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Giuseppe Makes his Move!

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Convention Centre Update

The floatplane operators moved to their new temporary dock facilities in front of Harbour Green Park. Watch for more activity on the water and seaplanes crossing the navigation channel to reach their docks. With better weather and more boats on the water at dusk, it’s a good time to be aware of being on the “right” side of the channel and general safety procedures. For rowers, this means wearing *bright* (this means red/white/yellow/neon...not blue, grey, black) colours, having your whistle & PFD, and adhering to the rowing course.

If you have any concerns or incidents to report regarding seaplanes, call Chad Wetsch who is the designated Community Liaison representative for West Coast Air, Harbour Air and Baxter Aviation. Chad Wetsch can be reached by email at cwetsch@harbour-air.com or by phone at 604-233-3502. A draft Facility Management Plan and navigation chart outlining how the seaplanes propose to operate during the three-year period at their temporary site are posted <http://www.coalharbourfloatplanes.com> for information.

Pile driving has also commenced and is expected to continue until December 2005. The Harbour Authority noted that pile driving will mainly occur

between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, but may occur anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 10:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Pile driving will be continuous throughout the year. However there may be days with less activity dependent on the construction schedule. The VCCEP website contains a live webcam for viewing the work at <http://www.vccep.bc.ca/theproject/webcam.htm>

Over the coming months, the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project (VCCEP) will be determining the party that will undertake the water-based master plan elements among which include a marina, seaplane terminal, and potential ferry. The process for approval and development of the plan will take several years, and involves several approving bodies such as the City of Vancouver, Harbour Authority, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and others.

VRC representatives (Dimas Craveiro, Tim Hall, Cheryl Hall) have been attending the community liaison meetings, and are working with the Harbour Authority and seaplane operators to bring forward VRC concerns regarding proposed developments.
Cheryl Hall

The ROAR

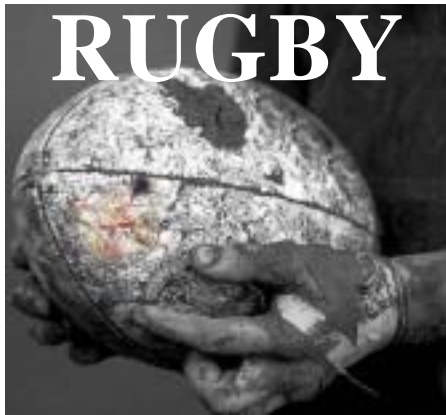
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RUGBY

Relentless Rowers Rugby Back at it Again

That's right, the boys are back. The first half season brought some interesting challenges to VRC Rugby but the red and white soldiered on.

With an unfortunate schedule of December byes and January ground-freezing temperatures, it felt like months (because it was) away from rugby. With the last regular season game in November, the delayed restart (last week of January) could have been a momentum stealer. But spirits were high as the VRC had just played a half season in the newly reformed Lower Mainland Premier Division. Led by Coaches Ian Humphries, Jeremy Sabell, and Matt James, the VRC got a

sense of what we need to do to continue to be competitive at that level. With Frenchie and Steve Faust running the Super 2's and Coach Wayne putting the thirds through their paces, all three teams are dedicated to elevating their level of play. With the January shuffle now behind us, the VRC has three divisional playoffs and three league titles in their sights.

Burnaby Lake hosted the VRC thirds January 29th. SFU brought 2 sides to Brockton Oval. The thirds (all 700 of them) defeated the Lakers in a close one 18-13. The Super 2's went on to flatten SFU 49-15. The firsts

carried the winning ways showing moments of brilliant and creative play in bringing SFU to their knees 36 - 3. The overall sense in the room this day was that this was all a good start but there is still work to be done to truly punish other clubs.

The following weekend was a weekend of ties. The thirds tied UBC 14 - 14. Later, the (very flat) 2's drew an inferior Richmond side 10 - 10. This game was looked upon as a



Chili never looked so good!

loss as it was not a good game by the 2's. Simply stated, the 2nds allowed Richmond to stay in the game and tie it up with a last-minute try. The firsts, however, did walk away with a win (35 - 29). This one was closer than Coach Humphries would have liked but a win is a win.

VRC realizes there is work to be done. The coaching staff has rededicated themselves and put playoffs squarely in their sights. To follow this through, all VRC rugby players and supporters must rededicate and refocus. Let's get to work boys! Training is mandatory Tuesdays and Thursdays for Divs. 1 and 2.

