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*Entering Simoom Sound, Broughtons Archipelago
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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Season's Greetings!

As we enter the holiday season it is time, yet again, to reflect on the year that was.

Your WR Squadron Bridge and Education Team worked tirelessly to bring educational courses, squadron cruises and special programs aimed to involve, educate and invigorate our membership and the boating community at large.

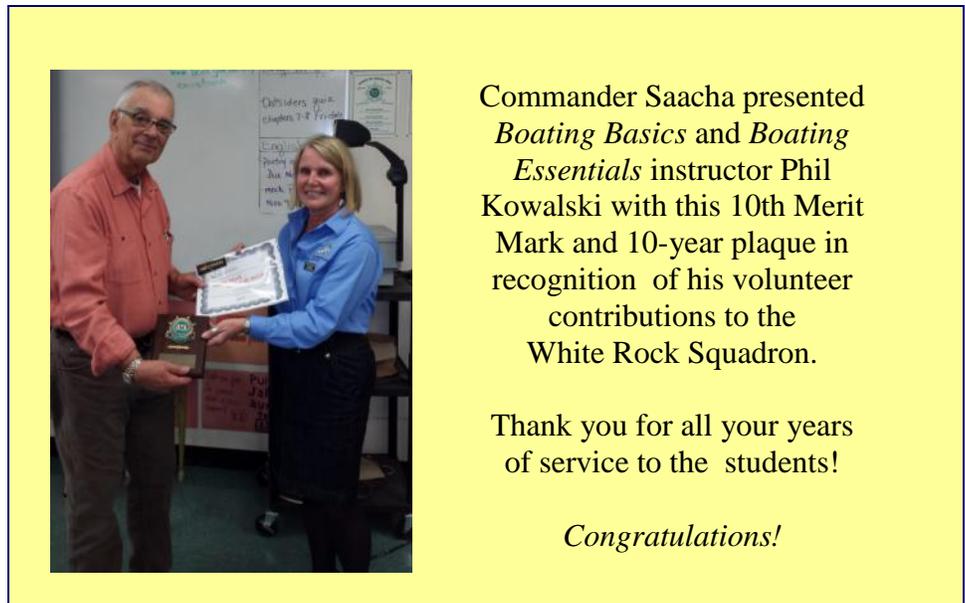
In November, we held a Social Education event which was well attended. The next one will take place on February 25 – save the date on your calendar.

At the WR Squadron annual AGM in April we reviewed our financial position and determined that it was necessary to raise our membership fees by approximately \$0.50/month to cover costs. This will be reflected starting in January 2016. Of note, the WR fee has not been raised in many years.

Next October, the CPS-ECP National Conference, Change of Watch and AGM will be held in Vancouver – details will be provided in the coming months – plan to attend and meet fellow CPS-ECP members from coast to coast to coast.

I wish you all the best in the New Year...stay safe in, on and around the water!

Cdr Saacha



Commander Saacha presented *Boating Basics* and *Boating Essentials* instructor Phil Kowalski with this 10th Merit Mark and 10-year plaque in recognition of his volunteer contributions to the White Rock Squadron.

Thank you for all your years of service to the students!

Congratulations!

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT



Happy Holidays to everyone!

What a busy time of year it has been for the education department! On Tuesday, December 8th, five students wrote the *Seamanship* exam. On Wednesday December 9th, eleven students wrote the *Boating Essentials* exam. All of the students who wrote the *Boating Essentials* exam passed and two students achieved a perfect mark! The average grade obtained was 46.8 out of 50 or 93.6%. Congratulations to all the students!

I wish to thank everyone who volunteered and helped to make the exam night a smooth and efficient event. Thank you to Tom, Saacha, Greg, Phil, Gerard, Andrew. A special thanks to Wally for being in charge.

To see a detailed list of the courses being offered during the Winter 2016 term, click [here](#)

As this year comes to a close, preparation for the Winter 2016 course term has already begun. It is not too late to register for a winter course. Please visit our [website](#) for more details, as there have been some changes to the Winter 2016 course schedule.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday and all the best in the New Year.

