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Planning the FACS 2009 Spring Thaw

NEWSLETTER



Second and Final Spring Thaw Planning Meeting

April 18 saw the second installment of the planning for the 2009 Spring Thaw.

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Charts and Anchorages

Charts are available from local suppliers. Various meeting points and anchorages have been arranged. Extras include Pot Luck Dinner, Races and Shirts.

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New Bulletin Board Ties Spring Thaw Participants Together

Check out Rick's and Jeff's efforts in getting the FACS BB established.

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FACS 2009 SPRING THAW ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

The planning committee met for a second time with the members who have signed up for this season's adventure on the Sunshine Coast.

Brad hosted the second and final planning meeting at his home. It was attended by a dozen interested parties. Unfortunately, as is ever the case, some participants had withdrawn from the event.

However, there were others who had joined. There will be a total of seven Cruisers and two Trailerables. The group concentrated on

the details of the get together meeting at Secret Cove Marina and the need for sailors to book ahead for a berth. Big boats will be located along the wharf. Brad noted that there is a launch ramp at Buccaneer Bay.



Reviewing the Charts
As in all excursions planning your route is important. In the above photo Jeff and Gordon look over reference material and refer to the chart for the Sunshine Coast. Of course planning is not just limited to on the water routes. We must plan for provisioning, what to bring along in terms of clothing, personal necessities etc.

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Chart Availability

There are a number of chart vendors in Calgary. Check around to see where you can get a discount. It is important that you obtain the most recent charts for the area where you will be sailing. The planned meeting points for the flotilla was discussed along with launch locations for the various trailered yachts from Calgary.



Use the reservation site and put in the notes that you are with FACS Spring Thaw Cruise.

Phone: 1-866-885-3533 (Toll Free)

Agreed to use Garden Bay Hotel & Marina. Night of June 8

Garden Bay Hotel and Marina:

Has space reserved



Showers are a three minute walk

Pub and Restaurant

Preferred rate being sought

Each skipper must call as above and book space.

Pub (604) 883-2674 (This one worked for Brad)

Restaurant (604) 883-9919

Liquor Store(604) 883-2946

<mailto:gbhm@dccnet.com>

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First Night Moorage - Secret Cove Marina night of June 6

Each Skipper must call the Secret Cove Marina (numbers below) and register their boat by supplying a credit card to hold the slip.

Mention you are part of the FACS Spring Thaw cruise from Calgary or mention my name.

We're supposed to be getting a preferred rate. If you need to get moorage for the last night you could do that too. I

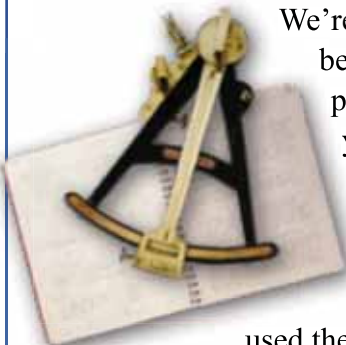
used the reservation site – it was easy. Secret Cove:

Scott is the manager [HYPERLINK:](http://www.secretcovemarina.com/contact/)

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Agreed on Moorage for Egmont. Night of June 10

Egmont Marina – Each skipper needs to phone the marina as above

Phone: 604-883-2298 or 1-800-626-0599

Golf Shirts

Greg is no longer able to join this trip, so Theresa has agreed to take on this high profile job. All skippers are responsible for calling Terry before Monday April 27 with their sizes (including crew).

Pot Luck Dinner

Theresa is doing double duty and the night for the pot luck will be chosen during the trip based on the weather window.

Race Day

Jeff is working through the PHRF ratings to set up the pursuit race. There will also be a photo contest of the boats on the race day. Many thanks to Rob Dyer of Lee Sails for providing prizes.

Note: There will be no further official meetings prior to the trip. Please use the Bulletin Board and start Strings for anything concerning the trip.

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Sailing Conditions

It is important to plan for all sailing conditions whether you are becalmed on a partially overcast day or racing along on a reach. Always ensure that you have adequate sunscreen and don't forget to bring a wide brimmed hat to protect you from the sun. Sunglasses of course are mandatory.

FACS BBS (Forum Board)

Rick MacDonald showed us a great Bulletin Board system that he has set up for the FACS group. We will use it for all future



communications to the Spring Thaw group. Rick is sending an email to all Sunshine Coast Cruisers in the form of an invitation to the board. Please get signed up and start typing

your mind! Thanks to Jeff for making the BB accessible from the FACS website.

FACS Meeting Update:

The next FACS meeting will be Friday May 22 at Mewatta.

Photos

Please bring your cameras on the cruise along with the cable for downloading your pictures to a laptop computer.

