



# CRYC



Dedicated to bringing **ENJOYMENT** to all aspects of boating.

June 2010 Newsletter

Our web site <http://www.cryc.ca>

## Commodore's Message

We attended Joe's Memorial Tea last Sunday and it was good to see the Club so well represented. As a T-Shirt he once had said, 'Not your ordinary Joe'

So far we're still waiting for some summerlike weather that can entice us out on the water. Maybe next weekend for the Commodore's Sail Past will be the start of it.

Our Turf and Surf Barbeque is coming up June 17th and I understand that as well as Barbeques, there will be some cooking pots available for those of you that want to try some seafood. More information is in the Newsletter.

Your Commodore, First Mate and of course Jilly.

### **Future Events:** *(subject to change)*

1. **Comodore's Sailpast – June 13<sup>th</sup> Meet at noon just north of the fishing pier**
2. **General Meeting – June 17<sup>th</sup> - Summer "Surf n Turf" BBQ 6:00 pm at the clubhouse – Please bring a pot luck dish as well as your fish and meat. Expect a phone call.**
3. **Executive Meeting – September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the clubhouse**
4. **Ladies' Lunch – September 7<sup>th</sup> – to be confirmed**
5. **Men's Lunch – September 8<sup>th</sup> – to be confirmed**
6. **General Meeting – September 16<sup>th</sup> – Fall "Steak Nite" BBQ - expect details.**
7. **Corn Roast – October 2,3 Power Squadron invitation to TAKU resort.**
8. **Christmas Party – Mark your calendar now – December 12<sup>th</sup> 2010**

### **News of Absent Friends.....**



Read John and Naomi's adventure [Fakarava South - Snorkeling with the Sharks](#)

For more news from the SV Renova and their voyage across the Pacific to French Polynesia see below or check out

<http://svrenova.blogspot.com/>



**From Barry and Pat Bolln aboard SV Pacific Voyager** - We will be underway again on Thursday from Isla Mujeres, Mexico to Port Isabel, Texas. It is about 630 miles and may take about 5 days. We wish to avoid

huge waves, high wind, and oil rigs at night. We need a break for a little while, so will find a place up the channel from Galveston to moor the boat a few months. I have my 45 year class reunion the end of July, so we will travel around in Texas a bit. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers as we travel.

## **Racing Director's Report:** (for details call Hugh 287-8213)

We don't race a lot in CRYC but we do concentrate in May because that's when the odds for wind and weather are the best - and we're most filled with optimism! Hence 3 races since the last newsletter.

### **2010 CRYC Round Mitlenatch Race May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Course: Shelter Point, Mitlenatch to starboard, Shelter Point – distance 14.5 NM.

Light northerly wind died after the start, boats dispersed, Tuulikki to N, Katana and Windsong to NE, (towards Mitlenatch), Darien to S. After 3 hours K and W/S rounded Mitlenatch together and 3-5 kt. southerly filled in. K. broke out a new reaching asymmetric spinnaker and opened up a 12 minute lead on W/S@ finish line followed by T and D. Handicaps boosted the "slower" boats into 1st and 3rd positions.

Boat	P.F RTG	Finish Time			Elapsed time Secs	Handicap Secs	Corrected Time Secs	Rank in CRYC
		Hr	Min	Sec				
Tuulikki	155	15	53	45	21225	2248	18977	4
Katana	157	15	07	01	18421	2276	16145	2
Windsong	208	15	19	01	19141	3016	16125	1
Darien	216	16	05	10	21910	3132	18778	3

### **2010 Gorge Harbour Race May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Course: Shelter Point; Marina Island to Port; West Guide IT Distance 11.14 NM

The Handicapper struck a blow for fun with some new numbers and a Pursuit start and the wind and weather gods smiled. It was a close port reach all the way in 12 - 15 kt northerlys, all boats finished within 10 minutes of each other. Most successful!

Boat	H'cap	Start Time			Finish Time			Elapsed time Secs	Handicap Secs	Corrected Time Secs	Rank in CRYC
		Hr	Min	Sec	Hr	Min	Sec				
Katana	157	10	10	00	12	14	24	7464	1749	5715	2
Windsong	208	10	00	00	12	12	30	7950	2317	5633	1
Tuulikki	262	09	50	00	12	17	41	8861	2919	5942	3
Darien	316	09	40	00	12	21	01	9661	3520	6141	4

### **MAJOR MYSTERY RACE**

Race started at 09:00 hrs at CR Fishing Pier in flood tide and no wind - engines astern were allowed up to the start horn to avoid "early over" disqualification"! Winds appeared L & V southerly around Wilby Shoals and southerly 5 - 7 kts in Sutil. Boats remained competitively close into Baker Pass - a notorious trap! W/S was perhaps half a mile (15 min. @ 2kts) behind when K finished at Major It. and, like last year, the wind went totally flat! One hour plus later a zephyr came in from the SE and W/S and Darien were able to finish and join K for Happy Hour on the float in Finn Bay - and listen to Wade's crocodile expressions of sympathy!

Boat	P.F RTG	Green Can			Spilsbury Pt			Finish Time Hr Min Sec	Elapsed time Secs	H'cap Secs	Correcte d Time Secs	Rank in CRYC
		Hr	Min	Sec	Hr	Min	Sec					
Katana	157	11	11	48	12	25	05	13 48 28	17308	2740	14568	1
Windsong	208	11	14	45	12	30	00	15 27 53	19673	3630	16043	2
Darien	316	11	20	45	13	25	15	16 14 37	22477	5514	16963	3

## From the News

### The Tortoise crawls northward.....



Alessandro Di Benedetto crossed the Equator on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and his latest position is **3° 34' 08"N 26° 33' 40"W**, almost on top of his outgoing course. He is attempting to circumnavigate in the smallest sailboat on record. He is shown left in his 21ft **Hakuna Matata**.

