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White Rock Power & Sail Squadron, White Rock BC

# Commander's Report....



First, I want to congratulate and thank those Squadron members who have volunteered to serve on our Bridge for the 2001/2002 term.

Second, I want to express my gratitude to the members of our Squadron who have allowed me to serve as Commander for this next year. I am privileged to be

working with the fine groups of dedicated and talented individuals on our Squadron Bridge and the Pacific Mainland District Bridge.

Our Squadron has had a great year under the leadership of Past Commander Shirley Shea and I am proud of what we have accomplished. In particular:

We enrolled 240 students in a number of different courses and seminars.

We began to re-connect with our community with our involvement in the Semiahmoo Bay International Regatta and the Spirit of the Sea Festival.

For this next year, it is my intention to

Work with the new Bridge to ensure support for our

Training Department to continue to offer high quality instruction in a variety of courses and seminars.

To further strengthen connections with our neighboring squadrons and boating clubs for the benefit of all our members and members of our boating communities at large.

And, to reach out to our own membership, which is now 370 strong, to encourage more members from that silent majority to get involved in some ways to help promote safe boating

We are going to have a great year, and I challenge every one of our members to participate in at least one White Rock Squadron activity this year. Decide to attend at least one course, or seminar, during our fall and spring sessions. Decide to help teach or proctor one of our courses. Decide to come to one of our evening workshops in emergency flares, fire fighting or other boating topics. Decide to help out in one of our community activities such as the upcoming Spirit of the Sea Festival. And above all, decide to have a SAFE BOATING SEASON.

Harald Hanssen, <u>AP</u> Commander

#### With heartfelt appreciation:

- Special thanks to **Sandy & Mary-Lou Wightman** for working on behalf of the squadron hosting the committee boat, the Wight Myst, for many hours at the 2nd Annual Semiahmoo Regatta.
- Special thanks to our **Mayor & CPS Member Hardy Staub** for attending and speaking to our group at the Change of Watch and 40th Anniversary Friday the 4th. Hardy was a former recipient of the Ralph Malowney Award.
- Special thanks to all the past commanders who attended our 40th and Change for Watch, especially **Rod Booth**, and to **Dan Savage**, **Bill Bateman**, **Norm Headrick**, **Barry Baniulis** and **Blair Walker**.
- Thank you Barry Baniulis and Marilyn Mitchell for your contributions to the Change of Watch.
- And special thanks to **Anne Headrick** for the donation of the beautiful nautical wall hanging. Member Bill Butler's first mate Laurie Dickson was the lucky winner.

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District
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Mal Blann giving
Past Commander
Shirley Shea
Letter of
Appreciation to
White Rock
Squadron from
National
Headquarters

Anne Headrick And Bill Bateman receive 14-Year Merit Mark Award



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# **Annual Training Report...**



As we wind down squadron activities in anticipation of a long and safe boating season this summer, I am pleased to report that our training program last fall and this spring has been very successful and remarkably busy. I can't praise our instructors and proctors enough on their enthusiasm, effort and good spirit. The compliments that I receive from the students tell it all! My thanks to each person on the team for their contribution.

Courses offered during the past year include:

		Fall			Spring	,
	Enrolled	Wrote I	Passed	Enrolled	Wrote	Passed
Boating	55	50	48	46	43	41
Boat Pro	13	13	13	11	11	11
Piloting	12	8	8	9	6	?
Seamanship Sail	8	6	6	<del>_</del>		
Seamanship Power				15	12	?
Weather				11	6	6
Radio Talk	16	16	16	25	23	23
GPS	15			9		

(Marks are not in yet for the spring Piloting and Seamanship Power courses.)

We have also provided opportunities during the year for individuals and groups to challenge the Boat Pro exam. Three of our trainers attended a PMD seminar for Radio Talk Instructors and obtained qualification as Registered Examiners. We now have 6 RE's in the squadron.

