Upcoming Events

Monday, February 15 - Meeting Night - John Johnstone, a marine surveyor, will share with us some of the insights of surveying and will answer some of the many questions we will all have!

Monday, March 21 - Meeting Night - Stay Tuned for more details coming soon!

Saturday, April 16 - Bilgewater Bash! - As announced at the December Squadron night, the 2016 Bilgewater Bash will once again be held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Jericho. The date announced was April 2, 2016 however the date has been changed to April 16, 2016. Ticket prices and ordering details will be in the next Masthead, but mark your calendars in the meantime!

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....

Our Spring classes are now underway! This means we are close to boating season!

Remember to Renew! Your membership is a valuable thing. Membership has its benefits! Click here to renew.
Tell your friends who are thinking about joining CPS-ECP about the special currently running: With any Pleasure Craft Operator’s Card in your name, the cost to join is only $35 for a limited time!

How to join? Contact CPS-ECP National Office by e-mail at membership, or complete the Membership Application Request Form.

You can also call National Office during business hours at 1-888-277-2628 or contact us anytime.

Fair winds and calm seas,

Jeff Booth
Commander
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BoatingCourses.ca/cities/Vancouver/

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JOIN US FOR SQUADRON NIGHTS!

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 15.

John Johnstone from Arbutus Marine Surveys will be with us to share stories from his career as a marine surveyor.

John Johnstone has worked in the marine industry since 1996, including with Canadian Coast Guard (1996 to 2003) and with Transport Canada Marine Safety (2003 to 2007). During this time, he completed over 800 pleasure craft inspections and was a team lead for multiple accident investigations in partnership with various government agencies.

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 FalseCreek 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!
The Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron’s Annual Commander’s Bilgewater Bash Dinner Dance is a gala event where the Commander declares “The 2016 Boating Season is now open”. Dress is semi-formal and be prepared for a delicious RVYC buffet dinner, door prize draws and dancing to a DJ! The famous secret formula Bilgewater punch is free!
Tickets are $90 each

- Doors Open at 17:45
- Bilgewater begins flowing at 18:00
- Famous RVYC Buffet at 19:00
- Door Prizes at 21:00
- Dancing to the DJ follows dinner & door prizes
- Doors close: at 24:00

There are only 120 tickets available for this fantastic event.

Order soon so you are not disappointed!

A quick and easy way to get your tickets right away.

Call Ruth Cuddeford
604-294-5310
(Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00)
Starting Dates

- **Maritime Radio** - St. James Community Centre (3214 West 10th Avenue) - Saturday, January 30, 2016
- **Maritime Radio** - Jericho Sailing Centre - Saturday, March 05, 2016
- **Maritime Radio** - Jericho Sailing Centre - Saturday, April 02, 2016

Enroll online today!

**Maritime Radio**

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). All mariners, including recreational boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form “automatic” radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course.

This complete package with CD, and the new Digital Selective Calling, will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law!

**How to sign up for courses:**

Go to [boatingcourses.ca](http://boatingcourses.ca).
Click on British Columbia (on right).
Scroll down and click on Vancouver (on right).
Scroll down & click on the name of the course that you want, remember to check the date.
Click on Register for the course that you want.
Scroll down and click on Register online.
Follow the prompts from there.

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**RVCC SAFETY CHECKS**

If you'd like to have a safety check done, please contact Jerry Powers at
January 2016 Meeting Night

The January social meeting got the squadron off to a good start with an informative and popular presentation by Captain Kevin Vail of the BC Coastal Pilots Association.

The BC Coast Pilots is a federally regulated body through the Pacific Pilotage Authority Canada, whose responsibilities include controlling the movement of all large ships in BC waters. Tankers, freighters, cruise ships and more, must all travel through BC waters with a pilot on board who calls the navigational shots. It is a very challenging job, requiring intimate knowledge of the whole of the BC coast, as well as knowing the basic operations, size, capabilities and movement characteristics of a large variety of ships. Add to all that, the challenge of having to guess the sometimes-not-very-nautical movements of numerous smaller boats buzzing around you!

The main message of the evening was of safety, and of the importance of smaller boats and recreational boats making sure they stay out of the way of the large ships. The restricted movement of ships, the length of time it takes to adjust way, and the very limited vision from the bridge as it relates to smaller boats navigating around the
ships were all emphasized throughout. We were shown a very good video about boating traffic in small channels that clearly showed us the dangers involved. Another good reason to promote CPS boating safety courses!

Captain Vail opted to have an audience participation evening rather than a straight lecture and it worked very well. There were many excellent questions from the audience that kept the discussion going on a wide variety of topics. He talked about many aspects of moving these ships around the BC coast including: The safety of shipping oil in Vancouver Harbour, the daily work experience of a pilot (best job in the world), the great commuting they enjoy (going to work on a helicopter), the whereabouts of the GPS positioning on a boat that's a 1/4 mile long (!), and the quality, or not, of the wide range of navigation equipment on board the ships. He talked about the large volume of regulations governing shipping and said it all boiled down to two words as far as recreational boaters were concerned: **Stay Clear**.

We were given an excellent hand out about Safe Boating in Deep Sea Navigation Areas, a recommended read for all small boaters.

With an attentive audience of almost 60, it seemed we would never run out of questions, and in fact Captain Vail had a line-up of people wanting to speak to him after his presentation.

Thank you very much to Captain Kevin Vail and the BC Coast Pilots Association.

