



## **Barkley Sound Newsletter**

**May 9, 2006**

### **Nine Boat Flotilla**

Just a couple more sleeps for some of us and we are on our way to Barkley Sound. Some have headed to the coast already and some are still wondering if they will make it. Boat problems, truck problems, crew problems are just a few obstacles in our way of a great adventurous sailing trip. This is nothing new to a seasoned Cruising Director, as you all no I wrote the book on breakdowns to a coastal trip.

Sometimes that's all you can do is re-group and simply make it happen.

Salty Dog and Empty Pocket were both a scratch. Salty Dog with not enough crew and a iffy tow vehicle. Empty Pocket being a new purchase with unknowns on every level.

This sounds like a typical Spring Thaw Sailing Trip to me.

Well as luck will have it, the crew of Salty Dog and Empty Pocket has got together and they are focusing their efforts on Empty Pocket. New bottom paint and a complete systems check with a possible sea trial on Ghost Lake and they just might make it.

Let's wish them all, the best luck in hope they will join us on the coast.

**Tee-Shirts:** The shirts will be of good quality and will come with the **FACS logo** and **Spring Thaw Barkley Sound 2006** on the back and either **Captain** or **Crew** on the sleeve. This will cost you \$30.00 each.

For an additional \$5.00 you can have your boat name on the chest. All prices include GST.

If you haven't paid up yet and most have not. Please have a cheque or cash ready and we will collect at Poett Nook Marina.

**Please Note:** It would be great if everyone is wearing the shirts for **Pub Night** in Ucluelet. This is the Tuesday evening and it could make a good photo opportunity.

**Calgary Trailables:**

Captains, be sure not to forget any trailer maintenance including but not limited to:

- Wheel bearings (races, seals, spindles etc.)
- Tires (lugs, fenders etc.)
- Lights (turn lamps, clearance lamps, etc.)
- Brakes (adjusted, tested, break away system etc.)

**Cruisers:** For the boats looking to rendezvous at the ODAS Buoy Saturday evening at 1800 – 1900 hours. Please try and contact me on my cell 403-510-5578 or VHF radio. I will be sailing on PS Hakuna Matata.

I believe some of you will be heading out Friday evening. If possible please discuss your intentions with the other cruisers and form a flotilla. Exchange cell phone numbers and try and contact each other while still in cell phone range. I have no idea what the coverage will be but I assume the Victoria area would have good coverage. Also use the VHF and check in with each other every hour.

**Potluck Dinner Night:** Port Alberni Yacht Club (Outpost) will be the spot for the Potluck Dinner. We will start the dinner at 1800 hours. Everyone bring a dish and some libations. FACS will supply paper plates, cups and utensils.

I have not made any changes to the Itinerary. This can be downloaded from the FACS website.

This is the **FACS Spring Thaw 2006 Sailing Trip**; please remember whom you are representing. Take lots of photos and video. Fly your FACS Burgee high and proud. (If you don't have one please pick one up from Jim Feeney)

**Join our club if you haven't yet it's only \$35.00 per year (Family Membership)**

**FACS is providing prizes and a few things for the Potluck Dinner as well.**

**Membership dues pay for these things.**

**The FACS Club is the foundation for this trip. Without paid membership we would have no trip.**

Have a safe Sailing Trip and don't forget to have a blast!!! Your not at work your on a sailing trip.

**Please Note!!!!** Feel free to buy the Cruising Director and the Assistant Cruising Director a beer or two, if you think we look the least bit thirsty.

Rob Dyer, FACS Cruising Director

Bill Jones, Assistant Cruising Director