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COMMANDER'S REPORT



I would like to take this opportunity to reflect back on another successful year for White Rock Power and Sail Squadron. This quote from William Arthur Ward rings true: *The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails*.

In 2014 CPS-ECP underwent a transition of sorts. Corporations Canada approved our organization's continuance under the new Not for Profit Act on July 15, 2014 and CPS-ECP transitioned to a new Governance structure which was several years in the making. The Mission, Vision and Values of our organization have not changed and the focus on bringing quality educational programs promoting safe boating practices and enjoyment on the water continues.

White Rock Squadron is dedicated to providing an exceptional level of instruction and strives to bring CPS-ECP course offerings that are relevant, informative and interesting. The shift to shorter courses, such as a "one day" VHF course may appeal to a broader number of prospective learners. This has been tried by other squadrons with great success. A number of courses have been updated and revised. Check out <u>www.boatingcourses.ca</u> to see the Fall 2015/Spring 2016 course line-up and register early to guarantee your seat. Other events such as a Flare Disposal day and social education evenings are planned.

You can be very proud of your dedicated Education Team this past year. Squadron Educational Officer Geoff Nunns and Assistant Educational Officer Tom Foxall worked very hard to coordinate the program. Past Commander Harald Hanssen (with Proctor Tom Foxall) taught both Jr Navigation and Global Navigation, Past Commander Norm Headrick taught Fundamentals of Weather (with Proctor Lawrence Parkin), Brian McMurdo (with Proctor Past Commander Andrew Pothier) taught VHF radio, Phil Kowalski (along with Proctors Gerard Ponsford. David Scheifele, and Denise Foxall) taught Boating Basics and Boating Essentials, and Andrew Pothier taught Electronic Navigation. Andrew was awarded Instructor of the Year at the National Convention. Many other volunteers helped out on registration and exam nights.

At this time last year, White Rock Squadron's year-end financial report revealed a deficit position. With determination and restraint, and in a relatively short period of time, your Bridge has reduced and nearly eliminated the deficit. We are determined to achieve and maintain our goal of a balanced budget. For many years, White Rock Squadron members have enjoyed among the lowest membership fees in our region, Pacific Mainland District, and those fees were subsidized by your Squadron. We have determined that it is necessary increase fees to bring us into alignment with other squadrons and further strengthen our financial position.

A number of your fellow members

will not be returning on the 2015/16 Bridge: Past Commander Norm Headrick (29 years); Geoff Nunns, Squadron Education Officer (3 years); Denise Foxall, Secretary (6 years); Sean Parkinson, Treasurer (4 years); Past Commander Gerry Spence, Webmaster (11 years); Linda Spence, Historian and Assistant Webmaster (10 vears) and Past Commander Shirley Shea, Member at Large/ District Commander (16 years). The contribution of 79 combined years of volunteering with CPS-ECP is remarkable and inspiring. On behalf of the membership of White Rock Squadron, I would like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication. Most will continue to support your Squadron in other ways as instructors, proctors, and event volunteers.

In 2015/2016 the Squadron will continue to focus on delivering high-quality training for mariners and prospective mariners alike. To support this mission, I am pleased to introduce five new members to vour Bridge: David Scheifele, Paul Dumbleton, Rob Douglas, Lisa Burrows and Greg Watkin. Continuing members include Harald Hanssen, John Naylor, Andrew Pothier, Larisa Hanssen, Lawrence Parkin, Barry Baniulis, and Tom Foxall. There are still open positions and I welcome you to contact me if you are interested in joining your Bridge, Educational Team or helping out at social/educational events. Remember to stay plugged in to Squadron events on the Website, Facebook and Twitter.

Commander Saacha Vantyler

White Rock Squadron's Annual





Change of Watch



Commander's Ball Dinner and Dance

Saturday May 2, 2015



Cash Bar Prizes



Come join the celebration with our Commander and Squadron members Don't miss the party !

Cocktails 1800 hours Buffet Dinner 1900 hours Pacific Inn Hotel – Rhumba Room 1160 King George Boulevard Surrey, BC

\$35.00 per person (Until April 15)\$40.00 per person (April16-30)\$45.00 per person (May 1&2)

For tickets, contact Andrew Pothier Phone: (604) 290-4135 Email: andrew@pothierenterprises.com

Out op the WATER

Our Annual White Rock Squadron Easter Cruise















BLUE SKIES AND EASTER CRABS

Members of the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron gathered at Port Browning on North Pender Island to celebrate Easter 2015.

Two boats – Freedom Too and Smoochee Two arrived on Thursday April 2 under blue and sunny skies. They were joined by Kabar and the Mary D on Good Friday morning.