Brian Kennedy
Programs Officer

*Photos courtesy of Dennis Steeves*
The safety of west coast mariners and the health of our ocean ecosystems are important local priorities. That’s why there was such a loud public outcry three years ago when the previous government closed Kitsilano Coast Guard Base. The station located in Canada’s busiest harbour provided expert search and rescue and spill containment services with over 300 calls each year.

On December 16, 2016, I joined new Fisheries Minister Hunter Tootoo, local MPs, the Premier, Vancouver’s Mayor, the Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard, and dozens of first responders for a station tour and formal announcement that the work to re-open the Kitsilano Coast Guard Base has begun. Thanks for all the input and support Vancouver Quadra residents provided during my campaign to save this vitally important facility! Your voices helped put the Kits Base into the Liberal 2015 election platform.

Our plans include an increase the amount of protected Canadian marine and coastal areas from 1.3 percent today to 10 percent by 2022. Restoration of millions of dollars in funding for federal ocean science and monitoring programs are also important for maintaining healthy ocean ecosystems. And, soon our local coast guard station will be fully operational once again, helping keep Vancouver’s very active boating community and environment safer!

MP Joyce Murray
Vancouver Quadra

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This has been a great year for Vancouver Squadron in Social Media! Thanks to all the members who have clicked, liked, and commented, we have had an enormous increase in traffic and awareness. Let's keep it up and fill those classrooms!!

The more people we can reach, the more potential students we can have and the better we can help educate our fellow boaters.

Cara Duffield
Public Relations Officer

Have you renewed your membership?

It takes just a few moments to renew online, and that gives you access to a multitude of benefits. A few include:

- Six issues per year of Pacific Yachting magazine, which include Propwash, the Pacific Mainland District newsletter, containing news of other squadrons. (The other six issues are available at the special discounted rate of $1.83 per issue).
- Canadian Yachting magazine, which includes The Port Hole, with national CPS news and information.
- The opportunities to further expand your boating knowledge through CPS advanced and elective courses, and to pass on your knowledge through proctoring or lecturing.
- The right to fly the CPS flag. (Police and Coast Guard recognize the CPS flag as meaning the vessel has a knowledgeable skipper).
- The opportunity to obtain comprehensive CPS boat
insurance at significant savings.
  - 15% discount of the non-member rate
  - 2.5% additional discount for each of any three other courses successfully completed
  - 2.5% additional discount for achieving a complete Certificate
  - 5% discount for an automatic extinguishing system
  - 10% discount for having any four of the following: LORAN, GPS, SatNav, RADAR, Depth
  - 10% discount at Rona

And many more! See the CPS-ECP website for more information.

Most importantly, membership gives you the opportunity to make new boating friends and have fun at various squadrons' social events and cruises, so renew today!

HELP WANTED

VPSS has an amazing history, and some of that history has been captured in photos over the years. The bridge would like to digitize these photos in order to create digital albums of all the great activities we have enjoyed over the years; to remember members, past and present.

Therefore, we are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to take on this project. If you are interested in helping our squadron to honour those memories, and have some thoughts about how it could be done, please reach out to Commander Jeff Booth or Historian Dennis Steeves, either by phone or email, and let them know.

Be part of a fantastic legacy project honouring Vancouver Squadron’s 60 years of service!
For Sale

2009 Aluminum Boathouse 52 X 26 Currently at Mosquito Creek.

**Boat entrance:** door height is at least 22’ 8”; automated roll up door with remotes, UHMW sliders on side of doors

**Floor:** 3/4 inch plywood with non slip paint

**Electrical:** 100 amp/24 circuit 110 volt panel. Multiple outlets, fluorescent lights, shore power is 120/50 amp marine twist lock.

Has a mezzanine with staircase and railing.

Multiple 8 ft translucent skylights. Currently houses a 36 Grand Banks with mast up.

$90,000

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- 1978 Yamaha 24 foot motor sailer
- Keel - fixed cast iron shoal draft 2'11"
- Length 24'4", beam 8'6"
- 8 hp. Single cylinder Yanmar Diesel engine
- Espar Diesel Furnace with thermostat.
- Flexible - drop the mast and trailer this boat.
- Head room of 5'6" in main cabin. Removable top Hatch.
- Newer Navy blue upholstery, white curtains
- Sleeps 5
- New Deep Cycle Batteries
- New Dual Playdeck, USB capable stereo and speakers
- Stainless Steel sink, fresh water holding tank huge cooler, gimballed single burner Orego Stove, Gas Grill on deck
- On board Head with new hand pump. Privacy curtains separate the cabin area.
• New shore power hull plug, breaker panel, plugs, marine grade wiring and Galvanic isolator
• Rigging updated, all turnbuckles replaced
• New Cutlass Bearing
• Sails - Newer Main and genoa. Includes spinnaker and Club jib (self tacking jib)
• New ‘easy on the hand’ sheets and Main sail blocks
• New Boomvang blocks and sheet
• Navman instruments, depth, wind, speed over water, true apparent wind, windex
• New raw water filter to engine, lift muffler, exhaust hose, water/exhaust mixer
• All through hull valves replaced - stainless
• Updated interior lights, switches
• Mast Sound Insulated
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• Removable/adjustable Captain seat
• Bottom cleaned and painted every year. Original gel coat in excellent condition
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Take comfort knowing this boat will get you to all those fantastic hideaways our interior coastal waters offer. Hoist the main sail or start it up and you will be off to new adventures. Waters smooth or rough YOLO handles it all. A remarkable little boat that is reliable, sturdy and economical. Hand laid fibreglass and maximized cabin space are Yamaha trademarks. Survey conditional with accepted offer.

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