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New SALTS Board Member Scott Crawshaw (centre) poses with Board Members (left to right) Ruth Rocklin, Ted McLeod, Bill Wolferstan, Ryan Smith, Chris Raper, and Bob Utsurogi

Volunteer Profile

Scott Crawshaw, SALTS Board Member

My family emigrated to Canada from Britain when I was 2. I spent the majority of my formative years in Montreal and went to Military College in St. Jean Quebec and graduated from Royal Roads in Victoria with a double major in Physics and Oceanography. I have always been an admirer of sailing since I was young and often volunteered to crew in small boats. In the Navy, I have sailed with HMCS ORIOLE on and off since 1986 (and was skipper 1999 – 2002) for several Victoria to Maui Yacht Races (winning the race in 2000), sailed to Sydney Australia for the Sydney to Hobart Race in 1997, competed in

the Van-Isle 360 Race and several Swiftsures. I am married to Sonia and we have two daughters: Katrina, 18, and Alexandria, 19. In 2002, I left the Navy to pursue a dream that Sonia and I shared to sail offshore with our family. Our girls were 11 and 12 when we left and we sailed for four years down the coast of the US, Mexico, Central America and the northern part of South America. We crossed the South Pacific, including the Galapagos, French Polynesia, the Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Fiji, New Caledonia and finished in Australia where we sold the boat and returned to Canada. We now live on land again and are enjoying being a part of SALTS and still keeping in touch with the sailing community. I am back in the Navy as the navigation standards officer with the officer's school for navigation and ship-handling.

Feel free to send questions or feedback about *Saltings* to info@salts.ca or call 250-383-6811.



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The Ballast of Character

Beauty and technology are nice bells and whistles, but when the storms of life come, it is the ballast of sound character that will keep our lives upright.

In 1992, an expert sailor named Michael Plant began a solo crossing of the North Atlantic.* His new boat, Coyote, was one of the most technologically advanced in the world. Plant's support team monitored his trip by satellite and radio until a storm disrupted communication. After several attempts to reach him by radio, the Coast Guard sent a helicopter to look for him. They found his ship floating with her mast submerged, and Michael Plant was never heard from again. As the ship was examined, the cause became clear: for all of its technology and beauty, the Coyote lacked enough ballast beneath the water line.

I wonder if there is a parallel between this story and our own lives. Is it possible that our society pays more attention to appearances than to what lies beneath the surface? Do we sometimes feel pushed to focus more on our image than our character? After a century of intense marketing efforts, we've been taught that image is everything. We've learned to "dress for success." We judge others by what they wear or drive, and we're afraid of being judged the same way. At SALTS, we build ships with enough ballast, and we seek to build



young people of strong character to ride out the foul weather they will face in life. Thank you for your involvement in this worthwhile mission!

*Loren Hagerty,
Executive Director*

*Story adapted from *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, © 2000 by Joanna Weaver

SALTINGS, noun.
Low lying lands occasionally covered by the sea.

Financial Support Needed

After reporting 17 boat donations in the previous edition of *Saltings*, you can see a marked difference with only 6 mentioned in this edition. Boat and cash donations have been very slow since January. We have responded swiftly by cutting \$89,000 from our expenses and added an extra week of sailing on each ship. But it will still be a challenge to break even this year if trends continue. Please consider a donation to fund bursaries, tall ship maintenance, or our general operations. You can donate online at www.salts.ca through our secure website, or mail in a cheque. We would appreciate your support.

Telltale

- **Day Sails:** We've added another Day Sail this fall! SALTS members who have not sailed yet this year can join us for the "Sail Past and Schooner Race" at the Classic Boat Festival on Sunday Sept. 6 at 10 am. Non-members can sign up too—by becoming SALTS members during the Day Sail registration process! Online registrations for the Day Sail open Tuesday, July 7 at www.salts.ca/daysail.
- A photo contest is on now through August 31! The top three photos of our ships or programs (from any year) will earn the photographer their choice of SALTS gear, and any entries may be published. You can submit a maximum of two high resolution photos to info@salts.ca along with the photographer's full name and phone number.
- We have secured a shipyard lease until August 2011. The Mayor of Victoria recently wrote that he "hopes" to accommodate SALTS at Harbour Road after that time. We will persist with negotiations and also explore alternative shipyard locations in case we must relocate.
- A thorough feasibility study concluded that we should attain another ship to expand our fleet. However, we have no imminent plans to begin a capital fundraising campaign. The right window of opportunity has not yet arrived.
- SALTS membership applications and membership renewals (including payments) can now be submitted at www.salts.ca.
- SALTS gained 41 new members this month (a 10% increase of our voting membership!) through a cross-promotion with the Maritime Museum of BC and the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club. These new members joined us on Day Sails in June as did about 100 of our existing members.

