EXCITING FALL SEASON!! Our extremely capable Programs Officer, Barbara Constantine, has some very interesting programs lined up for our Member’s Social Nights at FCYC on the third Monday of each month. Next we have new training changes as we go to a Tuesday-evening-only format at PW starting September 11. They say we have put up nearly 80 students in the cafeteria in past years, so let’s continue on page 2...

Upcoming Events

• Saturday, September 15 - Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup - see page 3 for details.

• Monday, September 17 - Electrical Systems and Safety

  There’s something for everyone in Jeff Coté’s informative, high-spirited presentation.

• Monday, October 15 - Stay Tuned!

• Monday, November 19 - Sequitur and Beyond

  Don’t miss the surprising sequel to Michael Walsh’s September talk.

Past, current and incoming Power Squadron members are all welcome at Squadron Nights, held 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!
hope we will have a good registration online at www.vpsboat.com. Squadron Training Officer (STO) Glen Hodgkinson will have four main proctors, and we would like to have four trainees as well. Lois Macdonald is Assistant Training Officer (Advanced/Electives), and she is hoping to have sufficient registration for Seamanship and Weather courses. More courses could have been offered, but we need qualified instructors, so please let us know if you would like to get involved so that we can do more for the Spring courses. We also have a new generic type of brochure out, thanks to Glen and others. We are still seeking a Masthead Editor so that we can relieve Maureen. It requires desire, some knowledge, and commitment to a deadline, as prompt publication fuels our activities – could be done by two or more; let me know.

Some good fun summer activities have seen us on the water and off, with Raft-up, Plumper Cruise, Lawn Sign installations and the Wooden Boat Festival. Big thank-you’s to Lois firstly and then Paul Heeney (Exec Off/PRO) for all their efforts. Beach Cleanup is upcoming under the efforts of Bill Blancard (Envir Off). Read all about these activities elsewhere in this issue. I will be involved with the District Meetings and the CPS-AGM in September and October. Since we are Canada’s premium pleasure boating training organization and run totally by volunteers at the Squadron level, I am always so grateful for the fine efforts of all our Bridge Members and others who come forth from our membership to help out.

Eardley Beaton
Commander, VPSS

SIGNS OF FALL

Lawn signs are an important component of our registration drives.

Each year, more than two dozen volunteers allow us the use of their homes and businesses to help promote our CPS boating classes.

So, thank you very much Robert Cameron, Robert and Trish Madigan, Rick and Julie Marzolf, Bill and Josephine Bridge, John Paul Mulcaster, Ed and Anna Good, Gordon Brown, Maria James, Neil Menzies, Robert and Margaret Bear, Sheila White, Carl and Mary Ann Stewart, Dennis and Sheila Steeves, Jim and Tamara McCardle, Bill Forbes, Tom Caldwell, Gilbert Yuen, Steveston Marine, West Marine, Burrard Bridge Civic Marina, Heather Civic Marina and the False Creek Yacht Club.

Paul Heeney,
Public Relations Officer, VPSS
False Creek Raft-Up
-July 23

Note the bright yellow “BIRD BEGONE,” keeping gulls away from Waterfront Condo’s blue canvas roof as Eardley and Etheleen Beaton cast off from the False Creek Raft-up.

Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald, new VPSS member Renee Stephen, Past Commander Don Mercer, Commander Eardley Beaton, Susan Mercer and Etheleen Beaton aboard *Simbuyo* at the July 23 False Creek Raft Up.

Photos courtesy Barbara Constantine

Coming Up Soon -
The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup!

Volunteers required!
Come out rain or shine!

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Wear shoes or boots with grip and support, since you will be walking over rocks and uneven terrain; bring rain gear in case of inclement weather. We will supply such equipment as latex gloves, garbage bags, sharps containers, and pencils and clipboards for recording your results. We have a limited supply of tongs to pick up the garbage, so if you have your own please bring them.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. Bring a lunch if you want to stay and picnic at the beach afterward.

**When:** Saturday, September 15, 2012  
**Where:** Vanier Park boat ramp

Starts from the shoreline by the Coast Guard station to the end of the “dog beach” on the side of the spit that houses the boat collection at the Maritime Museum.

