It is with great honour that I serve the Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron as your new Commander, and I look forward to the year ahead!

Vancouver Squadron's Annual General Meeting and Change Of Watch was held on May 12 at the False Creek Yacht Club, and D/C Shirley Shea was present to swear in the new bridge.

This spring, we had 25 students in Boating Essentials, 17 in Fundamentals of Weather, 20 in Maritime Radio, and 7 in Boating Basics.

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 16 - Cruise the Fraser River - You have driven under it, driven over it, feared it and respected it… but have you cruised on it? Author and Royal City Power and Sail Squadron teacher, Erik Skovgaard, has cruised and lived on the Fraser for over 25 years. He’ll be on hand to share insights, tips and fresh water tales.

Friday July 11 - 13 - Ladysmith rendezvous - See details in Cruisemaster’s Corner.

Wednesday, August 13 - Raft-up in False Creek - Meet up in the Creek for an evening of appies and good company! See details in Cruisemaster’s Corner.

Weekend of September 6-7 - Keats Island rendezvous at Plumper Cove - More details to come.

Monday, September 15 - Squadron Night - More details to come.

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 $3.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you there!
We began a digital media strategy this past year using Twitter and Facebook, and are looking to extend our digital media strategy through our web site, vpsboat.com. We are also looking at ways to modernize the delivery of this monthly newsletter, The Masthead. Stay tuned!

Our training officers have been hard at work, putting plans together to place all of our Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 course offerings on Boatingcourses.ca. We are pleased to say that for the first time we will be offering Boating Basics simultaneously in English and Mandarin, with a special thanks to Fraser Squadron for their support in assisting us with this new endeavour. We will also be scheduling 1 day Maritime Radio (ROC) courses for the first time as well.

We held our first rendezvous in Snug Cove on Bowen Island, May 2-4, and enjoyed a good turnout. We look forward to scheduling many more events over the summer season.

In particular, we are excited to host the upcoming Pacific Mainland District Rendezvous at Thetis Island Aug 22-24, so please be sure to contact the Telegraph Harbour Marina to book your slip assignment as soon as possible by calling 1-800-246-6011 and mention the PMD Rendezvous.

One of the key messages we have heard is that an integral part of our organization, besides training, is engaging in social activities to encourage participation of new students and fellowship with other squadrons. Vancouver has begun work, with the help of Burnaby Squadron, to think about ways we can leverage online resources to allow squadrons to share information on their upcoming social activities in a single location online. We think this will encourage cross-squadron participation and foster the sharing of best practices among squadrons. In surveys we have conducted with students, word of mouth remains the primary method of advertising, and social activities are a great way to develop relationships with new students.

Financial health and membership issteady, and we continue to look at ways to further engage our members and new students in participating in squadron activities.

Sincerely,

Jeff Booth
Commander
Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron

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JOIN US FOR
SQUADRON NIGHTS!

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 15, as we break for summer.

Whether you are sailing or traveling under power, have a safe and happy summer and lots of fun on your water adventures. Don't forget to fly your VPSS pennant, unless you run aground or hit a reef, in which case you hide it as quickly as possible!

At the end of the summer if you have a great story to share, and good photos to accompany it, how about doing a presentation at one of our Squadron Nights at False Creek Yacht Club? If that's of interest, contact our Commander, Jeff Booth, at vpsboat@icloud.com.
May’s Meeting: AGM and Change of Watch

Please welcome your new Bridge for 2014 - 2015
Beginning in 2014, membership cards for CPS-ECP members will be issued on a one time basis.

. Current members renewing in 2014 will be issued one more membership card this year, which they will retain for the balance of their tenure as members of CPS-ECP. In future years beginning in 2015 no new cards will automatically be issued at renewal.

. Members who achieve Life Membership will be issued a special Life Members Card at the time they are awarded life membership.

. New members to CPS-ECP in 2014 will be issued a permanent card at the start of their membership which they will retain for the entire tenure of their membership.

. Should a member misplace his or her membership card a replacement can be ordered from the National Office.

The 26th Annual Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival is taking place again this year in False Creek, June 20-22, and the call has gone out for volunteers. Any squadron members who wish to participate should apply on the Dragon Boat web site here:
dragonboatbc.ca/volunteer/festival-volunteers/

Or if you have any questions, send them to the Race Volunteer Coordinator, Wing Mark, at wingkai.mark@gmail.com.
Commander Jeff Booth and his wife will be participating in Variety Club's "Boat for Hope" event on June 14. They will be anchoring their vessel "Main Attraction" in False Creek, as one of four host boats. White Spot is a sponsor of this event, and employees will be aboard handing out goodies and loot bags to the kids who will be parading past on vessels dressed as pirate ships. Designated Skippers, dressed in pirate costumes, will be carrying the kids aboard their vessels to and from RVYC Jericho. Members of the VPD Marine Unit, Coast Guard Auxiliary and Vancouver Firefighters will be on hand participating in this fun event. Any interested CPS members who wish to participate can raft their vessel up to Main Attraction for the day. Please send Jeff an email at vpsboat@icloud.com to make arrangements.
Cruisemaster’s Corner

by Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com

• Friday July 11 - 13 - Ladysmith rendezvous
   This should be a fun event, and the first time our squadron will be going to Ladysmith.

   Facilities at the marina include: picnic tables under umbrellas, BBQ, pump-out, washrooms, showers, laundry, and wifi. Moorage is $1.35/ft/night for the first night, and $1/ft/night for subsequent nights. Power is $5/night.

   On Friday, July 11, there will be a "Dine On The Dock" evening at the marina where, for $15, you can have a dinner prepared by one of the local restaurants; set menu and cash bar ($4 for wine or beer). If you are interested in participating, please let the cruise coordinator know as soon as possible, as these events usually sell out before the date.

