June has arrived and with it we clean up all the items from the busy past year of our Squadron’s activities. All the Training courses are complete wherein 199 students registered for Boating, Boating Basics, Boating Essentials, Seamanship, Marine Radio, Weather, Advanced Piloting, and Instructor Development. Last Fall we had Glen Hodgkinson as our Squadron Training Officer (STO) until his other work duties took him away. Then we appreciated having P/C Peter Girling step up and take over as STO and get us through the Spring courses together with his Assistants, Instructors, Proctors and Admin support members.

Upcoming Events

- **July Raft-up in False Creek** - more details to come
- **September 21, 2013 - Shoreline Cleanup 2013**
  Come out to meet and chat with our most recent grads! See if you can pick out the all-stars who got 100% on their exam.
- **Sept 14-15 weekend - Keats Island rendezvous**
  More details to come this summer

*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!*
Now Peter is having the annual Training Meeting next week to determine what courses we will run for the next Fall and Spring programs. Lots of fun to look forward to with volunteer help from Members. Give Peter a call if you want to get involved.

Our Bridge for this next year has been elected/appointed and we should have a very good group to steer the ship going forward. Some changes are new Exec Officer, Jeff Booth, John Cartmel takes over Public Relations and after four years we bid farewell to Maureen who did so well with our Masthead. Now we welcome Nadia (Steede) Mudge as our new Editor.

From the Pacific Mainland District (PMD) we welcome Shirley Shea as District Commander taking over from Nancy Gibson.

Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald will try a Raft-Up in False Creek this summer and then she has our Annual September Cruise to Plumper’s Cove and Keat’s Island….don’t miss this one. Remember you can seek out other Squadron cruises to the Gulf Islands, etc and I am sure they will welcome you. Give Lois a call and she may be able to help.

Enjoy the summer and be safe on the water. Etheleen and I will spend some six weeks back on P.E.I. with family and friends and old memories.

Eardley Beaton, Commander

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**Ready-Set-Wear**

**May 18**

*Ready-Set-Wear* had a great turnout in Vanier Park on May 18, despite grey weather.

RCMP, City Police, New Auxiliary Rescue and the Coast Guard joined us. As a part of Safe Boating week, all the vests were inflated at once, and Mustang was kind enough to replace the cylinders.
Commander Beaton and John Cartmel are ready for the event!

They look chilly, but they’ll stay afloat!
This was the third year of participation in this annual event by the Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check safety checkers who offer boaters free voluntary safety checks to ensure all equipment required by Transport Canada is on board. Boaters who are found in compliance are issued a distinctive decal for the current year. To date, PMD’s safety checkers have participated in “Safety Days” held at Eagle Harbour Yacht Club, Burrard Civic Marina, Heather Civic Marina and several fishing camps in northern Haida Gwaii and have completed checks of 110 vessels of all types. In addition to ensuring boaters are equipped with all mandatory safety equipment, RVCC volunteers also stress the importance of CPS membership and boating safety courses.

Many thanks to the PMD members on site at Snug Cove, Bowen Island:

Cdr Eardley Beaton (Vancouver Squadron)
Et Beaton (Vancouver Sqdn)
Jim White (Vancouver Sqdn)
John Cartmel (Vancouver Sqdn)
Jerry Powers (Vancouver Sqdn) RVCC Co-ordinator
Nancy Powers (Burnaby Sqdn)
Anne MacDonald (Alouette Sqdn)
Training News

We start our fall training program on September 10 at Prince of Wales School. As you may know, the old 13-week Boating Course is now history, replaced by two courses: Boating Basics (BB) and Boating Essentials (BE). As its name implies, BB provides the basics and Transport Canada’s requirements for a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. BE adds to BB with a lot of practical knowledge on topics such as chart reading, plotting courses and fixes, anchoring, environmental responsibilities, etc. It is the kind of information essential for boaters on our Pacific Coast and crossing the Strait of Georgia. The full program of courses and start dates are:

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It may seem odd that we are offering BE before BB, but many people coming to BE already have their PCOC, often from another organization, and so do not have to take Boating Basics first. We want to capture those interested in BE at the beginning of the training season, before they have an opportunity to sign on elsewhere. Those without a PCOC are able to finish it off after completing Boating Essentials.

