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# COMMANDER'S REPORT



Wow...what a spectacular summer it has been here on the coast! As we round the corner into fall, let us entertain the hope that these favourable weather pat terns will persist. While boaters in other parts of the country are contemplating readying their crafts for the winter ahead, we West-Coasters can look forward to many more weeks on the water. Kudos to the ardent adventurers among you who take advantage of our temperate climate and boat year-long!

To those of you who joined this year's Squadron Cruises, I trust that you spent many happy hours with family and friends. If you have yet to join a Squadron sponsored event make sure to add it to your "must do" list on next year's boating agenda.

On May 30 WR Squadron, along with Langley and Valley Squadrons (representing CPS-ECP in partnership with CIL-Orion), tri-hosted a Flare Disposal Return event at Steveston Marine in Langley. Some 1,018 expired flares were collected, some having expired as far back as the 1970's. In addition to providing advice/ information on the safe disposal and handling of flares, fellow CPS-ECP members promoted the benefits of membership and advertised our upcoming courses. I wish to thank Greg Watkin, Andrew Pothier, David Scheifele and John Naylor for participating with me and for the contribution of their time, knowledge and expertise on behalf of WR Squadron.

This time last year our Fall course commencement was hampered by the education dispute and school closures. This fall, I anticipate a smooth start with enthusiastic instructors, proctors and students alike. Harald Hanssen, John Naylor, Andrew Pothier, Larisa Hanssen, Lawrence Parkin, Barry Baniulis, Tom Foxall, David Scheifele, Paul Dumbleton, Rob Douglas, Lisa Burrows, Greg Watkin and myself will all be active on the Bridge (executive committee) through the coming Squadron year. 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





Congratulations to Membership Officer John Naylor who received his 20 year Life Member Merit from Chief Commander Joe Gatfield.

John received his award at the Pacific Mainland District's Annual General Meeting that was held on May 23, 2015 at the Executive Inn in Coquitlam.

**Congratulations!** 

# EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT



Wow! Hasn't this been a fabulous summer for boating? I think that I speak for all our volunteers in our White Rock Power and Sail Squadron when I say that we hope you all have had, and continue to have, safe boating time with few and only minor regrettable moments. Sadly though, every year someone gets hurt (or worse), boats get damaged and boaters have frightening experiences. We boat in a very complex marine environment and a little bit of knowledge can make a big difference.

It is the mission of our Squadron, and the Canadian Power And Sail Squadron organization, to make available a variety of high quality safe-boating courses, as well as our collective local knowledge, to new boaters and to experienced boat ers. In this Fall term, we are offering the following courses, starting September 8 and 9:

# **Boating Basics and Boating Essentials**

These are two courses that we offer as a "combo" that is equivalent to the old "Power Squadron course". Boating Basics will prepare the student for the important Pleasure Craft Operator's card that is mandatory for operating a boat having an engine size of 10 hp and larger. Boating Essentials starts to prepare the student for learning some of the very essential boating skills, such as navigation, anchoring, and understanding tides and weather.

## **Marine Radio**

The marine VHF radio, with the skill to use it to make the appropriate calls, is the most important piece of safety equipment that you can have with you on the water. To use such a radio, you must have the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime). We offer a four evening VHF radio course and the Spectrum Canada exam. We work very hard to ensure that our students are successful.

## Seamanship

This is the next course in our core series following the Boating Essentials. We will further develop the topics covered in the Essentials course, in particular navigation and understanding marine charts. We will also include topics, such as emergency procedures and managing your boat in heavy weather. In the Winter term starting Jan 12, we will offer the follow-up core course, called Advanced Piloting.

These courses may provide you with that little bit of knowledge that may make an incident on the water become just a small inconvenience rather than turning into a frightening situation, or worse.

Please make the decision now to further, or to confirm, your safe boating knowledge.

Harald Squadron Educational Officer White Rock Power and Sail Squadron

To see a detailed list of the courses being offered during the Fall term, click <u>here</u>



# Our Annual White Rock Squadron Victoria Day Cruise

















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# BLUE SKIES AND SMOOTH SEAS MAKE FOR A GREAT VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND

Members of the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron enjoyed warm temperatures and smooth seas as they travelled to Telegraph Harbour on Thetis Island to celebrate the Victoria day weekend.

