



White Rock Power & Sail Squadron, White Rock BC

Commander's Report...



First of all, I would like to congratulate all those fall students who passed their exams and welcome the new CPS members who have joined our squadron. Thank you for showing your support by joining a great organization.

Our spring classes started on January 13th and 14th. Thank you to all our members who came on registration night to help out. Your time and effort is appreciated. It was a pleasure to greet the new boating students and to welcome back past students who had returned to take

one of our advanced or elected classes. Our training officer, Shirley Shea, has put together an excellent training team of experienced instructors and proctors who are willing to share their wealth of knowledge and experience.

For the second year in a row, on behalf of the squadron, I was proud to present our cheque for \$500.00 to the Semiahmoo Peninsula Marine Rescue Society. The money goes to support the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit # 5 rescue vessel "Vigilant".

Our Italian dinner and dance on February 7th was again a huge success thanks to Georgie Paone, Lorne R Wells and the rest of the volunteers who helped out at the door, selling tickets, tending bar and the clean up. It was a lot of fun.

With the warm weather quickly approaching, Spring has finally arrived and the boating season will begin soon. Time to start thinking about cruising this summer and maybe visiting some place new to explore. Check out Barry Baniulis' new 2004 cruising schedule on the last page. Stay safe and hope to see you out on the water.

Finally, incoming Commander Ken Penny is currently looking for members to serve on his new bridge. Why not volunteer for at least one year to see how the squadron operates behind the scenes? You will meet new friends, lots of people will know your name and surely you will have fun enhancing your boating knowledge. Please give Ken a call at 531-5602 and check out some positions on the bridge.

Andrew Pothier Commander

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Fall Graduates...

Boating with Sandy Wigthman			
Denny Ferguson	Oscar Marin	Sharon Ruiter	
Jack Ferguson	Bill Cheyney	Klaus Schaefer	
Laura Ferguson	Stephen Pollard	Katalin Schiefner	
Judy Fiske	Mark Schiefner	Paul Wilkes	
Roy Jorgensen	Leslie Wells	Brian Shipton	
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Boating with Ken Penny

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Todd Antifaev	Carl Jamieson	Keith Deptuck
Michael Broussea	Frederick Kroon	Dawn Frew
Gary Chesham	Keith LaPorte	Bruno Hoffman
Steve Coret	Rae Leslie	Glenda Hoffman
Ward Clapham	Roger Vroom	Vince Woodlock
Erika Deptuck	Sharon Johnson *	Blaine Yelle
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Boating with Lorne Wells

Gregory Baston	Gerry Kirk	Deb Ross
Ross Brearley	Kevin Shoemaker	Hans Hosenoehrl
Josephina Flores	Susan Taite	Paul Smith
Dennis Freeman	Kate Frauley	Sandra Woodward
Scott Freeman	Agnes Coil	

Piloting with Don Walser

Penny Handford	Ted Mackinnon	Hans Staals
Gerald Rapp		

Seamanship Sail with Clive Griffiths

Anita Dosenberg	Norm Petersen	Les Hammett
Jack Dosenberg	Andrew Pothier	Hans Staals
Kate Frauley		

GPS with John Toews

Micheal Read	Ross Brearley	Gerald Rapp
Kevin Dean S	Steve Pollard	Stephen Taylor
Andrew Pothier	John Toews	

Instructional Techniques with Tom Lauritzen

Ted MacKinnon	Lorne G. Wells	Tom Fee
Kevin Dean		



Training Officer's Report...

Grad Night was held January 26th at Crescent beach Yacht Club. Congratulations are extended to all grads from the Fall courses.

The January session commenced with three boating classes (50 students), a Weather Fundamentals course, Marine Electronics, Advanced Piloting and Seamanship Sail with an enthusiastic turn-out of students and classes are running smoothly. A last session of VHF Radio before Spring will commence Feb. 24 with Brian McMurdo instructing and Boat Pro with Tom Fee/Stephen Stewart on March 23.

Vancouver International Boat Show took place Feb 4-6 and reported a great student training idea: SurDel Squadron took advantage of the opportunity manning the booth and set up special Catch-up review for people who would like to drop in and start the classes after the boat show finished.

Perhaps our training department should consider setting up a review evening to bring more participants after the Boat Show. We received lots of inquiries at the booth.

Many thanks to Marilyn Mitchell and Carlos Fuenzalida for helping me represent the Squadron and be willing to set up and promote courses for White Rock. Hopefully we will have a few more members from White Rock at the Fraser Valley Boat Show, March 5-7 at the Abbotsford Tradex.

