



Tiddlywinks



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TCYC Summer Shorts, Starting July 4

This is a casual racing series, every Thursday night in July at 6:30. It is a no flying sails event, ideal for new racers and also sailors looking for an excuse to soak up the sun on a weeknight.

Sailing instructions will be shouted from the committee boat shortly before the start. This is an invitational event: boats not belonging to Tiddly Cove must sign a waiver (on our web site or the committee boat), tell the committee boat their PHRF rating and length, and ask the committee for permission to race. Entry is free.

FCYC has offered their clubhouse for post-race drinks and barbecue.

Last I heard, Tom Bendle was still looking for a committee (and boat) for one of the races; if you can help out, give him a call.

TCYC/VARC English Bay Scramble, August 10 Race - Barbecue - Fireworks

TCYC will be hosting a new VARC race this year. The TCYC English Bay Scramble will be in the spirit of the popularly attended *Three Bridges Fiasco* in San Francisco. The course will be selected from predetermined marks dependent on wind conditions on race day. The course will be in English Bay, Howe Sound, and South of Bowen Island. The Sailing Instructions will be based on the following premise: A boat may pass the start line in either direction. Marks may be rounded to starboard or port. After a boat has started, it may round the interim marks in any order, completing the race across the finish race in either direction. Further details will be posted on the VARC website.

After racing there will be a barbecue, starting at 5pm, at the Vancouver Maritime Museum, followed by dancing and the Celebration of Light Firework Finale. Racers, their families and friends will also have access to the current exhibit at the Maritime Museum, "Luxury Liners - Cruising the Inside Passage" and to the Children's Maritime Discovery Centre which offers activities for children of all ages. The 2002 Celebration of Light Fireworks Finale starts at 10 p.m. and we'll have a great view from the Maritime Museum patio and an adjacent park area which will be fenced off for our event. Competing countries this year will be Italy, Spain and Canada. For more information visit <http://www.celebration-of-light.com>.

Skippers will be allocated one parking pass per boat for the Maritime Museum parking lot. Due to the Celebration of Light Fireworks, vehicle access to Kits Point will be restricted between the hours of 7:30 to 11:30 pm that evening. Drivers will be required to show a valid Maritime Museum special

event parking pass in order to transit police barriers during this time. You are encouraged to car pool, walk or take public transit.

Please direct any questions about the race to Andy Verhoeven or Richard King and about the barbecue and fireworks event to Penny Bax.

Support Tiddly Cove by bringing your boat out for the race or by volunteering.

May Meeting

On May 16th, Bruce and Janine Thieteke showed a video of their cruise to the Queen Charlottes last summer. We don't usually have a meeting in May, but as Bruce and Janine are heading to South America for another sailing adventure and aren't available in the Fall, the executive decided to hold an extra meeting. About 15 TCYC members were able to attend despite the date conflicting with the False Creek Thursday race. The video was excellent. Bruce and Janine had added music and voice-overs to some outstanding photography and it was hard to remember this was an amateur production. We have asked Bruce and Janine to come back and present the video from their Thailand trip, which they are in the process of editing, when they return from South America. They have agreed.

-- Penny Bax

The Gibson's Weekend

The Saturday of the May long weekend dawned sunny with light winds. Most of the 16 Tiddly boats heading over to Gibson's had to motor part of the way, but many enjoyed a lovely sail around Bowen. By 3pm we had the Tiddly keg of beer installed on the dock, with the help of Gary Bartrim from GLSA, and an impromptu pre-race dock party took place under sunny and warm skies. By 4pm all the Tiddly boats had arrived: Valhalla, Senza, Kindred Spirit, Pegasus, Brandy, Desiree, Intuit, The Saltire, Jazz, Moomba, Buzz Lightyear and new member Bill Lutz and his wife aboard their boat. Saturday evening we enjoyed a great buffet dinner at The Waterside Café with members of the Gibson's Landing Sailing Association, who we were to race the next day for the Valhalla Cup.

Sunday morning dawned damp and grey. The winds during the race were generally light and shifty allowing the Gibson's boats to show off their local knowledge after Buzz and Senza jumped out well ahead at the start. The race ended in strong breeze and a fully powered spinnaker reach.

