



# THE CROW'S NEST

LADYSMITH YACHT CLUB  
SPRING 2022

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## Message from the Commodore:

### Shirley Tripp

Having been elected as Commodore for 2022 and given the number of new and remote members, I thought I'd give a bit of background about me. I grew up in Ontario on the St. Lawrence Seaway, and have always been a 'water girl', cruising the 1,000 islands, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River. I visited Vancouver for pleasure and for work several times and decided if I ever got an opportunity to move here, I'd take it. That opportunity came in 2000 when I was a project manager for Bell Canada, and they started competing with Telus and wanted to transfer some of their staff to Vancouver.

My draw to BC was the ability to sail and ski...all in the same day. AND...you didn't have to take your boat out of the water each year and place it on the hard for the winter...WOW! I've been sailing since 1984 and my experience has taught me that no matter the size of vessel, whether it be power or sail, being on the water and one with nature is the real draw. When Terry Davies (our current Rear Commodore and my husband) retired, we decided to move to Vancouver Island and in 2009 we joined the Ladysmith Yacht Club. This Club is very special to us, and we love the energy of its

members. I am excited for this year as we will get to a 'new normal' state where we can see each other, help each other, laugh together, and enjoy being on the water!

Our boat, '*It's Friday*', is at the Ladysmith Marina on dock F1. If you are in the area, pop by and say hello. See you out there 😊



## Rob's Rant

The world today does not match my upbringing. I'll start at the finish line with this rant. You'll see what I mean.

Politics, religion, and money. Perhaps the three taboo subjects that should be avoided unless you're in safe company. Well, any rant these days will undoubtedly have to touch on these subjects, at least a little bit. And so, I tread with caution since the audience is varied. These days, it seems there is a lot on people's minds, from politics, social issues, the economy, Covid, personal freedoms, the price of fuel and the cost of living. From most businesses being severely understaffed to trucker convoys, there are a lot of watercooler conversations out there. The first sentence of this article is very poignant. It isn't mine. I stole it. I'm not smart enough to come up with something so fitting. It's from a comedian - somehow, comedians seem to be able to see the world from a different angle. The world seems to be in a bit of a tailspin, and I don't pretend to have the answers. Any answers, for that

fact, just a lot of questions and observations, and like everyone else - opinions. So, much like a meandering river, this rant will probably be all over the place.

For those that are retired and need a refresher, there is such thing as a weekend. It falls on a Saturday and Sunday. Us working folks need to run errands on weekends. For the retired, any two consecutive days could count as the weekend, but for Lisa and me, it falls on a Saturday and Sunday. We run errands on Saturdays, and a pattern has emerged over the last few weeks. We see vehicles, usually heading south, presumably heading to Victoria. These vehicles, mostly trucks, are draped in Canadian flags, stickers, anti Trudeau flags, and almost anything else that seems appropriate for an attention seeker. Now, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that these folks are the misguided offspring of the 'freedom' movement that some truckers started. What started out as a protest against international border crossings and vaccine passports has become something unrecognizable. It's now known as the 'freedom convoy'. I'd like to know exactly what freedoms they are protesting. Freedom of the press? We got that one. Freedom of religious and other beliefs? Got it. Freedom to earn as much money as they want? Yup. Freedom to have a first-class education, access to health care, freedom to criticize the government without the fear of being sentenced to 30 years in Siberia? Check, check, and check. It's tough to find a country that actually has more freedoms than Canada. For the first part of my life, I lived on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. I can assure the 'freedom protestors' that they in fact have freedom. Absolute, total, unequivocal freedom. Some in this country, myself included, have experienced a severe lack of freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of beliefs, freedom of international travel, freedom of a better paying job, freedom of ambition, freedom to go to the store and buy anything that you wish – to name a few. These freedoms didn't exist for some of us until we came here. I recall my dad listening illegally to the Voice of America in the 70's. I remember him having illegal copies of pictures of the moon landing. Illegal because the communists deemed that type of broadcast or material to be Western propaganda. Punishable by a

lengthy prison sentence. I recall standing in line before school, at 6 am for milk. Usually by the time I got to the front of the 45-minute-long line, they ran out. Today, I can go the grocery store and get whatever type of milk I can think of. Usually I get white – just kidding. They're all white. Except for chocolate. Skim, whole, homo, buttermilk, 1%, 2%, lactose free, organic, almond milk, soy milk, and coconut milk. They're all there. They weren't in the old country. If they had milk, you didn't ask what type it was.

