

# **REPORTS OF THE FLAG OFFICERS AND GENERAL OFFICERS**

## **SCYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

**COMMODORE – Scott Brown**  
(see separate document)

**VICE-COMMODORE – Peter Milne**

### **MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

At the 2021 Spring General Meeting a multi-faceted membership campaign was announced. The campaign included:

**COVID-19 Credit** - To recognize the negative impact of COVID-19 on club activities, particularly social activities, an optional credit of \$50 against 2022 dues was offered. Thirty-nine members exercised this option.

**Initiation Fee Reduction** - In April 2021 at the Spring General Meeting, the Initiation Fee was reduced from \$1,000 to \$500 to help attract new members. While it is difficult to know exactly how many new members joined in response to the fee reduction, it can be said with some confidence that it was an important consideration for many of the 19 new members recruited.

**Incentive Program Rewarding Members for Recruiting a New Member** - Members that are instrumental in attracting a new member to the club are rewarded with a bottle of good wine (or a club burgee). This program has been quite successful and well received.

**Update the Club's Website and Revise/Distribute the SCYC Club Brochure** - A new membership application form is available on the website and the SCYC Club Brochure has been updated and distributed to marinas, chandleries and real estate offices.

**Volunteer Recognition** - A motion will be submitted for approval at the 2021 AGM to add to the Club's Rules and Regulations a program that recognizes members that contribute to the betterment of the club in a significant manner.

**New Member Gathering** - In July, a picnic was held at Newcastle Island to welcome new members to the club. The event was well attended by both new members and sponsoring members. Despite the heat, it was a successful event.

## THE RESULTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Since the implementation of the Membership Campaign in the spring of 2021, 19 new memberships have been recruited. The impact on the club's membership is as follows:

<b>SCYC Membership 2019/20 vs 2020/21</b>			
	<u>Nov 1/20</u>	<u>Nov 1/21</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regular	91	95	+4
Social	16	20	+4
Honourary Life	9	9	---
Total (**)	116	124	+8
Temp Withdrawal	12	8	- 4
		<u>Impact on Total</u>	
New Members	19	+19	
Withdraw from Regular	7	-7	
Retired from Social	4	<u>-4</u>	
<b>Net Change to Total Membership</b>		<b>+8</b>	

The net change in the Club's total membership compared to last year is +8. This marks the first time in a decade that the club has enjoyed a positive increase in its membership.

A special thanks to Bruce Robertson for his support and assistance in identifying and attracting new members.

## CHANGES TO BYLAWS, AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Amendments to SCYC Bylaws

One amendment to the club's By-Laws, will be presented as Special Resolution to the club membership for approval at the November 23 AGM. A summary of the amendments is as follows:

**Membership** - Amend section 2.2 to expand the catchment area from which SCYC draws its members to be within a 35 nm radius of Schooner Cove. Members who live outside the catchment area but moor their boats at Beachcomer Marina (in addition to Fairwinds Marina) may also be members.

**Nominating Committee** - Amend section 8.1.2 to add to the Vice Commodore's duties membership on the Nominating Committee and to amend section 9.2 revising the makeup of the Nominating Committee to be at least three members including the Vice Commodore and a Past Commodore. The Committee will chose one of its members to serve as the Committee Chair.

**Housekeeping Matters** - Amend section 5.1 to eliminate the requirement that the Spring General Meeting must be held in March and the Annual General Meeting must be in November.

### **Amendments to SCYC Rules and Regulations**

One amendment to the club's Rules and Regulations, will be presented as an ordinary resolution to the club membership for approval at the November 23 AGM. A summary of the amendments is as follows:

**Recognition Program** - Add Section 2.3 to implement a program that recognizes members that contribute to the betterment of the club in a significant manner.

### **Housekeeping Matters**

- Amend section 7.1.2 to rename the Environmental Committee to be the Safety and Environmental Committee

- Revise section 7.1.4 to be consistent with current practices by replacing the Reciprocal Committee with a Reciprocal Coordinator and amending the duties accordingly.

