From the Commander’s Log
By Commander Bill Stewart

It's been a busy time over the last few weeks.

We just completed our student cruise, and I would like to thank Dave Atchison and Larry Yatkowsky for their work in organizing this spring event. And a special thank you to the skippers who continue to support our squadron. (continued on page 2)

Upcoming Events

• Monday, April 18, 2011 - Coastal Kaleidoscope
  World Ship Society
  A selection of WSS members’ photos and stories of some of the more interesting government, ferry, and commercial vessels encountered along B.C.’s coast. Included are photos and brief histories of the evolution of the main coastal towboating and ship handling companies.

• May 7 & 8, 2011 - Cruise Weekend at Snug Cove, Bowen Island
  Plan to meet up with fellow boaters for this popular cruise destination. For details see page 4.

• May 16, 2011 - Annual General Meeting, Change of Watch and BBQ
  Mark this important event on your calendar and be sure to sign up for a juicy burger to enjoy at the BBQ before the meeting - see page 3 for details.

• June 11 & 12, 2011 - Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron Stag Cruise
  This annual event will take place in Bedwell Bay up Indian Arm - a weekend of fun and races for the guys. See pages 9 and 10 for details and registration.

Squadron Night meetings are held at the False Creek Yacht Club located at the north shore of False Creek, right under the Granville Street Bridge. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Event begins at 7:30 pm. Cost is $5 per person. See you there!
The Bilgewater Bash was a great success at RVYC’s Jericho main dining room on Saturday, March 16th. Our past commander Dave Atchison stepped in to take my place as I was away at my daughter’s university graduation. Thank you, Dave. Sixty-one people attended and many door prizes were donated in support of our squadron members and guests. Many thanks to those individuals and companies who donated prizes, helping to make the evening a lot of fun.

False Creek Yacht Club

Robert Buller, our squadron’s lead instructor for the boating course, presented on his cruising experience through the Broughton Archipelago with Karin Lubin. Robert’s PowerPoint presentation showed many beautiful anchorages, incredible sunsets, and neat, tucked-away marinas with seasonal restaurants. This area is truly a BC gem. Thank you, Robert, for a very interesting and entertaining presentation.

• Coming up on April 18, we have Ray Warren of the World Ship Society who will present a Coastal Kaleidoscope of the commercial vessels and towboats that travel along the BC coast. Please do come out and join us for a very interesting presentation.

• Lois MacDonald has put together a cruise schedule for our squadron on page 4 of this issue. We look forward to seeing you out on the water. If you have any cruise ideas or would like to help with cruises, please let Lois know at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com.

• Our annual stag cruise is in June. This is always a favourite squadron event. If you have not signed up, please see details on pages 9 and 10 of this issue.

• Our AGM and Change of Watch takes place May 16 at the False Creek Yacht Club. Please mark your calendar for this event and see details on the following page.

The squadron is generally running smoothly and we are still working on filling bridge positions. If you would like to be involved and help support the squadron in some capacity, please let me know.

Bill Stewart
Commander

2011 Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival

The organization is looking for boat drivers for the event. Listed below are the dates and times of each race event for this season:

• Saturday, May 7 - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm (2 boats)
• Sunday, May 29 - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm (2 boats)
• Saturday, June 11 - 7:30 am - 6:00 pm (3 boats)
• Sunday, June 12 - 7:30 am - 6:00 pm (3 boats)

Each day would be split into a morning and afternoon shift and hopefully we would like to have a relief driver for the day as well. This year the race events will be focused on the south side of False Creek.

If you are interested in joining us once again or know of anyone who might like to help out, please do not hesitate to forward this information to them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wendy Eng
Race Volunteer Coordinator
weng@telus.net
BBQ at the AGM and COW

May 16th at the False Creek Yacht Club

Join us for our delicious and traditional BBQ which takes place preceding the start of our Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch.

Doors open at 1830 (6:30 pm) for the BBQ; AGM/COW starts at 1930 (7:30 pm).