Sail training with SALTS helps young people develop physically, spiritually, mentally, and relationally.

Pacific Swift Report

It has been a full and rewarding spring season. The *Pacific Swift* put to sea March 4th after a great winter of maintenance in the shipyard. Energetic trainees were welcomed aboard by first mate Drew Hayes, new watch officer Niki Ames, returning bosun Steve Barbour and Amanda Kraay as cook. Early spring was a little on the cold side with water freezing on deck and snow ashore — trivial hardships that true Cape-Horners would scoff at. The sailing has been sensational with lots of fine fresh breezes, allowing the *Swift* to sail most places providing ample opportunity for great sail training for trainees and crew alike. In mid spring we were joined by Jordan Campbell who replaced Drew Hayes as full time mate aboard the *Swift*. There have been many great school groups sailing with us as well as a special group from the Cridge Centre for the Family. The ship and crew are settling in very nicely as we explore the Gulf Islands.

"On this trip I have never felt it easier to be myself"... "I loved all the things I learned"... "This trip has had a deep impact on me"... "Thank you for the hard work, guidance and patience and role model of living in community"... "I will always cherish the memories"... "It's great to see a change in kids in just 5 days." These quotes from the trainee log book are surrounded by many echoes as the trainees express their thoughts on the trip. As always the trainees continue to breathe life into these wooden ships and we are looking forward to the challenges, growth and rewards of the season for all who sail aboard.

"I'll seek the seas at His behest and brave another cruise" — Hymn

Captain John Andrachuk

Pacific Grace Report

It is hard to believe that this spring has already come and gone so quickly. Aboard the *Grace* we have enjoyed many wonderful groups of young people, some groups new and some from schools that have been sailing with SALTS for over twenty-five years. All groups have been filled with excitement and an eagerness to participate. We have enjoyed numerous days of memorable sailing already this spring, as there has been plenty of wind. This coupled with the competency of my crewmembers has allowed us to spend the larger percentage of our time sailing between our different anchorages. Our crew aboard the *Grace* is made up mostly from former offshore trainees and their abilities and familiarity with the vessel and program are offering notable benefits to the trainees that sail with us. We are truly enjoying our time together as a crew and have early on developed a uniquely close, caring and supportive relationship with each other, this also having a positive impact on those who sail aboard. After a productive winter of refitting, the *Grace* also is in fine form and continues to surprise us in the way she performs. Please continue to pray for safety and health as we enter our treasured summer program.

Captain Tony Anderson



Trainee Artwork



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Bursary Program Creates a Diverse Community

From April 6-9, SALTS welcomed kids from the *Cridge Centre for the Family* aboard the *Pacific Swift*, including many recent immigrants. One brother and sister fled violence in the Middle East just seven months ago. They arrived in Canada hardly knowing a word of English, and are already proficient in conversation. Another brother and sister came from Eritrea, Africa only four months ago. Some were born and raised in Victoria. Others were from Mexico, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, and Columbia. Their life experiences included abuse, persecution, refugee camps and family members killed or missing. Without hesitation, the *Swift* crew embraced the opportunity to reach out to those with different faiths and customs.

Genuine and open curiosity about each other's cultures and personal experiences was shared. Group discussions led to authentic moments of discovery and revelation by exploring questions such as "what do you value?" A mutual love of soccer led to a spirited game on a sandy beach at Sidney Island. People who were spread out around the world just one year ago joined together in a close-knit community. The trip was a blessing for both the kids and the *Swift* crew.

We cannot adequately express our thanks and appreciation to SALTS for your gift. We believe that by investing in the lives of our teens and young adults, you have brought growth, vision, opportunity, confidence, compassion, healing and joy to them. You have blessed us with your generosity!

*Shelley Morris, CEO,
The Cridge Centre for the Family*

We had also planned a bursary sailing with *BC Children's Hospital* the same week, but that trip had to be postponed because of a personal tragedy in the life of one of their group leaders. We used the opening to provide four bursary Day Sails aboard *Pacific Grace* for the following groups: 27 local youth leaders, local youth groups, a local school that could not afford to sail with us, and staff and volunteers from *Our Place*, the local organization that helps the homeless. Many more young people will receive bursaries to sail with SALTS this summer. Please consider a donation to the SALTS bursary fund this calendar year!

All photos above were taken during the Cridge Centre for the Family trip.