

The Crow's Nest

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2017 Executive Committee

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Vice-Commodore



The summer's behind us and I'm sure that there are a lot of you already planning the next project for your boat or charting next year's big kayak adventure, it's been a good year.

I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help make all of this past summer's activities a huge success.

There are too many people to mention all by name, but I want to ensure everyone who helped out with the Invitational, the Open House, and the TGIFs that your efforts are very much appreciated and the success of all of our club events would not happen if not for all of the volunteers. This year may well be a turning point for the Dinghy Sailboat division; Don, the division captain and his crew have had a huge amount of success getting sailors and boats on the water, well done! The Keelboat division volunteers now include a number of key volunteers who have "adopted"

the boats, ensuring that maintenance and safety issues have been looked after in a timely manner. Their efforts not only ensured a successful rental season but made it possible for the keelboat course to graduate and go on to become competent sailors.

I wish that we could all just sit back, weather the winter and get ready for next season but there's a lot to do in preparation for 2018.

I'd like to put out a call now to all members to think about helping out with an area that you may not have thought about before. Perhaps helping out with the bar, or joining one of the keelboat maintenance crews that I mentioned. Maybe you've thought about helping in the pool with kayak instruction or being the skipper on a keelboat course. If any of these seem interesting to you talk to one of the executive about it, it may not be as onerous as you think.

The Annual General Meeting is just around the corner and there will be a number of positions that will be coming vacant and will need to be filled. Criteria for the various positions are documented in the Constitution and By-Laws, check out the CAFConnection.ca webpage for more information about volunteering and the many activities and events that the club has to offer. It's people that make the club a success, you may surprise yourself by how much more you're getting from your membership by becoming more involved.

"I can't control the wind but I can adjust the sail." (Ricky Skaggs)

Dave Jones
Vice-Commodore

Keelboat Division

It has been another great year for the Keelboat Division, with lots of local use and some epic trips completed by our boats.

Against the Wind is a favourite for training crews and for short trips, Wild Side tends to be used for training and cruises, and Peter Duck continues to be very popular for longer excursions visiting our beautiful coast.

This year the boats were maintained by dedicated teams who have been over, under, and swinging from a bosun chair to keep the boats in top condition which has made all the difference. There have been many repairs from sail rips, to wood repair, to radar reflector replacements completed during the training and sailing season. Over the winter we will continue with repairs and some updates to ensure the boats are in top shape for next year.

A special thank you to Peter Bezuidenhout (Duty Bosun Team Coordinator) and all the Duty Bosun volunteers. Thank you Russ Vida (*Against the Wind*), Jay Harker / John Bonell (*Peter Duck*), Andrea Keenan / Graham Edwards (*Wild Side*), and many other volunteers for your dedicated maintenance efforts. Thank you to Dan Baker, Marcel Rivest, Roch

Massicotte, and many others for your advice and your assistance with “checking out” new members.

If you are interested in getting more involved in the Keelboat Division or have any recommendations for repairs or improvements to the system please let me know.

Colin Taylor
Keelboat Captain

Kayak Division



FROM YOUR FAVORITE KAYAK CAPTAIN

As you all know, all good things must come to an end. My military life is coming to an end very soon, last day 3rd November. Life goes on but with new opportunities. Don't you worry or rejoice too early. I'm not going anywhere soon but you might notice some changes, such as less fat around the waist and more hair on the cranial area with a bigger smile. I'm looking to new opportunity within our Club, change is good.

Few individuals to be thankful

Fall is coming fast but kayak outings are never over, it goes year around. We have over 80 members that completed the kayak course over 11 sessions since last May. I would like to thank the following members that assisted me with the kayak training this summer:

- MCpl Martin St-Laurent
- Capt René Labrie
- WO Hugo St-Laurent
- Mirek Nowak

Without their support, it would not have been possible to complete training for 80 members. Thank you gents.

The good and the bad

There are good news and not so good. The good news, we had a good summer and many took the opportunity to enjoy it. Lots of use of the SUP's and kayaks, many took the kayak for a weeks' vacation away from the area, and they all came back.

The bad news are not many but significant to the point, some members could lose their membership. Kayak/SUP **are strictly for kayak/SUP renter which include only the spouse and dependants, no uncle, no girlfriends, no grandma...** Only members that completed the kayak courses and payed the rental fees, are allowed to use the equipment.

If serving members want to bring a non 19Wing employee to become Associate Member of the Club, please refer to the Constitution & By-Laws which you can find at the following WEBSITE: www.19WCYC.com . A hardcopy is also available at the Club, just ask someone.

