



THE CROW'S NEST

LADYSMITH YACHT CLUB
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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2024 LYC season, full of fun and interesting events.

I am Gord Coulman, your new Crowsnest editor.



Normally, there would be articles from LYC members and also a marketplace section, but I'm skipping those sections for this first edition. I know that members are keen to get to know the new executive, so I was anxious to publish quickly.

For future editions, please send your stories, photos, and marketplace items to crowsnest@ladysmithyc.bc.ca Your stories and articles will greatly enhance the Crowsnest!

In this edition

- Profiles of the new LYC executive
- Upcoming events

Profiles

To get to know our new executive, I asked each one to answer a few questions and provide a photo or two. Thanks everyone for your quick responses.

Commodore: Diane Charles



LYC Executive Role? Commodore!

What or who brought you to boating?

My partner, Richard Kinar, brought me to boating. My previous boating experience had been as a passenger on the BC Ferries!

How long have you been boating?

We purchased our boat in June 2018.

Do you have a boat now? What is her name and type?

We have a 42 ft Canoe Cove power boat named "Margoletta".

Do you have a boat dog or cat?

We have two boat dogs – Puddin and Puff Daddy. They love being on the water – and tolerate being in the water occasionally!

Favourite or most spectacular cruising destination?

We have done two trips to Desolation Sound and loved both. Our favourite place though is Montague Harbour.

Diane Charles (Continued)

Favourite boat food or refreshment?

We love to cook and entertain so it is hard to come up with a “favourite”.

Cleverest boating tip or trick?

I’m too new at this game to be clever!

Favourite thing about LYC?

100% it is the people we have met since joining the club!

Any comments or messages for LYC members?

We have an amazing group of people! I encourage everyone to get involved in the many different activities available.

Vice Commodore: Paul Tellier



What or who brought you to boating?

I always wanted to be a salt water boater. My grandparents retired to Victoria and loved the years that they spent on their little boat out of Brentwood Bay. When we moved from Alberta to Vancouver Island, I wanted to copy them.

How long have you been boating?

I have been boating on lakes all of my life, but salt water boating started in the fall of 2021.

Do you have a boat now? What is her name and type?

We have a beautiful Ranger Tug 43 called Happily Marooned!

Do you have a boat dog or cat?

We have 2 boat dogs. Both are puppies, one 8 months and the other 4 months in April. Vimy and Juno. They are Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. They better love the boat- they don’t have a choice!

Favourite or most spectacular cruising destination?

My favourite boating destination is wherever the fish are biting.....

Favourite boat food or refreshment?

A good Cabernet Sauvignon.....

Cleverest boating tip or trick?

I am not very clever.... Still learning.....

Favourite thing about LYC?

THE PEOPLE!!

Any comments or messages for LYC members?

My message for LYC members- stay involved! The more involved the membership is, the better the club is!

Rear Commodore: Bill Rendall

(Also reciprocal manager)



What brought you to boating?

I love the history/traditions/lore of being on the water. In addition, I just enjoy being 'on the water'.

How long have you been boating?

Royal Canadian Navy 23 years (does that count as boating?)

Do you have a boat now? What is her name and type?

Owned a 30' Gray Marine inboard for a few years back in the early 70's. Present boat since 2020 is MV Tanoosh, 41' Canoe Cove Coho, (Tri cabin)



Do you have a boat dog?

Two dogs, Kap and Zach. Both good sailors. Kap is well known on the docks.



Favourite or most spectacular cruising destination

Montague hits a high note on both accounts. Looking forward to Desolation Sound in the Fall

Favourite boat food/refreshment?

Wendy's cooking/Bumbu

Boating tip/trick

Tired of explaining docking/undocking procedures to visitors, I drew up a 'to scale' model to help visualize what is required.

Favourite thing about LYC - People, social activities

Comments or messages for LYC members

"On the strength of one link in the cable, Dependeth the might of the chain" (Adm Hopwood). So too does the strength of our club depend on each member – volunteer!

Drink rum! Because no great sea story ever began with eating a salad.

Immediate Past Commodore: Shirley Tripp



What or who brought you to boating?

In 1984, the Love Boat TV series was popular and the purchase of vessels were an investment and when resold, usually it was at a 'higher' price, so the thought was to buy a boat as an 'investment'. My partner and I went to the boat show, picked a Mirage 25, saw it built outside Montreal, and launched in Aylmer, Quebec (now called Gatineau across from Ottawa), but did not know how to start the engine to get it to its dock....oh, boy...what newbies!

