Executive Officer Jeff Booth and I attended the 75th AGM/COW of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron in Toronto on October 24 to 27, and we were most pleased to represent your Vancouver Squadron on this special occasion. We took in the Marketing, Squadron Commanders’ Meeting, Hollywood North Dinner, AGM and Luncheon, Air/Sea Rescue, Chief Commander’s Dinner and 2014 Host (Quebec) Hospitality. When it was all over we felt it was very worthwhile.

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Upcoming Events

**Monday, November 18 - Mini Grad and Arctic Adventures!**
Join us for a student ‘mini-grad’ and a presentation on Canada’s fascinating Arctic tall ship, the *North Star* of *Herschel Island*, currently moored at the Heritage Harbour by the Maritime Museum.

**Monday, December 9 - Steveston Marine Night** - Bring your family and friends! Steveston Marine Night... with door prizes (including a hand-held radio & a Helly Hansen jacket), a fashion show, and sneak peeks of new products. Other squadrons and guests are welcome. This replaces our 2013 Christmas Pot Luck, but no worries - we’ll have a pot luck dessert table. Yay!!! Please bring a delicious dessert to share. See Page 7 for details and remember to RSVP.

**Wednesday, December 12 - An appreciation event for US!**
Another great event – the Steveston Marine Wine and Cheese Reception. **If you attend** the Steveston Marine Night (FCYC, Dec. 9), your name goes into a special draw for fabulous door prizes on Dec 12. See Page 7 for details.

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!
to meet with the nearly 400 volunteers from St. John’s to Sooke, all of whom were proud to be providing safe boating and navigational skills to our Canadian boaters. Jeff got involved with several people from Head Office with a focus on web, graphics, and all aspects of IT production, and he has been asked to assist on that Committee. The winds are shifting to a new language in order to meet the expectations of modern communications.

We were very sorry to hear of Robert Buller’s sudden passing this October. Robert and Karen were major contributors to our training courses and Robert was a dynamic instructor in the Boating Course. Past Commander Don Zarowny will give us more details about a service to be held in Vancouver, later in November. Our sympathies certainly go out to Karen.

Our October Squadron Night saw 26 members, who found their way through the fog. They were rewarded with a fine presentation by Russell Simpson, owner of Zorbie Products. We were amazed to see the numerous jobs they do in cleaning up industrial property spills caused by improper management and accidents.

Please see Peter Girling’s Training Report showing some courses completing, and others still continuing on for another month. Already, work is starting in preparation for our spring courses so we ask that all members check our website and spread the word.

Eardley Beaton, Commander
VPSS

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JOIN US FOR SQUADRON NIGHTS!

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 False Creek 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!

COME LISTEN TO ARCTIC ADVENTURES, NOVEMBER 18, MEMBERS’ NIGHT AT FALSE CREEK YACHT CLUB!
CPSS 75th AGM in Toronto

October brought the Annual General Meeting of CPS-ECP in Toronto, and both Commander Beaton and myself had the pleasure of attending. The National Bridge welcomed Joe Gatfield, JN, to become our new Chief Commander.

The 75th Anniversary of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons AGM also brought about change within the corporation. The members voted to approve changes to the corporation which comply with the Not-For-Profit Act of Canada and become the foundation on which CPS-ECP will evolve over the next 75 years and beyond.

A new National Marketing Committee was formed, with four representatives across the country: Jill Dennis-Raycroft, National Marketing Committee Chair, Toronto; Vanessa Schmidt, Manager, Marketing & Graphics from Headquarters in Toronto; Jacques Hébert from CPS-ECP Québec, and myself, Jeff Booth. Supported by the new National Administration Officer, Jim Brown S, the committee is tasked with supporting the organization’s desire to adapt to the changing needs of the boating public through consistent messaging and branding in all of our marketing materials, in print and online.

But by far the greatest impression I took from the meeting in Toronto was that the organization has pride — a proud heritage of safe boating education — through which many dedicated individuals have volunteered hundreds of hours of their time to ensure our mission is fulfilled. So when you fly your flag, feel proud! You belong to a national boating organization that makes a difference on the water, that gives boaters the confidence they need to explore new seas, and teaches people how to return home safely!

Be sure to visit boatingcourses.ca for an up-to-date listing of course offerings in your area. We are the premier boating organization in Canada!

Jeff Booth, Executive Officer
Robert Buller  
October 30, 1946 – October 20, 2013

Vancouver Squadron has lost a member who was an outstanding instructor in the Boating Course. For those of us who sat in on one of his classes, we will remember him not simply as a lecturer but as a person who possessed the rare skill of being able to teach. He came each evening with enthusiasm for boating and passed on the requisite knowledge as well as anecdotes of boating goofs. He searched the internet for slides of the great “oopses” and brought them to us so that we will always remember what items on charts mean and why it is important to learn navigation. We will miss you Robert.

