Upcoming Events

Monday, June 15 - "Life on an off-shore oil rig" - Ever wondered what it would be like to live and work on an offshore oil rig? Brian Corcoran has done just that (among many other things!) and will share his experiences with us.

June 26 - 28 - Cruise to Newcastle Island - Enjoy a floating pub, a hike around Newcastle, and some summer fun! See details in Cruise Coordinator's Corner.

July 3 to 5 - PMD Rendezvous - Join us for fun and games at Snug Cove, Bowen Island, for this summer's rendezvous. See below in Masthead for details.

August 14 to 16 - Squamish Cruise - Ever been to Squamish by boat? Now's your chance to meet up with fellow members and take in the views! See details in Cruise Coordinator's Corner.

September 18 to 20 - Pender Harbour Cruise and Jazz Festival - Great music, great friends! A perfect combination! See details below in Cruise Coordinator's Corner.

TBA - False Creek Raft Up - We'll raft up, share some appies, share some stories, and enjoy great company! Stay tuned for a date and 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. We look forward to seeing you there!
From the Commander's Log....

The new bridge for our 2015/16 year is now in place. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask you to join me in welcoming Cara Duffield as our new Public Relations Officer, Morgan Beall as our new Squadron Secretary, Brian Kennedy as our new Programs Officer, Marion Pearson as our new Squadron Auditor, Ingrid McLaine as our Cruise Coordinator and Daniel Blackman as our new Squadron Support member. We are set up for continued success into this new year, and beyond!

I would also like to especially thank our prior Public Relations Officer Don White for his outstanding contribution to our squadron, and Marion Pearson for her tremendous assistance as Squadron Secretary over these past few years. Your help continues to be truly appreciated!

We are hard at work building a brand new web site for Vancouver Squadron, and are targeting end of summer to publish. Continuing the work of our digital media strategy, we will be integrating a number of new enhancements to the web site to keep members informed of our activities.

Squadron Educational Officer John Steede has been working on our Fall course schedule, and will be posting on BoatingCourses.ca very soon. Be sure to pass on this list of valuable safe boating skills courses to your friends! Safe boating education saves lives!

I would also encourage you to plan to attend our amazing cruising schedule for this summer/fall, starting with the PMD Integrated Cruise at Union Steamship Marina on Bowen Island, July 3-5. It’s time to get to know fellow CPS-ECP members from other local squadrons and share great fellowship and make new friends. Registrations can be made by calling Union Steamship at 604-947-0707, and more information can be found below in the Masthead!

Finally, our last Squadron Social Night before summer break will be held on June 15 at the False Creek Yacht Club. Be sure to come out, listen to a great speaker, and share your summer cruising plans with us!

Fair winds and following seas,

Jeff Booth
Commander
commander@vpsboat.org

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JOIN US FOR SQUADRON NIGHTS!

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 15.

Life on an off-shore oil rig!
Brian Corcoran was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, and after completing his undergraduate degree in Psychology/Neuroscience at Dalhousie University, he got a job on a Barge called the Sea Sorceress in the Summer of 1998.

That fall, he entered mandatory Oil Rig Offshore Training to begin work on a Semi-Submersible Oil Rig called The Glomar Grand Banks. After being retrofitted to Canadian Standards in a dry dock in Rotterdam, Netherlands, Brian joined the rig on the tow across the Atlantic Ocean to its drill location on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. Once the tow was completed he worked on the rig in its operational locations for 1 year.

After his stint on the oil rig, Brian worked for CP Rail in Calgary before completing his law degree at Osgoode Hall, York University. Brian practised finance law at a large Bay Street law firm in Toronto, Ontario before making the move west to join the firm of Pryke Lambert, Leathley Russell, LLP, in Richmond. Brian is now a partner at the firm and practices in the areas of corporate commercial, real estate and finance.

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!

May's Meeting Night & Change of Watch
We have some exciting cruises planned from June until September 2015! All the cruises take place over the weekend, but if you can’t make it up on a Friday, no problem! Just come up on the Saturday.

