



CRYC BULLETIN

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Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday @ 7:30PM. To get to the clubhouse over the winter, take the gravel road at the 3-way stop (Saratoga Rd & McLarey Ave.) and enter the grounds by the cabins beside the river. If you are on line, consider giving us your e-mail address to bring our newsletter into the Millennium.

CRYC 2000 Executive: Commodore: Hugh Silver 287-8213, Vice Commodore: Brian Kyle 923-7944, Treasurer: Mike Harris 923-4647, Secretary: Royeen Silver 287-8213 Directors: Membership: Brian Kyle 923-7944, Social: Kathy Mooney 923-7582, Cruising: Joe Wright 923-3915, Hubert Breukers 337-8752, Racing: Gary Wessel 337-8950, Bulletin: Colleen Kelly 337-8950 crindmac@oberon.ark.com, Programs: Jim Elliott 286-1354, Terry Pennock 337-5318.

The Commodore's Message

Definition: Infectious -apt to spread, catching

Enthusiasm - rapturous intensity of feeling, passionate eagerness.

Problem: How to get the enthusiasm that the executive is infected with to spread to the rest of the club.

Solution Ideas: Social gatherings, the brunch at Rickie's on Feb. 27 was great.

We have great programs for the winter meetings

Extended club cruises - 2 major cruises North and South organized by Joe Wright

Races, Gary has an idea to reverse the usual views of bows and transoms.

Results: Come on out! We have a fine executive, we need members. Show up to meetings, bring a friend. Catch the wave of enthusiasm! Hugh SILVER

Our Special Events Calendar

Annual brown bag Wine tasting party will be held at the April 20 general meeting. More info next month.

Our upcoming Program

March 16/00 Gary Wessel will present Americas Cup 2000 Highlights. It was an exciting Challenger Series and Americas Cup with many surprises and upsets. We waited anxiously for each race and were rewarded with the best sailors in the world, racing with the best and newest technologies! Look forward to an exciting overview of the Kiwi Magic Team New Zealand holding on to the Cup.

It's Easy Cruisin' with Wright Cruising Schedule 2000

By this time we are all getting spring fever and are looking forward to being on the water in the comfort of warm breezes. This is what we have planned for cruising activity. (Weather permitting)

Easter: April 21/22/23 Lund/Copelands

Victoria Day Gorge Harbour Annual Picnic: May 20/21/22 Race/ Cruise/ Pig Roast

June 16/17/18 Von Dunop Inlet

North 10 Day Cruise: July 22/31 Loughborough Inlet See Schedule

South Cruise: August 12/20 Pender Harbour See Schedule

North Cruise 2000

July 22 Depart to Gowland Harbour

July 23 Thurston Bay

July 24 Beaver Inlet

July 25 Beaver Inlet exploring Loughborough

July 26 Fredrick Arm

July 27 Fredrick Arm exploring Estro Basin

July 28 Octopus Islands

July 29 Octopus exploring area

July 30 Gorge Harbour

July 31 Sail Home

South Cruise 2000

Aug 12 Lund

Aug 13 Jedediah Island

Aug 14 Jedediah and Lasquiti Island exploring

Aug 15 Harmony Islands

Aug 16 Green Bay

Aug 17 Pender Harbour Park

Aug 18 Blind Bay (end of Jervis Inlet)

Aug 19 Savary Island (weather permitting)

Aug 20 Home

Some skippers may elect to continue on an extended cruise south to Gulf Islands. Destinations and anchorages will be planned by those involved. Further information please call Joe Wright at 923-3915 or Hubert Breukers at 337-8752 Joe WRIGHT

Action Between the Sheets with Wessel

Well if those Kiwis don't beat all eh? If this America's Cup Series wasn't magic, what was it! I'll be presenting my thoughts on Match Racing at the March Meeting. Regards to our own club racing I'll be taking a look at Winds and Wind Shifts, Maxi tacking, and the importance of Hailing while racing (profanities aside). I would hope that my program will become an open forum for questions, as well as opinions regarding racing. I see a number of experienced sailing members among us. I hope you can join us for this program.

