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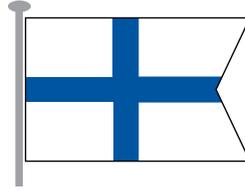
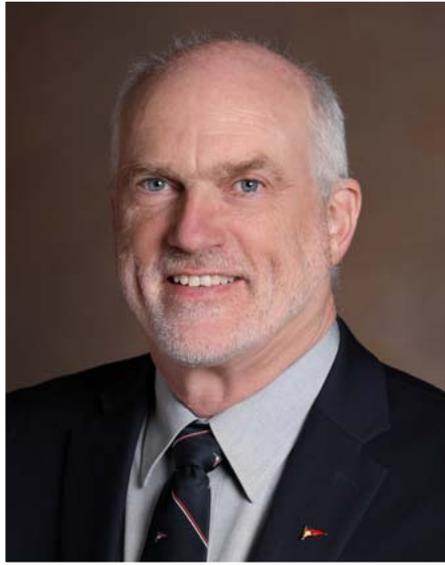
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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Ahoy All!

To begin the March message, I would like to acknowledge all of the work that Nick Miller and the Technical Committee have done over the past several months examining the various options for dock maintenance / replacement. The docks are probably the most significant hard asset we have at the Club, and I believe Nick's wide-ranging and imaginative leadership in exploring the many options available is an essential activity for our Club at this juncture. Many of you were able to review and ask questions about the preliminary report of a total dock replacement through Nick's presentation following the Special General Meeting last October. At this juncture, the Technical Committee have recommended that the current philosophy of planned wooden dock replacement continue at this point in time. This recommendation was approved by your Executive in February. Watch for the call for volunteers to build a new dock section in the parking lot just like we did a few years ago!

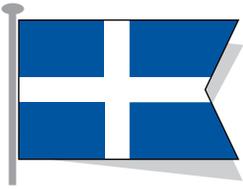
Given this is the year of celebration, I'm very thankful to have Tim Lepard on board as Social Director. I hope everyone will plan to attend the Anniversary Dinner on April 13th! Tim and his many contributors to our social success will ensure our 50th Anniversary year will be one to remember! I hope you will attend as many of the various functions as you can to celebrate and meet both new and long-standing members alike!

Please join me in welcoming our many new members that have joined over the past couple of years, and please make sure you encourage them to come out and join the celebrations! Sailpast should be huge this year! As this is our last *Soundings* issue before May 11th, please be thinking about inviting a new member or two who may not have their own yachts yet to go out with you for the Sailpast tradition!

Sadly, we have found it necessary to upgrade the security of the Club property. The alarm system is currently under review to make sure it meets our needs, and we are adding more cameras, and a new gate under fob control at the front of the car park to better control public access to our Clubhouse and docks. We have also experienced more use of our disposal bins than we generate ourselves, so steps are being taken to control that abuse and increased expense. Please let Steve or Nancy know about any suspicious or inappropriate activity you see around our premises.

Wishing you a happy and safe boating season in 2019!

Kent Brownlow
Impulse



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings,

Happy Spring, and here's to looking ahead towards another fine boating year! It's great to see many of you hanging out at our Club as the weather has turned more towards warm sunshine.

Our Superintendent Steve and his wife Tamara and their dog Makai are happily moved into their onsite residence, and Steve has been working efficiently around our docks and grounds. Look out for them and say hello the next time you're at our Club.

With Spring comes new life in our gardens. There will be a work party April 6, so please consider participating with Margaret and her energetic crew to spiff up the greenery around our Club. We hope to freshen up our grounds ahead of our 50th Anniversary dinner event on April 13, so please come join us for that fun and exciting celebration.

As part of our overall management of our Club grounds, we've commenced a trial to deter non-member access to our parking lot after-hours. Specifically, during our Superintendent's work week, Thursday to Monday, Steve will deploy a chain barrier with reflective signage across both of our parking lot entrances, from 9pm overnight to 8am. These chains will not be locked so members can unhook and re-hook in order to enter or exit when necessary.

Regarding our front gate project, the final components such as the aluminum mesh gate and side barriers as well as the automatic gate operator and associated control electronics have been ordered and we plan to complete the installation in April. Once the gate is operational we will send out an email of notification and description of use, which will be the same as that for the existing dock ramp gate with fob access.

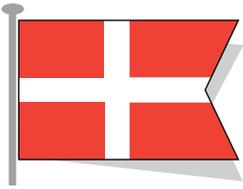
We've also been investigating a more cost-effective and better-performing internet / WiFi service for our Clubhouse with some coverage for our grounds and docks. We expect to complete this project this Spring.

Enjoy the season, as we get ready for safe and enjoyable boating ahead!

Cheers,

Norm Lo
MatAshEron





REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

There has been so much activity going on with the Rear Commodore's scope of responsibility since the last article, there is hardly time to write about it!

