What an Easter weekend we had here at Kitsilano Beach. While sitting on the bench that marks VPSS’s 50th Anniversary, we looked out over English Bay and saw that amazing sunset; it is easy to be so thankful for all the good blessings we have here on Canada’s Pacific Coast. Also, got out in the Bay this weekend for a little “Raft-Up” with the Mercers.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Saturday, April 13, 2013 - Bilgewater Bash**
  Get your tickets before they sell out! A magical evening of music, dancing, dining, and confabulation (not to mention sipping the famous bilgewater). See page 6 for all the details.

- **Monday, April 15, 2013 - Squadron Night**
  World traveler Julie Salisbury purchased a boat in South Africa, then sailed to Madagascar, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Kenya and the Indian Ocean. She created a yacht charter business in Malaysia and later sailed from BC to Mexico. Co-founder of a non-profit educational organization for Cambodian women and children, she is also a frequent radio and TV guest in Canada and the UK. Her passion is writing and publishing books (“Around the World in Seven Years”) and helping others write and publish theirs.

- **Monday, May 13, 2013 - BBQ & AGM**
  Please note that due to the long weekend, the BBQ and AGM will be held on the 2nd Monday instead of the 3rd Monday of the month.

Past, current and incoming Power Squadron members are all welcome at Squadron Nights, held on the third Monday of each month. We meet at the False Creek Yacht Club on the north shore of False Creek under the Granville Street Bridge. The doors open at 7:00 pm, the event begins at 7:30 pm, and the cost is $5.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you there!
Kudos...

The busy boating season has started and VPSS is no exception with:

1) Spring training classes to finish April 9 with Boating Essentials. We have had 92 students in five different classes. We owe many thanks to Interim STO Peter Girling, instructors and proctors, and all others who allow us to provide the CPS courses to the students. We hope you have a safe summer on the water.

2) We will attend to meetings starting with the PMD on April 8, our own Bilgewater Bash on April 13, Squadron Night on April 15, and our Bridge meeting on April 29.

3) Our first Cruise is planned by Lois on May 4 and this is followed by our AGM/COW on May 13 and the PMD AGM May 25. I won’t go beyond this time as I know our other Bridge Officers will have separate announcements with many more details. Besides this, the Squadron will elect a new Bridge on May 13.

4) SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK is May 18-24 and the READY-SET-WEAR IT launch will be May 18 at 1030 at the Vanier Boat Launch. Great chance to test your inflatable PFDs, etc. Mustang will provide replacement CO2 cylinders.

Our NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE is struggling to get a full slate of Officers for the Bridge to continue to operate our Squadron. It is wonderful to have over 700 members; however, we will not have recruits for our newsletter (Masthead) and STO to oversee our Training. As well, no one new is stepping up to relieve long-serving Bridge members. The last Masthead will be the May issue. Should anyone wish to come forward by April 15, please contact Bill Stewart, Don Mercer, or me.

Eardley Beaton, Commander

Go Jeanne!

Jeanne Socrates is the 70-year-old British solo circumnavigator who left Victoria, BC, in October last year to begin her THIRD attempt at an unassisted, non-stop solo circumnavigation of the planet from the west coast via the great southern capes. She is currently closing on completing the leg across the Indian Ocean.

General info: http://www.synereida.com/
Log entries: http://synereida.livejournal.com/

Contributed by Rob Murray
Sign Up for the Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron Annual General Meeting
BBQ; still only $20.00 per person

Monday May 13, 2013, False Creek Yacht Club

1830 (6:30pm); doors open 1800 (6:00 pm) at the False Creek Yacht Club (under the Granville Street Bridge, downtown side of False Creek)

This great event is coming up soon!

The price is maintained at $20.00 including the usual $5.00 entry charge. Preceding the AGM, the BBQ will start at 1830 (6:30 pm) at the False Creek Yacht Club. There will be chicken, beef and veggie burgers plus an assortment of salads plus burger fixings plus fruit and sweet items for desert.

Please sign-up on the sign-up sheets at our classes at Prince of Wales High School, at the Bridge Meeting, at the April Squadron Night at the False Creek Yacht Club, or at the Pacific Mainland District Meeting on April 6th OR email Don Mercer (Past Commander) at donmercer@shaw.ca with your names and burger choices for each name.

In fairness to everyone, as usual your sign-up is a commitment that you will pay whether or not you have to cancel your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event!!
Can you help us with our Masthead?

Want to become a media mogul?

Well, mogul is perhaps too strong a word.

