



Tiddlywinks



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October Meeting

Don Martin came to do a talk on the International 1m class, radio controlled sailboats. In addition to the usual fascinating content from the stated topic, he also found time to explain how you can learn from the 1m boats and apply it to racing big boats. Don offered to let Tiddly members try racing 1m boats; contact Thomas Bendle to learn more.

November Meeting, AGM – November 21st

This year's AGM will be held on Thursday, November 21st at the Maritime Museum. There will be the usual social get together starting at 7pm with the AGM starting at 8pm. Be sure to come early as there will be door prizes for the first 10 members to arrive, as well as other draws during the evening. And — just in case you're thinking of ducking out of the AGM before it ends— prizes will be awarded at the close of the meeting!

Penny Bax

Christmas Party – December 12th

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 12th at the Maritime Museum, starting at 7pm. Get into the holiday spirit by sharing in the fun and festivities with your fellow Tiddly members. As always the Club will provide Christmas cheer in the form of beer and goodies ... and this year we have a special surprise (ho ho ho!).

New Year's Day Race

You can probably guess the date for this one. The first division starts at 1100, stop by the committee boat for race instructions. After the race, we will be rafting up to watch the polar bear swim (are they nuts?) and having a hot lunch.

For those that haven't sailed this race before, the weather is usually good (or is that unusually good) and the course is sufficiently simple that even hung-over crews get through in comfort. Skippers who fail to feed their crews adequately will likely feel the heat when they join the raft-up and get to watch the other crews chowing down.

Non-TCYC boats are welcome, entry is free, but a waiver must be signed and delivered to the committee boat. Before the race, remember to tell the committee your PHRF rating and length.

January Meeting – January 23rd

Please note that our January, 2003 monthly meeting will be held on January 23rd (the 4th Thursday in January, not the 3rd) at the Maritime Museum starting at 7pm.

Our speaker will be Dan Mannix, an ex-pat American who has been a climbing and mountaineering cinematographer for 26 yrs. He has won two Emmy's for his portrayals of adventure sports on American TV. His

job has given him the opportunities to climb ice in Iceland, sail the Drake Passage to climb in Antarctica, and rock climb all over the world. He now works as an IATSE 669 camera operator, specializing as a Steadicam Operator.

"For a neophyte sailor such as myself to even attempt the "Furious Fifties" and "Shrieking Sixties" of the Drake Passage was pure folly--analogous perhaps to a skydiver doing his first ever jump--out of the Space Shuttle."

The evening will begin with a reading of his numerous article written for the American Alpine Club in 1996 about his journey, followed by a series of excerpts from the 2 hr. documentary "Northanger", detailing his trip across the Drake Passage to make the first ascent of Mt Foster, one of the most difficult peaks Antarctica has to offer, followed by a question and answer period."

-Michael Spearing

Easter Seals Race

If you missed this race, you missed a good party in a good cause. The sun was bright, the breeze was steady, and fun was had by all in sight. Congratulations to Tiddly Bill Lutz, Easter Seals organizing committee member, for a job well done.

As is becoming traditional, Tiddly Cove took home the trophy for club with most boats. We one this trophy by a single boat; we will need to get more boats out next year.

The race results by division are:

M243: Jazz, 5th.

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Div 1: Harwar, 2nd; General Hospital, 4th.

Div 2: Rhumbline, 6th; Mischief, 9th.

Div 3: Pegasus, 10th.

Div 4: Senza, 1st.

Div 5: Kindred Spirit, 3rd; Desiree, 6th.

Donald Munro would like to point out that Desiree, a lightning fast Yamaha 36 skippered by Michael Spearing, was beaten by Fleet Captain Thomas Bendle, a comfortable Ericson 26 loaded for cruising. The editor would like to thank Justin Stitches for donating the complete set of crew clothing which can be admired on the Pegasus crew.

FCYC Remembrance Day Race

FCYC got a smaller than usual turnout for one of the best racing days of the fall. The rain stopped shortly before the two minutes of silence and the wind ranged from eight to fifteen knots throughout the race. The rapid wind shifts gave everyone the opportunity to show off their tactical sense and crew work. The pursuit format allowed lots of time to admire the other boat's spinnaker starts. Pegasus lead off with a winch override and was 15 /seconds across the start line before the kite filled. Things got steadily worse until the last starter Senza decided the best solution was to drop the kite, re-pack, and try again.

At the finish, it was Senza first, Pegasus third, and Lodestar fifth. Once again, Tiddly Cove was the club with the most boats.

New Members

Ever wonder just who those new members are? Well so does everyone else. Donald Mucker Munro is starting a series of biographies on recent new members. If you have joined in the last 18 months, expect to hear from the Donald.

Arnaud Granoux hails from Normandy. Took a course which involved sailing to the Caribbean, hitch-hiked home, sailed often off Brittany and in La Manche (serious stuff) and then lived in Montreal for one and half years and Toronto for five, sailing J24s mostly.

Arnaud returned to France and met Sabine who had sailed in 420s on local lakes in Toulouse as a nipper and in bigger boats off Brittany. To our good fortune he persuaded Sabine to join him in Canada, and they have lived in Vancouver for a year, sailing on Epicurious, Pegasus, Lodestar, J24s and others. They are eager to sail as often as possible so give them a call.

Our recruiter was Glen Mitchell from whom Sabine took a course at B.C.I.T.

Bienvenue, Tiddlies.

Please add Arnaud and Sabine Granoux, 208-2170 West 3rd, Vancouver, V6K 1L1, 604-742-0391, arnaudgranoux@hotmail.com and sabinegranoux@hotmail.com to your Yearbook.

Mucker Munro, Tiddly Reporter Extraordinaire!



Sabine, Winks Editor and Arnaud at the Sailpast. Ian Anderson provided the hand and the photo.

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Tiddly Biography

Ever wonder who those long-time Tiddly members are? We all know their recent racing results, but I have heard that there is more to a person than their last race. If you want to know more about a particular member, please make the suggestion to Richard Evans (richard@westerlyacht.com).

Ernie Fiedler joined TCYC in 1984 and is one of our more accomplished racers. He has been racing, well, since 1938 when he was 12 years old. The motivation was a little different then. He and his buddies would row out into the bay to catch fish. Getting tired of rowing, they would rig whatever sail arrangement that they could, and race each other back to shore.

Six boats later and more than 60 years experience, Ernie is sailing a J35 named SENZA, (the name is made up from the first initial of the names of his previous 5 boats).

Racing being Ernie's passion, he loves to talk about some of his competitions. His favorite was a Victoria to Port Angeles race. His and another boat were bow to bow for most of the race. He won by dropping back, getting a puff, and simply out tacked his competitor, passing him at the marker.

When Ernie isn't racing, he is directing a small 30-piece orchestra. They play for seniors home and in the summer time can be seen and heard at the Block House, right next to RVYC. When he's not making music, you could probably find him anchored at his favorite cove in Pendrall Sound.

Richard Evans (new member, Tiddly Reporter, and upcoming bio victim)



Ernie Fielder and Senza winning the FCYC Remembrance Day Race. FCYC photo.

COMING EVENTS



2002

November 21 Monthly Meeting (AGM), Maritime Museum, 7pm

December 12 TCYC Christmas Party, Maritime Museum, 7pm

2003

January 1 TCYC New Year's Day Race

January 23* Monthly Meeting

January 25,26 Robbie Burns (Snug Cove)

February 20 Monthly Meeting

March 20 Monthly Meeting

April 24* Monthly Meeting

September 18 Monthly Meeting

October 16 Monthly Meeting

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*4th Thursday of the month, not 3rd