Some started Friday afternoon gathering at Montaque Marine Park at Galiano Island with an impromptu happy-hour that lasted three hours. On Saturday, the group proceeded to Thetis and followed a mayday situation that resulted in a Bayliner 2452 go to the bottom off Maude Island. Later the same day, another boat sank at a mooring ball in Maple Bay. The Freedom Too then witnessed a sailboat go hard aground off Sandstone rocks at the south end of Tent Island. Hearing no radio communication from the sailboat the Freedom Too made contact with Victoria Coast Guard apprising them of the situation and stayed on the scene until sailboating friends came along and pulled the grounded boat to safety.

Boats gathering at Telegraph were Freedom Too, Old News, Tortuga, Halifax Jack, Tiburon 11, Kazbar. Shocking Lesson. Carousel, Acadia and the Mary D. Happy-hour drew a crowd of 24 aged from almost one year to 83 years young. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with boating friends and hear of summer cruising plans. There was wonderful live music that evening which set a delightful tone for the weekend Overcast skies Sunday morning gave way to blue skies and warm temperatures by noon Wine tasting was the afternoon activity which was great fun for all imbibing. A wonderful potluck was followed by a evening crib tournament which attracted 16 eager players. First place honors went to Terry of Kazbar, second to Jack of Tiburon 11 and third to Dana off of Tortuga. Some boats stayed out for the week while others returned to home marinas.







Our last cruise for the 2015 cruising season will be held at Port Browning Marina on Labour Day weekend (Sept 5-6) **Contact Cruise master Barry for more details** Email: irishromy@shaw.ca, Telephone: 604-542-0519



# Winter 2015 Graduation & Instructor Appreciation Night

On Wednesday May 27th, students, instructors and proctors came together to celebrate at the abc Country Restaurant in South Surrey.

Congratulations to Darian Deering and Rob Lorber who were the co-recipients of the *Ralph Malowney Trophy* for obtaining the highest marks in the Boating Essentials courses. Great job!





Photographs submitted by Historian Lisa Burrows.



#### **Boating Basics**

Victor Chiriac Sandra Cleary Stephen Cleary Jack Lan Rachel McCallum Jacob Sawatzky Jack Warkentin

#### **Boating Essentials**

Ross Savage

#### **Boating Basics & Boating Essentials**

Garnet Ayres Marlise Chapman David Cox Darian Deering Paula Deering Darren Hansen Lisa Hansen Rob Lorber Samantha Lorber Jim Mackenzie Sctt McIntosh Andrew Ottevangers Michael Pavushik Michael Vandervelden Ryan Youngman

**Instructor:** Phil Kowalski, P

#### **Proctors:**

Denise Foxall, JN Gerard Ponford David Scheifele





# Congratulations to all the students who completed boating courses during this term!

#### Electronic Navigation

Janet Bowers Cameron Kaetler Nan Lockie Konstantin Sushkov Chris Whitehead

Instructor: Andrew Pothier, SN

### **VHF Marine Radio**

Booth Allen Timothy Andrews Shaylen Buis Jason Burfoot Janice Cosenzo Craig Grunenberg Dareen Hansen Hans Holm Gary Kennedy Dmytro Khotiaintsev Jim Mackenzie Amelia Mathieson Evan Mathieson David Nicholls Travis Rathburn Chris Whitehead Steven Wilke Stephen Wilkins Peter Young Bruce Youngman Ryan Youngman

**Instructor:** Brian McMurdo

**Proctor:** Andrew Pothier, SN Passed Global Navigator Exam Fred Evetts

Denise Foxall Lois MacDonald Geoff Nuns Scott Skjerpen Gerry Spence Luiz Vargas

Instructor: Harald Hanssen, JN

# Proctor:

Tom Foxall, JN





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# TEMPS WERE HOT, HOT, HOT FOR **CANADA DAY CRUISE**

Members of the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron celebrated Canada's 148th birthday at Ganges Marina on Saltspring Island June 30 and July 1. Some started the holiday week on Monday gathering at

Montague Harbour under very sunny skies. This year the Squadron was positioned on B dock right by the

party gazebo complete with picnic tables, benches and a huge tent. Boats arrived during the day. Friendships were renewed and adult beverages enjoyed - hydration is most important with record breaking temperatures the order of the day Happy-hour attracted 31 participants and a main topic of conversation was certainly the weather.

