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Photo Contest Winner
Pam & Ted Simper
This photo was taken in Albert Cove on Rabi (Rambi) Island. The three boats, Code Blue, Sequoia and Roundabout (center), sailed across the Pacific together in 2014 and are still enjoying exploring the South Pacific together.
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The PCCR Does "Panama Canal" in 2017

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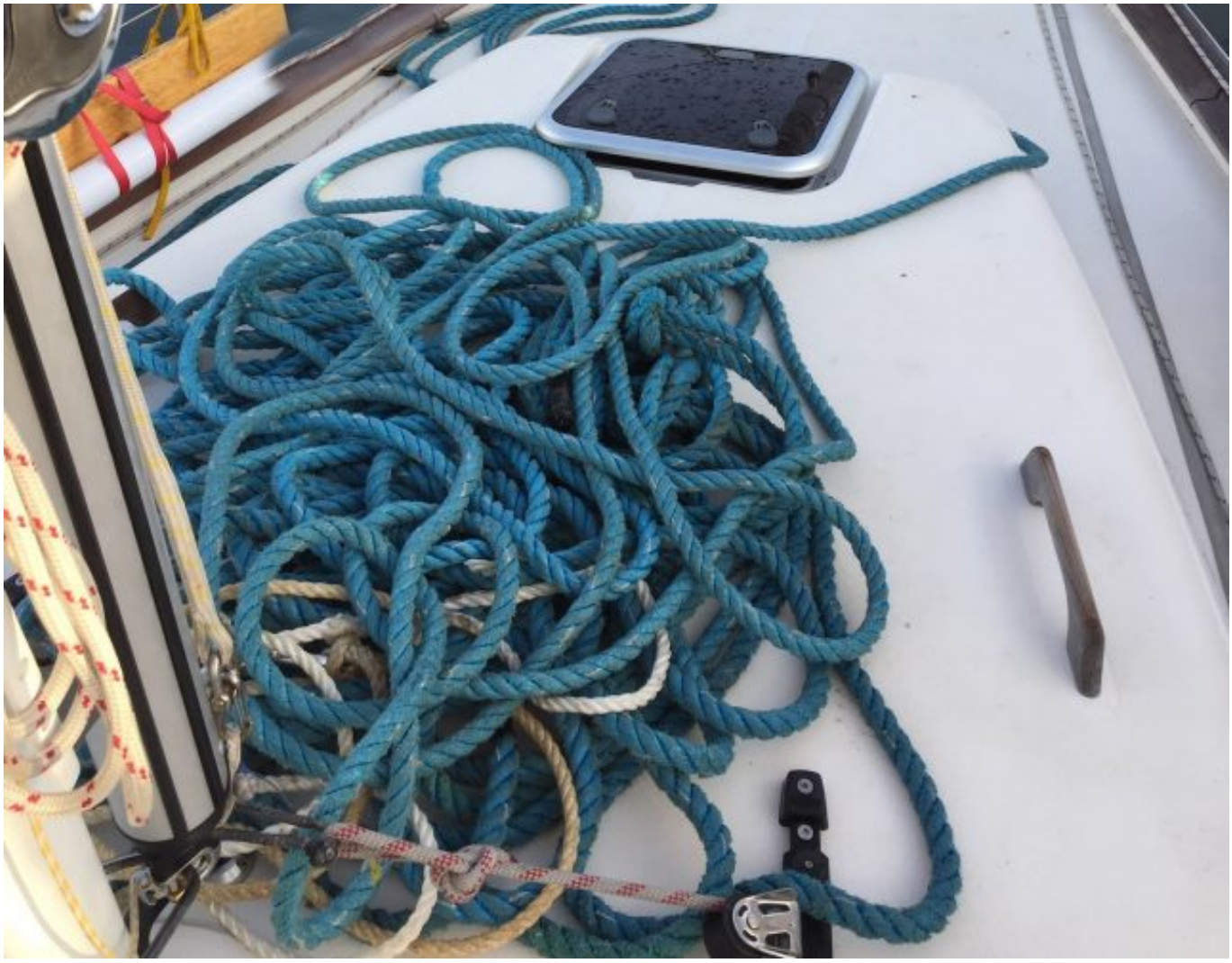
The theme for the 2017 Peterson Cup Cruising Rally (PCCR) is “Panama Canal”! Why? Because, once again, Ken visited the theme location earlier this year, and you all keep appointing him as organizer.

The Theme Voyage

Let us think in terms of preparation for a Canal passage. The voyage is from Shelter Bay Marina past the unmarked reefs, and South to Amador to get our exit ZARPA, and then SW to Costa Rica at Gulfito. Once there, you get your boat onto a ship transport home. Calgary education watch member Steve Colleaux has been doing this since March 6, and holding his breath right now, in fact he hopes to see his boat arrive in Victoria in late June.

We begin in the Caribbean… could be San Blas Islands, could be Bocas Del Toro. But we all collect at Shelter Bay Marina, as it is near where we get measured by a Canal Authority. Also, your Line Handler Agent will deliver the tires and the fat green lines, and four unknown hungry people for a fee of $2000. A

freighter would cost $50,000.