Our return this year from the portables to the renovated classrooms of Earl Marriott Secondary School has proven a pleasant experience. Access to the school facilities is crucial to our program. We certainly appreciate the ongoing co-operation provided by Bob Berry and his janitorial staff each week to ensure that all goes smoothly.

Our Mini Grad for the spring graduates is scheduled to take place once again at the Crescent Beach Yacht Club on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The program this spring will conclude with a 3 week Radio Talk course, starting Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

I must thank my assistant, Andrew Pothier, who has stepped in more than once when I have had conflicting commitments. Andrew will be your Squadron Training Officer for the coming year, as I move on to the Executive Officer position.

This is the time of year when we are making decisions regarding which advanced and elective courses to offer in the fall. We need your input, as we have to line up instructors and proctors during the summer. I am sure that Andrew would appreciate receiving your comments so that we can attempt to provide you with the courses that are of most interest.

Lt/C John Naylor, STO

## **Upcoming Events...**

Mini Grad Tuesday, May 15th at Crescent Beach Yacht Club

Radio Talk Course Wednesday, May 16th at Earl Marriot Secondary

Bridge Meeting Monday, May 28th at ABC Restaurant

## A beautiful story... what C.P.S. is really all about...

When I was a little girl, Sunday was my favourite day. That was the day Daddy would say " Everyone into the car, we're going to White Rock." Once we had collected all that was necessary for an afternoon at the beach, off we would go. The old station wagon was parked on the gravel beside the road, and we would all pile out and scramble up the cliff, through the blackberry bushes and brambles, over the railway tracks, across the big rocks and down onto the beach. There, sitting on an old blanket, Daddy would take out his binoculars and watch all the boats coming and going. I think he dreamed then, of one day owning his own boat.

The years flew by and yes, Dad did get a boat. In fact, he had a series of boats. (a chronic case of two- foot- itis) In 1976 he fell in love for the second time in his life. Her name was Tejos (later to be changed to Pinafore II). She was a Monk design displacement vessel, 38 feet in length with a flying bridge. There was room for kids, grandkids, dogs and cats!

Dad and Mum took the Boating Course with White Rock Squadron in 1968. Soon other family members followed suit. The girls all opted to become Lady Associates. Dad became Commander of the Squadron in 1971 and he must have done a good job because he retained that position until 1973.

The National Conference of Canadian Power Squadron was in Vancouver in October 1975. We were all very involved with the planning and organizing of the event and thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience. At the conclusion of all the festivities, a cruise aboard the Princess Patricia to Ketchekan, Alaska was organized for all interested participants. It was wonderful! My sister Jeannie and I who were 17 and 21 at the time, could fill a book with stories about that week, from finding a real live Stowaway, to being too much of a distraction for one of the crew and he consequently lost his job! While in Ketchekan, we all went ashore and when the ship was scheduled to leave, there was general panic on board because Jeannie and I were nowhere to be seen. We were visiting with some of the crew in a little pub not far from the dock. Luckily, we heard the Captain blowing the horn for us and we scurried back to the ship ....Crew in tow. As we looked up from beside the ship it was like having 400 parents looking down at us saying, "Where have you been?" The cruise was an experience that gave many of the C.P.S. members a chance to know one another better and friendships that were formed were life long. I still smile when I think about the wonderful memories that we made.

In 1978 Dad became Pacific Mainland District Commander. That same year, my sister Fay's husband, Glen, was Commander of White Rock Squadron. By this time, we had all taken, or were taking advanced courses and really enjoying all the practical time we were getting in on board Pinafore II.

We certainly had some exciting times on board. I still love to look through the log book whenever the chance presents itself. One occasion that readily comes to mind was a cruise to Pender Harbour with Geoff and Flo Harris (Royal City Squadron) in their boat Elanga. We were rafted together and anchored in Bargain Bay. We rowed to shore and set out on foot to pick up some supplies at the store in Madeira Park, leaving Flo on board for anchor watch. Geoff, Mum, Dad, Jeannie and myself plus two cats on leashes, had almost made it to the store when a fellow came up behind me and said, "Are you from the boats that are anchored in Bargain Bay?"

