

Schooner Cove Yacht Club
Spring General Meeting – April 22, 2021
Directors' Reports

Past Commodore – Bob Delaney

The nominating committee has been formed and is progressing its work with regards to identifying a slate of candidates for the 2022 executive. It is a significant challenge in that we already have three vacant positions on the 2021 executive. In addition, only 9 members indicated in the recent survey a willingness to consider serving on the executive over the next two years with the majority of those already on the current executive.

We sought a renewal of the existing moorage agreement with Fairwinds and were provided with some revisions to the agreement which has now been signed and is effective April 1, 2021. There were some favorable changes (removal of 70 boat limit, removal of the Afterdeck restrictions on use, and no clause on marketing materials approvals). The moorage discount was also continued and continues to require members to pay in advance by cheque or direct debit with a minimum of 40 members being needed for this benefit to continue. There are also reduced moorage costs by 50% for the Afterdeck. However, they noted that in 2019 they had provided 78 visitors with reciprocal access which has taken extensive manpower and administrative costs. Consequently, they see a need to change how reciprocals are managed. The agreement provides for three potential options:

1. The Club manages all reciprocals (phone calls, booking slips, member slip vacancies, vetting insurance, etc) up to a 150' if members slips are available
2. We pay prorated moorage charge for slips that will be seasonally dedicated to reciprocals and pay an administrative fee of 10\$ for each boat visit
3. We may forgo the option of having dockage available for reciprocals

After considerable review, we are electing to proceed with option 2. To minimize our costs, only one 50 ft slip will be available for reciprocals (two non-consecutive nights per year) and this will only be offered on a seasonal basis (late May to early September). The anticipated cost of this to the club will be approximately 2500\$ per year. Based on the survey result, our members access reciprocals about 140 times a year making the net cost to the club < 20\$ a visit which is much less than the average cost to use a cruising station. The process of updating our website and notifying our sister reciprocal clubs is underway.

Vice Commodore – Peter Milne

1. Membership Campaign

Recognizing the importance of restoring SCYC membership to maintain the vibrancy of the Club, a Membership Campaign Committee consisting of Scott Brown, Bob Delaney, Linda Watson and Peter Milne has been organized. The committee has met several times (via Zoom) to develop several initiatives to attract new members (see Membership Campaign Summary) with the valuable input from several club members who shared their views and ideas with the Committee.

2. SCYC COVID-19 Response Plan

The updated SCYC Covid-19 Response Plan is available on the club's website. It will be reviewed and updated as necessary following new COVID regulations issued by BC's Public Health Officer from time to time.

3. 2021 Yearbooks & Membership Stickers

The 2021 SCYC Yearbooks are available for pick up by members. (In normal times, Yearbooks are distributed at the Spring General Meeting, but for obvious reasons that does not work this year). If you have not yet received your Yearbook, it is available for pick up at the Afterdeck. Membership stickers are with your Yearbook.

4. Membership Numbers

As of October 31, 2020 the Club membership stood at:

Regular	92
Social	16
Honourary Life	<u>9</u>
Total	117

New memberships since October 31: One

Total memberships at April 22, 2021: 118

5. New Memberships

At its March 2, 2021 meeting, the Executive approved Guy Gauvin and Val Gunn's application for SCYC Membership.

Rear Commodore – Doug Herchmer

Cruising Stations

All cruising stations are currently open for transient moorage, with the exception of Salt Spring Marina. However, members are requested to follow Public Health Orders related to COVID 19 when visiting any of these marinas.

Renewal agreements have been sent off to our 6 existing stations and to date LMS, Gorge Harbour and Salt Spring Marinas have signed and returned them with John Henry's, Otter Bay and Genoa Bay yet to return signed agreements for 2021. At the request of a Regular Club Member, letters of inquiry were sent out to Brentwood Bay and Mill Bay Marinas to determine whether these marinas would be interested in becoming SCYC cruising stations however there has been no response from either marina to date.

The approved budget for 2021 has been set at \$ 12,800 and combined with the existing balance of approximately \$ 2300, should provide adequate funding to allow for moderate cruising station usage, similar to previous years.

