Welcome back!

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer out on the water this year. If you have taken pictures of your holidays and have some interesting stories or some special anchorage you know about and would like to share with your CPS members, Maureen Phillips, our Masthead editor, would like to hear from you (moley500@gmail.com). (continued on page 2)

Upcoming Events

• **Saturday, September 17th - Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup** - See page 9 for details.

• **Monday, September 19th - Sequitur Stories, Michael Walsh**
  
  In 2009, Past Commander Michael Walsh set sail with Edi Gelin for a multi-year, round-the-globe adventure. His blog at [http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sequitur/](http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sequitur/) charts the ups and downs and the exciting and humdrum routines of distance sailing. In Vancouver on a brief visit from Chile, Michael will share photos, yarns, food and wine tips, no-punches-pulled advice, and plans for the next leg of their trip.

• **Monday, October 17th - Desolation Sound, Grant Lawrence**
  
  Author, music journalist and CBC Radio host Grant Lawrence is the author of the national bestseller, Adventures in Solitude and other stories from Desolation Sound.

• **Monday, November 21st - Crime Afloat, David Williams**
  
  The Vancouver-based bootleggers, booze and boats of the Prohibition Era (1920 – 1933) come to life in this fascinating presentation.

Past, current and incoming Power Squadron members are welcome at Squadron Nights, held at the False Creek Yacht Club on the north shore of False Creek under the Granville Street Bridge. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Event begins at 7:30 pm. Cost is $5.00 per person. See you there!
Commander’s Report
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Our Training Department, headed up by Glen Hodgkinson, has been very busy organizing the fall classes. If you or someone in your family are considering taking a boating course or one of the electives, you can go online for details and register at http://vpsboat.com/courses.html. Don’t forget, a PCOC is the minimum requirement to operate a boat. For safety’s sake, on a longer outing, you need more than one knowledgeable person on board!

False Creek Yacht Club

The new Programs Officer, Barbara Constantine, has arranged some fascinating talks for our social evenings at the False Creek Yacht Club. You can check out our website for upcoming events at http://vpsboat.com/events.html. I hope you will come to our monthly social gatherings and support Barbara and our speakers. We are always on the lookout for interesting and relevant subject matter, so if you have something you would like to present, please let Barbara know.

I look forward to seeing you at these events as we start to get under way with our fall classes.

Bill Stewart
VPSS Commander

VPSS Graduation Ceremony 2011

The 2011 grads got a taste of the lively entertainment that comes with being involved with our Squadron. After a thoroughly engaging evening on June 20th at the False Creek Yacht Club, and stimulating presentations from members, the celebratory cake was sliced and served up.

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

A thoroughly nautical cake...
**Stag Cruise Highlights**

The Stag Cruise has been a tradition of VPS since 1954 and at one time was attended by most Squadrons of the Pacific Mainland District (PMD).

Nine boats rendezvoused at Bedwell Bay and eventually tied up at our final destination up Indian Arm on the weekend of June 11. Our host for the weekend was Don White, who made his dock and everything available to us, as he has done for the past six years. Twenty-one members enjoyed a barbeque on Saturday night and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. We even had some new faces arrive! Sheldon Zipursky came with his son Michael, Roy Rand brought a friend, and Allan Plausteiner introduced his son Mark.

A predicted log race was held on Saturday, prior to arriving at Don's dock. We had four power boats plus one sailboat participate. Christopher Steeves, onboard Little Dipper won the "Standard Oil Trophy" with a 2.797% error. Todd Sides, onboard Aloha Kai, took the "Victor Botfield Trophy" as runner up with a 4.32% error, and our very own commander onboard Daruma won the "All-A-Wet trophy," which is awarded to the highest scoring commander in the PMD. The course was 11.00 nautical miles long, consisted of six legs and averaged 1 hour 40 minutes to complete. A great time was had by all and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

The above photo shows Dennis Waunch presenting the "Eldon McLennan Trophy," awarded for the best novice score, to Eardley Beaton.

John Steede, VPSS

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**Call for Women Boaters!**

Wendy Forth, Manager of West Marine, is interested in bringing together a group of women boaters for once-monthly meetings to make connections and to discuss all things related to boating. To be added to the group list and find out what’s coming up next, give Wendy a call at 604-730-4093.
The Squadron Raft-Up
July 18 on False Creek – Flexibility Makes for Fun!

It was a beautiful evening! Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald brought her sailboat *Wanderlust*, loaded with P/Cdr Michael Walsh and Edi Gelin; Debra Zhou; “MC”; and Barbara Constantine, Vancouver Squadron’s Program Officer. Don Mercer brought his motor trawler *Simbuyo* with his Susan on board, and everyone brought food, glorious food.

It was a great chance to catch up on boating, Squadron and personal events in the past year.

Rob Murray’s *Avant’s* mast was too high to go under the Cambie Street Bridge, so Advanced Piloting Instructor Rob was picked up at the Olympic Village by Debra, rowing *Simbuyo*’s dinghy. The best place to have the raft-up was at the east end of False Creek near Science World, given the crowding at other potential anchorages in False Creek.

