



THE SCUTTLEBUTT



The Deep Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

Winter 2008

Calendar of Events



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Jan 8 th 2008 6:30pm	Executive meeting
Jan. 10, 2009 6pm	Light up the Bay
Jan 22 nd 2009 6pm	General Meeting
Feb 12 th 2009 6:30pm	Executive meeting
Feb 26 th 2009 6pm	General Meeting
April 5 th 2009(tentative)	Marine Swap
More to come soon!	

commodore's Comments

Well, I hope you all had a great Christmas Season and are ready for a busy DBYC 2009. As you know, I am very much a "newbee" in the Oceanside area and have only a year with the Deep Bay Yacht Club. I don't know everyone in the club but I intend to meet and hopefully cruise with all of you over 2009.

My focus for the coming year will be to do what I can to build the club through dynamic activities and enjoying boating together. I am very much interested in picking everyone's brains for good program ideas for 2009 and I would encourage you to contact a member of our executive or myself at emmentee@yahoo.ca with your input. The first general meeting of the club will be on January 22nd. You will get more info via e-mail

and on our updated web site as the meeting approaches. See you there!

Ted Seaman

Past commodore's Comments

Thanks for a GREAT year!

My job as Commodore started off on a low note, having to cancel the Wind Warriors program due to the condition of the back deck. Also a lack of support from members to run the program, no one stood and said please let me do it So the plan was: Build the deck, Build support for the club and Build membership.

Building the dock began with the design from George. It was suggested that we contribute \$5,000 to the build in fact we gave \$10,000 to maintain an equal partnership with LCMCS. The dock was built with help from the club and the Rescue Society.

Building the membership was a success. Appearance means a lot, our old front deck got a spruce up and a great BBQ. Events planned and some unexpected were held on the deck, it appeared we were having fun and attracted new and returning members. The fun factor was created by Roz and Olga. Halloween was the "icing on the cake", seeing so many out and having a good time confirmed we were going in the right direction.

Our Saturday evening socials have also been a success. My main theme has been SOCIAL, its not about meetings or educational, its about

enjoying doing things together and finding friendships based on our enjoyment of boats. Meetings are the necessary evil of being a society, and I guess we will have to endure a few.

I would like to thank a great executive for all the work done in 2008. They made my job very enjoyable. Thank you also, to the members who stepped up and accepted a position of the new executive.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and a lot less snow.

Ann Nielsen

Our 2009 DBYC Executive!

Flag Officers:

Commodore	-	Ted Seaman
Vice Commodore	-	Niels Bang
Fleet Captain Sail	-	Don Barnes
Fleet Captain Power		Jack Ryvers

Directors:

Secretary		Kay Meldrum
Treasurer		Derrick Ward
Staff Captain		Gord Forster
Fleet Captain Cruising		Roz Lewis
Membership		Jan Auchterlonie
Entertainment		Olga McClean (assisted by Roz Lewis and Karen Forster)
Newsletter		Ann Barnes
Website		Ken McClean

Social Notes:

Due to the extreme Christmas Weather the “Light Up the Bay” evening has been postponed. Come and share the mulled wine, and appy’s and join in the gift exchange on Saturday – January 10, 2009 at 6pm.

Roz & Olga

DBYC Third Annual Marine Swap

In 2008, the Deep Bay Yacht Club held a very successful Marine Swap. The consignment sale of used boating, fishing and water sports equipment attracted sellers and buyers from our nearby area as well as up and down the whole Island.

Over \$2,400 was collected in sales and the Club made a net profit of almost \$700. For a second effort, all involved felt it was a great success and look forward to hosting the Third Annual Marine Swap on Sunday, April 5th, 2009. Articles for sale will be accepted from 9:00 to 11:00 am and the sale runs from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Bowser Legion.

How can DBYC members help?

First of all – here’s a chance for you to sell some of those boating bits and pieces that manage to accumulate. We all have those items – too good to throw away but you don’t need them anymore. Decide on a reasonable price for those goodies and bring them down to the sale. If, by some odd chance, you have nothing to sell, come to look over the offerings and pick up a bargain or two.

Of course we’ll need volunteers to help out that day. From 9:00 to 11:00 am we’ll be accepting and tagging articles as well as displaying them. This is a busy time and we could use extra assistance. Then from noon to 4:00 the sale will be happening and we’ll need floor people to help out. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse or let anyone on the executive know if you’d like to volunteer for an hour or two.

Mark April 5th on your calendar and start setting aside your items for sale!

Gord & Karen Forster

DBYC Meeting Times & Dates



Effective immediately Executive meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. General meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6pm. at the DBYC Clubhouse. All members are welcome.

