From the Commander's Log...
Just like that, another month has flown by. Fortunately, we’ve all had one more boating weekend with beautiful weather and sunsets, albeit a little bit chilly!

Our waters will be busy with migratory humpback whales over the next little while, so PLEASE, if you see a blow, go slow. If you see a whole bunch of boats bobbing around or going slow, there’s probably a reason! Please do the same until you’ve assessed the situation or have established radio contact.

Fall courses are underway with good turnouts. Speaking of which, there’s always room for more knowledge! I posted a photo on Facebook of a bulker we passed Monday night on our way home from the Sunshine Coast. So far 155 people have viewed it, but no one has answered the question I posed. There’s a prize in it for you at social night if you’re the first person to tell me the correct answer.

For those of you who missed it, here it is again. What do the lights mean and what should you do?

Because of movie filming, our usual time slot for our FCYC Social has been changed to Monday, October 23. Please make a note of it. Special thanks for Art and Heather Rendell for coming over from the Island to tell us all about adventure cruising through Newfoundland and Labrador last month. I’m looking forward to learning all about Shellfish harvesting in this month’s edition from Jade Tyers.

Unfortunately, due to conflicting commitments, I had to miss the last Squadron cruise to Plumper Cove on Keats Island. I am also unable to attend this year’s national conference in Charlottetown because of work commitments. I have been informed that the new WBAS (the national computer system) is currently being tested at headquarters and should be available to the masses shortly.
Our squadron is in need of members to fill the roles of Executive Officer, Financial Officer and Secretary. Without these positions filled, the future of Vancouver Squadron will be in serious jeopardy by spring. Please consider stepping up and helping out with this great organization.

For those of you following along with us on our adventures of restoring our “experienced” sailboat, Wings, we have had some great successes along the way, and some time-consuming do-overs. I like to get things as right as is reasonable; however, some might say I’m a bit of a perfectionist when it comes to this project. I would argue there is a difference. For example, not any old screw would do to make up the balance of what’s missing on a particular day. The “just finish it already” strategy had been a plague upon my vessel until I came along. Patience – and yet another trip to a marine hardware store, this time with spares – has been well worth it. The screws and bolts for each piece all match each other now which makes maintenance much easier. One thing is certain: her new owners will definitely have an easier time than we’ve had. Yes, you read that right, change is most certainly in the air. It has been a tough decision, but our beloved Wings is now for sale. Tears were shed as we refinished the teak at anchor in Gibsons this weekend for what may be the last time. As I’m sure several of you have felt first-hand, it’s going to be really tough to let go – to me, I don’t have children, but she feels every bit a part of the family as a real child. We’ve been through most of the past decade together in one way or another, been through thick and thin... I’ll just have to think about it as if she’s going off to college or getting married. So... if you know of anyone who would be interested in taking good care of her through the next phase of her life, we’d be very grateful.
As we enter the rainy winter season here in Vancouver, it would be prudent to inspect all electrical, propane, and heating systems for any anomalies prior to leaving your vessel considerably less well-attended. As evidenced by the recent fire at my marina - a little close for comfort, I might add - this can happen to beautiful, new(er), well-looked-after boats too. You can see our sailboat, Wings, in the foreground in many of the photos and the video link below.

A friend of mine who works at Science World sent me a text message about a fire at Quayside, followed quickly by a reporter-friend's photo of what was happening. I left my downtown office immediately to offer assistance to the marina staff in the event they needed to move boats off the docks in a hurry. Fortunately, the boat on fire was at the end of the dock and the easterly wind was blowing away from the dock. It could have been a whole lot worse had it been a westerly! Thanks to the quick actions of marina staff, the Kits Coast Guard, and Fireboat 4, the stubborn fire was contained. MV Lady Anna (RVYC) burned to nearly her waterline, and the heat significantly damaged the vessel in the berth beside her. My heart goes out to their owners. Although the exact
cause is still under investigation, this serves as a good reminder to all of us about the importance of maintenance, safety checks, and up-to-date surveys.

Stay warm out there (but not THAT warm)!

Rog

Looking for something to do for Halloween?

Why not take a cruise??

Pier Pressure Titanic Masquerade - Vancouver Halloween Yacht Party

From the creators of Pier Pressure... Halloween Night! Saturday, October 28th, 2017-- Prepare for the ultimate Halloween party cruise that will be
transformed into a haunting Titanic, filled with over 300+ Ghosts & Ghouls raised from the dead of the historic Titanic that sank over a hundred years ago.

Though not affiliated at all with Vancouver Squadron, it sounds like a great time!  Take a look at their website for more details.

