Upcoming Events

Monday, December 8 - Christmas Potluck - December’s Squadron Night will be our Christmas Potluck! We will also enjoy a presentation from Peter Heiberg, winner of the Jack London trophy for First to Finish on the Singlehanded TransPac Race to Hawaii, 2014. Doors open at 6:00pm.

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. We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Commander’s Log....

We have wrapped up our Fall training courses and have enjoyed hearing about the successes of our new graduates. I encourage each and every one of you to consider coming out to one of our Squadron Social Nights, usually held every third Monday of the month. Our next Squadron Social Night will be our Christmas Potluck Dinner on Monday, December 8. Come on out and get to know your instructors, proctors, bridge and fellow members!

Our Christmas Potluck Dinner will be held at the False Creek Yacht Club. We ask that you bring
enough food for yourself and one other person, so that we can enjoy everyone’s culinary creations. We are also accepting donations to the Vancouver Food Bank in the form of non-perishable items. Bring down a can or two from your pantry and help the Vancouver Food Bank feed those less fortunate this holiday season!

We are beginning the push for our new Spring 2015 courses, and look forward to seeing you there! Now’s the time to consider adding to your safe boating knowledge by signing up for an advanced or elective course. Be sure to browse BoatingCourses.ca to learn what courses we have currently scheduled. Of course, if you don’t see the course you’re interested in, please let myself or our Training Officer John Steede know.

We are also looking for a volunteer to take over the social media activities for our squadron. If you or anyone you know are interested, please get in touch and let me know.

Safe boating!

Jeff Booth
Commander
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Christmas Potluck Dinner

Join us for our traditional holiday potluck and start the holidays off right!

- Doors open at 6pm
- We are asking folks to bring down enough food for themselves and one other person
- We are also accepting non-perishable Vancouver Food Bank donations. Bring down a can or two from your pantry to help those in need this season. The donation to the Food Bank will be the entry fee for this event (instead of the $5 usual).

Spring 2015 Course Schedule

Note: Course fees include all necessary course materials.

Global Weather
Tuesdays, Jan 15 to Mar 5, 2014 (8 weeks)
Non-members: $170
**Boating Essentials**
Jan 6 - Mar 3, 2015, 9 weeks, fee $290
For second person sharing materials, fee $210

**Boating Basics**
Mar 24 - Apr 14, 2015, 4 weeks, fee $90
This course will also be offered in Chinese (Mandarin) (Mar 24 - Apr 14)

**Maritime Radio Operator**
* Three Thursday evenings: Feb 12, 19, 26, 2015
* One day course (0900 - 1600) at Jericho Sailing Center: Saturday, Mar 7, 2015
Fee: Non-members: $120, CPS Members: $100

More information can be found at BoatingCourses.ca

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**JOIN US FOR SQUADRON NIGHTS!**

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 8.

Join us for a holiday potluck and listen to speaker Peter Heiberg, winner of the Jack London “First to Finish” Trophy for the 2014 Transpac Single-handed Sailboat Race to Hawaii

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!
November 17 was our second annual Steveston Marine Night, so following the business portion of the evening, **Larry Yatkowsky** took over as M/C and introduced Salim Ladha, Executive Vice President of Steveston Marine. Salim thanked us for inviting them for the evening and introduced the manufacturers' reps that were present.

Larry then got the show under way by introducing Jonathan Reder, representing Helly Hansen Clothing for the marine industry, which has been in business in Norway since 1877. Jonathan had ten or eleven fashionably suited models from our audience, displaying various outfits. He spoke of the benefits of each garment, which are made for the racing sailor or the everyday boater. I think some of our models should quit their day jobs and take on modeling full time. They were **that** good!

Next came B.J. Chapman, representing Paynes Marine, which wholesales many different product lines. He chose to showcase the Petit line of paints, which includes varnishes, two-part epoxies, and Horizon bottom paints. B.J. also introduced a brand new, economical, water-based bottom paint, called Aquaguard, which makes cleanup a breeze.

He was followed by Jack Bennett with the Derema Group, out of Seattle, who educated us on Magma barbecues. Jack informed us about the construction, the function, and the myriad of mounting possibilities available. The Magma line also has robust stacking pots with removable handles, which makes storage a breeze for any size boat.

Gary Sutherland was with us once again from Western Marine Wholesalers, who brought a collection of new items that all boaters could use. Some items of note were:

- A wind speed indicator that plugs into any iPhone and some other androids
- Removable LED lights for navigation or for accent lighting
- A new line of inflatable life vests
- New, easily removable black-out screens, or bug screens that make an evening’s rest more peaceful.