By 3pm the Tiddly/GLSA dock party was in full swing. Sue Heyes presented a hand-embroidered blank to the winning GLSA skipper, who repeated his 2001 win (having failed to forget a single person's name for this issue of the Winks, the editor has made up for it by forgetting the name of a boat). GLSA was able to retain possession of the Valhalla Cup, but not by much. GLSA finished 1-2, with Buzz coming in a close third. Michael Spearing ran a draw for dock prizes, and despite the rain, the level of beer in the keg dropped rapidly. By dinner time we were almost out of beer, necessitating a trip to Gramma's Pub for dinner, and, you got it ... more beer. Thanks to Tom Bendle and crew for forsaking dinner at Gramma's in order to completely empty the keg in time for it to be returned to the restaurant the next morning!!

We all awoke Monday morning to heavy rain. Several skippers decided to wait out the rain and declined to race home. Kindred Spirit left early to return crew who had to work that evening. Pegasus, Intuit and Moomba left next in the race home. In choppy seas and heavy rain, Moomba quickly

decided to motor, leaving Intuit and Pegasus to race under sail. How much Intuit won by, we don't know because they disappeared rapidly into the clouds ahead, but Gerry and I had a great 5 hour sail home. Despite sailing in heavy rain for the first 2 hours, the last 3 were dry and we didn't have to start the motor until we dropped our sails off Kits Point.

Thanks to Michael Spearing who organized this event for TCYC and also to Gary Bartrim of GLSA who helped make this event a success in so many ways. Gary and GLSA are keen to grow this event next year and want to participate in the plans for the dock party and prizes.

-- Penny Bax

Swiftsure

This year's Swiftsure was renamed Anchor-sure, as almost all the successful boats anchored for hours before reaching Race Rocks. As for the unlucky boats that managed to cross the start line in the first hour but didn't carry enough rode to anchor in 100 metres, don't ask. Fifty-eight boats dropped out after not managing to cross the start line in six hours. Only two boats rounded the Clallam Bay mark.

Despite all the records (least wind, least boats finishing, etc), a few Tiddly boats managed to buck the trend. Harwar and Rhumblin both not only finished but won their divisions as well. The newest Tiddly boat, Duncan Gladman's Canada Challenge, rounded the mark but couldn't make it home.

Joining boats like Dragonfly and Redshift in the DNF category, Tiddly had Mischief, Mystic, Lodestar, and Canada Challenge.

Silva Bay results

The Silva Bay hangover once again lived up to its reputation as crews suffered an almost unbearable amount of fun.

The trip over was an exciting beat into 20 knots of breeze and significant seas; there were lots of good stories at the Tugboat Island party. While a few crew members on some boats did show what they were made of over the lee rail, most crews sounded like they were enjoying the roller coaster at playland. Senza went by, elegantly slicing through the waves with a comfortable 10 degrees of heel and looking far more comfortable than Andy did while double handing General Hospital.

The trip back was gentler, as a beautiful 15 knot northwesterly died as the first boat approached the start line. The wind did fill again and most boats made the time limit after a warm and sunny kite ride home.

In the results, General Hospital won division 1 and Harwar was second in division 2. In div 3, Rhumblin won with Mischief in 8th and Buzz Lightyear in 9th. Mystic was 2nd in div 4. In div 5, Arcades Ambo was 2nd and Ultimatum 5th. Chimera was 3rd in div 6, Senza won div 8, Urban Well won div M242, Sashay won div 7 and Pegasus was 2nd in div 7.

In the double handed category, GH won with Arcades Ambo 2nd, Chimera 5th, and Buzz 8th.

Alder Bay Raftup

Although windy and cold, five stalwart Tiddly boats and their crews, Time Away, Kindred Spirit, Senza, Moomba, and Pegasus, rafted up in Alder Bay on the evening of June 8th. The raft-up started with Time Away, Kindred Spirit and Pegasus doing circles in False Creek, each trying not to be the first boat to arrive and have to anchor. After several circles and some lively discussions regarding anchoring ability and fitness of crew, it was decided that Tom Bendle, as Fleet Captain, should do the honors. However, after watching Tom's initial attempt, John & Bev and Stu & Pat aboard Time Away decided they should demonstrate how it should be done and adeptly dropped their hook. The rafting went much faster after that!

