



The Crow's Nest

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2017 Executive Committee

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Vacant	Asst Keelboat Captain
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Commodore's Log

On behalf of the members at 19WCYC, I would like to take a moment to welcome the new Commodore, Major Marc Fugulin. He is quite busy and settling into his position of Commodore, plus learning about sailing and boats. I will be sure to have an article from him for the next edition of The Crow's Nest.

Vice-Commodore



I was posted to 407 Squadron in 1998 and took the basic cruising course in 2002. I became involved with the executive shortly after that holding the treasurer and secretary positions until I had to leave for Borden in 2004.

Returning to the club in 2006 as the treasurer once again until posted to Ottawa in 2009. I accepted the position of treasurer once again last year and then was elected to the position of Vice Commodore during this last AGM. I also taught on the basic cruising course last year and again on this year's course. Both Theresa and I enjoy sailing the club boats with friends and family.

Dave Jones
Vice-Commodore

Treasurer



Theresa was posted to 414 Squadron Comox early in 1998 until the squadron closed in 2002 and then she was posted across the hangar to 407 Squadron. After completing her French course in Ottawa in 2011 followed by a 3 year posting to Borden, she returned to Comox and is currently employed at 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron. Theresa enjoys sailing with her family and is passionate about giving back to the military community by volunteering and has held an executive position on the wood hobby club committee before volunteering to be the Yacht Club's treasurer. Welcome to 19WCYC Theresa and thank you for volunteering to hold the position of Treasurer.

Theresa Vlaar
Treasurer

Keelboat Division



Above is the before and after pictures of the ignition panel on Peter Duck that John Bonell, Jay Harker and Derrick Mondry worked on.

Regular checks have been carried out on all of the boats, some minor damage has occurred with the storms over the winter break.

Maintenance days continue with the group of volunteer boat captains, all of whom will stay on after my hand over this month. They are an invaluable resource and have completed many jobs on the boats which require technical expertise. They are as follows:

Against the Wind

Capt: Dirk Van Tongeren 250 338 5336 advant@shaw.ca

Wildside

Capt: Jim Ritzel 250 703 9538 dawnjimritz@hotmail.com,
Gary Woodroffe bcgwoody77@live.ca

Peter Duck

Capt: John Bonell 250.898.7265 jbonell27@gmail.com, and
Jay Harker 250-792-1956 jayharker68@gmail.com

Ongoing (and getting complex) is the issue of hauling out the club boats. With no word on the use of our club grid we are forced to book in with the town of Comox, which presents some logistical challenges. I have already been receiving rental bookings for the club boats for the upcoming season.

Against the Wind: Sails are installed, spare anchor and chain replaced and fixed. The Yamaha 9.9 engine needs to go in for servicing, radar reflector needs replacing, mast wiring to be fixed or replaced, rigging tuned, pin for table, and a curtain rod is needed.

Wildside: Animal damage repaired as much as possible, new muffler installed, sail repaired and installed, oil and filter changed. The following work still needs to be done: Paint deck and teak, door for anchor hatch, heater area converted to storage/remove heater, bracket for fire extinguisher, and hatch under floor might be leaking?

Peter Duck: Raw water engine cooling problem repaired, chaffing protection on lines installed, and main cockpit control panel replaced. The following work still needs to be done: plastic dodger replaced, the top hatch is leaking, replace anchor and chain, heater pipes are loose, replace the port side sliding glass panel,

Helen Neilson
Keelboat Captain

Kayak Division



FROM YOUR FAVORITE KAYAK CAPTAIN

Spring is in the air, kayak training season is approaching fast.

The first Basic Sea Kayak Training is scheduled to start Wednesday 3 May 2017. For \$30.00, it is the greatest deal you will ever have in the Valley.

We currently have over 52 members on the waiting list. Once the weather starts collaborating with reduced wind and a little more sun, I will send an email to all members on the waiting list using email addresses provided. First come first serve. Space is limited to 8 - 10 depending if I get a helper in the pool.