So flexibility saved the day and gave rise to the fun of launching the dinghy, the trip by Debra over to the landing at the Olympic Village, the trip back, and to us all getting together. Michael and Edi, who recently arrived back in Canada for a stay until mid-October, gave some first-hand insights into their oceanic voyage in *Sequitur* and their stay in Chile, before the next leg across the South Atlantic to Cape of Good Hope and South Africa.

We are hoping for another raft-up before Michael and Edi go south to resume their oceanic voyage. We look forward to others joining in on their boats or by dinghy!

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Did you hear the one about...

Two boaters who collide head on while trying to navigate a narrow inlet channel? Both boats are damaged, disabled, and sinking. As they each watch their vessels slowly taking on water, the first boater says, “You know, this is a sign that we should never take life for granted and that we should always live it to the fullest.” “You’re right,” says the other boater as he opens a cooler and pulls out a bottle of whisky. “Let's drink to living well for the rest of our lives.” The first boater takes the proffered bottle and, after a big swig, hands it back to the other boater who in turn quickly throws it into the ocean. More than a little surprised, the first boater exclaimed, “You didn't take a drink!?”

“Nah,” said the other boater, “I think I'll just wait for the Coast Guard to show up.”

http://yachtpals.com/jokes
Another Fabulous Rendezvous at Keats Island!

The weather was picture-perfect for the annual rendezvous at Keats Island on August 27th, with a wonderful BBQ hosted by Doug Puddifant. In all, six boats attended. As always, Squadron members provided a feast of potluck dishes to complement the barbecued chicken and steak. While one slumbered in the inviting hammock on the deck, and some relaxed on the deck with cool drinks and munchies, others participated in a friendly game of horseshoes (was there a ringer in the midst?), while a couple practiced their aim hitting golf balls from a tee – and trying not to hit the horseshoers or the large white barn! The evening ended with a drink on the dock, watching the sunset and stargazing.

Sunday morning proved to be another sunny day; while some headed off mid-morning, others investigated the environs, heading over to Gibsons in the dinghy, walking the trails in the park, or searching for clams for chowder. The seas were fairly calm on the run back to Vancouver, but unfortunately, there was insufficient wind to sail.

Lois MacDonald, VPSS Cruisemaster
See the next page for information on the silent auction that will be held on the same evening...
The BC & Yukon Branch of the Lifesaving Society is proud to be celebrating 100 years of lifesaving.

On October 22 we will celebrate in style at a Centennial Gala event. That evening there will be a silent auction and that’s where you can help.

Your contribution to the silent auction will support the Swim to Survive program which teaches Grade 3 students three basic water survival skills. The program’s goal is to reduce the number of drownings in BC by teaching self-rescue skills that will last a lifetime.

Donations to the silent auction are welcome and greatly appreciated. Popular items that stir up a frenzy of bidding include art, gift certificates, getaways, products, services, gift baskets . . . be creative!

- All donations will have the donor’s name displayed on the bid sheet and promotional materials.
- Donations valued over $500 will have the donor’s name and/or corporate logo featured on our website with a link.
- All donations are eligible for tax receipts for fair market value.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support the important work of the Lifesaving Society!

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For more information on the Lifesaving Society and our various programs including Swim to Survive, visit our website or contact Dale Miller, Executive Director, at 604.299.5450 or e-mail at dalem@lifesaving.bc.ca.
A COLD WATER IMMERSION WORKSHOP
FOR FIRST RESPONDERS
with Dr. Gordon Giesbrecht aka Professor Popsicle.

CSBC (Canadian Safe Boating Council) is holding a one day cold water educational workshop on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the UBC Boathouse, Richmond.

Topics to be covered include: mechanism of heat loss, thermal protection realities, triage of the hypothermic victim, extraction techniques, re-warming, packaging for transport and more.

This is the perfect opportunity to spend time with Dr. Giesbrecht and enhance your knowledge and skills when dealing with a hypothermic victim. Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the workshop.

The cost is $175 and includes lunch. Register now at csbc.ca as space is limited.

For more information and to register
go to www.csbc.ca
In 1953, this was the future home of the False Creek Yacht Club and even earlier than that...
Another Reason to Have Boat Insurance

I got to my dock at Burrard Civic Marina and found that a large log had ripped the rub rail off the side of the boat across the finger from mine and had actually broken the dock! I hope somebody has insurance.

Sue Mitchell, Skipper SV Mistral

REMINDER!

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup 2011

RAIN OR SHINE!

When: Saturday, September 17, 2011
Where: Jericho Beach East Area from Alma Street to Jericho Sailing School
Time: Registration and Orientation: 0930 hrs Cleanup: 1000 - 1500 hrs.

Meet at the Jericho Beach East Concession Stand area at 0930 hrs for registration, forming teams and a brief orientation.

Refreshments, cleaning supplies and materials will be supplied.

Squadron members, family and friends are encouraged to attend. Bring your rubber boots and rain gear as we will be cleaning up the beach rain or shine. Let’s see which team will have bragging rights to the most unusual item collected.

For further information, contact Bill Blancard, Environment Officer, VPSS at 604-931-5153 or email: Gonefishin2@telus.net

Thank you and see you there!