Education Officer Harald



Commander Saacha presented Gerard Ponsford with his 3rd Merit Mark in recognition of his volunteer contributions to the White Rock Squadron.

*Thank you
&
Congratulations Gerard!*



Out on the WATER

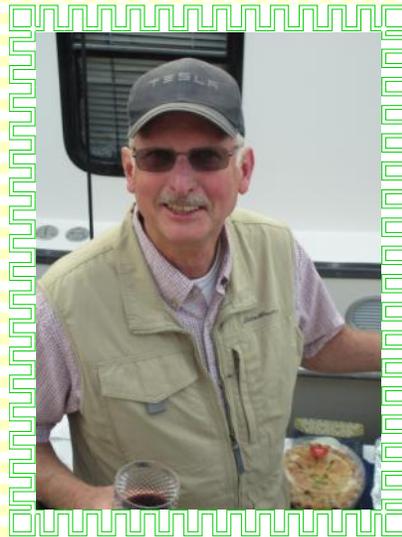
Our Annual White Rock Squadron Labour Day Cruise

Members of the WR Squadron came together at Port Browning Marina over the Labour Day weekend to say goodbye to the summer cruising season. There was a great turnout with a wonderful beer tasting event, potluck and a coin-game of *Right, Centre, Left*. The following boats attended this year's Labour Day cruise; *Acadia, Carousel, Smoochee Two, Mer Blue, Halifax Jack, Kazbar, Shocking Lesson, Arendal, and Bacaloa.*



Thank you to Pat and Terry of Kazbar for being the perfect hosts/organizers during the weekend events!





Social Education Night



Heavy Weather Sailing

Some 50 WR Squadron members and guests were in attendance for Gerard's entertaining and thought-provoking talk on numerous aspects of rough weather sailing. Gerard drew upon his personal experience and provided historical anecdotes to describe solutions to challenges that may be encountered by sailors.

Gerard is a proctor in both our *Boating Basics* and *Boating Essentials* courses.

Many thanks to Gerard for his contribution of time and talent to the WR Squadron!

Mark Your Calendar!

The next Social Education Night is planned for Thursday, Feb 25th.

Details regarding the topic & venue will be released soon!



Where's that?



Answer can be found on page 14

Coffee and Cookies

~ A WR Squadron Tradition~

Remember how much you enjoyed a cookie or two, sipping a hot cup of coffee and chatting with other students during the WR class breaks?

Volunteers are needed at Earl Marriot School to make coffee for our students on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Please call Commander Saacha at 778-872-1285 for more details on how you can be involved in this WR Squadron tradition.



Name that boat!



Do you know the name of this type of boat??

Hint: This photograph was taken in Lunenburg

Answer can be found on page 10



CPS-ECP National Conference & AGM

Commander Saacha and Education Officer Harald attended this year's CPS-ECP National conference and AGM in Niagara Falls. They attended numerous meetings and seminars and took every opportunity to connect with other CPS-ECP members from across Canada. Membership Officer John was also in attendance as the PMD Education Officer and WR Treasurer Greg attended many of the open meetings and the AGM.



National has advised that the meeting minutes and the notes from the various events will be posted on the National website.

Education Officer Harald stated that his highlights from the conference included:

- * The new life jacket standards. Transport Canada and the US Coast Guard have agreed to harmonize their standard for life jackets which will be a great advantage for manufactures to have a single standard. It will also benefit the consumers with possible lower manufacturing costs and improved designs.
- * A recent high tech study of human factors that contribute to boating accidents in Florida and Ohio. One clear conclusion from this study was that education is the most important factor in preventing boating accidents. This first study has been so successful in understanding factors that contribute to boating accidents, that research is continuing in other area other US, including Washington State.



Vancouver is hosting the
2016 CPS-ECP
conference
Oct 25-30, 2016

Have you registered yet?



