



B. C. M. S. NEWS

June, 2007.

The newsletter for enlight^{en}ed sailors and multihull groupies!

Letter from El Presidente, Bob Davis:

Hello fellow sailors and welcome to another sailing season on the beautiful west coast. I must say that I am quite encouraged by the slate of directors that the BCMS has this year. We have done some adjusting of duties and portfolios and I think that we are off to a good start. I would especially like to welcome Gary Astill as "Member-at-Large" from the Island. We appreciate his efforts to contribute in this capacity to provide the input of Island members that we want and need.

It was nice to see everyone who made it to Browning this year. The weather wasn't the best but it was great time and great race for those who were able to make it. Thanks to *Massey's Marine* and *UK Sails* for the donated prizes

Mark your calendar for this year's mid-summer sail-in at Newcastle

island, off Nanaimo, July 7th to 8th and the Cowichan Bay Regatta on the August long weekend, August 4 - 6, 2007. You don't have to race to enjoy the weekend, everyone is welcome to the BBQ and party on Saturday night. This year I will be on the other side of the race course as the Scorer for this year's Cadillac Van Isle 360 Race. I couldn't see myself not involved with the race just because *Bad Kitty* didn't enter. It will be quite different but I am excited to see what this year's event brings. Make sure to stop by the race committee motor home when we are in your town. You can follow the event at www.vanisle360.com

Last but not least, the directors are working towards the re-launching and up-dating of the BCMS website this fall. It will have a new exciting look with new features. We'll keep you posted.

Bob "aka Karl", skipper of *Bad Kitty*.

PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

1930 Hrs

RUSTY ANCHOR PUB,
End of Ferry Road, Ladner,

Note: In a trial to see if Tuesday is a more convenient day for members, **pub night is now the 3rd Tuesday of each month until further notice.**

Update on BCMS Website:

President Bob has informed the BCMS directors that he has had numerous discussions with people about the BCMS website. The directors endorse the idea that the current website be up-graded and updated. This task will probably be done by a club member. The cost of this, if any, is currently being discussed. As a great service to the club, the member will likely maintain the website in the future as well.

Directors want the site to continue to have all of the great features it already has. It needs to be freshened up but not to the point where it becomes annoying or difficult to navigate through by those visitors or members who are not really computer savvy. There will likely be an area of the

website where members can download pics of themselves or events for public access.

It is possible that, with appropriate precautions, existing and new members will be able to pay their dues to the club online as well.

The next BCMS sail-in is

Newcastle Island

July 7 - 8, 2007

We have reserved a covered BBQ pit for a pot-luck dinner Saturday night.

The facilities are great and include washrooms, showers, Lots of space for jogging and kids to blow off steam.

Restaurant and pub nearby for certain adults to blow off steam !

A "mother-ship" will be docked at the park docks to ensure dinghy space for members and friends.

Please plan to attend this great event in which multihulls and admirers gather at Nanaimo for camaraderie, fun and good cheer.

The weather should be much improved over Port Browning!

We look forward to seeing you!

Port Browning Sail-In

May 19 – 21 2007

Twenty-five people (& eleven boats) didn't let a forecast of RAIN-RAIN-RAIN for the Victoria Day Weekend deter them from the annual BCMS get together at Port Browning Marina.

- Stu Kerr (Membership & Library) came from Crescent Beach in his supercat in strong winds and large waves on Saturday and persuaded two friends (or former friends!) to accompany him in a support boat (the *HMS Minnow* - which is even smaller than her name implies).
- Peter Walford brought *Gizmo* via the ferry from Hornby Island.
- Richard Woods, the Multihull designer sailed (all the way!) from Saturna Island on his catamaran *Tucanu*.
- Other multihulls present were *Green Flash*, *Dutch Treat*, *Flying Geese*, *Blue Tango*, *Curlew II*, *Manitou MM* & *Skana Sting*. Gary & Liz Astill, Bob Davis & Robbie Uthoff and Patrick Brown & Eileen Gunning used the Government boats (BC ferries) to attend the event.

The weather gods were at first kind with only one light sprinkle during the Beach BBQ on Saturday night. Unfortunately, this was not the case

during the race on Sunday, when there was rain for the first two thirds then a deluge for the last third. However, all the boats participating, having true sailors aboard, finished.

Our new President, Bob Davis (who is also the Race Scorer for the 2007 Van Isle 360 race around Vancouver Island in June) started the race, as well as recorded the finishes and calculated the results the race winners. Engraved cups were awarded to the top three finishers in each division.

