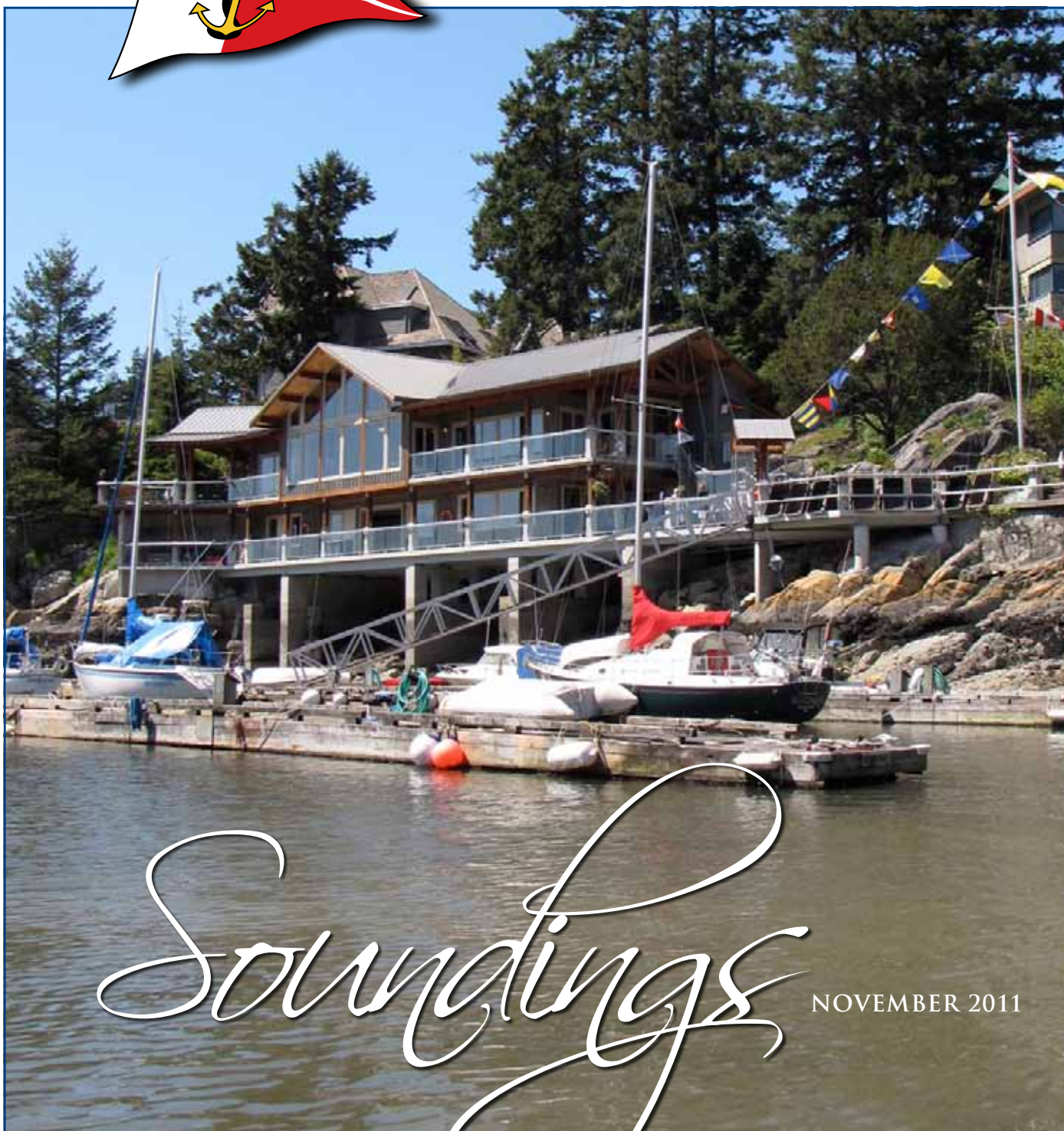


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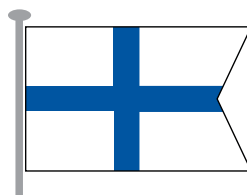
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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Snow is falling as I write this, so I hope your vessel has been winterized or will be soon. If you plan to use shore power, please let Collen know if your usage will be under 300 watts so you can take advantage of the lower rate.

