



# THE SPREADER

Newsletter of the Hollyburn Sailing Club

April/May 2010

## Spring Cleanup: Great turnout by Club Members!



## Commodore's Log (April/May 2010)

Commodore Bud MacKenzie is away and I am back in the "log seat" to write about two issues very close to my heart. Firstly I want to thank and congratulate all the people who turned up and pitched in for the Spring Cleanup on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I can quite safely say that I have never seen such a good turnout of club members, and I was most impressed with the way the yard was cleaned and rearranged, and boats rigged and made ready for the summer. The good weather certainly helped – compared to some of the shockers we have had in the past – and the timing of the cleanup was perfect: the Easter weekend was one of the windiest we have had in years, and in fact the wind persisted until two days before the cleanup and then suddenly disappeared. The high tides had washed a lot of sand and stones into the yard and this was cleared up in a matter of minutes by the many helping hands. As pleasing as it was to see new faces it was also great to see many of the old faces who come out year after year – and that camaraderie to me is the essence of what the club is all about.

The second matter concerns safety and preparedness as we look to the onset of the summer boating season. As mentioned, the Easter weekend was particularly windy and many of you will remember the Sail-past a few years back when the water was so rough that the West Van Mayor inspected the fleet in the yard rather than on the water. Having gone out in the double kayak on Good Friday morning and having turned back early because of the rough water, I know how hazardous it can be. While we normally see the water mirror-calm from the clubhouse (remotely if need be, via the webcam) it can become a maelstrom out in the bay and one can very easily end up in trouble: the water is still icy cold and if you get wet and are exposed to the wind you can very easily suffer hypothermia in a matter of minutes. I'm not here to preach, as you've heard it all before – but simply to ask all members to use common sense:

- When in doubt, don't go out
- If you do go out, make sure you sign one of the log books so if you "go missing" someone at the club will know when and where you've gone and how long you intended to stay out
- Don't go out alone if the conditions are extreme
- Check the weather reports, the wind and the tide tables
- Do make sure you wear a lifejacket and warm, protective clothing

Don't think anyone walking along the sea-wall is going to jump into the raging surf to save you: if you're lucky someone might see that you're in trouble and might call 911 so that you might be rescued. Remember that it's embarrassing to have the Coast Guard come out to rescue you, and it reflects badly on the HSC.

With the summer season just around the corner please do come out and celebrate the club Open Day and Sail-past with us on 1<sup>st</sup> May. There will be all sorts of activities and goodies to eat, and it will be good to see you. Have a great summer!

Steve Britten – past-Commodore

### 2010 Executive

<b>Commodore</b>	Bud MacKenzie	<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Charles Hamfeldt
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Dan Campbell and Mike Bretner		
<b>Past Commodore</b>	Steve Britten	<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Kissack
<b>Training Director</b>	Heather Drugge	<b>Fleet Captain</b>	Ian Darling
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	Rob Jones	<b>Membership</b>	Kim Jones
<b>Co-op Captain</b>	Miles Hogan	<b>Kayak Captain</b>	Dave & Louise Park
<b>Hydrographer</b>	Richard Howard	<b>Staff Captain</b>	Barbara Pichler
<b>Spreader Editor</b>	Steve Britten	<b>Chain &amp; Anchor</b>	Bob Hough
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### HSC SAIL-PAST 2010 – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May

The spring winds are here and it time again for Sail-past. The annual event kicks off the season with a salute to the Commodore. This time honoured tradition started nearly 200 years ago at Cowes yacht club in England. This 'review of the fleet' was introduced as a continuation of the naval tradition of having Admirals or Royalty inspect the fleet on special occasions. We are many years and a long way from Cowes but the tradition still lives on.

Our flagship is 'Sage' (C&C 30) captained by Dave and Louise Park. The commodore Bud Mackenzie will be stationed on the quarterdeck as the fleet of sailboats, kayaks and rowboats proceed past. It is custom to stand (if possible) and salute the Commodore and luff the jib as you go by.

The first boat in the procession is the Fleet Captain followed by kayaks, rowboats and sailboats from smallest to largest in that order. Come early to rig your boat. More complete information will be on hand on May 1st .

**Cover**—thanks to all the volunteers who turned up on Saturday April 10 to for the spring cleanup of the yard. We completed all the main jobs on our list including rigging the training fleet, cleaning the yard of storm debris and garbage (thanks Denise for the dump run), setting up two new kayak racks and shuffling boats around to make the space work a bit better. Thanks again and hope to see you on the water. From **Rear Commodores** Mike and Dan

## 2010 Calendar

Note that any changes and additions to this calendar will be brought to your attention by e-mail, posted on the club website, and in subsequent editions of the *Spreader*.

### April

24	Saturday	09:00	<b>Clubhouse Cleanup</b>
25	Sunday	11:00	Long Distance: Star-boat Cove

### May

1	Saturday	12:00	<b>Sail-past, Opening Day. WV councillor to attend</b>
9	Sunday		Mother's Day
13	Thursday	19:30	Executive meeting
16	Sunday	10:00	Kayak: Tour de Indian Arm, Deep Cove
22-24	Victoria Day long-weekend:		Commodore's Cruise to Howe Sound HSC is inviting members on a cruise to Halkett bay on Gambier Island during the May 24th long weekend. Sailboats and Kayaks participate. Contact <b>Ian Darling</b> for more details.
29-30	Sat-Sunday	09:00	<b>Adult White Sail Course I (full details of Sailing Courses in the next Spreader and on the web site)</b>