So many of the training people are working very hard and it is most appreciated.

And, make sure you brush up on your boating procedures before hitting the water and Get Ready!

Remember: "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails"! -William Arthur Ward

Shirley H. Shea Squadron Training Officer

Welcome New Members:

HANS HASENOEHR DENISE FERGUSON OSCAR MARIN STEVE CORET MARK SCHIEFNER **ROY JORGENSEN** WARD CLAPHAM KATHY SCHIEFNER TIM EVERSON BLAINE YELLE KLAUS SCHAEFER DAVE METVEDT **ROSS BREARLEY BOB VROOM** MICHAEL COIL PAUL SMITH SHARON JOHNSON **BRUNO HOFFMAN** STEPHEN POLLARD DENNIS FREEMAN RAE LESLIE LESLIE WELLS BILL CHEYNEY SCOTT FREEMAN JACK FERGUSON **ROBERT JUTRAS** PAUL WILKES

Membership Renewals 2004

2004 Electronic Membership renewal will begin February 2, 2004.

Visit: http://www.cps-ecp.ca/

To rejoin or for a 2003 retroactive renewal, please contact CPS at 1-888-277-2628.

Be environmentally aware...



With an increasing awareness of impending doom in our marine environment I continually ask myself – what can we as boaters do to help? We're almost overwhelmed with information on endangered species, poison in the seafood we ingest, the effects of toxic waste. And then we get the political issues: Profit versus protecting our resources. This article is not intended as a forum for political issues but, as responsible citizens and boaters concerned about our marine

environment, knowledge of these issues increases our awareness and with self education and shared knowledge we can be a small but significant part of the solution.

The following is an excerpt taken from a spring 2002 issue of the Port Hole, written by Raymond Berry, N, and it clearly categorizes environmental issues relative to boating activity.

The handling of fuels, lubricants and coolants: - The noxious effects detrimental to the environment destroy plankton, those living organisms in the surface water which form the basis of the food chain and killing other marine and shore life. The responsibility of boaters is to prevent spillage (which is illegal) and the entrance of such products into waterways or shore installation.

The discharge of sewage or noxious grey water - Government regulations have been enacted and differ from region to region. In B.C. we have 'no discharge zones'. As responsible boaters we need to be educated on safe handling of anything that goes down the drain and be aware of the designated 'Pump out stations' and no-discharge zones.

Boat Maintenance – There are many products on the market for cleaning and maintaining vessels. Some are less harmful to the environment, and careful assessment of cleaners, polishes and paints should be made. To identify products that are more environmentally responsible, Canada has established the Environmental Choice Program. The **EcoLogo symbol** (three doves in a maple leaf) on a label means the product is less harmful to the environment.

Protection of In-Shore Waters – Care must be taken in anchorages, marinas and shore line installations to reduce bottom disturbance due to anchoring, erosion due to wake, or the inadvertent transplant of "foreign" animal or plant species.

Shore Protection – One of the most detrimental environmental circumstances currently is the destruction of habitat for birds and animals. Every attempt should be made to disturb habitats and shorelines as little as possible. When visiting our islands respect the nesting of shoreline habitat. Dogs off leach can disturb nesting areas and the devastating result is often the mother leaving the nest after such a disturbance.

To summarize, be responsible, be part of the solution: A few other tips to a safer environment are: choose to buy items with less packaging, generating less trash; recycle whenever possible; discard trash in closed containers; take the time to retrieve broken fishing line – one of the most dangerous items for wildlife; keep cutting up those six pack rings (According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 30,000 fur seals die annually due to entanglement in plastic debris!

For further information on green boating refer to The Georgia Strait Alliance: www.georgiastrait.org.

Marilyn Mitchell

Miscellaneous news...

Congratulations Sandy!



Our instructor **Sandy Wightman** was selected as Community-minded Businessman of the Year by the White Rock Chamber of Commerce, making him winner of the 2003 Apollo Award

Please note that we have 2 courses starting soon:

VHF Radio on February 24th, with Instructor Brian McMurdo **Boat Pro**, on March 23, with instructors Tom Fee and Stephen Stewart

If you have a relative or a friend you think could benefit from one of these courses, please let them know...

Dates to remember:

SOCIAL EDUCATION EVENING

WINDSOR SQUARE FEBRUARY 26 1900 HRS

Presentation by B.C. Ferries Captain Jamie Marshall, marine superintendent. Subject: Ferry Operations and Safety issues regarding recreational boaters.