Crab traps had been deposited on the way in and crabs were caught. Only three light rain showers dampened the day and the sun was shining after 4 pm. The Friday happy hour aboard Smoochee ran from 5 pm thru 10 pm – needless to say tall tales were told.

On Saturday a dinghy flotilla proceeded to the Port Browning government dock and all enjoyed a brisk uphill walk to the Seastar winery which started operation in 2014. Wine was tasted, purchased and brought back to boats to be consumed. A happy hour on Kazbar proceeded a group dinner out at the pub followed by drinks and good company aboard the Mary D.

All departed to different locations on Sunday again under sunny blue skies.

Cruisemaster Barry



PMD Rendezvous Vitoria Day Canada Day Labour Day Union Steam Ship Marina Telegraph Harbour Marina Ganges Marina Port Browning July 3-5 May 16 -17 June 30—July 1 Sept 5 – 6

Contact Cruise master Barry for more details Email: irishromy@shaw.ca

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THANK YOU!

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Bridge Members

Without the support and the hard work of all our volunteers, the White Rock Squadron could not do the work it does!.



coffee makers

Annual General Meeting

The 53rd Annual General Meeting for White Rock Power and Sail Squadron was held on April 13, 2015 at abc Country Restaurant, Surrey

Squadron Commander Saacha Vantyler chaired the meeting with the support of Squadron Secretary Denise Foxall. The proceedings at the Squadron's Annual General Meeting followed the guidelines set out by the national Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons organization.

Reports from Commander Saacha Vantyler and Education Officer Geoff Nunns provided a thorough overview of the Squadron's activities from the last year. WR Squadron Treasurer Sean Parkinson presented his report and the Financial Statements from the previous twelve-months ending March 31, 2015. Then, the Chair of the Audit Committee, Ken Penny, presented his report.

Following the elections of the Officers of the White Rock Squadron, Commander Saacha Vantyler welcomed the newly-elected Officers to the 2015/2016 Bridge.





White Rock Squadron Bridge meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except in June and July) at the ABC Country Restaurant at 2160 King George Boulevard, Surrey.

Meetings start at 7:00PM

Everyone is welcome!





Members of the 2015/2016 White Rock Squadron Bridge

KNOWLEDGE NIGHT



Cruise Master Barry



Another Successful Knowledge Night!

On January 29th, Cruise Master Barry Baniulus made a video presentation of the Squadron's *Summer 2014 Cruise to Kitimat.* The event was held at Elgin Hall in Surrey. To learn more about the cruise to Kitimat, contact Cruise Master Barry at

irishromy@shaw.ca















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Family and Friends are welcome

Wednesday May 27th at 7pm

abc Country Restaurant (upstairs) 2160 King George Blvd, Surrey

> **Refreshment & dessert** will be served

Graduation for 2014 fall classes



Congratulations to John Mitchell Winner of the Ralph Malowney Trophy

Boating Basics

Donna Balfour Shivraj Johal

Boating Essentials

- Ross Armstrong Patrick Donnelly John Glasgow Jill Newman Pete Willows
- Janet Bowers Cameron Glasgow John Mitchell Tim Poustie

Boating Basics & Boating Essentials

Timothy Andrews Dustin Keir Gregory Watkin Barry Hunt

Dmytro Khotiaintsev Carolyn Schmidt Adam Fader Pamela Hoodless



Instructor: Phil Kowalski, P Proctors: Denise Foxall, JN Gerard Ponsford David Scheifele













Junior Navigator

Fred EvettsDenise FoxallGeoffrey NunnsDave SenklerScott SkjerpenGerald Spence

Instructor: Harald Hanssen, JN Proctor: Tom Foxall, JN

VHF Marine Radio

David CoxFranklin JacksonJustin HaugoKenneth RipErik StevensonJerry Zdril

Instructor: Brian McMurdo Proctor: Andrew Pothier, SN

Fundamentals of Weather

Marnie Bragg Burnie Lehmann Chris Whitehead Cathy Cavouras Susan Steele Donna Whitehead

Instructor: Norm Headrick, SN Proctor: Lawrence Parkin, P

Congratulations to all the graduates!





Thinking of heading south of the border for your summer boat trip?

Here are a few activities happening throughout the San Juan Islands

Secret Harbour Getting' Crabby for Kids July 24, 2015 (5:30PM—9:00PM)

A ticketed fundraising event to benefit the Secret Harbor, including a festive crab and pasta feed, with entertainment by Wild Rabbit and guest activities.

Contact Heaton for more information, email chris.heatong@secreatharbor.org. Tickets can be purchased online at www.secretharbor.org.

Music at the Park July 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, and 31

The Port of Friday Harbour provides free music concerts at the Port throughout the summer. They occur on a weekly basis every Friday starting at 5 pm and Sunday starting at 2 pm. Bring a picnic, relax and listen to local and regional music as you gaze out at the harbor, watching ferries, boats and seaplanes come and go.

