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NEWSLETTER OF THE DEEP BAY YACHT CLUB--FALL 2011



## June 11/011 DINGHY TRIP TO CHROME ISLAND

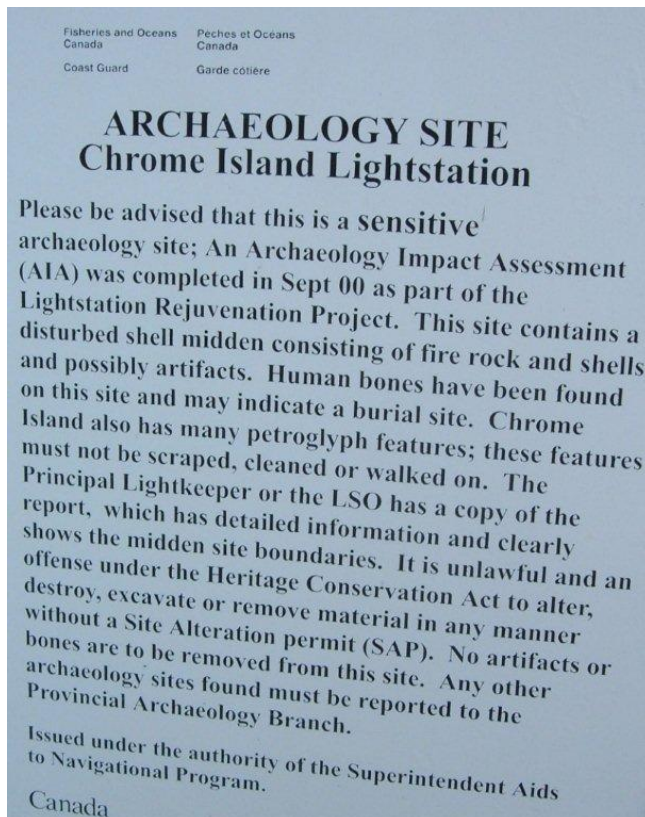
What a beautiful day this turned out to be! Although the weather did not seem like it was going to co-operate.... it sure did. Four dinghies headed over to Chrome Island for a tour of the island and the lighthouse.

Leslie was there to greet and welcome us to their home and assist us in tying up securely. Once we were all offloaded, we headed up the hill to meet India (their dog) and take in

this spectacular site. WOW - what a beautiful place! Looking in every direction it's breathtaking to say the least.

From looking at the sandstone where First Nations people carved curious shapes and figures (apparently one of the widest varieties of petroglyphs on the West Coast) to hearing of the shipwrecks in the area, to listening to Roger & Leslie explain their duties of not only

watching out for "us", but also everything from making water to managing their electricity, made for a great afternoon. After a picnic lunch, we headed back home. I know we all enjoyed it immensely and have an even greater appreciation for the work that our "Lighthouse Keepers" do. **THANK YOU Roger & Leslie Williamson** -Roz Lewis



## COMMODORE'S GREETING:

Summer here, as you know, involved the return of the Wind Warriors Program. George Gutsche did an awesome job of taking this task on, along with some help from Ted, Charlie and Derrick at times. I know that the kids all had a great time, and hopefully some of them will come back to carry on learning next summer.

The fall sail racing season is underway... so get hold of some of those racers to see if they want help crewing, or just come on down and share in their after-race get togethers.



The executive is back to work too, getting some business done, and getting ready for our upcoming AGM. We want to hear from our members... why don't you volunteer to help out this upcoming year and help make a difference with moving the club forward. All positions are open and waiting for you to "put up your hand" to help out—Roz Lewis.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Race Day Dates:

Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and as long as weather and racers permit: Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Executive Meeting Dates:

Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>

### General Meeting Dates:

Thursday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then the annual Halloween party October 27<sup>th</sup>

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be end of November, but date and location to be announced as soon as arrangements are made. We will send out an email as soon as possible for you to mark your calendar

## *Don's Escape from Tunisia.*



Last April, Don Manness joined friends Steve Delong and Deidre "De" Farrell for a nineteen-day Mediterranean sailing adventure to Pantelleria, Gozo, Malta and Italy on board the Whitestar. The skippers had been anchoring their yacht in the Rodriguez Shipyard in Hammemet, Tunisia and wanted to take the boat out of the country because of political unrest.

