

KITSILANO YACHT CLUB



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Happy First Day of Winter!

Thursday, December 21st

Sunrise – 8:05a.m.

Sunset – 4:16p.m.

On Friday, December 22, we gain 4 seconds of daylight!

Racing News

2017 Awards Dinner



Trophies waiting to be awarded on November 18th



Commodore Brian was emcee and main presenter of the evening.

Pacific Reach

Rob Varnel spoke about the Pacific Reach team and shared this with the members:

Our Pacific Reach paddlers had a busy year entering 13 races. Five of those races were part of the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association series to earn points.

We trained very hard since January and won the 2017 CORA Award at the Championship race in Harrison.

Our major event was doing the 29km Iron race in Hawaii where we placed 9th out of 43 teams in our category and we also beat 20 other Men's teams there. Great work!



Rob, Doug, Sam, Erick, Sarah, and Carmen

M242 Fleet Achievements

M242

#13, Back in Black, Reto Corfu and Phil Cragg

1st Overall Round Bowen Island Race
2nd Kits Invitational Regatta
3rd Cowichan Bay Regatta, M242 Canadian Championships.
1st English Bay Scramble
1st Lawrance Cup
2nd for all the Wednesday Evening Series (M242 scoring)
1st for M242 In the Bay series (RVYC One Design Weekends)
RVYC one design boat of the year award
1st for M242 Out of the Bay series
2nd for M242 Fleet Championships
Winner of Martin Bell, best KYC M242.

#37, Electra, Tim Murphy and Chuck Lawson

3rd Wednesday Evening series

#272 Crown Royale, Dave Bogart

winner of the Biggest Bloody Blunder for dragging his motor in the water before going aground in the Round Bowen Island race.

#250, Catch Me Now, Loree Christianson,

4th Kits Invitational Regatta
Best Female Helm – M242 fleet award

#282, Dirty Dog, Matt Collingwood

2nd, In the Bay series
4th, Fleet Championship
4th, Bowen Island
5th, Cowichan Bay
6th Kits Invitational



Lightning Fleet

Chris Duncombe

Isobel Vogel Plate – overall KYC events

Menno Bos

KYC Trophy Winner - First Race of the Season

Chris Duncombe

2nd in the Vancouver Lake Sailing Club Regatta in June (Vancouver, Washington)
2nd in Kits Invitational Regatta – Pacific Northwest District Championships



Past Commodore & Fleet Captain and Lightning sailor, Menno, presenting Lightning fleet awards to Jane, accepting them on behalf of her Skipper, Chris.

Thursday Night Series @KYC

Lightning Fleet - Tom Sturges Trophy

- 1st Chris Duncombe
- 2nd Menno Bos
- 3rd Ran Vered
- 4th Matt Henley
- 5th Doug Ash
- 6th Andy Jakoy and Mark Storey



Chris was unable to attend the awards dinner but one of his crew, Jane, was on hand. Sitting next to Jane, is Ran, a Lightning sailor and our new Fleet Captain for 2018.



Lightning sailor, Mark.



Nicole, KYC Exec member and spouse of a Lightning sailor, with Johanne, Lightning and 6M sailor.



Lightning and 6M sailor, Matt



Co-presenter and Lightning sailor, Menno

Doug and Andy were not able to attend the awards dinner.



Star Fleet

Henry Larkin

1st place - May Cup Regatta

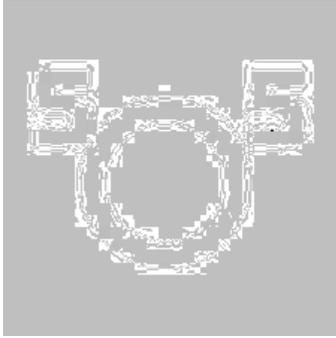
2nd place – RVYC One Design Season Overall



Henry

Star Fleet -BM Clarke Trophy -Best KYC sailor in RVYC One Design Racing

Henry Larkin



505 fleet

Cynthia Des Brisay – Non-Sequitor
2nd Kits Invitational
3rd Bluenose Regatta
1st Thursday Night Series @KYC

Ian Plumbly – Grumpy Old Men
1st Passage Island Race

505 Fleet - Fleet Champion

Cynthia Des Brisay



Champions, Charles and Cynthia, crew and Skipper of Non-Sequitor

Ian and his crew were not able to attend the awards night.



