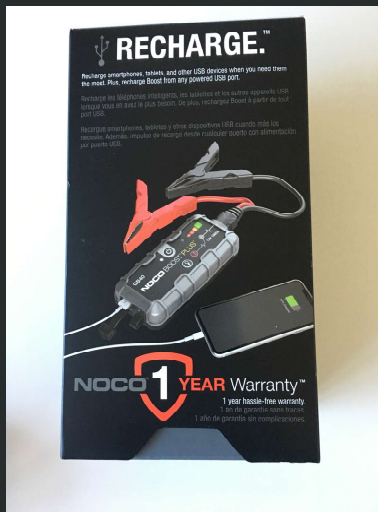


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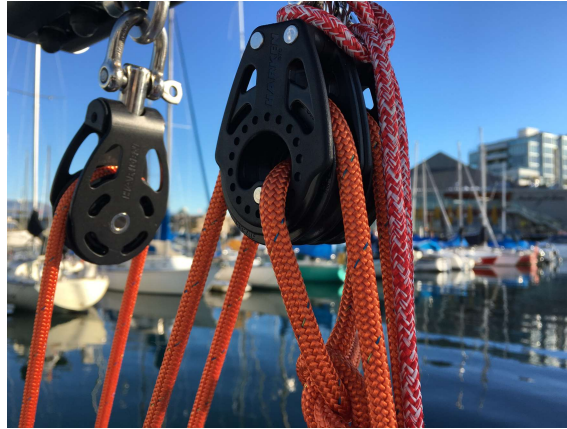
Sailing Tips & Gear Tips from Members

Janes Addiction recently was unable to start her motor after racing due to a dead starting battery. This can be serious issue that can arise quite unexpectedly. Fortunately, I was able to jump the house battery to the starting battery and motor home. Thinking about this however made me decide to buy a power booster. The Noco Boost Plus is a compact 12 v1000 amp charger that can both charge your dead engine battery and your phone. Its light and fits in the palm of your hand.



Sunshine Coast Yacht Club Newsletter

Welcome to our second edition. This quarter, Rolf Braun is editing the newsletter and hopefully you will find something of interest in this edition.



It has been a remarkably interesting 2020 sailing season. As you all know, SCYC cancelled its regular racing series to conform to the British Columbia Government Covid 19 regulations. The expectation for many, was that the club would lose momentum and it would struggle to find its footing during this uncertain time. However, during this time of uncertainty, some intrepid volunteers crafted a way to continue some informal racing that has proved to be highly successful. With pursuit starts and varied courses and the luxury of free time for many, the club has grown its membership. Thanks to the hard work of David Pritchard, John and David Sverre and Vatche Yerevanian, club membership has doubled and boats on the water has also increased in numbers.

This newly found opportunity to experiment with new a starting procedure and a variety of new courses will likely lay the groundwork for a return to formal racing in September. On our website you'll find the schedule for our Sunday Fall 2020 Series. We are attempting a restart knowing that things may change as we continue to deal and act appropriately during the pandemic. In the lead up to this series, the club will endeavor to provide one or two training opportunities for some of our newer racers. Look for announcements in late August. We are also in the process of building a virtual crew circle on our site that will allow skippers and crew to meet online, thereby avoiding the crew circle and skippers meetings that we would normally hold.

Another important step this summer is the return of our annual regatta which will take place on Saturday, July 25th. To conform to the Covid prevention guidelines there will not be any social events or Skipper's Meeting - all instructions will be given while on the water on Vhf Ch 73. The regatta is open to SCYC members AND non-members. For notice of race and sailing instructions, please refer to our website.

When the timing is right, look for educational courses and more on the water training opportunities. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and stay safe.

**Gibsons Sea Cavalcade
Regatta 2020
Saturday, July 25, 2020
COME AND SAIL IN
THE GIBSONS
REGATTA**

Although the Sea Cavalcade has been cancelled for this year, local Gibsons sailors are going ahead with the regatta and respecting virus prevention rules - No social events - just good sailing.