The 43 Al Mason design boat built in Taiwan in 1982 has a Perkins 4-105 50 hp motor, 899 square feet of sail divided between the three sails of a double spread cutter rig.

Leaving Tunisia, with a sigh of relief, they steered for the volcanic island of Pantelleria, "Black Pearl of the Mediterranean" which sits between Tunisia and Sicily and is part of Italy. After stocking up on provisions they set sail the next day for Gozo, one of three islands in the Maltese archipelago.

Gozo sits northwest of Malta and is believed to be Ogygia, the home of the nymph Calypso in Homer's Odyssey. An overnight sail brought them into the harbour of Mgarr, where a gale blowing from the northwest kept them in port for two days, so they took advantage of the time and explored the town of Mgarr, built on gently terraced green slopes. On the patio of the Grand Harbour Hotel, they appreciated the view of harbour

and blue lagoon of Comino while enjoying a 3 pint and catching up on the latest international news.

Under light winds and sunny skies they pulled out of Mgarr and motored to the Baroque city of Valetta on the coast of Malta, one of the world's smallest and most densely populated countries.

Msida Marina was fully berthed with about 1500 local boats enjoying free moorage because of a bureaucratic glitch. After provisioning at a supermarket, well-camouflaged above a car dealership, they met Maltese Canadians Lilian and Mario from the 'Maltese Falcon' who noticed the Canadian flag and joined the crew for cocktails in the cockpit.



Leaving Malta in late afternoon, the Whitestar sailed along easily in perfect conditions; a light 10-knot wind on the quarter and no gales predicted. As night fell they listened to 'loud and clear' announcements on the VHF radio stating all ships in the area were expected to cooperate with the NATO Naval Task Force! Steve and Don sailed gallantly through the night and through the Nato fleet with their strange light configurations and unusual radar signatures.

Morning dawned on the Ionian Sea and the southeast coast of Sicily. After dodging a fishing fleet they made their way into the harbour of Syracuse, which offered almost 360-degree protection and a sand bottomed

anchorage. This former Greek city which was once occupied by the Greeks, Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, Aghlabids, Normans and the Mafia is now part of Italy.

Next day they sailed to the fishing village of Brucoli and anchored in the protection of August harbour, continuing the next day along the coast to the tourist town of Giardini Naxos with its stunning white beaches and turquoise water with the spectacular snow-covered flanks of towering Mt. Etna, the highest and most active volcano in Europe, providing the perfect backdrop. After shopping they discovered a family-owned restaurant that's been around since 1951 and is famous for its stone oven pizza.



Leaving Naxos the Whitestar sliced through mirror-like water towards the Straits of Messina, a channel separating the eastern tip of Sicily and the southern tip of Italy. on the final leg of their journey, straits greatly feared by sailors in ancient times due to the presence of female sea monsters who lived on one side of the narrow channel, directly across from equally terrifying Charybdis, a sea monster or large whirlpool, forcing sailors to choose a side to favour, hence the source of the term “being stuck between a rock and a hard place”.

Today they still garner the respect of sailors with their fast running turbulent tidal currents, whirlpools, waterspouts and winds funnelling



Deirdre, Steve and Don

through the narrow channel, often at odds with the current, providing challenging conditions.

Exiting the Straits, the Whitestar rounded Capo Vaticano feeling the first effects of the gale; heavy swells, driving rain and increasing wind on the nose. The winds picked up to 30 knots with strong gusts off the cliffs. Instead of mooring in Tropia Marina which was on a lee shore, Steve decided to forge on the 15 miles more to their final destination of Vibo Valentia and the protection of the 300 ft. cliffs surrounding the harbour, a snug setting in which to leave Whitestar for the next few months.



Condensed from Deirdre's blog:  
[www.svwhitestar.wordpress.com](http://www.svwhitestar.wordpress.com)



Carolyn Walton Photo

## WIND WARRIORS

Lessons learned go beyond sailing.

Pamela Suzanne Smyth  
*Special to the Oceanside Star*

Guests recently gathered to watch young sailors 'graduate' from the Deep Bay Yacht club's 'Wind Warrior' program.

As instructor George Gutsche, and club volunteers, Ted Seaman, Charlie Cropper and Derrick Ward, showed four groups of children how to sail, life lessons naturally evolved.

Living in Ontario, Benny Harlton, 13, doesn't get to see his grandparents very often. He was thrilled when Grandpa George Gutsche said he could learn about wind movement and why boats sink or stay afloat.

