



The Pennant

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Commodores Report

We will be trying to use the webpage to post news and club events, so the newsletter might be a bit thin this time. I have learned quite a bit about how to set up web pages over the winter - mostly how to copy (read pirate) someone else's pages and simply edit them for our own use. What do you expect from a sailor (pirate).

What I would like to propose to the club members is a task for us to capture many of the bays we like to stay at on digital pictures and to create the web-page photo gallery around a cruising guide theme. I have had lots of inquiries from people wanting to come and spend a cruise at Diefenbaker and I think it would be a good addition to the web site. If you email them to me, please identify the photos with the name of the bay in the title. If we update our cruising guide someday, the photos of the bays will be very useful.

Please check-out our classified section on the webpage...I've added a few items recently...keep the items coming. The events calendar is up-to-date, but we still need to pick a date for the AGM. Since we are hoping to use the clubhouse again this AGM, there have been some suggestions to have it earlier to get a chance at better weather and attendance since more boats will still be in.

I have recently had the pleasure to have a few short email exchanges with Lorne and Wendy Hamblin of Kamytoo. Many of you may remember them from the club, but I think they left just as I joined - so I never got to meet them. They are presently in Venezuela and are awaiting the arrival of another LDYC couple - the Skopyks - who are meeting them there. I took the opportunity to ask Wendy if she would like to do a small story for our newsletter. I'm very happy that she was interested...also allows me to put together a newsletter without having to write too much myself.

We have a new BBQ for the clubhouse. Many thanks to Frank for pursuing this one. It should help to not shake-up the dock BBQ's by hauling them back and forth.

Hope to see you at the no-boat April 8th at Mike and Rhonda's place in Saskatoon. ...That's about all for now...

Scott Turk
Commodore

Hope you enjoy the following story sent in by Wendy. She thought it might deter someone from going cruising, but I didn't think so - there's got to be a lot of good in between the moments like these. They are presently selling their boat "Kamytoo" - see our classified webpage for a link to their vessel ...ST



Living the Dream

Last Saturday night, Sept. 24th, about 12:50 A.M., while we are swinging at anchor in Porlamar, suddenly one of those wonderful rainy, lightning, squalls hit the anchorage. The whole boat lit up - we are sure that the lightning hit right above the Porlamar anchorage. So, when the squalls came, we had lots and lots of winds. Lorne was not feeling very well that day, but decided he had better go out and in all the winds and pouring rain and take the bridle off the anchor. In the middle of doing that - what happens - WE ARE SUDDENLY DRAGGING!! Lorne is trying to finish taking off the bridle, Wendy is putting on her clothes, and Lorne is shouting "start the engine - we are dragging"! Oh what fun! I started the engine, but could not see anything in front of me because of all the pouring rain. Lorne comes over to take control of the wheel, puts the engine into reverse so that we do not hit "Tenacity" a 35' Westsail that is behind us, and somehow, I guess our guardian angel is looking after us - our anchor grabs hold, after we have dragged past several boats (without hitting anyone), so for awhile we will just sit and see what happens. After about 1/2 an hour or so, it appears that the anchor has grabbed, we are no longer dragging, by now it is about 1:30 A.M., the winds and raining have calmed down. So we go to bed and try to sleep (RIGHT)! Next morning, we are lucky we are still at the spot we were when we grabbed, but we are too close to other boats so we re-anchor.

Next night - Sunday night, Sept. 25th at 1:45 A.M., suddenly our dinghy alarm goes off! Jesus, again I am caught without any clothes on, my heart is in my mouth, what is happening!?" "Is our dinghy still there", I holler to Lorne! We were rolling very badly at that time, the wire on the alarm system was very tight, the painter holding the dinghy to the boat is not, so the dinghy is swinging back and forth, broke the wire connectors that sets off the alarm. Lorne turned off the alarm, reattached the connectors, and again, tried to go back to sleep - RIGHT - in all the rocking and rolling!! My heart is still pounding from the fright that perhaps someone was trying to steal our dinghy and outboard!!

Here's the best one yet. It is Wednesday, Sept. 28th. Lorne and I purchased 2 pork roasts, enough for our friends Carl and Chris of formerly Sea Jays, (who now live in a high rise apartment in Porlamar, looking out over the anchorage), ourselves and our friends Brian and Dorothy of s/v Sea Marva to share at Carl and Chris's apartment. Brian and Dorothy, ourselves with Kamy, walk to Sea Jay's apartment from the anchorage. about 1:00 P.M. Big

