This year we turn 60!

Upcoming Events

**Monday, May 11 - 2015 Annual General Meeting** - Come out for our 2015 AGM, on Vancouver Power Squadron's 60th anniversary. We're also having a barbecue with all the fixins' for just $20 per person. Please RSVP for dinner with John at 604-230-0848. More info below.

**Tuesday, May 19 - Predicted Log Racing Course** - Want to prep for the Men's Cruise Predicted Log Race? Join our free one-night course. See below for details.

**May 22 & 23 - PMD Annual General Meeting** - At the Executive Plaza Hotel, Coquitlam. See below in Masthead for more details

**June 6 & 7 - Men's Cruise** - Are you a guy? Do you have a boat, or know someone with a boat? Then join the Men's Cruise coming up this June. Details below in this Masthead.
**From the Commander's Log....**

What a difference a year makes!

This year marks Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron’s 60th Anniversary. On the 29th day of May, 1955, our squadron was born. Squadron Commander Tom Pakenham, Executive Officer Bob Thatcher, Administrative Officer Bruce Taylor, Secretary Cece Hurd and Treasurer Jim Hatchett decided to get together and organize the delivery of safe boating knowledge to the general boating public in Vancouver, and the rest is history.

It is remarkable to think about all that we have accomplished over the past 60 years, and the good work we continue to do. Yet there is more work to be done. I have finished serving my first year as Commander of VPSS, and am tremendously proud of the all the hard work our volunteer members, instructors, proctors and bridge officers have done and continue to do. None of our successful impact to safe boating would be possible without your tireless efforts.

In looking forward to this coming year, we are well positioned to further commit to positive change within our squadron. We are completing a website redesign, further integrating our communications outreach through social media and the web, and expanding our educational offerings by delivering shorter courses that are more in tune with the busy lifestyles of our students. We are engaging in social activities designed to embrace other squadrons, to strengthen the bond we as CPS-ECP members enjoy.

We continue to engage with the boating community through trade shows such as the Vancouver International Boat Show, BC Sportsman’s Show, Wooden Boat Festival, Flare Education Safety and Disposal Day, and more. We have dedicated members contributing to the Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check (RVCC) program, designed to help fellow boaters avoid fines and be safely equipped. We also continue to be involved in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, and have been recognized for our efforts by the Mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson.

We have a social cruising calendar that is shaping up to be our most ambitious in quite a few years, with cruises planned for Pender Harbour, Squamish Marina, Newcastle Island, as well as our annual Men’s Cruise and Predicted Log Race up Indian Arm.
We also continue with our monthly Squadron Social Nights, every third Monday, which is a great way to get to know fellow members in a relaxed atmosphere at the False Creek Yacht Club. We invite speakers on various marine topics to share with us their adventures, boating advice, and informative insights of a nautical theme. There is a ton to do and see!

Therefore, I would like to issue a challenge to you this year. If you are a member and have not yet contributed as a volunteer, why not try proctoring for one of our boating courses in the fall? It’s a great way to get a quick refresher on a course you’ve already taken. And, it’s a great way to give back to the squadron, to demonstrate that you care, and to show that you wish to continue to see the squadron flourish for 60 more years to come.

Sincerely,

Jeff Booth
Commander
commander@vpsboat.org

Secretary needed to join VPS Bridge!

We need you!
The position of Squadron Secretary mainly involves reliable attendance at Bridge meetings and a few hours per month to prepare the minutes. The work requires basic word processing, e-mail and web navigation skills, and an understanding of squadron regulations and standard rules of order for running business meetings. It is an excellent way to contribute to the smooth running of the squadron without requiring a lot of effort or time.

Some of the things you’d be doing:

- Take minutes of squadron meetings (the Bridge meetings are on the last Monday of each month except July, August and December, and the Squadron AGM in May).
- Prepare the Notice of Meeting and agenda for the Squadron AGM.
- Prepare a Bridge contact list and squadron calendar of events, and keep it up to date.
- Conduct squadron correspondence (of which there is very little).

If you've been wondering how you can get involved, and contribute to this amazing organization, this is it!

Please contact your Nominations Committee (info below in Masthead) or Commander Jeff Booth at 778-336-5828 or commander@vpsboat.org.

**JOIN US FOR SQUADRON NIGHTS!**

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 11, and this will be our squadron’s AGM.

**Come down early for a BBQ!**
Just $20 per person. All the fixings, buns, assorted sides, salads and nibblies are included.

If you wish to purchase a ticket for the BBQ, please click the RSVP button below and choose from the list of available tickets for your preferred burger selection.

Or, you can contact John Steede at (604) 230-0848 and let him know!

**BBQ Dinner at 6:00pm, AGM/COW meeting begins at 7:30pm.**
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!

April's Meeting Night

Congratulations to our most recent graduates!

As well, David Worland from Grand Yachts joined us to share some of his vast knowledge on boat buying and selling.
Thank you to everyone who turned out to celebrate our squadron's 2015 Bilgewater Bash!
We look forward to seeing you all next year!
Many thanks to all the kind donors who donated door prizes for our 2015 Bilge Water Bash.

Thank you for supporting our event as we celebrate the beginning of a new boating season!

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- Pacific Yacht Systems
- Cactus Club Restaurants
- Union Steamship Marina
- Martin Marine
- Vancouver Maritime Museum
- Cathay Pacific
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

- **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 of 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!

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**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 serve 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

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Saturday, May 16, 2015
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!

Learn How to Run a Predicted Log Race!