- Revise section 7.1.5 to eliminate the term requirement of the Yearbook Committee and to establish a reporting relationship through the Communication Director.

### **PAST COMMODORE – Bob Delaney**

The Nominating Committee has contacted a majority of the membership since the Spring General meeting to develop a slate of candidates for the 2022 executive. We are grateful for those that have agreed to have their names put forward but one position still remains vacant.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to proceed with the Sail Past for 2021. The desire was to do something that had a social function associated with it which proved to be not workable given COVID restrictions, etc.

Numerous changes have occurred at Fairwinds Marina with the new office, additional walkway, revised security gates, etc. We are expecting to meet with Fairwinds in early December (after the restaurant is open) to discuss how we might work together on the slate of activities we have planned over the next 6-7 months.

The revised reciprocal arrangement with Fairwinds was implemented this summer. Usage was down about 25% from previous years with about 60 visits by sister club's vessels. We will continue to work to ensure we have an arrangement that meets our reciprocal obligations at a reasonable cost.

### **REAR COMMODORE – Doug Herchmer**

#### **Cruising Stations**

Cruising station usage was just over \$ 12,400 this past season with about 165 visits (avg \$ 75 /visit) by 52 club members which is down considerably from last year (219). This is primarily due to the continued restrictions on non-essential travel due to COVID 19 through much of 2021, the absence of both a spring and summer cruise and in part, the revised club policy of basing annual overnight stays on the length of a member's boat.

With advances from the 2020 season, we were right on target with spending our budget allocation of \$12,800 and there are sufficient funds remaining at 5 of the cruising stations to cover expenditures until contract renewals in April 2022.

An issue arose at John Henry's Resort and Marina in mid-August when it was discovered (because of delayed billing to SCYC), we were significantly overspent (\$1,200) and had to advise members not to charge further moorage to our account at this cruising station. By this time, we had already advanced the majority of the cruising budget to the remaining 5 cruising stations so were forced to suspend cruising privilege's to this popular cruising station. Following discussions with JH, they have indicated that they do not want to renew our cruising agreement next year as it has become too difficult and onerous for them to keep track of our member visits on a regular basis.

As JH remains a favorite cruising destination for club members, we have amended the payment method. Members will still be allowed to use this cruising station as in previous years but will have to reserve and pay up front for their moorage and to submit receipts to the club for re-imbursement up to a cut-off date (likely mid October).

For our cruise program to remain effective, it's very important that members ensure all appropriate data (member number and name, boat length and name and dates of use are correctly recorded when using a cruising station. This helps ensure compliance with the revised guidelines of 2 nights per month at each location, with an annual limit of overnight stays based on the overall length of boat as outlined in the Yearbook and on the club website.

### **Mooring**

The club mooring buoys at Ballenas and Brickyard Bay were removed earlier this year as we were unable to renew the liability insurance policy and combined with the cost of regular maintenance, it was costing close to \$4,000 annually. This was unfortunate as many club members used these buoys on a regular basis especially in the summer and on weekend day trips.

### **External Associations**

The Council of BC Yacht Clubs and its' associated organization, BC Marine Parks Forever Society (BCMPFS), continues to represent yacht clubs and recreational boaters across BC on many issues and concerns relative to boating and sailing on the BC Coast. Although the popular stern-tie program of the MPFS did not get off the ground this year with BC Parks for a variety of reasons, high visibility markers were added to 140 of the existing anchors to make them more easily seen from the water.

BCMPFS approved a donation of \$ 200,000 towards the purchase of Saturina Island (off Gabriola Is. near Silva Bay), however this funding was not required as the BC Parks Foundation (and the CHIP 5 Foundation) stepped in and completed the purchase. The new BC Parks Marine Recreation Action Plan for the BC Coast was released in May and though the MPFS has no objections to what the plan proposes, it is concerned about the promised \$100,000 to be contributed by the BC Licence Plate Fund.