The docks have been undergoing a steady stream of repairs since the big storm of December 20th. Many hands have turned out to the work parties to assist with the remediation work - both Saturdays and Sundays of recent date. Divers have been assessing both the docks and the breakwater to make sure we understand the full extent of what is needed for chain repairs and tensioning below the surface. Steve Footman has done a great job assessing and prioritizing the above-water repairs, and determining where flotation needs to be replaced.

We will be proceeding to fully construct and replace a complete dock run this year following the Executive decision to carry on with our program of wood dock replacement as needed at this time. We are also preparing for a full breakwater assessment.

Also following the Executive decision, you will now be assessed for dock power within your moorage invoice. We evaluated how our dock power was being used and monitored, and this new system will be much simpler to administer, and incorporates the expense of common use (the lighting) and individual use into one amount to be divided amongst all who have moorage. Note you will have received an invoice recently for power usage under the old system up to March 31st.

While not specifically under the responsibility of Rear Commodore, I want to acknowledge and thank the many members who assisted with the various repairs and remediations to the residence prior to Steve and Tamara's occupation at the end of January. It was a huge pleasure to be able to guide these members through the various tasks that had to be completed, and the results are as professional as anyone could imagine. We have a very talented group of committed members in this Club who just continue to impress and amaze me as a relatively new member here. Rather than name everyone in this article, let's wait for Awards Night in the fall for a much more appropriate in-person recognition!

Finally, just a reminder to make sure your yachts are secured properly - lines do stretch, chafe, and fray so please be diligent and take a good look every time you are at the Club!

Boating season is very close now - let's really get out and enjoy this year!

Brandon McManus
Happy Place



Women on the Water

Can you guess who this is?

Who is this adventurous EHYC member, setting off on the Single-handed Race to Nanaimo?

See page 10 for the answer

Social Director's Report

EHYC Art Club

Starting in January we have been holding meetings of our new EHYC Art Club in the Clubhouse on Tuesday mornings. We are a mixed group of painters, from novice to experts. The main focus is to learn from each other and have fun. We have certainly met those goals.



Tim Lepard and Sandra Tyson work at their paintings.



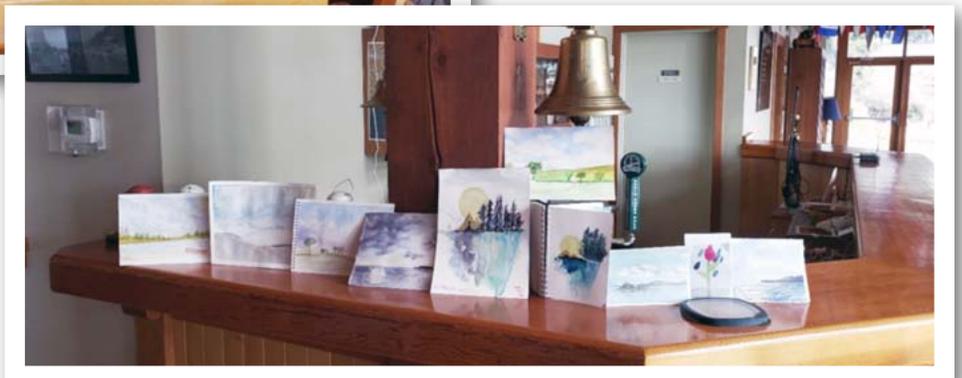
Mike and Sonia Cheevers experiment with colours and different types of brushes.

For a small fee we even serve coffee and someone brings some baked goodies. The photos of our efforts reflect the diversity of our abilities and also our willingness to share.



Every week is a new challenge. How to paint a bunch of tulips....

*What about trees ...
waves ... clouds ...*



If anyone is interested in joining our informal group, please contact me for more information.

Dreamspeaker

Dean Eilertson gave a wonderful presentation over lunch on February 24, focusing on his second career as an author. He talked about his book *Dreamspeaker*. The Q & A session was extremely interesting especially for some younger

members as he talked about making movies. Sales of his book followed the talk and Dean donated the full amount of the proceeds to our Juniors. The total was over \$250. Thank you, Dean.

Welcome to Spring

On Saturday March 23 we welcomed Spring with an informal get-together over lasagna and Caesar salad. Bright primroses decorated the tables, and more primroses accompanied by miniature daffodils lightened the gardens outside. Over 70 Club members and guests filled the Clubhouse with happy chatter. It was a good time to start planning for summer sailing trips – or at least discussing when to get started with preparing the boat for the good weather that is coming.

Many thanks are due to the diligent Juniors who helped to serve and clean up, and to Steve who turned up to keep an eye on things in the kitchen. Top marks!



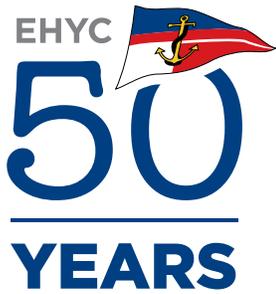
Glass in hand and sunshine – what a way to welcome Spring.



Delicious lasagna was served to hungry members.