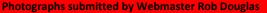
Boats attending were Airborne, Smoochee Two, Carousel, Drifter, Shocking Lesson, Acadia, Halifax Jack, Kazbar, Buds Tug, Tortuga, Mary D and Freedom Too.

Many on Canada Day toured the community events and then took part in a cooler tasting competition held under the dock tent. Great fun and thanks to Terry of Kazbar for organizing it. There was another wonderful potluck dinner and the evening crib tournament attracted 20 players. First place went to Garnet of Airborne, second to Jim of Tortuga and third to Dominic of Smoochee Two.

Fireworks closed out the evening. Some boats stayed out for the balance of the week, while others headed to home marinas on the Thursday.

Cruisemaster **Barry Baniulis** 















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# FLARE DISPOSAL DAY

The Flare Disposal Day was held on Saturday, May 30th at *Steveston Marine and Hardware* in Langley. Members from the White Rock, Valley and Langley Squadrons participated in this successful event. Approximately 1,018 flares were received, catalogued and shipped for disposal. The oldest flares returned had expiry dates from the 1970s.

Thank you to Andrew Pothier, David Scheifele, John Naylor and Greg Watkin for their assistance in arranging this event. We hope to participate again next year!





# White Rock Squadron Courses for Fall 2015

<u>ourse Name</u>	Start Date	
HF/Martime Radio	Sept 8	
pating Basics	Sept 9	Register Today!
pating Basics plus Boating Essentials	Sept 9	-
eamanship	Sept 8	- -
pating Essentials	Oct 7	-
		All courses are taught at Earl Marriott Secondary School (15751 16th Avenue, South Surrey
ister in-person the first evening of able. We accept cash, cheque, Vis	the course by arriv a or Mastercard.	click on the course name). You may also reg- ing at 6:30PM, provided there is space avail- Rock Training or call us at 604-515-5566

# Change of Watch & Commander's Ball

# May 2 2015, Pacific Inn Hotel



















































Thank you to Rosemary Courtney of Freedom Too for submitting these beautiful photographs from her summer boating trips.

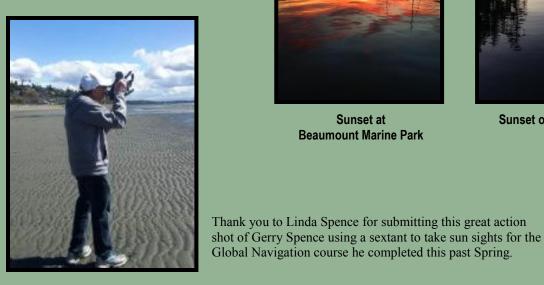


Sunset at **Beaumount Marine Park** 

Global Navigation course he completed this past Spring.



Sunset on Stuart Island



# **CPS-ECP** National Conference & AGM

# **October 22-24, 2015**



For more details about the conference or to register, please click here



The National Conference in Niagara Falls will be held at the Hilton Hotel and Suites Niagara Falls/Falls view (6361 Falls view Blvd. Niagara Falls) Group Reservations: 1-866-873-9829 or ecomm@fallshotels.com Be sure to mention Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons Single room rate is \$149 per night



It was another warm and sunny morning in late June when *Acadia* slipped her moorings at Crescent Beach and headed downstream and out

into Boundary Bay. The plan was to drop a couple traps for a hour or so and then enjoy a treat of Dungeness crab later in the day. However, with the winds from 10 - 15 knots resulting in white caps across the bay, that plan was soon abandoned. The decision was made to run across the Strait of Georgia to East Point on Saturna Island, from there it was onto the Port of Sidney for the night.

The next morning, we departed Port Sidney early and were now headed south through Haro Strait and into Victoria Harbour. I called ahead to The Causeway Floats and inquired if there were any slips available. I was told there were and we could have the best slip on the dock. As it turned out, there were no other boats there as yet and so *Acadia* was parked in front of the Empress Hotel with a view of the B.C. Legislature buildings out of our port window. Perfect spot!

