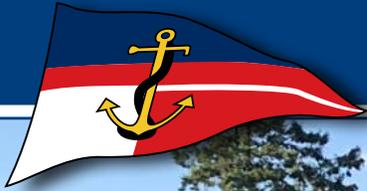


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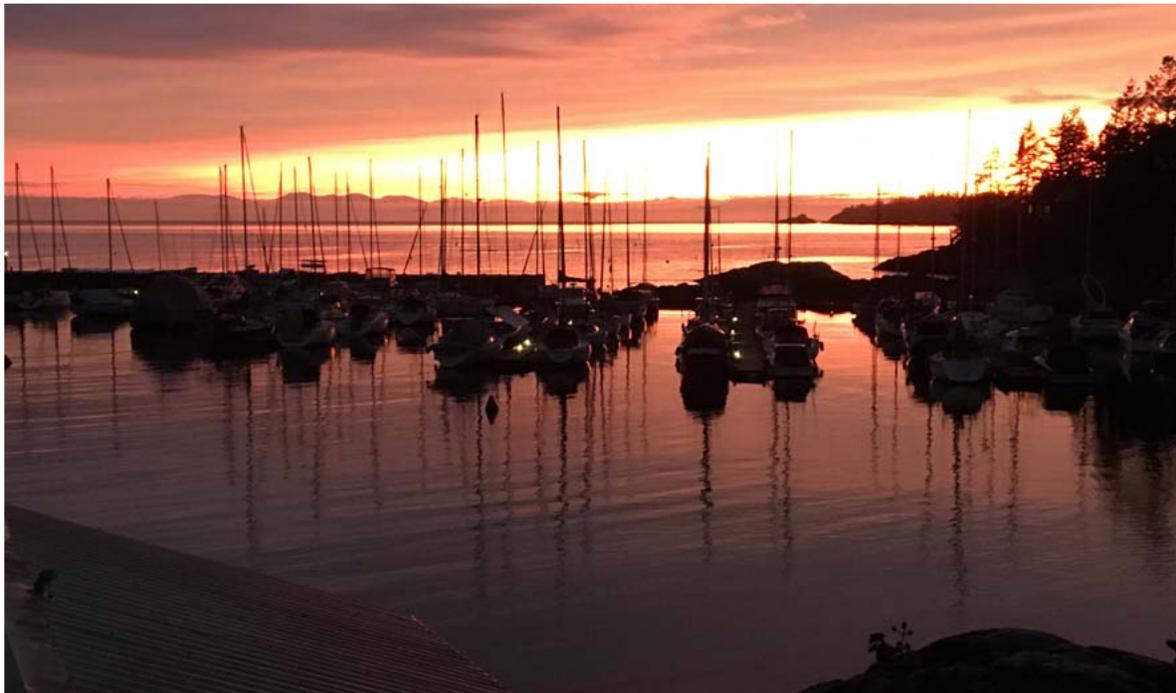
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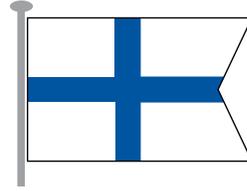
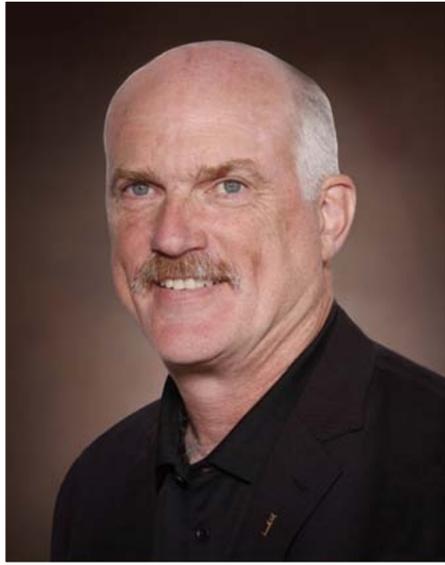
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A photo by Steve Footman of his new home: sunset at EHYC.
What a beautiful scene!



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Greetings All!

What a start to the year for the new Executive and our new Club Superintendent! Only 10 days had elapsed since the AGM and the election of the new Executive, and we were hit with one of the strongest storms in our little basin for as long as most of us can recall. I was sitting in my office when the first emails for assistance went out – unfortunately, I couldn't break free to head out to the Club. However, my concerns were certainly increased when the next email call to assist was written in capital letters! Then the final ominous message came, advising that there was no point in attending as the docks were closed. One could only imagine the chaos that was unfolding!

With a great deal of thanks to our new Executive members Brandon McManus and Norm Lo, and to the many other members who attended to help out, the damage to our yachts was significantly minimized from what it could have been. It was certainly an education for our new Superintendent Steve Footman as well, who responded with the eyes and skills of a veteran, from all accounts I have heard!

Our docks sustained a lot of damage, and we will very likely need to draw down from our dock replacement fund to make sure the flotation that escaped from underneath is returned to the right spots, the stringers and bull rails are replaced / repaired as necessary, and the chains are attached and positioned as they need to be. A lot of this work has been accomplished already by hard-working members at work parties, and the inspections by the dive team.

Many of the same volunteers and several additional volunteers have been doing a great job effecting the necessary maintenance repair items in the residence since

Collen moved out. Progress has been very good, we are well under our anticipated budget, and should be complete enough to allow Steve and Tamara to move in on February 1st! I'd especially like to acknowledge and thank Brandon McManus for taking time away from his own company responsibilities to determine what needed to be done, obtain quotes, and pretty much act as our general contractor on these renos.

A great deal of thanks to Matt Gull and Mark Powell for organizing the annual EHYC vs WVYC New Year's Day tug-of-war this year. It was a split decision with the EHYC Seniors taking the win, and the WVYC Juniors besting our Juniors for that title.

