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Liam and Finch

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April Race Results	Peregrine	Gross	10	Net	2
	Artemis		7		4
	Linnea		9		4
	Elua Makani		12		6
	Nexus		17		10

The 35th Malaspina Regatta is coming up!
June 29/30

This year the GBSC is hosting the 35th Malaspina Regatta on 29 June. This is a very special anniversary and the names engraved on the Trophies give a great reminder of those who paved the way, and made the GBSC the fun club that it is. As a special token this year each Skipper will be given a Special Surprise when they Register.

This year we will also be holding a Skippers' Meeting the day before, which will allow Skippers to collect their Dinner Vouchers and Special Surprise, which will hopefully save a log-jamb at the door the next day before Dinner.

The Dinner will be held at the Legion in Madeira Park in the evening, at which time Club and Malaspina Prizes will be given out. There will be the usual 50/50 Draw with the proceeds going to the Food Bank in Pender Harbour, as well as a Draw for a Door Prize.

Planning is already under way and I would encourage you to get involved. Expect further updates towards the middle of May.

Lets make this a truly Special Malaspina Regatta!

Cheers
David

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Race/Cruise Info....

Secret Cove May 18/19

Race coordinator: John and Sandra Hansen

Vananda July 19

Subject to confirmation from Texada Boat Club

Race Coordinator: Chris and Michelle



Artemis getting rolled!

Go Liam!

Liam's latest installment about his Atlantic crossing isn't finished yet as he's been busy preparing his boat for the upcoming Race To Alaska.

For those that haven't been following this race over the last few years, the R2AK is a human and wind powered trek from Port Townsend to Ketchikan. 750 miles as the Orca swims and quite a bit further for sailboats. No motors or outside assistance allowed. Not only are motors not allowed they have to be completely removed from the boat. A wide assortment of vessels have taken part in years past. Everything from a stand up paddle board (yes, a SUP!) to 40' plus full on racing sailboats. Kayaks, outrigger canoes, tiny sailboats.... Not everyone make the full journey. The first leg is from Port Townsend to Victoria. This is called The Proving Ground and tends to flush out a good number of the lesser prepared and able boats. Bella Bella is another popular bail out spot. Anyway, lots on line and even a full length documentary is available regarding this challenging event.

So, Liam is entered in this years R2AK running with his Contessa 26, Finch, and will be doing it solo. Out came his perfectly good little Yanmar diesel and in its place he has built a peddle drive system that uses the existing shaft and propeller. And it works! It's not fast but will get Finch through calms and in and out of harbours. Finch is also Liam's full time home. He's quite the young fellow!



Peddle drive system made from old bike parts
