From the Commander’s Log
By Commander Bill Stewart

We have now finished all of our classes for this term. Exams have been written for all courses and student graduation will take place at the False Creek Yacht Club on Monday June 20th.

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Upcoming Events

• **May 7 & 8 - Cruise Weekend at Snug Cove, Bowen Island**
  Plan to meet up with fellow boaters for this popular cruise destination. For details see page 4.

• **May 16 - Annual General Meeting, Change of Watch and BBQ**
  Mark this important event on your calendar and be sure to sign up for a juicy burger to enjoy at the BBQ before the meeting - see page 3 for details.

• **May 21 - Ready - Set - Inflate!**
  Bring along your inflatable pfd and take part in a group inflation to kick off National Safe Boating Week and Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week. Details on page 6.

• **June 11 & 12 - Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron Stag Cruise**
  This annual event will take place in Bedwell Bay up Indian Arm - a weekend of fun and races for the guys. See pages 8 and 9 for details and registration.

• **September 17 - Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup**
  See page 7 for details.

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Squadron Night meetings are held at the False Creek Yacht Club located at the north shore of False Creek, right under the Granville Street Bridge. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Event begins at 7:30 pm. Cost is $5 per person. See you there!
Our AGM / Change Of Watch & BBQ is on May 16. The BBQ portion of the evening starts at 6:30 pm, and if you have not indicated your wish to have food, it’s very important that you let us know ASAP. Please contact past Commander Don Mercer at donmercer@shaw.ca and indicate your food choices. Cost for the BBQ is $20.00 per person.

This is also the time we present our Merit Marks to those volunteers that have put in a minimum of 20 hours of service to our squadron. If you would like to learn about our volunteers and would like to be involved in some way, this is a great time to come and meet these hard-working people. It’s a very relaxed and fun crowd that always likes to help those new volunteers and pass on their boating knowledge and experiences.

The Boat PRO course is now being replaced by “Basic Boating” as the Transport Canada approved CPS course leading to the PCOC card.

On April 18 at The False Creek Yacht Club, our speaker was Grant Pearson of Cold Fire Canada Ltd. Grant gave us a very informative presentation on a new product used to fight fires in our homes and on our boats. Visit their website at www.coldfirecanada.com for further details.

Save the date for the beach cleanup on September 17. See the report from our environmental officer Bill Blancard in this Masthead issue.

Upcoming cruises: Our cruise master Lois MacDonald has arranged a cruise for us to Bowen Island, May 7 & 8. I encourage non-boaters to take the ferry and be with us at this event. If you’re coming by boat, don’t forget to call Union Steamship Marine to make your reservations (604-947-0707) and say you are with the Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron.

The squadron’s traditional “Stag Cruise” is on June 11 & 12. Mark your calendar for this fun outing.

Classes will pick up again in the fall, so there is time to learn more about your squadron and how you can be involved. Please come and enjoy our meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

And remember that my door is always open and I would like to hear from you.

Bill Stewart
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Editor’s correction in April Masthead:

In last month’s article, “Live the Dream,” the date for Michael Walsh and Edi Gelin’s sail off was incorrect. They didn’t leave Vancouver in October 2010; it was actually October 2009, so they’ve had a full year of more fun than originally reported. They will also be back in Vancouver for the summer and likely taking part in the raft-up in False Creek on July 18, recounting some of their wonderful (and not so wonderful) adventures.

Maureen Phillips
BBQ at the
AGM and COW

May 16th at the False Creek Yacht Club

Join us for our delicious and traditional BBQ which takes place preceding the start of our Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch.

Doors open at 1830 (6:30 pm) for the BBQ; AGM/COW starts at 1930 (7:30 pm).

The menu includes burger and fixings plus: French fries, a medley of spring greens salad with shaved vegetables and lemon dressing, roasted root vegetables with spicy herbs, and old fashioned apple pie and platters of seasonal sliced fresh fruit for dessert.

To ensure the success of the BBQ, please confirm your attendance and your choice of burger as early as possible. Send an email to Don Mercer at donmercer@shaw.ca indicating the names of attendees and your burger choice of veggie, beef, or salmon (one burger choice per attendee). Cost is still only $20.00 per person, including the $5.00 Squadron Night fee which gives you a ticket for the prize draw!

We prefer that you pay for your burger when you sign up. In any event, once you’ve signed up on the sheet or via email, we will expect payment whether you attend or not because the food we order for you has to be paid by you. It’s a question of commitment and fairness!

Needless to say, to attend the AGM and Change of Watch, you do not have to pay for the BBQ if you do not wish to join us for this meal - just pay the usual $5.00 Squadron Night fee.
Cruisemaster’s Corner

by Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com

• May 7 & 8 - Cruise Weekend at Snug Cove on Bowen Island
  There might still be space left!
  Phone the Union Steamship Marina at 604-947-0707 (and say you are with the Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron group). If you want to go over on Friday, you can book depending on availability.
  Please arrive by 1300. Non-boat owners are welcome - come on over by ferry and meet us at the dock! Potluck dinner on Saturday evening.

• July 18 - Raft-Up & Potluck
  Raft-up in False Creek near Spruce Harbour Marina around 5:30 - 6:00 pm and bring your favourite appy for this informal gathering.