Signing the Kayak/SUP in and out has been another issue.

I would like to think only few do not take the time to store the equipment back to its place and not rinsing the equipment properly, if at all! As a member/renter we need to treat the equipment as our own, otherwise there might be a cost that might impact members. 19 Wing Comox Yacht Club is one of our greatest assets at the Base, let's take care of it.

Enough bitching, let's go back to the good stuff.

Job Opportunity

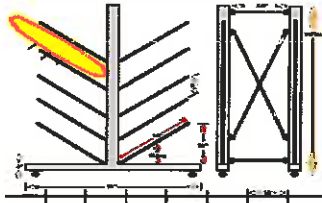
- **DA Holder** is a position for Military Serving Member; Reg F or Res F. I'm looking for a replacement that will be responsible to do Distribution Account Verification every two years. For more details, please contact me.
- **Kayak Capt/Kayak Instructor** to train and administer the Kayak/SUP division. It's not rocket science but more of a commitment. If you are interested, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kayak Division 3 year Business Plan

In the following priority:

1. Extra storage for 8 to 10 Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP); **ON-GOING**
2. To add four SUP's;
3. To add two single Sea Kayak or maybe Canoe (TBC); and
4. Acquire a Kayak Trailer for 10 to 12 units.

The following proposal for a SUP storage is a mobile rack that can be moved in and out of the boat storage building. It will take minimum space and we will be able to move it around within the building also. I'm expecting an estimate soon and should be in place before next spring.



Radio Operator Course (Marine) 18 - 19 November, 08:00 – 16:00h

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). All mariners, including recreational

boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form “automatic” radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course.

This complete package with CD, and the new Digital Selective Calling, will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law!

Canadian Power Squadron Lazo is offering a two days course on Marine Radio known as ROC (M) at 19 Wg Comox Yacht Club. Two days versus 4 nights in town for only \$100.00 which includes the Marine Radio book with CD. After the completion of a written exam and practical, you will be issued a temporary Operator certification. Registration link:

<http://www.boatingcourses.ca/cities/Courtenay> Look under MARINE RADIO and select the dates of the course 18-19 Nov.

Roch Massicotte

MWO

Kayak Captain

kayak@19wcyc.com

MWO Roch Massicotte, retired Friday 3 November, one day before his 60th birthday. A retirement celebration was held on the 2nd of November. Roch was presented with various gifts and certificates, but the most notable was the *Wing Commanders Commendation* as seen below. Well done Roch, and all the very best in your retirement. I am sure you will now have more free time for the club.



Dinghy Division

The rebirth of the Dinghy division has been going great.

Over the summer months we qualified over 25 new members through the “Introduction to Sailing” program and practical checkouts.

All this was possible with some division members keeping boats in a serviceable state and a new Assistant Dinghy Captain/trainer.

Even the poor weather during REXPO didn't hamper interest to our division with another group signing up for “Introduction to Sailing” program on 23 Sept 2017.

Along with the Assistant Dinghy Captain, we are always looking forward to teaching other sailing techniques such as Man Over Board (MOB) drills throughout the year for those wishing to enhance their sailing knowledge.

Don Cooper
Sgt
Dinghy Captain
dinghy@19wcyc.com

Rear-Commodore



I have burgees for sale. Get them while their hot!!

\$40. for the large burgee, and

\$35. for the small burgee



If you wish to purchase a burgee, see me at the club TGIF, or send me an email

rear-commodore@19wcyc.com

Training Officer

Our current Training Coordinator, Flap, has indicated that he won't be able to serve in that capacity next year.

As prep work needs to begin very shortly for next years' courses, it's important that we have someone volunteer for this position.

Please contact the Vice-Commodore, Dave Jones (Dave.Jones@forces.gc.ca) if you would like further information on what the position entails, or if you are interested in submitting your name.

Club Points Representative

DIFFERENT REWARDS FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

We have a great Club at 19WCYC and much of that is due to the endless amount of effort put in by our many Members that volunteer. However, the rewards that we currently give back assist mainly our keelboat owners who wish to obtain moorage at the Quadra docks. It is a good system, and works to the benefit of the Club and those interested Members.

However, what about you?

What might interest you to come out and assist the Club?

We have an outstanding location with our clubhouse and permits/regulations that can allow a wider range of social activities at the Clubhouse and nearby.

My understanding of regulations is that we are not allowed to "give away".

However, if we can get suggestions from our Members that are outside the box perhaps we can be creative.

Would hosting morning coffee at the Clubhouse, with or without youngsters be of interest if it allowed some sort of reward or credit towards using a SUP or receiving instruction, be of interest?