The menu includes burger and fixings plus: French fries, a medley of spring greens salad with shaved vegetables and lemon dressing, roasted root vegetables with spicy herbs, and old fashioned apple pie and platters of seasonal sliced fresh fruit for dessert.

To ensure the success of the BBQ, please confirm your attendance and your choice of burger as early as possible. You can either sign up and pay at Squadron Night on April 18th, at class nights at Prince of Wales High School (last class April 21st), or send an email to Don Mercer at donmercer@shaw.ca indicating the names of attendees and your burger choice of veggie, beef, or salmon (one burger choice per attendee). Cost is still only $20.00 per person, including the $5.00 Squadron Night fee which gives you a ticket for the prize draw!

We prefer that you pay for your burger when you sign up. In any event, once you’ve signed up on the sheet or via email, we will expect payment whether you attend or not. It’s a question of commitment and fairness!

Needless to say, to attend the AGM and Change of Watch, you do not have to pay for the BBQ if you do not wish to join us for this meal - just pay the usual $5.00 Squadron Night fee.
Cruisemaster’s Corner
by Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com

• May 7 & 8, 2011 - Cruise Weekend at Snug Cove on Bowen Island
  Must reserve space by April 18!
  Phone the Union Steamship Marina at 604-947-0707 (and say you are with the Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron group). If you want to go over on Friday, you can book depending on availability.
  Please arrive by 1300. Non-boat owners are welcome - come on over by ferry and meet us at the dock! Potluck dinner on Saturday evening.

• July 18, 2011 - Raft-Up & Potluck
  Raft-up in False Creek near Spruce Harbour Marine around 5:30 - 6:00 pm and bring your favourite appy for this informal gathering.

• August 27 & 28, 2011 - Rendezvous Weekend at Plumper Cove, Keats Island
  Please watch for further details in upcoming Mastheads.
Bilgewater Bash Evening

The event was held on March 26, 2011 at the RVYC Jericho Clubhouse with 61 people attending. The Bilgewater, made from the “secret formula,” was once again terrific and, despite its ugly grey colour, reports were that it actually tasted “pretty good!” The RVYC buffet dinner was, once again, fabulous. There were 34 door prizes to be won, and dancing to the DJ that ended the evening was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank those who donated door prizes and ask that if you shop at any of the businesses, please identify yourself as a Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron member and thank them for their support of our Bilgewater Bash.

The door prize donors were:

• North Pacific Yachts
• Mustang Survival
• Appleton Galleries
• Sewell’s Marina
• Chyna Sea Ventures
• Steveston Marine
• West Marine
• Tilley Endurables
• MAKE (formally known as Justin Stitches on Granville Island)
• RCMP Coastal Watch
• Union Steamship Marina
• The Vancouver Courier
• iCom Canada
• River Marine
• Bridgeview Marine
• Roton Industries
• DBC Marine Safety Systems
• Gibsons Marina
• Vancouver Maritime Museum

We also wish to thank those members who generously donated door prizes.

Dave Atchison
Training Officer
**Student Cruise**

There were seven vessels and their skippers on the cruise, 42 students, and 15 proctors, for a total of 64 in attendance. The weather was quite good after many days of steady rain and wind, so we had a very pleasant day. There was even some sunshine when we were all rafted up in Bedwell Bay.

The students were able to put into practice many of the things they had been taught in class as they completed the “Cruise Exercise” along the way to the raft up in Bedwell Bay.

Vessels and skippers for the March 5, 2011 Boating Course Student Cruise:

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Thank you to all the skippers who provided their boats for this popular exercise.

Dave Atchison
Training Officer
In October 2010, Michael Walsh and Edi Gelin, Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron members, left Vancouver to sail around the world. While we will miss having them join us at the various local cruises arranged by our cruisemaster, Lois MacDonald, we’re thrilled that they are circumnavigating the world. Luckily, we can vicariously share their adventures, which are exquisitely detailed in their blog at http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sequitur/. Sequitur’s specifications can be viewed at http://www.yacht-sequitur.ca/.

