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THE ANCHORLINE

White Rock Power and Sail Squadron, White Rock, BC

Report from your Commander



There is something wrong with this picture, the sun is shining, its 30+C and I am writing this report instead of being on the water boating. We have had great weather for boating and I trust you all have taken advantage and enjoyed your time on the water. Our squadron cruises this year have again been exceptionally well attended. I hope you can join Cruise master Barry and the others on Labour Day weekend at Genoa Bay for the last cruise of the year.

The squadron information booth was not so busy on the Saturday, but was a busy spot on the Sunday during the White Rock Spirit of the Sea Festival. There was a great deal of interest in our courses, and we valued the opportunity to talk with members, past members, past students, prospective students and the general public. We were able to sign up three boating and one GPS students for our fall session. Thanks to Gerry & Linda Spence, Kevin Dean, John Naylor, Ken Penny, Ted McKinnon, Phil Kowalski, Ken Tomkow, Grant Hadland, Erik Laursen, Carlos Fuenzalida, Shirley Shea and Mike Webb for coming out on the BC Day Weekend and making our participation a great success.

Our Training Officer Cliff, has lined up a good program of courses this fall, including Advanced and Elective courses including Advanced Piloting, Weather, Navigating with GPS, Radar for Pleasure Craft, and Marine Radio. Programmes Officer Linda, has been working on some interesting topics for our social/education evenings. So I urge you to continue your boating education by attending one of the courses and our social education evenings.

Our first Bridge meeting of the new season was held last week, and we have an excellent slate of Bridge officers again this year. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the ABC restaurant on King George Hwy. Our meetings start at 1900 and of course all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Rick Hepting
Commander



Now that The Anchorline is only produced in electronic format, we can afford to include more and more photographs. If you want to see some of your cruising memories published here, please email them to white.rock.squadron@shaw.ca with details of date, place, author and any other relevant information. Proper credits will be included when published. Please don't be as lazy as the lady on the bell marker... Get your pictures in!

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Training Officer's Report

2008 Fall Course Schedule White Rock Power and Sail Squadron

All courses given at Earl Marriott Secondary School, 15751-16th Avenue, South Surrey.

Pre-register at our website (www.whiterocksquadron.org) or by mailing in your registration form, **Pre-registration is highly recommended to ensure a place in your selected class** or register at 1830 the first evening of the course. Courses are one evening per week, from 1900-2100. Prices are subject to change without notice. Courses may be cancelled for lack of registrants or other reasons.

Evening	Course	Starts	Ends	Pre-Requisite	Cost
Tuesday	Boating	Sept. 09	Dec. 09	None	\$275 Singles \$450 Couples
	Weather Fundamentals	Sept. 09	Nov. 04	None	\$ 95 CPS Member \$110 Non-Member
	Marine Radio (VHF)	Oct. 07	Oct. 28	None	\$ 55 CPS Member \$ 65 Non-Member
	Boat Pro	Sep. 16	Sep. 30	None	\$ 60
Wednesday	Boating	Sept. 10	Dec. 10	None	\$275 Singles \$450 Couples
	Advanced Piloting	Sept. 10	Dec. 10	Piloting	\$130 CPS Member
	Radar for Pleasure Craft	Nov. 05	Dec. 10	None	\$ 65 CPS Member \$ 80 Non-Member

Cliff Harvey, Training Officer

CANADA'S BEST ARE COMING TO PENDER HARBOUR JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Pender Harbour Jazz Festival is alive and well, and will be featuring Canada's best performers. Headlining Friday night, September 19, 2008, is the Jodi Proznick Quartet, 2008 winners of the National Jazz Awards Best Record and Best Acoustic Band of the year. Jodi was also named Best Bassist of the year. Phil Dwyer's 'Food For Thought' trio will headline Saturday night, September 20, 2008. Phil was named Best Arranger and Best Saxophonist of the year at the Nationals. Both concerts will be at the tiny, 100-seat, School of Music in Madeira Park, so buy your tickets early.

And you won't want to miss "Vancouver's busiest band" (dubbed by Storman Norman, Rock 101 Sunday Blues).

Brickhouse has won the respect among musicians as a band that makes a difference, where the 'song' is the focus, accompanied by individual inspiration. This is the only other ticketed event of the Festival.

Known for offering a smorgasbord of jazz styles, the Festival this year will also feature Swing, Big Band, Torch Songs, Hot Guitar, Cool Vibes, Traditional, Progressive, Classical - just about any type of jazz you can think of.

And all will be performed in the Festival's unique tradition of all-around-the-Harbour venues: al fresco, in local pubs, at the Community Hall, the Golf Course, and even in a private art gallery. The wonderful Festival tradition of bringing jazz to the most folks possible is also alive and well, so many of the concerts are free.

The ticketed events will go like lightning, so check-out www.phjazz.ca for info on program, venues, and tickets, and be sure to book both tickets and accommodation now. This is going to be a hot, sold-out weekend of fabulous jazz, nestled between the stunning mountains and ocean of the gorgeous Sunshine Coast.