How about morning coffee at the Clubhouse? Again, we should be able to make it work and make it of interest to Members that don't need a Beer call in their lives and even those that do.

We have very good facilities at the Club, now including large screen Wi-Fi and soon a large awning over the patio. How can we put them to use?

I have belonged to the Club off and on since 1984 and perhaps it is just me that is getting old and slow, but I believe we need change to stay alive and vibrant.

Your suggestions to the Club Executive would be much appreciated and who knows, there might be some rewards in it that would interest you. Thanks

Denny Thomas
Club Points Representative

True Hero's

The crew of 19 WCYC s/v Wild Side, who aided in saving the life of a man at sea. They are L to R: Gary Crossan (Instructor); Russ Vida (Student); and Melanie Pelletier (Student).



While under sail doing training on Wildside between Goose Spit and Sandy Island. The sailboat Norahs Ark with solo skipper Keith approached us and came along side to say hello. After a short chat we parted ways.

Shortly thereafter, my student (Russ) yelled "man over board".

Keith had fallen off the port beam of the boat and was in the water being dragged holding onto a broken lifeline/station. Norahs Ark was under power with the autopilot on and making about 3 knots.

We called out to Keith that we were on are way. We quickly furled the foresail, doused the main, and started the engine. We made are way over, came along side and put Melanie (my second student) aboard to put the engine in neutral. Russ threw a life ring as Keith had no life jacket on.

We tied off the two boats and Melanie, Russ and I got a hold of Keith and tried to guide him up our ladder but the ladder broke off and sank. We got Keith's ladder from his boat and deployed it on Wildside. At this time we deployed the Life Sling and got that around Keith. By this time Keith was so cold he could not assist and became dead weight. We put the Life Sling line over the boom and tied it off. The boom was raised high enough to just get Keith stable on the surface then all three of us hauled him in manually (with great difficulty).

Russ went aboard Norahs Ark to bring it back to the marina while Melanie and I brought Keith back on Wildside.

It all seemed to happen very fast, but Keith was in the water for approximately 20 minutes. This was a total team effort with ideas, plans and solutions coming fast and furious. I can't stress enough how calm, cool, and professional the entire crew acted to bring this to a positive outcome.

Gary Crossan
Instructor – Basic Cruising Course 2017

The Loss of a great friend and Honorary member



Donald Allen Logan
September 1941 - August 14, 2017

The passing of our valued Honorary member Don Logan struck deep within the members of our 19WCYC. Don has been an extraordinary member and we all will cherish very special memories of him and for what he has done for the club. He was an extraordinary person and a friend to many.

It was great to see so many members at Don's Celebration of Life and to hear the many stories told by friends and family members in attendance.

Donald Allen Logan, (Don) age 74 of Courtenay BC, passed away peacefully at home as a result of a long battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis, Monday, August 14, 2017. He is the last surviving member of his immediate

family.

Don's passion for life included being very active in many sports.

His particular loves were flying, sailing, and skiing. It is through those activities he has made the most friends and has taught many others of his love for those sports. Don was a life member of the Courtenay Air Park, and an Honorary member of 19 Wing Comox Yacht Club. Don is survived by, and will be sadly missed by companion Karen Smit, children Bernadine (Doug) Leonard, Tracey (Nick) Antoft, Mark (Sandra) Logan, and Michele (Charles) Pichay-Hall.

Don Logan receives Volunteer Appreciation Coin for service to yacht club

Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart. If you were to look up the meaning of a volunteer, you may see, "to choose to act in recognition of a need, with an attitude of social responsibility and without concern for monetary profit, going beyond one's basic obligations".

Donald Allen Logan, or Don as we all know him, does more than that. He joined the 19 Wing Comox Yacht Club (19WCYC) in 2004 as a retired CAF member. Don retired in 1995 as an MWO AESOP with 30 years of dedicated and loyal service.

There is not one area or position in the club that Don has not assisted. Bartending, assistant bar manager, training new bartenders, membership officer, assistant membership officer, assistant keelboat captain, sail instructor, to name a few. He was a key organizer for the annual general

meetings. He quickly put together a phone committee to ensure we had a quorum every year. You name it, Don has done it.

Don completed the Basic Cruising Course in 2005, then immediately became a keelboat instructor for course the following year, and before long was organizing the course, interviewing the students, cleaning the boats and getting the maintenance done so they were ready for the training. He was always well praised by the students who had him as an instructor.