**Registration and orientation is at 0930 hrs. The cleanup is from 1000 to 1500 hrs.**

Come to the parking lot near the Coast Guard station between the Bard on the Beach tents and the boat-launch ramps. There will be a table set up with signs proclaiming “Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.”

**For more information, contact Bill Blancard (VPSS Environment Officer) at 604-931-5153 or email GoneFishin2@Telus.net.**
The Keats Island, Plumper Cove Squadron Cruise - August 18-19

It was another successful event for Vancouver Squadron! A special thank you to Doug Puddifant, whose generosity in providing his wonderful place as well as BBQ chicken and beef and the water taxi ride from Plumper Cove to Eastbourne Dock, and the back-of-truck ride to his place, made for a fun-filled, never boring time for all! And as always, our appreciation goes to Lois MacDonald, our Cruisemaster, for bringing it all together. And of course, kudos to all who attended and brought their food, conversation and enthusiastic participation that always makes Plumper Cove a cruising highlight. As always, Doug was the consummate host.

Our Commander, Eardley Beaton, and his dear Et were there at the dock to greet us, having gone up to Plumper Cove in Et’s Waterfront Condo on the Thursday, August 16. Don Mercer and his Susan with her son Michael, along with Past Commander Michael Walsh and Edi onboard as guests, arrived on Simbuyo at about 1030 on Saturday, August 18 and anchored on a Plumper Cove Marine Park mooring buoy. The trip over was an opportunity to get updated on Michael and Edi’s three-year sail and on their plans for their just-purchased 1908 Dutch canal boat, now that they are moving from Sequitur (up for sale) and sailing to a new motorized canal boat adventure.

The Mercers were followed by Jerry and Nancy Powers in Arabesque at around 1230. They managed to get permission from the water taxi company to use their private double-pink ball mooring buoy, a colourful start to their arrival. Cruisemaster MacDonald and Programs Officer Barbara Constantine arrived shortly thereafter and rafted up to Arabesque. Channel 68 enabled us to get connected.

The water taxi arrived about 1320 and, after picking up the Beatons at the dock, did the rounds of the boats on the mooring buoys. By 1340 we were off to Eastbourne Dock on a very fast ride, and with a great opportunity to catch up. Doug and his son Kris met us at the dock with two pick-up trucks to take us up to Doug’s place.

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The food and conversation flowed until 1930, and then we were on our way back to the Eastbourne Dock. The water taxi ride back was more eventful than planned. The single diesel engine was overheating and some exhaust insulation started to burn, with the engine shutting down a few times. At all times we were safe and secure in the taxi, but still had a little more entertainment than anticipated. And we all got to speculate on the reasons for the overheating.

The events are well covered in photos of the happy group and of the delightful foods available. Potlucks are always interesting and always seem to work out, with nutritious variety and balance and excellent for the tastebuds.

Don Mercer
Past Commander, VPSS
Manning the CPS Booth at the Wooden Boat Festival

Warm, sunny weather (for the most part) meant good crowds at this year's Wooden Boat Festival, which was held between August 23 and 26.

Although late August is prime boating weather, more than a dozen VPSS members agreed to head to Granville Island to promote our fall courses.

Their work certainly paid off as registration numbers were up slightly compared to last year.

Many thanks to Joanne Thauli (who was at the windward end of the CPS canopy during Thursday morning's storm), Branko Peric, Dennis Steeves, Peter Mokkonen, Sheldon Zipursky, Roger Walsh, Karen Lubin, Doug Johnson, Len Rodrigues, Renee Stephen, Don Zarowny and Sandra Korpan.

Paul Heeney,
Public Relations Officer, VPSS

Photos courtesy of Paul Heeney

Sheldon Zipursky at the CPS booth.

Dennis Steeves standing by a beauty called The Wanderer.
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7. Participate in social events
8. Free parking for member and guest
9. Club open for lunch 12:00 to 3:00 and dinner from 5:00 to 9:00 Wednesday to Fridays and Sunday dinner
10. Access to latest boating information from seasoned members

Additional benefits on being an active member:
1. All the benefits of a social member
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3. Privilege access to 3 outstations (Ganges in Salt Spring Island, Silva Bay in Gabriola Island and Union Steamship in Bowen Island)
4. Access to moorage at reciprocal clubs
5. Eligible to directorship and committees
6. Free boat safety inspection conducted once a year by Coast Guards