Well, I made it to the end of my one-year term, as this is the last month before our AGM and Change of Watch on May 13 at the False Creek Yacht Club. We will all step down, and then a new Bridge will be elected, appointed, and pledged to direct the VPSS for the 2013/14 season. Be sure to look at our catered menu (page 8) and order up, then come out and enjoy this fun evening.

We have much to feel good about in that we processed just under 200 students in the Fall and Spring courses. This took the work of very dedicated instructors, proctors, and especially Peter Girling who stepped in as Training Officer after Glen Hodgkinson resigned at Christmas.
With over 700 members, we are one of the largest squadrons in Canada, and it takes a lot of wonderful volunteers to keep everything going. We would like more people to step up, especially recent grads, even though everyone is so busy and it’s a time when the volunteer spirit has many avenues to explore.

We had a wonderful Bilgewater Bash and after the Cruises starting this weekend to Bowen, our AGM on the 13th, the PMD AGM on May 25, and Stag Cruise June 8, we will all be looking forward to some good, safe, fun time out on the water this summer.

Eardley Beaton, Commander

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**Squadron Night**

**April 15**

Julie Salisbury’s “Seven Years Around the World” Presentation on April 15 was fascinating, funny and inspirational. You know all those boating and travel adventures that you’ve dreamed about? Well, Julie went off and did them, and her colourful tales kept us absolutely spellbound. Lots of us purchased her book, too!

Barbara Constantine
Programs Officer
VPSS

Commander Beaton and Angela and Don Zarowny enjoy some time together before Julie’s presentation.
A Perfect Evening at the RVYC for the “Bash”!

After a cold and wet early spring, the sun came out in time for the Squadron’s annual Bilgewater Bash at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Nearly 60 guests enjoyed the spectacular views, fine food and of course the Bilgewater. There were prizes for all, a non-stop Abbott and Costello routine from Past Commanders Dave Atchison and Bill Stewart as they presented the gifts, and dancing until midnight. Thank you letters have been mailed to all those who supplied door prizes.

And thanks again for the tremendous work by the organizing committee of Dave Atchison, Marilyn Atchison, Ruth Cuddeford, Twyla Graham and Craig McKeen.

Paul Heeney, Public Relations Office, VPSS

Kate Botham unsuccessfully suppresses a giggle as husband Bill describes his painted tie.

Betty and Ted Kent share a laugh as Don Zarowny inspects name tags.

Sheila Steeves and Betty Pearson raise a glass in honour of Dennis Steeves’ polka dot bow tie.

Earlley and Et Beaton sample the bilgewater which includes this year’s secret ingredient—Prince Edward Island potatoes.
Organizers Dave and Marilyn Atchison share a laugh as Paul Heeney tries to remember if he left the stove on.

And everyone else was just having fun...
A very big thank you goes to the following who donated all the wonderful prizes for this spectacular evening:

Cathay Pacific (Van. Int. Airport)
Chyna Sea Ventures
DBC Marine Safety Systems Ltd.
Dolphin Insurance Services, Inc.
General Paint
Gerry Mude
Gibson’s Marina
Granville Island Boatyard
iCom Canada
Lions Gate Marina Ltd.
MAKE (formerly Justin Stiches)
Phil & Nadia Mudge
Mustang Survival Corp.
North Pacific Yachts
Oceanos Marine Solutions Ltd.
P/Cdr Bill Stewart
P/Cdr Don Zarowny
Pacific Yacht Systems
Roton Industries Ltd.
RPP Benefits, Inc.
Sewell’s Marina
Skookum Yacht Services, Inc.
Steveston Marine
The Courier
Tilley Endurables Western, Inc.
Twyla Graeme
Union Steamship Marina
Vancouver Maritime Museum
West Marine Canada Corp.
Westpoint Sales, Inc.
Cruisemaster’s Corner
by Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com

• May 4-5 - Cruise Weekend at Snug Cove on Bowen Island

  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!!

• 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
Sign Up for the Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron Annual General Meeting BBQ; still only $20.00 per person

Monday, May 13, 2013, False Creek Yacht Club

1830 (6:30 pm); doors open 1800 (6:00 pm) at the False Creek Yacht Club (under the Granville Street Bridge, downtown side of False Creek)

This great event is coming up soon!

The price is maintained at $20.00 including the usual $5.00 entry charge. Preceding the AGM, the BBQ will start at 1830 (6:30 pm) at the False Creek Yacht Club. There will be chicken, beef and veggie burgers plus an assortment of salads plus burger fixings plus fruit and sweet items for desert.

Please sign-up on the sign-up sheets at our classes at Prince of Wales High School, at the Bridge Meeting, at the April Squadron Night at the False Creek Yacht Club, or at the Pacific Mainland District Meeting on April 6th OR email Don Mercer (Past Commander) at donmercer@shaw.ca with your names and burger choices for each name.

In fairness to everyone, as usual your sign-up is a commitment that you will pay whether or not you have to cancel your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event!!
Please join us for a community event to launch:

Safe Boating Awareness Week

During this event, members of the boating community across Canada will simultaneously inflate their life jackets and wear their foam P.F.D. to promote boating safety.

Saturday, May 18, 2013, 10:30am
Vanier Park, West Boat Ramp
Join us and participate in our Ready, Set, Wear It! Launch
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
VANCOUVER POWER 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
                                              Reverse Draw                        Clean up
                                              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 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
1791 Anvil Crescent
Richmond, BC V7C 4E7

Phone: 604-230-0848
E-Mail: sjsteede@shaw.ca

Skipper’s Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________

Squadron: ____________ Telephone: ________ E-Mail: ______________

If bringing boat, Boat Name: ____________________________


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!
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!