If you want to sail contact: Dave Pritchard 604-817-2336 or Vatche Yerevanian 604-323-4035



Sailboats in our Fleet

Aura



Aura under sail

The Tanzer 26 is a small recreational keelboat, built predominantly of fiberglass, with wood trim. It has a masthead sloop rig, a transom-hung rudder and a fixed fin keel. It displaces 4,350 lb and carries 1,950 lb of ballast. Aura's LOA is 26.33ft and its waterline is 22.5 ft. She is 8.67 ft wide.

The boat was built with a standard keel that gives a draft of 3.83 ft (1.17 m). Aura is powered by an outboard motor.

The accommodations include a forward cabin with a "V" berth with a hatch for ventilation and a folding door for privacy. The main cabin has a settee double berth and a quarter berth. The head is on the port side of the cabin and has a ventilator, with the galley on the starboard side. There is a folding table as well, that stows against the bulkhead.

The cockpit is self-draining and can seat six or more adults, with a sail locker and outboard motor fuel tank locker. An anchor locker is mounted forward. The mainsheet traveller is mounted to the bridge deck and jib sheet tracks are installed on the side toe rails.

It has a hull speed of 6.36 knots. Over 950 of these boats were built in Canada. Ignacio loves his boat, because he got it at a good price, it is fast and competitive, and he can go away on the weekend with it.

Aura, as we all know, is a fast well sailed boat!

Sailing Tips & Gear Tips from Members

If you are doing any fibreglass work, I recommend getting one of these super carbide scrapers from New Zealand. Using one of these you will avoid 90% of the sanding and associated dust when fairing and finishing fibreglass and epoxy. I got mine from Lee Valley tools years ago. The carbide blades are extremely hard and very sharp and last a surprisingly long time but get a couple of extras.



Meet a member – Vatche Yerevanian

When did you start sailing?

In my very late twenties when I went half and half with a friend on 17' dinghy known as Enterprise. At that point I only had some exposure on few outings with my brother who was a sailing instructor. But enough exposure to know the point of sails. And really nothing else. But it was the start of my sailing journey.

What is your favourite boat that you have owned?

Alatus! My CS30 that I got in 2008 has given me and keeps giving me some great sailing times. I also cannot forget about my CAL25. The boat that started me in keel boat sailing, cruising and boat work!

Where is your favorite cruising destination?

Out of the Howe sound, sunshine coast and gulf islands. We kept going back to the gulf islands.

What is your best racing moment?

When I discovered the Bowen race.

What is your favorite drink on board?

Anything alcoholic! But an ice cold lager especially goes down well after a great sail on a nice summer day.

Some sailing websites that may be of interest:

Sailinganarchy.com

Everything sail, including searchable forums and much more. Many helpful members are on this site.

Captmike.com

Useful sailing safety tips, knots and assorted sailing info

Salish.com

PNW sailing info that has excellent weather info and much more

Windhub.com

New weather prediction service

Marinetraffic.com

Track your favourite yachts around the world

Question?

Do you know how long it takes for the average person to learn to sail?

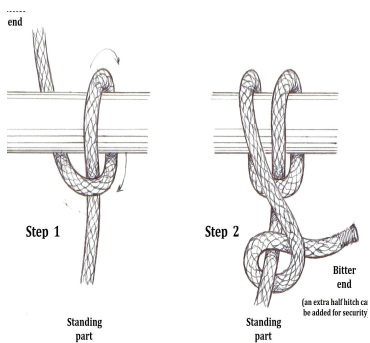
Answer:

The average person never learns to sail

More Nautical Info

Pictured below is a handy knot provided to us by Kim Davies. Kim credits Captain Steve Mayo for the knot.

It is an especially useful knot, as it is one of the few knots that can be untied under tension.



Race Marks

If you have been out sailing with us during the summer, you will have noticed a few new marks in the water, shown below. The new courses that we have introduced have used these marks. David Pritchard's marks can be seen at Soames and at Cable Bay. Much thanks to David and his hard work designing, building and painting these marks. I am told there is a third mark in the works...



Mark Evans has also designed and built a mark for the club. Its pictured below. His mark has been deployed at Hopkins beach. Many thanks to Mark for his contribution to the club.



These marks are obviously not useful in the garage and the club must also thank John Sverre for using his power boat along with David Sverre, to drop the marks in the appropriate depths and locations.