To these protestors driving around on a Saturday, honking their horns, waving at each other like long lost relatives reuniting at the airport, I ask you...is this the best you can do on your day off? You've got nothing better to do? No kids to take to the park, or take the dog for a walk? Climb up on the ladder and take down the Christmas lights? Spend some time with friends or family? Have lunch at the pub? Tend to the garden? Volunteer at a food bank? Paint that spare bedroom? Learn the guitar or the second language you've wanted to learn since 1989? There's nothing else you'd rather do? You have that much time on your hands that attending a 'freedom protest' is the best you can come up with? To protest freedoms you already have? Maybe I'm looking at this too simplistically, I tend to do that sometimes. But this new-fangled trend of everyone needing to have a cause is lost on me. These guys, having the freedom to drive around and meet up at some point to complain about their lack of freedoms is mind boggling. Seems to me their mission was never really very well defined. First it was to make border crossings easier with vaccine restrictions. Even if Canada caved and gave them everything they wanted, they still had to deal with US regulations. I doubt that the US would have been as accommodating. Wearing of masks was mentioned and the lifting of other Covid restrictions. Now they want just freedom in general. If they don't want to wear a mask, fine. But then their surgeon should have the same freedom. One day, one of these schleps will be cut open on some operating table. Should his doctor have to wear a mask? Not according to their freedoms. Maybe they're ok with the doctor sneezing on his duodenum. I don't think they've really thought this through, and they certainly don't

realize what freedoms they already have in comparison to some parts of the world.

From my point of view, this is just the tip of the iceberg. There are so many other issues to think about these days that could make one a professional, full time ranter. The media, social media (don't even get me started on this one), labour shortages seemingly everywhere, free money to those sitting at home and unwilling to work, cost of goods, supply chain issues, and everyone wanting rights but no mention of responsibilities, Russia invading its neighbours ... the list goes on. The world is a different place than it was 20, 10, or 5 years ago. Even a year ago. Vastly different. I'm not sure what to make of any of it, but I do know one thing. The world today does not match my upbringing.

Thanks to Rob Smolka for sharing his rant!



**April 22- 24**

**"Maple Bay Marina Rendezvous".**

**Some Marina details.**

- Arrival date: Friday - April 22, 2022 (check in after 1 pm)
- Departure date: Sunday - April 24, 2022 (check out - noon)
- Number of nights: 2
- The deadline for individual reservations is Friday - April 8, 2022

**Call, 250-746-8482, and speak to any of the office staff to make your reservation.**

**Plans for the weekend.**

**Friday- April 22-**

**4:00 pm-** Bring your chairs (if weather permits it can be outside), beverages and an Appy to share. Join an impromptu happy hour at the Picnic Pavilion. Sign up list for Bocci Tournament.

**7:30 pm-** Bring an instrument to the Picnic Pavilion and join our LYC musicians for a "Jam Session". We'll have music and song sheets...

**Saturday- April 23**

**10:00 am-** Walking group- Stoney Hill Regional Park or Mt. Tzouhalem.

**OR**

**10:30 am-** Kayak in the little lagoon behind the island and around the area. Shirley will lead the kayakers.

**1:30 pm-** Bocci Tournament and games on the grass. Bob & Deb will organize the tournament...Prizes...yeah!

We'll also have a Jenga game.

**6:00 pm-** We are organizing a group dinner at the Shipyard Pub.



**Commodore's Gala-ish!**

After pivoting more times than a ballerina on pointe, we are excited to announce the for sure, not to be cancelled Commodore's Gala for 2022!

**Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

LYC Clubhouse  
4pm to 9pm

Musical Entertainment  
Plethora of Appies  
Bar will be open

Tickets are \$18, bar extra

Reserve your tickets here:

[togsanders@gmail.com](mailto:togsanders@gmail.com)



8:00 pm- Another informal "Jam" with more music in the Picnic Pavilion.

### Sunday- June 20<sup>th</sup>

Bring your coffee, wander the docks in the morning and wish your fellow club members bon voyage.

