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Trip Report

Sunset Paddle (paddling)

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Sun Jul 14, 2013

 Leader: **William Wright**

 Co-Leader: **Bruce Stevenson**

We had wonderful weather aligned with a 4 PM ebb which revealed some perfectly swell sunset conditions, allowing for another stellar CDMC paddle. This universal alignment caused a few paddlers to break into chorus with a rendition of "Aquarius" - how perfect to show gratitude to the Water Bearer!

After our sail out of the river, we conducted a city cruise amongst the canals of the Comox Marina before arriving at Goose Spit for an evening meal - our enthusiasm showed no bounds with a couple of our mates even testing the tepid waters of Comox Bay, whilst others just enjoyed the friendly banter laced with sunshine & blue sky vistas.

Catherine is to be commended for her generosity in adding a lovely lemon cake as a coup de gras to our Goose Spit supper!

We returned via the Royston Wrecks in a slight chop that was stirred up by an offshore wind and flooding tide but, once into the bay, calm seas prevailed with the sun sliding into dusk.

One of the highlights of our paddle was slipping thru the reeds, into the river - a page right out of "Heart of Darkness".

A pleasant surprise awaited our return to the River Marina with a greeting party from the club, a member who had been on the Mirren Lake trip.

Many of our party commented as to the fun they had on this adventure and one of my recollections is the constant laughter that surrounded our boats - I, too, enjoyed this voyage as much as being with this fine crew!

Time: 5 Hrs

Distance: 15 K



Leaving the estuary.
[Bev Kulak photo]



Ready, set, go!
[Bev Kulak photo]



You're Going the Wrong Way!
[William Wright photo]



Catherine & Christine Sampling the Warm Waters!
[William Wright photo]



My Hat's Nicer than Yours!
[William Wright photo]



Sunset Crew.
[Bruce Stevenson photo]



Wrecks.
[Bev Kulak photo]



Find Steve?
[William Wright photo]



A tight squeeze.
[Bev Kulak photo]



African Queen couldn't hold a Candle!
[William Wright photo]

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