I replied, "Yes, Why?"

He smiled and said, "Well you had better get back there, you're dragging your anchors and heading for the rocks."

In my typical, blonde, teenage manner, I said, "Oh yea, right."

I turned around and continued walking. In utter disbelief he scurried up to me again and said," No, I really MEAN it!."

By this time Dad and Geoff noticed the intent look on the man's face and asked some questions. The man offered us a ride back to the beach (I was feeling rather foolish) where we raced to the dinghies and back to the boats just in time to start the engines and get away from the rocks. All the activity had brought Flo up on deck and a catastrophe was avoided. To this day I am so embarrassed about not believing the man, whoever he was. (Yes, Dad did receive the "Broken Prop Award" more than once!)

1982 was an exciting year. Maggie Leech and the Province Newspaper had a contest to find "Canada's Boating Family of The year." She was almost as ecstatic as we were when she called to say that we had won. In the Fall we opened Vancouver's Boat show, then 4 of us were flown to Toronto, picked up by limousine, taken to the Harbour Towers Hotel and treated like Royalty. In the following few days, with much pomp and ceremony, we opened the Toronto Boat Show, were taken up the C.N. Tower for lunch, interviewed by a radio station, met the Mayor of Toronto and were generally made to feel very welcome. We used every opportunity available to be good ambassadors for C.P.S. It was truly a wonderful experience.

That same year I had taken the Summer off to Crew on the Pinafore II. We had an idyllic Summer with lots of sun, sea, sand, reading, relaxing, fishing, seafood all the things that make a season on board unforgettable. We were anchored at Plumper Cove and a vessel came alongside that I didn't recognize. It turned out to be an old family friend with an out of town guest on board. It was at that moment that I found out that "Love at first sight" really does happen! Mark and I have been married for 18 years this August. Dad still accuses Mark of stealing his crew!

We celebrated White Rock Power Squadron's 25th Anniversary in 1986. It was great to see everyone again and renew old friendships. I've discovered that the older you get, the faster time goes by!

In 1991, Dad became a Life Member of C. P. S.. After many years on various Committees, he recently decided it was time to "retire"! After 28 Merit Marks, I think so!

White Rock Power Squadron has certainly been an important part in the lives of the Walters Family. We have all enjoyed the knowledge and friendships we have been offered over the years. It is with great pleasure, sincerity and a certain amount of pride that we offer hearty congratulations to White Rock Power Squadron on your 40th Anniversary.

Sally Nairn



Wally Walters and "The Crew", in 1982: Back row: Audrey, Wally, Fay, Glen, Jeannie and Sally. Front row: Pilot the Lab, Robyn Holling, Kevin Holling.



Wally at the helm of Pinafore II

Editor's note:

We are very sad to report that Wally passed away in early April. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and fellow boaters.

# The Dynamite Fishermen

Every year, for many years, two avid fishermen had gone to the same fishing lodge for their annual fishing

vacation. They had always had good luck and had easily limited out, catching all the fish they wanted to take home.

But, strangely, this year their good fortune changed, for try as they may, no fish seemed to be anywhere near. No matter how early they set out or how late they returned to camp or what lures they used, every day they were skunked.



But, strangely also, every day a local fisherman would row past them, obviously heading for his secret spot. And every afternoon he would return with not only his limit but obviously more than his limit.

Nearing the end of their vacation and still having caught no fish and being desperate not to go home empty handed, they decided to ask the local his secret. Much to their surprise he offered to take them with him the next morning. So early the next morning they were eagerly waiting with rods and reels and tackle boxes, and away they went. Much to their surprise, the local had no fishing rod, only an old tackle box. About an hour later they arrived at the spot where they were to fish, and the local opened his tackle box, which contained no fishing gear but sticks of dynamite. While they were in complete shock the local proceeded to light a stick of dynamite and throw it as far from the boast as possible...!! KA-BOOM!!!! When the smoke cleared he calmly retrieved the fish floating belly up.