Building Report

The focus right now regarding the clubhouse is to come up with a concrete plan "B" to move, remodel, and re-use the present clubhouse. At the moment we are all waiting to hear from Nelson Eddy whether or not the B.C. Gaming Commission is going to come through with the grant that the rescue society has applied for. In the event that the funds are not forthcoming, we will need to make a concerted effort to revive and rejuvenate the old building.

In discussions with George Williamson and others, it is felt that although not the end result we had hoped for, the old building could and should be moved off the sinking float as soon as possible, if even only temporarily. We feel it prudent to have a plan in place that could be acted on immediately if we hear that the grant application has been denied. The old float is not long for this world.

Shortly after the New Year we will put together a meeting of interested parties to discuss the best way to proceed. I think there is sufficient local knowledge and expertise, as well as manpower to get the job done.

When I last spoke with Nelson Eddy, he remains steadfastly hopeful that the monies will be forthcoming early in the New Year. We will then jump right into getting plan "A" into action.

All in all everything is still pretty much up in the air but I will keep you informed when I get new information.

Gord Forster

Brainstorming!!!

What activities would you like to see your club offer?

What activities would you feel comfortable leading or assisting?

What do you think our club can do to attract new members?

Get in touch with the a member of the Executive - we welcome your ideas.

Picture Gallery .

This is Loco M' Ocean at a friends private dock near the Rendezvous Islands in Whiterock passage.



Vacation Highlights

For those of you who thought I had a relaxing holiday in the sun, here are a few highlights.

Fly out of Seattle to Panama but make sure you go via Detroit on a plane that's late. Miss your next flight to Houston and get re-routed to Newark where you can spend 8 hours exploring the airport. Then off to Panama City arriving at 11:00 p.m. with no one to greet you. Take a taxi to the city to find an apartment all in darkness, no phone, no doorbell and a friend that doesn't want to answer when you holler at her from the street.

See a tropical country in November so you can experience rainy season and the torrential downpours. Go white water rafting on any creek in the country as its banks swell to overflowing. Rent a car and drive around the countryside on roads full of potholes and slimy gumbo. See the culture and beauty of the simplistic life in every corner of Panama before progress destroys it. But get there before the raging river wipes it out so progress has a clean slate to work with. Sleep in damp beds in the cool night with the spray from the sea and only a sheet to cover you. Feed the wild monkeys bananas as they climb all over you and you wish they would crawl in your bed to keep you warm at night. Take a refreshing

shower in the crystal clear water fresh from a cold mountain stream. Drive down a beach to your next destination, not knowing if the tide is coming in or out. Find two good looking, strong, young Norwegian boys to take hostage so they can assist you when your vehicle gets stuck. Always travel with a navigator that doesn't remember left from right and is usually sleeping so she can wake up at your destination totally refreshed and ready for some other hair brained idea. Spend an hour and a half starving while you drive by restaurants over and over looking for that 'great pizza' place that was there three years ago. Get a tan on the one of the few sunny days by sitting on the end of a boat dock waiting for a boat to come along and take you off the island.

Travel with a Lonely Planet book (even though it's six years old) as they have maps to show you where you would like to go but doesn't show the roads to get there. Not to worry, there are written descriptions to guide you on where to turn, if the road is still there. If all else fails ask the locals in your broken "Spanglish" and get directions, usually to somewhere that is nowhere near to where you wanted to go. Then return to Panama City for your last few days where you don't have a pool, the rains have eased off, it's really hot and really dirty. But there is always the afternoon rain shower to wash off the dirt and cool you off.

Fly out of Panama City on a beautiful tropical day and just when your plane leaves the ground, hear someone in the back rows screaming "you're all aliens and you're abducting me". You sit there and pray that the stewardess can calm the man down until his medication kicks in. Arrive in Houston and have to wait until whacko man is taken off the plane first. However whacko man now likes us aliens and doesn't want to leave.

Get on a bus from Seattle to Vancouver to arrive in the middle of the night and earlier than expected. Stand in the freezing cold waiting for your ride. Then take the ferry to the Island in the morning arriving in the middle of a blizzard with vehicles spun out on hills and sitting in ditches.

What a lovely way to end a journey. But we have to remember it's not the destination, it's the journey!

- Jan Auchterlonie

For Sale

****DBYC** Vests, Sweatshirts and Hoodies with club logo

****DBYC** Burgees are also available along with the “new” DBYC Stickers

Contact either: Jo Williamson 757-8402 or

Karen Forster 7572063

Do you have stories about boating, pictures of the most beautiful place you've visited, information about upcoming social events or meetings or work parties, historical information about the club or the area or boating safety ? To publish them in the Scuttlebutt contact Ann by email donannbarnes@shaw.ca I hope to make Scuttlebutt a quarterly newsletter.