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WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE VERY BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR

December 2, 2023

DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec 3 Final Fall Rally Series
- Dec 3 Racer's Christmas Party - Rocking Horse Pub
- Dec 9 Nanoose Power Squadron Christmas Dinner
(Registration closed, reminder only)
- Dec 10 Official Boat Light-Up
- Dec 12 Ladies Lunch - hosted by Frances Hill
- Dec 12 Gent's Pub Lunch - Rod & Gun Pub

UP COMING EVENTS

- Jan 1 Sea Lion Cruise
- Jan 14 Winter Rally Series #1
- Jan 28 Winter Rally Series #2



COMMODORES'S COMMENTS

2024 Will be the 49th year of Schooner Cove Yacht Club and I am looking forward to the Club's activities for the year, from cruises to social events, races and rallies.

The AGM in November was well attended by 47 members, my thanks to everyone who turned up to this important event.

I wish to thank the retiring Executive members, Herb Wong, Doug Herchmer and Guy Gauvin for all of the work that they put in during last year, your contribution to the club is greatly appreciated by all club members.

Welcome to the new members of the Executive, Vice Commodore Bronwen Young, Treasurer Stephanie Hockin, Rear Commodore Peter Ladouceur, Director at Large Fred Horne and Fleet Captain Eric Young.

The Commodore's Ball is always a fun event. It was with pleasure that I awarded the Si Wood Memorial Trophy to Grace Norman & Helen Chapman for the work that they did for the club during the last year. Likewise, it was my pleasure to present the Neal Berger Award of Excellence trophy to John Collins for his contribution to the club's sailing programs. As always, the highlight of the evening was the award of the Most Embarrassing Moments (MEMA) trophy. After a fierce competition the award went to Ryan Laudien, thanks go to the crew of SPUD for the entertainment during this award.

The penultimate rally of the year was held the day after the Commodore's Ball. Seven boats and crews competed in cold temperatures and light winds, some of the crews looking the worse for wear from the previous night's celebration.

Jim Dutton

Commodore



SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The Commodore's Ball had 69 guests registered, including 6 guests from other yacht clubs. It was a grand success. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

The meal was fabulous. The Arbutus Room was decorated for Christmas by Fairwinds and the tables were adorned by the creative team of Andy Vallis and Marion Clark.

The Neal Berger award of excellence winner was John Collins
The Si Wood trophy was awarded to Grace Norman and Helen Chapman
The M.E.M.A award went to Ryan Laudien, who neglected to teach his iPhone to swim before committing it to the ocean!

At the time of writing this, we have not yet had the Racers Christmas Party Dec 3, so more about that next month.

Looking ahead to January 2024, we will have the Sea Lion Cruise New Year's Day, weather permitting. We've had a very generous invitation to go to the Dutton's home following the cruise. The Nanoose Bay Cafe and Fairwinds Clubhouse are both closed New Year's Day, so this is a very nice invite as we are feeling a bit "homeless" without the Afterdeck. We will serve hot soup/buns to warm everyone up, and some goodies to sweeten the sailors. Bring your fav drink and enjoy the company!

More details in a reminder in December.

Thank you all for a very enjoyable 2023! Lots of fun and laughs.....

Wishing all our members, their crew, family, and friends, a Merry Christmas and the best of everything in 2024.

Cheers
Grace Norman
Social Director



**RACER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
ROCKING HORSE PUB
DECEMBER 3
PLEASE ARRIVE BY 4:30**

There will be a menu on each table (limited) please order when ready, dinner will be at 5. Staff will ensure meals are served for the entire table at the same time.

Note that the menu prices are reduced by \$10, as the club is subsidizing this event. you are responsible for the automatic 18% grat., which will be added to your bill.

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift - about \$20

If you do not wish to participate, that is perfectly fine, but you won't get a gift!

If your boat wishes to enter the "Altered Christmas Carol" contest, please submit your lyrics to me at social@scyc.ca by Saturday December 2.

The fun will start after dinner. There will be prizes!



OFFICIAL BOAT LIGHT - UP

Dec 10, 4 - 9pm
Fairwinds Marina

Get your boats all decked out and lit up!

Judging will happen around 5 pm, with all those present doing the judging. There will be prizes at the Nanoose Bay Cafe following the judging. Come up and have a drink/appy and see who won!

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Hosted by Frances Hill

December 12, 2023 12:00 p.m.

2230 Fox Run Place

Nanoose Bay

**Please bring a festive appetizer to share
Dessert, tea/coffee, and wine will be provided.**

**Frances is asking everyone to bring their favourite
Christmas ornament and share the
history/story of it.**

**Please respond ASAP to help Frances plan for the early date of
the luncheon**

RSVP

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GENT'S PUB LUNCH



**Rod and Gun Pub
Parksville**

December 12, 12:00 p.m.

It is the season for giving therefore any donations for the food bank will be collected at the lunch.

NEWS FROM LADYSMITH MARITIME SOCIETY



**LADYSMITH
COMMUNITY
MARINA**

The Ladysmith Marine Society (LMS) has sent out a newsletter to all yacht clubs with some updates on the most recent developments regarding their lease. Please click on link to read the full report. <https://newsletter.lmsmarina.ca/tr/e-tijyhtjd-bjtbdkdk-m/>



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OCTOBER 1, 2023 to APRIL 1, 2024

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