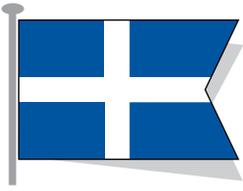
This is a very important year in our Club's history – 50 years since its formation! I know our Social Director Tim Leopard has a few exciting ideas about this major event, so watch for news about the anniversary soiree, likely towards the end of March!

Many of you heard about the dock project progress at the special membership meeting in October last year. I'm sure we will be hearing more from Nick Miller and the Technical Committee during the next few months as the final quotes on the alternative dock construction methods are finalized, as well as the potential economic impact to our electrical and water systems.

We have a very strong mix of Club tenure, energy, diverse professional experience, and age on the Executive this year. There are three new members on the Executive, two in flag positions. I know they welcome the advice and support of all members as they become more involved in their roles, as do I as your Commodore. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us on the Executive, and together we will all continue to build the "friendliest yacht club in the west"!

Looking forward to a great year, and the boating season can't come quickly enough!

Kent Brownlow
Impulse



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings,

My best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy and meaningful new year as well as many safe and enjoyable boating adventures ahead.

I'm pleased to report that the renovations of our Club Superintendent's residence are on track to support the Footmans' move in by February 1st. We warmly welcome them to our EHYC community and we're excited to have Steve as our onsite Superintendent!

It has been a very productive couple of months of Club effort to transform the Superintendent's residence into a very livable abode for Steve, Tamara, and their dog Makai. You've perhaps noticed from the outside the new double-glazed windows and the removal of the blue awning at the lower front door. The inside of the house has undergone a complete re-paint, extensive re-flooring, and updates to some lighting and bathroom fixtures. With the advent of the warmer seasons, we'll tackle some exterior work such as painting as well as repairs to the railings.

This house renovations project has brought together a small and growing group of members who have provided significant know-how and volunteer effort way beyond work party quotas. I won't mention any names lest I inadvertently miss anyone, but I trust you

have a sense of who they are – the ones who've been purposefully scurrying around the house and property. A massive gesture of gratitude to all of you local heroes for stepping up in such a big way! It's so motivating and heart-warming to participate in the tremendous volunteerism and custodian spirit amongst our membership. This truly epitomizes the essence of our Club culture!

In addition to the residence renovations, which are top priority at the moment, we're also finalizing the implementation project of the front gate and security fencing, which I expect to be completed by this Spring. Another key project for this year will be the assessment and upgrade of the security system of our Clubhouse.

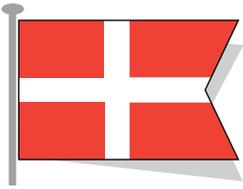
Thank you for entrusting me with this opportunity to serve as your Vice Commodore. I look forward to continuing to befriend and work with many of you to foster a pleasant and supportive Club community. As always, please feel free to reach out to me any time in person, by phone or email, to provide feedback, encouragement, and/or suggestions. I welcome your input and strive to listen and act on your collective behalf.

Cheers,

Norm Lo
MatAshEron



Photo by Steve Footman



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

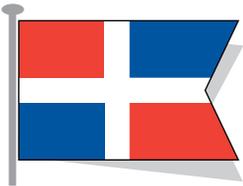
Well, we made it through The Storm! What a crazy day that was.... I would like to thank everyone for coming out and helping that day and the days that followed to clean up the docks! It really shows how great this Club is.

I'm sure most of you have met Steve and can see the work that he is putting into the docks, repairing damage from the storm or just replacing wood that is old. He is back from holidays now, so we will get back to the work parties. We are going to try something different for a while by doing work parties on both Saturday and Sunday as well as asking if some members would like to come in during the week while Steve is on shift.

Another item being addressed is making sure that everyone's boat is tied up securely with the correct size line and proper bumpers to try to prevent damage when a storm comes in. The right line can make the difference between damage to your boat or not. I would also ask people to make sure that your electrical lines are NOT in the water at any time. Check the routing of your cord and make sure that it is safe.

Thanks for your cooperation

Brandon McManus



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Here are the race dates for upcoming events. Mark your calendars now!

Local Racing Dates...

April 6 & 7	Patos Island Race,
April 13	RYVC Opener
April 19 & 20	Southern Straits *Early registration rates until end of January*
April 24	Wednesday Night Racing begins
April 28	EHYC Invitational
May 4	WVYC Collingwood Channel Race
May 18 & 19	Round Salt Spring *Let's field an EHYC team of three boats!*
May 25 & 26	Swiftsure

June 1-15	VanIsle 360
June 1 & 2	RNSA Singlehanded Race
June 8	Round Bowen Race
June 29 & 30	Nanaimo SIN Regatta
July 13 & 14	VRC Summer Regatta
August 10	English Bay Scramble
August 18	EHYC Crystal Cup, Women's Keelboat Championship
August 24	VRC Ken & Barbie Doublehanded Race
August 25	WVYC Jack & Jill Doublehanded Race
Sept 7 & 8	Deep Cove Regatta
Sept 11	Wednesday Night Racing ends
Sept 14 & 15	WVYC Howe Sound Regatta
Sept 28	Fraser Lightship Race
October 6	EHYC Club Championships

Katy Campbell
Paragon

Meet Steve Footman

Our new Superintendent



When Collen announced he would be retiring at the end of 2018, EHYC launched a search for a replacement. Where would we find someone with all the skills we needed? How long would it take?

As it turned out, the search did not take too long. There were numerous applications, but one stood out: a heavy-duty mechanic by the name of Steve Footman ticked all the boxes. Not only was he intimately acquainted with tools and engines, he had worked with his father-in-law, a contractor, on renovating houses, so knew all about dealing with wood too. Better yet, his father-in-law, a member of Burrard Yacht Club, liked building boats and involved Steve in lots of those projects, so Steve was also very comfortable in the boating environment. Purrrrfect!

Steve grew up in London, England. A cousin had moved to Vancouver and whenever he returned to the UK for a visit, he encouraged young Steve to “come and visit.” Finally, in the early 1980s, Steve did and fell in love with the place – the wide spaces, the outdoors, the kayaking, the skiing, the hiking.... Like so many people, he came for a visit, but stayed for the rest of his life.