Moorage rates are expected to remain the same as last year though with a few changes: LMS will no longer be offering the second night at a discounted rate and it is expected there may be an increase at John Henry's.

Members are reminded that moorage is not guaranteed at any cruising station and that they must call well ahead and make reservations if they are planning to stay at any of the marinas especially during July, August and long weekends in the summer.

Mooring Buoys

After much discussion, debate and research, the issue of whether to retain or remove the club mooring buoys at Ballenas Island and Brickyard Bay has come to a head. It appears that the possibility of obtaining a new marine insurance policy has not materialized as was anticipated in the New Year. This leaves the club's assets vulnerable and exposed to third party liability in the event of an incident and subsequent lawsuit.

Coupled with the annual servicing and maintenance costs of approximately \$2700 and the lack of marine liability insurance coverage, the Executive Committee has approved the removal of all 5 mooring buoys from their present locations and they will be disposed of accordingly.

West Ballenas Island

The fundraising campaign by the BC Parks Foundation to purchase W. Ballenas Island was successful last fall thanks to the generosity of the many contributors and volunteers including SCYC club members.

The island is in the process of being turned over to BC Parks and eventually it will become another marine park, albeit in our local backyard. SCYC will maintain an open dialogue with BC Parks over the months and years ahead. As BC Parks develops the island, SCYC will liaise with and consider the possibility of serving as volunteer park host.

Council of BC Yacht Clubs/Marine Parks Forever Society

The Council of BC Yacht Clubs and its affiliated society, BC Marine Parks Forever Society (MPFS), remains active on many fronts relative to boating and cruising on the BC coast.

The MPFS donated \$100,000 towards the purchase of S. Octopus Island, which the Provincial Government purchased at a cost of \$ 1.5 million. They also contributed \$50,000 towards the purchase of 3 private lots in Princess Louisa Inlet and donated another \$50,000 towards the purchase of W. Ballenas Island in the fall of 2020.

There were plans to add more stern-ties in 2020 but the stern-tie program, which has placed over 185 pins in Desolation Sound and nearby marine parks, has stalled as BC Parks awaits approval from local First Nations in the area. There are also plans to add a highly visible HDPE yellow square to make the pins more visible and the MPFS is waiting for approval from BC Parks to install these squares.

The CBCYC continues to be involved in issues related to abandoned and derelict vessels, private and/or unauthorized mooring buoys in popular anchorages, water use licence and aquaculture lease applications, and the North Vancouver Island Marine Plan Advisory Committee (represented by Peter Stockdill, former and long-time SCYC member who was recently appointed Honorary Life Member of the Council).

Both the CBCYC and MPFS have recently redone and updated their respective websites to make them more relevant and club members are encouraged to check these out.

Staff Captain - Vacant
(report by Doug Herchmer)

In the absence of a Staff Captain for 2021 due to the resignation of the previous designate, a Spring Cruise is presently being organized and planned for Princess Louisa Inlet June 10-19 by the myself and Joanne McIlveen. A detailed itinerary has been prepared and will be posted in an upcoming Scylline.

Fleet Captain – Peter Milne (Acting)

1. BC Sailing Covid-19 Regulations

The most recent BC Sailing rules issued March 17, 2021 in response to the PHO's regulations that govern sailing activities are:

- Regattas are not permitted
- Racing/Training events:
 - maximum 10 boats if all are single handing
 - maximum 5 boats if double handing
 - double handing crew must be from the same personal bubble
 - crew must be 22 years or older

2. SCYC PHRF Racing Series

In the face of BC Sailing's COVID-19 regulations, which govern sailboat racing activities, all club racing activities have been suspended until further notice.

3. SCYC Rally Series

The club initiated a Rally Series in the fall of 2020. This is a new sailing activity which is not a race, but involves completing as many legs of a prescribed course within a defined period of time. There was considerable interest in participating and two rallies took place in the fall with a large number of boats participating in each. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 rules changed in late November, which prohibited further rallies from being held. Once the COVID-19 regulations are relaxed, further rallies will be organized.

3. BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race June 5

Under the current BC Sailing COVID-19 rules, Regattas are not permitted. Given the uncertainty regarding when the rules may be relaxed, the 2021 BMW Lasqueti Island Regatta has been cancelled.

However, in its place, a BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race has been proposed for June 5. On March 28 an **Intent to Race** was posted on the website and issued to past regatta participants, Island fleet captains and commodores indicating that if allowed, SCYC will endeavor to hold either a full race around Lasqueti Island or shortened race depending on Covid-19 regulations at the time. There will be no Friday evening BBQ, Saturday skippers' meeting or Awards Ceremony Sunday morning.

BMW has indicated that it is keen to be our presenting sponsor again and has offered \$750 for prizes and possibly some BMW swag.

To date six boats have expressed an interest in participating. Final decisions regarding whether there will be a race and if so, the nature of the race will be made May 13.

The Race Chairman this year is John Collins.

4. Impact of BC Sailing Rules on SCYC Events

The following SCYC boating activities are at issue:

- Bay Race April 11
- Spring Rally Series commencing April 18
- Wednesday Night Racing beginning April 28
- Sail Past May 2
- BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race June 5

5. Status of Other Island Regattas

- Southern Straits – cancelled
- Patos Island – postponed until May 8
- Thetis Island – cancelled
- Round Saltspring – on hold
- Swiftsure – cancelled
- SIN – cancelled

6. Vancouver Island Racing Council

VIRC is a new organization that is coordinating keel boat races and dingy racing on the island as well as becoming the coordinating body for VIRS (eg rules, dates scoring etc.)

The Fleet Captain has participated in two VIRC Meetings (via Zoom). Alex Fox, the founder of VIRS, implored yacht clubs to try and organize some form of racing and regattas over the spring and summer months to the extent that the COVID rules allow. VIRC will be approaching BC Sailing to try to arrange more realistic rules for sailboat racing.

It is also noteworthy that the Royal Victoria Yacht Club will be switching from PHRF-NW to PHRF-BC protocols for establishing individual sailboat ratings. It is the only club left on the Island that is a member of PHRF-NW.

7. Training

A series of four virtual racing seminars was organized by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club covering race committee functions and racing rules. Four SCYC members participated.

Pam Straka organized a racing seminar and on the water exercises that were to be held this spring in conjunction with the Nanaimo Yacht Club and UK Sails. Unfortunately, COVID-19 regulations prevented the seminar from taking place and it has been postponed until spring 2022.

Treasurer – Peter Howells

Provincial health regulations relative to the Covid 19 pandemic have continued to have a major impact on Club activities and, therefore on our results.

The financial budget, which was approved by the membership at the 2020 AGM, projected expenditures to exceed revenues by \$9,900 after including contingency expenses of \$1,500 for unforeseen costs as a result of Covid compliance. These figures assumed that both the Fleet and Lasqueti regattas would be held and that our social events would be restored during the year. As we now know with a greater degree of certainty, these events will be held but on modified formats.

Revenues to March 31, 2021 totaled \$36,270 which exceeded expectations by just over \$2,000 as advertising sales in our yearbook and membership dues both beat projections. In addition, we had a pleasant surprise of an insurance refund of \$665 relative to Covid impact. Regrettably, membership growth continues to be sluggish but it is hoped that our newly formulated campaign will have a positive impact.

Expenses of approximately \$10,400 to the end of March were in line with the budget. However, the bulk of our expenses are typically incurred later in the year. Therefore, nearly \$52,500 remained to be expensed in comparison to budget. One event that did go ahead was the Covid Caper that essentially replaced the Commodore's Ball and was therefore expensed in this category in the results. This was a great opportunity to have a fun event that was totally Covid compliant and each participant received a valuable swag bag of goodies. Other events have been held via zoom at negligible cost.

Our savings account and GIC's totaled over \$197,000 as at March 31, 2021.