- **Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28 - Newcastle Island Marine Provincial Park**

Newcastle Island is 34 nautical miles from Vancouver. There is a dock, anchor buoys and sheltered anchorage at Newcastle. Space is available on a first come/first serve basis so can’t be reserved. However, space should be available and arriving early will help to ensure a spot. The Nanaimo Marina is also nearby, should it be required as an alternate option.

If you’re coming by ferry, go to Horseshoe Bay and take the Nanaimo ferry to Departure Bay. Then go to Maffeo-Sutton Park in downtown Nanaimo and take a 10 minute foot passenger ferry to Newcastle Island. Campsites are available for booking on Newcastle (see details online) and accommodation is available in Naniamo.

**Itinerary (optional):**

**Friday**
6 pm - Meet up at Dingy Dock Floating Pub (via dingy)

**Saturday**
11 am - Hike around Newcastle Island (3 hrs roundtrip/bring packed lunch)
4 pm - Potluck picnic
6pm - Drinks at Dingy Dock Pub

- **TBA - False Creek Raft Up**

We’ll raft up in False Creek just off of David Lam Park (Yaletown) around 5 pm.
Please bring appy’s to share.
If you don’t have a boat, let me know and we will arrange pick up by dingy (see contact info below).

- **Friday, August 14 to Sunday, August 16 - Squamish**
Squamish is 32 nautical miles from Vancouver. The Squamish Marina is usually very full and transient moorage is limited. However, there is often space available during summer months but this can’t be confirmed until closer to the date of our arrival. Please let me know if you are interested in attending so we have a better idea of how many boats will require moorage (please see my contact information below).

For those driving to Squamish, it is about a 45 minute trip from Vancouver and accommodation is available for booking.

Itinerary (Optional):
Friday
6pm - Meet up at Howe Sound Brew Pub for drinks (Short walk from the marina)

Saturday
11 am - Take shuttle bus from marina to Sea to Sky Gondola
Hike & lunch at the Summit Lodge Restaurant
6pm - Potluck on Dock

- Friday, September 18 to Sunday, September 20 - Pender Harbour (weekend of Jazz Festival)

Pender Harbour is 48 nautical miles from Vancouver. To reserve, please call Garden Bay Marina (604-883-2674) and tell them that you’re with the Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron. (Please also let me know if you will be attending, see my contact info below).

If you’re coming by ferry, go to Horseshoe Bay and take the Langdale ferry to Langdale. It then takes about an hour to drive to Pender Harbour where accommodation can be booked.

Itinerary (Optional):
Friday
6 pm - Meet up at Garden Bay Pub

Saturday
11 am - Walk/check out Jazz Festival activities
5 pm - BBQ at VPS member Don White’s dock

If you’re interested in attending any the cruises listed above, or if you have any questions, please call or text Ingrid Mclaine at 778-879-9024 or email me (cruisecoordinator@vpsboat.org).
If you have any ideas for future cruises, please let me know!

Ready Set Wear It!
May 16, 2015
Bowen Island Cruise
May 2 & 3, 2015

Our May 2015 Bowen Cruise turned out great!

We had an excellent attendance with 7 boats and 19 members which included:

Eardley & Etheleen Beaton (*Waterfront Condo*)
Jeff & Izia Booth (*Main Attraction*)
Lynn & Joe Gray (*Bared Naked Happy Dance*)
Paul & Jo Heeney (*Kala Lua*)
Dennis & Sheila Steeves (*The Wanderer*)
Deano Fatovic & Ingrid McLaine & Maureen Forrestal (*Lexi*)
Marion Pearson & Jim Gordon
Jerry & Nancy Powers
Elizabeth & Pierre Zygmunt (*Lafortuna*)
The weather was beautiful for the whole weekend. Five boats arrived on Friday night and eleven of us headed up to Doc Morgan’s Pub. We had a tasty dinner and joined in on a few sea shanty songs performed by a local singer.