He found it easy to find a job, but it took a while to find a “good” job, a permanent job with a major trucking company where he stayed for 30 years. After he met Tamara, they bought a home in Coquitlam. Their four kids are all independent adults now, but still live in the Lower Mainland.

Steve was so excited to be chosen for the EHYC job. He had met and sailed with Rob Haslam a few years ago and was subsequently invited to one of our Lobster Boil events. He was entranced by the happy atmosphere at EHYC at that time, and couldn’t resist applying when he heard we were looking for a new Superintendent. He says he just loves the mix of skills the job requires, the wonderful water-focused location, the people he has met.

He and Tamara move into the residence on February 1 with their English Springer spaniel, Makai (the name is Hawaiian for “by the sea”).

Welcome, Steve and Tamara – and Makai. We look forward to sharing EHYC with you.

THE STORM

Our new Superintendent, Steve, endured a “baptism by fire” on Thursday December 20 when the big storm hit. Collen had very recently departed and suddenly Steve had to cope – alone. The docks were bucking and rolling, a bull rail broke, there was damage to some parts of the docks, some boats broke free and smashed into their neighbours, rogue logs got trapped between docks and threatened even more damage. What a welcome!

But Steve found he was not alone. Many members rushed down to the Club and worked for days to help him return things to order. It was a test that both Steve and Club members passed with flying colours. Well done, one and all.



The high tide and smashing waves flooded the car park ...



and even moved the massive planter at the entrance.



Even the memorial bench on the point was tossed around.



Member #491, Morgan Gatto (on the right) says the only time he has seen a storm like this was in 1973 when the wave action sank the breakwater.



Jan Schier had to contend with a broken bull rail as well as damage to his dock.



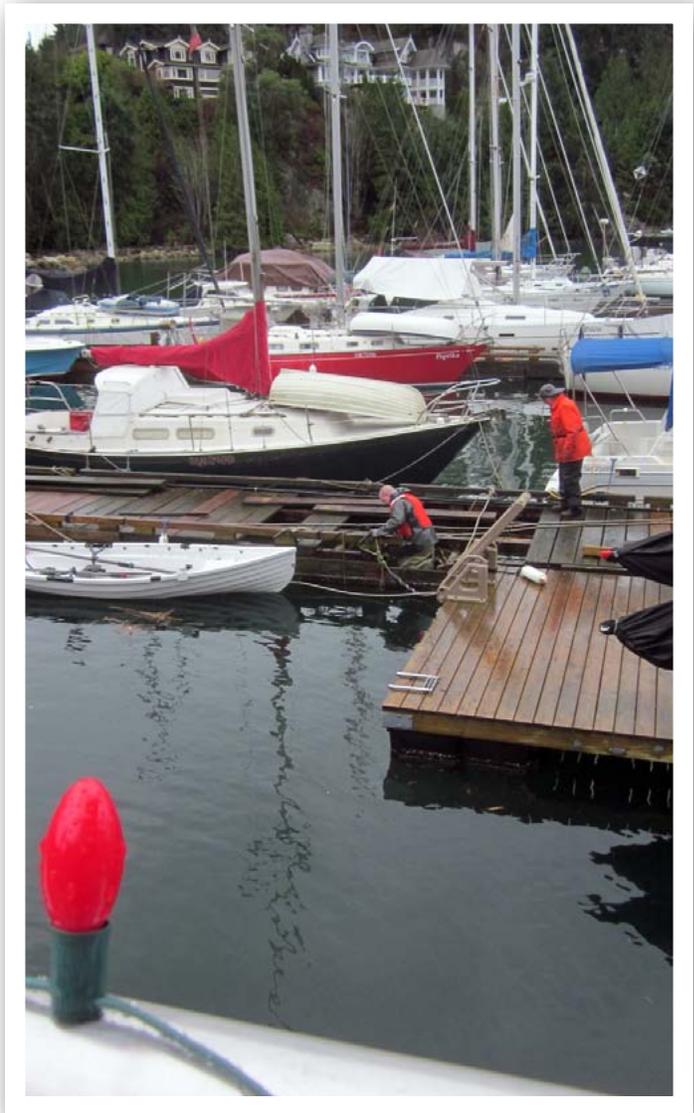
Morgan and Dave Wilson started repairs on some of the damaged docks.



The coach boat came in handy for dragging threatening logs out from between the docks.



Lots of members turned up to help.



The rebuild of Dock 1 was undertaken right away.



Pippa Hawley and Mhairi Nolan checked all the electrical outlets.



Social Director's Report

We started our 2019 social calendar as usual on New Year's Day with the Annual Tug of War with West Vancouver Yacht Club. The weather was fair and the beach was in better condition than usual as the recent storms had washed way the logs. This year the Gul family had arranged and donated medals for participants. The first tug was for the juniors and West Vancouver

carried the day, but all the juniors were happy to have received medals. The senior tug was more prolonged than I remember it in previous years, but Eagle Harbour eventually won the day. Clam chowder was served with hot rum in the Clubhouse as per tradition. This year we did not have Collen's famous chowder: instead we were privileged to have the now-famous Rosie's chowder.



Thanks to the Gul family, participants in the annual New Year's Day tug-of-war with West Van Yacht Club can now look forward to receiving a medal to acknowledge their efforts.

The winner will be recorded for posterity on wall plaques.

On 12 January, members gathered for Rob McLarnin's presentation of his "12 months, 12,000 miles, 12 Band-aids" tour, all about his incredible journey to Japan and back in his 35-foot Hughes-Columbia 10 sailboat, *Amigo*. As this sailing feat suggests, Rob is a pretty cool

guy who seems to have taken all the difficulties in his stride as he went from place to place around the Pacific. It seemed that even spending five days as an enforced guest of the Japanese Emperor did not faze him.