While rafted, the flotilla was approached by the Coast Guard who were responding to a complaint from someone who had seen the boats and was concerned, based on previous years, that the group would get too loud. We thanked them for their warning, waved to John Bass' neighbour who was on the coast guard boat, and continued with our raft-up. By 11:00 pm several boats had switched to drinking tea and coffee just to stay warm so we all decided to head home for the night after what had proved to be yet another fun Tiddly raft-up.

-- Penny Bax

Passage Island

Only a few boats got up after the Alder Bay Raftup to spend a relaxing day racing. Pegasus followed Senza up the south shore, the two boats rapidly building a lead of over a mile in the back eddy. Lodestar headed straight for West Vancouver and got a timely shore lift to reach Point Atkinson 40 minutes ahead of Pegasus and 20 minutes behind Senza. The Saltaire decided on a middle course and eventually gave up in disgust after struggling in adverse current moving faster than the wind. The wind filled after Senza, Lodestar and Pegasus spent some time drifting near Passage Island. Senza and Lodestar chose the correct rounding direction; Senza finishing while Lodestar reached Royal Van before the breeze died entirely. Despite Lodestar getting so far ahead that she could only just be identified through binoculars, Pegasus was able to close to finish 62 seconds behind after five hours and correct ahead. Tom Bendle did his usual professional job on the committee boat, but how he must have suffered watching Lodestar sail from Royal Van to the barge buoy in two hours. Ernie was able to watch the thrilling last mile and repeated lead changes from the comfort of his house, having finished an hour and a half earlier.

Round Bowen

It was an exciting race with actual wind the entire way and more than 20 knots in places. GH was 2nd in div 1, Harwar was 5th in div2. In div 3, Mischief was 2nd and Rhumblin was 8th. Gary and Jenna Rhodes won div 5 on Ultimatum with Carrera in 3rd. Lodestar was 5th in div 6 and Jazz was 2nd in M243.

Wednesday Night Results

In the June series, GH was 5th in div 1 and Rhumblin was 8th in div 2, both finishing only one race in the series. Galileo won div 4 with Lodestar in 4th. Mumbles was 7th in div 5.

Thursday Night Results

The spring series of the FCYC Thursday nights has just wrapped up with Tiddly Cove once again winning the prize for club with most boats (10).

In division 1, it was a Tiddly sweep with Mischieff (1st), Senza (2nd), Buzz Lightyear (3rd), and Rhumblin (5th, with Heather as skipper).

In the 242's Urban Well won with five bullets in a fleet of 17 boats. Intuit 3 sailed well, but didn't sail enough races to qualify for a series result.

In Division 3, Sassy was 6th and Ultimatum 7th, both held back by missing races.

In Division 4, Pegasus won and Kindred Spirit was fourth. Kindred Spirit won the David Shore trophy for the spirit of racing.

Easter Seals Regatta, August 24

This is a fun event and a good cause. Bill Lutz, a fairly new TCYC member is one of the organizers who put in a lot of work to raise the money. Last year, there were sponsors looking for boats in the final days before the race and two sponsors were left boatless. If you register your boat (www.eastersealsregatta.com), it is likely that Bill and the other volunteers will find you a sponsor.

Last year, Tiddly Cove won the prize for the club with the most boats participating; let's try to get even more boats out this year.

COMING EVENTS



July 4	TCYC Summer Shorts #1
July 6,7	VARC Summer Regatta
July 11	TCYC Summer Shorts #2
July 14	Start of Whidbey Island
July 18	TCYC Summer Shorts #3
July 21	Start of Georgia Straits Rally Week
July 25	TCYC Summer Shorts #4
July 27	Gibsons Regatta
August 10	TCYC/VARC English Bay Scramble
August 24	ScotiaBank Easter Seals Regatta
Sept. 14/15	TCYC Last Chance
Sept. 19	TCYC Monthly Meeting
Sept. 21/22	TCYC Gambier Rendezvous

