Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 19 - Graham Cole of Cole Maritime** - Graham Cole will be joining us for our January meeting, and his topic will be: “Before you leave the dock to embark on your 3 weeks in Desolation”. Come out and get some inspiration for this summer's cruising!

**Saturday, April 11 - Bilgewater Bash!** - Get ready to party on April 11 at The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Additional event information and ticket details will be in the February Masthead.

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....
Isabela and I enjoyed a winter cruise with friends over the holiday season. Having taken the boat out of the water for the annual hull scrape and paint the week prior, we looked forward to getting back out on the water! We started on December 23 and toured the Gulf Islands, spending Christmas Eve and Day in Pirate’s Cove.

We enjoyed beautiful weather through Telegraph Harbour, Montague Harbour and Secret Island.

We crossed back over Georgia Straight on December 29, where we were met with some wind and waves due to the incoming cold front. We even had to do a little ice breaking in the marina.
Then we continued to Bedwell Bay, False Creek, Snug Cove and Halkett Bay, where it snowed!

We finally returned January 5. What a way to bring in the New Year!

Our Spring courses have now started! Boating Essentials began on Tuesday, January 6 and we look forward to running Boating Basics in English and Chinese (Mandarin), two convenient options for a Maritime Radio Operator’s Certificate (3 evenings or 1 full weekend day), and Fundamentals of Weather. Be sure to tell a friend! Check the link for further details:

[BoatingCourses.ca/cities/Vancouver/](#)

Volunteering is at the heart of our organization. The desire to give back to our organization shows pride in the work we do: teaching safe boating and promoting camaraderie with members and students. We do it because we care. We are passionate about safe boating; because safe boating education is the first step to enjoying recreation out on the water, and because boating safety and education saves lives. Please consider giving us some of your time and energy. I would love to hear from you!

Jeff Booth
Commander
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**JOIN US FOR SQUADRON NIGHTS!**

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 19.
Graham Cole, from Cole Maritime, will be joining us for our January meeting, and his topic will be: “Before you leave the dock to embark on your 3 weeks in Desolation”.

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 2015 Vancouver Boat Show is coming up soon! Come help out at the **Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons** booth by volunteering a few hours of your time at this fun event. Access to the boat show will be free for the day you're volunteering. It's a great opportunity to see the show and share the CPS benefits with like-minded boaters (especially the new ones!)

The volunteer shifts are as follows:
**Wednesday, January 21 to Saturday, January 24**

- 10:00am-2:00pm
- 2:00pm-5:00pm
- 5:00pm-8:00pm
Sunday, January 25

- 10:00am-2:00pm
- 2:00pm-5:00pm

Please reply to izia@me.com with your preferred time and date. Be sure to include the following information:

- Names of all volunteers
- Email addresses
- Contact phone numbers
- Squadron name

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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
CPS Members: $150

**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 - 1700) at Jericho Sailing Center:**
  **Saturday, Jan 31, 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](http://BoatingCourses.ca)

The **Marine Radio Operator** course is the official Transport Canada course that gets you an official government identification card authorizing you to use maritime VHF radio out on the water, for life.

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**Maritime Radio Operator Course**

Don't miss this **one-day** course at the Jericho Sailing Centre on Saturday, January 31

**Sign up quick before the class is full!**

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**The Vancouver International Boat Show**

The boat show this year is January 21 to 25. Pacific Mainland District is hosting a booth again this year, and will be recruiting volunteers. If you are going to the boat show, please consider spending a few hours at the booth helping out. It makes a huge difference!
Christmas Potluck

December’s Christmas Potluck was accompanied by the 2014 Single-handed TransPac “First to Finish - Elapsed Time” winner, Peter Heiberg. The TransPac is a single-handed sailboat race from San Francisco to Hawaii. Peter’s colourful storytelling included a slideshow and video he took of his journey, starting from Gibsons, BC, down to San Francisco for the start of the race, and then throughout the race to the finish line. An experienced mariner, this was Peter’s third single-handed sail to Hawaii. It was entertaining and informative to learn about the preparations necessary, and challenges faced in the open water sail to Hawaii.

Beautifully bound books of the Masthead from 2011-2013 were presented to P/C Eardley Beaton and our Masthead Editor, Nadia Mudge (John Steede accepted on her behalf). It is always good to recognize and show appreciation for the efforts of those who volunteer for our squadron. Thank you both for your tireless efforts!

Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron was also able to donate 55 pounds of non-perishable food items along with a small cash donation to the Vancouver Food Bank, which we collected at the door. Thank you for giving so generously!

Cdr Jeff Booth

Photos courtesy of Dennis Steeves
Ahhhhh, January...my new favourite month of the year. It used to be February, but with the Vancouver Boat Show having moved into January, it makes for an exciting month. I don't know about the rest of you, but I get excited just thinking about it! Yes, the smell of all that new, gleaming fibreglass, meandering through all the aisles, and stepping foot onboard spectacular vessels; it all sets the mind wandering to exploration of distant shores, sun drenched days, and a giant fish on the end of the fishing line.

Then a minute or two after recovering from the fainting spell, brought on by the sticker shock of the new vessels... And one goes back to thinking about how to keep our existing vessels floating, and all the bits and pieces working when you stick the key in the ignition. So off to the concourse level we go, to look at all the shiny, rust-free equipment and latest technology.
Hope too see you there, and looking forward to sharing some stimulating conversation with you at the CPS booth. If you are able help out, Isabela Booth would be thrilled to add you to the volunteer list for the boat show. You can contact her at: izia@me.com to come and join the fun.

Kind Regards
Public Relations Officer, Don White

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2015/16 BRIDGE

SHIPS ARE OPERATED FROM THE BRIDGE….. OUR SQUADRON IS NO DIFFERENT.

WE ELECT OUR BRIDGE AT OUR AGM IN MAY.

This early appeal is to all members to consider stepping up to get involved. Despite having some really good bridge members this current term, lead by Commander Jeff Booth, we still expect that some positions will need to be filled come spring.

PLEASE CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND INDICATE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO TO HELP OUT.

- BILL STEWART, P/Cdr
- EARDLEY BEATON, P/Cdr
- JEFF BOOTH, Cdr

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2014-2015

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