My thoughts go back to 1986 when I took the six-month Boating Course, and over these 28 years it has been a great pleasure to associate with all the VPSS members. I am now completing my second one-year term as Commander, and it was a privilege to work with all the dedicated members of my bridge over that time. Our squadron, being the largest in CPS, is now in its 59th year.

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 12 - BBQ & AGM - Due to the long weekend, the BBQ and AGM will be held on the 2nd Monday instead of the 3rd Monday of the month. Join us as the Bridge members are acknowledged for all their efforts on our behalf, Commander Eardley Beaton steps down from two successful years at the helm, and Jeff Booth assumes the role. When the applause dies down we’ll all enjoy a fantastic BBQ. Hope to see you there.

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.

July and August

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.

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!
We have processed 141 students in our fall and spring courses in Basic Boating, Boating Essentials, Seamanship, Weather, and Maritime Radio under the very capable direction of Training Officer Peter Girling. Peter has several dedicated and experienced instructors, proctors, and supporting members who all come together at Prince of Wales High School to create a very focused learning environment for any student wanting to learn about boating safety and navigation. CPS courses are the best available in Vancouver and they are being constantly improved with input from veteran members.

We do far more than training, and our squadron is involved with the twenty other squadrons in the PMD. We provide members for the Boat Show, Wooden Boat Festival, Dragon Boats, and recently we had our booth at the open house of the new Milltown Marina. Our Cruisemaster has us “rafting up” in False Creek, a cruise and BBQ at Union Steamship Marina on Bowen Island, and our fall cruise to Plumper’s Cove on Keats Island, including a visit to the Puddifant ranch for a delicious meal. We must not forget the June Stag Cruise to Indian Arm with the Predicted Log race, followed by some terrific steaks and fellowship. Several of our members are involved with the RVCC (Courtesy Checks) at various yacht clubs and marinas. Be sure to join us at our monthly Squadron Nights, False Creek Yacht Club, at 7:00 PM on the third Monday of each month. Watch for interesting programs with a marine theme.

We must continue to involve our members, old and new, as proctors and volunteers, doing shifts at the various shows. We have to continually train and expose members to all aspects of the squadron in an effort to have an active succession plan to allow our volunteers to have a break from serving too long on the Bridge and other duties. Changes in positions give new life, challenges and fresh approaches to our fun functions. I feel very good about some significant changes to our bridge for the 2014/2015 term that will be best able to take advantage of internet technology and being well versed in our wonderful background of training and devotion to CPS objectives.

Eardley Beaton
Commander, VPSS

PMD needs one or more volunteers to help out on Saturday, May 24 at the District AGM. It is from 0800 to 1400 at the Executive Inn, Coquitlam. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Eleanor Hashimoto, (604) 522-3448.

Huge thanks to the Vancouver Police Department Marine Unit for delivering an excellent presentation at the April Squadron Night. We appreciated learning more about the scope of their activities, their vessels and their challenges.
April’s Meeting: Grad Night

Dani Lacusta (in red) was one of two students to pass with 100%.

John Hay was the other graduate with perfect marks.

Emily Backman and Jeremy Brown (above, with baby): Pregnant during the course, Emily was due March 14, and wrote the exam on March 11.

Now that’s dedication!
2014 Spring Rendezvous

This past weekend, on May 2-4, we held our annual Spring Rendezvous to Snug Cove on Bowen Island. A total of seven boats, thirteen members and five guests enjoyed the fine cruise. Members and vessels were:

**WATERFRONT CONDO**------Eardley and Ettheleen Beaton

**MAIN ATTRACTION**------Jeff and Izia Booth

**HOCUS POCUS**------Doug Puddifant

**DARUMA**------John and Sylvia Steede

**WANDERER**------Dennis and Sheila Steeves

**ECHO**------Albert and Stella van Tongeron

**LEXI**------Deano Fatovic and Ingrid McLaine

Weather was wonderful on Friday. Dennis and Sheila Steeves hosted us aboard WANDERER with delicious appetizers and fantastic stories. We enjoyed dinner up at Tuscany restaurant and shared more stories of grand adventure. It was great to get to know the two newest member couples, Albert and Stella, and Deano and Ingrid.
Saturday the weather had turned to rain showers, but we weren’t deterred since we had booked the Union Steamship Marina Tower for our Saturday afternoon BBQ, which protected us from the rain.

Executive Officer Jeff Booth and his wife Izia provided delicious barbequed hamburgers and hot dogs, and members brought side dishes, salads and cake for all to enjoy. We even had guests who brought vegetarian samosas!

Most enjoyed seeing Jeff working hard at the BBQ!

Later that evening we came aboard DARUMA and shared even more great stories, getting to know everyone and having fun.

Sunday morning we enjoyed a breakfast up at the Snug Cove Café, and then wrapped up the weekend and said our goodbyes, with promises of more cruising fun ahead for the summertime! Be sure not to miss the next one, details will follow!
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 that 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.

Many thanks to the following people and businesses for their generous donations for the 2014 Bilgewater Bash!

- Skookum Yacht Services Inc.
- Chyna Sea Ventures
- Tilley Endurables Western Inc.
- West Marine Canada Corp.
- Gibson’s Marina
- DBC Marine Safety Systems Ltd.
- Dolphin Insurance Services Inc.
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- Stright-MacKay Ltd
- P/Cdr Don Zarowny
- Pacific Yacht Systems
- Mr. Gerry Mude
- Union Steamship Marina
- Mr. Jeff Booth
- P/Cdr Walter Gfeller
- Zorbie Products
Please join us for a community event to launch:

Safe Boating Awareness Week
Saturday, May 17, 2014, 10:30am

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

Vanier Park, West Boat Ramp
Join us and participate in our Ready, Set, Wear It! Launch

Last year, there were 189 Ready/Set/Wear It events worldwide, with 5,774 people inflating and wearing their life jackets. With our 2013 benchmark set and more countries eager to join us, Ready/Set/Wear It is poised to blow last year’s record out of the water.

Boating Safety Awareness Week runs this year from May 17 to 23, 2014.
Lifejacket World Record Day
Help break the world record!

Boating safety is in for a world of change.
Join boaters from around the world to raise safety awareness and set a new world record for Lifejacket World Record Day.

Celebrate Safe Boating Awareness Week by:
Joining us at our Ready Set Wear It event in Vancouver
Location: Vanier Park
Date: Saturday May 17th, ‘14
Time: 11:00 am

Be sure to arrive early and bring your Lifejacket!

Or...create your own event!
For more info about events, visit csbc.ca

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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!
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

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 at the dock after 1400)

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**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.)

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**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!