• August 27 & 28 - Rendezvous Weekend at Plumper Cove, Keats Island
  Please watch for further details in upcoming Mastheads.
Safe Refueling

Now that the boating season has arrived, here is a reminder about how to safely fuel your boat.

1. Tie the boat securely.
2. Stop engines and unload passengers.
3. Do not smoke, extinguish all open flame.
4. Close all openings: port holes, hatches, etc.
5. Fill portable tanks out of the boat.
6. Do not operate electrical switches.
7. Keep the nozzle in contact with the fill pipe.
8. Avoid overfilling.
10. Operate blower for at least five minutes.
11. Wipe up spilled fuel.
12. Check for fuel smell.
13. Start up engines and reload passengers.

This is a call for women boaters – sail and power – to meet and chat about boating and make connections with other women boaters.

When: the last Wednesday of every month (except August) – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: West Marine store – 1601 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver

For further information: please contact Wendy Forth, Manager of West Marine by phone: 604-730-4093 or email:
Ready – Set – Inflate!

Date:  Saturday, May 21st, 2011
Time:  1100 (plan on arriving at 1030 or earlier)
Place:  Kitsilano Coast Guard Base – Vanier Park Boat Ramps

Sponsored by: Office of Boating Safety (Transport Canada)
               Marine Trades Association
               Mustang Survival

Pacific Mainland District Members:

Plan to join us for this International Media Event designed to kick off National Safe Boating Week (May 21 – 27, 2011) and Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week (May 28 - June 03, 2011).

Bring along your inflatable PFD and take part in a group inflation at precisely 1100. Mustang Survival will be providing replacement CO2 cartridges.

Free parking for participants!  TV media will be present!

Contact:  Jerry Powers at 604-921-8896 or jwpowers@shaw.ca
(1) If you plan to attend
(2) If you require further information

See you there!
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!
Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup 2011

Since 1994, The Vancouver Aquarium has coordinated cleanups in Canada. After a small team of volunteers conducted a local cleanup, The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup then became a national program, providing all Canadians the opportunity to make a difference during this Nationwide event. In 2009, participants removed litter from 2,457 km of shoreline. The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup has been able to expand and grow, enabling greater awareness of the negative effects of shoreline litter.

Did you know that in 2010, over 2,235 km of shoreline was cleaned and that 98,071 kg weight of litter was removed! (That is about 20 garbage trucks of trash).

The Top 5 litter items were:

1. Cigarette butts - 227,830
2. Food wrappers - 83,660
3. Plastic bags - 55,880
4. Cups, lids - 55,443
5. Disposable cutlery & dishes - 28,755

A good reason why we as a squadron should get involved is we can make a difference - removing shoreline litter helps create healthy waters for everyone, including the wildlife and communities that depend on them.

When: Saturday, September 17, 2011
Where: Jericho Beach East Area from Alma Street to Jericho Sailing School
Time: 1000 - 1500 hrs.

Meet at the Jericho Beach East Concession Stand area at 0930 hrs for registration, forming teams and a brief orientation.

Refreshments, cleaning supplies and materials will be supplied.

Squadron members, family and friends are encouraged to attend. Bring your rubber boots and rain gear as we will be cleaning up the beach rain or shine. Let’s see which team will have bragging rights to the most unusual item collected.

For further information, contact Bill Blancard, Environment Officer, VPSS at Gonefishin2@telus.net

Thank you and see you there!

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Read any good sailing yarns lately?

It’s time to put together a cache of books for the summer boating season, so let us know what you’ve enjoyed reading on the subject. Send your review articles to Maureen Phillips at moley500@gmail.com and they will be published in the next issue of the Masthead.
The Vancouver Stag Cruise

Will be held on June 11 & 12, 2011
up Indian Arm

Hone the skills that you learned in the Power Squadron classes.

Try participating in a predicted log race or a sailing competition.

Please talk to other members of your Squadron and make them aware of this popular event and encourage your male friends to attend.

Put a crew together today!!

Registration form on next page.

Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron Stag Cruise Committee
REGISTRATION FOR THE
VANCOUVER POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON
STAG CRUISE
JUNE 11 & 12, 2011
RENDEZVOUS (0900 TO 1200) BEDWELL BAY, INDIAN ARM
COMMITTEE 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 after 1345)

SATURDAY:
Predicted Log
Sailing Competition
Steak Dinner
Draws & Prizes

SUNDAY:
Sausage & Pancake Breakfast
Photo Contest
Trophies
Sailpast – Salute to Cdr.

FEE:  ONLY $60  PER PERSON (ALL-INCLUSIVE)
$50  WITH PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 1, 2011

NOTE: To ensure that a steak and space is reserved for you and your party please complete and mail the following registration form no later than June 1st. (Please provide your own dishes and eating utensils.)

REGISTRATION FORM ... PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

SEND TO:  John Steede  Phone:  604-274-0087
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 ____
Sailing Competition  Yes ___  No ____

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

OUR REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED: ________ X $50.00 = TOTAL: __________

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “VANCOUVER POWER & SAIL SQUADRON”