Peter Stockdill continues to review new and existing Water Use Licence Applications up and down the coast as they relate to boating, especially how they might impact anchoring, water and foreshore rights, marine park expansion proposals and environmental issues concerning aquaculture operations. One significant project that is currently underway is called "The Connected Coast Project" which is being undertaken by BC Crown Lands. This is a massive project involving the planning and installation of fibre optic submarine cables for approximately 82 locations on the Sunshine Coast, and the East and West Coast of Vancouver Island. Initial concerns involve the laying of cables in recognized anchorages and landing locations without proper warning signs. This project is just beginning and completion is not expected until 2023.

Finally, the proposed Federal luxury tax that is supposed to kick in on January 1, 2022 has been clarified and it will only apply to the purchase of new boats. This is a new tax of 20 % on the value of a new boat over a threshold of \$ 250,000 or 10 % of the full value of the boat, whichever is the lesser.

### **STAFF CAPTAIN – Doug Herchmer (acting)**

New club members were welcomed on Newcastle Island on June 26 and by all accounts it was a great success. There were about 25 participants who joined in with participation from our Executive, about 6 new members, several sponsors and some long standing volunteers pitching in. Holding the event at Newcastle Island proved to be a big hit as we found a nice private picnic spot with shade from a large oak tree. The club tent was erected, flags hoisted, picnic tables covered in delicious apples and very capable bartenders keeping everyone refreshed with cool drinks. Half of the group came by boat and half came by ferry. What a terrific afternoon to have our first club social in almost 18 months! Thanks to all the Executive members, especially Peter and Anne Milne, and club volunteers who contributed to this fun event.

Due to the fact that the proposed Spring Cruise to Princess Louisa Inlet was cancelled as a result of COVID 19 and PHO travel restrictions at the time, a club rendezvous was organized and held at Telegraph Harbour Marina the weekend of August 27-30. It was a beautiful, fun-filled, busy and sunny event with 21 boats participating over the course of the weekend including several Social and new members. Activities included a 'Meet and Greet' on Friday night, coffee and muffins on both Saturday and Sunday mornings, a fish and gear talk, various games on the lawn, a pub dinner at Thetis Island Marina, a blind dingy race. The weekend event was culminated with a club sponsored BBQ in the Marina Pavillion with close to 50 members in attendance. A huge 'shout out' and thanks to all those club members who stepped forward to help organize and/or host the various activities to make this rendezvous a resounding success and a memorable event.

### **FLEET CAPTAIN – Peter Milne (acting)**

#### **1. BC Sailing Covid-19 Regulations**

The most recent BC Sailing rules issued July 1, 2021 in response to Step Three of BC's four step restart program lifted all COVID-19 restriction governing sailing activities, races and regattas.

Prior to July, the following SCYC boating activities were cancelled in respect of COVID-19 regulations:

- Bay Race April 11
- Spring Rally Series

- Sail Past
- Full BMW Lasqueti Island Regatta, June 4-5

## **2. BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race June 5**

Under the BC Sailing COVID-19 rules in place at the time, full regattas were not permitted and the 2021 BMW Lasqueti Island Regatta was cancelled.

However, in its place a BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race around Sangster Island was held June 5 that was consistent with BC Sailings COVID regulations. There were no on-land activities such as the Friday evening BBQ, morning breakfasts, Saturday skippers' meeting or Awards Ceremony Sunday morning.

The Race was the first organized racing event on Vancouver Island in almost a year and was widely welcomed by racers. Twenty-five boats participated, including several that came as far away as Victoria and Comox. We also enjoyed a strong turn out of SCYC boats. BMW sponsored the prizes, UK Sails provided the division pennants and Collins Custom Contracting provided each boat with a commemorative plaque. No other yacht club was able to organize a regatta or race over the course of the summer.

A big thank you to John Collins, Race Chair, and his team who organized this event under very challenging conditions.

## **3. Wednesday Night Racing**

Once again Wally Clark organized another great season of Wednesday Night Racing despite COVID rules preventing any après racing activities at the Afterdeck. Up to 8-9 boats participated most nights. The only no show was the wind except for a few evenings.

