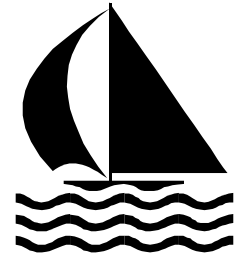


# Tiddlywinks



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## **Tiddlies celebrate Robbie Burns in Record Numbers**

Once again Tiddly's True Scotsmen and Wanna Be's celebrated the birthday of the famous native son of Scotland. This year Tiddlies made the party so to speak with record number of our members in attendance. Dinner saw 22 members seated in the dining room. Doc Morgan's management told the 10 or so additional Tiddly's that no seats were available in the dining room for dinner and as a result the stalwart lads had to fend for themselves in the bar drinking copious spirits to fend off the ravages of the swirling snow storms outside!

Once again Tiddly's showed their mettle and resourcefulness. Donald "Mucker" Munro, (skipper of the barge "the Saltine") by chance telephoned Doc Morgans to see if he could bring another guest to the dinner and discovered that Doc's had not arranged for the traditional Piper.

Mucker, always ready for a challenge, promptly provided Doc Morgan's with the necessary contact info and presto, the crisis was averted! The piper, -----, an ofttime participant of the Robbie Burns dinner thanks to Rob Clarke's contingent - performed with great gusto and dignity! The ode to the Haggis was read by an Itinerant Irishman dragooned in the bar that very afternoon and bribed with a free meal. The Poem was well performed and it shows that an Irishman who spends his afternoon in the pub can be counted upon to rise to the occasion in fine fettle!

Several members ran for the last ferry to civilizations in the mid evening and the rest of the crowd made their way back to the boats only to waken the next morning with 6" of snow on their decks. All in all, Doc Morgan's served up great grub but as always the Tiddly's made the party!

- Michael Spearing, *Rear Commodore*

## **Offshore Members Update**

Ever wonder what those members who live outside the Vancouver area are up to? Here is the first of what I hope is a series of short articles.

Ted, Sue, and Colin Haugen are now in Oakville, Ontario. Runaway is now a fair weather sailboat, spending half of each year on a stand in a parking lot. Their second club is the Oakville Yacht Squadron, which recently gave Ted the Gordon Elliot Award for Sportmanship. Full details and a photo of Ted can be found at <http://www.oysqn.com/WindjammerDec2001final.pdf>.

Boat show attendees may have spotted a watercolour artist selling limited edition prints of his work, paintings of local sailboats. One of the most prominently placed prints was titled 'Runaway Winner' and shows Runaway approaching the finish of the 2000 Swiftsure with the big kite flying.

About the time this is published, our updated member list will appear on the web site. Anyone with new on the other members living outside the lower mainland, should contact the editor.

### **Winter Racing**

In the first Hot Rum series, only three races were held. Richard and Amanda's new boat Mischief placed second overall in Div 2. Rhumblin with Gord as skipper placed 10<sup>th</sup> despite completing only one race. In the 242's Broos was second and Urban Well third. Gary Rhode, a new member who has brought Ultimatum back to the club, was second in Div 3.

In the first Snowflake series, General Hospital was 8th in Div 2; Carrera was 9th and Mischief was 12th in Div 3.

Both series are continuing through February and second series results will be published in the March Winks.

### **2002 Schedule**

VARC has published its official 2002 schedule at <http://www.varc.bc.ca/Schedule2002.htm>. Look for the TCYC racing and cruising calendars to appear on our website shortly.

### **Bill Wolferstan**

Many members will remember Bill coming to a TCYC meeting to show slides of cruising the canals of Europe. He will be at the VRC on March 14<sup>th</sup> to do another talk for those who missed it. Best known for his excellent BC cruising guides, you can learn more about his latest adventures at [www.linquenda.ca](http://www.linquenda.ca). This year, if you sign up to crew with Bill and Clementien in mid-July you can visit Carcassonne from the canal. In August, they will be in the Rhone area (as in Cotes de Rhone if you are a red wine person).

### **January Meeting**

At the January meeting, Roton and the Dinghy Shop gave the club a boat show preview by demonstrating the latest in electronics and clothing respectively. The meeting was very well attended; not only did we run out of chairs, but we set a new record for beer sales since Penny became social director.

### **RVYC Wednesday night talks**

RVYC is once again running the Wednesday night talks in February. Topics include Sailing in Heavy Weather, Sailboat Handling Under Power, and Tony Bullimore's three days inside an inverted sailboat in the southern ocean. Full details are available at <http://www.royalvan.com/CLUB/wedtalks.htm>. As usual, RVYC would appreciate a small donation (to youth sailing?) from attendees.



### **Coming Events**

February 6 – 10	Vancouver Boat Show
February 16	North Sails SailFast Course
February 21	February Meeting
March 14	Sailing Through Europe
March 21	March Meeting

### **Tiddly Bits**

Last year TCYC won a couple of awards for the club with the most boats participating. To encourage this trend, I thought it would be nice to publish a list of which boats are sailing what major races and series. This will make it easier to know which boats might be looking for crew for your favourite race or where you can expect to meet up with friends. If you agree that this is a good idea, send an email to [editor@tiddlycove.bc.ca](mailto:editor@tiddlycove.bc.ca) with the name of your boat and what races you are planning to sail. If you are looking for rides, send a email with your name and the races/series you are interested in. To get things started, I will do some speculating.

Pegasus:	FCYC Thursdays, Summer Shorts, Easter Seals, TCYC club races.
Lodestar:	Wednesday nights, Swiftsure.
Mystic XV	Swiftsure.
Rhumblin	Every race.

The Volvo Ocean Race (formerly the Whitbread) is heading towards Cape Horn with Illbruck leading and SEB dismasted 1250 miles from the next harbour. Details are available at <http://www.volvooceanrace.org>.

Dr. Jacques Rogge, the head of the IOC, competed at three summer Olympics as a sailor.

Local sailor Duncan Gladman has bought a boat for the Around Alone Race, starting in September. He is still seeking a major sponsor, but you can become a minor sponsor and get your name printed on his boat for a \$100 donation. More on this in the March Winks.

The official results person for TCYC misread the start time for the racing division with the assistance of a hot chocolate stain. The January Winks have been revised to show correct results. The Dash 34 was Jason Rhodes' Karma, not Ross McDonald's Vaca Loca, but the editor has not yet found anyone to blame for this mistake.