Mel Lochbaum, representing Straight & McKay, brought us his line of Gul clothing, and waterproof bags. Gul is an English company that has also been making waterproof garments for the very serious sailor and boater for many years. Mel also introduced us to a brand new line of marine, totally sealed, waterproof battery chargers. These units can handle one, two, or three batteries at a time, and come in 10, 20, or 30 amp models. They have a longer warranty than anyone in the market today, and they are silent and more efficient, even at lower voltages, than many other manufacturers. They are easy to install and have indicators that tell you when you may have inadvertently mis-wired something in your installation.

Gary Notenbomer came to us from Canada Metals, and you may have known him when he owned Massey's Marine in Ladner. Gary brought us the Rocna anchor, designed by New Zealand sailor, Peter Smith, and spoke about it's ability to set quickly and extremely well in a variety of different sea bottom types. Peter Smith has designed a new anchor, which Gary also displayed, called the "Vulcan". It has been made for those boats that have an anchor platform that just won't accommodate that roll bar on the
previous model. It has only had internal testing so far, but after several years of designing, they feel that it will perform every bit as well as the Rocna.

Last up was Robin Foregrave, Vice President of operations for Steveston Marine.
Robin showed us three models of chargers by “Power Pond” that could charge iPads, iPhones, and other mobile devices while off the grid. These chargers, once they have been charged, will hold a charge for one year without significant loss and still be able to charge these instruments up to four times. The other new product was a small, inexpensive diesel hydronic heater by “planar” which can be plumbed into your domestic water system to keep the water hot when you are sitting at anchor and do not want to run your generator or main engine.

Steveston Marine and the suppliers could not have been more generous! My estimate is that an estimated $650 worth of prizes were given away and there was a lot more to come on November 28!

Not only that, but it was an extremely informative evening. It is always a bonus when you can get first hand knowledge from the manufacturers' representatives, and have the ability to ask uninterrupted questions.

The success of the evening of course goes to the manufacturers' reps, Steveston Marine and the Ladha family, but it certainly would not have been the same without our cranky, but very humorous Larry Yatkowsky as our Master of Ceremonies,
Thank you Larry!! Fantastic job!

This evening was truly a success because of the number of squadron people that chipped in to help with the modeling, the ticket sales, as well as those helping to lug displayed items back and forth to the tables. I would personally like to recognize those that contributed to our dessert table:
Dennis & Sheila Steeves, Sylvia Steede, Etheleen Beaton, Don Zarowny, Kate Botham, Marion Pearson, and Sue Girling.

Join us next year for an evening of great fun and learn of the specials that you can buy before Christmas, yet remain price protected for the Annual Boat Show in January.
Thank you again, to the Ladha family, and all involved at Steveston Marine, for their extreme generosity and making this event possible for Vancouver Squadron and all of CPS.

P/Cdr John Steede

*Photos courtesy of Dennis Steeves*
Steveston Marine Night Part II - November 28

Salim and the staff were as gracious as ever; no expense was spared in making this second such event, the best that it could possibly be! If support from our CPS members remains positive for next year, this very well may become an annual party.
They had cheese, assorted meats, and buns for those that needed a little more sustenance, as well as wine that flowed all night.

Many of the Steveston Marine staff were on hand, including Gordon, who manages the Langley store and came all the way out to support us. All of the manufacturers' representatives who were at our False Creek Yacht Club meeting were there, plus Jeff Bailey from Ray-Marine, and Jim from Western Marine. The Garmin rep was flying in, but got stranded by the snow along the way and didn’t make it.

The reps were all busy answering many questions from our members, which added another great dimension to visiting the store for this event.

The prizes for the draws were exceptional! Just to give you a taste, there were:

- Two Helley Hanson jackets
- A Rocna anchor
- A LifeSling
- A gallon of expensive Horizon bottom paint
- An Icom VHF radio
- Some fenders
- A fishing rod with reel
- A Dual marine audio system

The approximate cost of donated prizes tonight was $1,800. Bargains were to be had, and many walked away with bags filled with Christmas gifts and items for their own boats and homes. Everything in the store was marked down by 20% and many items were discounted much more than that, even up to 70% off!

I would personally like to thank the reps that gave up their evening to come and make this night so fabulous for us. Thank you Salim, and thank you to all your staff!

If you couldn't make it out to these two great events this year, I hope you can come next year, because these are great evenings that shouldn't be missed!

P/Cdr John Steede

Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron has been honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Vancouver for our work in the Great Canadian Beach Cleanup. A very special thanks to Environmental Officer Bill Blancard for his tireless efforts in organizing these and the many other events in promoting responsible stewardship of our marine environment.
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October 2014

Gregor Robertson
Mayor of Vancouver
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