### **Ladysmith Yacht Club Sailpast Opening Day Ceremonies- Saturday May 7, 2022**



Photo: Nancy Morgantini

This is a great event to start the boating season by catching up with fellow boaters as well as sharing your cruising plans for the summer. You can view the parade from a boat, LYC Clubhouse or Transfer Beach.

11:30 am- Meet at the Clubhouse for Coffee/ Tea, muffins, welcoming remarks, and introductions.

12:25 pm- Sailpast participants will assemble on the clubhouse deck, ready to follow the Piper down the dock.

12:30 pm- The Piper will lead participants towards the boats.

1pm-LYC Sailpast Parade led by "Northern Lights". Parade passes the LYC clubhouse with the Commodore salute and the Faith Representative blessing the fleet. The Parade will pass through Ladysmith Harbour to Lagoon Bridge and back to Transfer Beach to sound horns.

3:30 pm Barbeque Burgers & Beer (\$10) at the LYC Clubhouse. All LYC members and invited guests welcome.

RSVP -your Burger & Beer as space is limited.  
Contact [mindycoles@shaw.ca](mailto:mindycoles@shaw.ca)

RSVP- if you plan to attend the parade.

Contact [mindycoles@shaw.ca](mailto:mindycoles@shaw.ca)

Commodore Shirley Tripp, and the Executive will set the tone for a great event.



✚ **May 21- 24- Montague Harbour Marina.**  
**details to follow soon with some exciting optional activities**

✚ **June 16- 19- Pirates Cove Marine Park**  
**details to follow later, so dig out your Pirate costumes**

✚ **September 3-6 Telegraph Harbour Marina- Thetis Island.**

*Details of all these events to follow at a later date, so start practicing your bocci, horseshoes and dinghy racing.*

If you have any cruising plans and want to meet up with others let us know and we can attach your info to the bottom of the Rendezvous list.

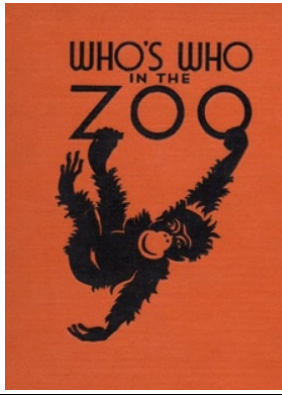
Any questions? Reach out to Commodore Shirley Tripp ([sj\\_tripp@hotmail.com](mailto:sj_tripp@hotmail.com)) or Staff Captain Susan Erickson ([sv\\_namaste@hotmail.com](mailto:sv_namaste@hotmail.com)).



### What does one wear to "Sailpast"?

"The suggested wear for the day is a **navy blazer or sweater, white or khaki pants and a white shirt**. This does not mean that you have to go shopping and pick up a new wardrobe, it is a "suggested" manner of dress. Dress, being the operative word. This is a celebration, a chance to show off in your glad rags."

[https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Yachting\\_\(1\)/Social\\_Events/Sailpast#:~:text=The%20suggested%20wear%20for%20the,off%20in%20your%20glad%20rags.](https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Yachting_(1)/Social_Events/Sailpast#:~:text=The%20suggested%20wear%20for%20the,off%20in%20your%20glad%20rags.)



Introducing the  
**2022-2023 LYC  
 Executive and  
 Committee Leads**

Thanks for  
**volunteering  
 everyone!**

**EXECUTIVE 2022-2023**

Shirley Tripp, Commodore
Roberta Bowman, Vice Commodore
Terry Davies, Rear Commodore
Mike Nish, Treasurer
Diane Charles, Secretary
Susan Erickson, Staff Captain
Tim Hornett, Director at Large
Richard Kinar, Planning Director
David Grimstead, Past Commodore

**COMMITTEE LEADS 2022-2023**

Kirsty Henderson, Membership
Blair Landry, Bar
Steve Janssen, Clubhouse – Outside Maintenance
Luigi Morgantini, Social Media / LYC Facebook Page
Bill Rendall, Flags and Regalia
Wendy Rendall, Flags and Regalia
Gord Van Dyck, Club Communications
Jim Phillips, Secretary, Marine Parks Forever Society
Earl McKeown, LYC Rep for BC Yacht Clubs
Bob Cross, Editor, LYC Roster
Connie Peters, Clubhouse – Inside Maintenance
Deb Cross, Clubhouse – Inside Maintenance
Paula Scott, Social
Anne Newell, Trophies
Phyllis Davenport, Historian
Diane Charles, Crow's Nest Newsletter
Frederique (Freddie) Lavoie, Safety

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**Remembering Martin Whiteley, our 2015  
 Commodore at LYC**

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, Martin left his family on to his next adventure. Martin and Charlotte joined LYC in 2009 and volunteered for many activities, led Committees, and participated on the Executive. Martin became our 2015 Commodore.