Robert was one of those rare individuals who was born in BC. Some of his early years were spent in Cypress. He could always get by with a bit of Greek which may have been important when he was in the restaurant business in Vancouver. He was a lecturer in the Faculty of Business at Queens University, Kingston, and continued to teach in their distance learning program while in BC. He had a military background, credentials as a diver, was active in community (for example on the Board of Directors of VanDusen Garden), and was an avid reader of almost everything, including the morning cornflakes box. He raced motor cars. He built wooden boats and owned one, Nirvana. He navigated the inland passage yearly and loved Desolation Sound and the Broughtons. He wrote for Pacific Yachting and Canadian Yachting West. He was generous not only with his time but with his knowledge. Yes Robert, we will miss you.

The Squadron extends its collective sympathy to his partner Karen Lubin and to his family.

~Don Zarowny

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;  
For tho’ from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

~ Alfred Lord Tennyson

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 18, 2013 at VanDusen Garden, 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in memory of Robert to VanDusen Garden or a charity of your choosing.
Boating Essentials wound up on November 5 with 16 people out of 18 writing the exam. Three people even aced it with 100%! Next up is Boating Basics, which leads to the PCOC, starting on November 12. Already, 16 have registered for the course, which shows that classroom instruction has not been entirely displaced by the current online environment used by many Registered Providers.

Looking ahead, the next Boating Essentials class starts on January 14. We need your help in advertising this course because, despite all the media avenues used to advertise courses, our surveys still show that word of mouth is one of the more effective ways of getting customers into the classroom.

We will also run the Fundamentals of Weather course starting on January 21. We have six warm bodies already, but would like another six to make an even dozen. Despite the excellent forecasts provided by Environment Canada, knowledge of weather conditions and how it changes remain an important part of boating safety education.

For those of you who missed the last Maritime Radio (VHF) course, your next opportunity will be February 13.

I attended the recent training meetings in Toronto in conjunction with the AGM, and learned that the new Advanced Piloting course is in print. It is based on the USPS course and uses both electronic navigation methods and the traditional ones. The cruise associated with it uses the American chart of Martha’s Vineyard, which some older AP graduates may remember with some affection. As well, there is a new course called Electronic Navigation that combines and updates the older ones call Navigating with GPS and Electronic Charting. Supposedly, this new course will also be available online early next year. We are entertaining the idea of running Electronic Charting this spring and, if you are interested, please give me a call or email prg@telus.net so that I can judge the level of interest.

P/Cdr Peter Girling
Training Officer
VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW
JAN 22 TO 26, 2014

Pacific Mainland District (PMD) will be organizing the CPS Booth once again and they are putting the word out for members to volunteer a shift.

We want to show a good image of CPS and speak with all the people that call and ask questions about courses, how to get replacement cards, etc.

They would like a good mix of members from training and other aspects of the squadrons. More recent grads may be able to share their experiences in taking the Basic Boating and/or Boating Essentials courses.

PMD will ask volunteers to attend a briefing session before attending the show. Shifts are generally three or four hours between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Please contact Lynn Meisl, Asst PRO, at lmeisl@telus.net to volunteer and see what shifts may be available.

October Squadron Night
Zorbie Products

Our speakers, Russell Simpson and partner
VANCOUVER POWER & SAIL SQUADRON invites Pacific Mainland District members, family and guests to

Steveston Marine Night *

Serving the boating community for 28 years

December 9, 7 pm
False Creek Yacht Club, 1661 Granville Street, Vancouver

• DOOR PRIZES include a hand held radio and a Helly Hansen jacket
• A FASHION SHOW and a ‘blast from the past’
• Sneak Peeks of 2014 Boat Show products
• Complimentary Dessert

Tickets: $5 at the door 
RSVP to Lois Macdonald lgmac@telus.net or 604-266-2582

*You are also invited to a

Wine and Cheese Reception
December 12, 7 to 9 pm
Steveston Marine Vancouver, 1667 W. 5th Avenue

An opportunity for Iqbal, Salim and staff to express appreciation to all the
Power and Sail Squadron members who have supported them for the past 28 years

Enjoy special pricing just for us (over 25,000 items in stock) and on-hand
factory specialist demos. BONUS - Everyone who attends FCYC on Dec. 9 has their
names entered into door prize draws for a rod & reel, barometer, and MORE.
NOTE: You must attend on Dec. 9th to participate in the Dec. 12 draws. Please RSVP to
confirm your attendance.
Those unable to attend can shop online at stevestonmarine.com or call 604-733-7031.

RSVP robin@stevestonmarine.com or rahim@stevestonmarine.com
Info Visit vancouver.powersquadron.ca | Call John Steede at 604-230-0848
Filling our classrooms and keeping our squadron strong is top of mind these days, and your
Executive has done a few things to get the word out:

• Vancouver Course Calendar is now being advertised on Kijiji. The ad has been placed where
potential students are, in the Buy and Sell Used Powerboats section. See the ad here and share
it with your friends (click on the underlined link):  Kijiji Ad

• We are being added to the next edition of the False Creek Yacht Club's newsletter,
"Cybernews," due to be published on November 1

• Vancouver Maritime Museum newsletter and website inquiries have been made

• The first national marketing committee meeting has been set for the first Friday in November

Have any other ideas? Let us know!
This is why you took the Boating Course!

In late October, these boaters found themselves aground on Sturgeon Banks, Fraser River, in Richmond, and called upon the Coast Guard for rescue.

Since they were in no apparent danger, the Coast Guard probably told them to wait for the rising tide before heading off to another call.