Rob at the helm on the open ocean



Waikiki offered a delightful rest stop



Hitchhikers on the boom



Different support crews joined for various legs of the journey....

A PechaKucha evening was held on January 24th, when five people each presented 20 slides over a seven-minute presentation. This fast-paced and exciting way of delivering a talk was further enhanced by the quality of the speakers: author Jackie Bateman, curator Darren Morrison of West Vancouver's Museum, Chef Faizal Kassam of Terroir kitchen, photographer John Moir, and Kathleen Staples from Friends of Binning. A food truck from Tacofino provided food and of course the Club bar was open. It proved to be a very interesting evening. But I admit to some mistakes in the planning. We decided to

use plastic glasses, not only to avoid washing up for 110 people but also because we were concerned about injuries in case of broken glass. In retrospect, that was not the best decision: in future, we will stick with proper glasses and purchase more so we can serve larger numbers. However overall this event was a success, which can be attributed to the efforts of Gavin Froome. Gavin is an associate member who is full of good ideas and has some great contacts. With his help we can look forward to other interesting events.



The new payment system at the Club is making life so much easier.



The Clubhouse was filled to overflowing with members and guests eager to enjoy the five talks.



Tim introduces Gavin Froome, the mastermind of the PechaKucha evening.



The food truck was on hand to feed everyone.



Photographer John Moir



Author Jackie Bateman



Chef Faizal Kassam



Darren Morrison, curator of West Vancouver's Museum



Gavin introduces Kathleen Staples from Friends of Binning

Looking to the future, we have a talk by Dean Eilertsen planned for February. We are hoping to have one or two events each month, so please keep an eye out for notifications via email.

You will of course have noticed that purchases at the bar can now be paid via credit card using a tap. This has made the accounting very much easier for Nancy in the office, but also for those volunteers in the bar and

especially for myself as Social Director who had to sort all those chits out into an Excel spreadsheet. We will be looking at trying to ease any difficulties that members are experiencing from this.

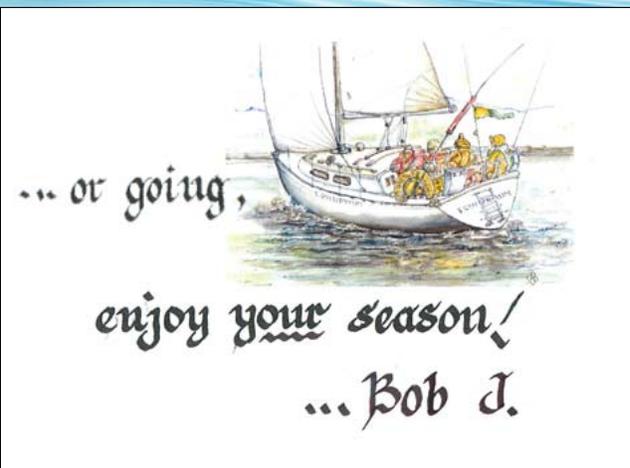
Tim Lepard
Pegasus VI

EHYC member #276 Bob Johnson finally decided to move from “retired” status to hand in his resignation with this card.

What a handsome way to go!



To: Chair,
EHYC membership
I (Robert Kaurse
R276) in this
note, declare my retirement from
Cape Harbour Yacht club,
and I have fully and rightly
enjoyed decades of seasons with
and through our club.
I hope each of your seasons
is as joyful as mine!
From: *Bob Johnson*
R276



Visiting Slovenian Yacht Clubs in 2016 ... and regaled with reciprocal burgees

In 2016, I was delighted to be appointed the Honorary Consul for Slovenia, which is the country of my origins. Shortly after, my husband Dana Vanier and I visited Slovenia and in particular, called in on a number of yacht clubs along Slovenia's 46-kilometre coast.

We were warmly welcomed by the Commodore of the yacht club in Izola, named Burja after the fierce winds that blow from the Julian Alps. In addition, we spent time at the Pirat Yacht Club in Piran, and the Portoroz Club, in Portoroz. We shared our burgees with these three Commodores, and in turn, were given their club

Portoroz: <http://www.ycp-klub.si/#>



Izola: <https://www.jadralniklub-burja.si/>



Piran: <http://www.klub-pirat.si/>



Jadralni Klub Veter: <https://www.veter-klub.com/>



burgees. Our fourth call was to Jadralni Klub Veter, which was established some years ago by the former Slovenian Ambassador to Canada, himself an avid sailor, to support an annual diplomatic regatta. This summer, the regatta included diplomatic representation from 36 countries, 22 Ambassadors and 8 Consuls.

When visiting the Burja Club, we met Vasilij Žbogar, a distinguished Olympian, who won a number of medals and who practiced at this club. The day we visited Burja, Vasilij was surrounded by admiring school kids who were clearly being inspired by his accomplishments. Vasilij competed in the 2004 Summer Olympics, where he won a bronze medal; and in the 2008 Summer Olympics, he won a silver medal, both of them in the Laser class. In the 2016 Summer Olympics, Vasilij won a silver medal in the Finn class.

The websites listed here will enable you to take a look at some lovely pictures of these clubs, where you will be welcomed as honoured guests, especially if you mention you are from West Vancouver's EHYC! And, if you are planning a trip to Slovenia, I'd be happy to help you with advice and a friendly introduction, especially to these handsome and welcoming yacht clubs.



You can see the latest edition of these burgees now hanging in our own Eagle Harbour Clubhouse.

Margaret Rudolf
Triestina

The Little Ships

The Little Ships have a very special place in history.



In 1940, Churchill called for volunteers in small vessels to cross the English Channel to evacuate troops from Dunkirk, even though the area was under constant bombardment from Nazi aircraft. Hundreds of small boats responded and retrieved 336,000 men from the beaches in what came to be known as one of the greatest of all rescue missions. The fleet has long been referred to fondly as the “Little Ships.”

