

MANCA 2015 WINTER VANCOUVER

Your trusty skipper needed some R&R after nearly nine months sailing in 2014. Luckily it was a very mild winter. It was over quickly. The flowers and birds got busy early. Some of the blossoms were spectacular. Soon I would be on my way to London, Paris and Malaga.



Rowing pair on Coal Harbor.

The west coast gulls have a voracious appetite. I think this is glaucous maximus. They grow quite large.



The mild winter brought early rhododendrons to the back yard. Sailors seldom have time to mend fences!

The mixing currents bring fog to the Gulf Islands. Salt Spring Island is behind.



Winter magnolias in Stanley Park. Towering Douglas firs are behind.

A winning photo read below...





I was lucky to win a photo contest!
 But in a way it was the wonderful
 pose by the Black Swan Family!

Stunning streets of cherry blossoms. I think Vancouver started the cherry tree planting as a peace token after WW1.



I don't have my Petersen guide on board Manca. This must be a dark eyed junco. An active fellow in early winter.

A warm winter's day bought beach lovers to Stanley Park.



This Stellar Jay recovers a stash from a cedar hedge.

The Coast Mountains behind have very little snow. The churning waters of Active Pass in the winter.



After such a mild winter it was a bit of a cold shock to arrive in London and Paris on the way to Manca in Spain. Next blogs will have a few photos of each.

Terry

Finally catching up in Morocco, June 17 2015!