plans, we are going to go to the pool, shower Kamy, get to visit and then have supper ready by 5:00 P.M. After supper we will probably play some sort of game We are having roasted tenderloin pork roast, roasted potatoes, carrots and broccoli. Dorothy made dessert - marinated pears in red wine with cream!! Lorne showers Kamy, the weather is super, so we are going to go for a swim in the pool. WAIT, WHAT'S THIS?? A huge black cloud in the sky and guess who left all the windows open in their boat because there wasn't a cloud to be seen, anywhere? With each passing minute the cloud gets bigger and bigger, and sky gets blacker and blacker - a "local system is coming in" says our trusted weatherman Carl. Carl now drives Lorne to Juan's Marina, Lorne dinghy's to Kamytoo, closes all the windows, takes the bridle off the anchor chain again, and makes sure that Kamytoo is pointing in the direction of the wind (the wind is shifting slowly to the west - why not). When it looks like we are sitting O.K., Carl drives Lorne back to his apartment, again. Lorne comes back, says everything looks O.K., but the weather is getting worse and worse. The winds pipe up - a lot of wind - from the west!! It is starting to pour so we can hardly see out of Carl and Chris' patio windows, which of course are closed now because the winds and rain are coming from the west, so it is raining into their patio and into the apartment. They close the patio doors and we watch. Listening to the VHF, what do we see and hear - "KAMYTOO IS DRAGGING, can't see a dinghy attached, don't know if anyone is on board"! JESUS GOD, what a horror to watch your boat dragging from the 19th floor. Off go Lorne, Brian and Carl, who drives all the guys to Juan's Marina again so that Lorne can dinghy again with Brian to our boat to save her. We have not hit anyone yet, and we are dragging closer and closer to the east and shallower water this time. No sooner do the guys get to Kamytoo (Lorne and Brian) and we hear on the VHF "SEA MARVA IS DRAGGING"! Dorothy, myself and Chris can see her dragging! Did Brian take the keys to Sea Marva with him so that he can start the engine and pull up anchor? NO!! They are back at Carl and Chris' apartment, in his pouch, on the floor, in the corner. Brian took the pouch off just shortly before all of this happened - after all, we were going to go swimming in their pool, weren't we!! The dinghy ride for Lorne and Brian back to Kamytoo was absolutely horrible, the swells were so big that they poured the salt water over them while they were enroute to our boat! Not having any rain gear on, both Lorne and Brian are now cold, cold. Brian called us from Kamytoo, could we find his pouch and get the keys. We look and look and finally find the pouch. We called Carl, who was supposed to be still at Marina Juan's but Juan said that he left 5 minutes ago. Dorothy and I are prepared to go out in the rain, walk, catch a taxi, whatever to get those keys to Brian!! We don Carl and Chris' rain gear, and start to go out the door. Who shows up but Carl!! Again, he drives Dorothy and I go Marina Juan, we call Lorne, we are here with the keys to Sea Marva, could Lorne meet us at the dock (it is still pouring rain), and we will hand him the keys. Lorne used our dinghy, Brian's was still at the dock, so Lorne went into our dinghy, with rain gear on this time, from Kamytoo, met us at the dock, and we handed him the keys to Sea Marva so that they could get to her and reanchor Sea Marva! Dorothy and I are now wet, muddy and do not want to go back to Carl's apartment just yet. We will wait here to see what happens. Carl goes back to his apartment, and we girls wait outside, not

wanting to go inside Juan's office and get it all wet and muddy from us. We wait about 3/4 of an hour, by now the winds have subsided somewhat, and the rain also. The guys reanchor Sea Marva, go their own boats and watch to make sure neither boat is dragging again. They finally call us at Marina Juan, say they think everything is O.K. (while Dorothy and I went to Marina Juan with the keys, we left Chris with Kamy, plus she was looking after the meal, and by now the carrots have burned, so she is having to peel and cut new carrots and put that in the oven). Lorne will pick up Brian, again with our dinghy, they will come to the dock, and we will call Carl, perhaps he could take us back to his apartment again, and then we can have this supper we planned. It is 5:30 by now, and we are all starved!!

Everything was a little overcooked, but it was fine! Chris finished cooking everything, made the gravy so that when we got back, just had to set the table, have a drink (a much needed drink), and after the men finished talking about the afternoon, we finally ate the meal. You can believe that there was a lot of chatter over supper. I brought along some pictures, memories of Martinique. Lots of pictures of: bocce ball games, wine tasting, etc. Pictures of a lot of cruisers that we shared good times with in St. Anne's. We did the dishes, Carl drove us back to Marina Juan (by now his car was indeed very muddy, and he had made about 5 trips back and forth), and we all dinghied back to our boats. It was past 10:00 by now, but no troubles falling asleep. JUST ANOTHER ADVENTURE IN PARADISE!!

For Sale:

See the web page for photos

Loos model B tension gauge (for wire 3/16", 7/32", 1/4", 9/32") \$50.00 OBO
Edson pedestal guard 1" tube by 9 1/2" wide. Make me an offer.
Call Richard Foy
692-3956

For sale 5 lb propane bottle, comes with 5 feet of hose for attaching directly to BBQ (replaces the little green bottles that never work) and aluminum holder to attach the bottle to the stern pulpit or stanchion. \$60.00

A fellow that I had doing some work on my boat has one of those brass barometer/clock/ thermometer units he wants to sell. he paid \$160.00 US it 10 years ago when he was in San Diego. he wants \$160.00 Cdn and will throw in the brass bell shown in the photo. Neither article has been used but the swivel pin on the bell has gone missing.

Contact Wayne Ridsdale Home 382-5816 , Work 668-9225 or e-mail brenda@the.link.ca

28 ft carver fly bridge. Contact Kim or Frank at 306-242-1630 or at sunnorth@sasktel.net

Bayliner 2955 "Glass Slipper" is for sale. Please pass our contact information on to anyone who might be interested. Complete with galvanized trailer, \$45k.

Thanks in advance.

Maureen and Alvin Douglas
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