The Annual VRC Rugby Captains Dinner is rapidly approaching. This year's event is in the Harbour Room Saturday March 5. Earlier that day, the Rowers will be playing the Surrey Beavers at Fleetwood Park Secondary School so come on down, support the boys, enjoy the camaraderie of Captains Dinner and help remind the active players of what a storied history and vibrant club vibe the VRC has.

To sign-up for Captains Dinner, contact Jamie Overgaard at (604) 276-2149 or at jovergaard@hotmail.com or Kerri Maxwell at kmaxwell@z95.com.

Supporters: check out the VRC Rugby Schedule for the spring games and come 'round and support the club! Also, volunteers are always needed. Please speak to Bob Flood to find out how you can stay involved.

Until next time: work hard, play hard
Jamie Overgaard

VRC Rugby 1st Division Schedule

Sat, Mar. 5	Rowing Club	Surrey Beavers	Fleetwood Park Secondary	2:30P
Sat, Mar. 12	Pocomo	Rowing Club	Brockton Oval	2:30P
Sat, Mar. 19	Rowing Club	Douglas Trinity	Queens Park	2:30P
Sat, Mar. 26	Capilano	Rowing Club	Brockton Oval	2:30P
Sat, Apr. 2	Britannia Lions	Rowing Club	Brockton Oval	2:30P
Sat, Apr. 9	Rowing Club	Kamloops	Kamloops Exhib. Assoc.	



Matt attempts a conversion

Photos: Jamie Overgaard



**Tugboat
takes
on
SFU**



The Jokers

PLAYOFFS BEGIN ...JOKERS IN FINE FORM

At the time of this writing, all Joker women's teams look in good standing to repeat last year's excellent showing and make the playoffs for the second year in a row!

Being the first year in the premier division after a long hiatus, the Joker women are on track to move their way up the standings and become a very strong team in the years to come. The men continue to show their dominance in the premier league with a first place and will certainly be putting hardware on the shelves at the VRC.

Play-off fixture times for the women's first, second and third teams are:

First division semis-finals

March 5..... place to be determined
(Hamber?)

Second division Finals

March 6 PDT

Third division semi-finals

March 5 PDT

Finals for First division and Second Division

March 12 PDT

Men not known at this time.

Stay tuned to www.fieldhockey.org.

JOKING AROUND

Thursdays continue as pub night for those looking for a tune up for the weekend - running optional. The Rugby guy continues to flip the best burgers in town, bar none, and may even give you a cookie if you are nice to him.

Saturdays at the Carver bar over Jugs-o'beer is the place to be after your games to discuss the highs and lows of the day's fixtures.



Jokers logo mysteriously appears at the UBC Wright fields. After some investigative research as to the artists of this arts and crafts project (appearing early Saturday morning in February) the only reply heard was "Roydhouse . . ."

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

This is a perfect opportunity to beat Liz Van Warmerdam's record of consuming 6 bacon and eggers throughout the weekend. There is a team for everyone...put your name in early ...

Competitive 11

Norma nmbonnell@shaw.ca

Social

Chris brontestorm@yahoo.ca

Mixed (this means you men)

Barb mcdaniel@shaw.ca

Rumour has it that Jokers will once again host the beer garden, volunteers needed for this weekend with "Serving It Right."

NAME THIS JOKER

(Excerpts from a touring magazine.)

Also a late bloomer and goes well both ways. An Irish musician who played for Canada, now an easy going coach who provides "Tanquerey Tea" at practice. Favourite food is timbits. Known for his long balls...(just ask Rodney).

WHO ARE THESE JOKERS

The Joker is in the pack as an unpredictable factor or participant. A card normally ornamented with the figure of a jester, used originally as the top trump in euchre and later in poker as a wild card. However he is quick to remind us that the jester was well known throughout the middle ages for witticisms, jokes and pranks. They were generally kept by a prince or nobleman, a tradition we are striving to maintain,



THE WINTER SAILING charity challenge 2005

By Lyle McKenzie

A Sailboat Race for a Worthy Cause

The Lion's Gate Hospital Emergency Room Campaign

Here in the Pacific Northwest we have a unique opportunity to sail

and race 12 months of the year while the rest of the country is a prisoner of ice and snow. Add to that the temperate climate and the backdrop of the twin vistas of the Pacific Ocean and the Coastal Mountain range, and you have a passion for winter sailing.