One year, when we still had the rental boat Alicia Girl, Don organized a group of volunteers to haul the boat out of the water and put it beside the club house. He then organized various groups of volunteers to clean the boat inside and out, redo the cushions and paint it. She was a beauty when they were done. It has been said that actions speak



Kevin Elmore, Manager of Fitness, Sports and Recreation (left), and Maj Mark Fugulin, Commodore 19 Wing Comox Yacht Club (right), present Don Logan with a Volunteer Appreciation Coin for his many years of service to the 19 Wing Comox Yacht Club.

louder than words; Don saw the need and took action.

Don is larger than life and if he sees a job that needs to be done, he is the first one to step up and get it done.

Don is active in every facet of the 19 Wing Comox

Yacht Club and he received the Commodore's Commendation for his outstanding work with the club.

Due to health reasons, Don has had to step away from most of his volunteer duties.

The membership of 19WCYC expressed their deep appreciation to Don for sharing his skills, talents and so much of his time by presenting him with the Volunteer Appreciation Coin.

Events

Monthly Pot Luck Schedule

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| November 24 | Last Name Initial Dish - (dish starts with surname initial) |
| December 1 | Christmas tree set up |
| December 15 | Appetizer evening - (finger food) |
| 2018 | |
| January 26 | Robbie Burns Night - (Everything Scottish) |
| February 23 | Cuban Casino - (Everything Spanish) |
| March 30 | Memory Lane - (Bring a childhood favourite) |
| April 27 | To be Announced |
| May 25 | Open House |
| June 29 | Margarita Ville BBQ |

Past Events

The Open House and Club Invitational held in May were very successful thanks to club members who volunteered their time, enthusiasm and welcoming hospitality!

Estimated attendance at the Friday Invitational was 125, of which 55-65 were guests from other clubs. The food was excellent, and well prepared by our BBQ chefs. The salads and desserts

made by 19 Wing Foods Catering, were excellent. The volunteer kitchen crew were exceptional in their organization, delivery and attitude!

The parking was puzzling to some guests; suggest larger signs for next year and parking attendants.

The late Don Logan was presented with the Volunteer Appreciation Coin; and Phyllis Edwards-Planedin was presented with the Commodores Commendation.



The Open House was well attended as well, with 150-175 people; many more young children and teenagers this year than the previous two years.

Our Commodore was recruited as Chief BBQ Chef on-the-spot, Sunday morning, and happily provided excellent service all day.

Our new Keelboat Captain immediately got his feet wet before the ink on his membership form was dry...crewing all day on one of the club boats taking families for rides!

The boat taxi skipper did a great job of ferrying people (and lunches) to dockside, exceptionally low tide in the early afternoon caused the boat taxi to cease operations and made the steep ramp difficult for a few passengers to traverse. Scheduling and dockside crew did an excellent job, and skippers and crews also provided well-skilled, excellent services, set up, clean up and tear-down volunteers were very efficient.

We ended the day with 10 renewed members from past years; 1 new membership and more kayak members, and a few of our visiting club's members showed a keen interest as well.

Phyllis Edwards-Planedin

2017 May Events Co-ordinator

Useful Information

Thanks to Ed Goski for providing the following information:

There is a new Online BC sport fishing Guide. Much better than the old one. There are several websites listed:

Category(s):

RECREATIONAL - General Information,

RECREATIONAL - Shellfish,

RECREATIONAL - Salmon,

RECREATIONAL - Fin Fish (Other than Salmon)

Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Subject: FN0417-RECREATIONAL - General Information - Changes to the Online BC Sport Fish Guide

DFO Pacific Region has launched a new version of the online BC Sport Fishing Guide with a new look and improvements to data display.

What has changed on the website? What hasn't?

We have changed the layout of the BC Sport Fishing Guide site and its navigation to help simplify your search for information. Updates to sport fishing regulations and management measures are now being dynamically generated via a new regulations database which brings more current and accurate information to the website.

What hasn't changed is that all the sport fishing regulations, management measures and other sport fishing information are still available on the site, but you will access them differently than before.

The navigation on the site has changed. How do I find tidal water openings/closures and daily limits for the species I'm interested in?

Locate the place name or Tidal Area you're interested in on the site's homepage at:
<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/index-eng.html>

Select a species tab to find opening and closure information, daily limits, gear information, management measures and Area closures.

To identify Subareas and additional information, select the map tab.

Maps of restricted zones within the tidal area are available via the Area Restrictions tab

Why is DFO making these changes?

The Department is modernizing the way we communicate with the large and diverse recreational fishing sector in order to improve the delivery of regulatory information in support of sustainable fisheries. We are now using a fishing regulations database to update the BC Sport Fishing Guide website, automating processes that were done manually for years.