More information about these courses can be found on the squadron website [www.vpsboat.com](http://www.vpsboat.com) or by calling Peter Girling at 604-263-4079. Although we advertise in Pacific Yachting, by radio and with lawn signs, the most effective way is still by word-of-mouth. So see what you can do to help get that cafeteria at Prince of Wales plugged full with students.

False Creek Yacht Club info:

FCYC offers a 90 day temporary guest pass at a cost of $40 if prospective yacht club members would like to try the club out (including meals) and determine if they would like to join.

Please contact membership@fcyc.com if you have any questions, or check out [www.fcyc.com/membership](http://www.fcyc.com/membership) for more details on their memberships.
Bowen Island Cruise

Photos courtesy of Dennis Steeves

Just a few pics from the Bowen Island Cruise in May

Looks like quite the musical party, with bagpipes and guitar!
Grad Night
June 17, 2013

Congratulations to all our Grads!

Monday evening was a full night, with welcoming and congratulating our most recent grads for a job well done, as well as awards presented from the Stag Cruise.

Todd Sides (second from left) and navigator Todd Skinner (left) took first place in the Stag Cruise Predicted Log Race.
Stag Cruise
June 8 & 9, 2013

Now, we’ve all heard “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas”....
Well this editor was told the same thing about the Stag Cruise, but when provided with evidence, what is a girl to do? Print it, of course!

Photos courtesy of Dennis Steeves
Please welcome your 2013 Bridge

Cruisemaster’s Corner
by Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com

• Raft-Up in False Creek in July – more information will be sent out by email closer to the date.

• September 14-15 weekend – Keats Island Rendezvous – please mark your calendars – more information about specifics will be sent out via email in the summer.

Hope you can join us!!

If you have any questions, please contact Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com
**, VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED **

20th Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup 2013

RAIN OR SHINE!

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Hello fellow Squadron members. It’s that time of year when we need volunteers to participate in the 20th Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. I’m appealing for Squadron members and their families and friends to attend.

We have a fun time at this event, meeting new friends, climbing over rocks, kicking sand with our boots and even sharing stories and perhaps bragging rights over the most unusual item found! In case of inclement weather, bring some rain gear and shoes or boots with grip and support as this is an area with rocks and uneven terrain.

Supplies such as latex gloves, garbage bags, sharps containers, pencils, and clipboards for recording your results will be provided.

We have a limited supply of tongs to pick up the garbage, so if you have your own tongs or gloves, please bring them along.

Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Bring a lunch if you want to stay and picnic at the beach afterward.

When: Saturday, September 21, 2013
Where: Vanier Park Boat Ramp
Time: Registration and Orientation: 0930 hrs Cleanup: 1000 - 1500 hrs.

Cleanup starts from the shoreline by the ex-Coastguard Station to the end of the “dog beach” on the side of the spit that houses the boat collection at the Maritime Museum.

Come down to the parking lot near the ex-Coast Guard Station between where they have the Bard on the Beach tents and the boat launch ramps. There will be a table set up with signs showing “Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.”

A Brief History

The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup held nationwide each September. In 1994, two staff members of the Vancouver Aquarium began this cleanup and it has grown ever since then, expanding nationally. Loblaws Companies Limited is one of the major sponsors of this event.

Cleanup Results for 2012

Four trash bags filled with over 40 lbs of garbage was collected. The main litter item picked up was cigarette butts -- over 200 of them!

For further information or to volunteer, contact Bill Blancard, Environment Officer, VPSS at 604-931-5153 or email: Gonefishin2@telus.net

Thank you and hope to see you there!