



# Sunshine Coast Yacht Club

Website: [scycsailing.ca](http://scycsailing.ca)

## Welcome to our first newsletter

The SCYC was formed just over two years ago by a group of local sailors, led by Gary White, who wanted to foster sailboat/yacht racing in Gibsons. I think we can say it has been a success, with more than 50 races run, with 20 different boats participating, and with the first Gibsons Regatta in a long time happening in July 2019.

The Club Exec members elected in February (Rolf Braun, Commodore; David Sverre, Director; John Sverre, Sec/Treasurer, Vatche Yerevanian, Communications Director, and myself, Dave Pritchard, Fleet Captain) are all keen to keep the enthusiasm and level of activity going. We decided that every good club should have a newsletter - so here goes! We expect it to be quarterly - May, Aug., Nov., Feb.

If you have ideas for articles, items you want to sell, sailing tips, etc. please let us know.

[Dave Pritchard](#), Editor for this issue

## Message from the Commodore

We live in interesting and challenging times. The Covid-19 Pandemic has forced us to carefully evaluate how we go about our daily lives. The continuing restrictions imposed by our Health Authorities in order to stem the spread of the virus have touched all of us, including our sailing club. The Board, as you are aware of, has suspended all SCYC organized racing and club events. We, however, hope to keep the momentum of our club thriving, through the publication of this newsletter and through the website and occasional email blasts. When the time is appropriate, our club will once again hold education and training events and fun sailboat racing in the Gibsons area. Until then, please stay safe.

[Rolf Braun](#), Commodore



Photo: Sloplong Placidly, Skip. Peter Heiberg in a recent race.

## Results of completed race series

The 7th and last race of the Winter Series 2020 was run on March 15th. Well done to the winner and runners up:

1st Aura, Skip. Ignacio Vulliez; 2nd Namba, Skip. Mark Evans; 3rd Sloplong Placidly, Skip. Peter Heiberg.

And since this is our first newsletter we thought it would be nice to go back and look at the winners of all of the previous race series. See the table on page 3.

## Member news

At present we have 32 members and associate members - one of the newest is Bob Armstrong who sails Topless, a fast 37' Catalina. Bob has been kind enough to provide the following bio..

*"I started sailing at the age of 13 with my high school. Later I crewed in Fireball dinghies for a number of years before emigrating to Toronto in 1980. Yearning to get out on the water I purchased a windsurfer (a new sport at the time) and spent as much time as I could that summer learning. Because it was a new sport speed boats would circle around wondering what this strange board was with a sail. The more they circled, the more I fell in.*

After spending one summer (too hot) and one winter (too cold) in Toronto I drove out west with the windsurfer on the roof. Several years later, and a couple of boats later, in 1992 Topless was purchased. In the early years we raced in the VARC series and also the West Van Snowflake series, and every Round Bowen race run to date. After moving to Gibsons 7 years ago, I've been trying to get moorage, and finally it's happened. Topless now resides in Gibsons and we look forward to racing more locally"



Topless photo by John Sverre, April 2020

### Sailing Tips & Gear Tips from Members

If you have tips to share please send them to us.

Here is a gear tip from David Sverre:

*Take 5 has one really big sail and raising put my back out several times!! So if pulling and winching is getting to you this WinchRite electric winch handle does the job on both Take 5 and Sunshine! Very safe and efficient and can rotate in both directions so your multi gear winches work and variable power to control speed.*



(Tips continued)

Sail trim tip from the Editor:

*Most of the sail makers have some very good webinars about sail trim. North Sails ones are particularly good - here's the link:*

<https://www.northsails.com/sailing/en/category/webinars>

### The Racing Rules

This is a never ending topic and space permitting in future newsletters we will have some examples of rules being broken, etc.

Meanwhile the following PDF file, which is on our website, has an excellent description of the basic rules that all racers should know.

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### Buy/Sell/Wanted

If anyone has stuff they want to get rid of, find, or buy, you can post it here in future newsletters.

**Table of race series winners**

SERIES	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Spring 2018	Another Roundup, Gary White	Aura, Ignacio Vulliez	Knthing Compares, Giselle Hood
Fall 2018	Another Roundup, Gary White	Namba, Mark Evans	Django, Jim Forward
Winter 2018/19	Alatus, Vatche Yerevanian	Another Roundup, Gary White	Slopalong Placidly, Peter Heiberg
Spring 2019	Aura, Ignacio Vulliez	Jane's Addiction, Rolf Braun	Slopalong Placidly, Peter Heiberg
Summer 2019	Aura, Ignacio Vulliez	Deviant, Dave Pritchard	Jane's Addiction, Rolf Braun
Fall 2019	Aura, Ignacio Vulliez	Alatus, Vatche Yerevanian	Namba, Mark Evans
Winter 2019/20	Aura, Ignacio Vulliez	Namba, Mark Evans	Slopalong Placidly, Peter Heiberg

# Low Risk Activities for Covid-19



**Go Sailing**

**Work On Your Boat**

**Clean and Wax your boat**

**Look and Admire you boat**

**Buy things for your boat**

**Sit on your boat and make sailing noise**