Recently, one of these “Little Ships” was recovered from the depths of Loch Lomond as part of a campaign launched by veterans.

The Royal Navy raised the *Skylark IX* and it is now undergoing restoration in the Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine. The work is being carried out by a specialist boatbuilding team working with recovering drug addicts, part of a skills development programme run by Dumbarton-based charity, Alternatives.

Skylark IX is destined to become a floating museum on the River Clyde. You can read the story in detail at <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-46437036>.

EHYC member Ian McBeath writes in response to this article:

I have an interest in the Little Ships as my father spent three days on the beaches at Dunkirk before being evacuated to Britain (Operation Dynamo). He was taken off on a little ship like this and then transferred to a warship to complete the journey. On returning to England he was posted to Dartmouth in Devon on coastal defence protecting the harbour (he was in the Royal Artillery). At a dance in Dartmouth he met my mother. She came from the East End of London and had been bombed out and moved to Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, where she assembled aircraft instruments in a “secret” factory. She took the train to Devon for a holiday and the rest is history (at least for my family). I probably would not be here if it were not for a Little Ship!

I have not seen this vessel, but I have visited (the outside of) the museum in Irvine, which appeared to have a tremendous collection of vessels associated with Scotland and its maritime and commercial history. I think it is great that *Skylark IX* is going to be restored using people whose lives may be transformed by the task. Given that so many lives were saved and transformed by this and other “little ships” at Dunkirk, it seems very appropriate that this is how this one will be restored.

There are quite a number of the Little Ships still on the water. There are one or two still to be seen on the Thames in London. They have a plaque and fly a special pennant. Take a look: <http://www.adls.org.uk/t1/>

REPORTS TO THE 2018 AGM

Commodore's Report

2018 was an enjoyable but challenging year for the Club. We had glorious weather for most of the sailing season, and I'm particularly grateful for the sunshine at Sailpast and the Spring Cruise. But it wasn't all smooth sailing. The Executive has had three major strategic issues to deal with this year, as well as some lesser but nonetheless important items. The strategic issues were: (1) the hiring of a replacement for Collen; (2) what to do about the house; and (3) whether to replace the docks.

After 33 years of faithful service, Collen retired on November 30. We bade him farewell at a well-attended ceremony at Festivus in the Clubhouse on November 25, so I won't repeat all that was said then. Suffice it to say here that his key role in the life and functioning of the Club for so many years presented us with a daunting challenge in finding a suitable replacement. We formed a hiring committee, spread the word far and wide, accepted and whittled down the resumes to half a dozen credible candidates, and Kent, Nancy and I called back three for second interviews. We made our decision, made an offer which was accepted, and the new Superintendent, Steve Footman, was introduced to members on October 13, after the EGM. Steve started work here on October 1, and he and his wife Tamara are expected to move into the house once requisite work is complete. Kent Brownlow did most of the heavy lifting in the complex and demanding job description and hiring process, and deserves our gratitude.

The house is over 60 years old, and other than \$18,000 spent on the roof two years ago, nothing major has been spent in recent memory. There are a number of issues that need to be addressed in the house before it is deemed ready for new occupants, and these are being addressed. For the last year and a half the Executive has been exploring options for the house, including rezoning and sale, sale as is, demolition and rebuild, renovation, or minimal repairs. None is ideal or easy, and there has not been unanimity on the Executive or the Technical Committee on the appropriate way to proceed. The benefits of having the Superintendent living on site were the deciding factor in the Executive's current policy of researching the costs of bringing the house up to acceptable standards. If and when estimated costs are determined to require it, the Membership will be asked to approve them.

The docks are the foundation of the Club, more than any other asset. They are getting old, and require constant repairs. There are a number of members of the Technical Committee, Executive and membership who feel it would be appropriate to move to more modern technology, namely aluminum docks. There are also hybrid options. A detailed presentation, on screen, was made by Nick Miller after the EGM on October 13, attended by much of the membership. As with other major issues facing the Club, there is not unanimity at the Executive level, and debate at times has been beyond vigorous. When the total estimated costs of the various wood and aluminum options have been determined, we will if required go to the membership for your authority to proceed.

Among other issues are the gate, installed for security of property and personnel; the EGM to bring us into compliance with the new BC Societies Act; the continuance of the policy of restricting the number of rentals by outsiders, based on the philosophy that the Club is paid for by members for the use of members; and a plea to members to please obey the rules. Every rule in the book has been made in response to a situation demanding it—it is not pleasant for Executive members to have to remind Club members to comply, and even harder for Staff members who didn't make the rules, but are tasked with enforcing them. Updates to rules are published in *Soundings*.

A couple of items to report that relate specifically to my role as Commodore. Our neighbour, Kyle Washington, whom I had never met before, requested a meeting recently. Kent and I spent 1 ½ hours with him at an informal meeting in our Clubhouse in October. We covered a range of issues, and if and when there is anything to report of a follow-up nature, we will let you know. The Commodore of WYVC invited our members to participate in their Remembrance Day observance on November 11. I, as is customary, was invited as Commodore to read one of the two lessons, from the stern of a magnificent powerboat. A number of our Members attended, and we were all invited to share in the delicious lunch served afterwards in their Clubhouse. Several EHYC Members shared their World War 1 stories at our Clubhouse in the evening, arranged by Tim Lepad.

It has been an enjoyable year as Commodore, and not least because of the help and support received from a number of people. The Executive and Committee Members have all given of their time and wisdom for which I am grateful. Collen was thanked before he left for his contribution, and nothing would function without Nancy. Every time a people issue arises, and there have been plenty of them, I ask

Nancy what to do. She, knowing the person involved, tells me what to do. If I follow her advice, it usually works. Thank you Nancy.

Thank you all for coming.

Mark Powell
Seamew

Vice Commodore's Report

As most of you know, the Vice Commodore is responsible for our shore facilities and a few other things.

It was certainly a busy year for the Vice Commodore in 2018!

