



CRYC Bulletin Christmas 1999

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***Merry Christmas to all, from the Executive and
Directors of the Campbell River Yacht Club***

The **Christmas Party** will be held at our Pacific Playgrounds Clubhouse, December 12, 2:00pm to 5:00pm, details below. **To get to the clubhouse over the winter, take the gravel road at the 3-way stop and enter the grounds by the cabins beside the river.**

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The Commodore's Message

This month - the last month of the last year of the 1900's - these will be my musings.

Looking aft - "He who fails to learn from history is doomed to repeat the mistakes of his forefathers"

It's been on helluva century. Many of us, certainly including myself, can well remember the last half - a half far better materialistically and humanistically, than the first. Can any of us who remember when JFK showed the world he had the gust and the tools to stare down Kruschev and reverse the course of the missile-laden ships heading for Cuba, doubt that we are learning from history?

Looking at our own members, the "senior" retired ones particularly, it's evident we've learned that "keeping your nose to the grindstone" too long, risks shortsightedness and a "burnt nose". We're lucky to be able to provide this lesson to our younger members.

Looking forward - We've just had a good year, more racing and cruising participation than for several years and a good base to build on. One improvement that is really needed is to get more different boats' names onto the trophies.

It's time for New Year's resolutions and I have a suggestion "Sail more - It saves money (per hour)
"! **Hugh SILVER**

Our Special Events Calendar

Christmas Party Sunday December 12, 1999

This will be a family event held from 2:00 to ~5:00pm at the Clubhouse. Bring hors d'oeuvres and your choice of beverage, CRYC will provide your just desserts. Trophies will be presented for this seasons racing. Bring your best photos for the Annual Photo Contest.

Winners will receive awesome prizes. There are four categories: Best Humor, Best Scenic, Best Club Activity, and Best Boat Picture. Photos will be become part of our Club Photo Album, which provides a pictorial history of the CRYC.

Commodore's Drop-In January 1st, 2000

The Commodore and First Mate request the pleasure of the company of the members of the Campbell River Yacht Club at the clubhouse from 1400 to 1600 hours January 1st 2000. Virgin punch and nibblers provided - BYOB.

FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET c/o CR Power Squadron - Saturday, 05 February 2000, from 0900 to noon, at Willow Point Hall, FLEA MARKET / SWAP MEET (Nautical). RRS Members free / Yacht Club and others \$5.00 per vendor. Free entry to all. Setup 0800 to 0900. Think in terms of half a table each to ensure we all have a chance to clear out our prize possessions. Call Rob Erickson at 287-9036 to book space. First come/ first served. Incidentally Rob's E-mail address is hearob@island.net and Jim Singbeil's is jim.singbeil@crcn.net

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*The next **ladies luncheon** will be held on December 6, 12:30pm at the **Willows Pub***

Our upcoming Program

Our next program will be held at our general meeting in January. There is no meeting in December in lieu of the Christmas get together.

-  **It's always *Easy Cruisin'* with Wright**

It's that time of year again! Everyone is hustling around in preparation for the festive season. Should you have a problem in deciding which present to give, how about something that would really be handy for the sailor, i.e., gloves, jacket, chain, rope etc., etc., or a NEW & BIGGER BOAT????

Seriously, though, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each & every one of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & an extra special millennium New Year

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the party Dec. 12th. Think Cruising & please pass on your ideas for the coming season. **Joe WRIGHT**

Action *Between the Sheets* with Wessel



"The Auld Cup" The Louis Vuitton Cup is an elimination series which will name the next challenger to vie for the America's Cup in a best of nine race series starting February 18, 2000. Yachts from eleven syndicates and seven countries have been competing in this challenger series. The qualifying races last for four months, with the winner to face a boat from New Zealand in February. The races are taking place on the picturesque and windy Hauraki Gulf at Auckland, New Zealand. In the Louis Vuitton regatta, each team races all the other teams once in each of three round-robin series' between Oct. 18 and Dec. 12. Two of the three round robins have now been completed and I include the results below along with a brief description of the four leading syndicates to date. Gotta love those Italians! Further information can be found at ESPN's yachting web site <http://espn.go.com/moresports/ac99/index.html>. Those lucky few that have a satellite dish can find coverage on ESPN and ESPN2. I can only hope that our locally broadcast ABC Sports, an affiliate of ESPN, will pick up the Louis Vuitton Challenger finals and the America's Cup Finals (*the Auld Cup*) when the time comes. It's what *I* really want for Christmas.

OVERALL STANDINGS

(After two rounds) Victories are worth the following: One point in the first round robin, four points in the second round robin, nine points in the third round robin: **Team W L Pts** Prada Challenge 19 1 46 America True 14 6 38 Stars & Stripes 13 7 36½ AmericaOne 15 5 36 Nippon Challenge 12 8 29½ Young America 12 8 24 Spanish Challenge 8 11 17 Abracadabra 2000 7 12 16 Le Defi Francais 5 15 14 Young Australia 3 15 9 Fast 2000 2 16 8
NOTE: Stars & Stripes and the Nippon Challenge each were penalized a half-point in the first round for rules violations.

Prada Challenge Italy Skipper: Francesco de Angelis The richest of the challengers, its initial budget of \$35 million has swelled to \$50 million. Sailing out of the Yacht Club Punta Ala, Prada is trying to match the success of the last Italian challenge, Il Moro di Venezia, which reached the Cup final in 1992.

America True USA Skipper: Dawn Riley As CEO of the syndicate from the San Francisco Yacht Club, Dawn Riley, the only American to sail in two Whitbread Round The World Races and two America's Cups, is the first woman to lead an America's Cup challenge.

Team Dennis Conner USA Skipper: Dennis Conner The man who has won the America's Cup four times and lost it twice is back, this time sailing a version of Stars & Stripes designed by the highly successful team of John Reichel and Jim Pugh, whose boats have won the last two Cups. Stars & Stripes sails for the Cortez Racing Association in San Diego, Calif.

AmericaOne USA Skipper: Paul Cayard Representing the St. Francis Yacht Club of San Francisco. Skipper Paul Cayard was named 1998 Yachtsman of the Year and won the 1997-98 Whitbread Round The World Race.

I'd like to take the opportunity and wish everyone the Best for the Holiday Season. Hope to see you at the Christmas party. **Gary WESSEL**

-  **Gotta Luv Nautical Trivia** from Elliott

The first advancement on the hand lead line for measurement on depth was in the early 19th century with the "Self-acting Sounder", a hollow glass tube open at its lower end contained an index which moved up in the tube as greater water pressure compressed the air inside. The index retained its highest position when hauled aboard the vessel and its height was proportional to the depth of water.

Lord Kelvin in 1878 perfected this principle by using piano wire and a chemically coated glass tube to measure the compression or water level. This concept was so successful that it was used until recent times for surveying.

The "echo sounder" as we know it was first conceived in 1911 and it wasn't until 1922 when the US navy first developed a workable echo sounder. **Jim ELLIOTT**

-  **From the Galley Slaves Pot** by Mooney



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An X-Mas Cruising Hot Drink " Love Apple "

Into the bottom of a mug, 1-ounce Ammareto, fill with hot spiced apple juice. Add a healthy dollop of whipped cream, sprinkle with nutmeg and finish with a cinnamon stick. **"Caution! Enjoy with a favorite person!" Kathy MOONEY**