Things have gone well this past month since the CPS-AGM in Toronto (which I attended with our Exec Officer, Jeff Booth). We attended Marketing and Squadron Commander meetings as well as wonderful luncheons, dinners, the AGM, and the Chief Commander Dinner, etc. Many good contacts were made with special efforts taken by Jeff in getting involved with the National Marketing Group that will be exploring the new age of communications.

Upcoming Events

**Monday, December 9 - Steveston Marine Night** - Bring your family and friends! Steveston Marine Night... with door prizes (including a hand-held radio & a Helly Hansen jacket), a fashion show, and sneak peeks of new products. Other squadrons and guests are welcome. This replaces our 2013 Christmas Pot Luck, but no worries - we'll have a pot luck dessert table. Yay!!! Please bring a delicious dessert to share. See Page 6 for details and remember to RSVP to Lois Macdonald at lgmac@telus.net

**Thursday, December 12 - An appreciation event for US!** Another great event – the Steveston Marine Wine and Cheese Reception. If you attend the Steveston Marine Night (FCYC, Dec. 9), your name goes into a special draw for fabulous door prizes on Dec 12. See Page 6 for details.

**Monday, January 20 - European Canal Cruising with Michael Walsh** - To date, our adventures with Michael and Edi have taken us to the stormy, southernmost tip of South America and up the east coasts to Florida. We’re now joining them in calmer waters aboard their century-old barge, the Zonder Zorg.

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!
I was also pleased to accept an award for Jim White who performed over 100 courtesy checks through the Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks program.

Our training courses under the direction of Training Officer Peter Girling are running smoothly: 15 students finished Marine Radio, 18 students went through Boating Essentials, 12 students in Seamanship, and we have 23 students concluding Boating Basics next week. The latter is a pleasant surprise that seems to indicate that not all people want the ‘quickie’ on-line course, as they prefer good instructors in a classroom setting.

We are already gearing up for our Spring Courses that start January 14 with Boating Essentials, Weather on January 21, Marine Radio February 13, and Boating Basics in March. Check www.vpsboat.com.

Our Squadron was well represented at the Celebration of Life ceremony for Robert Buller, who passed away all too soon, in October. Robert did it all, and the crowd was there to show their appreciation for his contribution to our training, amongst so many other accomplishments in his life. Our past Training Officer, Karen Lubin, was his partner and we expressed our support for her.

Past Commanders Jerry Powers, Don Mercer and Michael Walsh are back home after extensive cruising in Europe, and I’m sure they’ll have some great stories for us.

Our next Squadron Night is Monday, December 9 at False Creek Yacht Club, and this year it will be Steveston Marine Night, featuring a fashion show and some great prizes. Invitations have gone out to all Squadrons, and we ask that you contact John Steede at 604-230-0848 for the full details.

Eardley Beaton, Commander, VPSS

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**JOIN US FOR SQUADRON NIGHTS!**

Squadron Nights provide a great opportunity to socialize with fellow boaters, find out what’s happening in the squadron, and experience fun and fascinating guest speakers. If you haven’t attended before, we meet in the False Creek Yacht Club pub. Guests are welcome!

Be sure to mark your calendar for the **third Monday** evening of each month. We look forward to seeing you!

**JOIN US DECEMBER 9 FOR STEVESTON MARINE NIGHT AT FALSE CREEK YACHT CLUB! FASHION SHOW, PRIZES, AND SNEAK PEAKS TO NEW 2014 PRODUCTS!**
November's “Arctic Adventures”

Guest Speaker, Bruce Macdonald

Congratulations, New Grads!
**Training News**

**Boating Essentials** class starts January 14.

**Fundamentals of Weather** course starts January 21.

**Maritime Radio (VHF)** course starts February 13.

As well, there is a new course called **Electronic Navigation** that combines and updates the courses previously called **Navigating with GPS** and **Electronic Charting**. Hopefully, this new course will also be available online early next year.

We are entertaining the idea of running **Electronic Charting** this spring and, if you are interested, please give me a call or email prg@telus.net so that I can judge the level of interest.