The pool portion will normally be on Wednesday evening 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the 19 Wing Fitness and Community Centre, in the pool. Part two on Friday afternoon, 4:00pm – 6:30 pm at our clubhouse at HMCS Quadra.

Due to the high number of members on the waiting list, the course will only be offered to candidates that have a current paid up 2017-2018 membership.

It has been my experience over the past 9 years of offering the kayak training for the club, that members that wait for a nice kayaking weekend to get on the course, strong chance she or he will

be very disappointed. In other words, don't wait for the nice weather to arrive to get on with it ☺ it's only a suggestion...

Kayak Division 3 year Business Plan

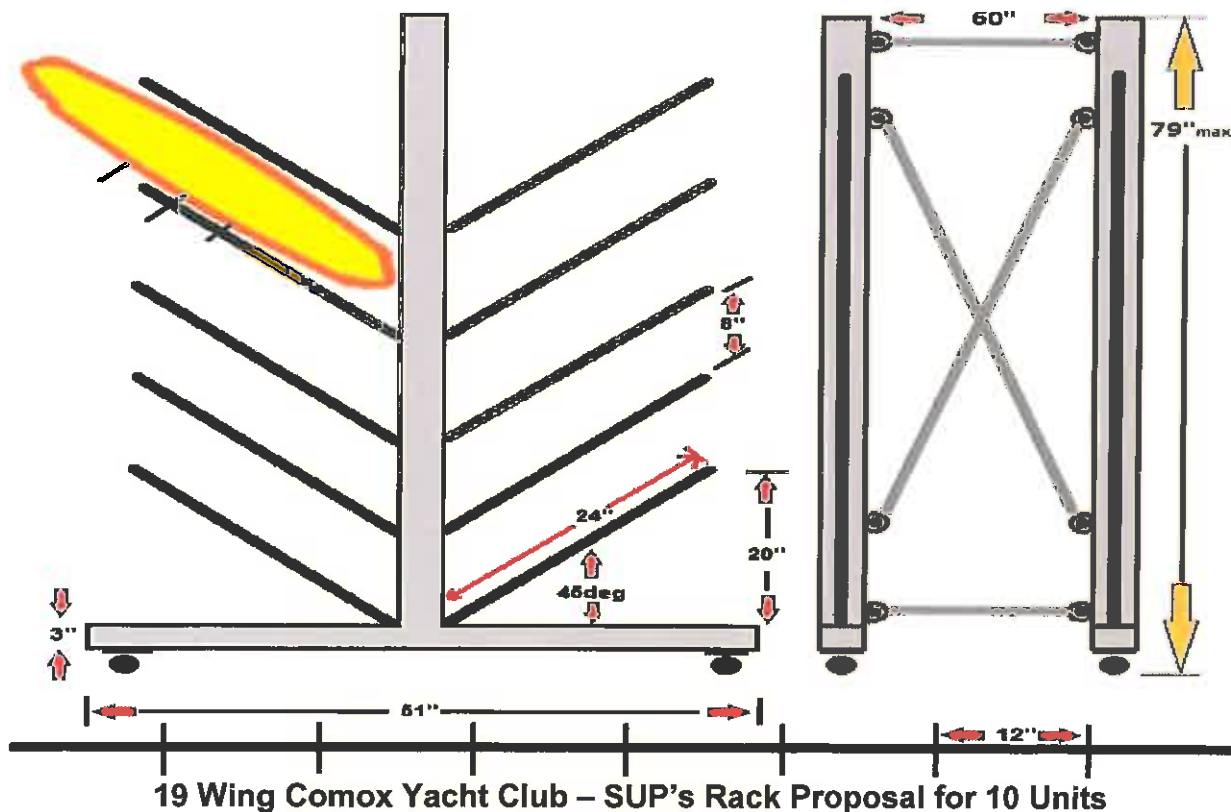
In the following priority:

1. Extra storage for 8 to 10 Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUP's);
2. To add four SUP's;
3. To add two single Sea Kayaks or maybe Canoes (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.