Cal 20 Fleet

Spring Series Results

1st Magical – Kerry Brann
2nd Pinnical – Ted Sharplin
3rd Whimsical – Zenon Samila

Fall Series Results

1st Magical – Kerry Brann
2nd Pinnical – Ted Sharplin
3rd Tyrinical - Kent Wickens

Canadian Fleet Championships @ Kits invitational

Magical – Kerry Brann
Whimsical – Zenon Samila
Pinnical – Ted Sharplin

Bluenose Regatta

1st Magical – Kerry Brann
2nd Pinnical - Ted Sharplin
3rd Tryanical – Kent Wickens

Passage Island

3rd Whimsical, Zenon Samila, 5 hrs 5 mins

Perpetual Trophy and the keeper trophies

1st Place Kerry and Andrea Brann
2nd Place Ted Sharplin
3rd Place Kent Wickens and Oliver Young

Zenon was not at the dinner.



Cal 20 sailors, Andrea. Kerry, and Ted.

Oceana Cup



While all the trophies for the Oceana Cup and the 6M Worlds were handed out in September, Brian invited Johanne to tell the KYC good news stories. KYC sailors, Johanne, Matthew, Cynthia, Kathy (Kushner), Nigel, and Charles all did very well. New KYC member, Rainer, is a very supportive sponsot of 6M racing.

SUP Fleet

Doug Thomas

Victoria Sup Challenge - 6th place in the long course

Champion of the Crescent - 11th place in the long course and 2nd in the short course

Vancouver SUP Challenge - 23rd in the long course, 14th in the short course, and 1st in the over 50s

Kalamalka Crossing - 8th place

Board the Fjord - 15th place

Olukai Ho'olaule'a - 38th place and 3rd in his age class



Doug, standing up with OC6 team mates, Sam and Sarah.

Chris Spatzl

Champions of Vancouver Series - 1st in the short course race

Tofino Technical Surf Race - 7th

Champion of the Crescent - 3rd in the 3.5km race

Vancouver Sup Challenge - 11th in the 5km, 9th in the 2km, 6th in the sprint

Gorge Paddle Challenge in Washington - 42nd overall (from 128) and 15th in the over 40s

Chris was not able to attend the awards ceremony.

Lawrance Cup

(non PHRF, anything goes around the Point Grey bell buoy)

1st 'Back in Black' Phil Cragg and Reto Corfu
2nd Too Wicked – Michael Clements (RVYC)
3rd Dirty Dog – Helmed by Tim Murphy

Passage Island

1st Grumpy Old Men, Ian Plumley 505, 4 hrs 8 minutes
2nd Whimsical, Zenon Samila, Cal20, 5 hrs 15 minutes
3rd Menno Bos, Lightning, 4 hrs 46 minutes
4th Brian Trainor, Kryptonite, 505, 5 hrs 20 minutes

Ian and Zenon were not at the dinner; Brian and Menno were co-presenters.

Junior of the year

Brendan Trainor



Brendan

Lady of the Year

This award is presented by Andy Jakoy each year.

Rosemary McCallum



Sheridan, representing Andy who was not able to attend, presenting Rosemary with the Lady of the Year award.

Menno Bos Trophy

Menno presents this trophy annually to a member who actively promotes watersports. This year's winner, John, has done a tremendous job enhancing and growing the Co-op.

John Lavery



Volunteer Awards



Su, Membership and Volunteer Director, thanked all volunteers for their hard work; without the support of our volunteers, we would never be able to run our regattas and social events.

An amazing **2,500 volunteer hours** were logged on Club Express this season!

The following members received Extraordinary Volunteer Commitment awards.

Pacific Reach Team

Renovated and restored the benches in the changing rooms. They worked a total of 95 hours to accomplish this project.

