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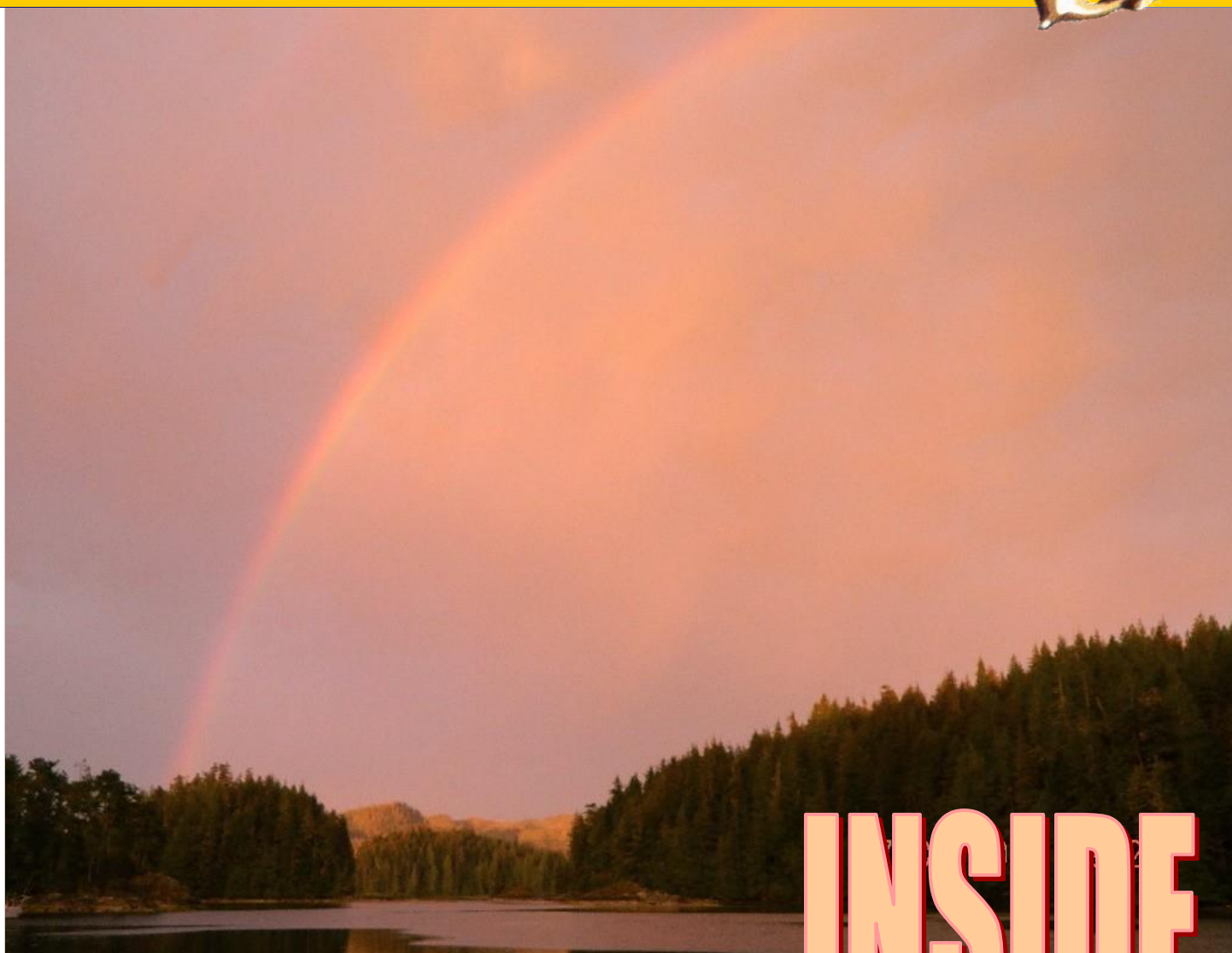
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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Greetings fellow CPS-ECP members! At the time of writing, we are in the midst of an exceptional stretch of mid August weather and I hope you have had the good fortune to experience it on the water.