Nova Scotia's Kaitlyn Orr, 15, visiting her Deep Bay relatives, was hesitant at first "but after Aunt Leah (King) told me more about it, I decided to go for it."

The teens, strangers the week prior, described their adventures with bonding laughter.

"If your boat turns over," Harlton said, "you push down on the centre board. If that doesn't work, you call the Coast Guard, or get the nearest skinniest guy to jump on top of your boat and flip it over. Then, there's always the flare gun."



Pamela Suzanne Smyth Photo

Benny Harlton and Kaitlyn Orr demonstrate their sailing skills learned in the Deep Bay Yacht Club's Wind Warrior program.

He likes being on the water because, "It's peaceful when you're out there all alone." In partial agreement, Orr cheerfully said, "It's peaceful except when he's (Harlton) out there. He's a comedian and likes to talk."

Describing their highlights, Orr said, "I've seen 10 seals." Harlton replied, "I've only seen one. Is it my breath?"

As to their most harrowing moments, "it's watching out for the barge," said Orr, "and others not paying attention." For Harlton, it's encountering "creepy dead things" in the protected harbour. "Earlier, I was in my own little world and not paying attention. I actually beach my boat. And had to jump in the water with bare feet. I'm a city boy from Toronto. There was a rotting dead crab and gross,

slimy algae but a nice man sitting on the porch saw me and ‘saved’ me.”

The teens then demonstrated their offshore skills. Orr, sailing an Olympic-speed Laser, tacked with finesse while Harlton, in an eight-foot Sabot, tried to chase her and implement broadside ramming tactics at bumper-car speed.

Orr’s quick manoeuvring tactics prevailed, though. “When I saw him coming, I thought it was funny,” she said. “I like comedy. We have a lot in common.”

Burgers and certificates were handed out by the club’s Commodore, Roz Lewis. Then several Unit 59 Coast Guard Auxiliary members wave the lifejacket wearing youth off on their final voyage in the Tara, a 26-foot sloop.

Putting knowledge into further action, the teens hoisted larger sails, tacked with the wind and commanded the rudder over riptides in Baynes Sound and then returned to the dock.

“At first I had fears but not anymore.” Orr said. “I like hanging out with friends at home but this is different. I’m going to start saving up to buy my own boat.”

Harlton thinks he might be able to “sling enough hamburgers” to do the same.

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## SAILPAST 2011





Gladys Perint Palmer illustration on banner at The Lincoln Center in New York City advertising the prestigious Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week.

## Gladys Perint Palmer Shines In the Big Apple

While Simon was sail racing the Princesa out of Deep Bay, Gladys made waves of her own in New York City, her distinctive fashion illustrations appearing on billboards and posters advertising the prestigious Mercedes-Benz Spring 2012 Fashion Week. Held in September and February each year, it is one of four major fashion weeks around the world along with those in Paris, London and Milan.



Dividing her time between homes on Denman Island and San Rafael, California, as well as attending major world fashion shows she is widely sought after by such top designer names as Versace, Missoni, Dior,

Armani, Valentino, Oscar de la Renta, Chanel, and Fendi to illustrate their haute couture designs.

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Her illustrations advertising the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week also appeared in the windows of Neiman Marcus, Union Square, San Francisco.

Gladys, or GPP as she is internationally-known, is Executive Director of the School of Fashion at Academy of Art University in San Francisco. In 1998, The Fashion Book named GPP one of 500 people of influence in fashion since 1860. In 2003 Assouline published Fashion People, her book of drawings and irreverent captions. Gladys was honoured to contribute her work to Victoria and Albert Museum's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Album and Exhibition in London as only 150 artists were asked. And the Mayor Gallery in London exhibited her July '09 Haute Couture drawings.

Gladys is working on two books, From Eve to Yves and You are Not on The List. Her illustrations have appeared in major magazines and newspapers around the world and her work exhibited in Milan, New York, Paris, London, Shanghai, Hong Kong and San Francisco.

### GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST!!

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 Navy Gildan Heavy Blend 50/50 Full Zip Hooded Jackets: \$40.00  
 Navy Gildan Ultra Cotton Crewneck Sweatshirt: \$35.00

Burgees are also available for \$35.00 and the decals at \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 Please see Roz Lewis for any questions or purchases. Phone: (250) 757-8269 or email: [shagpoke@shaw.ca](mailto:shagpoke@shaw.ca)