The ongoing saga of the water lot head lease renewal is still progressing, but has not yet been finalized. As soon as the Province and District agree on the terms of the head lease, the sooner we'll be able to renew the sub lease. Patience, please.

The Emergency Response Team planning committee has met three times and has produced a draft version of the emergency response process (for petroleum). The next phase is to solicit Response Team Members, introduce them to the process, and start training sessions. One of the upshots of this exercise is the need to ensure every vessel in the harbour has its own spill kit, consisting of pads, gloves and a disposal bag. We'll be looking into sourcing these in the near future.

One of our larger annual expenses is insurance, which we have simply renewed for a number of years. I intend to ask two other companies to quote on our policy (which is up for renewal in February) to see if we can improve on the cost and/or benefit.

The Executive (actually several Executives ago) agreed to support Bruce Falkins in his efforts to re-open the fuel dock in Fisherman's Cove. One of the conditions of our support was the participation of others, particularly WVYC, and the presentation of a business case. Both of these conditions will likely be met in the next few weeks.

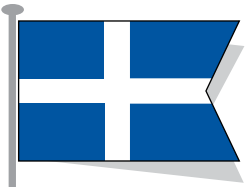
Our corporate rentals have been disappointing this year but we did have one movie rental plus another episode of "Fairly Legal."

Don't forget, the Senior Awards night will be held on November 26th and the Junior Awards night on the 27th.

Our Annual General Meeting is Monday, December 5th starting at 8:00 PM. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Johnson
Puppy



Vice Commodore's Report

At the time of writing, November 11th, we have one more Executive meeting on November 21st, before the Annual General Meeting on December 5th.

The slate of candidates for next year's Executive is almost complete. Unfortunately, Lynn Coules, who has done such an excellent job as Social Director this year, has other commitments and will not be available for next year so the search is on for a replacement for Lynn. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let Nancy or me know.

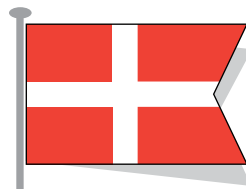
Our 2012 budget has been presented and discussed. One of the items on the budget is window blinds for the office. We have solicited and received two estimates, and these will be perused by the House Committee before a decision is made. Subject to budget constraints, we also plan to buy a few more teak tables and would like to start acquiring matching teak chairs to replace the present green plastic chairs. We are also looking for another stainless steel shelf for the kitchen.

On the maintenance side, we are currently having the hot water boilers serviced both in the Clubhouse and in the residence.

Several members from EHYC accepted WVYC's invitation to join them at their Remembrance Day Ceremony. Fortunately, the early morning rain cleared away and although it was cold, it was dry. The Ceremony was followed by a generous hot rum toddy and lunch. Many thanks, WVYC.

I hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting.

Dave Slater
Tamele



Rear Commodore's Report

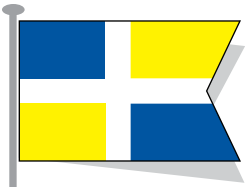
To repeat what I said in September: it is now the time of fierce storms and raging winds. Short spring lines with weak ropes are not what you want and especially not what your neighbours want. Please, make sure your lines and fenders are adequate. Also make sure you use acceptable electrical cable if you connect your boat to power.

We have had a busy time with moorage changes due to several people leaving the Club or selling their boats. Since September we have had the following moves:

- Rolf Kruse (#362) moved into Michael Spearing's slip
- Marg Latham (#572) came off the waiting list and got Ken Kufta's slip
- Derwyn Lea (#439) moved into Woldy Sosnowsky's spot
- Roger Campbell (#498) moved into Kruse's spot
- Tom Bowen (#378) moved into Vance's spot

And finally, power consumption: Nancy tells me only three boaters have owned up to using more than the lower power rate for which we are charging \$20/month (a draw of less than 300watts) and we are pretty sure there are more of you. Many of you might not know that with heaters and battery chargers you could be using much more power than you think. It is an honour system until Collen goes around in the dead of night hunting for power thieves. If you are worried about how much you are using, get Collen to check.

Chris Page
Cocoa 2



Staff Captain's Report

Awards Night: Saturday November 26, 2011

Awards Night will be another informal evening of fun, casual (inexpensive) food, camaraderie, and stories (true and otherwise) – interspersed with a variety of awards for cruising, fishing, racing, and misadventure. Please be sure to come out and join the fun.