How long have you been boating? Since 1984

Do you have a boat now? What is her name and type?

Carver 30 called "It's Friday"

Do you have a boat dog or cat?

Two 14-year-old bichon frise dogs called Coco and Charlie.

Favourite or most spectacular cruising destination?

Sidney Spit, BC

Favourite boat food or refreshment?

Beer on a hot day when at anchor.

Cleverest boating tip or trick?

If you are at anchor and another boat is getting too close, even if you were there first, instead of getting frustrated and stressed, just pick up your anchor and move to a more comfortable spot.

Favourite thing about LYC?

The members and the opportunity to learn from and about others.

Any comments or messages for LYC members?

Don't hesitate to volunteer when a position of interest becomes available. You will grow from additional knowledge and be surprised at what you are capable of...and so will the Executive and Committee Leads who will be thankful for your help.

Secretary: Jim Phillips



What or who brought you to boating?

I grew up in Victoria and started sailing with Sea Cadets. Boating since the '60s. That is, the 1960s - a previous century.

Do you have a boat now? What is her name and type?



We presently cruise in a Mainship 400 trawler, after many years in cruising sailboats.

Do you have a boat dog or cat? No pets now.

Favourite or most spectacular cruising destination?

It would be tough to select our favourite cruising destination. We've visited many anchorages on the passage between here and Prince Rupert, Haida Gwaii and the West Coast of Vancouver Island. A nearby favourite is Dogfish Bay at Valdez Island (Wakes Cove provincial marine park). Further afield, Village Island in the Broughton Archipelago and Spitfire Passage North of Calvert Island, or the old village sites at Gwaii Hanas...

Favourite boat food or refreshment?

Our favourite boat foods, when we're lucky enough to get them would be freshly caught spot prawns and Dungeness crabs.

Cleverest boating tip or trick?

We anchor conservatively for less stress and fewer insurance claims. We anchor several hours before dark in deep water, not too close to shore on lots of chain, then sleep well!

Favourite thing about LYC?

LYC has many very active members and everyone pitches in. Some even have good barbecue skills.

Treasurer: Ruth Tellier



What or who brought you to boating? My husband

How long have you been boating?

Lake - 25 years; Ocean - 2.5 years

Do you have a boat now? What is her name and type?

Yes; Happily Marooned!; Ranger Tug R43

Do you have a boat dog or cat?

2 puppies, Vimy and Juno

Favourite or most spectacular cruising destination?

Went to Desolation Sound last summer and absolutely loved it. Haven't been to enough places yet to name a favourite place.

Favourite boat food or refreshment?

Cold smoked salmon; Red wine

Cleverest boating tip or trick?

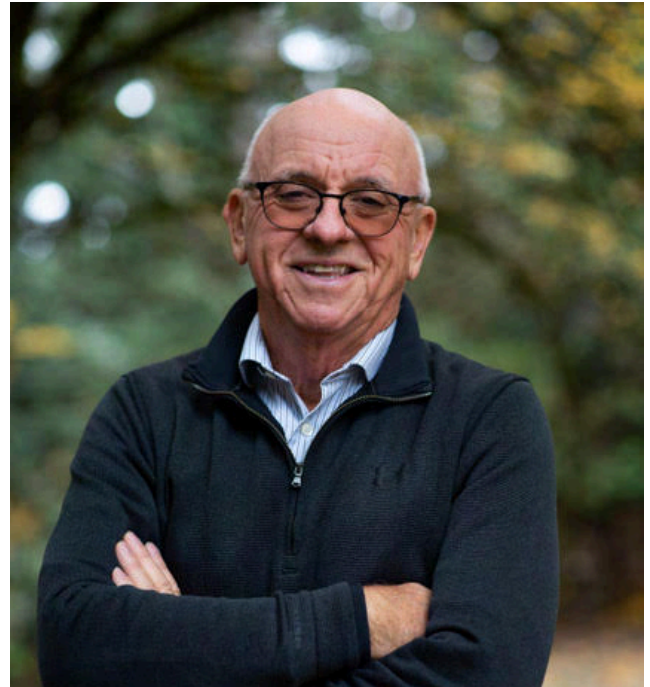
I haven't boated long enough yet.

Favourite thing about LYC? Friendly people.

Any comments or messages for LYC members?

Hope to see you out on the water.