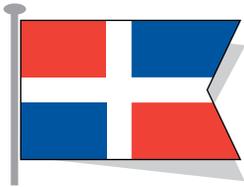
Members and guests enjoyed lots of chat and laughter.



Mark Your Calendar

A celebratory Anniversary Dinner will be held on April 13, 2019. It is 50 years since the Club was founded, so we hope for a good turn out. Chester Spink is to be the MC, so I think we can expect some light moments in addition to remembering the efforts of members over the decades who have made this Club possible. Please sign up soon!

Tim Lepard
Pegasus VI



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The racing season is about to begin, so here's a list of races coming up from now through the end of June.

Bowen Island Spring Series:

March 31, April 14, April 28.

The final race of their series will be our own [EHYC Invitational on April 28th](#). As this year marks the 50th Anniversary of our Club's founding, let's make this Invitational a landmark event and get as many boats as possible out to participate. Notice of Race and online registration available from EHYC soon!

Wednesday Night Racing:

Starts on April 24

This is a fun series that runs every week through mid-September. Hope to see some new faces out on the water to enjoy these (mostly) sunshine races.

Vancouver & Vancouver Island Big Races:

April 6 & 7	Patos Island Race
April 13	RVYC Opener
April 19 & 20	Southern Straits
May 4	WVYC Collingwood Channel (our own Club's Safety Day)
May 17 & 19	Round Salt Spring (let's get three EHYC boats going and compete for the team trophy!)
May 25 & 26	Swiftsure
June 1 & 2	RNSA Single-Handed Race
June 8	Round Bowen Island Race
June 1-15	VanIsle 360
June 29 & 30	Nanaimo SIN Regatta

I have marked in blue the races traditionally most popular with our members. Let's see if we can expand the list this year to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

And for those who would like to tiptoe into this world – or would like a refresher – consider attending the Racing Basics courses being offered to all comers by Tiddly Cove Yacht Club.

Katy Campbell
Paragon



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SAILING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Kids (and families) have just finished March Break, and though school is now the focus once again, we are already looking forward to our next big holiday – Summer! Planning is already underway at EHYC to make this a special summer for our Junior Club and Sailing School participants, and we want to share with you some updates to our program for this year.

Sailing School continues this year with our familiar program. Wet Feet is the one-week class for wee ones that introduces them to the open waters (ages 6-9 and with swimming ability) followed by one-week Opti-CANSail 1 classes for those in this age category with an interest to continue to develop and practice their new-found sailing skills with a fun group of friends on the water.

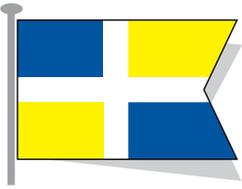
Once kids reach the age of 10 years, they are eligible to begin taking the CANSail series of classes, and this year Eagle Harbour will be offering levels 1-4. These are more focused courses during which progressive sailing skills and knowledge are taught so that kids gradually become more proficient sailors.

Having listened to feedback from our Sailing School participants in the past few years, this year we are pleased to offer a new Eagle Harbour Summer Sailing Camp for children aged 10-14. This one-week camp is designed around developing an appreciation for the sailing lifestyle and offers a gentle introduction to sailing (no certifications), as well a variety of activities around the water such as hiking, drawing/painting, and beach and water games using kayaks and paddleboards.

We hope that as you and your families begin to organize your summer vacation, you will consider including us in your plans. You can click here to link to our [**Sailing School**](#) for more information and to take advantage of the early registration discounts.

We are also putting together a Junior Club Social Committee for this season, and if you are interested in joining, please send us an email. We look forward to spending a fun summer with you on the water!

Norma Buchan for the Sailing School Committee



STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This year, Supercruise is once again heading to Silva Bay on Gabriola Island for the Victoria Day long weekend, May 18-20. Our destination is Page's Resort Marina. There is room on the docks for 15 boats, so if you will be joining us, please do not wait until the last minute to claim a spot. Just tell them you are from the EHYC and make your reservation. Be warned – spaces are already going fast! You can contact Ken and Gloria Hatfield directly at 250-247-8931 for your reservation. Please call them as soon as possible - they will only hold the spaces for the next day or so.

What is the Supercruise Plan:

Saturday May 18th - We assume most boats from EHYC will arrive on Saturday, although some may choose to sail over on Friday. If you decided to leave on Saturday, let me know and we can depart at same time and follow each other.

For dinner, we plan a POTLUCK Party. Please bring something to BBQ and something to share, such as a salad, a dessert, or an appetizer. We will all eat together at tables on the grass field. (Do not forget to pray for good weather!)

Sunday May 19th - Our Commodore, Kent Brownlow, will serve us breakfast. There will be some activities during the day, which will include bocce and some team sports for all ages and abilities. Participation is of course optional and some may prefer to just read.

The venue for dinner on Sunday evening TBA

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 778.888.8888 or e-mail matt@mattgul.com

Matt Gul
Staff Captain



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Liz Klose skippering
her boat in 1980