Sarah Ng
Samuel Siu
Tim Grant
Erick Van Selst
Philip Chan
Rob Borsoff
Pat Bast

Shelia Morissette - Social member

For her commitment to Kits Regatta 2017.



Alex Krotenko - Star sailor

For commitment to fiberglass repairs for club power boats and all the co-op.

Suzanne Vetterli - Co-op member

For commitment to afterhours event cleanup for 2 events; painted the front doors, buffered the changing room floor.



Ted Sharplin - Cal 20 sailor

For extensive Co-op and Cal 20 repairs.

Zenon Samila - Cal 20 sailor

For everything from cutting blackberry bushes, to recycling, to Cal 20 repairs and much more.



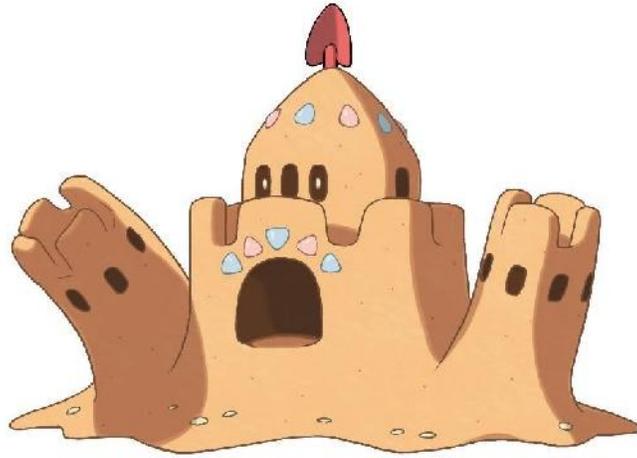
Su also sent a special thank you for the partners of some of our Executive who, by default, end up contributing way and above to the club.... Kathy Grimm, Nicole MacRae, Carmen Varnel, Holly Kemp and Christine Mellema.

Sandbar Trophy

Sheridan MacRae



Sheridan, accepting his award.



Club News
Pacific Reach

Pacific Reach shared some of their photos.....







Raise a glass and share a toast with Carmen, Lucy, and Sarah!

From the Staff Captain

November 18th Awards night – more pictures!







The last award of the evening is the sober and solemn Sandbar Trophy presentation.

Well, not really, more like rowdy and raucous! After a slow start, memories and stories flowed freely and we wound up with nine nominations and two very strong contenders, Erick and Sheridan. From the very beginning, there was a favourite nominee and, while he defended himself valiantly, Sheridan now has the honour of having his name added to the Sandbar Trophy! Congratulations, Sheridan, you join an exclusive club of frequent, talented, and occasionally silly mistake making sailors!

Thursday, December 7

KYC may not have had a Christmas Party for a few years, but we remembered how to do it with style!
We had a great party!

The day started with a bit of concern with the heating system not working but Colm was onto the service company right away and, by mid-afternoon, the club was a comfortable temperature.

Jean, Judy, Menno, Nicole, and I arrived at the club about 3p.m. armed with fresh holly and greens, tinsel trees, glittery garlands, a little Christmas tree, over one hundred wine glasses, and lots of creative energy.



We unloaded all the decorations...





...and Judy, in the back wearing red, and Jean in front started to set-up the tables for the wine-tasting...



Judy collects another tinsel tree while Colm is stringing the lights....



Menno assembles the Christmas tree in the front hall.

By the time guests started to arrive, the club looked festive and welcoming.



The clubhouse – all dressed up and just waiting for company.

As members arrived for the evening, our little Christmas tree received some beautiful decorations, some nautical and some traditional. Our tree looks very pretty and, a note for next year, we need a tree topper.



The tables were set for the wine tasting, with four wines to taste. Our Sommelier for the evening, Kris, selected wines with a festive theme – a sparkling wine, a chardonnay, a pinot noir and a tempranillo, all wines chosen not only for their own merits but also because they would pair well with traditional Christmas menus. Kris was an excellent wine guide, he provided us with lots of interesting information, (we now know the story of Champagne bubbles), and helped us enjoy the wines. There was a rousing round of applause for Kris and he agreed to come back and host another wine tasting for us. (If you have any requests for wines to taste next time, email me at staffcaptainkyc@gmail.com).