Some days the weather can be picture perfect with bright sun, clear blue skies, whitecaps on the water, and a dusting of overnight snow on the majestic mountains. Other days can be, well...grey skies, wet and blustery, where the shoreline is distinguishable only in the foggy distance, and when you appreciate the warmth and dryness of your foul weather gear as you stay huddled in the cockpit with a warm beverage.

When you have a chance to look up from grinding winches, sail changes, or any of the other demanding duties involved in sailboat racing, the panorama offered is snow-capped mountains, old growth forests, sandy beaches, the cityscape, wildlife, and ships heading to all four corners of the globe. And that's just in English Bay. Venture out



into Howe Sound or the Strait of Georgia and the view is further enhanced by the rugged shoreline, the many rocky islands, coves and inlets.

The Aids to Navigation dotted in and around English Bay and Howe Sound are our points of reference and are also the racing marks that

Atkins lighthouse, Passage Island, Bird Islet, Cates Buoy, Point Grey Bell Buoy, Kits Barge Buoy, Stanley Park Tug Boat Buoy, or a freighter at anchor; anyone of these points of reference could be our destination.

The weather is also an unknown factor that is only discernible once you are out on the water. In the warmth of our home we are at the laptop trying to decipher the meaning of the marine weather forecasts, wind stations, and local weather predications. Invariably, they are all wrong. The highs and



dictate our race-course on any particular outing. The Winter Charity Challenge 2005 course will only be decided after we are out on the water and we know from which direction the wind will be blowing. Point

lows coming in off the Pacific like freight trains, are not measurable by ordinary time. English Bay, which once sheltered Captain Cook and the British Navy is more predicable, but Howe Sound is our Great White. We don't know when it's coming.

The Howe Sound outflow develops when two different masses of air meet. Cold dry air from the mountains above and north of Howe Sound flowing south meets the warmer, moist air in the Sound. The two do not mix well, so the cold air, being





THE WINTER SAILING charity challenge 2005

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Sunday March 6

The winter sailing season is coming to a close and the winds are blowing so register now for the most fun on the water this winter. Be a part of the West Coast's inaugural Winter Sailing Charity Challenge and experience the excitement and fun while raising funds for the North Shore's Lions Gate Hospital Emergency Room Campaign.

WHO: All sailors from all Clubs are invited to participate in this challenge event. There will be divisions for serious racers, casual cruisers, and 'Jack and Jill' racers.

WHAT: A sailing and fund raising challenge regatta

WHEN: Sailors' Social and Skippers' Meeting at VRC Friday, March 4th, 2005 Fabulous day of racing on Sunday March 6th, 2005

Prizes, Awards and Silent Auction at WVYC Friday March 11th, 2005

WHERE: Racing will be in the environs of Point Atkinson & English Bay.

WHY: To raise funds for the Lions Gate Hospital Emergency Room Campaign.

HOW: Pick up registration and pledge forms from:

[West Vancouver Yacht Club](#) or [Vancouver Rowing Club](#)

Proceeds benefiting:



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Charity Challenge (cont'd)

heavier, slides under the warm air and lifts it. The result, a fresh northerly blowing out of Howe Sound, enough wind to cause havoc. I have seen in the distance, with binoculars, the sea boiling and moving along up Howe Sound like a tidal wave, as the outflow approaches. Boats cruising along at 5-6 knots are suddenly knocked on their ends with 40-knot winds.

We are not professional racers, just everyday sailors who enjoy getting out into the elements, testing our skills, have a love of boating and sailing, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends and sailors alike. The race committee from West Vancouver Yacht Club and Vancouver Rowing Club are expecting 70 boats plus on the line for race day on March 6. There will be representatives from many of the well-known yacht clubs in the Lower Mainland, and at the start line jockeying for position will be some of the best sailors and boats on the West Coast. You could call it "A Day Camp for Adults."

Combine this pleasure with an opportunity to raise funds for The Lion's Gate Hospital Foundation Emergency Room

Campaign. In addition for competing for Line Honors, Club Honors or Overall Winner the boats are competing to see who can raise the most amount of money for this worthy cause.