FRASER VALLEY BOAT AND SPORTMAN'S SHOW TRADEX, ABBOTSFORD, MARCH 5 - 7

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 19, 1800 HRS AT WINDSOR SQUARE

CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER AND DANCE
MAY 1, 2004 ELKS HALL

From our Fall graduation...



Graduating Boating Class, with proctors Lorne G. Wells and Rob Milne



Instructor Clive Griffith and STO Shirley Shea prepare to hand out certificates for the Seamanship Sail Class.



Boating student Sharon Johnson receiving Ralph Maloney award for obtaining highest score in the Boating Course exam.



Brand new members of the Squadron, with D/C Norm Headrick



Graduating Boating class, with Instructor Lorne R. Wells and Proctor Erik Laursen.



Instructor Clive Griffith with graduating Seamanship Sail students Kate Frauley and Andrew Pothier.

Small batteries for portable use - AA

Alkaline 1.5 volts, very common, relatively inexpensive, have a long shelf life (about 5 years).

<u>Rechargeable Alkaline</u> 1.5 volts. Requires a special charger. Often can only take about 25 recharges. After each charge the output voltage decreases. Relatively expensive.

<u>Alkaline high drain</u> 1.5 volts. Pricey, usually two regular alkaline batteries can be bought for the price of one <u>high drain</u>. The regulars last longer.

<u>Nickel cadmium</u> (NiCd) Rechargeable. 1.25 volts. Contains Cadmium, a metal which is harmful to the environment. Tend to lose their charge over a period of time (weeks) if not recharged. Slightly lower voltage than Alkaline. NiCds have a low internal resistance which makes them a good choice when used in hand held transceivers which requires relatively high power output when on transmit. Can usually be charged 300 to 500 times (varies). Relatively inexpensive.

<u>Nickel Metal Hydride</u> (NiMH). Rechargeable. 1.2 volts. Environmentally friendly. Can be charged several hundred times (usually more than NiCads). Must be charged before using. Looses a charge quicker than NiCads. NiMH batteries have a power capacity of more than double that of NiCads, and almost three times that of Alkaline batteries. Relatively expensive, but probably offers the best bang for your buck. You should use a "smart" charger to ensure the best charging rate, or monitor and remove the batteries from the charger when they are fully charged.

<u>Heavy duty AA</u> 1.5 volts. These so called heavy duty batteries, are just the old carbon zinc batteries, they are cheap and not very good. I would avoid them except as a last resort.

<u>Lithium AA</u> 1.5 volts Not rechargeable but have a very long shelf life. About 10 years. Relatively expensive. Excellent power capacity. Good for on-board portable equip which is not used often.

A quick comment on portable batteries. If possible try and choose portable equipment which operates from AA batteries, rather than AAA. Triple A batteries provide less power, are more expensive, and in some areas (remote cruising areas) can be hard to find.







Kevin Dean VEOMRT/VE7CFS







2004 Cruising Schedule.....

Please complete and submit asap to: Barry Baniulis

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Join us for fun and fellowship: happy hours, potlucks, dingy explorations, crib tournaments.....

Marina moorage is very tight in the summer months. Your immediate attention is requested.

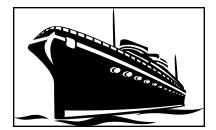
- Easter April 9, 10, 11 **Port Sidney**
- Victoria Day weekend May 22, 23, 24 **Telegraph Harbour**
- Canada Day weekend July 1, 3 **Ganges Marina**
- Extended cruise an exploration of **Desolation sound and points north**. Departs July 24 returning August 15. This is a three-week cruise up the coast returning via the Vancouver Island side. Itinerary is under development.
- Labor Day weekend September 4, 5, 6 **Port Browning Pender Island**

PLEASE CHECK THE CRUISES YOU WILL ATTEND

Boat name......Length.....Sail/Power (circle one) Your name..... Address......Postal Code..... Telephone.....email....

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE MARINA TO SECURE A BERTH. INDICATE YOU ARE WITH THE WHITE ROCK POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

PORT SIDNEY MARINA 1-250-655-3711 **GANGES MARINA** 1-250-537-5242 PORT BROWNING MARINA 1-250-629-3493 TELEGRAPH HARBOR MARINA 1-250-246-9511



Monthly Meetings...

Come and meet your Bridge...

If you would like to attend one of our Squadron meetings, they are held on the third Monday of every month, at the **ABC Country Restaurant**, 2160 King George Hwy. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:15 PM. Please call one of the bridge members to confirm.

