



# BCMS NEWSLETTER

September 7, 2008

Hello everyone,

Hope everyone has had a great summer sailing! As some of you may know Richard has finally purchased a trimaran. He has recently sailed back up to B.C. from the Columbia River with his new project. Stuart and I have offered to take over the newsletter for the time being as Richard has a lot of things on the go at the moment.

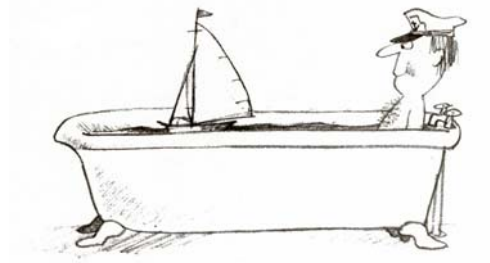
The next couple of newsletters probably won't be up to Richard's standards as I have 3 days a week committed to rehearsals and fundraising for a dance competition in Hawai'i. You may wonder how is this relevant to the BCMS Newsletter, other than the fact that they will be somewhat brief. One of our entries is a dance written by one of the crew on the Hokule`a during a trip from O`ahu to Kaua`i. It talks about her experiences entering the channel of Ka`ie`ieloko and then of the different navigational directions used while sailing. If you haven't looked at the website [www.pvs.hawaii.org](http://www.pvs.hawaii.org) it has a lot of interesting information about the Hokule`a and the voyages she has done over the years.

Gaby Kerr  
aka Stuart's ghost writer.

## ***Welcome to New Members***

Eric Pesty and Upma Ra sailing on Geneva

Adam Thorvaldson sailing on a MacGregor 26



## **PAYPAL**

Just a reminder to everyone, paypal is now available for members to pay there dues. Check the BCMS website for details.

## ***New Castle Island 2008 – July***

Although, there was a shaking start to the weather, the New Castle Island sail in went very well. We even had a participant from Chilliwack join us, who had dismantled his tremelo so that he was able to take it across on the ferry to Nanaimo. We met Richard Woods at Lyall Harbour to deliver some equipment and our daughter and boyfriend showed up minutes later on the ferry from Victoria. We



continued on to Pirate's Cove and rafted up to Glen on Blue Tango . We took the opportunity to stroll around the island and read about it's dark past. The next day we headed off to Newcastle Island with a decent wind. Sailing through Dodd's Narrows went smoothly with Glen and behind us.

It was great to be able to socialize with everyone at the evening barbeque on Newcastle Island, and admire the scenery and the deer grazing in the meadow behind us.

Stu

## ***Cow Bay Regatta 2008 – August 2 & 3***

It was the usual rush to get away from work, but we finally left Crescent Beach on *Green Flash* shortly after 16:00 on Friday (Aug 1<sup>st</sup>) and arrived at Cowichan Bay two hours later. Ron Tomas caught a ride with us. Peter Mc Kercher picked us up at the dock and drove us over to his house just past the Cherry Point Marina. We had a great meal prepared by Margaret. Karl Uthoff was in attendance, having come over from Vancouver in his Hurston powerboat shortly before us.

Saturday morning was partly cloudy and cool, but the wind kicked in and gave us a good starting winds blowing up the valley, as usual. I was crewing on *Flying Kiwi* along with owner Stu Kerr and fellow *Bad Kitty* crew Ron Tomas and Bob Davis. In honor of the crew, several new boat names came to mind including: *Mad Kiwi* and *Bad Kiwi*. *Bad Kitty* was back at Winter Cove, resting on her Laurels following her upset line-honours finish in the Swiftsure race earlier this year.

Just before the race, we applied *Flying Kiwi's* newly appointed racing number to the main sail and hull sides. The number 11 was chosen for its ease of execution in Duct tape. The sails are very old, possibly original equipment from the 1970's when the boat was built. The lack of racing numbers on the sails suggests that with the exception of the Semihamoo race earlier this year, this might have been her first race in a very long time. *Flying Kiwi* is one of the Banks 35 Catamarans built about 30 years ago. A fast boat with a set of small, tired sails.

There were 16 Multis in the race including 4 A-Class cats, *Flying Kiwi*, *Dragonfly* (formula 40), *Tucanu* a Woods 25 catamaran sailed by Richard Woods, *Cat Sass*, a Viva 27 racing cat with a beautiful set of new sails and a whole bunch of Farrier trimarans.

First race was up to Patey Rock then over to Musgrave rock, down to the turning Mark at the head of the bay, then back to the finish line near Cherry Point Marina; 11 miles in total. At the start line *Dragonfly* expertly threaded the needle through the fleet and charged off into the lead, accompanied by *Cat Sass* and harassed by those pesky little 'A' Class cats. As the fleet sorted itself out, we found ourselves in last place, our old sails not up to the task of upwind work in

moderately light winds. Way up at the Windward mark (Patey Rock) we saw *Dragonfly* rounding, only to look a short time later and see that she was still rounding in the same place! She was right about at the little tiny + mark on the chart showing a rock of "unknown depth" to the SE of the light. I am guessing we now know the depth of that rock is a little shallower than *Dragonfly's* dagger board draft on a low tide! Unfortunately *Dragonfly* split one hull wide open and took on so much water her crew contemplated cutting the rig to keep her from turning turtle.