The following page contains an excerpt from a recent post on Michael and Edi’s blog.

**Warning:** their photos, will leave you salivating and yearning for the wide blue yonder (preferably aboard **Sequitur**).

Maureen Phillips
An entry from Sequitur’s blog, March 3, 2011...

Sequitur had been securely moored stern-to on a float in the marina of the Club de Yates de Higuerillas for ten days, enjoying wonderful comfort and hospitality and we were delighted with the first seven days free moorage offered by the Club to foreign cruisers. We had explored Valparaiso, wandered around in Vina del Mar, toured and tasted in the Chilean vineyards, now it was time to move on.

On Wednesday night, the 23rd of February, when we were returning from our tasting adventures in the Colchagua Valley, we had stopped with the rental car at the supermarkets on the hill of Con Con, above Higuerilas and loaded-up with groceries and fresh produce. Sequitur's fridges, freezers, lockers and pantry were once again filled to capacity. We were ready to go.

Before heading into Vina del Mar to return the car on Thursday morning, I walked over to the marina office to with the ship's papers to commence the process of getting a zarpe for our departure on Friday morning. The Yacht Club has been granted the privilege by the Armada to apply online for departure papers for its members and guests. This wonderful convenience meant we didn't have to go all the way into Valparaiso to the Capitan de Puerto and then wait there for the processing. The lady in the office told me to come back at 1700; the zarpe would be ready then.

After we had returned the car, Edi and I spent the remainder of the day preparing Sequitur for sea and baking. Edi made a couple loaves of banana bread and I made a quiche to put in the fridge for snacks and meals along the way. We were leaving on a 370 nautical mile passage offshore to Robinson Crusoe Island, and depending on the winds and currents, we could expect to be at sea for three to four days. - Michael Walsh
The Vancouver Stag Cruise
Will be held on June 11 & 12, 2011
up Indian Arm

Hone the skills that you learned in the Power Squadron classes.

Try participating in a predicted log race or a sailing competition.

Please talk to other members of your Squadron and make them aware of this popular event and encourage your male friends to attend.

Put a crew together today!!

Registration form on next page.

Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron Stag Cruise Committee
REGISTRATION FOR THE 
VANCOUVER POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

STAG CRUISE

JUNE 11 & 12, 2011

RENDEZVOUS (0900 TO 1200) BEDWELL BAY, INDIAN ARM

COMMITTEE BOAT “DARUMA” --- Communication Channel 68

Destination for the weekend : Lat 49 degrees 23.728’N, Long 122 degrees 53.159’W
(Please arrive for tie up after 1345)

SATURDAY:
Predicted Log
Sailing Competition
Steak Dinner
Draws & Prizes

SUNDAY:
Sausage & Pancake Breakfast
Photo Contest
Trophies
Sailpast – Salute to Cdr.

FEE: ONLY $60 PER PERSON (ALL-INCLUSIVE)
$50 WITH PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 1, 2011

NOTE: To ensure that a steak and space is reserved for you and your party please complete and mail the following registration form no later than June 1st. (Please provide your own dishes and eating utensils.)

REGISTRATION FORM … PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

SEND TO: John Steede
Phone: 604-274-0087
7191 Anvil Crescent
E-Mail: sjsteede@shaw.ca
Richmond, BC V7C 4E7

Skipper’s Name: ________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

Squadron: __________ Telephone: _______ E-Mail: _______________

If bringing boat, Boat Name: _________________________

Power: ☐ Sail: ☐ Length: _________ Beam: __________ Draft: _____

Crew Members’ Names:

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I would like to enter: The Predicted Log Competition Yes _____ No ______
Sailing Competition Yes _____ No ______

I would like to be an observer in: The Predicted Log Competition Yes _____ No ______
Sailing Competition Yes _____ No ______

OUR REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED: _________ X $50.00 = TOTAL: _______

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “VANCOUVER POWER & SAIL SQUADRON”