A fresh 2021 forecast has recently been prepared based on actual results to March 31 and revised projections for the remainder of the year. Hopefully our racing/rally program will be restored before too long, albeit on a modified basis. Similarly, social events will continue to be held on a zoom friendly basis, but we are hopeful that it will be possible to hold an event in the new Landings facility before the end of the year. An amount of \$2500 has also been added to expenditures relative to our revised arrangements for visiting boats from reciprocal yacht clubs. In order to support our membership drive and to increase recognition of members' volunteer efforts some \$1700 has been added to expenses. As a result of these factors, we are now forecasting that expenses will exceed revenues by approximately \$6,800. The mooring balls costs of \$3,600 (maintenance and insurance) are included in this number.

In conclusion, the financial results for the first half of 2021 are in line with budget. Going forward, we are hopeful that normality will be resumed by the end of the year. A significant amount of work has been done by your Executive to ensure that we have a strong understanding and close control over our financial position. It should be recognized that because of our accumulated savings, the Club is in excellent financial condition. This excellent position has allowed our Club to maintain programs through these past few years of reducing membership. Going forward the Club's executive envisions that the fund (through careful management) can be used to sustain key programs for the benefit of members who have contributed to the fund, until such time as membership growth provides additional operating revenue sufficient to offset shortfalls.

2021 Revenue/Expenditure

			March 31, 2021		
		BUDGET	To Date	Difference	Forecast
REVENUE	Membership dues	29,000	29,600.00	-600.00	29,875.00
	Lasqueti Regatta	13,000	0.00	13,000.00	
	Fleet Regatta	1,000	0.00	1,000.00	
	Regalia/burgees	200	0.00	200.00	200.00
	Yearbook Ads	4,000	4,960.00	-960.00	5,170.00
	Commodores Ball	750	1,020.00	-270.00	1,020.00
	Social Events	5,000	0.00	5,000.00	
	Insurance Refund	0	665.00	-665.00	665.00
	Racing Clinic	0	25.00	-25.00	25.00
	TOTAL	52,950	36,270.00	16,680.00	36,955.00
EXPENDITURE	Lasqueti Regatta	13,000	0.00	13,000.00	
	Fleet Regatta	3,000	0.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
	Regalia/Burgees	100	0.00	100.00	100.00
	YearBook	4,000	3,413.45	586.55	4,000.00
	Commodores Ball	2,750	2,966.70	-216.70	2,966.70
	Social	7,500	65.00	7,435.00	1,500.00
	Communications	1,800	876.02	923.98	1,800.00
	Cruising Events	1,000	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Racing	2,000	33.60	1,966.40	1,000.00
	Administration	1,400	855.70	544.30	2,110.00
	Insurance	5,200	751.00	4,449.00	4,100.00
	Cruising Stations	12,800	906.50	11,893.50	12,800.00
	Buoy maintenance	2,500	0.00	2,500.00	3,600.00
	Afterdeck	2,700	0.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
	Donations/Affiliations	1,000	436.00	564.00	1,000.00
	Recognition	500	35.81	464.19	1,500.00
	Bank fees	100	33.08	66.92	100.00
	Contingency	1,500	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
	Reciprocals				2,500.00
	TOTAL	62,850	10,372.86	52,477.14	43,776.70
	Profit/Loss	-9,900			-6,821.70
Other Revenue	Savings and GIC interest.		1,628		
	Member Initiation		1,000		

	Fees				
Investments	Savings account and GIC's		197,325		

Communications Director – Linda Watson

There have been many improvements to Communications and in particular the website since the last SGM report. The continuous attention to keeping information current on the Scyline News page has worked to direct many members to use the website and after a few login issues for some we are happy to report we have a high percentage of our members set up and using the website to receive information. It is an ongoing goal to have members use the website for current news about the club's events, but direct emailing will still continue.

The decision to terminate our contract with Constant Contact and move strictly to the website's Acymailer format proved to be challenging, at first, with a bit of a learning curve but with perseverance this format has simplified the Communication Director's role by keeping all information, media files, automatic capability to link material, and user information in one place, our website. The look of the Scyline is slightly different but it has received positive feedback from members. It is challenging when talking about the Scyline (the one emailed to members at least once a month) and the Scyline News which is on the website. Communications strives to keep the one on the website up to date with the same information as the one emailed. In some cases, the information is on the website long before the email Scyline is sent.