With help from a lot of Club members, and particularly a lot of extra work and shared wisdom from our Club Administrator Nancy Mitchell (thank you so much Nancy for all you do for us!), we accomplished the following activities:

Parking Lot – We had to deal with a couple of parking lot matters this year. The first was to reaffirm the policies and protocols to develop the behaviours and habits we expect from the membership when it gets busy, particularly during the good boating and beach activity months. To that end, the executive carefully considered the policy about overnight and otherwise extended use of our parking lot. Subsequently, the regulations were changed slightly to be more clear about the spirit and intent of the bylaws and regulations with respect to extended parking situations. Additionally, new decals were issued this year to allow Club staff to better identify the ownership and parking entitlement of the various vehicles that end up on our lot.

Somewhat parking related is the location and activity that transpires around the paddle board rack. When this rack was initially conceived and constructed, we struggled with the best place to locate it. The current location against the rock face has worked well for the most part, and this year we placed some guidance barriers around the rack to ensure the cars parked in close proximity allowed sufficient room to remove and replace the boards.

Our Gardens – The fabulous job the gardening committee and work parties associated with that activity goes all for naught if we can't figure out how to do a better job of regular and prudent irrigation. A new hose was purchased this year, and a more permanent hose / watering system mainly for the front rockeries will be installed in the Spring. Following a site observation walkabout this summer, Collen organized a couple of work parties and disposal bins to completely clean up

the north corner of the parking lot. We are going to erect a small garden shed in the corner that will house the hose reel and perhaps some tools. It will be locked to secure this equipment and prevent unauthorized use of the hose. It has also come our attention that persons other than Club members may be using our garbage bins and cardboard recycling containers for their own purposes. This costs the Club a lot of extra dollars in pick-up and tipping fees. We are contemplating integrating the aforementioned garden shed into an overall shed / method of ensuring only Club members have access to the hoses and the garbage bins.

I continue to seek the cooperation of the membership in not "disposing" of cooking and motor oils by leaving these products in jugs in the parking lot. The transfer station on Riverside Drive in North Vancouver accepts both of these products in the Recycling Center. Please take your used materials there yourselves - recycling of these products is not a job function nor the responsibility of our Club staff.

Entrance Gate – The executive determined that there was insufficient security for members, employees, and our floating assets with the current, fairly open access to our premises. We decided to install an additional gate at the start of the concrete walkway to the Club and docks. It will be fob controlled and monitored by video camera. The current gate and fob system at the top of the gangway to the docks will remain in place and operable as it is today. Additionally, we have installed a few other video cameras in various place around the Clubhouse and parking lot / pathway areas. The data from these is centrally captured for subsequent review if necessary, and can also be live monitored by Club employees in the admin office area.

Clubhouse Maintenance – although later than in past years, Collen completed the annual re-finishing of the main floor fir decks just in time for the Anniversary Dinner on March 9th! Big thanks to Collen for getting this task completed to sustain at least another year's wear and tear we hope! In April, we moved to the outside of the Clubhouse for more repairs & maintenance. The wood panels needed to be re-stained at this point, and

the outside patio roof and front soffits needed to be fully steam cleaned, sanded, and re-finished. Additionally, the seal for the double-paned windows had broken down in many of the windows in the center apex – I’m referring to those impossible-to-reach-without-scaffolding ones. There was only a 10-year warranty on these double-glazed windows, and we were ~5 years beyond that. Even though we only budgeted to replace the 6 seal-compromised windows, it seemed prudent to replace all 12 windows in the center apex at this time for two key reasons – the manufacturer’s rep agreed the other windows with current good seals would likely break down very soon just like the others had already; and secondly, we already had very expensive scaffolding in place which we wouldn’t want to redo a year or two from now.

Clubhouse Use and Rentals – A couple of years ago the Executive considered the relationship between rental revenues, wear and tear on the Club premises, and problematic behaviour by the renters. We decided then that rentals would be restricted to Club members only and the member booking the rental has to take responsibility for and be in attendance at the event. There are a couple of exceptions - we allow two “community” event rentals per year, and we consider interests from the TV and motion picture industry. Within the context of a member rental, I’d like to increase the understanding and awareness of a few issues:

- a. Each rental comes with a rental contract and is subject to approval – rentals are not automatic and have to mesh with other scheduled Club events;
- b. The member signing the contract also assumes responsibility for all of the fellow Club members and guests that attend the event. The renting member has to have enough influence over the guests to correct misbehaviour (including children of the guests around the Club, docks, and the public beach), and the member must be the last one to leave the function whatever time of day or night it ends, taking responsibility for lights out and building security and ensuring all guests have left the property if it’s an evening event.
- c. We have neighbors. Good neighbors, who are understanding of our desire to enjoy our Club and socialize. There are limits to what they should expect from us – the West Vancouver noise by-law, for instance, requires peace and quiet after 10:30pm. This includes music and loud voices outside after this time. Please be conscious of balcony noise during warm weather events.
- d. The Club does not permit renters of any category to have access to its beverage alcohol supplies. If a renter desires to serve alcohol at their event, they must take out a Special Occasion License

from the BCLCLB, provide and account for their own inventory and sales, and provide the necessary “serving it right” individuals to manage consumption. Because it is not Club product being served, Club member guests at these rental functions cannot “chit” their consumption.

New Club Superintendent – When Collen advised us of his retirement intentions, we mutually agreed to a “last day” of November 30, 2018. So the search was on! We developed a detailed job description in January this year and actively advertised the position until March. We had quite a few applicants for the position. The interviewing panel composed of the Commodore, the Vice Commodore, the Club Administrator distilled these applications down to three very good candidates, and following several interview sessions, we made a selection. The new Superintendent, Steve Footman, began his duties on October 1st! Steve had a good opportunity to meet many members at the Workparty / EGM on October 13th.