My interactions with Martin surrounded the planning of a trip to the Broughtons in 2017...4 LYC vessels in total. Since Martin and Charlotte had been to the Broughtons many times, they were our lead vessel. The rapids we would cross were discussed the evening before and we all participated in what our next stop would offer...from a rainy visit to the Octopus Islands Marine Park to a sunny afternoon and lovely evening in Qwatsi Bay to an entertaining afternoon at the Long House at Alert Bay. When you saw Martin, you couldn't help but smile as he readily put you at ease. If you needed advice, you could rely on his honesty and compassion.

On behalf of LYC, I presented Charlotte with a card signed by members together with a lovely plant arrangement and planter which we know Charlotte would enjoy and Martin would appreciate us remembering him by. May you have fair winds and following seas on your journey!



Shirley Tripp  
 2022 Commodore, LYC

**A TRIBUTE TO MARTIN WHITELEY**

Martin was an accomplished sailor, owning several boats throughout his life. For many years he sailed on Ghost Lake outside of Calgary on his Hunter 23.5

sailboat. As the lake can be a challenge to sail, his skills were put to the test, but he always enjoyed the day's sail and would gather with friends afterwards to share sailing stories and create memories. In 2003 he and Charlotte purchased a Beneteau 361 sailboat and moored it in Ladysmith. From this home base they explored the local waters, having gone multiple times to the San Juans, the Broughtons, Desolation Sound, the Gulf Islands, and the Sunshine Coast. In 2011 they sailed around Vancouver Island for the ultimate West Coast sailing adventure. They were also involved with the Ladysmith Yacht Club. Martin became the Commodore in 2015, leading the Club through its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He always participated in the club's opening day Sailpast, dressing up his boat and the crew, to make sure everything was shipshape. One year after leading the Sailpast, Martin had an absolutely perfect docking, only to realize that he docked in the wrong spot. He then did another perfect docking in his own slip. Martin took many solo trips on the boat, with Herring Bay on Ruxton Island being one of his favorite spots. He also took part in many "amigo's cruises", sharing good times, camaraderie, and his love for boats and the ocean with friends.

Rob Smolka

2016 Commodore, LYC

### **A TRIBUTE TO MARTIN, A GOOD FRIEND AND EX-COMMODORE**

I had the privilege of knowing Martin Whiteley for the last ten years and I would like to share some of my recollections of our friendship in his memory.

Martin was a fellow Brit and a keen sailor, as well as an enthusiastic support of Formula 1 motor racing like me, so right from the start we had a lot in common. He had a keen sense of humour and although you probably needed to be British to get some of the jokes there were many occasions where he left us helpless with laughter. He was also a very skilled and accomplished woodworker and furniture maker and helped me with some of the restoration on one of the historic vessels at the LMS marina.

On the water, he was the proud owner of Seaduction, a fine Beneteau 36 and usually attended the LYC cruises

as well as several longer-distance voyages to points north in our beautiful BC waters. He achieved the exalted status of 'made man' in the exclusive 'Amigos cruises' organized by a select subgroup of sophisticates from LYC – a rare honour!