Or we find 4 Line Handlers ourselves, and get a lot of the big old Taxi Tires and 4 twisted 125 ft long nylon 1 1/4’ lines. We are then sent a Canal Advisor, like a pilot, employed by the Canal. Our trip begins at 1700h. We are then assigned to nesting partners. Three boats rafted, will proceed through each lock at a walking pace. Lines on the outer two boats will be ready for staff to pull up to the Canal wall and they will loop it on a bollard. Any boat under 34 ft will be tied to a tug or tour boat. An ideal local location for this practice would be the Second Narrows bridge Burnaby. However due to my lack of desire to argue with the Harbour Master, we will pick another place.

Maybe two tons of force pulls this like a steel bar, controlled from your hand to HornCleat.

The Actual Peterson Cup Cruising Rally

We will see all of you who want to join in at the Dinghy Dock Pub on Protection Island, on Saturday, **July 29 at 1600h**, Sunday, July 30, we all exit from Protection Bay to Jessie Island (or somewhere) at 0900h (or thereabouts…). We then sail away and we always anchor and cook one apple pie on each passage. Then we have A'ppy Hour on the first boat to arrive.

We return on **Thursday, August 3, by 1600h** for dinner at Gina's Mexican Cafe in Nanaimo. You'd better be early for prime anchoring spots.

The PCCR trophy award and celebration will take place on Sunday, right after the rendezvous pot luck dinner – which includes all of us in music & cruising songs.

About The Author

Ken Christie

Blue Rose - DeKleer Bros. 30 Sloop

Ken Christie has been a BCA member since 2010. He organized the 2015 Peterson Cup Cruisers Rally, and is organizing, and will participate in, this year's PCCR. Another of Ken's claims to fame is that he has a talent for locating solo women sailors. When not cruising BC waters, Ken's 30' Fraser sloop, Blue Rose, lies ready under the Burrard Street Bridge.

May Rendezvous 2017: Sail-e-brating Canada 150

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A good time was had by all at the May Rendezvous on Pender Island. Sixty-nine people on 35 boats cruised to Poet's Cove where we traded sailing stories, played, and enjoyed the gorgeous weather on the Victoria Day long weekend.

Plenty of food and social time at Poet's Cove

Host boat ***Exodus*** kept the gang in order, providing us with lots of time for networking and having fun. On Saturday a few hardy folks went mountain climbing and then at the official kickoff Potluck Appy event, the scavenger hunt lists were given out and the race was on! Those who knew their Canadian history had a definite advantage.

On Sunday morning Elaine Humphries (***Hatti***) gave us a quick and up close look into life just off the dock before the Blind Voyageur Dinghy race began.

Waiting for the race to start

The race was won by ***Shala****'s* dinghy rowed by Harry Nichol, navigated by Jacqueline Randen and supervised by Admiral Ben.

Crossing the finish line

To celebrate 150 years of Canada, everyone wore their best red and white for the potluck dinner and prize exchange. Rob Dodge from ***Nanamuk*** won the scavenger hunt with over 3,000 points. It pays to keep those funny old photos from 1967 close at hand…

Thanks to ***Exodus*** for being host boat and to all who came and helped to sail-e-brate our sesquicentennial!

About The Author

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June is an avid Dreamer, novice sailor, and keen to learn all things offshore. She has sailed the local waters around Southern Vancouver Island and volunteers as a companion sailor with the Disabled Sailing Association. Although a relatively new member to BCA, she is currently the Communications Watchkeeper for VI Chapter.

August Gorge Harbour Rendezvous and Pig Roast

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Ahoy sailors and friends! Mark your calendars now for another fabulous BCA get-together – the Gorge Harbour End-of-Summer Rendezvous & Pig Roast on August 25-27, 2017!

Need a couple of reasons to participate?

- We had such a great time last year, we're doing it again. A perfect way to either end the summer or start your fall cruising season!
- Hang out with some of BCA's "northern" members who you don't frequently get a chance to visit with.
- Enjoy a relaxing weekend in a beautiful part of the Salish Sea.

The blue pin marks Barry and Amanda's dock

Hosted by longtime members, Amanda and Barry Glickman, and a crew of willing assistants, this will be a casual, end-of-summer rendezvous, complete with a pig roast on a floating barge. With over 100? of dock space in front of their waterfront home (the "pin" on the image above marks the spot), there's plenty of room for dinghies to tie up, socializing and the BBQ itself.

There will be an Appy Hour for those arriving on Friday August 25, time to swap stories, share experiences and check out each others' boats. The pig roast will be Saturday evening (potluck salads, desserts, etc provided by attendees), and plans are to have Sunday breakfast on the dock too. Barry and Amanda hope everyone will be willing to help turn the pig on Saturday (it will take nearly 12 hours to cook), but if turning the spit is not your "thing", please consider volunteering to help coordinate breakfasts and/or an activity. Contact BCA Commodore, Leslie Hansen, for details re those tasks or if you have any questions about the Rendezvous.

A number count is needed for the BBQ, so please register online if you plan to attend (look for "Register/RSVP" in the event listing). The cost per person will be $10, payable upon arrival to the hosts.

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