I confess, as your Hailer reporter, that I participated in, and thoroughly enjoyed, the wine tasting – to the point that I did not take good notes. The wines were from Everything Wine and, as soon as I have the full names and prices, I will post them on our website. I enjoyed all the wines, particularly the sparkling and the tempranillo.

After the wine tasting, everyone chipped in to pack up the rented wine glasses and quickly reset the tables for dinner. Nelly's Catering had arrived and wonderful aromas were coming from the kitchen. Ed and Nelson served another great meal.

There was a Christmas quiz! Sheridan was, once again, our entertaining Quiz Master, with able assistants, Carmen and Ed. Carmen assigned the team numbers and handed out the quiz to each table. Google was banned as a participant and, the two really tough questions were eliminated for everyone.

During dessert, Sheridan took the floor and provided the answers to the quiz (let it be noted that Sheridan correctly answered one of the really tough questions that were eliminated). Everyone took the quiz seriously and there was a tie between Table Two and Table Nine. There was a tie breaking question, both tables answered, Table Nine slightly ahead of Table Two, so the prize, a large box of Lindt chocolates, was shared. Quiz Assistant, Ed, presented the prize.

Notice of Correction: I came up with the tie breaking question, and the answer, and it was pointed out to me at the end of the evening, that I had the wrong answer. The winning tables both had the same wrong answer so it all worked out. But I will correct the error here.

The tie breaking question was, "in 1898, Virginia wrote to the editor of a large newspaper to ask if there was a Santa Claus"; what was the name of the newspaper. I had the answer as The New York Times, as did both Tables Nine and Two. The correct answer, supplied by Menno, is the New York Sun newspaper.

And, before we knew it, the evening was over! We had a round of applause for Nelson, Ed, and the Nelly's crew, and the 2017 Wine Tasting and Christmas Party drew to an end.

Throughout the evening, many hard working volunteers were in action. I know I am going to miss someone and I apologize in advance. Sindy was behind the bar all evening, Carmen, Jeanine, Liz, Peter, were all helping during the night and then, all the wonderful KYC members leapt into action and undecorated the tables, put away chairs and tables, picked up dishes, did some washing up, tidied the club – it was amazing. KYC members rock!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Party. Let me know if you want to do it again next year!

Oh boy, did we have a party! Enjoy the pictures!



John Nosotti, Su, Rosemary and Sommelier Kris





Rosemary and Kris having a good time!



The serious business of wine tasting.



Getting ready for the wine tasting...



Red wine in the glasses, we have tasted the sparkling and the chardonnay already...



John Wright



Johanne and Matt with the crowd in the background



Doug, Liz, Barbara, Johanne, Matt, and really good cupcake.



Helen, John Nosotti, Darren, Tim, Kim, and Efe





Helen and John enjoying themselves



John, Su, Rosemary, and Kris



Mike, Judy, Carmen, and Rob – Cheers!



Sindy, our bartender extraordinaire, for the evening, with Judy



This is a perfect picture to end the Christmas party photos – Peter and Jeanine in full Christmas finery in front of the KYC Christmas tree. Peter in his colourful and festive vest and tie, Jeanine in her bright green Elf sweater (she even had one red sock and one green sock), in the company of their fashionably dressed pup, complete with the bow-tie.

Nautical Gift Suggestions

Last year, the December newsletter contained some ideas for nautical gifts and hopefully it was useful. Book Warehouse added to their list from last year and there are new ideas from Mountain Equipment Co-op, Pacific Yachting Magazine, and Lee Valley Tools (thanks Johanne!)

Mountain Equipment Co-op – thanks to Mark Kelly

Level Six Safety Kit gives you a bailer, heaving line and sound signaling device for \$14

<https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5047-041/Bailer%26-Throwbag-Safety-Kit>

VHF Radio – it floats and if you hold the DSC button down for 5 seconds, all boats with compatible units will be send an emergency alert along with your GPS location

<https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5043-988/HX870-VHF-Radio>

MEC Scully Duffle – Waterproof storage for your stuff. Its great.

