I hope you all had a wonderful summer! As September is upon us, I’d like to ask that all members get on the phone and call your family and friends to have them register for one of the Fall Boating Courses. Squadron Training Officer Peter Girling has lined up **Boating Essentials, Seamanship, Weather, Marine Radio** and **Boating Basics** with courses starting September 10. Check out all the details and register at www.vpsboat.com or call Peter at (604) 263-4079. He has some great Instructors and Proctors to help the students.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Sept 14-15 weekend** - Don’t miss the Vancouver Squadron’s annual Keats Island Rendez-vous! See Cruisemaster’s Corner for more details (pg 6)
- **Monday, Sept 16 - Tunisia, Turkey, Crimea and Beyond!**
  
  Our fall speaker series casts off with a presentation by Aubrey and Judy Millard. The Millards have sailed the world for 15 years in their intrepid Ontario 32 sloop, *Veleda IV*. This talk covers their far flung 5-year Mediterranean and Black Sea voyages. The Millards plan to join our Sept 14 and 15 Keats Rendezvous, so come on along to hear more of their remarkable stories!

- **September 21 - Shoreline Cleanup 2013**
- **Monday, October 21 - Squadron Night** - details coming
- **Monday, November 18 - Squadron Night** - details coming

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!
Programs Officer Barbara Constantine is working on some great social events lined up for our Squadron Nights at False Creek Yacht Club starting Monday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Then Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald has our annual Plumper’s Cove/Keats Island Cruise going again this year on the September 14 weekend. Likewise, “Enviro” Bill Blancard has the beach clean-up on September 21 and he will appreciate volunteers. Yes, this is the busiest time of the year getting all the programs under way after this amazing summer. Get involved and help us celebrate CPS’ 75th birthday.

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.

False Creek Yacht Club was designed by the stellar Canadian architect Bing Thom, who is also responsible for Sunset Community Centre, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, the new Surrey City Centre Library, Whistler Celebration Plaza, and numerous award-winning buildings around the world. During the fall and spring, the sunset and harbour views are breath-taking, and on winter evenings the pub is warm and cozy. Bar prices are reasonable and FCYC staff are friendly and accommodating.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the third Monday evening of each month. We look forward to seeing you!
Summer Cruisin’

In mid-August, Cruise Master Lois MacDonald (R), past Masthead Editor Maureen Philips (L) and Programs Officer Barbara Constantine enjoyed a quick 3-day cruise to Nanaimo.

They secured Wanderlust, Lois’ 25 foot C & C sailboat, to a mooring buoy at the Newcastle Island Marina, and enjoyed exploring scenic Newcastle Island Provincial Marine Park, the Nanaimo waterfront, and the Dinghy Dock Pub on Protection Island.

This short excursion across the Strait of Georgia took 7 hours, motor sailing from Burrard Civic Marina. Moorage was $12 per night, and it was the perfect location for boat-watching, meeting fellow travellers, and having up-close encounters with numerous seals and three very tame otters.

Barbara’s ready to explore!
Volunteers

Volunteers are like yachts, no matter
Where they are, they arouse your curiosity.
Who are they?
Where do they come from?
Why are they here?
They could stay moored where it’s safe and still
justify their being, but they choose to cut through
tough waters, ride out storms and take chances.
They have style.
They are fiercely independent.
If you have to ask them how much they cost, you
cannot afford them.
Volunteers are the only human beings on the face
of the earth who reflect our Nation’s compassion,
unselfishness, caring, patience and just plain loving
-- of one another.
It frightens one to imagine what the world
Would be like without volunteers

- Anonymous

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We start our fall training program on September 10 at Prince of Wales School. As you may know, the old 13-week Boating Course is now history, replaced by two courses: Boating Basics (BB) and Boating Essentials (BE). As its name implies, BB provides the basics and Transport Canada’s requirements for a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. BE adds to BB with a lot of practical knowledge on topics such as chart reading, plotting courses and fixes, anchoring, environmental responsibilities, etc. It is the kind of information essential for boaters on our Pacific Coast and crossing the Strait of Georgia. The full program of courses and start dates are:

**Boating Essentials**, September 10, 9 weeks, $280 (**$200 for a second person sharing material)**

**Boating Basics**, November 12, 4 weeks, $80

**Maritime Radio**, October 10, 3 weeks, $90 and $110 for non-members

**Seamanship**, September 17, 13 weeks, $160 and $180 for non-members

**Fundamentals of Weather**, September 17, 10 weeks, $150 and $170 for non-members

It may seem odd that we are offering BE before BB, but many people coming to BE already have their PCOC, often from another organization, and so do not have to take Boating Basics first. We want to capture those interested in BE at the beginning of the training season, before they have an opportunity to sign on elsewhere. Those without a PCOC are able to finish it off after completing Boating Essentials.
Cruisemaster’s Corner

by Cruisemaster Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com

• September 14-15 weekend – Keats Island Rendezvous

The final Squadron cruise of the season is coming up on September 14 and 15 -- to Plumper Cove on Keats Island (NW side of Keats, across from Gibsons).

As per tradition, we will be having a potluck BBQ at Doug Puddifant’s in late afternoon, with Doug once again generously providing the chicken to BBQ – please bring your favourite dish – appy, side dish, dessert, etc. – as well as BYOB.

Please ensure arrival is no later than noon on September 14, 2013; final arrangements for transportation to Doug’s will be provided at that time. (In the past, some have arrived on the Friday).

There is usually some space at the dock, as well as mooring buoys, along with some anchorage.

Optional potluck breakfast the following morning at the dock for those who wish to participate.

While pets are not forbidden, please remember that there is a resident poodle, Molly, at Doug’s place.

Hope you can join us!!

If you have any questions, please contact Lois MacDonald at cruisemaster@vpsboat.com or 604-266-2582
Volunteers Required

20th Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup 2013

Rain or Shine!

Hello fellow Squadron members. It’s that time of year when we need volunteers to participate in the 20th Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. I’m appealing for Squadron members and their families and friends to attend.

We have a fun time at this event, meeting new friends, climbing over rocks, kicking sand with our boots and even sharing stories and perhaps bragging rights over the most unusual item found! In case of inclement weather, bring some rain gear and shoes or boots with grip and support as this is an area with rocks and uneven terrain.

Supplies such as latex gloves, garbage bags, sharps containers, pencils, and clipboards for recording your results will be provided.

We have a limited supply of tongs to pick up the garbage, so if you have your own tongs or gloves, please bring them along.

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

When: Saturday, September 21, 2013
Where: Vanier Park Boat Ramp
Time: Registration and Orientation: 0930 hrs
Cleanup: 1000 - 1500 hrs.

Cleanup starts from the shoreline by the ex-Coastguard Station to the end of the “dog beach” on the side of the spit that houses the boat collection at the Maritime Museum.

Come down to the parking lot near the ex-Coast Guard Station between where they have the Bard on the Beach tents and the boat launch ramps. There will be a table set up with signs showing “Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.”
A Brief History

The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup held nationwide each September. In 1994, two staff members of 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.

Cleanup Results for 2012

Four trash bags filled with over 40 lbs of garbage was collected. The main litter item picked up was cigarette butts -- over 200 of them!

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

Thank you and hope to see you there!
FROM OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER...

LAWN SIGNS are in place on the west side of Vancouver, announcing the start of our boating courses September 10.

We ask all our members to promote our boating courses to friends and relatives and have them check out www.vpsboat.com for more information.

The wooden boat show at Granville island was blessed with great weather and our squadron booth attracted many interested boaters. Keep the conversation going!

RAFT-UP IN THE CREEK

Cruisemaster Lois set up an annual gathering in False Creek for members and friends (if they were not all out in the Islands). On Monday, August 19th, three boats made their way up the creek on the south side between Spruce Harbour and Heather Marinas where Main Attraction set anchor. Waterfront Condo, with Etheleen and Eardley Beaton and PRO John Cartmel aboard, was glad to raft up to Jeff and Izia Booth’s lovely Mainship 430. Shortly thereafter the good s.v. Celebrity with Allan and Clare Strain rafted up and came aboard, loaded up with lots of delicious goodies. The CPS 75th Anniversary flag proudly flew on the bow of Waterfront Condo before we all settled into a great feast aboard Main Attraction and a good time was had by all. It was near dark when we found our way back to Burrard Civic and the Strains left for RYVC, leaving the Booths alone for the night in the Creek.

- Eardley Beaton