White Rock Squadron Courses for the Winter 2016 term

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
<u>VHF/Martime Radio</u>	Jan 12
<u>Boating Basics</u>	Jan 13
<u>Boating Basics plus Boating Essentials</u>	Jan 13
<u>Seamanship</u>	Jan 13
<u>Boating Essentials</u>	Feb 10

**All courses are taught at
Earl Marriott Secondary School
(15751 16th Avenue, South Surrey)**

**Register
Today!**

We highly recommend that you register on-line (just click on the course name). You may also register in-person the first evening of the course by arriving at 6:30PM, provided there is space available. We accept cash, cheque, Visa or Mastercard.

For more information on courses e-mail White Rock Training or call us at 604-515-5566

Tri-Squadron Christmas Party



Another great Tri-Squadron Christmas party!

It was great to see so many WR Squadron members at the party this year. The party was held on November 20th at the Fraser Downs Race Track



~ ANSWER ~
(page 7 - Name that Boat!)

This boat is called a Dory. It is about 5 to 7 metres (16 to 23 feet) long. Typically, it is a lightweight boat with high sides, a flat bottom and sharp bows. They are easy to build because of their simple lines. For centuries, dories have been used as traditional fishing boats on the coast and on open seas.

Summer Cruising Schedule

Mark these dates!



Easter Weekend	March 25-16	<u>Port Browning</u>
Victoria Day	May 21-22	<u>Telegraph Harbour Marina</u>
Canada Day	July 1-2	<u>Ganges Marina</u>
Labour Day	Sept 3-4	<u>Port Browning</u>

It's time to start planning for the summer cruising season. Cruise master Barry has planned several great WR Squadron Cruises for the upcoming summer. Join us for fun, fellowship, happy hours, potlucks, dingy explorations, and crib tournaments. Please make your reservations with the marinas directly and advise them that you are with White Rock Squadron. Then contact Cruise-master Barry to let him know you are coming.

There will be an Extended Cruise in the Summer of 2016!!

We are excited to announce that Cruise master Barry is planning an extended cruise to the Broughtons for next Summer. If you are interested in joining the group cruise to the Broughtons (leaving July 3), please contact Cruise master Barry for more details.

The cruise schedule is still in development. It will be a 3-week trip, including stops at :

- * Pender Harbor,
- * Refuge Cove,
- * Big Bay,
- * Shoal Bay.
- * Port Harvey
- * Lagoon Cove,
- * Shawl Bay
- * Sullivan Bay,
- * Jennis Bay,
- * Turnbull Cove,
- * Pierre's at Echo Bay



**New to Boating or
New to the area?**

Participating in the WR Squadron cruises is a great way to meet new people and gain some practical experience.

Contact Cruise master Barry to arrange a Buddy Boat

Picture yourself



Thank you to P.R. Officer Andrew for submitting these beautiful photographs taken by Webmaster Rob of *Acadia* docked in Victoria Harbour.



Check out this great photograph submitted by Education Officer Harald from his last boating trip to the Broughtons.



Thank you Denise of *Carousel* for this fun picture of Brenda standing on the bow of her new boat - *Mer Blue*



WHITE ROCK SQUADRON GRADUATION FALL 2015 STUDENTS ~ ALL COURSES

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016
7:00pm

Upstairs
Ricky's Country Restaurant
2160 King George Blvd, South Surrey



The upper room is available to us from 5:30pm onward.
Come early if you wish to purchase dinner and dine in advance of the event.

Program begins at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Family and friends welcome!

Open to all Squadron members...come out and mingle!



Upcoming Events

Vancouver International Boat Show, Jan 20-14, 2016

BC Place and Granville Island

Wednesday-Saturday: 10am-8pm

Sunday: 10am-5pm

The floating show at Granville Island closes daily at 5pm
For more information, check out their website [here](#)

BC Boat and Sportsmen's Show, March 4-6, 2016

Location: Tradex in Abbotsford, BC

This is BC's largest boating, fishing, hunting and sportsmen's show !! For more details, click [here](#)

Victoria Inner Harbour Boat Show, April 28, 2016

This event is hosted by the BC Yacht Brokers Association and has become the largest in-water boat show on the west coast.