A real deck hand on board Wyne Tyme II



Funny looking hand...
Spotted on BC Ferries

Photos courtesy of S.Shea

Tidbits...



A happy group of Members manning the Squadron booth at 2008 Sea Festival.

Coastal and Water Statistics

Facts from Canadian Hydrographics Service

Surrounded by the Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and home to the Great Lakes, Canada is one of the foremost maritime nations on the planet. Canada boasts the world's:

- ✦ **longest coastline** (243,792 km) - stretched out as a continuous line, it would circle the equator more than six times (25% of world's coastline);
- ✦ **largest offshore economic zone** (200 nautical miles) - 3.7 million square km, equivalent to 37% of Canada's total landmass;
- ✦ **largest freshwater system** - Canada's two million lakes and rivers cover 7.6% of our landmass (755,000 square km);
- ✦ **longest inland waterway** (3,700 km) - from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Lake Superior;
- ✦ **largest archipelago** - Canada's Arctic islands, including six of the world's 30 largest islands, cover 1.4 million square km;
- ✦ **world's greatest tidal range** - 16 metres in the Bay of Fundy.

COAST GUARD STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF BOATING SAFETY

Coast Guard units throughout the Pacific Northwest have responded to numerous cases ranging from boat fires to kayakers and boaters falling into the water. While the number of calls coming in is typical for the summer and the use of life jackets has been noted in most cases, the Coast Guard is still asking boaters to take special care when getting out onto the water.

The following are some tips for staying safe on the water:

- 1. Life Jackets:** Life jackets save lives! Statistics show that a person's chance of survival greatly improves when wearing a life jacket. All children under the age of 12 and who weigh less than 90 pounds are required to wear a life jacket at all times while boating. Before boating, be sure that all life jackets are in good shape, fit properly, and are stowed in an easily accessible location.
- 2. Cold Water Awareness:** With the rising temperatures and the melting snow-pack the average water temperature in rivers is hovering around 45 degrees. This water may feel refreshing on a hot day, but can be very dangerous when exposed to for long periods of time.
- 3. River Currents:** Due to higher than normal temperatures, the melting snow-pack creates currents in many rivers which are moving swifter than normal. Since the elevation of the melting snow-pack is so high, debris such as large logs can be swept into the river system. These logs can be rather heavy and float just below the surface of the water. They can cause severe damage to small to medium size vessels and boaters should keep a keen lookout for this type of hazard.
- 4. STAY SOBER! :** Operating a boat under the influence of intoxicants is illegal and dangerous. Operating a vessel under the influence does not only put the passengers on the vessel at risk, it puts everyone else on the water at risk also.
- 5. Have a Marine Radio:** Investing in a good marine radio is a very smart purchase. Cell phones should never be used as the primary form of communication on a vessel. The reception in some areas may be poor or non-existent and precious time could be lost if an emergency does arise. A marine radio has many advantages such as a strong signal and channels reserved for distress calls. Distress calls are received by everyone monitoring a VHF radio in range, allowing for a quick response in cases of emergency.
- 6. Situational Awareness:** The Coast Guard is reminding all boaters and waterway users to be aware of your surroundings at all times. It is important to know the limitations of your vessel. Most recreational vessels are not equipped to handle a strong current and can be overcome fairly easily. Parents should keep a watchful eye on their children at all times. Many vessels are expected to be on the water during the coming days and weeks, being aware of all things around you is important for your safety.

The Coast Guard is encouraging all boaters to use a common sense approach and a know-before-you-go attitude before and during recreational boating. Life jackets, radios, navigation equipment and weather forecasts are necessary preparations whenever you venture in the water. Have your vessel inspected by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, file a float plan, and ensure you and your passengers are familiar with all safety equipment. And most importantly **wear your life jacket!**.

CANADA'S FISHERIES AND OCEANS INDUSTRIES	
Oceans Industries (2000)	
Value of Output:	\$22.7 billion
Employment :	152,000 jobs
Commercial Catches (2005)	
Quantity:	1,096,645 tonnes
Value:	\$2 billion
Aquaculture production (2005)	
Quantity:	154,993 tonnes
Value:	\$715.1 million

Tidbits ...



Busy summer day at entrance to Dodd Narrows, southbound. Note small boat on the traffic path at right...



... and here they are, not a care in the world. It was at slack time though

Pictures courtesy of by S.Shea



Ready for action: CCGA's Dave Brain, Stu Worthington and Andy Newman, from left, during Semiahmoo Bay Regatta.

Photo courtesy of Jeannette Marchand



MOBup Hoisting System

Simple and effective device to help on ManOverBoard situations.

Especially recommended for couples, where it is almost impossible for one person to lift the other back on board. Designed for sailboats, but it will also work on any other boat with a vertical bar, like a stanchion.

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In memory of Lorne Robert Wells...



I am especially proud of the amount of students who passed through my classes and went on to become bridge members and also the students who became active members of the White Rock Squadron. On one occasion particularly while I was teaching the piloting course, I twisted the arms of four people to attend a bridge meeting. After the meeting I had no doubt in my mind that I wouldn't see them at another meeting.