San Juan Island Lavender Festival July 18-19, 2015

The Lavender Festival, at Pelindaba Lavender Farm (45 Hawthorne Lane), offers a variety of cultivating, cooking and essential oil distillation demos, craft workshops, tours, music, picnics in the blooming organic fields, and much, much more! Festivities start at 10:00 a.m. and go to 5:00 p.m.

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Lopez Island Old Fashioned Parade & 29th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Display Saturday July 4, 2015

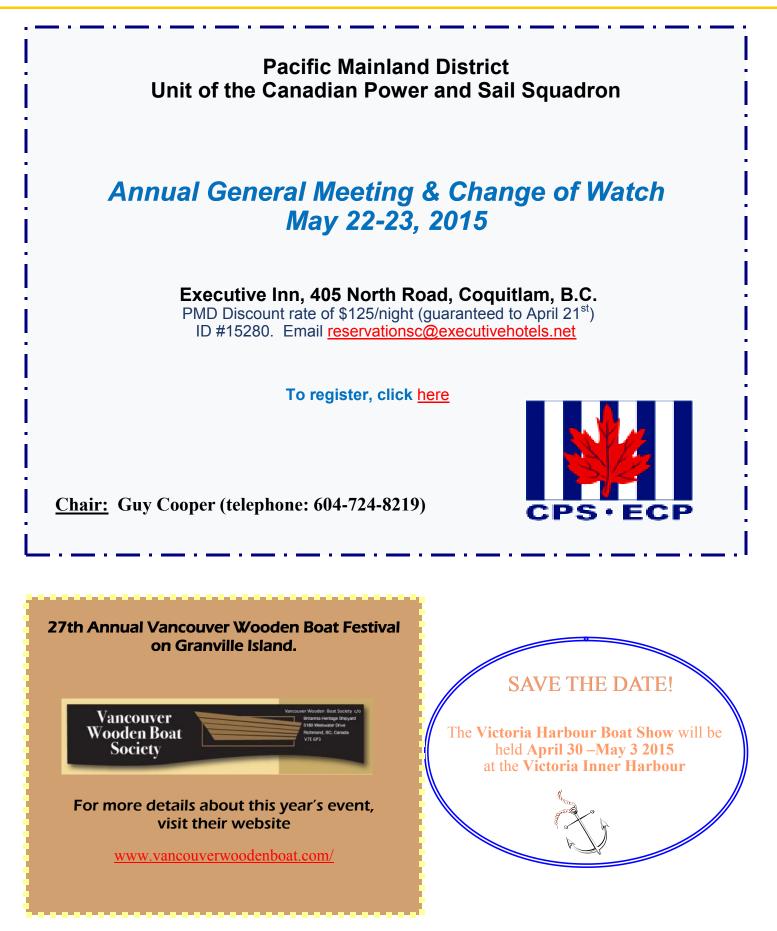
Join in the parade or watch along Fisherman Bay Road starting between the Galley Restaurant and the Islander Resort. Parade begins at 11AM. The 4th of July on Lopez Island has become one of Washington State's most treasured celebrations. For more information, visit their website at www.lopezfireworks.com

Orcas Island Farmer's Market 2015

Come enjoy the harvest!. The market is open every Saturday from 10AM-3PM on the Village Green in the heart of Eastsound. All items sold in the market are grown or crafted by Orcas Island farmers and artisans. The market includes produce (much of it is organic), crafts, jewellery, clothing, pottery, food and drink.









CPS-ECP has created a new Facebook Group called Apps for Boaters!

A place to share reviews and your thoughts on boating apps.

What apps you like, don't like and what's new.

Join here and tell others who might be interested:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/863298740 381513/







Answer (photograph on page 6) ~ Ocean Falls



Ocean Falls is a community on the central coast of British Columbia. Ocean Falls is 100

kilometres west of Bella Coola. Formerly a large company town owned by Crown Zellerbach. Once home to a large pulp and paper mill, the town had a population of 5,400 at its peak, but became a small community filled with derelict buildings in the decades after the mill's closing. Ocean Falls is only accessible by boat or seaplane. It is home for a few dozen full-time residents, with the seasonal population upwards of 100 people. The town is popular in the summer for its hiking, fishing and views of unique heritage.

For more information about the area, visit <u>www.traveloceanfalls.com/</u>



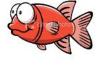


Deep Sea Diver Maze

Help the diver find the seabed to explore



Hey kids! For more fun, check out the games, contests and activities on the CPS kids website – <u>www.cps-ecp/kids</u>



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as well as news and features of interest to area boaters.



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