The 2016/17 Pacific Yachting PMD Roster will have landed in your mailbox in the past few weeks. You will note that our squadron member list is considerably longer than it was last year. On behalf of WR Squadron, I wish to extend a warm welcome to former SurDel members who have found a new home with us as a result of the merger of SurDel into WR! We encourage you to join our many cruises, social events, and classes. We look forward to meeting you at future "New Member Welcome" pub nights which will generally be held on the last Thursday of the month.

We held several well attended events before we broke for the summer boating season. On March 31, we met at WR Elks Hall for a Social Education Night where Harald Hanssen, Gerard Ponsford, and Barry Baniulis each gave exceptional talks, on all things nautical, with everyone on the edge of their seats! We have more such events planned for the coming months. The plan is for the last Thursday of the month, so check the WR website to confirm the details, date, time, and location. If you have any suggestions of an area of interest, or have a particular presenter in mind, please let us know.

Our May 14 (2nd Annual)Flare Disposal Day (in partnership with Langley and Valley squadrons) was a resounding success and we brought in some 1,000 expired items. Watch for it next year. In addition, WR squadron has rebooted the Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check program (RVCC) and you can arrange to have your check completed and receive your compliance decal (currently 2016) by contacting either myself or Treasurer Greg Watkin. We will be pleased to complete your check in 2017 so mark your calendar and drop us an email to arrange.

Last May 12, your Bridge decided to change things up a bit. Over 60 members and guests came to WR Elks Hall for a combined celebration of the WR Squadron Change of Watch, Merit Mark Presentation, Spring Student Graduation and New Member Welcome. We enjoyed appetizers and refreshments and, by most accounts, a very enjoyable evening and several new members were pledged.

This coming October 25-30, the CPS-ECP National AGM & Conference will be held in Vancouver. The theme will be: The Explorers. You can learn more and register at: www.vancouver2016.ca

As a CPS-ECP member, if you have yet to attend a National Conference this is a great opportunity since it will be right on our doorstep. There will be workshops and seminars that may be of interest to you. There will be a Friday evening theme dinner. The AGM will be held on Saturday morning. There will be a Chief Commander's Gala/Dinner Dance on Saturday evening. It is a chance to meet other CPS-ECP members from coast to coast to coast.

I encourage you to attend our monthly Bridge meetings (generally 2nd Thursday of the month). If you have the curiosity, desire or inclination to join your WR Bridge, or volunteer for upcoming events, I invite you to contact us or or come check it out.

As ever, stay safe in, on and around the water and have fun out there! In the words I once heard from our intrepid Cruise Master Barry (and I am paraphrasing here) "You are creating everlasting memories for you and your loved ones."

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT



Another great summer season of boating is almost “in the books”. We have been on the water since June and during our travels have, again, met many boaters. Many of those boaters have benefited from some of our CPS courses and some have taken courses with the White Rock Squadron. We are proud to be active in Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons as we can see first-hand that we have certainly made a difference in boating enjoyment and boating safety for many recreational boaters.

On the “flip-side”, we have also observed issues that still require boating education. As all boaters should, we monitor marine VHF channel 16 and hear a great deal of inappropriate transmission. It seems obvious that a fair number of callers have not taken the mandatory radio course or have long forgotten proper procedures. Another observation that we made was that the further north we travelled, the less use of life jackets we noticed. We still have a lot of work to do.

For this Fall, Squadron will be offering the marine VHF radio course leading to the mandatory Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime), the Basic Boating and Boating Essentials courses leading to the mandatory Pleasure Craft Operator's Certificate (PCOC), as well as our Advanced Piloting course. The latter is a newly updated course that includes more electronic navigation, some classical navigation techniques and more complete understanding of tides and currents.

Please encourage family members and friends who wish to do some boating to take a safe boating course this Fall Session or in our Winter Session. It could make a big difference.

Harald, Educational Officer



** Check out our course schedule on [page 13](#)*

** Our next Bridge meeting is September 8th at 7pm in Room 104 at Earl Marriott High School . Hope to see you there!*

55th Anniversary Celebration



On May 12, 2016, students, instructors, proctors, Bridge members and friends came together to celebrate the WR Squadron's 55th Anniversary.

