On January 17th we held our boating course graduation ceremony at the False Creek Yacht Club. The event was well attended and I was pleased to see so many of our members come out and support our new grads. Nancy Gibson, Executive Officer from Pacific Mainland District, welcomed the grads and told them about the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron and the many benefits of their new CPS membership.

Upcoming Events...


Come and hear what Harold has to say about this system of communication for electronic devices on your boat. He is a member of the NMEA (National Marine Electronics Association) and has been involved in the marine industry for over thirty years.

**Monday, March 21, 2011 - Cruising the Broughton Archipelago - an illustrated presentation** by Robert Buller

Robert is an entertaining speaker and this is bound to be a fascinating talk.

**Saturday, March 26, 2011 - Bilgewater Bash at the RVYC** (see details on page 6)

DJ music, dancing, and great food in a superb facility - the Bilgewater Bash is a great evening of fun and a chance to mingle with other squadron members.

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
Squadron Operating Costs!

The operating costs of the Vancouver squadron continue to rise. A significant expense is the printing and mailing of the Masthead newsletter, which costs $12,000.00 per year. In order to eliminate this expense, and still provide information on upcoming events and various squadron activities, we’ve decided to make the Masthead available to our members electronically.

We’re nearly ready to put our plan into action. Once we do, members will receive an e-mail containing a link to the February Masthead. If you do not receive this e-mail within the next two or three days, please see the “IMPORTANT NOTICE concerning our MASTHEAD NEWSLETTER” in this issue of the Masthead, which has instructions on how to update your e-mail address in your member profile on the CPS National website. The CPS National database is where we obtain all of the e-mail addresses that will be used to send you notification that the Masthead is available.

I appreciate your support in this matter, and if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know by e-mail to: support@vpsBOAT.com

Bill Stewart

As part of our agenda on grad night, three people spoke from our squadron and talked about their experiences and the benefits of being a CPS member. I wish to thank Dennis Steeves our Squadron Historian, Nancy Powers, Past Commander of Burnaby Squadron, and Glen Hodgkinson, our Assistant Training Officer, for giving very entertaining presentations.

There are lots of organized cruises to enjoy during the boating season. In June of last year, our squadron held its annual stag cruise up Indian Arm on the “Father’s Day” weekend. At this event, a predicted log race was held and two trophies were won by squadron member, Todd Sides, presented to him by Dennis Steeves. The first trophy, donated by Victor Botfield of Canada Packers in 1966, was for second place in the race. The second trophy, donated by Eldon McLennan, a Past Commander of Vancouver Squadron, was for Best Novice in the race. A hearty congratulations to Todd for his outstanding performance in the log race.

If you have any thoughts about locations for cruise activities, please contact our Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com. Warmer boating weather is just around the corner and suggestions are welcome!

Bill Stewart

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IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING OUR “MASTHEAD NEWSLETTER”

If you do not receive an e-mail from Masthead@lists.vpsBOAT.com with a link to the February Masthead, we do not have your current e-mail address. We have sent all members this e-mail using the e-mail addresses that are on file in the “Member Profiles” at the CPS National headquarters.

To update or confirm your e-mail address on the CPS National website:

Step 1: Open your browser - Explorer, Firefox or any other browser (but not the web search engine Google) - and type www.cps-ecp.ca

Step 2: Click on “Login” at the top of the CPS National homepage.

Step 3: You will then be at the “Welcome to the CPS Login Page.” Enter the e-mail address and password you last used when updating your profile.

Step 4: Once you have logged in, you will see the “Welcome” and “Personal Members Links” page.

Step 5: Here you will see a link called “Update Your Member Profile.” Click on that link and you will arrive at the “My Profile” page. “Step 1 of 7” and the e-mail address that National has in their database will be displayed.

Step 6: If the e-mail address shown is no longer valid, please update it. Also on this page you have the option of changing your password. To complete any changes you make, click “Next” on each of the following pages and update any info as required until you reach page 7 of 7. On page 7, click the “Submit” button on the bottom of the page in order for any changes to become effective. Click “Logout” to the left of the date on the right near the top of the page and you’re all done!!