As for the additional Kayak or Canoe, we haven't decided yet. We need to do a safety assessment and a survey to the membership. The suggestion for a canoe was to give the opportunity for families with young children. Some of my concerns are what would happen if a canoe flips in the ocean, it is not easy to get back in. There is not much time before a person in the ocean becomes incapacitated due to the cold water; approximately 12 minutes. We will probably have some limitation for where they can be used and it might be subject to weather conditions. If you have any suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to let us know.

TGIF at the clubhouse is always a good place to start a conversation about anything;).



PLEASURE CRAFT SAFETY CHECKS

Not sure what safety gear you need on your boat? RCM-SAR offers free safety checks for small craft operators. One of our members will be happy to visit your boat at the dock and provide a courtesy check. He'll make sure you have the safety equipment you need to comply with various safety regulations and stay safe in the environment where you'll be boating. It's **free**, it's **quick**, and it's **confidential**. And it **could save a life**.

Contact your local RCM-SAR station to make an appointment yvonnelviolet@hotmai.com or contact your very own Kayak Captain kayak@19wcyc.com who is a member of the RCM-SAR 60 Comox and **qualified** to do the **Pleasure Craft Safety Checks**. If you would like to have your boat checked, give him a call or send an email.

***See the last page of the newsletter for a sample of the check list.

Roch Massicotte
MWO
Kayak Captain
kayak@19wcyc.com

Dinghy Division

We have been busy trying to get the dinghy's ready for the sailing season. The following work has been done on the dinghy's:

- Dinghy #134
- bottom and inside of hull has been cleaned
 - Turned over and prepped for full rigging at a later date
 - Aaron Williams has volunteered to assist with the initial Rigging for ensuring all parts are available.
- Dinghy #133
- Bottom was cleaned
 - Minor hull damage was sanded and prepped for repair
 - Awaiting outside temperature to be adequate for epoxy repair

Don Cooper
Sgt
Dinghy Captain
dinghy@19wcyc.com

Membership Officer

Currently we are 267 members this new Fiscal Year. We have 21 members who are presently enrolled in the Cruising course.

I would like to remind all members who have delivered their membership application to my mailbox or the clubhouse; that their receipt and membership cards can be picked up at the clubhouse.

Foreshore

Not a lot to report for this Newsletter as I am just learning the ropes of Foreshore. We are actively working at solving the Grid issues.

A reminder to all members with vessels at HMCS Quadra to give me a copy of their Insurance Renewal each time they come due.

Serge Harvey
Foreshore
foreshore@19wcyc.com

Rear-Commodore



Needing some volunteer points? We have some events coming up and we are looking for volunteers. Contact **Phyllis Planedin** 250-897-2154.

Club Invitational – the Annual Club Invitational is being held at the Clubhouse on Friday **26 May (4-8pm)**. This is where we invite members from local sailing clubs and local boating organizations, over to our clubhouse for a BBQ and a fun evening of story-telling and boat talk. This event is always well attended and a good time is had by all.

To make this event such a success, we depend on volunteers. A huge thank you to Phyllis Planedin for offering to take this on again this year. Phyllis will be looking for volunteers to assist her with this event. Give her a call if you are interested in helping out.

Club Open House (10 am – 4 pm) – Bring the family and have some fun!!

The Annual Club Open House/Family Day is Sunday 28 May. We invite the members and their families of 19 Wing Comox to our Clubhouse for a free BBQ and to see what we have to offer. They have the opportunity to go for rides on the sailboats, kayaks, dinghies and paddle boards.

This event is usually well attended, and we will be looking for a team of volunteers to make it a huge success. There will be lists posted on the bulletin board where we will need people to volunteer. Come down to the clubhouse to the Friday TGIF and put your name down. It's an easy way to get some of those most coveted volunteer points needed for the fall.