Racers division: 1st Tucanu, 2nd Super Cat, 3rd Dutch Treat

Cruisers division: 1st Curlew II, 2nd Manitou, 3rd Skana Sting

Massey Marine and UK Sails

generously donated some excellent prizes (thank you both!) that were awarded to participants during the meal in the restaurant at Port Browning Marina Sunday night. This year we didn't have a buffet but everyone just ordered off the menu. Those who requested the dinner special (roast beef for \$12.95) found the portion huge. Everyone seemed to have a pleasant time renewing old friendships and making some new ones and all agreed we were due for some sunny warm weather for the Pt Browning get together next year!

By Alec and Marlene Mackenzie
(Tri-hulled power-boat, *Green Flash*).

Report on
Swiftsure International
Yacht Race

May 25 to 27, 2007.

BCMS member John Green did us proud once again in his hard work regarding the Swiftsure International Yacht Race. Not only did John successfully participate in the race by skippering his home-built, 31-foot, Farrier 9AX *Sauterelle*, but he was the representative among the organizers for multihulls. John has been working hard to encourage more multihulls and multihullers to be involved in this prominent Swiftsure race.

This major international event, which draws boats and participants from all over North America took place in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, notorious for it's wildly variable sailing conditions. The race is actually over four courses (not three as previously stated) with one course being for multihulls and some other classes of monohulls. The multihull participants were again mainly from south of the border.

John also again organized the Multihull Dinner at the Empress Hotel on the Friday night – the night before the race. The dinner was well-attended. Racers and guests dined buffet-style on an excellent array of wild salmon, succulent chicken and a fine supporting cast of vegetables, fruit and after-dinner treats.

BCMS and North West Multihull Association members mingled and shared ideas and encouragement for the race ahead and for multihulls in particular. Bob and Julie Davis, Alec and Marlene Mackenzie, John Green, and Richard and

Donna Britton represented and promoted the BCMS. To close the dinner event, John delivered a great speech and salvos of barbed wit that were shared among the diners.

Should members be interested in attending the next year's dinner, please contact John at < johgre@shaw.ca >.

As is usual for this major event, Victoria was in glorious bloom and the harbour was packed with racing vessels, including the 6 multihulls. It was a colourful sight with the vessels bedecked with flags and banners. Due to the large number of vessels, 206, some were docked elsewhere. But at the inner harbour in front of the Empress Hotel, racing vessels were packed in tightly, including rafting between the docks. In the foreground near the viewing area on shore, and making the most of space available at the docks, were the multihulls. BCMS vessels *Bad Kitty* and *Sauterelle* were prominent. Except for the 36 feet long racing cat *Bad Kitty*, all other multihulls were off the drawing board of Ian Farrier. During my meandering on shore, the members of the public generated many admiring and inquiring comments, especially about the multihulls.

As I played paparazzi, walking the docks was also an interesting past-time, that included many discussions with skippers and crew. A large variety of size and type of vessels were there. These included the custom-built very long and narrow racing mono-hull *Neptune's Car*, to the much smaller, mass-production boats of about 30 ft LOA. It was also interesting to see what a large spectrum of care and maintenance had been endowed on the boats. Some 20 and 30-year-old models were in prime condition, yet other younger boats appeared to be neglected and well-worn. However, their common

bond was the love of sailing, and in this case, of racing.

I could not help but note that some individual parts of the high end vessels, like the carbon-fibre spinnaker pole on *Neptune's Car*, were probably worth more than my entire boat!

Most of the smaller boats participated the Swiftsure Inshore Classic, the shortest course intended mainly for vintage and classic vessels. During this race there was a MOB which was fortunately promptly attended to by the RVicYC inflatable *Ernie*. The MOB was returned to his boat which then withdrew from the race and brought him to shore to reduce any greater possibility of hypothermia.

A series of starts from at about 1000 hrs Saturday morning sent the boats on their way under brisk conditions that included a Westerly wind of about 15 to 20 knots and with it fairly lumpy seas. Viewed by over 1,000 spectators, the 206 vessels presented an inspiring spectacle of beautiful vessels and enthusiastic participants in a wholesome sport.

The boats milled about to the east of the starting line at Clover Point. *HMCS Orca* was the nearer starting line vessel. Under these conditions, and with the racing canvas set in most cases, the boats were sailing at speed and a collision was likely to occur. And two collisions did occur. Although they were not serious, it did cause one monohull to withdraw.

The larger and faster boats, all monohulls, got away first and struck out hard on the wind along the Canadian coast. The multihulls took off soon after and had a short and spirited sail to the south-west and then back to the Canadian side before continuing on their way. John Green and his crew on *Sauterelle* successfully completed the race and was 3rd in the class after handicap adjustments.

Bad Kitty was not so fortunate. Sharp eyes on *Bad Kitty* soon discovered a crack where the portside forward cross-beam was pulling away from the hull. The team also discovered that the starboard aft cross-beam was in sympathy and doing the same thing. The team wisely decided to withdraw from the race, especially as they knew that we could not lose any more club members! *Bad Kitty* sailed in a more subdued manner back to port and returned home to Delta two days later when sailing conditions had improved.