There are many sights to visit in downtown Victoria. You do not require a vehicle as many are within walking distance. Venders and street performers provide entertainment along the inner harbour boardwalk. There are interesting shops for tourists to visit, along with horse drawn carriages and 30 person bicycles to ride. Other great attractions are the B.C. Museum, the Wax Museum, a tour of the B.C. Legislature, Fisherman's Wharf and a visit to The Empress Hotel for High Tea. Mile "0" of the Trans Canada is about a thirty minute walk away and many people take the opportunity to dip their big toe into the Pacific Ocean. Climbing the eighty plus steps back up to street level will test your stamina.

A minimum of three to four days should be allotted to take in the sights and ensure you have plenty of space on your smart phone to take videos and pictures.

# Trip to Victoria

Upon leaving Victoria, it was decided to cruise in and around Esquimalt Harbour and have a look at our Canadian war ships. As we entered the harbour, we could see HMS Vancouver, HMS Calgary and several other naval vessels. In a matter of minutes, we spotted a navy launch with two sailors motoring straight towards us. They pulled along side Acadia and inquired as to our intentions. I explained that we had some time on our hands and just wanted to have a look at our navy. They explained that they were sent by the Harbour Master and upon entering the harbour, we were required to call the Harbour Master and inform him of our intentions. We were also advised that we were required to stay at least a hundred meters away from any naval vessel. A quick call was made to the navy and we advised that we were now leaving.

My only regret is that, in all the excitement, I forgot to take pictures!

Andrew Pothier, SN





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The 39th Wooden Boat Festival is organized by the North-

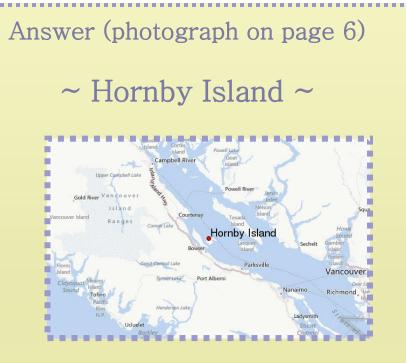
west Maritime Organization. This event is a great way to learn about wooden boats - their history, design and how to build one. There will be approximately 300 boats on display and entertainment for the whole family. nwmaritime.org

# Victoria Classic Boat Festival, September 4-6

The 38th annual Classic Boat Festival will take place in Victoria's Inner Harbour. This event celebrates a huge collection of classic wooden boats, their owners and all boat enthusiasts. Many of the boats will be open for walkthroughs,. The entertainment will include live music, food and art. classicboatfestival.ca



Location: Salish Sea Archipelago: Gulf Islands Coordinates: 49 ° 31'10'N 124° 40'0'W Area: 29.97km<sup>2</sup> (11.57 sq mi)



Hornby Island is a Salish Sea island located near Vancouver Island's Comox Valley. Hornby Island is a great place for kayaking, sailing, diving, hiking and biking. Hornby Island also has more parks than any other Gulf Island. The main parks are Helliwell Provincial Park, Big Tribune Provincial park, Mount Geoffrey Regional Park and Fords Cove Marina. While visiting Horny Island, check out their recycling centre. Hornby Island was one of the first communities to initiate community recycling and visitors come from all over the world to see how it's done!



On the Rocks

<u>On the Cover</u> Gary Nay

## Artist Bio

Born in Vancouver, raised in Kerrisdale, Gary Nay is a self-taught artist living and working in Tsawwassen, BC. He recently quit his day job as a stock broker to pursue his passion for art. Gary is an active and award winning member of the Federation of Canadian Artists. He is on the forefront of digital painting and loves the freedom and spontaneity this medium allows. His whimsical style is playful and colourful but with an irreverent and thoughtprovoking edge.

### **Artist Statement**

I call this collection "Landscapes from the Edge" where my fiction meets your reality. I like to take familiar subjects and places, twist them around, and make them my own. They often evoke a dystopian future or an unattainable, fondly-remembered past.

My limited edition prints are both collectible and affordable. I love to give people the opportunity to own and display original art as an expression of themselves.

### **Contact Information:**

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Self Portrait with Self

# **KIDS CORNER**

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

To the Beach

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# White Rock Squadron Bridge 2015-2016

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