SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, so we all have to think about getting our boats tuned up and pretty for cruising. I know our Cruisemaster will be announcing the dates for our spring and summer plans shortly. This always gives us a chance to meet our members on some dock and exchange ideas, as well as meet new student grads and check out their boats.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Monday, March 18, 2013 - Squadron Nights**
  MOVIE NIGHT!
  Join us for a viewing of short (2-6 min) boating videos. We’ll watch a leisurely afternoon cruise, an unusual boat launch, a breathtaking capsize and rescue, the ingenious contraptions a live-aboard sailor has jigged on her sailboat, and lots more. Some of the movies will provoke discussion, and all of them will entertain. Bring your own popcorn, and we’ll see you at the movies!

- **Saturday, April 13, 2013 - Bilgewater Bash**
  Get your tickets before they sell out! A magical evening of music, dancing, dining, and confabulation (not to mention sipping the famous bilgewater). See page 4 for all the details.

- **Monday, April 15, 2013 - Squadron Nights - Details coming!**

- **Monday, May 13, 2013 - BBQ & AGM**
  Please note that due to the long weekend, the BBQ and AGM will be held on the 2nd Monday instead of the 3rd Monday of the month.

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!
Our Spring courses are all underway with Boating Basics now complete and Boating Essentials (new), Advanced Piloting, Marine Radio, and Instructor Development in progress.

Several of our members enjoyed volunteering at the Vancouver International Boat Show and I understand it went very well. They allowed me to slip away to the Caribbean where I spent some nine days with my son on his sailboat as we cruised the wonderful and windy Virgin Islands, Dutch West Indies, and the French West Indies (St. Barts.)

Looking forward to our next mystery program on Squadron Night, Monday, March 18th at FCYC. Then our famous Bilgewater Bash is coming up on April 13th at RVYC. Hope to see you there!

Eardley Beaton

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**Squadron Night and February 18**

Photos courtesy of Dennis Sleeves

It looked a little like Chemistry Class as Jamie from TerraClean prepared for the presentation.

Everyone took their seats so the “formal” part of the evening could begin.

The indoor part of the presentation was fascinating, and then TerraClean CEO Grant Blane (top right) invited us out onto the deck for a fiery demonstration to conclude the proceedings.

Another enjoyable Squadron Night for Commander Beaton.
Cruisemaster’s Corner

by Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com

• May 4-5 - Cruise Weekend at Snug Cove on Bowen Island
  To get priority, please reserve space by April 20, 2013!
  Phone the Union Steamship Marina at 604-947-0707 (and say you are with the
  Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron group).

  ✩ Please arrive by around 1300.
  ✩ Potluck dinner on Saturday evening.
  ✩ You can book for the Friday night, May 3rd as well, if you’d like.

NB: This event is for all Squadron members, with or without boats – if you don’t have
a boat, please come over by ferry and join us in the potluck dinner!!

• Watch the upcoming April Masthead for more details regarding the
  Raft-up and Potluck in False Creek in July and the Keats Island
  Rendez-vous in September 2013.

Hope you can join us!!

If you have any questions, please contact Lois MacDonald at
  cruisemaster@vpsboat.com
Bilgewater Bash

Only 120 tickets available
Call now to reserve your ticket and avoid disappointment!

The Event: The Annual Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron's “Bilgewater Bash”

The Date: Saturday, April 13, 2013

The Place: The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
3811 Point Grey Road, Vancouver

The Times:
- Doors open: 17:45hrs
- Bilgewater at: 18:00hrs
- Famous RVYC Buffet dinner at: 19:00hrs
- Doors close at: 12:00hrs

After the Buffet: Door Prizes and Dancing to the DJ

Ticket Prices:
- $70.00/person to March 15, 2013
- $80.00/person after March 15, 2013

To order your tickets: please call Ruth Cuddeford at 604-294-5310
(Monday-Friday 08:30hrs—17:00hrs)

The Reality: **We must have a significant number of tickets sold by March 15, 2013 or this wonderful event will be cancelled!**

A Donation: If you are able to provide a door prize, please contact P/C Dave Atchison at 604-261-3111.
The Vancouver Stag Cruise
Will be held on June 8 & 9, 2013
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 John Steede at 604 230-0848.
REGISTRATION FORM
VANCOURPOWER AND SAIL SQUADRON
STAG CRUISE
JUNE 8 & 9, 2013
RENDEZVOUS (0900 TO 1100) BEDWELL BAY, INDIAN ARM
COMMITTEE BOAT “DARUMA” ---Communication Channel 68

Destination for the week end : 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               Clean up
Reverse Draw          Prizes                                Sailpast – Salute to Commander
Prizes               Steak Dinner

Everyone Welcome – Power & Sail
Fee: ONLY $60 PER PERSON (ALL-INCLUSIVE) - BYOB
$50 WITH PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 1, 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:  John Steede                                  Phone:  604-230-0848
          7191 Anvil Crescent                                E-Mail:  sjsteede@shaw.ca
          Richmond, BC  V7C 4E7

Skipper’s Name: __________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Squadron: _______ Telephone:_______ E-Mail: ________________

If bringing boat, Boat Name:

Power: _______ Sail: _______ Length: _______ Beam: _______ Draft: _______
Crew Members’ Names: ______________________________________

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!