## **4. Fleet Regatta**

SCYC's annual Fleet Regatta was held September 12. Pam Straka served as Regatta Chair setting a great course with Joe Skipsey acting as Principal Race Officer. Sandra Dutton oversaw the social activities. Fourteen club boats participated. We could not have hoped for better conditions; bright blue sky, warm and steady 10-12 kt winds.

A very successful social gathering consistent with COVID-19 rules took place at the Rocking Horse Pub after the race. Sixty or more members and non-members participated. There was an awards ceremony and prizes for all the participating boats.

## **5. SCYC PHRF Racing Series**

Given the small number of PHRF race boats available to participate in the 2021/22 Fall Colour and Winter Hot Rum Series, these events were cancelled.

## **6. SCYC Rally Series**

In place of its regular PHRF racing series, the club has initiated a Rally Series every second week throughout the fall and possibly the winter of 2022. 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 is considerable interest in this event. Eight plus boats have participated in each of the first three rallies so far this fall.

## **7. Training**

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

Pam May-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**

### **Fiscal 2012 Financial Results**

For the second successive year Provincial Health regulations relative to COVID-19 had a material impact on Club activities and, therefore, on our results.

The 2021 financial budget, based on a non-COVID environment, projected expenditures to exceed revenues by \$9,900 after including contingency expenses of \$1,500 for unforeseen costs. 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 it transpired, modified and diminished versions of our regattas and racing program were held, we replaced the Commodore's Ball with the COVID Caper and no major social events were possible, other than a post regatta hamburger dinner after the Fleet Regatta.

On a positive note, however, our new membership drive, which was announced at the Spring General Meeting, has been a tremendous success as 19 new members joined during the year. Partial stimulus for this was the reduction in our initiation fee from \$1,000 to \$500. At the end of the year our membership numbers rose for the first time in several years.

As a result, revenues for the year, while \$14,000 below budget, exceeded the forecast we presented at the Spring GM by nearly \$2,000 and we collected a total of \$9500 in new member initiation fees.



Expenses for the year totalled \$39,826 - \$23,000 below budget and nearly \$5,000 below the spring forecast when we were hopeful that things would open up more than they did in the second half of our year.

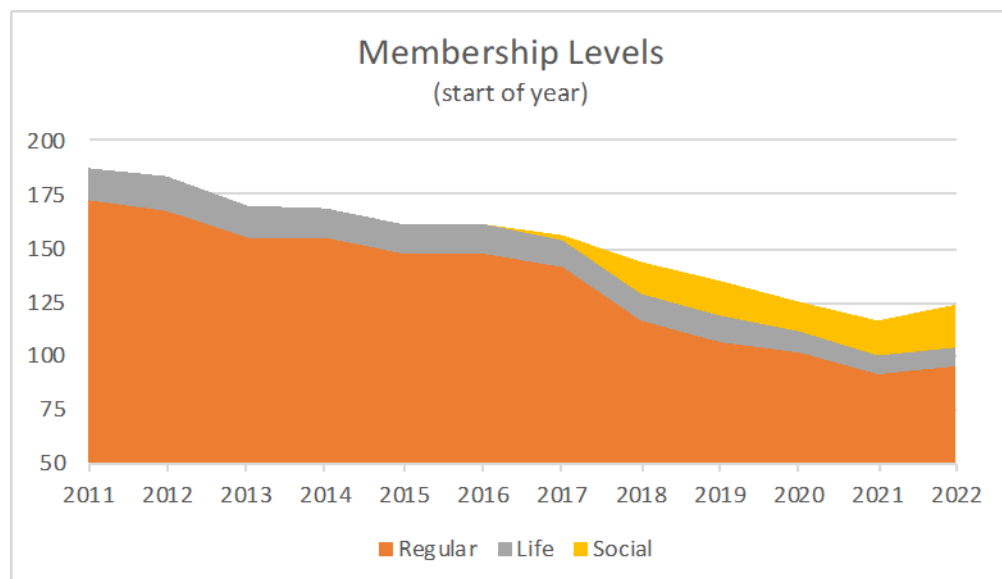
A loss of \$899 was incurred for the year – again well below budget and the Spring forecast.