However, much to my surprise Eric Laursen became a proctor on all my subsequent boating classes and is still proctoring to this day. Andrew Pothier has served on the bridge from then on holding various positions including Training Officer and Commander. Shirley Shea has also held various positions including Training Officer and Commander and is now active at PMD. Carlos Fuenzalida has taken over The Anchorline which is said to be one of the best newsletters of the Squadrons across Canada. The White Rock Squadron has benefited greatly having them on board.

Lorne Robert Wells

(This was Lorne's last contribution to The Anchorline)



Graduation time: Lorne with one of his many boating classes.



Lorne presenting the Ralph Maloney trophy for best scores on the Boating Class exam.

**Lorne passed away peacefully on June 12, 2008.
He will be missed.**

Cruise Master Reports...



Sunny Skies Greet Boaters For VICTORIA DAY Long Weekend

Sunshine and much warmer temperatures kicked off the Friday prior to the May long weekend. Those fortunate to leave Friday morning found the Strait to be a big lake and the cruise master enjoyed the day at Beaumont Marine Park just taking in the sunshine.

Saturday was a carbon copy with smooth seas, blue skies and lovely warm sunshine.

Boats gathering at Otter Bay on North Pender Island were Prime Tyme, Freedom Too, Kitiwake, Carousel, Goosebumps, Acadia, Akevitt, Halifax Jack, Plane to Sea and Moyana.

All gathered on the promenade dock for a two hour happy hour of eating, drinking and great marine conversations.

Crab traps were checked during the day - some had luck while others did not.

On Sunday morning Andrew, John, Rob, Gerry, Ken, Rob and Barry participated in nine holes of golf at the Pender Island Golf and Country club under very blue skies and again great temperatures.

A lazy afternoon of resting and visiting prior to the wonderful potluck dinner at the gazebo.

Twelve participated in the first Squadron crib tournament of 2008 with first place honors to Gerry of Moyana, second spot to John of Halifax Jack and third to Shirley of Moyana.

Rain showers were heard during the night and all were gone by 10:30 on Monday - seas were again very flat although some encountered at times heavy rain showers while returning home.

****Otter Bay has upgraded 90% of its docks and has all new electrical boxes on the docks - a very nice improvement to the facility.

A group reservation has been made for the 2009 May long weekend at Otter Bay.

Squadron welcomes CANADA DAY at Ganges

Members of the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron gathered at Ganges Marina on Saltspring Island to celebrate Canada's 141st birthday July 1.

Weather conditions were ideal with some members arriving Sunday evening while others journeyed over Monday.

Participating boats were Goosebumps, Sugar, Deetour, Akevitt, Carousel, Kitiwake, Kazbar, Moyana, Freedom Too, Perry - Eh, Racy 1 and Prime Time.

All were tied to the AA dock giving them a great private party dock which was well used beginning with a wonderful happy hour on the Monday, June 30.

A cool breeze later that evening forced some indoors to continue an evening of fun and boating stories.

The sun was shining again on Tuesday, July 1 and all enjoyed the community events or just plain loafed the day away.

Twenty seven attended the evening potluck and 20 then participated in a great crib tournament with 14 prizes being distributed. The top three finishers were Barbara of Perry-Eh, Dale of Sugar and Rob of Perry-Eh.

Fireworks were wonderful and the evening was actually warmer than Monday.

All departed to home ports on Wednesday, July 2.

****Fuel prices at Ganges Marina on July 2 were \$7.47 a gallon for gas and \$7.55 a gallon for diesel.

Please note July 1, 2009 will be on a Wednesday and plans are to once again have the private dock reserved for White Rock Squadron members.

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Cruisemaster

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Facts and figures from the national 2007 boating season-US Coast Guard

When comparing 2006 and 2007, the number of deaths dropped from 710 to 685. However, other casualty figures increased: accidents rose from 4967 to 5191, injuries rose from 3474 to 3673, and damages rose from \$43,670,424 to \$53,106,496.

- Over two-thirds of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those, ninety (90) percent were not wearing a life jacket.
- Only fourteen (14) percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Three out of every four boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- Operator inattention, careless/reckless operation, passenger/skier behavior, excessive speed, and alcohol use rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 21% of the deaths.
- Sixteen (16) children age 12 and under lost their lives while boating in 2007, compared to 29 children in 2006 and 21 children in 2005. Half (8) of the children who died in 2007 died from drowning.
- The most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (44%), personal watercraft (24%), and cabin motorboats (15%). The number of deaths associated with the use of canoes/kayaks increased to 107 in 2007 as compared with 99 in 2006.

The 12,875,568 vessels registered by the States in 2007 represent a one percent increase from last year when 12,746,126 vessels were registered.

Stormy White Rock Weather Views... (Enlarge display for detailed view)



Can you help?

We need volunteers to prepare coffee on class nights, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It takes about an hour to prepare the coffee and then to put things away. If you could lend a hand for just one month at a time, it would help the Training Department tremendously. Please contact Rick at 604-576-6670 to coordinate.

Thank you!

