



Lopez Island Yacht Club

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NEWSLINE

AUGUST 2009

Happenings

- August Board Meeting
Wednesday, 6:30
August 5
- National Marina Day
Saturday, August 8
- North Cruise
August 7—16
- Patos Island Lighthouse
101st Birthday Celebration
Saturday, August 15

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

The Commodore's Cruise was a delightful event. Carole and I extended our weekend as many did. After grabbing our crab trap, filled with the year's first catch, from Fisherman Bay, we sailed to Prevost Harbor on Stuart Island for the night. Some went on to Sidney to catch the great Thursday evening street fair. Friday it was on to South Pender Island and Poets Cove to meet the rest of the LIYC cruisers.

The last time I cleared Bedwell Harbor, there was just a funky little hotel bar above the customs dock. Wow! Has that changed.

The weekend was filled with fun events. Friday evening's potluck on the dock was great, especially when washed down with a few after dinner drinks and dart competitions in the bar.

Saturday, the Letts, Whites, Hancocks (and Sophie) dinghied through the cut at the end of the harbour to Port Browning. In recent years the resort has been in a bit of disrepair. It was good to see new managers had taken charge and things are on the mend. We had a delightful lunch on the restaurant porch. Jim had the only complaint: the waitress's dress was a little low cut, to which we replied he must be getting old.

A lot of entertainment came from the customs dock. Two of Seattle's most beautiful yachts, the **Thea Foss** and the **Malibu**, checked in. A sailboat backed into the dinghy dock. (Crunch). And my personal favorite, the crew of a magnificent new sailing yacht from Shaw Island being scolded by the screaming captain with wildly waving arms in the middle of the entire marina.

Saturday ended with dinner on the patio at the new, rather swanky, resort. If you want to order local favorites, follow Jerry and Diana's suggestions. A good time was had by all.

The next cruising event starts Friday, August 7th, as we kick off the North Cruise with the weekend in Montague Harbour. Hope to see you all then.

Bill

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

NOTE: There are two mini-cruises for those who can just get away for weekends. Call the marina for reservations

Montague Harbour August 7 and 9
Deer Harbor August 14 and 15

NORTH CRUISE 2009

All Canadian marinas (except Nanaimo) monitor Channel 66A

August 7,8—Montague Harbour Marina, Galiano Island, 250-539-5733. No water, no garbage, **NO SHOWERS**. They do take clean recyclables. Gas and Diesel. Marine Park with hiking trails. Store carries convenience foods, arts and crafts. Marina restaurant or ride the "Pub Bus" to the Hummingbird Pub or fine dining at a wonderful French restaurant, Le Berengerie. Golf nearby. Moped and kayak rentals. "Bakery Boat" in harbor sells fresh rolls and bread each morning. **Customs clearance for Can-Pass holders.**

Reservations a MUST for dinner at La Berengerie (250)-539-5392).

August 9—Nanaimo Port Authority, (250) 755-1216. (**MONITORS 67 not 66A**) Full facilities; second largest city on Vancouver Island. Shuttle to Dinghy Dock Pub for great fish'n' chips. Customs clearance available. Parksville Beach Sand Sculptures open at 2pm 8/8/09. Take transit Route 88 Parksville Loop from Nanaimo.

CROSS THE STRAITS OF GEORGIA

August 10—Pender Harbour, Fisherman's Resort & Marina, 604-883-2336 or fisherman@dccnet.com. Power, showers. Laundry, Internet. Located in Hospital Bay next to John Henry's fuel dock.

August 11—Lund or Anchor in Prideaux Haven. Lund Harbour Authority Wharf. 604-483-4711. Good showers. Rafting is almost always required to fit everyone in. Small community with hotel dining and Nancy's Bakery (famous on the coast), store with vegetables, some meats, deli and liquor agency.

Prideaux Haven is beautiful with good anchorages, but it will be crowded at this time of year. Stern ties are most certainly a must. Lots of coves to explore by dinghy.

August 12—Refuge Cove. 250-935-6659 or refcov@twincomm.ca. No reservations. It's busy with refueling and provisioning traffic so finding dock space before 11am or after 3pm is easiest. Shops, store and restaurant. Showers, laundry.

August 13—Secret Cove Marina. 604-885-3533. Full service marina. Fuel dock, showers, liquor agency, store with groceries, restaurant.

CROSS THE STRAITS

August 14, 15—Deer Harbor on Orcas Island, 360-376-3037 email: mbroman@bellportgroup.com. (**MONITORS 78A**) Showers, laundry, heated pool access, store/gift shop, Orcas Island Shuttle to all of Orcas comes by about every 2 hours for access to hotel/motel, major food and liquor stores, and golf.

Otter Bay portion of the itinerary has been replaced with Deer Harbor on Orcas.

LIYC DOES IT AGAIN! For the 6th Straight Year, LIYC's float entry takes a first place award! Float Chairs Judy Welker and Bill White, their talented crew and LIYC participants put together 3 separate floats to tell the "Lopez Story" of the first inhabitants (Native Americans), followed by early white settlers, and finally the ferry boat filled with bicyclists and tourists that are "still coming".



< Rob Emerson and Doug Cram led the LIYC float and marching segments.