One particular occasion I remember with Martin was a few years ago when he invited our friend Rob Smolka and myself to join him in the Round Thetis race in Seaduction. The event started surprisingly well for us; we got over the line in fine style and broke out the cookies in celebration and to add a little more strength and stamina to the stalwart crew. The conditions were lovely, if you like sunshine, but what wind there was started to fall away, and we noticed that we seemed to be going astern compared to some of the other vessels. Seaduction, though a fine boat in every way, was not really designed to compete with the racing sleds with their Mylar sails and huge spinnakers and by the time we got to the first corner of the island we had a fine view of a number of assorted transoms receding into the distance. We decided that following was not going to help – we needed to do something different, and I thought I could see a patch of wind to port so we tacked over to chase it ... and found ourselves becalmed. There was only one thing to do, so we did it – we started working through our collective repertoire of sea shanties and rugby songs at the tops of our voices! I am not sure if this was a subliminal attempt to summon the sea sirens of the wind but after a few minutes the sails filled, and we were moving again! By this time, of course, all the other boats were long gone, and we probably should have turned back but we decided to press on around, all the time regaling the few occupants of the scattered island homes with our male voice choir concert performance, which I am SURE they appreciated! We finally made it back into Thetis Harbour as it was getting dusk, and the remnants of blackened BBQ burgers and warm beer never tasted so good! A fine day on the water!

I will always remember Martin as one of the good guys and a true friend. My sincerest condolences go to Charlotte and his family, and I will miss him a great deal.

Tim Hornett  
March 2022  
2014 Commodore, LYC



Please welcome the following members to our club! We look forward to getting to know you this boating season, both in our various social events and out on the water.

- Stephen and Carey Adam
- Wayne Dannhauer
- Paul and Betty-Jean Gilley
- Warren and Robin Grimstead
- Stasia and Jeremy Johnson
- Kristopher Rand and Scott Hope
- Chuck and Joni Spani
- Scott and Margot Stockwell
- Owen Thistle and Fiona Curthoys
- Dwight and Christine Watson
- Greg and Laurene Whalley
- Darren Wilson and Tanya Neil
- Gordan Williams-Freeman
- March and Russell Horswill
- Les Brown
- Daniel and Susan Godin



Get 'em while you can! Hot deals from LYC members!

### ISO NAUTICAL CHARTS

Do you have any unused or outdated nautical charts you would like to see recycled into functional art, a new life for something collecting dust? If you email Carol, who lives on Thetis Island, at [seaspray@telus.net](mailto:seaspray@telus.net), she might be able to help you free-up space.

Any unused or outdated charts you would like to send to Carol, can be left in a plastic bag, on the coach roof, under the Bimini on Gord and Wendy's C&C sailboat in berth G23. CVRD Area G Director, Lynne Smith, has graciously volunteered to deliver these charts to Carol on Thetis Island.

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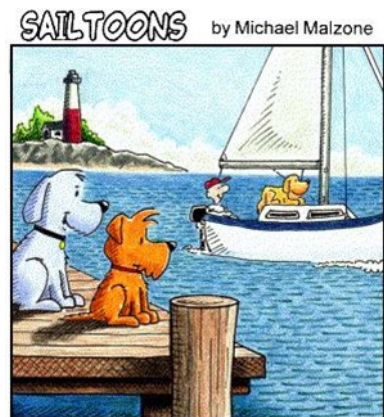


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Canadian Power and Sail Squadron is recognized as the foremost educational boating authority in Canada! Membership has its benefits! Not only are you part of a community of boaters dedicated to safety and fun on the water, but you are also eligible for discounts on several products and services! **Mount Brenton Power Squadron** needs our support, in both instructors and admin positions. Contact [David.grim01@gmail.com](mailto:David.grim01@gmail.com) for more information

### On the lighter side ...



HE SAYS IT'S LIKE HANGING YOUR HEAD OUT THE CAR WINDOW BUT MUCH BETTER!

How many boaters does it take to change a lightbulb?

None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.

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Two people are out sailing when suddenly a hand appears in the sea.

"What's this?" asked the skipper, "It looks as if someone is drowning!"

"No," explained his crew, "It's just a little wave."

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The following is supposedly a documented conversation between the USS Lincoln and a Canadian "vessel"....

Canadian: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

Americans: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the captain of a us navy ship. I say again, divert your course.

Canadians: No. I say again, you divert your course.

Americans: This is the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln, the second largest ship in the United States Atlantic fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. I demand that you change your course 15 degrees north, I say again, that's one five degrees north, or countermeasures will be

undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

Do you have a boating adventure to share with the club? Please send your contributions to Diane Charles, editor of the Crow's Nest at [dianegoodman701@gmail.com](mailto:dianegoodman701@gmail.com).