

## December 2022

### Edition 8

2022 Regatta Div 2 winning crew of AURA - Michael, Hwei Jen, Ignacio



Aura and Elan



Our excellent Regatta mark setting crew



Many thanks to GYC member Gerry Marcotte who once again helped with his power boat putting out marks and managing starts and finishes

## Sunshine Coast Yacht Club Newsletter

This is our first newsletter since November 2021 - obviously we're a bit off our original plan to put one out every three months but better late than never. Rolf Braun was the creator of most issues and did such a good job that his newsletters put many boating magazines to shame. Thanks Rolf.

In the interest of getting this issue out before Christmas it is a bit shorter than before but much of the content follows that pioneered by Rolf.

Dave Pritchard, Editor

As always, there is lots of current information on our website at [www.scycsailing.ca](http://www.scycsailing.ca)

### Racing roundup

We've sailed a lot of races since the last newsletter. Here is a quick summary (not including Ad-Hoc races).

Race Series	1st	2nd	3rd
Fall 2021 4 races sailed	Aura	Jane's Addiction	Ruckus
Winter 2022 6 races sailed	Jane's Addiction	Hara II	Aria
Spring 2022 7 races sailed	Hara II	Shen	Jane's Addiction
Summer 2022 8 races sailed	Topless	Aria	Jane's Addiction
Fall 2022 7 races sailed	Jane's Addiction	Elan	Sunshine
Regatta 2022 Div 1	Too Wicked (visitor)	Topless	Coho (visitor)
Regatta 2022 Div 2	Aura	Aria	Elan

The Tunnacliffe's VX One "Bee"



### [NEWS re TEAM CHALLENGE AT THE 2023 ROUND BOWEN RACE \(RBR\)](#)

We've talked to the Bowen Island Yacht Club about the idea of having a team race between our two clubs next year as part of the RBR. Details still to be worked out but the idea is that each club would nominate, say, 3 boats which would race as normal in the RBR but also be scored in the team race. Stay tuned.

Jim Forward



## The 2022 Regatta

21 boats raced this year - a few less than in 2021. One of the three visiting boats was a fast 19' sport boat crewed by Bowen Islanders Trevor and Rebecca Tunnacliffe who said it was a pleasure to make the trip from their Bowen Island home to the Gibsons regatta this year. The weekend allowed a joyful re-acquaintance with the regatta - as the couple were regular participants in the past.

The Tunnacliffes sailed their new VX One, a 19 foot sportboat that combines a fast and exciting sailing experience with a modest amount of athleticism. The couple are in their early sixties, and while the boat is particularly appealing to younger sailors used to 29ers and Waspz, one of the reasons they chose this boat was to stimulate and extend their engagement with the sport. There is a healthy proportion of sailors in their age group successfully campaigning in the class.

The boat sails with two or three hands, is easily transported with a small car and beach launched from its trailer. Another reason the Tunnacliffes chose the boat is to travel to new venues to compete in the rapidly growing class. Besides Gibsons, the couple also raced in California and Seattle this year.

The Bowen Islanders are keen to facilitate growing the fleet in local waters, and provided demo days in Vancouver and Victoria last year, which has piqued interest, especially for those who are keen to sail without moorage constraints. They would be delighted to arrange a demo day for the SCYC. For more information on the boat, check out <https://vxone.org/na/> and feel free to contact Trevor: [trevor@tunnacliffe.com](mailto:trevor@tunnacliffe.com)

## Meet a member - Jim Forward

As well as being a stalwart SCYC member Jim is the driving force behind the GYC's very successful Boat Program and its fleet of 3 boats, Django, Allons'Y, and Pavlova (now replaced by Sovereign) which race with us frequently.

### When did you start sailing?

My first sailing experience was in 1958 when I was 10 years old. I had just moved to Dartmouth Nova Scotia from Newfoundland. My new neighbours had a small 7 foot sloop rigged skiff that they had just built. Their kids refused to sail it so they asked if I would like to try . I did and instantly loved it. I spent that entire summer sailing, sinking, swamping, rolling capsizing and righting until I became totally hooked. I've sailed every year since.

GYC Club Boat "Pavlova" recently sold and replaced by Sovereign



### **What is your favourite boat that you have owned or sailed on?**

I have always owned boats, both power and sail. I have repaired, maintained and built all kinds. Personally I love all boats. I haven't yet met a boat I haven't loved. There are two favourites I could mention. "Satori" was my beautifully crafted Enterprise sailing dinghy, she charmed everybody who saw her. My big favourite was "Hobo 2". She was a Corbin 39 foot cruising boat. Cutter rigged. In 1985 they were rated as the World's best offshore cruising boat.. I sailed her single handed from the Great lakes to NL then through the Panama and up the Pacific to Vancouver. I sailed her to the Broughtons and then around Vancouver Island.

### **Where is your favourite cruising Destination?**

I have sailed / cruised in many places and enjoyed them all. Great Lakes, Atlantic Canada, US and Mexico, Australia and central America. But my absolute favourite is right here in good old BC. The Central Coast from the Broughtons north to Prince Rupert and then the West Coast of Vancouver Island can't be beat.

### **What is your best racing moment?**

I think it is yet to come. I loved finishing first in The Kitsilano Cup for Enterprise Dinghy one year but If I can ever be first in one of our Sunday Race Series I would be Ecstatic!

### **What is your favourite drink on board?**

That's easy, a four finger Jack Daniels over lots of ice. But only when the hook is down or we are at the dock.

### **Boats in our Fleet**

Two new boats have joined our fleet recently - Gitanita, a San Juan 24 owned by Matt Rockall and Sovereign, a Catalina Capri 26' owned by the GYC. Welcome to both.

Here we profile Sovereign:

The Capri was in production from 1990 to 1997 with 320 boats built. The Capri 26 has accommodation for 4 and weighs in at 5200 lbs, a waterline length of 22'11" and draft 4'10". Some were powered by an inboard but Sovereign has a nice looking Suzuki outboard. The Sail Area to Displacement Ratio is 15.7 which is typical for a small cruising yacht. We have assigned a rating of 260 to Sovereign pending it getting an official rating. In comparison the other GYC boats are Django (rating 247; SA/D ratio 15) and Allons'Y (rating 247; SA/D ratio 16.6).

**sailing** (sā'ling), *n.*  
the fine art of getting wet  
and becoming ill while  
slowly going nowhere at  
great expense.



Link to website page showing  
our 2023 Calendar

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with a photo - and we'll show it in  
a future newsletter.

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## 2023 Calendar - take a look at it via the link on the left

Our calendar is built around the philosophy of racing every Sunday, unless there is a reason not to, and incorporating four race series of eight races each.

Special events are shown in **green**, such as our AGM in March, our Regatta in July and other regattas such as the Round Bowen in June.

Note that we're trying something different with the AGM - instead of a separate meeting on a weekday evening we're going to combine it with an after race pub meeting (probably at the Blackfish - if details can be worked out) on Sunday, March 19th. After that we'll see if we can have similar pub gatherings at the completion of the other race series.

## Gear for sale and wanted

For disposal - 10L gas can, 2 rope clutches, one tiller tamer gizmo.

Proceeds will be donated to the Club.

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For disposal - 3 lasers, one small danforth anchor with 25 feet of chain, some fenders, a boarding ladder, prawn trap, a couple of Scotchman buoys, and a set of Laser wheels that won't work on the rocks...only on the hard.

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