   Other amenities include Transfer Beach Park which has a swimming area and kids playground with various climbing apparatus and a water park area - great place for kids. There is also an excellent walking and hiking trail system in Ladysmith, not to mention a couple of good antique stores, a good kitchen store, book store, groceries, etc.

   To register, please contact the cruise coordinator at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com with the name of your boat and the number of people attending -- and please let me know if you are interested in joining the "Dine on the dock" on the Friday night.

• Wednesday, August 13 - Raft-up in False Creek
   Informal - meet around 5-5:30ish in the Creek (by Spruce Harbour Marine) with appies to share. If you don't have a boat, please don't feel left out - just contact the cruise coordinator to organize a pickup by dingy by emailing To register, please contact the cruise coordinator at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com.

• Weekend of September 6-7 - Keats Island rendezvous at Plumper Cove
   Please mark the dates - more details to follow by email closer to the event.

See you all there!
The 27th Annual Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival will be held in Vancouver on Granville Island from Aug. 21 -24, 2014. It will be bigger and better than ever this year! If you are interested in volunteering, to represent Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron, please send an email to our Public Relations Officer, Don White, at whitenedonald04@gmail.com.

For more information all about this terrific event, check the Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival web site: vancouverwoodenboat.com
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

20th Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup 2014

RAIN OR SHINE!

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To my fellow squadron members. I am asking for volunteers to participate in the 21st Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. Your family and friends can also attend.

Fun times are had at this event, meeting new friends, a great view of the city and mountains, and even the right to brag about the most unusual item found!

In case of inclement weather, bring some rain gear and shoes or rubber boots. 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 20, 2014
Where: Jericho Beach East Area from Alma Street to Jericho Sailing School - Meet at Jericho Beach East Concession Area
Time: Registration and orientation is at 0930 hrs. Cleanup will happen 1000 to 1500 hrs.

There will be a table set up with signs showing “Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup” near the concession stand.

A Brief History
The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, held nationwide each September. It began in 1994, when two staff members of the Vancouver Aquarium organized this cleanup and now it has grown and expanded nationally. A major sponsor of this even is Loblaws Companies Limited.

Cleanup Results for 2013
11 trash bags and 1 recycling bag filled with over 42 kg (or 107lbs) was collected. Once again, the number one litter item picked up was cigarette butts -- over 640 of them.

For further information or to volunteer, contact Bill Blancard, Environment Officer, VPSS at 604-931-5153

Thank you and hope to see you there!
Ever wonder why it’s so important to stay out of Whiskey Golf during active hours? This torpedo (pictured above) weighs 1600 kg and travels at more than 40 knots. That would be a good reason!

Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges Exercise Area Whiskey Golf (WG), situated in the Strait of Georgia, tests ship’s systems and torpedoes. These torpedoes are unarmed, but could put a big hole in your boat!

Due to countless requests from vessels (at times only minutes from other calls), mariners approaching Area ’WG’ and wishing to find out if Area ’WG’ is active or not are requested to monitor Continuous Marine Broadcast channel WX1 and VHF 21B prior to calling.
The Vancouver Stag Cruise

Will be held on June 7 & 8, 2014
Up Indian Arm

• Make new friends in the boating community
• Lots of money to be won along with great prizes
• Other fun events
• Dinner prepared by Red Seal Chef “Phill”
• Transport Canada Safety Checks available
• Try participating in a navigation exercises and learn even more about your boat
• Visit other boats to see how they are outfitted

Please talk to other members of your Squadron and make them aware of this popular event. Encourage your male friends to join you. They do not need to be CPS members.

Put a crew together today and give your wife or girlfriend a holiday!!

Registration form attached

Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron Stag Cruise Committee
*If you have any questions about this event – call Dennis Steeves
604-880-5388
REGISTRATION FORM
VANCOUVER POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON
STAG CRUISE

JUNE 07 & 08, 2014
RENDEZVOUS (0900 TO 1100) BEDWELL BAY, INDIAN ARM
COMMITEE BOAT “DARUMA” Communication Channel 68

Destination for the weekend : Lat 49 degrees 23.728’N, Long 122 degrees 53.159’W
( Please arrive for tie up at the dock after 1400)

FRIDAY NIGHT SATURDAY: SUNDAY:
Bedwell Bay Raft-up Navigation Exercise Sausage & Pancake Breakfast
Vessel inspection Trophy presentation
Reverse Draw Clean up
Competition / Prizes Sailpast – Salute to Commander
Steak Dinner

Everyone Welcome – Power & sail
Fee: ONLY $60 PER PERSON (ALL-INCLUSIVE) - BYOB
$50 WITH PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 01, 2013

NOTE: To ensure that a steak and space is reserved for you and your party please complete and e-mail or mail the following registration form no later than June 01 (Please provide your own dishes and eating utensils.)

REGISTRATION FORM … PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

SEND TO: Dennis Steeves Phone: 604/880-5388
E-Mail: dsteeves@telus.net

Skipper’s Name: ____________________________
Address: ___________________________________
Squadron: ____________ Telephone: _________ E-Mail: ______________
If bringing boat, Boat Name: ____________________________
Power: [ ] Sail: [ ] Length: _______ Beam: _______ Draft: _______

Crew Members’ Names:

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I would like to enter: The Predicted Log Competition Yes ____ No ____
I would like to be an observer in: The Predicted Log Competition Yes ____ No ____

REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED: _____________ X $50.00 = TOTAL: ______

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “John Steede” but “Cash” is preferred (to be collected at the dock on arrival) Will remain as $50.00 if pre registered

If you plan on entering the Navigation Exercise, please ensure that you have sufficient crew to provide an exchange observer!