For more details, visit their [website](#).



A Sunday Outing

What a nice day last Sunday was. A great day to be on the water. We were down at our boat the *Mary D*. when friends Glen and Sher invited us out on their new boat with them. We were also joined by our friends Chris and Sharon. We went out into the Georgia Strait and head south of Birch Point.

They are first time boat owners and had just bought a 42 Carver aft cabin the month before. They had only been out on their new boat twice before (the first being the sea trial).

The sun was shining, and the wind was 10knots - nothing a 42 foot couldn't handle. No one else on the water, a nice ride, great company, plus a lot of electrical equipment to go over with the new owner. After about 45 minutes out we turned around to head back to the Blaine Marina. The view of Mount Baker was spectacular. When all of a sudden there was the US Coast Guard beside us.

They came up beside us and told us they would like to board the boat. There was 2 officers that boarded and 2 stayed on their 25ft RIB with 2- 225HP Hondas. Which stayed close by while we ran about 7 knots back towards Blaine Harbour.

One of the officers that boarder turned out to be an RCMP officer, it is part of the shared boarder program to have an RCMP on board a US Coast Guard boat and a US Coast Guard on a RCMP boat. The US officer did a thorough inspection with the New Captain Glen. It turned out to be a good experience for a Glen and Sher. They had to remember where they put the boat registration papers. The Officer gave them a detailed list of what was required to have on the boat. And we all learned you have to wear your Mustang Auto inflate at all times when on the water. But if there were enough regular life jackets on board we didn't need to wear them.

Plus when on the water to have your Canadian ID with you – right Debby!

The experience was great and good to know they are out there all year round if there is a boating emergency. A US Coast Guard will fly a Canadian Flag on their boat if there is a RCMP officer on board.

Paul and Debby



White Rock Squadron Bridge meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except in June and July) at the Ricky's Country Restaurant 2160 King George Boulevard, South Surrey.

Meetings start at 7:00PM

Everyone is welcome!

Next meeting will be Thursday January 14th.

Hope you can join us!

Answer (photograph on page 7 – WHERE'S THAT?)

~ Harrison Hot Springs ~

Right in our own backyard! The Village of Harrison Hot Springs is a small community at the southern end of Harrison Lake, - a 1.5 hour drive from White Rock. From power boating to sailing and windsurfing, Harrison Lake is the place to be!



The best way to see Harrison Lake and River is by boat. Here is some information to keep in mind if you are planning a trip to the area:

- * Harrison Lake is glacier fed and has strong river currents and constant winds.
- * There 3 boat launches: one at the East end of the Village, one in Sasquatch Park and one on Kilby Beach to access Harrison River
- * The Killer's Cove Marina provides moorage and it is the only place to find fuel on the lake Listen to VHF radio channel 68 for boating information

Check out this list of places to explore on your next boating excursion to Harrison Hot Springs:

1. Rainbow Falls - up the lake on the east side of Cascade Bay you will find an amazing waterfall
2. Echo Island - Circumnavigate the island for some great views
3. Long Island - Just past Echo Island on the west side of the lake is Long Island. Check out the protected bay!

For more information, visit the Harrison Hot Springs website www.tourismharrison.com/



KIDS CORNER

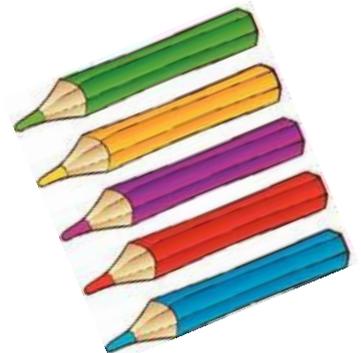
Hey kids!
Looking for some fun things to do during
your winter break from school??
check out the games, contests and activities
on the CPS kids website -
www.cps-ecp/kids

Mandala Colouring Page



The word "Mandala" is a Sanskrit word meaning "circle." Mandalas are found in many different cultures. Our brains like to work with patterns. When we colour patterns, our brains can relax and our thoughts can drift away to a calm place.

Try it!





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