P/Cdr Peter Girling

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**See all our courses and register online at** boatingcourses.ca
Lawn signs are coming December 15, to promote the 2014 Boating Course starting January 14!

Top 10 Reasons to Attend Steveston Marine Night

1. ‘Celebrity’ MC - the one-and-only GARY SUTHERLAND from Western Marine (Gary and his father Doug were great VPS supporters with their Kits Marine Night)
2. Deep Discounts!
3. Look great, be safe and stay dry in the Helly Hansen, Mustang Survival and Gul Foul Weather Gear on display
4. No boat? No worries! Two words - PADERNO kitchenware!
5. Electronically speaking - GARMIN will be on hand
6. Marine BBQs and Magma cookware to fire up all you galley chefs
7. Sailors - Harken products will be shown
8. Payne’s will be there with Standard Horizon radios and Lewmar winches and windlasses
9. January boat show pricing (or better) in December. Remember that special person in your life!
10. Pot-luck dessert table - mmm, good! Don’t forget to bring something yummy...
VANCOUVER POWER & SAIL SQUADRON
invites Pacific Mainland District members, family and guests to

Steveston Marine Night *

Serving the boating community for 28 years

December 9, 7 pm
False Creek Yacht Club, 1661 Granville Street, Vancouver

• DOOR PRIZES include a hand held radio and a Helly Hansen jacket
• A FASHION SHOW and a ‘blast from the past’
• Sneak Peeks of 2014 Boat Show products
• Complimentary Dessert

Tickets: $5 at the door
RSVP to Lois Macdonald
lgmac@telus.net or 604-266-2582

* You are also invited to a

Wine and Cheese Reception
December 12, 7 to 9 pm
Steveston Marine Vancouver, 1667 W. 5th Avenue

An opportunity for Iqbal, Salim and staff to express appreciation to all the Power and Sail Squadron members who have supported them for the past 28 years

Enjoy special pricing just for us (over 25,000 items in stock) and on-hand factory specialist demos. BONUS - Everyone who attends FCYC on Dec. 9 has their names entered into door prize draws for a rod & reel, barometer, and MORE.

NOTE: You must attend on Dec. 9th to participate in the Dec. 12 draws. Please RSVP to confirm your attendance. Those unable to attend can shop online at stevestonmarine.com or call 604-733-7031.

RSVP robin@stevestonmarine.com or rahim@stevestonmarine.com
Info Visit vancouver.powersquadron.ca | Call John Steede at 604-230-0848
Pacific Mainland District (PMD) will be organizing the CPS Booth once again and they are putting the word out for members to volunteer a shift. We want to show a good image of CPS and speak with all the people that call and ask questions about courses, how to get replacement cards, etc. They would like a good mix of members from training and other aspects of the squadrons. More recent grads may be able to share their experiences in taking the Basic Boating and/or Boating Essentials courses.
PMD will ask volunteers to attend a briefing session before attending the show. Shifts are generally three or four hours between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Please contact Lynn Meisl, Asst PRO, at lmeisl@telus.net to volunteer and see what shifts may be available.

**We have some gaps to fill, so please let us know if you can join us.**

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**Other shifts may also be available; please give Lynn a call to find out**
CHECK YOUR POWER CORDS!!

It was mid November, and Rob Murray was walking the docks of Marina del Ray, in California, when he saw something that is every boater’s worst nightmare: FIRE!

Smoke was pouring out of the back cockpit of a moored sailboat (belonging to Frank Gehry, award winning architect), and Rob leapt into action.

If this happened to you, would you know what to do?

1. Disconnect power, the fire is well started

2. Use hose to put out exterior fire

3. Open, use fire extinguishers on the internal fire

The fire department and fire boat responded quickly, but the fire was out by the time they arrived. The apparent cause was a faulty shore power cord or connection. The boat was filled with smoke, but the fire was confined to the stern and stern locker.

So check your power cords, end to end!

More on this story at latitude38.com/lectronic/lectronicday.lasso?date=2013-11-13#.Up1aoJHIYk6

Contributed by Rob Murray
VPSS member