NOTE: Canadian Power Squadron (CPS) will be on-site for those members wanting to challenge the following exams:

- **Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate (PCOC), cost is \$35.00 each.**
- **Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) (ROC(M)), cost is \$35.00 each**

Note: for the ROC(M) you must contact Roch Massicotte (kayak@19wcyc.com), first so he can give you the study material prior to 28 May.

The **New Year** potlucks was kicked off with the annual celebratory tribute to the life, works and spirit of the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns (1759-1796), also known as Rabbin Burns. The full ritual of the night involves whisky, haggis and poetry readings. Those who partake are all dressed in their Scottish garb, or not, and the evening kicks off with the piping in of the haggis.

A good time was had by all in attendance. A special thank you goes out to Marion and Dave Hooper for organizing such a fun night. It is always so interesting listening to Dave speak of Scottish myths, folklore and legends or the background of various Scottish family names. The slideshow of pictures from Scotland was beautiful.



The **February Chili Cook Off** was a huge success. Congratulations go out to all the winners and a big thank you to everyone who either made chili or brought a dish for the pot luck. It was scrumptious. Taking first place was the team of Ed and Mary Goski and Hans and Jocelyne Schael.

A big thank you to Marion and Tony Brett who organized the event.

The **March Toga party** was well attended and Bill and Ellie Clarke won for best togas. There was good food and a good time was had by all. Big thank you to Ray and Kathy Fountain.



PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

BC Ferries Spring and Summer 2017 Operations

April 10, 2017

BC Ferries, in partnership with Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety, wishes to advise commercial and pleasure craft operators that the upcoming spring and summer ferry sailing schedules will increase marine traffic over many BC Ferries routes along the British Columbia coast.

BC Ferries would like to bring particular attention to the fact that sailing dates, times and routes may change with little or no notice due to operational requirements or sudden and significant changes due to operational incidents, weather and traffic demand.

Mariners transiting waters in the immediate area of BC Ferries terminals shall use caution and ensure that they do not impede ferries approaching or departing berths pursuant to the Canadian Shipping Act, Collision Regulations and the ordinary practice of good seamanship. Additionally, mariners should exercise caution and be aware of increased BC Ferries spring and summer traffic in the area of Active Pass.

Information regarding BC Ferry sailings can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.bcferrries.com/>
<http://www.bcferrries.com/schedules/>

BC Ferry vessels standby on VHF marine radio channel 16 (calling channel) and the appropriate VHF vessel traffic channel for their area; these channels are: *Victoria VHF 11; Victoria Traffic for Vancouver Harbour and Howe Sound, VHF 12; and Victoria Traffic for the former Comox Area of Responsibility, VHF 71.*

Marine Communications & Traffic Service – Western
Regional Office – 250-363-8904
mcts@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Note from the Editor

A sure sign of spring is when you hear the hustle and bustle on the docks of people cleaning their boats, dragging everything back down to put on their boats and talking about their summer plans and boating excursions.

Hope everyone has an amazing summer, stay safe and make lots of great memories with family and friends.

Take lots of pictures and if you think of it, send me a small article for the fall newsletter.

