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Commodore's Log – by Dick Herman

September was another super month for sailing. All The Usual Suspects made their way north for the fifth annual Messabout in the Pacific Northwest, and, by all reports, the overnigher on Tomales Bay was very successful. The Suspects launched from Ladysmith on Friday, September 7, and made the 15 NM run to Silva Bay on Gabriola Island. The eight boats had to punch into a strong headwind and, as Tim Derry said, it got snotty out there. After spending an extra day at Silva Bay, the winds died down and the Suspects met some very interesting folks, including Rosemarie and John, the owners of the 'Gladimaris,' the 112 year-old, 36-foot gaff-rigged topsail cutter they live on. The weather cooperated for the next seven days as the Suspects made their way through the Gulf Islands, and a few of the Suspects were seen sailing in shorts and T-shirts. Other than a bout with morning fog one day, it only rained on the last day. As usual, the Canadians were wonderful hosts. I guess we will have to do it again. Contrary to one rumor, the only requirement to become a Suspect is to demonstrate you've slipped a mental cog when it comes to sailing. Normally, this can be done by joining the Wednesday regulars or going on a Messabout; however, other demonstrations of sailing addiction are acceptable.