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We are looking for an Executive Officer, a Secretary and a Financial Officer!

Can you keep legible notes?  Want to add up the numbers for the Squadron?  Know someone who does??
In order to keep the Squadron alive and kicking, we need more support for our Bridge.

Contact our Commander Roger Middleton or our Past Commander Jeff Booth to get more information!

SQUADRON SOCIAL NIGHT

*NOTE THE NEW DATE*

Due to a scheduling conflict at False Creek Yacht Club, our Squadron Night has been moved to the following week, Oct 23rd.
Safe Shellfish Harvesting
Oct 23rd - 7:00 pm
False Creek Yacht Club

Our speaker this month is Jade Tyers, Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Area Co-ordinator for the West Coast of Vancouver Island for the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSP). The goal of the program is to protect consumers from the risks associated with eating contaminated bivalve shellfish, which includes oysters, clams, mussels, cockles, scallops, geoducks, etc.

Jade graduated in Marine Biology from UBC and has spent 20+ years working for private consulting companies, the BC Ministry of Environment, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC).

The Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSP) is jointly managed by ECCC, DFO, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, with assistance from Health Canada, the BC Centre for Disease Control, and various stakeholder/harvester associations, community groups, and First Nations. If you are interested in harvesting shellfish while you are out exploring the BC coast, and want to know where you could find up-to-date information on safe shellfish harvesting, then this talk would be of interest to you.

See you at the False Creek Yacht Club on Monday the 23rd!!
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!
Education Officer Report

Boating 2 & 3
written by John Steede

Our Spring 2017 Course had 19 students write and all passed both Boating 2 & 3. We had an unprecedented 90% join Vancouver Squadron. It was a phenomenon that I hope we can see once again.

Registration started early in June for the Fall Course, which started Sept 19th, and we presently have a full house with 20 students registered.

Maritime Radio

Our Maritime Radio Courses have been very successful. Our last One Day Course was September 30th. Of 16 students, 14 wrote and passed the course.

Our next course is Nov 4th. We're looking forward to another full class.
Bent Prop Award

We would love to resurrect the Bent Prop Award at the Bilgewater Bash!

Most of you have a story or two, cringe worthy but laughable, entertaining and embarrassing. Stories you tell at the dock, at the pub and at the Squadron Nights. Maybe it's something you did, something your dock neighbour forgot to do or something you saw come undone!

We'd like to hear them too! Share your stories with us. We'll post them here. Add a picture if you have them. The best one will be up for our Broken Prop Award at the Bilgewater Bash next spring!

Email them to editor@vpsboat.org
Here's to chilly mornings at the dock, foggy mornings at anchor and any morning that needs a little comfort drink.

**FRENCH TOAST COFFEE**

1/2 ounce Fireball Whisky  
1/2 ounce butterscotch schnapps  
1/2 ounce Irish Cream Liqueur  
6 oz hot black coffee  
whipped cream

Add coffee and liquors to a generous coffee mug.  
Free pour - It's tastier.
And in case you need a little snack to go along....

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE SNICKERDOODLES

- 3¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. freshly-ground ground nutmeg
- 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- ¾ cup pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract

Filling Ingredients:
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Cinnamon-sugar coating:
  - ½ cup granulated sugar
  - 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
  - ½ tsp. ground ginger
  - Dash of allspice

1. In a medium bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg together. Set aside.
2. In a kitchenaid mixer with a paddle attachment, beat together the butter and sugars on medium high speed until fluffy about 2-3 minutes.
3. Blend in pumpkin puree, beat in egg and then add vanilla. Slowly add dry ingredients on low speed just until combined. Cover and chill dough for an hour.
4. To make the cookies, take a tablespoon of the cookie batter. Flatten it like a pancake and place a teaspoon of the cream cheese in center. Form another tablespoon of the cookie batter into a flat pancake shape and place on top of the cream cheese. Pinch the edges.
together sealing in the cream cheese and roll into a ball. Roll in the cinnamon sugar coating and place on the prepared baking sheet 2 inches apart.

7. Repeat until the dough is gone and flatten the cookie dough balls with a heavy bottomed glass or measuring cup.

8. Bake the cookies for 10-15 minutes or until the tops start to crack. Let cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes and transfer to a wire rack. Enjoy!

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**VANCOUVER SQUADRON COURSE CALENDAR**

Vancouver Squadron has all sorts of courses. One of our most popular courses is the One Day Marine Radio Course, so sign up as soon as you can!

Just click on the schedule below for more details!
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