This year the Yearbook got a new Editor, Janette Brown, so this was a transition year with Kathy Swangard as Assistant Editor. Claudia Hand joined the team as Yearbook Advertising Coordinator with advertising revenues keeping the Yearbook cost-free to members, with a small profit. Dick Duffley was the Reciprocal Coordinator who supplied the reciprocal listings for the Yearbook and the website. Thanks go to this core team and also to the members who supplied photographs and the executive committee for their contributions.

We also have a new person volunteering on the team. Guy Gauvin, a new member to SCYC, has been working to learn all the various aspects of communications.

Kathy Swangard and Claudia Hand have been busy through Scyline and the website, connecting with racers and members of other clubs regarding the Lasqueti Lite Race scheduled for June 5, which will replace the full Lasqueti Island Regatta for 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The future goal for the website is to have the photo galleries full of photos from the present and the past activities of the club. The photos are all archived in our DropBox and are presently being sorted and worked on. The intention is to keep three years of photos from Cruising, Racing, Regatta, and Social on the website with the rest remaining in DropBox. Obviously, the years 2020/2021 will not be the most photographed year but we invite all members to submit photos that record our SCYC moments.

It has been a difficult time as we adjust to how to communicate with members and provide social events that comply with all the restrictions but it has also been a time where it has never been clearer, we have a core group of people in our club who have stepped up and helped which is greatly appreciated.

**Social Director – Vacant
(report by Linda Watson)**

The fact that we do not have a Social Director has been very challenging for the Executive Committee to coordinate events. We have wonderful people in our membership that have stepped forward to organize some events. We were able to have a virtual Commodore's Ball (Covid Caper) because of some of these people. Many thanks go out to Jo and Don Graham, Chriss and Brian Steane, Linda and Bill Hamilton, Janette Brown, and Jim Dutton for coordinating the M.E.M.A videos and those who brought forth their inner thespian to make the entertaining videos.

We owe a very special thanks to Joanne Caple for setting up all our Zoom meetings but especially for her creative contributions by video recording and editing our special events.

Covid-19 restrictions have definitely put a damper on SCYC's active Social Calendar, but our members have still stepped forward to put on some fun virtual events which include Sue and Dave Williams talk, "What's Cooking ...On Your Boat?" , YachtZees Luncheons, Circumnavigating Vancouver Island talk by the Loughheads, and Marine Parks Forever Society's George Creek presentation. Thanks go out to Janette Brown, Emily Little, Scot Brady, Ron Davis, Linda Hamilton, Mary Laudien, Jo Graham and Doug Herchmer. Let it be acknowledged we have a wonderful group of people who are volunteering their time and energy to keep our club running.

We are still in a situation where having a key person coordinating our Social Events is crucial as we move forward and hopefully out of Covid restrictions. Please consider putting your name forward for the 2021 – 2022 Executive Committee.

Director at Large – Ron Davis

Afterdeck

In December after a heavy rainfall a nearby resident reported that the Afterdeck had accumulated 4 to 6 inches of water on the roof and had developed a dangerous list. I checked it the next day and 2 inches remained on the SE corner of the roof. The drain is about one quarter of the length of the roof away from the SE end so with any list the last quarter will never drain. Lyle Montgomery checked the floatation and found all floatation capsules intact, no otter damage and very little growth. The cause of the list is not clear, it may have existed for a long time or it may have been made worse when the Afterdeck was moved and reconnected to the dock. The roof could be kept drier by installing a new drain in the SE corner and that is being investigated. Further work or improvements await conclusion of Fairwinds Marina construction.

Speakers

Sue and David Williams' Zoom presentation on January 21, entitled *An Adventure on the High Seas and the Journey Within*, had 23 registrants, which with partners was an audience of about 40. The presentation was well received.

On March 18 Garth and Merrien Loughhead presented *Around Vancouver Island*. This was a very successful Zoom presentation based on their four circumnavigations of the island. There were 53 registrants which meant an audience over 70. Thank you Garth and Merrien.

A third presentation by George Creek, President of the BC Marine Parks Forever, is scheduled for April 8. This will also be a virtual Zoom presentation.