Despite this loss, our investment funds increased during the year from \$194,700 to \$207,098. The boost came from \$9,500 in initiation fees plus \$2,900 in interest earned.

The Club is clearly in a very strong financial position and we have achieved amazing impetus in growing our membership base despite several of our members selling their boats during the year.

### **Membership Forecast Presented At The Spring GM**

Below is a slide, which was originally part of a larger presentation made at the Spring GM. This has now been updated to incorporate the actual 2021 results and the 2022 budget.



As you can see, the positive impact of our successful membership campaign is clearly evident as for the first time in a decade total membership numbers have increased.

### **Fiscal 2022 Budget**

Next year's budget has again been prepared on a non-COVID basis and against a background of already evidenced inflationary trends. Additionally, the budget contemplates the membership strategy (as was described at the SGM), of

retention of existing membership along with attracting potential new members. Our revenues include an assumption that a further 12 new members will join during the year, which we feel is achievable.

A total of \$29,600 has been collected for 2022 membership dues, net of the COVID credit.

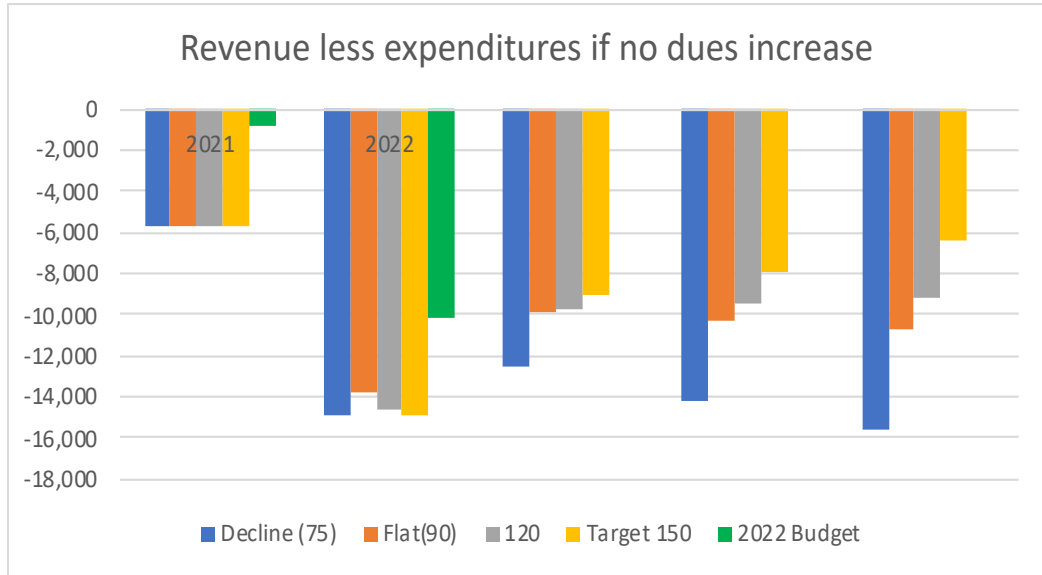
Although it is acknowledged that there is still a lot of uncertainty, we are hopeful that all our programs will be restored in 2021/22 to normal levels. Work is already underway to arrange a Commodore's Ball, albeit not in November as in the past, and we continue to work closely with Fairwinds to see what can be arranged with respect to our utilizing the new Seascapes Restaurant.

You will recall that the Executive Committee approved a COVID credit of \$50 to each member to compensate for the reduction of our programs in 2020. This amount could be claimed as a reduction in 2022 membership dues. 34% of our members took advantage of this program for a total of \$1900. To appropriately reflect this in the 2022 financial results, membership dues will be recorded as a gross figure and the total credit will be reported as an expense.

The budget projects a deficit of \$10,800 after absorption of the COVID credit, allowing \$1,000 for contingencies plus building in appropriate inflation allowances. Our cruising station program, for example, totalled \$12,800 last year and the budget has been set at \$14,000 that allows for a 10% inflationary impact that is reasonable given the rise in moorage fees seen this year. As a matter of interest, this program cost \$15,000 in 2020.