- **When?** 7:00 PM Saturday November 26
- **Where?** EHYC Clubhouse
- **How much?** \$5 (beer & wine available for purchase)

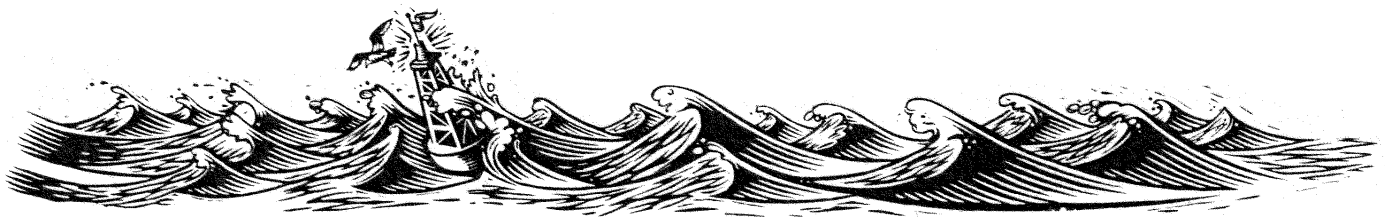
For those of us who are not racing sailors, and may occasionally be subject to the odd mis-step while out on the water, of particular interest are the Flotsam and Jetsam Awards. These are awarded to a select sailor and power-boater for the greatest (?) blunder or misadventure in the past year. Nominations are from the floor, winners are selected by popular vote, and facts will not be verified. I

understand not being present greatly increases the odds of “winning,” but the best defence is a more compelling nomination for a fellow EHYC member.

Please sign up by emailing rmcfarlane@cmwinsurance.com or calling 604-530-8263.

NEXT UP: Thermos Cruise will follow in late February. Details to follow.

Rob McFarlane
Wave Hopper



DON'T FORGET

AGM - Monday, December 5 at 8 pm.

Junior Coordinator's Report

After such an exciting and action-packed summer, Fall seems like a quiet time for the Junior Club. We ended our Saturday supervised sailing sessions in September and had our big annual fall clean-up event in October. Ten junior members turned out to help, and everyone worked hard to put away the engines and coach boats, and clear the junior docks of boats. We store all dinghies on the breakwater for the winter, which involves a lot of work – we remove their masts and booms and then lift them up onto the breakwater and turn them over. We moved over twenty boats and secured them against the winter storms. Thank you very much to the junior members who turned up for this event and also to the parents and senior members who came along to help. Everyone was treated to sausage rolls and cookies when the work was done.

Our next social event is our annual Awards Night which is being held on November 27. We normally have a great turn out for this event so please come along and join us this year. In addition to the awards ceremony, you can look forward to door prizes and our usual wonderful dinner of pasta and dessert.

We are replacing the junior docks this winter and will be arranging a work party to break up the old docks so they can be disposed of. This will be a big job so we will need a good turn out to get it done efficiently.

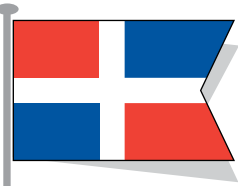
If you know of anyone selling an old whaler in good condition please let me know as we are looking for a new coach boat for next year.

I recently wrote a paper on the future of the Sailing School/ Junior Club for the Executive which facilitated a discussion on the replacement of dinghies, docks and coach boats and also the possible expansion of our program to offer lessons to younger children. An abbreviated version of this report will be included in a future edition of Soundings.

Regards,

Callum Beveridge





Fleet Captain's Report

VARC Series

Andre Wojcieszek has been busy making himself known in the Vancouver Area Racing Council (VARC) series lately. He has first place finishes in the Deep Cove Regatta and Fraser Lightship race and second place finishes in the Howe Sound Regatta and the VARC Closer Regatta.

Van Isle 360

This year's edition of the Van Isle 360 attracted two EHYC boats; David Wilson on Merlin and Andre Wojcieszek on Radical Departure. The race takes place over a two-week period in June every second year. The race starts and finishes in Nanaimo and circumnavigates Vancouver Island in a series of ten legs, with stops in French Creek, Comox, Campbell River, Hardwicke Island, Telegraph Cove, Port Hardy, Winter Cove, Ucluelet and Victoria.