The Residence – At this point we are not sure about the timing of transition of the residence from Collen to Steve. Your Executive have a condition report in hand from a qualified home inspector in order to plan and budget for any repairs necessary in advance of a new superintendent moving in. The report has revealed some concerns, and the Technical Committee and Executive are seeking clarification on potential scope of work at this time. We will keep the membership informed as more detail and decisions are made. It is very likely repairs to bring the residence up to par will be in the \$75k range. In the meantime, we have secured month-to-month temporary accommodations for Steve and his wife Tamara nearby in Horseshoe Bay, beginning December 1st.

This report wouldn’t be complete if I didn’t acknowledge, with a great deal of appreciation, the valued contributions Collen has made to our Club over the past 30+ years. It’s not just the things we see him doing, it’s all of the little things he does that go unnoticed that keep our Club looking so good for members and guests, and how all those little unnoticed things protect our assets that are tied to a very challenging array of docks. Thank you Collen, we wish you all the best in your new Sunshine Coast residence and a very well-earned retirement!

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Brownlow
Impulse

Rear Commodore's Report

The Technical Committee under the chairmanship of Nick Miller has been actively exploring and evaluating the various options for replacing our existing floats which are now over thirty (30) years old and requiring extensive repairs. Hence, money has only been spent on the necessary repairs to the floats, electrical and water systems.

We have already experienced a major storm this year which did severe damage to our floats which resulted in extensive repairs. This past month we have had to replace rotten stringers on dock 7 and replace the connecting plates on dock 5 which are a direct result of the aging docks. Estimated cost for these emergency repairs is around \$10,000.

We will continue to repair damage to maintain safe mooring for our membership but will not be doing any upgrades.

I would like to thank the Technical Committee and Collen Santer for all the assistance they have provided me during my term of Rear Commodore. Their advice and counsel has made my job easy.

I will be retiring from the position of Rear Commodore this year and would like to thank the Club's Executive for all the support and guidance they have provided over my term as Rear.

I will be staying on as a member of the Technical Committee and look forward to working with the incoming Executive.

Glen Blake
Balaena II

Fleet Captain's Report

This was my first year as Fleet Captain at EHYC, and it seems like it was a reasonably good year for our fleet activities in general.

Participation in most events remained similar to previous years with three or four of the usual suspects leaving the dock for the club racing hosted by our neighbours at WVYC and the VARC series. We have a number of Active and Associate members who participate in the racing scene as crew either at EHYC or next door, so our representation within the racing community is a bit more substantial than it seems at first glance.

Once again we hosted the EHYC Invitational in the spring, and our Club Championships in the fall in tandem with the Bowen Island Yacht Club's spring and fall racing series. This model has proven convenient in some ways, but logistically challenging in others. We will be trying a new format for 2019 in order to regain control over the costs of events, bring race management entirely in-house, and improve our ability to plan

appropriately for the shore-side festivities afterwards.

This was the first year in a very long time where we did not have any EHYC boats registered in the RNSA Single-Handed Race. Traditionally we have had a number of our fleet competing in this challenging event, so some analysis will be done as to why that is no longer the case and what we can do to facilitate and encourage participation.

The same can really be said of most other categories of racing, and I will be pursuing feedback from past racers and the membership at large as to what we can do to encourage more activity on the racing side of things.

Katy Campbell
Paragon

Treasurer's Report

It is my pleasure to report on the results for the year ending September 30, 2018.

Although we did not do nearly as well as last year we managed to keep our head above water. Overall, our net financial position stayed roughly the same.

As you know, the Club's 4 big sources of income are moorage fees, membership dues, Clubhouse rentals and initiation fees.

Moorage fees are up slightly (1.5%) to \$270,000 – as we are usually at capacity, subject to rate increases, these revenues will generally be very consistent year over year. Membership dues are up 6.7% to \$111,000 due to the increase in membership. We have seen significant growth in new members over the past two years in particular.

Unfortunately, Clubhouse rentals dropped by approximately \$75,000 due to the fact that we had no movie rentals in fiscal 2017. We made a profit of approximately \$55,000 from movie rentals in each of the last two years and nil in fiscal 2018. We will get at least \$10,000 in movie rentals this year based on the filming that took place this fall and hopefully more later in the year.

We had another terrific year of membership growth. Revenue from entrance fees of \$106,000 was even higher than last year's record of \$89,000. A total of 13 new active members and 6 new associate members joined the Club. However, with the long waiting list that we currently have for moorage, we are not expecting this high level of membership growth to continue in 2019.

So that is money coming in. How did we do on the spending side?

On water facilities (docks) we spent a total of \$66,000, about \$7,000 less than the previous year. We are budgeting for a similar level next year. We also transferred another \$25,000 to the dock replacement fund to bring the total fund balance to approximately \$230,000.

On shore facilities, including capital items, we spent a total of \$105,000 compared to \$42,000 in the prior year. The large increase was due to painting and window replacement which cost approximately \$60,000 and \$7,500 on the partially completed entrance gate. Shore facility costs are budgeted to be even higher next year due to the completion costs for the gate of \$21,000 and, subject to further inspections and costs estimates, up to \$75,000 to restore the residence to a safe and habitable condition to allow Steve, our new superintendent, to live on site.

As a result of the high level of budgeted costs, particularly with respect to the residence, the Executive determined that it was necessary to increase moorage rates (10%), annual dues (5%) and entrance fees (17%--25% depending on age bracket). Even with these increases, we are forecasting a decrease in our net financial position of approximately \$50,000.

In order to search for possible savings, Nancy and I undertook a thorough line by line review of every expenditure and have taken action where possible to reduce costs and improve efficiencies including switching phone and internet suppliers, obtaining new quotes from our security provider, placing a lock on our garbage bins to restrict non-member usage, minimizing office expenditures and adding digital technology in the areas of social event billings and expenditure authorizations.

Despite this sobering report, we are hoping for the following:

- actual initiation fees next year are higher than our budget of approximately \$35,000;
- we do not have to incur all of the budgeted \$75,000 cost to improve the residence;
- we receive additional movie rentals;
- we are not hit with any big surprises on the water facilities; and
- that someone will donate a replacement office chair and desk for Steve!