But we do need help editing our online publication, the Masthead. www.vpsboat.com

We’re currently using the Mac program “Pages.”

The templates are all set up and it’s easy to use.

We’ll provide the training, the software and the articles (everything from boating safety to social get-togethers).

If you’ve been meaning to send that resume to the NY Times or the Manchester Guardian but have simply been too busy, why not drop us a line instead?

Paul Heeney paulheeney@shaw.ca

Maureen Phillips moley500@shaw.ca
Cruisemaster’s Corner

by Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com

• May 4-5 - Cruise Weekend at Snug Cove on Bowen Island
  To get priority, please reserve space by April 20, 2013!
  Phone the Union Steamship Marina at 604-947-0707 (and say you are with the Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron group).

    ✷ Please arrive by around 1300.
    ✷ Potluck dinner on Saturday evening.
    ✷ You can book for the Friday night, May 3rd as well, if you’d like.

  NB: This event is for all Squadron members, with or without boats – if you don’t have a boat, please come over by ferry and join us in the potluck dinner!!

• Raft-Up in False Creek in July – more information will be sent out by email closer to the date.

• September 14-15 weekend – Keats Island Rendezvous – please mark your calendars – more information about specifics will be sent out via email in the summer.

Hope you can join us!!

If you have any questions, please contact Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com
Bilgewater Bash

Only 120 Tickets Available

CALL NOW TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

The Event: The Annual Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron’s “Bilgewater Bash”

The Date: Saturday, April 13, 2013

The Place: The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
3811 Point Grey Road, Vancouver

The Times:
- Doors open: 17:45hrs
- Bilgewater at: 18:00hrs
- Famous RVYC Buffet dinner at: 19:00hrs
- Doors close at: 12:00hrs

After the Buffet: Door Prizes and Dancing to the DJ

Ticket Prices: $70.00/person to March 15, 2013
$80.00/person after March 15, 2013

To order your tickets: please call Ruth Cuddeford at 604-294-5310
(Monday-Friday 08:30hrs—17:00hrs)

The Reality: We must have a significant number of tickets sold by March 15, 2013 or this wonderful event will be cancelled!

A Donation: If you are able to provide a door prize, please contact P/C Dave Atchison at 604-261-3111.
The Vancouver Stag Cruise
Will be held on June 8 & 9, 2013
Up Indian Arm

- Make new friends in the boating community
- Lots of money to be won along with great prizes
- Other fun events
- Dinner prepared by Red Seal Chef “Phill”
- Transport Canada Safety Checks available
- Try participating in a navigation exercises and learn even more about your boat
- Visit other boats to see how they are outfitted

Please talk to other members of your Squadron and make them aware of this popular event. Encourage your male friends to join you. They do not need to be CPS members.

Put a crew together today and give your wife or girlfriend a holiday!!
Registration form attached

Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron Stag Cruise Committee
*If you have any questions about this event – call John Steede at 604 230-0848.
REGISTRATION FORM
VANCOUVER POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

STAG CRUISE

JUNE 8 & 9, 2013
RENDEZVOUS (0900 TO 1100) BEDWELL BAY, INDIAN ARM
COMMITTEE BOAT “DARUMA” --- Communication Channel 68

Destination for the week end: Lat 49 degrees 23.728’N, Long 122 degrees 53.159’W
( Please arrive for tie up at the dock after 1400)

FRIDAY NIGHT SATURDAY: SUNDAY:
Bedwell Bay Raft-up Navigation Exercise Sausage & Pancake Breakfast
Vessel inspection Trophy presentation
Reverse Draw Clean up
Prizes Sailpast – Salute to Commander
Steak Dinner

Everyone Welcome – Power & Sail
Fee: ONLY $60 PER PERSON (ALL-INCLUSIVE) - BYOB
$50 WITH PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 1, 2013

NOTE: To ensure that a steak and space is reserved for you and your party please complete and e-mail or mail the following registration form no later than June 01. (Please provide your own dishes and eating utensils.)

REGISTRATION FORM ... PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

SEND TO: John Steede Phone: 604-230-0848
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: ___________________________________________________________________________________________
Crew Members’ Names: ____________________________________________________________

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

REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED: ____________________________________________________________________________
X $50.00 = TOTAL: __________________________________________________________________________

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “John Steede” but “Cash” is preferred (to be collected at the dock on arrival). Will remain as $50.00 if pre-registered.

If you plan on entering the Navigation Exercise, please ensure that you have sufficient crew to provide an exchange observer!