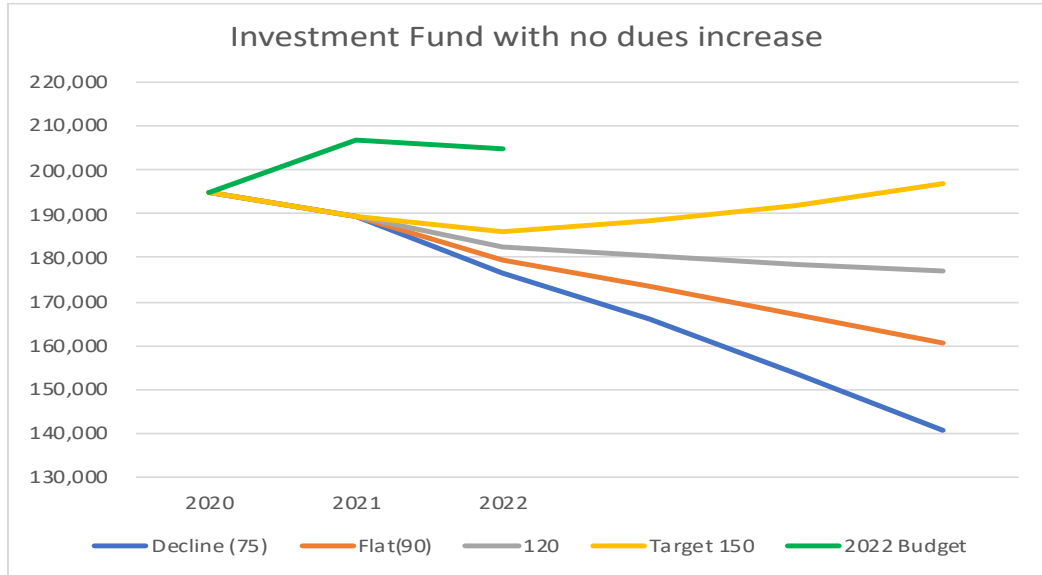
### **Financial Forecast Presented At The Spring GM**

Below is another slide that was originally presented at the Spring GM. This has also been updated to incorporate the actual 2021 and 2022 budget bottom line results, both represented by the green bar. The other bars represent four membership growth/decline scenarios for the years 2021 through to 2025.



As you can see, actual and budgeted numbers are both better than previously forecast, despite the fact that our budget contemplates resumption/continuation of all our programs and member benefits.

Finally, below is a third updated slide that details the impact on our Investment Fund under the four membership size scenarios.



As you can clearly see, this Fund is tracking well ahead of the most positive forecast (membership up to 150 in 5 years) despite the projected deficit in 2022 of \$10,800.

Also, after offsetting the balance of our chequing account at year-end (\$8,303) the Fund is expected to actually increase by over \$5,000.

## **B.C. Marine Parks Forever Society**

This year marked the first time that the Club has facilitated a fund raising campaign for this non-profit organization that advocates for and financially supports the creation, expansion and enhancement of BC Marine Parks, along with executing special projects for boaters such as the very popular stern-tie program. Members were encouraged to make donations when submitting their 2022 dues.

A total of \$1,815 was raised and a cheque has been presented by our Commodore. This was a remarkable achievement that we can be very proud of. All donors will receive a tax receipt in due course.