The Winter Sailing Charity Challenge 2005 Race on March 6, 2005 is the first annual winter sailing event of this kind and the committee is hard at work to make this a great success both for the event and the fund raising. This will be an important fund-raising event for years to come and a focal point on the Vancouver racing scene.

The real pleasure in participating in this important race is not measured in race results. It will be when you walk into The Lion's Gate Hospital Foundation's New Emergency Room and know that in some small way you have been a part of that, and that you have made a contribution.

For all those sailors out there you will be the real winner if you come out and support this event. What could be more fun than participating in the race and helping raise money for a worthwhile cause?

Photos courtesy of Rolf of Catalina Blues

OFFSHORE NEWS

Off touring, February 04, 2005

We have just had a very relaxing couple of weeks cruising in the Hauraki Gulf. Lots of sunshine - sitting around reading books - plenty of walks. Interspersed with a little sailing.

We are off now for six weeks so will only occasionally reach e mail facilities. We start with some more sailing then land touring and tramping in South Island.

Today it is raining and there is a wind warning out. So you do not have to feel envious all the time!

Brian and Clare Lantana Camara



VRC Annual Safety Examination

Skipper's Appointment Checklist

- ✓
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before your appointment time.
 - Get all the safety equipment noted below out and accessible.
 - If you cannot make the appointment time, call well ahead and reschedule – ensures we don't waste valuable examiner time.

All flares, fire extinguishers, and flotation devices will be marked by the examiner using permanent markers to indicate that they have been part of your examination.

Top 10 Things To Check Out

WELL BEFORE

The Courtesy Safety Examiner Arrives

(details in Safe Boating Guide: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/BoatingSafety/sbg-gsn/menu.htm>)

- ✓
- All personal buoyancy vests-jackets-suits undamaged? And all are Canadian approved?
 - All Inflatable safety devices OK & properly serviced?
 - Life rings not cracked due to winter freezing? And minimum 24 inches diameter? Smaller ones are no longer Canadian approved.
 - Anchor and navigation lights all working and light bulbs not burnt out? Spares on board?
 - Distress flares still less than 4 years old? And the right number and type on board?
 - All fire extinguishers adequate for a vessel of your size and type, currently inspected and tagged, corrosion free, armed, installed, & ready ?
 - Fresh batteries in waterproof flashlights?
 - First aid & spare parts kits restocked?
 - All certificates on board ? (vessel license or registration documentation, boat & radio operator competency proof).
 - Current charts, tide & current tables & nautical publications.

VRC Annual Inspections Can Now Save You Money!

New Boating Law Enforcement Contraventions Act (Details at: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/BoatingSafety/sbg-gsn/enforce.htm>)

Not abiding by the safety regulations affecting boaters in BC can now cost you \$50 to \$250 per infraction! In addition to being able to charge boaters for such federal offences as boating under the influence, and careless or dangerous operation of a vessel, boating regulation enforcement officers (RCMP, municipal police, harbour police, etc.) are now empowered to issue tickets on the spot for such pleasure boat "contraventions" as:

- missing life jackets of appropriate size, condition
- missing or substandard required safety equipment
- faulty navigation lights
- lack of proof of operator competency
- speeding or operating a vessel under age
- improperly licensed pleasure craft



Tide Grid New Environmental Restrictions

The Club has recently been required to assume the legal responsibility for any activities that would negatively impact on the environment within our leased boundaries. Many of the specifics remain vague and are not completely decided yet. However, to mitigate our risk the Board has sought the guidance of the Yachting Executive, who at their meeting of Feb. 21, 2005, has determined the following temporary measures:

- No member shall allow any pollutants to be introduced into the environment under any circumstance
- Use of the tide grid will be restricted to surveys, prop cleaning and repairs, or zinc replacement or other activities which will not place any new pollutants into the environment
- No washing, scraping, blasting, or painting will take place at the tide grid, or within the VRC marine facilities

We appreciate that this may be inconvenient to many members, and the club will continue to examine its options and share them with the membership. However, failure to comply with these requirements will result in disciplinary action including expulsion of the member involved.

Any members with expertise in these matters is encouraged to step forward by either the Yachting Staff Captain, Claude Gagnon (604-488-9116), or Dave Dorman (604-272-5255).