The following day, Saturday, six of us spent a few hours hiking around Killarney Lake. Along the way we sat down to enjoy our lunch in the sun on a sandy beach.
Later that day, a couple more boats arrived and a few members came by ferry. Dennis and Sheila kindly hosted an impromptu happy hour on the dock. There was
lots of catching-up and getting to know each other. Later, we made the trek up to the
tower to have a BBQ and potluck. There were some very delicious dishes as well as
some very decadent desserts. Deano let us know that he had previously worked as a
short order cook, which clearly came in handy when it came to frying up the burgers.

On Sunday, a few people went to the familiar Snug Cafe for breakfast, and a few of
us made our way up a steep trail to enjoy the views of Howe Sound from Artisan
Square. We had a lovely breakfast, then browsed around the shops.
The only down side of the trip was the thief (pictured below) who was seen boarding
several vessels. It was unclear what he was looking for, but some suspected it was
food!

Ingrid McLaine
Cruise Coordinator

Photos courtesy of Jerry Powers, Ingrid McLaine, and Dennis Steeves

Pacific Mainland District
Rendezvous
What better way to celebrate the arrival of spring than by planning summer fun! The annual Pacific Mainland District Rendezvous has been confirmed for **July 3 - 5** at the Union SteamShip Marina at Snug Cove on Bowen Island. Whether you're looking to challenge yourself at the fun events or just catch up with old friends, this is the place to be. Mark your calendars and start inviting friends!

If you're opting to take the ferry over, accommodations are available on a first come, first served basis. In order to provide appropriate moorage, please contact the Union SteamShip Marina directly and mention that you're with CPS Pacific Mainland District. They'll require your vessel length and credit card to secure to your slip. Book early to reserve a spot! You can cancel up to 48 hours prior to the event. They can be reached at 604-947-0707 Ext.1.

If anyone would like to volunteer their time, or has suggestions for fun events, please let me know by emailing izia@me.com

**Isabela Booth**
Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
Escadrilles canadiennes de plaisance
Pacific Mainland District
Public Relations Officer

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**Exec Officer's Eight O'Clock Report** *

Happy 60th Anniversary to Vancouver Squadron!

**Doolin Coast Guard Station**
As many of you know, I have been away in Ireland most of the past two months for work. While there, I had the pleasure and privilege of visiting the country’s newest Coast Guard Station in Doolin, County Clare.

Unlike Canada, the Irish Coast Guard is made up of on-call volunteers, and they are nearly completely “inshore” (only allowed to deploy out to 6 nautical miles). Beyond that, the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution), also manned by on-call volunteers, takes over.

Incidentally, the RNLI is the parent organization of our own Canadian Lifeboat Institution out of Steveston. The specialized equipment they showed me is all top-notch, and it was nice to see that some of it was made right here in BC! Because of the steep, rocky terrain that plunges directly into the unforgiving, frigid North Atlantic, they are all skilled climbers, as well. Rescues are common, and their brave assistance is never more than a few minutes away. Also be sure to check out their new RHIB (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat) in the next Bond film!
Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration

On the evening of May 2, after a very successful Flare Day at Steveston Marine, Amanda and I attended a black-tie Naval Mess Dinner at HMCS DISCOVERY in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. Lieutenant Governor of BC, Judith Guichon was in attendance.

We also attended the memorial service on the morning of May 3 at the BCIT Marine Campus in North Vancouver, along with many veterans, dignitaries, and serving members of the Royal Canadian Navy. Although this part of our CPS-ECP history is thin, I will recognize our roots by laying a wreath at the Sailor's Memorial next spring on behalf of CPS-ECP.
The website of our parent organization, the United States Power Squadron, has a much more detailed account of Power Squadron’s involvement in the Battle of Atlantic (the longest campaign of WWII), creation of the US Coast Guard, and war effort in general. During both World Wars, USPS trained and provided personnel through courses we still know today, such as Seamanship.