Please find the 2000 Racing Calendar attached to this bulletin. The first race of the Season will be a new twist in that it is a Pursuit Race. Boats will start on their Handicap with the fastest boat starting last. Everyone finishes together. More on this at the next meeting. Gary WESSEL

The Offshore Notebook travels with Ankle Deep

Historically Carnival was a time of fun and feasting prior to the 40 days of fasting before Easter and the Major Carnival celebration ended at midnight on Shrove Tuesday. It was also a chance for the poorer people to make fun of their masters in costume and song. Now it seems to be another excuse to just party, party, party put on to extract as much money as possible from the tourist. Most of the local people we have spoken to around the yards admit that they do not take part any more as it is too expensive for them. The steel pan bands which were such an integral part of the whole Carnival parade and the numerous "fetes" (parties) now confine their appearances to the Panorama competitions. These events can last for over 12 hours as people come and go in the stands. There is a lot of waiting around between each performance because of the time involved in getting the pans on & off the stage & ready for their 10-minute performance. This was further aggravated last week by the persistent rainfall which turned the departure track into a mud bath, forcing the pans to return the way they had come on-stage and further adding to the chaos. There are Calypso competitions and Costume competitions, for King and Queen of Carnival, both Junior and Senior, and there are competitions for the Bands. Bands are not musical groups as such, but groups or "tribes" dressed in costumes designed around a theme and to join such a Band costs serious money. Originally these bands "pushed pan" through the streets but this type of music has unfortunately been replaced in many instances by diesel-belching tractors blaring out electronically produced noise. Much of Traditional mas - the masquerade - in which the revelers dress up to poke fun at political or other figures is dying except in the smaller communities around the Island. The final two days of Carnival starts on Monday morning at 2am with "Overt" when the revelers painted with mud or dressed as devils, roam around the streets till daybreak. After a wash, breakfast and a rest they come out again in their band costumes. There are more Parades on Tuesday and everyone goes to the beach on Wednesday to recover. We are being pretty selective in what we go to watch! We have been to see the Mighty Sparrow who is now the most senior Calypsonian alive since Lord Kitchener died a couple of weeks ago. We enjoyed the evening though it was sometimes hard to catch the lyrics in the West Indian dialect. While we are here in Trinidad we have been working on various paper trails/ legalese. We have now made three trips to the Canadian Embassy - which involves a mile hike there and another mile back-to get new passports. Once we get them we shall be off to the Venezuelan Embassy for visas for that country. Unfortunately we cannot get Panamanian Visas here as they are valid for only three months and become active as soon as issued rather than on arrival in Panama so we will just have to get them later in the year. We have also taken advantage of the many fabric stores in Port of Spain and got new slip covers made for the cabin cushions. The dinghy had been in for repair before we left for Grenada, but still had an air leak, so it was returned to the Caribe dealers and this time it appears that the problem is resolved. And now we are deep in charts and books on Venezuela - our next port of call. All the best, Pat & Lionel BOTTING

Gotta Luv Nautical Trivia from Elliott

Buccaneers are remembered today as a colourful part of our maritime history. Henry Morgan was probably the most famous of these pirates. He ended up being knighted and died as a respectable plantation owner in Jamaica.

Bands of adventurers and fugitives who ended up in the West Indies survived by hunting wild cattle on Hispaniola. This meat was preserved by drying it over a fire on a grate which the local Indians called a Barbecue. The resulting food was called Boucan and was sold to passing ships. These people referred to themselves as Boucaniers if French or Buccaneers if English.

Harassed by the Spaniards and tempted by gold, these Buccaneers soon expanded their operations and their reputations as pirates.

It seems however that Barbecues belong more on sail boats than they do in ranch country.

Bon appetite. Jim ELLIOTT

From the Galley Slaves Pot by Pat Elliott

A recipe from the galley of SV "Opus 5" Steak Merinade

Amount Measure Ingredient Amount Measure Ingredient

 1/2 Cup Red Wine Vinegar 1 Teaspoon Sugar

1/2 Cup Salad Oil 1/2 Teaspoon Salt

2 Tablespoons Soy Sauce 1 Tablespoons White Vinegar

1 Teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce 1/2 Teaspoon Marjoram

1 Clove Garlic -- Crushed 1 Teaspoon Black Pepper

2 Tablespoons Catsup

Mix all ingredients and store in a bottle with a tight lid until required.

Pour into a shallow pan and merenade the steaks for at least one hour. Several hours will not hurt the flavor but will turn the meat brown. This is handy if you have requests for everything from rare to well done.