### June

5	Saturday	12:00	HSC Open House & West Van Parade (TBC)
5-6	Sat-Sunday	09:00	<i>Adult White Sail Course II</i>
6	Sunday	11:00	Passage Island Long Distance
		10:00	Round Bowen Island Kayak Race
10	Thursday	19:30	Executive meeting
12-13	Sat-Sunday	09:00	<i>Adult White Sail Course III</i>
19-20	Sat-Sunday	09:00	<i>Adult White Sail Course I</i>
20	Sunday	13:00	Spring Series #3: Sail/Kayak/Row + Mirror Series #1 Father's Day
26-27	Sat-Sunday	09:00	<i>Adult White Sail Course II</i>
30	Wednesday to 4 July		Yukon River Quest kayak race - Whitehorse

**Notice to all Sabot Owners** – As little or never used boats, we have placed your boats on the top of the Laser racks. If you would like your boat delivered to your home, please contact **Rear Commodore Mike**. If you do not ever want to see your boat again, please let us know and we will dispose of it.

**Notice to ground space Boat owners** - We now have a waiting list for ground space storage; there are a number of you who have not used your boats in the last year or two. If sailing is no longer in your lifestyle please could you take your boat away to make room for more active members. We will deliver to your home if that is the problem. Thank you for your consideration.

### Fleet Captain Report – by Ian Darling

#### An Invitation.

Spring's here all you sailors and it's time to dust off the tarps. I have been out for several fantastic sails already. Easter Sunday was one of the best yet. After moving all weekend I decided enough was enough, and informed (asked nicely) Tracy that I was going sailing for a few hours that morning. I had to launch at the public ramp since 3 large logs had washed up on our ramp (Dan/Mike?) during the big wind of Good Friday (that's another story: check-out the Southern Straits race blogs and YouTube).

Out on the water the wind was nuts, anything from N to SE, 5 to 18knot gusts! Feeling pretty good about the situation I'm thinking this shall be a blast, 'till a gust hits and I slither (does that sound better than fall off?) from the rail into the water holding onto the main-sheet as I go. The boat does what it's supposed to and flops on its side. Here I am thinking about a relaxing sail as I'm hoisting my soggy self back into the boat. After adjusting the hiking strap for a better purchase I am on my way again. No sooner has the water stopped flooding off me when a nuclear gust hits (I think it fell off Grouse Mountain) and guess what.... I'm crawling over the rail onto the board as the sail kisses the water. Standing high and damp on the dagger-board I'm wondering why I like this sport so much? This time I get into the boat without getting wet(ter). Now here I think maybe I should head in like a rational person but no, rationale was left back on the shore.

I headed across the bay and the wind became a little more steady from the E. Very exhilarating. As I planed over the water, seabirds scattered and the sun danced across the sea. Now this is why I love to sail.

*I hope everyone who has a boat takes the time away from the daily routine to get out on the water. It can be for a few hours, a day-long picnic or club races.*



**Dr. Dinghy Guy** As we all know dogs and their owners often resemble each other, and then there is the fact that cars and boats make statements about their owners. So in the interests of science Dr. Dinghy Guy has spend years studying boats, their owners and their cars and is now ready to reveal all! Now for those of you who think you are as smart as dinghy we have prepared the following quiz. Match the dinghy to the car using the car and Owner attributes. The lazy and cheater type folks can just **look on our website for the answers**, but get counselling after to help with the self loathing caused by cheating. Have fun!

Boat					
1	Albacore	6	Laser	11	N Sydney 14
2	Enterprise	7	Laser 2	12	Rowboat
3	Fireball	8	Mirror 11	13	Tasar
4	Hobie	9	Mirror 16	14	Wayfarer
5	Kayak	10	Mystere	15	Windsurfer

Boat Name or Number	Car	Car attribute	Owner Attribute
	VW Golf	lots of them, reasonable price, handle well	self sufficient person has many interests, no preferred gender
	Ford Taurus	reliable, simple, reasonably fast but still has room	family boat, mostly men owned who want some speed but have to still carry the picnic crowd
	Jaguar XJ12	quick when it works, fully optioned	men who like to tinker with things and pretend they are on the edge
	Ford Explorer	lots of room, powerful	Responsible comfortable people who know what they want and fly under the radar
	Mazda Miata	quick , fast, personal car	Suits men and women - people who want a speed rush, with consistency
	BMW 3 series	quick, fully optioned	Image is important to these people along with a hint of performance
	Corvette	fast in a straight line, lots of them	young mostly males who like speed and want to be cool
	Lamborghini Countach	big, fast built for speed machine	money and sex appeal, to counteract age
	Porsche	two person sports car	fussy and enjoy tinkering as much as the speed
	MG GT	sporty, but not too sporty, still fairly basic	people with masochistic tendencies who don't mind impracticality
	Old VW bug	lots of them, reliable, basic	anti hero, zenlike person comfortable with themselves, and familiar with underperformance
	Vespa	fun but not really practical transportation	lives for the moment
	bicycle	human powered	evangelical masochist with a green agenda
	Ford Ranger	built for carrying stuff, not for speed	practical no nonsense person willing to help others
	Turbo Westphalia	faster camper van than first expected	practical but appreciate some performance

Have fun and happy sailing and driving!

**Dr. Sigmund Dinghy Guy**

**Editor's Note**—what about those responsible club members who drive Hondas? And what about the devil-may-care Toyota drivers? And how do you think the poor folks who drive Mercedes feel? And why all the plugs for Fords? This is blatant discrimination folks! Recall Dr Dinghy Guy!

So Sigmund: what boat does **this** guy sail....?



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