**Ready Set Wear It!**

I also attended Ready, Set, Wear It at Vanier Park on May 16, and was thrilled to find out that my 11-year-old Mustang Air Force inflatable PFD worked like brand new.

I learned a lot about care and how inflatable PFDs can fail, which seems to be mostly from corrosion at the canister connection. Definitely worth checking your own if you weren’t in attendance. Thanks to Mustang Survival for supplying everyone with new canisters!

Congratulations to all of our recent grads! Watch for impromptu VPS events in social media and see you all out there on the water.

Roger Middleton
Executive Officer

* Eight O'clock Reports: On shipboard shortly before 8 PM (2000 hrs) the Executive Officer, (second in command, XO) receives reports from the heads of departments. He in turn makes "eight o'clock reports" to the Commanding Officer.

"Now lay before the mast all eight o'clock reports." Never 2000 reports!

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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!

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RVCC SAFETY CHECKS
The next RVCC Safety Day will be June 13, 2015 at Vancouver Marina in Richmond. RVCC volunteers from Fraser Squadron will be in attendance from 0900 to 1500 hrs. Please contact Jerry for specific information at 604-921-8896.

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

Phone 604-943-4602
For Sale
2 x Mustang Cruiser Suits

1 x X-Small (to fit 86-91/34-36") Sea Horse Series model SH-475, $85.00
1 x Large (to fit 112-117cm/44-46") MS-475, Squadron Class, $165.00

Both for $210.00.
Very little use, like new.

If interested, call John Steede 604-230-0848

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
22nd Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup 2015
Rain or Shine!

To all my fellow squadron members, I am seeking volunteers to participate in the 22nd Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. Squadron members, their families, and friends are urged to attend. Everybody has a great time at this event; the sharing of stories, meeting new friends, and perhaps even bragging rights on the most usual item found!
This year we have the best location we have selected for a cleanup; a beautiful view of our city, the mountains and lots of beach.
Supplies such as latex gloves, garbage bags, sharps containers, pencils, and clipboards for recording your results will be provided. There is a limited supply of tongs to pick up the garbage, so if you have your own tongs or gloves, please bring them along. In case of inclement weather, bring rain gear or rubber boots.

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

When: Saturday, September 19, 2015
Where: Spanish Banks East, Locarno Beach/Tolmie Street
Registration and orientation: 0930 hrs
Cleanup starts on the beach across from the Locarno Beach parking lot, off Tolmie Street, all the way to 150 meters past the Beach Cafe, Spanish Banks East.

You can get there by transit, taking the C19 Alma/UBC bus (weekends only). Get off near the Beach Cafe, and walk east towards the Locarno Beach parking lot.

If getting here by vehicle, take West 4th Ave and turn right on NW Marine Drive and follow this until you arrive at Tolmie Street. Parking is available off NW Marine Drive and there is a small parking lot that says "Locarno Beach, Tolmie Street". You will see a VPSS tent with signs showing "Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup" near the area where the Volleyball BC poles are located.

A Brief History:
This cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup and is held nationwide each September. In 1994, two staff members from 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. Some recent changes are that you can now register to clean up at any shoreline near you, anytime throughout the year.

Cleanup results for 2014:
Over 139,000kg of trash was removed, nationwide, by 54,000 volunteers. That's enough to fill nearly 70 dump trucks! Over 2,528km of shoreline was cleaned.

The number one item collected was cigarette butts (over 325,000). The number one category of items collected was single-use food and beverage
Bizarre findings this past year included a picture of Terry Fox, a chandelier, a Cher cassette tape, and a plastic astronaut. Our volunteers collected 9 garbage bags with a total weight of 102.5kg (or 225lbs).
The most collected items were: 615 cigarette butts, 82 plastic pieces, and 80 glass pieces.
The 3 most unusual items collected were: Burnt umbrella, coleman freezer bag, and flip flops.

In October 2014 a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron from Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver, in recognition of our commitment to keeping Vancouver spectacular. This has been a first in our Squadron's history.

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

Hope to see you there!
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