Although there was a spell of calm in the early morning hours, the conditions over all for the race were excellent, Still the varied conditions took it's toll on gear and crew. *Icon* had a sheet wrapped around her prop, and *Fortissimo* lost her mast.

The most beloved vessel of the Canadian Navy and of B.C. sailors, the 102 ft, 92 ton steel-hulled ketch *HMCS Oriole* participated in her 50th Swiftsure race – furthering her participation record. For this race she had a very green crew and the commanding officer referred to the race as, at times, a “hairy and scary race” with airborne water at times 4 feet over the deck, and knocking down as many as 5 sailors. *Oriole* had to do a waterborne spinnaker takedown at the finish line and, as the ketch has no winches on board, it took every effort of 20 sailors to retrieve the giant 7,000 square foot spinnaker – one of the largest in the world.

Several boats, all large racing monohulls, broke the all-time Swiftsure record for elapsed time upon crossing the finish line. *Braveheart* of Seattle smashed the elapsed time record by a whole hour, crossing the line in about 15 hours. However, the Swiftsure Classic was won by *Coruba* of Seattle (handicap: –57) for the third time in five years.

Many boats and their crews, especially those who had to head south across across the Juan de Fuca to the USA, spent an extra day tied up in Victoria, resting and waiting for the typical wild westerly winds to abate before heading home.

For a full review of the Swiftsure race please visit the official website:

< www.swiftsure.org >

Swiftsure Multihull Class Results:

1. *Blue Lightning*, F9AR, IYC
2. *Makika*, F25C, NWMA
3. *Sauterelle*, F9AX, RVicYC
4. *DanGereaux*, F33, NWMA

Featured Member Article:

Return to the Faerder, Norway

By Roy Mills.

Due to space constrictions in this issue, Part 2 of Roy's interesting account will be continued next newsletter.

Other News...

Many members know that long-time and legendary member and director of the BCMS, Karl Uthoff, appears to have successfully fought off a serious illness. This should not surprised anyone who knows Karl, as he no doubt performed this last race in the

same way he always sails – with a determination with *muy gusto*!!

Karl is now recovering from treatment and doing well. We look forward to having one of our most colourful and enthusiastic characters back and up to his old tricks on *Bad Kitty*.

Richard Woods, reknown British mutihull designer is now living part-time on Saturna Island, and attended the BCMS gathering in Port Browning. We hope he will attend many of the BCMS functions. Richard's website is: (www.sailingcatamarans.com)

For Sale:

Last newsletter, members were alerted to the plight of member Norm Chapman who was in the process of building a 42 ft cat in South Surrey, when he was forced to abandon the project due to the development of serious sensitivity to epoxy. Subsequently, Norm regretfully is having to offer his partly-built vessel for sale. Basic details of the vessel:

Length: 42 ft, Beam: 24 ft, Draft: 22" to 60", cold-molded hulls are 3 layers of 5/16 red cedar. Bi-plane rig (a mast on each hull) with furler rigging. Norm says he is open to offers. If interested, please contact Norm at 604-531-4921 or email him at:

< Normanchapman@shaw.ca >

BCMS Meet: Newcastle Island Sail-In

-A new event in the BCMS dates marking the start of Summer Holidays, when it is hoped that most multihull members and their families will be available.

-For Multihullers and Kindred Spirits -

July 7-8, 2007

The new main event of the summer, a good turn-out is expected at Newcastle Island. Members should mark their calendars for this event and prepare for a great rendezvous of socializing, discussions and displays of the merits of multihulls, family fun, fine dining on potluck and BBQ cuisine, racing etc.

This “mid-island mingle” is focused on social events for which not only multihull owners and other lesser vessels attend, but those who can come by wheeled transportation can have easy access by water-taxi or dinghy.

There are camping facilities available for those unfortunates who are not water-borne (or those who get kicked off the boat due to their snoring!)

Saturday – arrival of the fleet, potluck dinner including sumptuous BBQ meals under a covered park facility. Discussions on the racing course for the next morning. Checking out the racing competition.

Sunday – breakfast, skipper’s race meeting, and race. Sunday afternoon: fond farewells and dispersal of the fleet.

Proposed BCMS Meet: North Georgia Gathering Approx August 11/12, 2007.

