

## Fall Rendezvous 2016 Ganges

Despite the unpredictable weather, our 2016 Fall Rendezvous at Ganges was upbeat and very enjoyable.

The attendance was up from the past couple of years: eight boats arrived on Thursday; five home port vessels (one member with two boats) moved to Kanaka dock from the fisherman's dock. On Friday, the majority of the boats arrived and George helped most of the twenty-five boats find a spot at the dock, Laurie gave him a hand, and others also pitched in to help. Five more boats arrived on Saturday and a few members attended without boats. So the attendance count (including the 3 new members) was 47 members: a good turn out! For the first time, since they became members around 2006, "Cherry II" attended the rendezvous – it was great see their beautiful ex-Forestry boat and get to meet them. Roger and Tina came with their latest meticulously converted vessel "Boomer". Congratulations to the newlyweds: Bill and Janet, who can be seen on the 'Gallery' in 'Ganges 2016 photos' posted by Kevin. Steve and Karen "White Raven" unfortunately, were unable to arrive until Sunday morning – so they only got to visit with the few 'stragglers' that stayed around after the sail-past.

The weather wasn't great on Friday: intermittent showers, rain and gusty winds – but being good 'boat people' our members managed to enjoy the day and spent the evening visiting. On Saturday many people went to the SSI Saturday Market & visited the shops in Ganges, Bonnie Beck had apparel for sale, Bill sold several burgees, and many people had tours of the WWBA boats. The weather began to deteriorate as the AGM was being held, so we did get to use the tent shelters. After the AGM some members helped George to pick up tables loaned to us by Thrifty Foods, and set them up on the dock for the Pot Luck. Both the tent shelters were set up on the dock. Once again, the pot luck was a veritable feast – and we all had plenty to eat. The "Barley Bros" were able to stay dry as they entertained us with some really good toe taping music, and there was also room for our members, a few at a time, to get 'under cover' close to the music.

We enjoyed another sail-past, this time from the top of the breakwater dock: the boats all looked good out there! I got a few photos, but none as good as Kevin's.

Thanks to Jane for the minutes, and all her help, as co-secretary, over this past year – her assistance has been much appreciated.

Once again, a big 'thank-you' to all the members that attended and especially those that pitched in to help: our rendezvous are a success because of our great members.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your secretary: I have enjoyed meeting with those of you that attended the rendezvous and communicating with those that have missed the rendezvous. Martin and Cherie will now take over most of the responsibilities, and I will continue to help out as the WWBA website assistant.

Hope to see you at the next rendezvous, Bonnie D.