"In the beginning", Judy Welker >> and Audrey Bordvick portrayed the first Lopez inhabitants in an actual hand-made canoe.

Followed by the settlers, then



CONGRATULATIONS !!! GREAT JOB !!!



Early settlers were played by Cathy Mecray and Fred Neilson with Cathy's granddaughter Jaylie.

Lisa Cram got waaayyyyy into character. >>>

Mary Stiger, Lynn Hall and Mary Gauthier were three of the many standard bearers and supporting cast. **SHOWN**



Thanks also to Leo and Betty Zaborsky

(AT LEFT WITH MARK STIGER)

for letting us mess up their yard with float paraphenalia. And to Bob Hubbard, Jonelle Johnson, Mary Stiger, and



LIYC MEMBERS RECEIVE SPECIAL THANKS

The Lopez Fireworks Committee has asked us to relay their special thanks to members of LIYC who canvassed the docks and boats in Fisherman Bay for fireworks donations on the evening of July 4th. Those members are Fred Neilson, Lorrie Johnson, (and her visiting friend Becky), Dick and Ann Behan, John and Carol Whetten and Jim Lett. The teams gathered \$1,253.38 toward next year's display.

And, the Lopez Fire Department would like to thank Bill Pugerude and his crew on "Looking for Elvis". According to the fire department, in radio communication, Bill had his hands full keeping boats the required 1000' offshore during the fireworks presentation.

Neither of these activities are officially sponsored by the yacht club, but each year individual members volunteer to help out. Thanks to you all for a job well done!

THE BIGGEST EVER....

MANY OF YOU SAW THIS HUGE SHIP^{MA} "The World" IN
SAN JUAN CHANNEL ON JULY 5TH AND 6TH AT 644' 2"^{MA}



THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE LARGEST SHIP EVER ANCHORED
IN FRIDAY HARBOR WATERS^{MI} "The World" IS A LUX-
URY RESIDENTIAL VESSEL OWNED BY ITS RESIDENTS THAT

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DRAMA AT SEA....

ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM THE COMMODORE'S CRUISE TO POETS COVE ON JULY 19^{MA} JIM AND SHANLEY LETT SPOTTED A CANOE FILLED
WITH KIDS WAVING THEIR PADDLES IN THE AIR AND CALLING
FOR HELP^{MI} THEY HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE TIDE CHANGE
AND COULD NOT PADDLE OUT OF THE SURGING CURRENT
BETWEEN SHAW ISLAND AND FRIDAY HARBOR^{MI} THE CANOE
HAD ALREADY TAKEN ON SOME WATER AND THEY HAD NO
RADIO OR COMMUNICATION DEVICES^{MI} THE CHANNEL WAS
BECOMING INCREASINGLY ROUGH—TOO ROUGH TO BRING THE
"Kings Point" ALONGSIDE^{MA} SO JIM JUMPED INTO



JULY RAFT-UP: The middle of Fisherman Bay looked like a giant parking lot on July 11th as 16 floating craft of various shapes and sizes rafted together for the second annual LIYC raft-up. The weather was perfect for sitting in the sun, sipping cool beverages, and playing “rafty” games (with



< Jonelle Johnson and (below) Bob and Lynn Hall, Sue Crockett and Jim Pinkham



Rod Duncan and Karen Bistrin



Dave McRoberts and his boat “Sterling Pacific” served as the anchor for the assemblage. (The “Sterling Pacific” also serves as LIYC’s answer to Seattle Yacht Club’s outstations.) Over 30 members came by power boat, sail boat, dinghy, rowing machine, wooden craft, rubber craft and one almost swim to participate in the rafting festivities.



Bill Diller, Bob Hall, Carole White and assorted LIYCr’s

THANKS JERRY AND DIANA !!!



Paul and Mary Gauthier



Sam and Gayl Beller in their raggedy shipwreck clothes.

BETTER BATTERY BASICS

Don't let the "maintenance free" battery in your car lull you into complacency about the battery in your boat. Neglecting a marine battery is certain to shorten its life.

Get the most from your boat's batteries by following these guidelines:

- Keep idle batteries fully charged. Leaving a battery even partially discharged leads to sulfation and loss of capacity.
- Check the water level regularly. Top up as necessary to keep the level about 1/4" above the plates.
- Use only distilled water for topping up; trace minerals and/or chlorine in tap water really do shorten battery life.
- Fill cells after charging. If you fill them before, expansion during charging will pump electrolytes out on top of the battery, causing a corrosive mess and reducing the acid level inside the battery.
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- Keep the top of the case clean and dry. Dampness, dirt, and acid on the battery case can create a circuit between the terminals that will drain the battery.
- Keep terminals and cable clamps corrosion-free. Use a wire brush to remove corrosion. Coat both the terminal and clamp with petroleum jelly (not grease) to prevent future corrosion.

Source: Don Casey Tip #5

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MAGNIFICENT !



(A whale breaches near Dead Man Island, off Shark Reef Park, on July 9, 2009. Photo by "Newline" staff.)

The Orcas are "back in town". If you're lucky enough to see them while on your boat, remember to stay at least 100 yards away and, if one surfaces within 100 yards, immediately disengage your transmission.*

*Whale Watching Guidelines/Soundwatch Boater Education Program

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