

Fall-2013-09 (20-22)

Despite the ominous weather forecast, we did have a good Rendezvous! There were 49 vessels at the dock and some members came on Saturday, without their boats. Showers for Friday & Saturday and high winds for Sunday were predicted.

The WWBA apparel was set up on Penelope Isl. so Terry wouldn't have to scramble to cover it all up during the showers. Bill had the new WWBA flags available for sale, on Lady Allysha and the response to them was favourable.

Friday brought unsettled weather and many boats were parked by the 'crew'. Saturday was cloudy and there were a few sprinkles, but many members took in the SSI Saturday Market, checked out the items offered up at the swap meet, and visited on the docks. Some people walked the docks visiting and viewing our vessels. We lucked out again, and had our meeting and pot luck without rain. There was a good turnout for the meeting. Once again, we enjoyed music by the Barley Bros. who played for us on the dock, after the AGM.

The food for our pot luck was laid out on tables on the dock. As usual, there were plenty of delicious dinner selections and a lot of yummy desert choices. Around 100 members & guests formed a very long line up to access the food and then found places along the dock or on their boats to enjoy the feast and visit. There was more than enough for everyone.

The wind was strong on Sunday morning, so a decision was made to cancel the sailpast and let members start making their way home – hopefully before it got worse. Some members had quite a rough ride home. A few members decided to stay another night to avoid the worst of the weather.

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. Also, thanks to all the WWBA members that attended with or without vessels: it's the members that make these events a success.

If any members that took photos at the rendezvous would like to share some of them, please email them to me and I will post them to an album in the "Photo Gallery" on the website.

We look forward to getting together again at the 2014 Spring Rendezvous at Cowichan.