Royal Canadian Search and Rescue 60 Comox

Owner's Name:		
Address:		
City:		
Prov:	Postal Code:	
E-Mail Address:		Telephone:
Vessel Name:		Re-examination: <input type="checkbox"/>
Licence <input type="checkbox"/> or Registration <input type="checkbox"/> - No.:		
Year Built:	Length: m / ft / in	No. Persons on Board:
Home Port:		
Type		
Packboard/Watercraze	Sail Boat	
Canoe/Mayan Rowboat/Poking One!	PWC	
Powerboat (Inboard)	Powerboat (Outboard)	
Activity		
Passive	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting & Sport Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Body of Water		
Ceasial Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/> Lakes
Compulsory Safety Equipment		
Personal Life-saving Appliances		
Lifejacket or PFD in appropriate size for all on board <input type="checkbox"/>		
Reboarding device (if freeboard > 0.5m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
a) Buoyant heaving line not less than 15m (50') <input type="checkbox"/>		
b) Lifebuoy with 15m (50') buoyant line <input type="checkbox"/>		
c) Lifebuoy with line + self-lighting light <input type="checkbox"/>		
6-9m → 1 or 2 / 9-12m → 2 and 2 / 12-24m → 3 and 3 or 4		
Visual Signals		
Wateright flashlight OR 3 pyrotechnic distress flares (vessels < 6m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Wateright flashlight AND 3 pyrotechnic distress flares (vessels 6-9 m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Wateright flashlight AND 12 pyrotechnic distress flares (vessels > 9m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Vessel Safety Equipment		
Manual proceeding device OR anchor with 15m (50') rope, cable or chain (vessels < 9m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Anchor with 30m (98') (Recommended 61m / 200') rope, cable or chain (vessels 9-12m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Anchor with 50m (164') (Recommended 61m / 200') rope, cable or chain (vessels > 12m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Bater OR manual pump with sufficient hose to discharge overboard (vessels < 6m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Manual pump or bilge pumping arrangements (vessels 9-12m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Bilge pumping arrangements (vessels > 12m) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Navigation Equipment		
a) Sound-signaling device or b) appliance <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation Lights		
< 12m: a or b / > 12m: b only		
Fire Fighting Equipment		
Fire Extinguishers: / No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ase	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Buckets of at least 10L (vessels > 12m)

Compulsory Equipment Where Applicable		
Batteries - ensure warned protected		
Natural ventilation for engine and fuel tank areas		
Exhaust fan	Magnetic Compass	
Flame arrestor	Radar reflector	
Heat shielding	Marine charts & publications	
Capacity gauge (vessel > 6m)	Prepare - safe installation	
Optional Equipment		
Cell Phone	CBC	
Radar	MMSI	
Li-ion 2	VHF Radio	
GPS	Depth Sounder	
Tool box and essential spares	First aid kit	
Vapor detector	Gas	Prepare
Safety Awareness		
Pre-departure checklist	Fuel tank cut-off	
Sail Plan	Hull ID #	
PFDs	Ignition Protection	
Alarms	Safety Compliance Notice	
Cold Water	Seepage Regulations	
Proof of Competency		
PCOC Card	Navigation Course	
Proof of Course	Radio Operator Certificate	
Professional Marine Certificate	Personal Boat Safety Checklist	
This program is being delivered by the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. A complete inspection means only that the equipment was on board at the time of the check. The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary does not warrant the condition of the vessel or any of the equipment on board. Responsibility for compliance with all regulations and for the safety of the vessel and all related equipment lies solely with the owner and operator of the vessel.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/> Decal Issued		
Examiner's Name:		
Examiner's No.:		
Signature:		
Comments:		
Owner / Operator		
I confirm that this boat is used solely as a pleasure craft. I authorize this safety check with the understanding that there is no legal obligation or liability whatsoever on my part or that of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.		
Date:		
Signature:		



Come join the members of 19 Wing Comox Yacht Club for our Annual Open House/Family Day

Come on out and see what our sailing club has to offer



There will be rides in the Sailboats, or take a Kayak out for a ride, or try a sail on one of the dinghy's, or try one of the Paddleboards ... the fun never ends. Enjoy a free BBQ and beverage while you wait.



NOTE: Canadian Power Squadron (CPS) will be on-site for those members wanting to challenge the exam for VHF Marine Radio (ROC-M) or Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate (PCOC)

When: 28 May 2017

Time: 1000 – 1600

Where: 19WCYC Clubhouse at HMCS Quadra

Who: All 19 Wing personnel and their dependants
Bring the family and have some fun!!!