The rest of us completed the race, with *Flying Kiwi* dueling it out with the slowest of the F boats and Tucanu to come last. Kim Alfred, sailing the lead A-class cat, completed the race; sailed to his mother ship (*Souvenir*) to pick up a portable gas pump and then delivered it on his tiny A-class cat to *Dragonfly* to help stem the flood and keep her upright until they could implement a temporary patch.

The second race of the day followed the same course. After a short delay while the start line was cleared of a spectator monohull that had dragged its anchor in the freshening breeze, we were off again. This time, with the stronger winds, *Flying Kiwi* did a little better dueling it out with a number of the F boats and the Woods 25 as well as several of the fastest monohulls that started right behind us. The sun stayed behind clouds most of the race and we were glad we had warm clothing – not a typical Cow Bay Day. We were certainly wishing we could have 'borrowed' *Bad Kitty's* sails, but unfortunately they would not have fit the smaller rig on *Kiwi*. In the end, we came fourth from last (it seems strange to be counting from the back instead of the front).

Saturday night and an excellent meal at the Masthead Restaurant in Cowichan Bay and a reasonably early night of it to be in fine fighting form for the next day.

Sunday dawned Calm and Sunny –now this is more like it! The 'Doctor' filled in at 10:30, exactly on time and the racing started shortly after. We had picked up a fifth crewmember, Peter McKercher's grandson Harley. For the first race they gave us a short course up to a turning mark at Cherry point, over to a turning mark at Genoa Bay then down to the leeward Mark at the head of Cow bay. As predicted we sailed to our ability and came close to the back of the pack.

For the second race of the day and last of the series, they gave us the long course out to Wain Rock in Deep Cove on the Saanich Peninsula, back to Musgrave Rock, down to the leeward turning mark at Cow Bay and back to the start-finish line at Cherry Point Marina, 17 miles in total. We got off to a good start and sailed well while everyone passed us. *Cat Sass*, *Red Shift* and the other fast F boats were way out in front and we only saw them briefly as our courses crossed with us still beating out to the mark and them running back. We kept sailing our own race with *Geneva* (Eric Pesty's F 24); Richard Woods on the Woods Cat (*Tucanu*) and Cam McCannel sailing white sails only on his F 9XR (*Dream Chaser*). We had good clean rounding at all marks, just catching *Geneva*

at the leeward mark as we rounded nicely inside her and pulled smartly away with full power. *Geneva* is faster than us upwind, but we beat her through a combination of picking better winds, staying out of tacking duels with *Geneva* or anyone else, and finally, good position as we went into the finish line behind but higher than *Geneva* on starboard tack, preventing her from tacking to the pin end until after we did.

As always this was some of the best sailing of the year, whether viewed from the front or the back of the pack. Stu, thanks for having us as Crew, we had a blast! Check out Eric's pics on *Genevas* at this web address:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/eric.pesty/CowBay2008?authkey=1fy68CTj6S0#>

## ***BCMS Labour Day sail in.***

Alec and I had a great time at the BCMS Labour Day sail in. It was a lot of fun especially the sail on Sunday on *Bad Kitty*. We just flew around the course with *Santispac* hot on our tail. I want to thank Gayle & Karl again for allowing the club to use their Saturna Island Property and having Alec and I crew on *Bad Kitty*.



As you probably all know, Roy Mills is going to be at Shelter Island later in September dismantling *Gilbert & Sullivan* for its shipment to the buyer in New Zealand (see a copy of his email below). We will be having the BCMS September Pub night at Shelter Island on Thursday September 18th to see G&S off.

Marlene



*The containers holding G & S have been booked out on a ship leaving September 28th, which is later than I had originally expected. They must be ready for loading at the dock by Sept 25th. Working backwards from that I plan to arrive at Shelter Island Marina on Wednesday Sept 17th where I shall start to disassemble the parts on the 18th and 19th. Two containers will be delivered there, I am promised, sometime on Friday 19th. I hope to get all the parts except the hulls, put into the containers and lashed down over the weekend. On Monday Sept 22nd the crane will be available to lift the hulls and slide them into the containers, one in each, and hopefully the containers then be picked up later that day to go to the dock in good time for loading, but with a bit of spare time in case things do not go as smoothly as one would wish.*

## **FOR SALE**

### **S/Y "SKANA STING" IS FOR SALE NOW**

Details on web page :

<http://vancouver.en.craigslist.ca/boa/777945510.html> or  
<http://members.shaw.ca/jepietrzak/Skana/>

### **Moustique for Sale**

Moustique - 33ft. trimaran. Customized Rodriguez design. This boat was built and owned by Colin Smailes and is presently moored at Ward's Marina in South Surrey

Specifications:

- Launched in 1987
- Glass reinforced, epoxy sheathed, mahogany plywood construction
- Sleeps 4
- Sloop rigged with roller furling and set up for singlehanded sailing
- Single cylinder 11 hp diesel engine
- New dodger that can fully enclose the cockpit
- Electric anchor windlass
- Autopilot
- Eight foot inflatable dingy
- Dickinson diesel heater
- Three burner cook top
- Includes #1, #2, #3 genoas, main (with cover) and spinnaker
- The boat may remain at its current mooring space at Ward's Marina after sale

Price: \$30,000 obo

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