The race usually consists of a series of upwind legs to the top of Vancouver Island and then a series of spinnaker runs down to Victoria. The final leg from Victoria to Nanaimo is unpredictable and various routes must be considered when the currents through the passes are taken into account. This year, however, the weather didn't co-operate as it should have. The headwinds up to Port Hardy were there as expected, but the wind changed so the leg to Winter Harbour was another long beat to windward. The next leg to Ucluelet not only was cursed with a headwind but the seas were mixed up, making for a very uncomfortable overnight passage. Terra Firma in Ucluelet was more than a relief to the entire fleet.

The weather gods were forgiven and all the misery forgotten on the leg to Victoria when the westerlies filled in and the boats had a great downhill run through the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

But getting back to our two intrepid competitors from Eagle Harbour: Andre entered the race for the first time with a hastily assembled crew. The way I understand it, for the most part the crew came to Andre and had to convince him to enter the race. Andre, seeing an opportunity to race without the hassle of scrounge around twisting arms to raise enough crew (the Van Isle 360 is two weeks long, so it is a big commitment) jumped into it. Andre's finishes were mostly in the middle or lower half of the standings, but considering that the boat is primarily designed for inshore, around the buoys racing and the crew was mostly unfamiliar with the boat, that was admirable. Nevertheless, one thing that is consistent with all sailors who compete in this race, once it is over the memories of foul weather, long upwind passages and other discomforts are put away on a shelf and are only taken out for special occasions. The memories of the good weather, fine sailing and shore parties are those that are placed on the coffee table for everyday use. The bottom line is that every competitor wants to go out and do it again. And Andre is no different.

David Wilson is one of those who is infected with the desire to go back and do it again at every opportunity. The race is held every two years, trading off with the Vic-Maui so the opportunity doesn't come up often. This year was his

third time entering. Dave and Alison spent six months preparing for the event, arranging crew for the various legs, shore accommodations, meals for the long legs, crew transportation at various legs and a thousand things that I don't know about. The preparations proved worthwhile, with a first place finish in division 2 in the first leg and a third place in the second leg. The next two legs provided middle of the pack finishes. The fifth leg to Telegraph Cove revealed some structural damage to the hull at the keel attachment and while beating into a 25 to 30 knot headwind the boat was taking on water. Dave wisely made the decision to lower the sails and motor into port to assess the situation. Once in port, the decision was made that the boat was not able to continue for fear of losing the keel and Dave withdrew from the race.

I was fortunate enough to meet up with Dave, Alison and the crew in Port Hardy the next day. They had decided to leave the boat in Telegraph Cove and spend a night in Port Hardy before going their separate ways. And what a sorry, dejected crew they were. Disappointment was written all over their faces but most prevalent on Alison's. The crew all went their separate ways, Graeme scored a ride on Icon (he took Merlin's transponder with him so, until everybody caught on, the satellite navigation thought Merlin was right up there with Icon at the head of the fleet), Katy and Dale had no trouble finding duties on a Gem, Jeff had connections with Abracadabra so he joined that crew, Mike went home to Newfoundland and Dave and Alison ferried Merlin back to Vancouver for repairs. But they all agree that the rest of the race was not the same.

There is one thing that will be the same: Dave and Alison will be back on the starting line in 2013. The entry fee is probably already in the mail.

Bowen Island Fall Series

This year's Bowen Island Fall Series drew six boats from the host club, plus Nunnehi from EHYC. This is actually an increase from some of the recent BIYC turnouts. BIYC is to be commended for their perseverance in running their racing schedule. The low turnout is unfortunate because the racing is good and the venue is even better. The series was eventually won by Topless from BIYC but not without

some pressure from Nunnehi and another BYIC boat, Wingaway.

EHYC Championship Race

The annual Club championship was held on Sept. 18 on a day that started out looking a bit dismal. The rain was heavy and there was little wind. It didn't look good. However, by the time the boats pulled away from the floats the rain had backed off to a steady drizzle and there was just enough wind to fill the sails. When the race finally started the wind was up and the rain had stopped.

The start was set up off Eagle Island and rounded Bird Islet and Passage Island and back to the start, twice around. As the race went on, the weather got better and the sun came out in true Eagle Harbour fashion and the wind held for some competitive racing.

