

# Luff Wire



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## From The Commodore

It's been a busy month for the Gilles'. We just returned from New York to watch our son David be sworn in as a Midshipman and a Naval Reserve Officer at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. It was with just a little bit of parental pride that Nancy and I shed tears during the ceremonies and celebrations. From the tour of the campus to the antiseptically clean rooms of the "Plebe" midshipmen to the unbelievable waterfront, the academy was a great experience. Speaking of the waterfront they have over 35 dingys, Lasers, Flying Juniors and 420's and 10 offshore racers. They even have a lone Flying Scot!. I wanted to play soo... bad. We had a day and a half to do the tourist thing in New York with David and then it was time to come home. I think Nancy will expand on the trip in a later issue.

On to business. We are looking for officers for next year. A lot of people put a lot of time into our club. We need to share in the operation of our club. There are positions for commodore, vice commodore, treasurer, secretary, librarian, race committee..... Help us keep our club active and growing. Volunteer for a position and make your contribution.

We are planning the annual awards dinner for January 18 at Florentine's at the airport. Start making plans! We have racing this coming weekend, the season is rapidly coming to a close. Next meeting is Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 (the best way to get nominated for an officer's position is to NOT come to the meeting).

Next Meeting: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30, Tri-City Court Club

Upcoming Races: October 5 & 6, 19<sup>th</sup>  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>

See you on the water,

Dave

## **Meeting Minutes, submitted by Ryan Bickford**

### **Wednesday, September 11, 2002**

The Race Chairman reported that we have had good winds for the fall series so far. All positions for Race Committee are filled except for Saturday, October 19th

The Vice Commodore has made up come “buisness cards,” and will gladly make more for those that want them. They have the club name and burgee, member’s name, and phone number. They are intended to give out to people who express an interest in sailing or sailboats. This often happens in the parking lot at Charbonneau, and it is an easy way to convey contact information. The Vice Commodore also bought a Trailer for the club BBQ. Unfortunately you can’t stand on the trailer to grill because of stability issues. Scott is looking into adding steps so we don’t deform the trailer. Cost so far is \$200 and it will take another \$40 or so to finish. It still remains to be seen if we will use it or not. Scott will be doing a regularly scheduled Luff Wire. Please submit contributions often.

#### Commodore

For the DORK dinner, Wanda will provide the main course, “DORK pork”; it will be pot luck for salads, desserts, and drinks. There was discussion of soliciting outside participation in DORK next year. In the past, we have offered our venue to local classes for regionals, districts, etc. We might consider soliciting outside clubs for next year’s DORC. We will discuss this next month. There was discussion to make DORC part of the Fall Series this year, since we don’t anticipate any outside participation or trophies. A motion to make DORC part of the Fall Series this year passed. Members will be sent e-mails to announce this change.

#### Other

Alan Brothers wasn’t here to say if the J Boats video had arrived or not.

#### New Business

We need to begin thinking about the Awards Banquet. Dave will look into Florentine’s again this year. January 18<sup>th</sup> was proposed as a good date.

We also need to start thinking about Officers for next year. Nominations will be solicited next meeting, the slate will be published in the November *Luff Wire*, and we will vote in December.

Whaler is fine, update on Livingston not available.

## **RACE REPORT**

No race report from 9/7, but here is a picture of the fleet sailing away from the start in beautiful conditions!



## Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am... another Beautiful Day. No sailors in sight yet. Roger McVicker arrives as I'm loading buoys into the Whaler, and lends a hand. Colorful discussion on what a pain these buoys are to deal with. Boat is in the water and starts easily. Vague recollection about where buoys go. Make it back before gas runs out and conduct "Skippers Meeting." Fleet is initially 1 Thistle (Paul Reeder), 1 Catalina 14.2 (Rick Ashworth and Dawn Roy), 1 SJ21 (Scott Petersen), 1 SJ24 (Mark Rol), and 2 Flying Scots (John Bickford and Roger McVicker). First race starts at 10:50 am to accommodate some prolonged rigging activities for a few boats. Course is 2S-4S-Finish. Wind about 6 mph based on indicator that my neighbor (former sailor) had left over from his garage sale – it also shows wind chill, but not an issue today. San Juans are over the line first – how did they do that!? Thistle is across line last -- 9m-15s late! At #2, Mark Rol in the SJ24 is in lead with Roger and Scott following. On downwind leg, I notice Mark heading for opposite shore -- \*#&\$, I hope I didn't tell him the downwind mark was #3! (Later Mark says he knew it was #4 but didn't know which of the two marks that was!) Roger & Scott in fast pursuit with Spinnakers flying. Even with confusion and no spinnaker, Mark is around #4 first – he's good! I suddenly realize that I can see #4 buoy in the distance just off tip of breakwater. Sheesh, did I really anchor it that far out? I'll tell them it was so I see the whole course and initiate rescue in event of man-overboard. (I know Roger will understand.) Windward leg, Mark is still followed by Roger and Scott... and that's how they finish. Mark in the SJ24 is across in 43 minutes. Paul Reeder in the Electric Radish (Thistle) across in 48 minutes - gained 4 minutes on leader over course of race!

Next race starts at 11:50, exactly 1 hr after first race start. Wind a little lighter this time. Course is 2P-3S-4S-Finish. George Gorsline in his Hunter 26 and Bill Retterer driving his Catalina 310 also join the fleet – 8 boats now! Mark is next to last across start line this time but is around #2 first – nice recovery – with Paul in the Electric Radish just a few seconds behind. They are followed around the mark after a few minutes by Scott, Roger and John – each about a minute apart. On the downwind leg, the Radish takes off flying a Spinnaker and leaves everybody behind. Half way down to #3, Scott is passing Mark, and Roger is only 10 seconds behind. Roger too soon passes Mark (if only that SJ24 a spinnaker!) and catches Scott at the #3 mark, but Scott gets the inside track and pulls away from Roger on the reach to #4. The order around #4 is Paul in the Radish, Scott in the SJ21, Roger in the FS, Mark in the SJ24 and John in the FS. Exciting upwind leg to the Finish. Paul in the Thistle is across first in 45 minutes. Roger and Mark manage to pass Scott, who drops from second to fourth, and Mark almost catches Roger. John takes fifth and Rick & Dawn in the Cat 14.2 takes sixth.

Third race starts at 1pm. SJ24 has gone in. Course is 2P-3S-F. Wind very light now but the boats are moving. At the start, there is some interesting activity involving Petersen and Bickford at far end of line. Can't quite see what they are doing, but looks like Scott doesn't find room at mark and has to circle back. Hmm - don't think I should have started this race – the wind looks like it going to give up the ghost. A hundred yards out and they are dead in the water. Take Whaler out to consult with my RC Mentor (Scott) – he says give it a few more minutes and wind will fill in. I do and it does. But not before John Bickford retires. (This has been an interesting FS operation to watch – John has Ryan Bickford and Ken Nelson as crew. You *know* there were some interesting discussions in *that* boat during the last two races! Rub-a-dub-dub, etc.) John said they were trying to do a 720 to appease Scott for offenses at the Start, but with the wind so light, they could only get in a 180. Anyway, the wind picks up a little and Paul is around #2 first and leads all the way to the finish (1hr-4m). Wind gets really fluky again in the middle of the downwind leg. The Ashworths in the Cat 14.2 get in some good puffs and really motor along, but then get hung up near #3. Working hard, the fleet fights calm spots and shifting winds all the way to the finish. Roger finishes second, Scott third and the Ashworths fourth. Good work!