Following the initial good response from members for the new Newcastle Sail-In, we are in the planning stages for the North Georgia Gathering. Not surprisingly this meet will be located close to the Discovery Islands and could be on the mainland, Vancouver Island, or points between. This meet will provide greater opportunity for members, especially those in far-flung areas, for meeting each other and enjoying that multihull esprit de corps. It will provide a great sailing challenge and destination for those in the southern Georgia Strait to set their sights upon a voyage that could take a day or two. Roy Mills is in contact with the directors and may be able to help arrange a suitable venue and date. Suggestions from members as to when and where the events should take place will be most welcome. Please contact:

Roy at < rsirfj@shaw.ca > or

Richard at < rbritton@telus.net >

For Sale:

Tourissimo 10 Cat.: Racing-oriented design, cored-construction, widened & lengthened with designer Trennent’s involvement. Cuddy cabin on bridge-deck, wing mast. Located Comox. If interested, please email Roy Mills at

< rsirfj@shaw.ca >

Upcoming Event:
Cowichan Bay Regatta
August 3 – 5, 2007

Members are encouraged to attend the Cow Bay Regatta. This well-established event is held every year drawing many people to attend the excellent racing and other activities. The town boasts an excellent boat building history and has a large number of fascinating and enjoyable exhibits, restaurants, cafes, and shops.

The Cowichan Bay itself offers outstanding sailing conditions. There are usually excellent wind conditions due to a reliable and constant westerly wind that flows out to sea, providing excellent sailing in waters that have little wave action. The Cow Bay regatta is now one of the major events in Canadian and American sailing, including that of the North West Multihull Association of Seattle. The NWMA will be prominent at Cow Bay is one of their major events. With the BCMS also attending, expect some exciting racing.

The NWMA is also requesting the help of volunteers in the event – see the following letter.

The people of the Cowichan First Nations encourage and assist in the event, providing others a great opportunity to become more familiar with their culture.

Cowichan Bay is readily accessible by sea or land. It is not far off the island highway for those arriving by wheels. It is a great event for the entire family as it is safe and has lots of exhibits and events for children as well as adults.

The following email was received from Tim Knight of the NWMA:

Subject: Cow Bay BBQ & Margarita party.

Howdy All,

I asked everyone at John Green's *Swiftsure* Multihull dinner for folks going to Cow Bay to step forward to assist with the BBQ and the Margarita party. As I am one of the promoters and organizers they have made me the Grand Pooh Bah of corralling multihull sailors to assist with these two very important functions at Cow Bay.

I would also like to extend an invitation to any multihullers to come to Cow Bay and experience one of the most fun summer regattas in the northwest. Pat McGarry has already stepped up and I have had others indicate their interest. What I need now is an e-mail with contact info and a preference as to what you would like to do to help out.

Also, if you want to be a member of Cow Bay Sailing Assoc., it is \$20.00 Canadian there will also be *Kool Burgees* for sale at the regatta, which look great flying in your rigging.

Cheers,

Tim Knight
800-563-7245
250-888-8821

Lightwave:

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2007 Calendar of BCMS Events

(Please check the accuracy of details: Ed.)

- June 16-July 1, 2007

Van Isle 360 Race, Nanaimo

- July 7-8, 2007

BCMS Meet – Newcastle Island, Nanaimo

- July 25 & 28, Aug. 1 & 4, 2007

Fireworks in English Bay

- August 3 –5, 2007

Cowichan Bay Regatta

August 11-12, 2007

BCMS Meet - North Georgia Area

- Campbell River? Pender Harbour?

Comox? Desolation Sound?

- Sept 4-6, 2007

BCMS Meet – Saturna Island

- Sept 14-16, 2007

Pender Harbour Jazz Festival.

Garrett and Carlie's Excellent Adventure!

(from www.lightwave99.com)

(Ed. note: Their plan when they leave Mexico is to head to Hawaii and then return to B.C in July 2008.

However, they are well into major changes to their Woods 28 cat in that they have added 4 ft to the length of the hulls and will both raise and extend the cuddy cabin. They believe that the short length of the hulls encouraged significant hobby-horsing, and that the low clearance of the bridge-deck contributed to a lot of wave slamming. There is much more interesting information on their website as above, including many photos of the changes taking place.)

Marina Seca Boatyard – Guaymas.

May 20, 2007 –

We are continuing to work hard on our modifications right now at Marina Seca Guaymas (dry marina in Guaymas) in the northern Sea of Cortez, east shore. We decided to move up the schedule on the modifications we want to make to *Light Wave* because we have heard that temperatures when we return to Guaymas in September, when we had planned originally to do the work, are between 110 and 120 degrees.

Financial Report:

The promised BCMS financial report will be published in a future issue, when the technical difficulties of including it are overcome.

Did you know *Light Wave* and we are on the cover of this issue *Multihulls Magazine*? Here's the link to it if you want to see it, as you won't find it on magazine shelves, the magazine is only sold by subscription, but it is sold internationally!

<http://www.multihullsmag.com/magazine/magazine.htm>

The next installments of our trip and Garrett's how-to articles will be published in subsequent issues. Life in a Mexican Boatyard continues, to our delight. Hope you enjoy this update of our website!

Sus amigos,
Carllie and Garrett

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