

What a great Weekend! The 2012 Fall Rendezvous at Ganges was another success. The weather was excellent, not one drop of rain and almost no wind.

The WWBA apparel was set up outside on the dock behind Mary Ann's boat, and many purchases were made. The selection of apparel has been well received – Mary Ann has done a great job. Bill had WWBA flags available for sale, and he did have a few left at the end of the rendezvous – we hope a replacement for Ruth is found soon. At the 'swap meet' many 'treasures' found new homes. Cathy Campbell (Evening Star One) sold a few copies of her book "Refuge Cove Coastal Kitchen" historical 'Recipes, Stories & Photographs'

Friday was a busy day for some – helping boats get tied up, but everyone seemed to get a chance to catch up and visit with friends. On Friday night a large number of our members inundated the Salt Spring Inn for supper, overwhelming the two chefs to the extent that they had to shanghai the manager into the kitchen. The waiters were considerate and the food was "well worth the wait"!

Saturday was another fine day! Many people walked the docks visiting and viewing our vessels. Later in the afternoon, the Barley Bros played music for us before and after the AGM. The meeting was held on "Hayden Pass" at the Kanaka dock where most of our boats were moored. At the meeting it was noted that we had lost the skippers of three of our boats this past year. Also a new member, Jim Derby (Pacific Loon) had a bad fall off the ways at Cowichan and suffered crushed vertebrae, his injury was very serious and his boat is for sale. Life is fragile, enjoy every minute of it.

The 'Pot Luck Dinner' was held on the dock. Terry & Martin secured tables (some from Thrifty Foods) and set them up along the side the dock. Culinary contributions were laid out on these tables and we all lined up to get our food. Some sat on boats, others on the dock (with or without chairs) to devour the meal. There was plenty for all and an excellent assortment of dishes which included lots of deserts. (The selection of dishes happens by "magic".) Around 130+ members & guests enjoyed the feast and camaraderie.

On Sunday morning, "Falcon Rock" got into position as 'sailpast vessel' and "SS Master" led the sailpast parade. We went around a couple of times while George on "Falcon Rock" snapped pictures, and we all 'peeled off' to our next destination for the night. The end of another great weekend! VHF radio chatter between our members indicated that everyone had a good time.

Thanks to HASSI for making room for us, to the merchants of Ganges for welcoming us and providing gift certificates, and to Martin Milner for organizing it all. A special thanks to everyone that pitched in to help. Thanks to all the WWBA members that attended with or without vessels: it's the members that make these events a success.

We look forward to getting together again at the 2013 Spring Rendezvous at Cowichan.