Ralph Wilson

## Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

A beautiful morning...if you like to water ski. The sailing potential is low, but we begin a race at around 11:00 when the wind comes up a little bit. The first one is short: up to 2 and then finish, but that takes about a half an hour. The wind begins to fill in toward the end of the race, so I immediately start race #2: 4P-3P-F. This is a downwind start, which is kind of fun to do every once in a while. I was hoping to see a bunch of spinnakers up and flying before the start, but everyone played it safe and raised them after the start. There were some tough times in this race, with two boats electing to paddle when the wind completely died at mark #4. Those that stuck it out made it back, but it was one of those situations where the lead boat stayed in the wind and the trailing boats lost it. The times tell the story: Ken Nelson finished in 47 minutes, George Gorsline finished in 1:21. The third race started a little after 1:00 (the racers probably felt like it was late afternoon, at this point), with a course of 2P-4P-F. The winds were again very light, but everyone finished and were ready to go home when the last boat finished at 2:30.

Scott Petersen

**Sunday Sept 22** was, despite ushering in the Fall, a beautiful mild summery day. With mostly clear skies and plenty of Sun, John Bickford worked on his tan between marks. And, there was wind...mostly....sort of. Except at the second mark that is. With glassy water up wind and plenty of ripples down wind at marks 3 and 4, a downwind start in race 1 had 8 boats close in a pack at the start and the ninth boat, FS #25, sliding wide downwind of the pack. Ken and Wanda flew out ahead of the pack opening a sizable lead on their way to #4. Paul Reeder gave chase, slowly closing the gap. The rest of the fleet followed in a very competitive second tier. A wayward dove visited several of the boats providing some pointers on wind direction sail trim. By the time the first boats rounded #3 it was the Thistle and the Scot. Paul crossed first with Ken close behind and the Bickfords third across.

With still no wind up at Mark #2, Race 2 was another downwind start reversing the course of Race 1. With the third downwind start in two days, most skippers were getting the hang of it. Eight boats blasted across the start followed by Scott Peterson's SJ21. Once again Ken and Paul moved to the front rounding marks #3 and #4 ahead of the rest. Once again the remaining boats were very competitive. And, once again it was the Thistle followed by the Flying Scot across the finish.

After a lunch break where we watched the wind come up nicely across the course, the boats were set for an upwind start. However, the winds had other intentions as they suddenly slowed to almost nothing at the start. The boats crept toward the windline a couple hundred feet up from the start. Ken and Wanda were first to reach it and sped into the lead as the rest of the fleet gave chase around mark 2 and up to 4. Paul caught up at 4 and once again it was a two boat sprint to the finish with the rest of the fleet lining up behind.

Rich Anderson [*This was Rich's first time as RC and he did an excellent job – Ed*]



**Pretty boats on much-too-calm water, September 21st.**

## Columbia Basin Sailing Club Racing Schedule 2002

Skippers Meetings 10 a.m. Class Flag 10:30 a.m.

Fall Series	Date	Venue	Race Committee
Race Day 1	Saturday, August 31	Charbonneau	John Bickford
Race Day 2	Saturday, September 7	Charbonneau	Terry Filson
Race Day 3	Saturday, September 14	Charbonneau	Ralph Wilson
** (DORC)	Saturday, September 21	Charbonneau	Scott Petersen
** (DORC)	Sunday, September 22	Charbonneau	Rich Anderson
Race Day 4	Saturday, October 5	Charbonneau	Paul Reeder
Race Day 5	Sunday, October 6	Charbonneau	Ken Nelson
Race Day 6	Saturday, October 19	Charbonneau	
Fall Series Final	Saturday, November 2	Charbonneau	Dennis Trimble

25% of the races will be thrown out per series (i.e. 5 races in a 20 race series)

Race Committee = 1pt. per race (limit one day per series)

\*\*Not a part of series racing

Regional Regattas		Venue
August 10-11	Flying Scot Pacific Districts -	Inverness, CA
September 7-8	Lake Chelan Regatta	Lake Chelan, WA
September 21-22	Lewiston Tribune Cup	Clarkston, WA
July 18-20, 2003	SJ21 Western Nationals	Huntington Lake, CA

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### DORC Dinner

There was not a lot of advance notice, but those at the DORC races got the word that a potluck would be held on Saturday night at Ken and Wanda's. Besides the good company and conversation, Wanda prepared the soon-to-be-famous main dish, "DORC PORK." Al and Ken carved the roast, proving again that they are cut-ups. The pork was complimented with pot-luck dishes ranging from salads to desserts. As you might guess, the participants brought (and drank!) some good wines, too. I believe a good time was had by all.