How else can I access BC Tidal waters sport fishing regulations and information?

In addition to refreshing the website, we have partnered with the Sport Fishing Institute of BC and the Pacific Salmon Foundation to develop a mobile application for recreational fishing, Fishing BC, which is powered by the same DFO data that feeds the BC Sport Fishing Guide website. The Sport Fishing Institute's Fishing BC application is currently available for IOS devices, and can be downloaded from iTunes at:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fishingbc/id1202047514?ls=1&mt=8>

Please note that the BC Sport Fishing Guide site has the same address as before:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/index-eng.html>, or <http://bcSPORTfishingguide.ca>

Sailing Excursions

Those of us who have spent a few years underway, know that sailing is not just about wind in the sails and speed over the ground, it is also about quiet anchorages on a summer evening.

Here are some shots to view later in the year, perhaps when there is snow on the decks and remember why we sail.

Photos from s/v Night Moves (Terry Small and crew, Dennis Thomas) this summer at Roscoe after sunset, the Copelands at evening and Mt. Washington from Henry Bay:



Of Interest

Looking for something to do this winter. Check these out.



The Cape Lazo Power and Sail Squadron are offering the following courses which might be of interest to some of our members.

Courses are held in Courtenay or Comox.

Boating 3 - Introduction to Marine Navigation

November 7 to December 12, 2017

Six Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 9:15 pm.

This course is a continuation of the Boating 2 course. You will learn navigational skills such as plotting and labelling a course, and will become more familiar with using paper charts. Other topics include Skipper's Responsibilities, Electrical Hazards, Environmental Responsibilities and more.

It is **highly recommended** that students take **Boating 2: Beyond the Basics** first.

Course fee: \$150, or (\$125 for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons)

Radar for Pleasure Craft Operators

18 and 25 November 2017

Two Saturdays from 9 am to 4 pm

Course fee: \$125 or (\$100 for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron)

Advanced Courses

Boating 4: Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 1 (formerly Seamanship)

January 9 to April 10, 2018

Every Tuesday evening from 7 pm to 9:30 pm

Do you know what to do if a boat on fire calls for your help? Can you deal with emergencies on your boat? You will learn about relative bearings, knots and splicing, medical emergencies, coping with adverse weather and much more.

Please register by December 18, 2017. Early registration ensures that course material is available by the course start date.

Course fee: \$205 or (\$180 for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons)

Boating 5: Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 2 (formerly Advanced Piloting)

January 16 to March 27, 2018

Every Tuesday evening from 7 pm to 9:30 pm

You will learn to incorporate tidal and wind conditions as well as currents when planning a cruise. By learning more about dead reckoning and running fixes you will attain a high degree of proficiency in navigating through coastal waters.

Please register by January 9, 2018. Early registration ensures that course material is available by the course start date.

Course fee: \$185 or (\$160 for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons)

VHF Radio courses

Saturday, January 20, 2018 - one day course from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - one day course from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 21, 2018 - one day course from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Course fee: \$125 or (\$100 for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons)

Boating 1: Boating Basics courses

Saturday, January 13, 2018 - one day course from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 10, 2018 - one day course from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Course fee: \$110 or (\$85 for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron)

Boating 2: Beyond the Basics

January 16 to February 27, 2018

Seven Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 9:15 pm in the Library at Mark Isfeld Secondary School

This course is highly recommended for new boaters, boaters who have moved to this area, or boaters who would like to learn more about navigation and boat safety.

The course introduces students to: chart reading and conning, weather, ropes and lines and knots, anchoring, electronic charting and more.

Course fee: \$150 or (\$125 for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron)

Boating 3: Introduction to Marine Navigation

March 6 to April 10, 2018

Six Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 9:15 pm in Library at Mark Isfeld Secondary School (except week of spring break)

This course is a continuation of the Boating 2 course. You will learn navigational skills such as plotting and labelling a course and will become more familiar with using paper charts. Other topics include: skipper's responsibilities, electrical hazards, environmental responsibilities, and more. It is highly recommended that students take Boating 2: Beyond the Basics course first.

Course fee: \$150 or (\$125 for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron)

For further enquiries, please contact **Barb Hammer**, Squadron Educational Officer, at **bmhammer@telus.net** or **250-339-2333**.

Note from the Editor

First of all I need to apologize for the tardiness of the Newsletter. Normally the Newsletter goes out quarterly. The time got away from me.

I would personally like to thank the membership of 19WCYC for the lovely card and flowers and all the emails of condolences I received after the passing of my Mom July 3rd. It truly meant a lot and was very comforting.