We will download an updated members e-mail list from the CPS National site monthly in order to keep our distribution list up to date. If you have any difficulty logging in with your e-mail address or password, contact Ginette Golden at the CPS Headquarters in Ontario “toll free” at 1-888-277-2628 ext 0154 and she can assist you and verify the e-mail and password National has on file. You may also send an e-mail to: membership@vpsboat.com from your current e-mail address and we will make the change on the National website for you.

Note: If you do not have an e-mail address, please call Twyla Graeme at our Membership Office: 604-738-8563 to have a copy of the Masthead sent to you by mail.
Lawn Signs

We would like to thank the following for allowing us to put up signs on their lawns: Robert & Margaret BEAR, Bill & Josephine BRIDGE, Gordon BROWN, Tom CALDWELL, Robert CAMERON, Dennis & Pat FACER, Bill FORBES, Ed & Anna GOOD, Maria JAMES, Robert & Trish MADIGAN, Rick & Julie MARZOLF, Neil MENZIES, John Paul MULCASTER, Jim & Tamara McCARDLE, Frank PETERSEN, Dennis & Sheila STEEVES, Carl & Mary Ann STEWART, Sheila WHITE, Gilbert YUEN, Burrard Bridge Civic Marine, Heather Civic Marine, False Creek Yacht Club, West Marine, Steveston Marine, River Marine and Lordship Marine. Special thanks to Terry Friesen, John Cartmel and Dave Atchison for making this program work.

In a student survey, we asked 50 students in our Spring Boating Course what influenced them to sign up for this class. Their reasons were: Friends/Family 30; Web Sites 19; Lawn Signs 14; Boat Shows 4; Pacific Yachting 3; Radio 2; The Courier 2; The Province 1.

Eardley Beaton,
Public Relations Officer

Book Reviews

If you’ve read any particularly good seafaring yarns, either fiction or non-fiction, that you’d like to share with other boaters, please send your review to Maureen Phillips at moley500@gmail.com and we’ll publish them in the Masthead.
Cruising in January you say!

When Susan Mercer told me early in January that she and Don were going to fill their fuel tanks at the inner harbour on Sunday, January 9th, and suggested Eardley and I might like to go along for a little cruise, I thought it was a pretty good idea if the weather was nice. So I put a picnic together of the things we like, including a big fat BBQ chicken, and we agreed to meet them at about 11 am in False Creek where their beautiful yacht “Simbuyo” is moored. Sunday turned out to be a perfect day, so off we went, got our fuel (phew, a few years ago I could have bought a good used car with the amount it cost to fill those tanks...just kidding).

We cruised through the inner harbour and under Second Narrows Bridge and found our way to Deep Cove where we tied up to the nice public dock and enjoyed a tasty meal. Darkness was starting to set in on our way home and we found ourselves competing with an oil barge all the way through the inner harbour. But, oh what a beautiful sunset over the city, which was all lit up by this time. This all proves that you can cruise any day of the year in our beautiful waters. Thanks Susan and Don for that lovely cruise.

Etheleen Beaton

There’s nowt so queer as folk...

French artist Julien Berthier has designed a fully functional boat to look as if it is sinking. The 6.5m (21ft) yacht was cut in half with a new keel and motor added so it remains in the sinking position while being fully functional. He describes it as "the permanent and mobile image of a wrecked ship that has become a functional and safe leisure object." Berthier has taken the boat across the English Channel to London and has toured it around Europe, getting plenty of offers of assistance from unwitting good Samaritans, who would presumably be either very annoyed or rather bemused by the contraption. To read more about it, go to: http://www.julienberthier.org/Love-love.html
Bilgewater Bash

ONLY 120 TICKETS AVAILABLE
BUY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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

The Date: Saturday March 26, 2011

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: 24:00hrs

After the Buffet: Door Prizes and Dancing to the DJ

Ticket Prices: $65.00/person before February 15th
$75.00/person after February 15th

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 February 15th 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 604-263-7883