In the end, Wingaway from Bowen Island won the race, followed by Merlin, Topless, Nunnehi and Takaya. The after-race BBQ proved to be a success as it was enjoyed and appreciated by everybody.

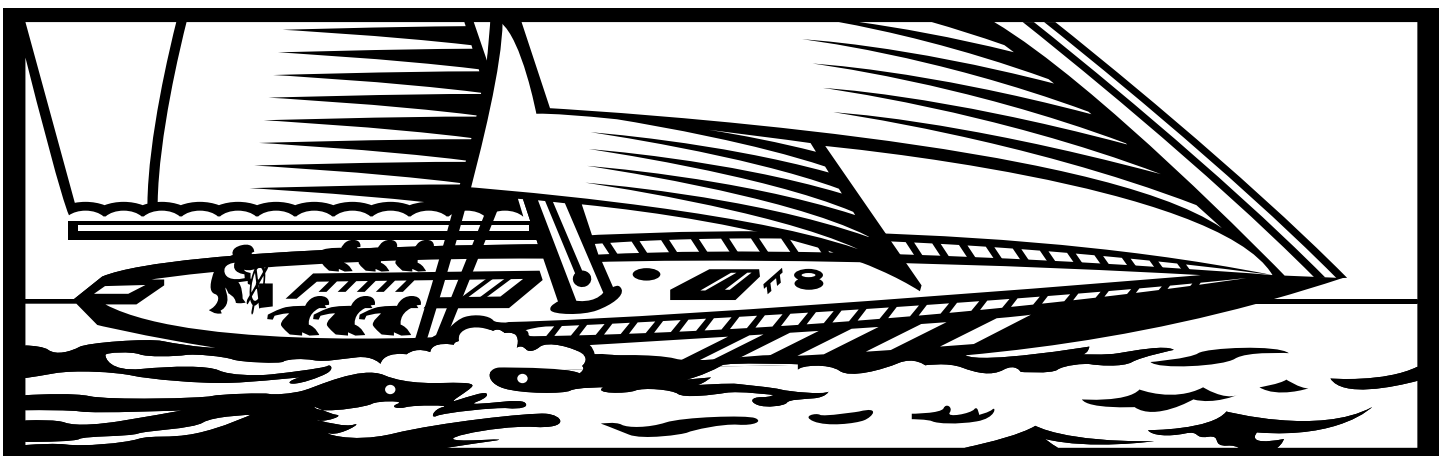
In the end, this makes Merlin the Club Champion again this year. Congratulations, Dave.

West Vancouver Yacht Club Snowflake Series

The 2011/2012 edition of the WVYC Snowflake series is underway with one race being held. Radical Departure put in an impressive performance placing third in a highly competitive Division 1. Andre spent the day up near the front of the fleet with his main competitors behind him. Nunnehi placed eighth in Division 3 in a somewhat disappointing race when the boat struggled with boatspeed and pointing ability.

There are eight other races to be held throughout the winter so there is plenty of opportunity to take part. There are five divisions including a no flying sails division, so no matter what your boat or your sailing ability, there is a division for you.

Andrew Crane
Moonshadow III



COMMODORE'S DINNER 2011



Commodore Les Johnson with his wife, Nancy.



Lynn Spink and Trish Vickery set a "fascinator" tone to the evening



...that Danny Keeble tried to emulate, with some success.



The Beatles-era music soon had everyone up on the dance floor



Vice-Commodore Dave Slater enjoyed the antics



Lynn Coules, Social Director, asked the Commodore to draw names for the lucky people who won the centrepiece at each table

Did You Catch Varyag's Visit to Vancouver?

From November 8-11, 2011, the Varyag, a Slava-class missile cruiser, made a port visit to Vancouver, British Columbia, to commemorate servicemen killed in armed conflicts. Varyag was escorted into Vancouver by the Royal Canadian Navy destroyer HMCS Algonquin, and the Varyag's crew engaged in friendly sports matches with their Canadian counterparts from the Algonquin. On November 11, officers from the Varyag laid a wreath at the Cenotaph during the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Two ships in the Russian Navy have been named Varyag after the Varangian people, the Viking ancestors of the Rus.

The Varyag was launched in 1983 as the Chervona Ukrayina. It was renamed Varyag in 1989 and has been operating in the Russian Pacific Ocean Fleet since 1990. It weighs in at 11,300 tons and has 515 crew.