You may follow his adventures at <http://www.alessandrodibenedetto.net/>



### ...meanwhile.....Jessica Watson (born 18 May 1993) the Australian sailor, becomes (unofficially)



the youngest individual to sail non-stop and unassisted around the world. She departed from Sydney on 18 October 2009, heading eastbound over the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean. She returned to Sydney on 15 May 2010, three days



before her 17th birthday. Jessica's boat, *Ella's Pink Lady* (right) is a 10.23 metres (33.6 ft) Sparkman & Stephens S&S 34, the same design as used by Jon Sanders, David Dicks and Jesse Martin in their circumnavigations. More information may be found at [www.jessicawatson.com.au/](http://www.jessicawatson.com.au/). (There is a video tape about Jesse Martin's voyage at the CR library.)

### ....and... California's school-girl sailor Abby Sunderland is OK



Abby, 16, was past the halfway mark of her own solo sailing trip when she hit trouble, activating two distress beacons 2,000 nautical miles off Australia's west coast. Sunderland says she is in good shape. The mast of her boat has been torn off in a storm. A plane flew overhead, located, talked with her on the radio and she will be rescued in 24 hours! A fishing vessel is en route to pick her up.



## Reflections on 8 months of Cruising

Where does the time go? Hard to believe it's been 8 months since we left BC. After 6500 miles, and as we approach landfall in the Marquesas, I thought this would be a good time to update you on what we've been up to, and some of our thoughts on cruising.

I know that many of you have been following our blog, so I will try not to bore you with repetition. Instead, I thought it would be fun to summarize our travels and some of our learnings along the way.

Aug – Sept: BC to San Francisco

Sept – Nov: San Francisco/Sausalito  
Nov – Dec: San Francisco to La Paz, Mexico  
Jan: La Paz, Mexico  
Feb: Puerto Vallarta (La Cruz), Mexico  
Mar: Mexico to Galapagos (25 days)  
Apr – May: Galapagos to Marquesas, French Polynesia

- I haven't been afflicted with seasickness nearly as much as I expected. Gravol has been a saviour for me, helping me feel better, rest, and stand watch. Our latest passage from the Galapagos to Marquesas has been quite roly, so we have felt queasy for some of this trip, but neither of us have been ill.
- Working in the galley in a rough sea isn't fun, and even worse after dark. We now cook a few meals in advance, and always plan to have the cooking and clean up completed before dark.
- We still have refrigeration!! Even in this hot climate, our solar panels are able to keep up with the demands of our inefficient fridge.
- Even with paranoid precautions, we still managed to bring aboard unwanted guests in Mexico – cockroaches. We're well armed with an arsenal of cucaracha killers, and they moved on quickly.
- John is a social butterfly out here!! Turns out that he gets to know our neighbors and the local gossip well before I do!
- We've already spent this year's budget and we're working on next years! Mexico isn't cheap anymore, and we have poor will power when it comes to sampling the local cuisine. I've negotiated a contract with a past client, and am doing some work remotely.
- Renova has surpassed our expectations. She handles big waves and seas without problems. If we were to continue long term, we'd customize some of her storage spaces, but for now, she is great for us.
- Something is always broken. Maybe it is because of all the miles. Maybe because Renova is 30 years old. But, we've been able to resolve all our problems thanks to John's ability to fix just about anything and the resourcefulness of our fellow cruisers.
- As expected, we miss our friends and families enormously. As we also expected, we don't miss BC winters. Other cruisers make excellent surrogate families out here, and we feel lucky to have made many close friends.
- At home, we spend a couple hours per week shopping for groceries and household items. Here, we spend at least a couple hours per day shopping!! Everything takes much longer in a new language, new community, with public transit, and where each item needs to be purchased at a different store.
- Cruising is an incredibly social lifestyle. In Mexico, rarely a day would go by when we didn't meet new people, or share drinks or a meal with other cruisers.
- We realize how spoiled we are with the marine forecasts in Canada and the States. Now, we receive our weather forecasts from amateur forecasters via VHF or SSB radio and from GRIB files, wind data that we download to our computer, using our satellite phone as a modem.
- We're not the youngest cruisers after all. The majority of cruisers are couples who have retired, and are fulfilling a lifetime dream, but there are many families out here, and a few boats with younger cruisers in their twenties. It makes for a dynamic and fascinating group of people to spend time with. In Mexico, most were American and Canadian, but boats in the Galapagos were flying mostly European flags, mixed in with Aussie and Kiwi boats that were on their way home.

Already this has taken up more space in your newsletter than intended. Hope you are all well, and looking forward to taking off the winter covers to start the season. Wishing you fair winds and following seas!

**Naomi and John, SV Renova;** [www.svrenova.blogspot.com](http://www.svrenova.blogspot.com)

# Gorge Harbour Cruise 2010

Britt and Nola sent in these great pictures from the Victoria weekend in Gorge Harbour. They had a grand time except a bit shorter than planned on account of the weather prognosis. Please note the new owners of the marina Richard and Michelle Glickman giving out boat candles to our members.

For more information on Gorge Harbour Marina see <http://www.gorgeharbour.com/>



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