<https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5030-383/Scully-100-Duffle>

Pelican Marine Case – one of the best waterproof cases on the market.

<https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5054-934/Marine-Case-iPhone-7>

Towel – for when you're wet

<https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5024-431/Personal-Towel>

Really awesome Inflatable SUP on sale.....

<https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5053-156/iSup-Twelve-Six-Ultralight>

From The Book Warehouse

BC/Canadian Books:

Light Years: Memoir of a Modern Lighthouse Keeper - Caroline Woodward

Whale in the Door: A Community Unites to Protect BC's Howe Sound - Pauline Le Bel

Spindrift: A Canadian Book of the Sea - Michael L. Hadley

Views of the Salish Sea: 150 Years of Change around the Strait of Georgia -
Howard MacDonald Stewart

The Killer Whale Who Changed the World - Mark Leiren-Young

History and Adventure:

Pocket Atlas of Remote Islands - Judith Schalansky

Atlas Obscura: An Explorers Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders - Joshua Foer

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania - Erik Larson

Dead Reckoning: The Untold Story of the Northwest Passage - Ken McGoogan

Aloha Wanderwell: The Border-Smashing, Record-Setting Life of the World's Youngest Explorer
Christina Fink-Jensen
The World's Most Travelled Man: A Twenty-Three Year Odyssey to and Through Every Country on
the Planet - Mike Spencer Bown
The Boiling River: Adventure and Discovery in the Amazon - Andres Ruzo
Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship - Robert Kurson
Island of the Blue Foxes - Disaster and Triumph on Bering's Great Voyage to Alaska -
Stephen R. Brown
Among the Islands: Adventures in the Pacific - Tim Flannery
The Golden Age of Maritime Maps - Catherine Hofmann
Atlas of Oceans: An Ecological Survey of Underwater Life - John Fardon
Pristine Seas - Journeys to the ocean's Last Wild Places - Enric Sala, Leonardo DiCaprio
The Conquest of the Ocean - Brian Lavery
Man and Sea: Planet Ocean - Yan Arthus-Bertrand
Royal Navy and the War at Sea 1914-1918 - Martin Mace
Seaweed: A Collection of Simple and Delicious Recipes from an Ocean of Food - Claudia Seifert
How to Read Water: Clues and Patterns from Puddles to the Sea - Tristan Gooley

Fiction:

The North Water - Ian McGuire
Odessa Sea- Clive Cussler
Woman in Cabin 10 - Ruth Ware
Peter Benchley Collection - Peter Benchley
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Life of Pi - Yan Martel
Tears of Dark Water - Corban Addison



From Pacific Yachting Magazine

Outdoor Speaker \$40

This waterproof speaker will take a beating without breaking the bank and is light enough (240 grams) to carry with you on shore excursions. The re-fuel unit will play up to 10 hours of music from a single 50-millimetre speaker and the one directional sound is perfect for keeping the music to yourself when at anchor. The Bluetooth has a range of 10 metres so you can keep your smartphone or Bluetooth-enabled device out of the elements while you enjoy your music worry-free.

Re-fuel.com/audio/mono-speaker.html

Dock Line Chafe Guard \$29.99 For Two

Boats tied up or at anchor never stop moving. If the motion isn't relentlessly sawing away at a cleated dock line—typically unseen—it's causing the cordage to rub against the vessel. Secure Chafe Guards from Davis Instruments are quick and easy to install and remove, and safeguard against the havoc brought on by friction and abrasion.