Planning Director: Anton Donkers



What or who brought you to boating?

Decided to pursue boating as a recreation in 1973 instead of flying. Lived in Toronto at the time and boating was much more practical and accessible.

How long have you been boating? Over 50 years

Do you have a boat now? What is her name and type?

Yes, It's a Bayliner 4788 named Sea Ya!

Do you have a boat dog or cat?

Not any more. We had a great Boat Dog named Malcolm for 16 years, but he passed away in 2023.

Favourite or most spectacular cruising destination?

Local Favourite is Montague Harbour, San Juan Island
Favourite is Roche Harbour.

Favourite boat food or refreshment? A nice cold brew.

Favourite thing about LYC?

Connecting with and getting to know other boaters.

Staff Captain (Cruising): Susan Erickson



What or who brought you to boating?

My parents got a 16 foot "Runabout" boat soon after I was born so I've been on the water for more years than I want to say. We were fishing for Salmon in the Ladysmith Harbour or heading to the "GAP" (now Dionisio Point Park) North Galiano to camp. Oh yes... my sibs and I used to fight over cleaning the fish to see what they had been eating.

How long have you been boating?

Since I was born....

Do you have a boat now? What is her name and type?

Qwinoa II, a 34 ft CHB Trawler which we bought from my parents in 2010. In our earlier years, Steve and I had sailboats but switched to a power boat after about 16 years of sailing.

Do you have a boat dog or cat?

Jasmina (Jassy) Maretja our cat was not overly happy when we used to bring her boating. She hid in the V Berth drawer so now we leave her at home with a cat sitter.



Favourite or most spectacular cruising destination?

Laura Cove in Desolation Sound and sailing in the Vava'u - Island group in Tonga. Both are incredibly beautiful.

Susan Erickson (Continued)

Any comments or messages for LYC members?
Volunteering with LYC is a great way to meet other boaters.



Photo: en route to desolation sound in June 2023 at 5:20 in the morning ...my favourite time to travel or snooze if I'm not at the helm.

Favourite boat food or refreshment?

Prawns, Oysters and Clams in Desolation Sound accompanied by either a G & T or a wine spritzer.

Cleverest boating tip or trick?

Bring a small bag of ice for your mini freezer:) great with the summer beverages:)

Favourite thing about LYC?

Meeting new boating friends and the social functions and Rendezvous.

Upcoming Events

NOTE: All dates subject to change. Please check our Club website <http://www.ladysmithyc.bc.ca> for calendar updates.

Questions? Contact Susan at:

sv_namaste@hotmail.com or 250-618-0818

Rendezvous- Maple Bay Marina

April 26-28, 2024 Shakedown Cruise

All LYC members (including those without boats) are welcome to join Saturday activities and dinner at the Shipyard Pub

Opening Day Ceremonies

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Ladysmith Yacht Club Clubhouse and Transfer Beach

Agenda:

11:30 - Meet at the LYC Clubhouse for Coffee/ Tea, muffins.

12:30 - Welcoming remarks, and introductions.

12:25 - Sailpast participants will assemble on the clubhouse deck, ready to be piped to the boats.

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

13:00 - Boats will assemble on the water outside of the Ladysmith Marina.

13:30 - LYC Sailpast Parade led by "Northern Light", joined by SARS, Guests, Nanaimo Yacht Club, Maple Bay Yacht Club and LYC members.

14:45 - Boats will return to Transfer Beach and sound horns for an official end to the Sailpast

Following Sailpast

15:30-1800 - OBMG Customer appreciation event at the LYC Clubhouse, open to all LYC members and our guests. OBMG has graciously sponsored the BBQ and is opening it up to all marina patrons. This is an opportunity to promote our club. The bar will be open, run by LYC, with drinks at the usual prices.

Questions? paul.tellier@prtinvest.ca

Rendezvous - Montague Harbour Marina

Galiano Island

May 17-20

There is now a waitlist, so contact the Marina at info@montagueharbour.com OR Phone 250-539-5733 to be placed on the waitlist. Alternatives are to anchor close to the Marina or use a Mooring Buoy at the Montague Harbour Marine Park.

Rendezvous - Port Browning Marina

North Pender Island

June 21-24 (Fri-Mon):

Rendezvous - Telegraph Harbour Marina Resort

Thetis Island

August 26-29 (Mon-Thu)

Christmas Lights Cruise

Ladysmith Harbour

December 7 (Sat)