Being "go by the rules" fishermen they were appalled at his lack of sportsmanship and made it clear to the local they did not approve and would report him to the proper authorities when they returned.

Without saying a word, the local reached into his tackle box and took out two sticks of dynamite, quickly lit them and handed one to each fisherman.

"Now", he said, "Are you just going to be sitting there whining and complaining or are you going to do a little fishing?"

Enrol Slew

# **Library Books**

#### **Celestial Navigation**

Celestial Navigation, by Warren Norville

A step by step approach

The Marine Sextant, by Nathaniel Bowditch

Instruments for celestial navigation

**The Sextant Simplified**, by Oswald M. Watts

A practical explanation of the use of the sextant at sea.

A field Guide to the Starts and Planets, by Donald H.Menzel

Recognition of the stars and planets

#### Seamanship

Manual of Seamanship, by The Admiralty of the U.K. Text book for Naval Cadets and Seaman Boys

Modern Seamanship, by Austin Melvin Knight

Ship handling, oceanography and rules of the road

#### **Navigation and Piloting**

Small Boat Navigation, by Charles Farrell

Official Guide to Small Boats—Power and Sail

Start to Navigate, by Conrad Dixon

Basic outline of buoys, charts, tides, fixes and the navigator at work.

Duttons Navigation and Piloting, by G.D. Dunlap and H.H. Shufedt

> A detailed and comprehensive text book on all facets of navigation

Shoreline and Sextant, by John P. Budlong

A basic outline of the tools of the trade.

**Bowditch for Yachtsmen**; Piloting, by Nathaniel Bowditch

How to guide your craft safely and intelligently

#### **Exploring Our Coast**

Gunkholing in the Gulf Islands, by Al Cummings and Jo Bailey-Cummings

Exploring the inner coast of Washington and B.C.

**The San Juan Story**, by C.T. Morgan

A history of some of the San Juan Islands

#### Kayaking

Sea Kayaking, by John Dowd

A manual for long-distance touring

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# 2001 Cruising Schedule...



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

Marina moorage is becoming very tight in the summer months.

### \*\*\* Your immediate attention is requested. \*\*\*

Victoria Day weekend - May 19, 20, 21 - Fulford Harbor Canada Day weekend - June 29,30, July 1 - Otter Bay Marina Extended Cruise - North of Desolation Sound, departing July 28, returning August 19 (This is a three week long range cruise up the central coast taking in Bella Bella, Ocean Falls and into the Fiordland area, BC's newest marine park.) Labor Day weekend - September 1,2,3 - Telegraph Harbor - Thetis Island

#### PLEASE CHECK THE CRUISES YOU WILL ATTEND

Boat name	LengthSail/Power	r (Circle one)			
Your name	-				
Address					
Telephone number	Number in	Number in Party			
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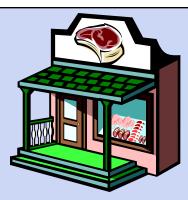
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# Monthly Meetings...

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.



#### The Galley Gourmet...



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#### Pasta Salad

1 cup Vermicelli pasta 3 Roma tomatoes, chopped 1 small red pepper, chopped 1 small green pepepr, chopped 1/4 - 1/2 cup black olives, chopped 3/4 cup Italian dressing

Cook pasta as directed on package, cool.

In a bowl with pasta add remaining ingredients, refrigerate, then serve.

Marie Russell

#### **Brownie Macaroons**

1 Pkg Pillsbury Thick a' Fudgie Chocolate Chunk Deluxe Brownie mix. 2 cups coconut

2 Tbsp water

1 Tbsp oil

1 egg

In large bowl combine brownie mix and coconut. Mix well. Add water, oil, egg - stir until moistened.

Shape dough into 1½ inch balls Place 3 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Flatten balls slightly.

Bake at 350°F for 12 - 15 minutes until edges are set, but centers will be soft.

Makes 2 dozen cookies

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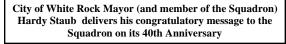
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