## 2021 AGM Treasurer's Report & 21/22 Budget

Category	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Gross Membership Dues	29000	31575	33300			
Lasqueti Regatta	13000	750	13000	13000	725	13000
Fleet Regatta	1000	0	0	3000	1223	2200
Regalia/Burgees	200	225	200	100	1134	200
Yearbook	4000	5477	5000	4000	4002	4300
Commodore's Ball	750	220	2150	2750	2967	7000
Social Events	5000	0	5000	7500	462	8000
Laundry	0	690	0			
COVID Refund				0	0	1900
Cruising Stations				12800	12799	14000
Cruising Events				1000	680	1500
Racing				2000	67	500
Administration				1400	2154	2000
Insurance				5200	4114	4500
Buoy Maintenance				2500	2100	0
Affiliation Fees				1000	436	600
Afterdeck				2700	2851	3100
Communications				1800	1801	1800
Recognition				500	310	750
New Member Costs				0	0	750
Reciprocal				0	1893	2200
Bank Fees				100	108	150
Contingency				1500	0	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>52950</b>	<b>38937</b>	<b>58650</b>	<b>62850</b>	<b>39826</b>	<b>69450</b>
Chequing Account Balance*		8303				
Revenue - Expenditures	-9900	-889	-10800			

\* Excludes \$29,600 in net membership fees received and \$1815 in charitable donations received. Actual balance \$39,718.

NON-OPERATING REVENUE		Actual 2021	Budget 2022
Savings Account Interest		9	
GIC Interest Reinvested		2894	2,500
Member Initiation Fees		9500	6,000
Savings Account + GIC's		207,098	212,500

## **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR – Linda Watson**

Communications and in particular the website have seen continued progress in refining pages and updating material. The attention to keeping information current on the “Scyline News” page has worked to direct many members to use the website and we are seeing a high percentage of use.

The Acymailer format is working well and Scyline newsletters are being published in a timely manner. Communications strives to keep the Scyline News posts on the website up to date with the same information as the one emailed monthly to all the membership. In some cases, the information is on the website long before the email Scyline is sent.

The Yearbook was issued and our new Editor, Janette Brown, did an excellent job along with Kathy Swangard as Assistant Editor and Claudia Hand taking care of advertising. Thanks go to this team who work so hard to publish a quality Yearbook. Thanks to the members who supplied photographs and the executive committee for their contributions. An addendum to include new members joining after the Yearbook publication was sent out.

The 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. Thanks to Guy Gauvin for helping with the website and photo gallery.

## **SOCIAL DIRECTOR – (vacant) Linda Watson**

The Social Director role remains vacant, and this has been very challenging for the Executive Committee. We have wonderful people in our membership that have stepped forward to organize some events. Thanks go out to all those who have helped coordinate or volunteered for the few social events we were able to have this past year. Thanks to Linda Hamilton and Ron Davis for organizing the Ladies and Gent’s Luncheons.

COVID-19 restrictions have put a damper on SCYC’s active Social Calendar, but our members have still stepped forward to put on some fun virtual events along with a Fleet Regatta. Thanks to Sandra Dutton for organizing the Fleet Regatta social at the Rocking Horse Pub.

We decided to postpone our Commodore's Ball this year and the Ladies Christmas Lunch because of the COVID restrictions in place at the time of deadlines to book venues.

We are still in a situation where we need a key person coordinating our Social Events and attending Executive Meetings.

### **DIRECTOR AT LARGE – Ron Davis**

**Men's Luncheons** - Only two luncheons could be held this year because of COVID-19. The September 22 and October 20 functions were both at the Rod and Gun.

**Afterdeck** - COVID-19 restrictions were in place during most of the year hence the Afterdeck saw little use. No routine maintenance was conducted pending discussions with Seacliffe.

The SCYC sign on the Afterdeck has been replaced at a cost of \$656. The fridge failed and was replaced with one that the club had in storage. The Afterdeck has developed a list which causes rainwater to accumulate on the roof exacerbating the list. The float has been inspected and shows no sign of deterioration or damage. A second roof drain is being added to minimize the accumulation.

Fairwinds decided they will not continue the children's life jacket program. SCYC has agreed to take it over. PFDs, located near the Afterdeck, are now available for all sizes of marina patrons and guests.

**Speakers Program** - Four virtual presentations were held:

Sue and Davis Williams-a trans-Atlantic crossing by novices;  
Garth and Merrien Loughhead-Around Vancouver Island based on their four circumnavigations;  
George Creek- BC Marine Parks Forever Society; and  
Emily Johnson-Marine Mammal Rescue Centre.

Two presentations have been organized for early next year:  
Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue and Boating Safety.