Secure Chafe Guards fit braided and three-strand line from 3/8-inch to one-inch. Velcro hook fasteners line the entire interior to securely grip the rope so it doesn't slip. Built to last, they're made from abrasion-resistant, UV-stabilized, marine-grade nylon webbing, yet they're soft and pliable. Available in white or black.

davisnet.com

Wireless Person Overboard System \$80

After teaming with Fugawi, Sea-Tags MOB alarm system is now available in North America. There are two components to the Sea-Tags MOB system. First is a free app, which can be downloaded to all smartphones onboard. Second, is the waterproof wristbands worn by captain and crew. The wristband emits four signals per second and as long as the wristband is within 100 metres from the boat it won't trigger an alarm. As soon as the wristband is submerged under water, communication is lost and an alarm is sounded. The time and location of the emergency are saved and the smart phones can be programmed to send a notification to an emergency contact on shore.

sea-tags.com

Nautical Fashion Accessories \$25–35

Hook and Anchor offers sailing-themed fashion accessories that are perfect gifts for the nautically inclined. They keep it simple with stainless steel hardware on either leather or patterned paracord bracelets. Their bracelets are a great addition to your casual summer wardrobe, and help keep the open water close to your heart. Free Shipping in Canada and U.S.

hookandanchor.co

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From Lee Valley Tools

Three great products for the Bluenose!

Bullet Space Pen,

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/garden/page.aspx?p=45401&cat=2,2180,44641,45401>

“You can write with it under water, or in the middle of a downpour on wet paper.”

Rite in the Rain® Weatherproof Notebook

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=69520&cat=1,46113>

“You can even take notes in a downpour if you have to.”

Rechargeable Handwarmer

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/gifts/page.aspx?p=76088&cat=54&ap=1>

No explanation needed!

Socketbox™

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=70211&cat=1,43326>

Waterproof equipment box

LokSak® Bags

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/garden/page.aspx?p=70785&cat=2,40725,45454,70785>

Made of 6-mil thick polyethylene, they are watertight (to a depth of 200/60m), impenetrable by dust and sand, and pliable enough to resist cracking in -40°F/°C temperatures.

Tear-Aid® Repair Patches

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/garden/page.aspx?p=71806&cat=2,42194,40727>

These are the patches you want for quickly repairing punctures and tears on a boat cover, tent or waders.

Dry Sacks

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/garden/page.aspx?p=73203&cat=2,42194,47776>

Memory Foam Knee Pads – Johanne has these and gave me the suggestion!

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=72806&cat=1,42207,46155>

TagLit™ Magnetic LED Marker

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/gifts/page.aspx?p=76249&cat=54&ap=1>

Cinch-A-Lot™ Stretch Strap

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/gifts/page.aspx?p=76247&cat=54&ap=1>

Lee Valley books

Building A Strip Canoe

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=75374&cat=1,46096,46097>

This Old Canoe

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=75453&cat=1,46096,46097>

All The Knots You Need

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/garden/page.aspx?p=10014&cat=2,51553,10014>

KayakCraft

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=42736&cat=1,46096,46097>

Sailing Books by Charles G. Davis

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=53609&cat=1,46096,46117,53609>

Building Classic Small Craft

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=51910&cat=1,46096,46097>

The Sailor's Pocket Book of Knots

<http://www.leevalley.com/en/wood/page.aspx?p=55730&cat=1,46096,46117>



Merry Christmas from Rosemary and Menno

This is the last Hailer for 2017 and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Hailer over the last year. Barbara Dill, the other half of the Hailer staff, has been amazing and helpful; contributed great Kits Chronicles articles and, best of all, is always good fun to work with; thank you Barbara.

To all the members who have contributed articles, passed along suggestions or comments, allowed me to interrupt them and take pictures, and to everyone who reads the Hailer, thank you! Keep doing the fun, interesting and wonderful things that fill up the pages of the Hailer.

Thank you to all the members of the Executive Committee. Special thanks to Su, for all her support and help and for coordinating all the wonderful volunteers who make our regattas and social evenings successful and fun.

Menno and I will be at home in New Westminster for Christmas, celebrating with family and friends and with all the Christmas traditions we have gathered over the years.

Wherever and however you spend the coming weeks, Menno and I send you our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year! Looking forward to seeing you in 2018.



Our young, and naughty, cat, Lucy, sitting in the Christmas tree.

The Last Silly Word for 2017

What do they call Santa's helpers?
Subordinate Clauses