“All I want for Christmas is for members to step up.” We have some twenty-five Bridge officers and some twenty more members involved in our very good Training courses. While our Change of Watch is not until May, it would be a good

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Upcoming Events

• **Monday, December 10 - Great Food, Great Location, Great People**
  Don’t miss our annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner! If you’ve never attended before, join us at the False Creek Yacht Club for one of the best events of the year. Bring an appetizer, entrée, salad or dessert large enough for about four people. This cheery event is a fun way to socialize with old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy the festive season. We hope to see you there. The doors open at 6 pm, admission is $5 per person, and we dig in to the amazing meal at 7 pm.

• **Monday, January 21, 2013 - Student Graduation**
  This celebratory evening is our chance to meet the Fall 2012 course graduates, to congratulate them, and to welcome them to the Squadron. The more members who attend, the merrier an event it will be. A highlight of the evening will be a mini-presentation from a very special guest. We’ll tell you who it is in the new year.

• **Monday, February 18, 2013 - Squadron Night**
  Our 2012 guest presenters shared info about boating gear, cetacean sightings, marine insurance, diver safety, electrical systems, the Good Hope Cannery and sailing ‘round the Horn. The 2013 speaker line-up promises something for everyone and these amiable evenings are not to be missed.

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!
time for someone new to learn from current officers in any of the positions so that they could assist or take over should the current member not wish to carry on. Right now we want to get a new Newsletter Officer to take over that important position. Then in Training, with our Squadron Training Officer resigning December 31, there is a great opportunity to head up our well-established program. Glen has done a really great job but he is up to his ears with work, family, church, yacht club, etc….good news is that he wants to still do some lectures in our Spring courses.

We want to get some new instructors and proctors involved so that we have back-up and do not burn out our current excellent people. With this in mind, Senior Instructor Rob Murray will put on a four-week Instructor Development Course, February 21, 28, March 7 and 14. This is for those who we expect to get involved as instructor, proctor or Bridge member. Please let us know of your interest. The course will be provided at no charge.

The exams are underway in Boating, Seamanship, and Weather, and it is exciting to be at PW on Tuesday nights.

We look forward to Student Grad on January 21. Our next Squadron night is December 10 with our Christmas Pot Luck. Programs Officer Barbara Constantine had a super program in November with over fifty in attendance to hear Michael Walsh’s presentation about his and Edi Gelin’s journey off the Chilean coast to Cape Horn.

Just to let you know, I finished the book on the Good Hope Cannery, written by October speaker Bruce MacDonald, which gives a picture of some history up the coast with the salmon fishery. Loved it.

Won’t be long till the Vancouver Boat Show, February 7 to 11, so plan for that.

And finally, we extend condolences to the families of Ron Curties, Jerry Rendall and Don Borden…you made a difference.

Eardley Beaton

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Come to the Christmas Pot Luck - December 10 at the False Creek Yacht Club!

See details in “Upcoming Events” on page 1.

....speaking of parties, here is a date to mark on your 2013 Calendar. The annual Vancouver Squadron Bilgewater Bash will be held on March 30, 2013 at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club’s Jericho Clubhouse. Watch for more details in the next Masthead....
Squadron Night,
November 19th

In November, we joined Past Commander Michael Walsh and Edi Gelin aboard the *Sequitur* to sail down the southwest coast of Chile. Thanks to their fascinating photos and Michael’s factual documentation, we learned about the archipelago of islands at the tip of South America, the colourful people who inhabit them, and the challenges and rewards of sailing around the fabled “Horn.” We also got an inside look at the daily routines of distance sailing, from charting courses to craftwork, shopping for supplies and cooking. All in all, it was an unforgettable evening.

Michael plotted his and Edi’s voyage meticulously. Vivid photos and intriguing travel tales really enhanced the presentation.

Barbara Constantine introduced “the speaker who needs no introduction!”

Commander Eardley Beaton in a jovial moment.

When the meeting portion of the evening ended, there was a quick break before Michael’s presentation began.
The Vancouver International Boat Show is Coming Soon – February 7-11, 2013
Volunteers Needed!

We need your participation, and you get free access to the Boat Show! Volunteers from Vancouver Squadron and the other Lower Mainland Squadrons are now being solicited to staff the CPS Pacific Mainland District Booth to inform the boating public of our course offerings and schedule during the show opening days and times.

**The time slots are (two volunteers per slot are needed):**

- Thursday Feb 7: set-up – time slot to be confirmed - Don Mercer, __________________________
- Thursday Feb 7: 1100 – 1500_____________________________________________________________________
- Thursday Feb 7: 1500 – 1800_____________________________________________________________________
- Thursday Feb 7: 1800 – 2100_____________________________________________________________________
- Friday Feb 7: 1100 – 1500_______________________________________________________________________
- Friday Feb 8: 1500 – 1800 – Frank and Laurette Mogridge
- Friday Feb 8: 1800 – 2100_____________________________________________________________________
- Saturday Feb 9: 1000 – 1400_____________________________________________________________________
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- Saturday Feb 9: 1800 – 2100_____________________________________________________________________
- Sunday Feb 10: 1000 – 1300_____________________________________________________________________
- Sunday Feb 10: 1300 – 1600_____________________________________________________________________
- Sunday Feb 10: 1600 – 1900_____________________________________________________________________
- Monday Feb 11 (Family Day): 1000 – 1300_____________________________________________________
- Monday Feb 11 (Family Day): 1300 – 1600_____________________________________________________
- Monday Feb 11 (Family Day): 1600 – 1700 and takedown_________________________________________

I will be emailing your Commander with reminders as we move towards the show, with updates on the slots filled and who is filling them and our needs for further volunteers, until all slots are filled! So, please start thinking on this now and email me at donmercer@shaw.ca. Thanks!

