed to squeeze in some refitting before the end of the year and just in time to miss the greater part of the freezing weather. Hope everyone has a great Christmas and good sailing in the New Year.



Stu's slave labour camp



A tight squeeze



Bob's Boat Hauling Inc.



Back at the dock

Don't forget to check out the BCMS website for information on everything from boats for sale to dates for sailing events.

Check out all upcoming events at bcms.bc.ca/events

Cruising in Mexico 2009 Cam McCannel

Sea of Cortez Crossing

I spent two weeks in San Carlos waiting for a repair on my engine. A casting broke within the last 150 km or so and that's how long it takes to do things here. In the mean time I fiddled with the boat, (oiling teak and so on), taking some people sailing using borrowed dinghy engines, hiking, and eating a lot of Mexican food.

When the engine was back on the stern and the forecast was for a steady 10 - 15 knots I headed out early.

I motored slowly out of Bahia Algodones in complete darkness. Once out of the Bahia I sped up to 5 knots and raised the main in no wind. As the sun came up I went below for the last cup of coffee and came back on deck as the wind began to pick up.



The wind rose to 15 to 18 and it looked like I would have a nice smooth ride across. It continued to rise into the low 20s and I put a reef in. Soon it was a steady 28 to 30 and I put in another reef.

The waves got to about 8 feet with some at least 12 as the wind got over 30. I furled the jib but I didn't like the boat's motion so I opened it up again.

It was getting very rough and I gave breakfast to the ocean but felt much better after. The rest of the ride was more of the same with a steady 30 to 40 knots all the way across.

I'm sure you have experienced much worse but it was easily the most exciting ride I've ever had. Total time dock to dock was almost exactly 8 hours including the slow motoring and a fair bit of time getting the main put away once I got to Santa Rosalia and getting tied up.

I spent today drying stuff and getting things back in order. Now I'll spend some time here sightseeing and doing Christmas Dinner with the Santa Rosalia gang before heading south.

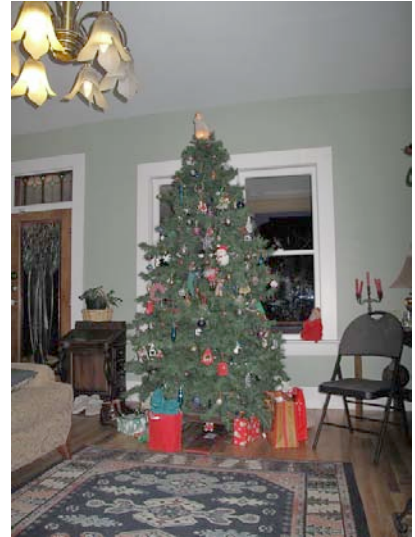
Feliz Navidad,
Cam

[Check on Dream Chasers location on the BCMS website.](#)



Christmas Party

The BCMS held its Christmas party on Dec 12th at the home of John and Tami Harker. As in past years we had a pot luck dinner with a gift exchange. Ron Tomas cooked delicious turkey and others brought all the fixings. The gift exchange had definite beer theme amongst other great gifts. A wonderful way to celebrate the season and end the year.



Meeting NYC Nov. 28, 2009

Capitol City Y.C. Tseum Harbour, Sidney will be opening new club house in spring.

- Georgia Strait Alliance has formed a new committee: Green Boating and Clean Marina B.C.
- Light House de-staffing is on hold.
- Fines to be increased on vessel infractions.
- 5 Anchorages: Silva, Tseum, Degnan, Telegraph, Ganges in that order to be checked for illegal mooring buoys.
- CBCYC is donating \$350.00 toward 6 tie-backs at Harmony Is. Marine park.
- CBCYC is investigating thermal loops in anchorage. Loops consist of 4" polyethylene pipe filled with glycol extending 75 metres from shore.
- Gorge Harbour (Cortes Is.) Taylor Fisheries (largest shell-fish company in USA) is working through the 1st Nations to obtain a water lease of 40 acres in the harbour.
- U.S. Navy is having an exercise to Esquimalt mid-June. Pleasure boats keep clear!
- B.C. Ferries is planning a 50 vehicle, 150 passenger cable ferry from Buckley Bay (Van. Is.) to Denman Island. 2 cables guide the ferry, another cable is a tow cable. The cables are submerged but stay clear by one ferry length.

Next meeting March 27, 2010. TSW

CBCYC website: <http://www.cbcyachtclubs.ca/index.htm>

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL January 1 – December 31, 2010

Annual Membership Fee: \$35.00 per family.

Amount Enclosed: _____ cheque Cash Money Order

First Name _____	Last Name: _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	Province/State: _____
Country: _____	Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____	Occupation: _____
Email: _____	
Additional Family Member: _____	
Additional Family Member: _____	
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I prefer **NOT** to have this information made public

PLEASE UPDATE INFORMATION REGARDING BOAT(S):

Trimaran _____	Catamaran _____	Other _____
Designer _____	Year Launched _____	
Boat Name _____	Size _____	
Sail # _____	Mooring Location _____	
Attached is a photo of my boat for the BCMS web page _____		
Anything else? _____		

ADDITIONAL BOATS

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS