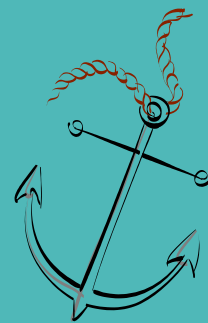
This evening included many great events:

Merit Marks presentation

**Change of Watch*
(2016-2017 WR Bridge)*

Student graduation





Where's that?

*Do you know where this is?
Check the answer on
page 14*

THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who dropped off expired flares at this year's
FLARE DISPOSAL DAY
on May 14th.

Thank you to Steveston Marine
Langley for providing the space to
have this event

It was a great success!

Easter Cruise to Port Browning



SQUADRON GREETED BY WONDERFUL EASTER WEATHER



White Rock Power and Sail Squadron members gathered at Port Browning on North Pender Island to kick off the cruising season the Easter weekend of March 25 and 26. The Strait was glassy smooth on Good Friday making for a great crossing. Boats gathering were Freedom Too, Smoochee Two, Mary D and Old News who all marvelled at the wonderful blue sky weather. A day of getting fun and frolic with a happy hour hosted by the Freedom Too. Crab traps had been set out and crabs were actually caught and shared the group enjoyed a dinner out at the Port Browning Pub on Saturday. Some returned to home ports on the Sunday dealing with some very lumpy seas



Cruisemaster Barry



The Seas Are a Changin'

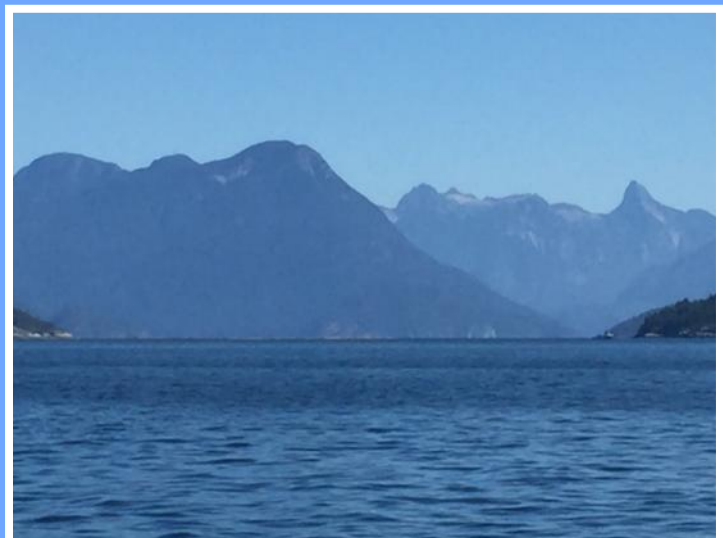
In our boating travels this summer, we chatted with returning boaters, locals including those who make their living from the sea. When we chatted about sport fishing or commercial harvesting, their stories were chillingly similar. The seas have changed.

From the Discovery Islands and throughout the Broughton Archipelago, salmon fishing has been poor. Crabbing has been poor. Prawning has been poor. One scallops aqua farm lost 80% of its crop due to a mysterious die-off, which is now being investigated by the Hakai Institute, Heriot Bay.

Humpback whales on our coast are behaving differently. Historically, they have migrated to The Bering Sea to feed during the summers. Then they would make their way to the waters around Hawaii to calf. Apparently, last year, and this year, most went north only as far as Shearwater on our Central Coast.

When we consider these marine observations with the fact that our Earth has just had the warmest month since records were kept, it is not difficult to imagine that our marine ecosystem may be changing faster than most have imagined.

Harald
Educational Officer



SQUADRON CELEBRATES CANADA DAY AT GANGES

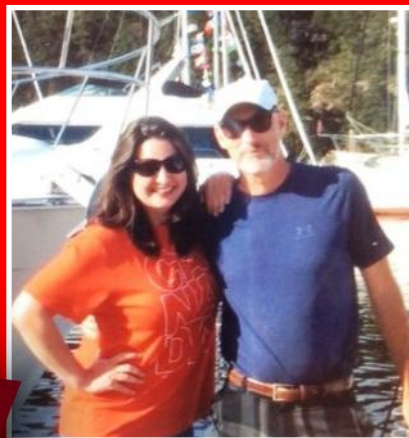
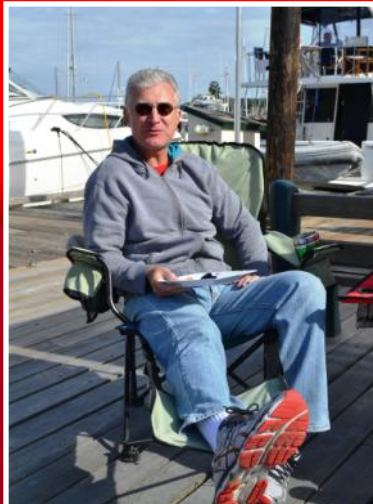
Members of the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron celebrated Canadas birthday at Ganges on Saltspring Island July 1 and 2

All gathered on the docks for a well attended happy hour prior to another great fireworks show On Saturday many attended the very well known farmers market in Ganges and all contributed to the well being of the local island economy

Boats attending were Smoochee Two, Freedom Too, Kazbar, Mer Bleu, Carousel, Sea Venture, Ella Dawn, Deetour, Halifax Jack, Acadia. Mary D, Shocking Lesson, Barcolo, Mariner and Buds Tug

The evening potluck attracted 24 hungry boaters and 16 participated in the crib tournament – all going home with prizes

Barry Baniulis
Cruisemaster





BACK TO THE BROUGHTONS

White Rock Squadron's Extended Cruise

Freedom Too, Kazbar and Smoochee Two sent three weeks in the Broughtons July 3 thru July 24

Following is a daily recap of the cruise from the log of the *Freedom Too*

Sunday, July 3

Freedom Too was underway from Ganges at 6:10 am following *Smoochee Two* at trawler speed to make a mid morning slack at Dodds Narrows. Trincomali was lumpy but both *Kazbar* and *Freedom Too* encountered big swells north of Dodds which made for plenty of water over the top. Both pulled into Schooner Cove for a fuel stop – *Smoochee Two* had gone into Naniamo. Leaving at 12:20 pm from Schooner they contended with really ugly water for 2.5 hours until the seas smoothed somewhat closer to Chrome Island. Then it was a quick trip up the inside of Baynes Sound to the Comox government dock. Boat washdowns were in order plus the enjoyment of a dockside happy hour

Monday, July 4

Leaving at 8 am the *Freedom Too* found some lumpy seas off Cape Lazo but by 10:30 am lines were out in the search of salmon off Cape Mudge And one salmon was caught, brought up to the boat but it decided to fight and live another day Great excitement followed by greater disappointment. Lines were pulled in the *Freedom Too* continued into Campbell River Discovery Harbor Marina. Another opportunity to top off fuel tanks and enjoy the marina amenities. Sunshine was off and on – both crews enjoyed a pub dinner out that evening

Tuesday, July 5

Underway at 11 am the boats proceeded to Seymour Narrows for a 12:15 slack. Discovery Passage water conditions were good as was Johnstone Straits and both boats were tied at Port Harvey Marine Resort by 4 pm. A day of blue skies and sunshine after 1 pm

Wednesday, July 6

A trawler speed day leaving at 9:50 pm for Lagoon Cove. All in by noon. Topping up the fuel tanks again. Naps were in order and *Smoochee Two* caught up with the group early in the afternoon making record time from Campbell River. All attended the well known happy hour

Thursday, July 7

Underway at 8:30 am it was a very damp day with on and off rain as the boats travelled to Sullivan Bay. The *Freedom Too* was tied up by 2:45 pm, some provisioning was undertaken and raindrops dodged in this very unique community that is all built on floats

Friday, July 8

Heavy rain during the night and were underway at 11 am for Turnbull Cove. Lines were dropped but no bites. Anchored in Turnbull Cove in 35 feet of water amidst rain showers which continued all day.

Saturday, July 9

No rain!!! But it was overcast as all boaters – now joined again by *Smoochee Two* – dingied ashore at 11 am to walk up the Turnbull Cove trail to Huskyn Lake. Pictures were taken and then at 1pm a dingy excursion was made around the corner to Roaring Hole Rapids. Rain commenced again at 6:20 m and continued most of the night.

Sunday, July 10

The group left at 9:50 am and proceeded to Claydon Bay with all being anchored at the inner bay at 11 am. It was a very dull, overcast day with blue sky and sunshine appearing after 5 pm.

Monday, July 11

Kazbar left early for Port McNeil while *Freedom Too* and *Smoochee Two* pulled anchors and left at 11 am for Drury Inlet. Both dropped fishing lines in Wells Passage but no luck for either boat. Thru Stuart Narrows at a 1 pm slack it was trawler speed to the head and anchors were again deployed in Sutherland Bay by 2:30 pm just in time for rain. Happy hour was hosted by *Smoochee*

Tuesday, July 12

Another overcast day both crews left by dinghy at 1 pm for a exploration of Actress Passage. It was very kelpy in places with much evidence of logging operations ashore. Off and on rain showers returned after supper with the sun only being seen for 30 minutes

Wednesday, July 13

A blue sky day both boats departed at 10 am for a leisurely tip to Jennis Bay. Dock space was secured and *Kazbar* rejoined the group reporting very favorable water conditions for their trip to Port McNeil. A very pleasant day with a group happy hour on the docks



Thursday, July 14

It was decided to spend another day at Jennis Bay under enjoyable blue skies. In the afternoon a group fishing excursion was organized by Kazbar. Good fun with many groundfish caught and released. Two humpback whales were spotted leading to calls of we need a bigger boat !! A group campfire and sing alongs closed out a very pleasant day

Friday, July 15

Leaving at 10 am the Freedom Too made a quick provisioning stop at Sullivan Bay and then continued at trawler speed to Trivett where they rafted to Kazbar. Smoochee had gone to Moore Bay. A very low cloud day accompanied by a Broughton drizzle

Saturday, July 16

Leaving at 10 am the boats were up at Pierres at Echo Bay on Gilford Island for the famed roast pig dinner. Greeting the group were Mer Bleu and Carousel last seen at Ganges on July 2. A day of catching up, doing laundry and plain relaxing. The pig roast attracted 136 boating folks – good food, good fun.

Sunday, July 17

Fuel was topped up...FYI –Freedom Too ran 18.3 hours putting on 72.3 gallons for a 3.95 gallons per hour. Leaving at 11:20 fishing lines were deployed in Cramer Passage but not a single bite. Anchor was put down in Waddington Bay at 1:20 pm in 37 feet of water. A very blue sky, sunny pm followed by a thunder and lighting show plus a wonderful rainbow in the evening.

Monday, July 18

Off and on fog drifted in and out of Waddington for several hours prior to Kazbar and Freedom Too departing at 9 am. **Smoochee Two has gone to Port McNeil on the Sunday. Heavy fog was encountered in Spring Passage but the fog lifted on Knight Inlet making for a very nice ride to Port Harvey which was reached at 1 pm. A lovely afternoon of napping and being a dock bum

Tuesday, July 19

Leaving at 7 am there was plenty of fog on the Johnstone Straits which became zero visibility at the top end of Chancellor and then again at the Green. Point Raids at which time it lifted. Kazbar continued to Blind Channel while Freedom Too went to Shoal Bay tying to the government dock. A relaxing afternoon under blue skies

Wednesday, July 20

Leaving at 8:10 am the Freedom Too encountered very heavy fog down Nodales Channel and into Discovery Passage. The fog horn from Chatham Point could certainly be heard and radar was certainly relied upon until it lifted just inside the top end of Okisollo Channel Rapids were run near slack – many boats returned after seeing the foggy conditions – and anchoring was in 42 feet in Wiatt Bay, the Octopus Islands. Smoochee Two had come down the previous day from Port McNeil – also in foggy conditions. A lazy pm in blessed sunshine

Thursday, July 21

Another lazy day under blue skies the group went ashore in the afternoon for a walk – which some accomplished to Newton Lake. Smoochee hosted happy hour which stretched to almost two hours. A great time with great boating friends

Friday, July 22

Leaving at 10:15 AM Surge Narrows was run with care and then the Freedom Too became a trawler again tying at Gorge Harbor Marina at 1:45 pm. FYI – fuel was 94.52 gallons – 17.7 hours was 5.34GPH. It was a very hot, hot pm – warmest of the trip. A wonderful cruise ending dinner was had at the Floathouse Restaurant

Saturday, July 23

Freedom Too was underway at 5:45 am making a high speed run down the west side of Texada with good water conditions until mid way between Sisters and Balleanas when it went real sloppy. Becoming a trawler once again the skies turned blue about 10 am making for a slow but pleasant trip to Montague which was reached at 2 pm On Sunday the Freedom Too returned safely to its home marina at Semiahmoo in Blaine. **Kazbar and Smoochee Two took different routes from Gorge and reported smooth seas

Barry Baniulis, Cruisemaster





White Rock Squadron Bridge meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month. These are the dates of the upcoming meetings:

September 8 October 13
November 10 December 8
January 12 February 9
March 9 April 13

Our AGM will be April 27, 2017

For more details, visit our [website](#)
Meetings start at 7:00PM

Everyone is welcome!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The WR Squadron is looking for someone to help serve coffee and cookies on class nights.

If you are interested in helping us out, please click [here](#) to email our Commander Saacha.

Did you hear?!

Our Commander Saacha Vantylar was featured in the [Canadian Yachting magazine](#)! To see the article check out the June 2016 edition, page 61



IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 2016 PACIFIC MAINLAND DISTRICT (PMD) WILL HOST THE

1ST ANNUAL PMD PREDICTED LOG RACE

This family focused event, power or sail, will be held on Indian Arm.
3 inaugural trophies will be dedicated to this event
Become the first named Skipper & Vessel
Volunteers will be needed from PMD squadrons



Coming in September!



Have you registered?

classes start soon

White Rock Squadron Courses for the Fall 2016 term

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
<u>VHF/Maritime Radio</u>	Sept 13
<u>Boating Basics</u>	Sept 14
<u>Boating Basics plus Boating Essentials</u>	Sept 14
<u>Advanced Piloting</u>	Sept 14
<u>Boating Essentials</u>	Oct 12



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



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](mailto:WhiteRockTraining@whiterock.ca) or call us at 604-515-5566

Picture yourself



Great photograph of Octopus Islands. Submitted by
Denise of *Carousel*

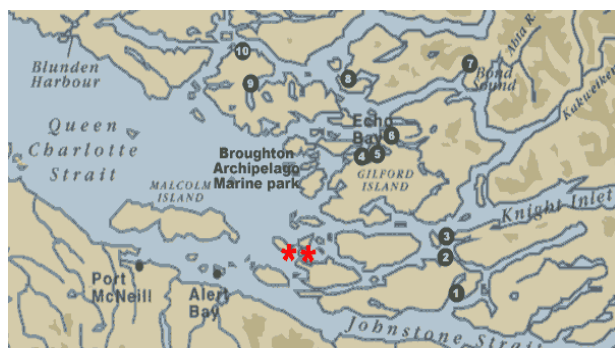


Submitted by Brenda of *Mer Blue*. Check out the West
Marine lifejackets we had on our boat ride in Costa Rica!



BEAR!
Submitted by Denise of *Carousel* while
cruising around Heriot Bay

THE ANSWER IS **ECHO BAY** (question on p.5—WHERE'S THAT?)



Echo Bay is located on the north side of Gilford Island—off the northeast coast of Vancouver Island. It is approximately 48 km northeast of Port McNeill. There are many great spots for fishing, kayaking and camping. The Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations have lived in the region for many thousands of years. The island has a history rich in native culture and heritage.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar!



There are so many great shoreline cleanup events happening in the area.

Check out

[facebook](#)

Or

their [website](#)

for more details.

This year's CPS National Conference will be hosted in Vancouver

October 25 – 30

Click the link below to register

www.vancouver2016.ca



New Members & Speaker's Nights

September 29th

November 24th

Watch our [website](#) to see more details regarding location, times and topics

A great opportunity to meet fellow boaters!!



10th Annual Boat Show at the Creek

Western Canada's largest floating boat show

September 15-18, 2016

415 W. ESPLANADE, NORTH VANCOUVER

To register, click [here](#)



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