TALL SHIP'S RACE

April 2&3

The 4th Annual "Little Tall Ship's Race" takes place on the 2nd & 3rd APRIL 2005, (the weekend AFTER Southern Straits Race) and will be open to all traditional type long keeled sailboats with more than one mast (some exceptions may be considered, so call anyway). This is a fun race and we'll endeavor to end up for potluck celebrations in Silva Bay, but it all depends on wind direction. For information contact Evan_Seys@Telus.net or telephone 604-688-0276.



Join us for the

EASTER

CRUISE

March 25-28 to Silva Bay

Liquid refreshments available

Pot Luck Supper on the dock

Sunday March 27th

Easter Egg Hunt

Horse Shoe, Bocce Ball, Badminton Competitions & and a Tug-o-War

Please call Doralee at 604-321-4323 or Email murrayr@telus.net

Annual Vessel Safety Checks

Coast Guard Safety Examinations are Mandatory for all members mooring at the club.

Required for Moorage Renewal and Parking Permits

Saturday March 12th & Sunday March 13th

and

Saturday March 19th and Sunday March 20th

Call the office now (604-687-3400) to book your appointment

It takes about 30 minutes and you must be present during the safety check. Once booked, if you cannot make it, please call the office to cancel and rebook – avoids wasting scarce safety Examiner time

DBC Fire Extinguisher staff will be present both Saturdays from 9 am to 4 pm and both Sundays 10 am to 2 pm to provide free annual extinguisher inspections which are mandatory under the law. They will also have some flares and similar safety devices available for purchase.

Notes: 1. Boat safety checks come under Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety. 2. The Courtesy Safety Check Examiners are volunteer members of the Vancouver Boating Safety Auxiliary.



CLUBHOUSE HOURS

OFFICE

Monday to Friday 9 am–7 pm
Saturday, Sunday 10 am–2 pm

LOUNGE HOURS

CARVER ROOM (LOWER LEVEL)

TROPHY LOUNGE (STREET LEVEL)

Monday		Closed
Tuesday	5-10 pm	Carver Room
Wednesday	5-10 pm	Trophy Lounge
Thursday	5-10 pm	Carver Room
Friday	5-10 pm	Carver Room or Trophy Lounge
Saturday	Noon-10 pm	Carver Room
Sunday	2-8 pm	Trophy Lounge

COMING EVENTS

CLUB

Mar. 1 Just Singing Around
 Mar. 25-28 Easter Closures
 April 5 Just Singing Around
 May 12 South African Wine Tasting

FIELD HOCKEY

March 19 Trivia Night
 April 14 VWFHA AGM
 April 23 Fields Hockey Awards Night
 May 20-22 Vancouver International Tournament

YACHTING

Mar. 4 WSCC Skippers Meeting & Social
 Mar. 6 Winter Sailing Charity Challenge
 Mar. 12/13 Yachting Safety Inspections
 Mar. 19/20 Yachting Safety Inspections
 Apr. 15 Boaters/Pub Night
 Apr. 17 Suntan Series Opener
 May 7 Sailpast

RUGBY

Mar. 5 Captain's Dinner
 Mar. 12 Home Games
 Mar. 26 Home Games
 Apr. 2 Home Games

ROWING

2005 March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Just Singin Round	2 Rowing Executive Meeting	3	4 Winter Sailing Charity Challenge Skippers Meeting	5 Rugby Captain's Dinner
6 Winter Sailing Charity Challenge	7	8	9	10	11	12 Rugby Home Games/Yachting Safety Inspections
13 Yachting Safety Inspections	14 Board of Directors Meeting	15	16	17 Field Hockey Executive Meeting	18	19 Field Hockey Trivia Night/ Safety Inspections
20 Yachting Safety Inspections	21 Yachting Executive Meeting	22	23	24	25 Good Friday - Office Closed	26 Rugby Home Games
27 Easter - Office & Bar Closed	28 Easter Monday Office & Bar Closed	29	30	31		

2005 April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2		1	2 Rugby Home Games
3	4	5 Just Singin Around/Rowing Executive Meeting	6	7	8 Yachting Trivia Night	9 Rugby Home Games
10	11 VRC Directors Meeting	12 Field Hockey Executive Meeting	13	14 VWFHA AGM	15 Yachters Boaters Night	16
17 Yachting SunTan Series Opener	18 Yachting Executive Meeting	19	20	21	22	23 Field Hockey Awards Night
24	25	26	27	28	29	30