Finally, I would like to thank Nancy for her dedication and commitment to the Club. Nancy always does a great job but she deserves special mention as she put in a lot of extra time last year as Collen was not on site as much and to support Steve with the transition into his new role.

Peter Day
Lovely Lisa

Membership Report

I am pleased to report that membership activities have again been very active this fiscal year ending Sept 30, 2018. Across all categories of membership, Active, Associate, Intermediate, and Junior, the Club has experienced very strong interest and positive, continued growth.

One could draw many conclusions about our Club's demographics from studying all the data, but here is my analysis and what I believe are the important results for the year:

1. Active Membership: Including 2 transfers in from Associate to Active, and 4 transfers out from Active to Retired, we added 15 NET new Active members for a current Active membership total of 115. This appears to be a new record when looking at historical data. As a result, our moorage waiting list increased, to a high of 14, but then quickly dropped to 11 which is where we're sitting now. While waiting lists fluctuate without much notice, they do tend to challenge the incentive for some new members to join, but clearly, not with everyone. Bear in mind, it's not just moorage cost and availability that drive people's decisions to join our Club. Eagle Harbour Yacht Club offers a distinctively unique and relaxed setting where members can enjoy the full range of activities associated with sail and power boats. Getting potential new members to realize this, however, is of course the challenge for the membership secretary and your referrals are so very helpful in this regard.
2. In the Associate membership category we have added 6 new members and had 2 resignations for a new total of 29, possibly again a record.
3. The Intermediate category stays NET at 1 following a resignation of 1, and an addition of 1 new member.
4. Junior membership ended up at 46, vs 48 last year. Important to note, and very positive I think, that 10 of the 15 new juniors are children of Active or Associate members that joined themselves this year. I believe this is a continuing reflection of the initiative provided by member Leslie Farrar last year to grow our long-term

junior membership base, as opposed to the shorter-term junior memberships that tended to relate to a single-year sailing school.

5. Total membership for the Club including all categories now stands at 226.

I am very encouraged by the interest in our Club this year, and in particular, the enthusiasm shown by many of our new members as they join work parties, social events, and very importantly, getting involved in our executive. For all members, please consider becoming involved – at whatever level of comfort you have, it can be very rewarding.

Again this year, I want to thank Nancy Mitchell for being of huge assistance to me in my membership role. She continues to be our first point of contact for many of our new members with her "Eagle Harbour" way of being professional, courteous, and welcoming – thanks Nancy!

Please remember to extend a warm Eagle Harbour welcome to all our new members when you meet them at events or on the docks; they're only strangers until you introduce yourself, and remember to keep spreading the word to those you know who may be interested in joining.

I've certainly enjoyed my role over the last few years but it's time for a change and as a result, next year, I'll be handing the role of Membership over to Callum Beveridge, who will undoubtedly bring his great skills to the role.

David Wilson
Merlin

Junior Coordinator's Report

This summer we had 135 students in our Sailing School program compared to 127 in 2017 and 152 in 2016. This overall decline was disappointing given last year's numbers and the fact that we made a considerable effort to increase the numbers this year by directly calling parents and advertising using lawn signs.

We had a great team led by head coach Derek Langford with lots of returning coaches. Derek was supported by Sam Parr, Chris Schultze, Nelsen Floe, Yasin Ladha, John Mitton and Armon Shahidian.

Our junior membership currently stands at 46 compared to 48 at the end last year.

We bought two used Pirates from Deep Cove Yacht Club and a new engine for one of the coach boats. Unfortunately, one of our inflatable coach boats was stolen from the breakwater. This loss is covered by insurance.

Total revenues for the Junior Club and Sailing School were \$49,000 compared to \$46,000 last year. Our direct costs were \$61,000 compared to \$54,000 due to higher repairs to coach boats (approx. \$5,000) and higher operating expenses. Overall, we had an operating loss before depreciation of \$12,000 compared to a loss of \$8,000 last year. In previous years we have had a sponsor cover certain costs of our programs. Sponsorship funds have been received late which affected our results as these contributions are treated as revenue.

I would like to thank the people who support the Junior Club/Sailing School.

Firstly, to all our coaches who did a great job over 8 weeks. Thanks also to Olivia Mitchell who was our Sailing School administrator again this summer.

I would like to thank Norm Lo for his assistance with marketing the sailing program. A very big thank you to Nick Miller who took on the project of refurbishing our tired-looking fleet of coach boats. Nick spend endless hours working on these boats with some help from our coaches. I would also like to thank Linda Cleminson for agreeing to donate a 17ft Wahoo with a 25hp engine to the Club.

And my usual thanks to Nancy for her amazing job running the administrative side of the Sailing School and Collen for his continued support and supervision of the Sailing School and Junior Club activities.

A particularly big thank you to Collen for his 33 years of dedicated service to the Junior Club/Sailing School. His oversight of this program will be sorely missed. We will bring Steve up to speed for next summer.

I also wish to thank you the members for your support of the Sailing School and Junior Club either as customers, donors to the Corinthian fund, supporters of other fund-raising events (boat wash and Cork & Canvas) and the many volunteers.

This year is my final year of being involved in the Junior Club/Sailing School after 10 years. When I originally wrote this report I had included that nobody has stepped forward to take on the role of Junior Co-ordinator. However, I am pleased that Justin has agreed to take over the role for next year. We are looking at forming a committee to spread the work around so if you are interested please let Justin or me know.

EHYC is a wonderful Club and the Sailing School and Junior Club are important aspects of the Club's long tradition having operated since 1969 (that's over 50 years!). It has produced many great sailors, including 4-time Olympian Nikola Girke, but more importantly active members such as Katy Campbell, Will Goldsmith-Jones and Doug King.

I look forward to these programs continuing to flourish with Justin in charge.

Callum Beveridge
Suerte Deern