Scott Petersen

### Results of the Fall Racing Series Through the End of September

Skipper	Sail #	Boat Type	Pts				
<b>31-Aug RC-John Bickford</b>				<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Race 4</b>
Reeder	3269	Thistle		3	4	5	2
Gilles	2169	Flying Scot		2	3	3	4
Fifer		Cal 25		9	7	7	9
Ramsdell	5407	Flying Scot		1	1	2	3
Anderson	899	SJ21		6	6	4	7
Brim		SJ 7.7		5	8	8	5
Rol	352	SJ 24		4	5	6	9
Nelson	25	Flying Scot		9	2	1	1

<b>7-Sep RC - Terry Filson</b>				<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	
Petersen	1707	SJ 21		1	1	1	
Brim	2723	Flying Scot		5	5	6	
McVicker	4368	Flying Scot		2	2	6	
Anderson	899	SJ21		4	4	6	
Bickford J.	111	OD 14		6	6	7	
Rol	352	SJ 24		3	3	2	

<b>14-Sep RC - Ralph Wilson</b>				<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	
Reeder	3269	Thistle		6	6	4	
Petersen	1707	SJ 21		2	1	3	
Ashworth	4	Capri 14.2		3	5	1	
McVicker	4368	Flying Scot		4	2	2	
Bickford J.	3539	Flying Scot		5	4	8	
Rol	352	SJ 24		1	3	8	
Gorsline		Hunter 26		8	7	5	

<b>9/21/02 RC - Scott Petersen</b>				<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	
Anderson	899	SJ21		6	4	4	
McVicker	4368	Flying Scot		1	2	2	
Nelson	25	Flying Scot		2	1	1	
Brim	2723	Flying Scot		7	3	6	
Ramsdell	5407	Flying Scot		5	5	5	
Hopp	4887	Flying Scot		4	10	10	
Tyrrell		Sunfish		3	10	3	
Gorsline		Hunter 26		9	7	8	
Fifer		Cal 25		8	6	7	

<b>9/22/02 RC - Rich Anderson</b>				<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	
Reeder	3269	Thistle		3	9	5	
Tyrrell		Sunfish		5	5	8	
Ramsdell	5407	Flying Scot		9	7	6	
McVicker	4368	Flying Scot		6	4	4	
Nelson	25	Flying Scot		1	1	1	
Petersen	1707	SJ 21		2	6	3	
Brim	2723	Flying Scot		8	8	9	
Bickford J.	3539	Flying Scot		4	2	2	
Wilson	88350	Legger		7	3	7	



# Notes and Miscellaneous

- Thanks to you that paid your dues for 2002. As for the rest of you, this may be your last issue of the *Luff Wire*. Please! Don't let this happen to you!
- As our Commodore requested, please come to the October meeting prepared to nominate officers for 2003. Self-nominations are certainly welcome, too. Have you lately been experiencing an urge to take meeting minutes? Then the Secretary position is for you! Always wanted to wear a blue blazer with a little anchor embroidered on the pocket and wear a funny hat? Sounds like Commodore material to me!
- Note the new address (URL) for the CBSC web page on the masthead of this issue. Ken Nelson has transferred the old web page to this new address, which is a little easier to remember than the old one! Ken also has promised some exciting new upgrades to the web site in the future.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Columbia Basin Sailing Club**  
**P.O. Box 1063**  
**Richland, WA 99352**



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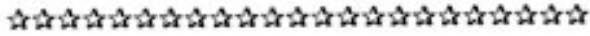
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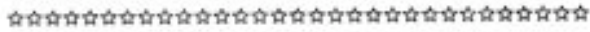
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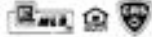


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**General Meeting**  
 Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30  
**Tri City Court Club**