We appreciate our volunteers and their efforts and hope that by getting sufficient numbers of volunteers we can reduce the time burden on the core volunteers who loyally participate in CPS show booths for PMD and their Squadrons.

And the best of the season to all and a fruitful, happy New Year.

Respectfully Submitted
Don Mercer
District Public Relations Officer, Pacific Mainland District, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
Past Commander, Vancouver Squadron
2013 SPRING COURSES

Our traditional CPS Boating course that has run for fourteen weeks has now been reduced to twelve weeks, split as follows:

**BOATING BASICS** -- Four weeks starting January 8

**BOATING ESSENTIALS** -- Eight weeks starting February 5

Additionally, we will provide:

**ADVANCED PILOTING** -- Twelve weeks starting January 15

**MARINE RADIO OPERATOR** -- Three weeks starting February 20

For full details, course content, cost and registration, go to our website:

[www.vpsboat.com](http://www.vpsboat.com)
Vancouver Maritime Museum
2013 Ocean Cruising Adventures
Speaker Series

VPSS members are invited to the VMM Members’ night on December 6. Details and RSVP here: http://vanmaritime_members.eventbrite.ca/ The series is coordinated by circumnavigator and author Anne Brevig and sponsored by Pacific Yachting Magazine.

January 18, 2013 “18 YEARS OF SAILING TOGETHER”
Judith & Harry McPhie take an honest look at relationships, the cruising community and the wonders of traveling slowly around the world.

January 25, 2013 “SOUTH TO WARMER CLIMES! VANCOUVER TO MEXICO AND BACK!”
Steve & Tracey Dolling cover the practical aspects of fitting out a coastal cruiser for an extended duration cruise on a fairly unforgiving coast.

February 1, 2013 “A VANCOUVER ISLAND CIRCUMNAVIGATION”
Ron Ungless & Gordon Milne. Long-time buddies share the planning and experiences of their recent trip around Vancouver Island aboard a 36-foot ocean-going sloop.

February 8, 2013 “AROUND THE WORLD AT AGE 18!”
Zac Sunderland learned how to sail when he was four years old, and at 16, he embarked on the adventure of a lifetime – setting sail into the Pacific Ocean on a quest to see the world and become the youngest person to circumnavigate it alone.

February 15, 2013 “THE LONG BEAT HOME: BRISBANE TO VICTORIA”
Jennifer Handley & Campbell Good. Follow the adventures and misadventures of Jennifer, Campbell and family and friends over the course of their wild adventures across the Pacific.

WHERE: H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, 1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

WHEN: 8 pm (doors at 7 pm)

COST: $13/lecture; $50/series
Seniors, VMM members and Pacific Yachting subscribers: $11/lecture; $40/series

TICKETS: Call 604.257.8300 or visit us online at vanmaritime.com
Tickets also available at the Maritime Museum or at the door on evening of event.

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- **Identity Fraud**
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- **Replacement Cost Guaranteed**
  On boats three years of age or less in the event of a total loss (available for vessel valued up to $500,000).

- **Agreed Value**
  In the event of a total loss on vessels greater than 3 years of age we will pay the agreed value listed on the declaration page without depreciation.

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  Automatic coverage for some of the broadest navigational limits in the industry.

- **Partial Loss**
  We pay the cost to repair or replace with material of like kind quality without deduction for depreciation, regardless of the year of the vessel.

- **Replacement Cost**
  We pay for loss or damage from an insured peril for full replacement cost to sails, protective covers, fabric, outboard motors and tender for a period of five years from new.

- **Mechanical Breakdown**
  Coverage is included.

- **12-Month Navigation**
  Year round navigation coverage unlike other policies that require a lay-up period.

- **Substitute Boat**
  In the event of a covered loss, up to $1,500 to charter a substitute boat.

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  Up to $250 per day for up to 5 days for living expenses.

- **Search & Rescue Coverage**
  Up to $2,500 for search & rescue expenses.

- **Emergency Towing Coverage**
  Coverage is included.

- **Navigational Electronic Equipment**
  Subject to a $250 deductible.

- **Resultant Damage Coverage**
  Covers direct loss or damage from an excluded peril if loss results in fire, sinking, submersion, rigging failure, collision or stranding.

- **Latent Defect Coverage**
  Coverage for resultant damage is included.

- **Precautionary Measures**
  Up to $500 coverage for expenses incurred while safeguarding your boat from a covered peril.

- **Animal, Rodent & Vermin Coverage**
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