In preparation for the Men’s Cruise, and for those interested in learning more about the fundamentals of Predicted Log Racing, a free one-night instruction is being offered.
Date and time: Tuesday, May 19, 1900 hrs

Place: The home of Dennis Steeves, 5258 Blenheim Street, Vancouver

Your coaches will be Dennis Steeves and Phill Mudge.

Dennis and Phill have been predicted log racing for several years and have won top honours on numerous occasions. Phill has been predicted log racing for about 9 years, but has been successful in topping some of the more seasoned skippers.

Space is limited, so please call Dennis in advance at 604-263-4276

Predicted log racing is a fun sport which helps each and every one of us learn more about our boats.

Come and learn from the best!
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 exercise 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! The more the merrier!

Vancouver Power and Sail Squadron Men’s Cruise Committee
*If you have any questions about this event – call John Steede at 604-230-0848

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VPSS STEPS UP FOR RVCC SAFETY DAY

Four members turned out to perform some thirty boat checks at FCYC last Sunday.
This program from Transport Canada is operated by CPS and well run under the capable hands of P/C Jerry Powers and his wife, Nancy.
Members Peter Bennett, John Cartmel, and Eardley Beaton joined Jerry, and FCYC was most appreciative by providing a nice barbecue. We checked some thirty of their members’ boats.

The next event in our area is to be at Heather Marina. Please contact Jerry for specific information at 604-921-8896.
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This is a reminder of the Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch for the Pacific Mainland District to be held May 22-23 at the Executive Plaza Hotel, Coquitlam.

Please plan to attend and register early using the registration form at the end of this notice or on line at https://www.cps-ecp.ca/about/gm/volunteers.html

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This meeting is a very important one for the district. We want everyone to attend and participate. In addition to the AGM, there will be a Luncheon, dinner and dancing. Don't miss it!
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.

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2 x Mustang Cruiser Suits

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

If interested, call John Steede 604-230-0848

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Northern Cruising

by Don White

Spring is a busy, but exciting time of the year for West Coasters as plans and
preparations begin: The opening up of family cabins, the ritual of scraping and bottom painting, washing and waxing, and planning begins for the summer cruising season. Ah... happy hours on the dock, photos of sunsets, laying hook into the big one that hopefully dosen't get away, sharing moments and creating memories with friends and family that will be remembered fondly for years to come.

There are so many choices and fantastic areas to explore that it is hard to decide which way to set sail; South to the Gulf Islands, up the Sunshine Coast to Desolation Sound, or further north to the Broughtons and beyond. This will be our fifth year of cruising on our Mainship Acadia and I thought I would share some photos of one of our past cruises up to the Broughtons, Port Hardy, and Bella Coola for those of you who may not have made the trek up Johnston Strait.

There are a number of reasons why we favor the northern waters: Fishing, uncrowded anchorages, small, intimate marinas, and an abundance of wildlife not always seen in the southern waters. Trip planning is crucial to ensure safe passage at slack tide through either Seymour Narrows, or Upper and Lower Dent Rapids, accessed via Hole in the Wall or Beasley Passage. It all depends on the timing of slack water and the long journey up Discovery Pass and Johnston Strait. We have chosen to overnight in Kanish Bay on the North Side of Quadra Island, or the Octopus Islands on the North Eastern Shore of Quadra, or even Cortes Bay and Gorge Harbour on Cortes.

An early morning start for the long journey north, up Discovery Pass and Johnston Strait, is recommended as northerly winds typically build in throughout the day on Johnston Strait. We have experienced mill pond...
conditions and favourable tidal pushes, but also head winds, bucking strong
tidal currents, and large following swells late in the afternoon. As well, early
morning fog is not uncommon in Port McNeil, Malcom Island, and Alert Bay.

Things to see in Johnston Strait are all kinds of whales (Grey, Humpback, Fin,
and Killer Whales), as well as Harbour Porpoise, Dall's Porpoise, Pacific White
Sided Dolphins, sea lions, West Coast fishing fleet of seiners, gill netters, and
trawlers -- all plying the waters of Johnston Strait.

Alert Bay is a great place to visit, and just a short walk from the government
dock is the Alert Bay Museum.

A few of our favorite spots to visit are:

- Chatham Channel, which leads into Minstrel Island
- Lagoon Cove, located on East Cracroft Island
- Kwatsi Bay on the North Side of Tribune Channel
- Pierre's at Echo Bay, home to Pierre's famous Pig Roast and Prime Rib
  nights.

Our first visit too the area, we were amazed by the pristine beauty, entertained
by a pod of over 300 pacific white sided dolphins leaping all around our boat
and riding gracefully in our wake. Boy, who needs the South Pacific when you
What about the fishing, you might ask? Well for those who have tried to fish but have not had much luck in the lower mainland, the great news is that up here you can't help but catch fresh fish to feed the hungry crew on your long journey north. I often considered myself one of the most unlucky and unsuccessful fishermen on the water, but push north to Port Hardy and you are pretty much guaranteed to catch something, as salmon abound.

Helen in her Happy Place!

For those who brave crossing Queen Charlotte Strait over to Cape Caution and North to Bella Coola, the Talleho Cannery tour is well worth the visit. Here, you can get a glimpse into the past when salmon were abundant and West Coast fishing was alive and well. Hopefully with continued conservation efforts we will continue to see our herring schools and salmon runs rebound and return for many years too come.
Wishing you all a fantastic cruising season with fair winds at your back, sunshine to warm your shoulders, a fish on the end of your line and a pocket full of memories to come home with.

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:** 1000 to 1500 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 containers.
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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2014-2015

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